Goa Science Centre & Planetarium
Miramar, Panaji, Goa.

Events organized during the month of June 2023

1. **World Environment Day**
   Goa Science Centre, Miramar celebrated the World Environment Day on June 5, 2023 by organizing various programs and competitions. The theme of this year World Environment Day focused on solutions to plastic pollution under the campaign #BeatPlasticPollution. The details of various programs as below:

   - **Clean Up Walk at Miramar Beach**
     The centre in collaboration with Goa Forest Department organized clean up walk at Miramar beach to beat the plastic - Beach Cleaning Campaign on June 5, 2023 as a part of World Environment Day Celebration. Pledge was also vowed during the program. Total 46 officials & staff of GSCP and Goa Forest Department participated in the campaign.

   - **Plant a Tree Plant a Life Campaign**
     Plant a Tree plant a life campaign was organized by the centre in collaboration with Goa Forest Department. During the campaign 50 fruit bearing plant saplings given by Goa Forest Department were planted by GSCP staff and officials from Goa Forest Department.

   - **Online Environmental Quiz** was conducted for the students of class VIIIth to Xth standard on June 5, 2023 between 4.00pm to 4.30pm. Total 123 students participated in the quiz.

   - **Painting and Poster Designing Competition**
     The centre in collaboration with Goa State Biodiversity Board organized State level painting and Poster Designing Competition for school students on June 19, 2023. The painting competition was organized for the students of class Vth to VIIth on the topic 'Clean & Green Environment'. Whereas the Poster designing competition was organized for the students of class VIIIth to Xth on the topic 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. In total 586 students participated in the competition.

2. **SCI-Birthday Celebration**
   The Centre initiated a new activity for interested individuals to celebrate their child birthday in Goa Science Centre. A birthday was celebrated on June 11, 2023. During the celebration, the birthday guests were given a guided tour to the galleries, 3D show, Planetarium show & Science demonstration.

3. **Monsoon Observer Program**
   The centre in collaboration with Goa State Biodiversity Board and Goa State Climate Change Cell organized a Monsoon Observer Program on June 21, 2023 in the auditorium of the centre. During the program Dr. Rajiv Kumar Chaturvedi, professor from BITS, Pilani, Goa Campus gave introduction to temperature and humidity measurement and gave training on how to use wet and dry bulb thermometer to measure daily temperature and humidity. Also team from SATARK gave training on how to use rain gauge to measure daily rainfall. Shri Nilesh Cabral, Hon'ble Minister, Environment & Climate Change was the chief guest for the function and distributed rain gauge and wet & dry bulb thermometers to the selected students from different location of Goa. He also

gave away the certificates and prizes to the winners of State Level painting/poster designing competition organized by Goa Science Centre & Goa State Biodiversity Board as a part of World Environment day celebration.

4. **International Yoga Day**

The staff of Goa Science Centre practiced Yoga Asanas from 8.00am to 9.00am on June 21, 2023 on occasion of 9th International Day of Yoga. The yoga session was guided by Mrs Harleen Shawney, Yoga Preneur and Ayurvedic Wellness Coach.

5. **Asteroid Day**

The centre will be observing Asteroid Day on June 30, 2023 by organizing Popular science lecture on topic Asteroids: Destroyer or Harbinger of life by Dr Vithal Tilvi, Astronomy Professor, Research, Development and Innovation, State Higher Education Council, Directorate of Higher Education, Goa. Also online quiz on Astronomy will be organized for school students.

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