



Events

Goa all set to celebrate Shigmo 2018



Panjim, Feb 28: After a successful Carnival celebration, Goa is all set to usher in another exciting festival of colour, costumes and culture - Shigmo!

The two week long festivities will be witnessed across Goa from March 3 to March 17, 2018. Goa Tourism has made elaborate preparations for Shigmo during the two week long celebrations at various locations – urban and rural, giving both locals and tourists an opportunity to participate and enjoy the religious and cultural aspects of the festival.

The Shigmo parades will give one and all a chance to take a glimpse at the life of a Goan which is depicted in elaborate folk performances by local men and women who dance tirelessly in huge processions along with the parade. Shigmo is the biggest Hindu festival in Goa with processions and festivities taking place all across the state every year. And this year, the Shigmotsav festival is sure to be bigger and better than ever before.

Traditional folk dances and performance of mythological scenes will be the major highlight of this year's parades.

During Shigmo Utsav, one can witness people in Goa dressed up in colorful outfits, holding multi coloured flags and playing large musical instruments like the Dhol Tasha and flutes in processions across the cities. An attractive larger-than-life celebration forms a fusion in the floats that parade through the streets.

Folk dances like Ghode Modni and Fugdi will be performed on the streets in massive troupes along the procession, showcasing the traditions of Goa.

People also take time out to participate in Fancy Dress competitions and parades where they dress up extensively as Mythological Gods and other significant characters in spiritual humankind.

Goa is already looking vibrant and colourful with Shigmo décor set up all across the state.



Photo of the Month

Caption: Palolem Beach, South Goa
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Initiatives

Demolition drive carried out at Arambol beach



Panjim, Feb 14: The Department of Tourism, Govt. of Goa, on Wednesday, conducted a demolition drive on illegal shacks and private restaurants at Arambol beach.

The demolition squad accompanied by police officials from Pernem police station razed one illegal shack, Café Radhika Shack and confiscated deck beds and tables laid out by private restaurants at Arambol beach.

The demolition drive was carried out on Wednesday evening as part of the exercise initiated by the Department of Tourism to clear out unauthorized and illegal activities on the beach belt of the State.

Similar drives are scheduled at several beaches during the next couple of weeks.



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