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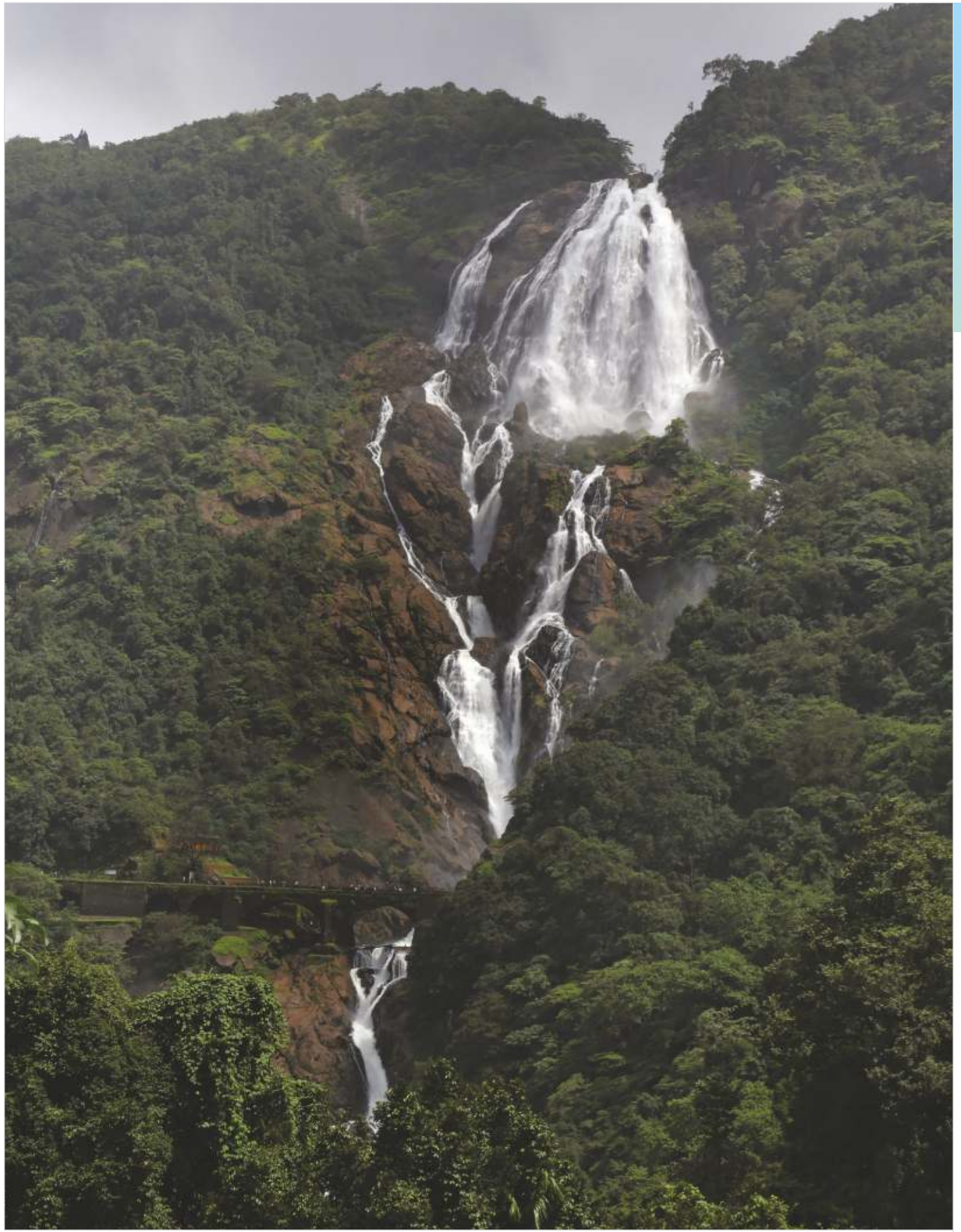

Government of Goa

Message

It gives me great pleasure to present an important policy level State document, State Action Plan for Climate Change for Goa. This long pending task has been completed by adopting inclusive methods of consultation and awareness for public, scientists, departments, decision makers and other stakeholders. This plan strives to achieve convergence, address overlaps and strengthen the climate resiliency of our State by integrative holistic approach. Although execution is sectoral, the planning is inclusive and integrated. This is a ten-year plan but I am sure that this has laid a very strong foundation for achieving sustainable development based on fair and equitable dividends of adaptation and mitigative actions proposed in this plan. This will be a dynamic plan and reviewed every year by Governing Body headed by myself. We wish to reiterate our preparedness for climate related adaptation, mitigation and emergencies related to climate change. Our approach will be inclusive and balanced keeping interest of all stakeholders and ecological sustenance of our State.

Dr. Pramod Sawant
Chief Minister of Goa

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Message

I am extremely delighted to launch the State Action Plan for Climate Change for the State of Goa. This plan is perhaps the most comprehensive policy tool made available to all the departments, stakeholders and also general public to understand, implement, review and report the climate change related contribution and performance of the State. It is time that we all become sensitive and responsible toward the future generation and prepare them to face the situations that will arise out of climate change impacts. Rather it is important to ensure climate friendly actions from all the spheres of society to deal with this global issue.

While all the countries across the globe are displaying their actions and commitments, our responsibility being signatory to convention on climate change is far more and we will definitely take the necessary precautions to deal with climate change.

The development and ecological protection have to go hand in hand and on basis of scientifically based checks and balances. SAPCC exactly aims at same and we shall ensure that all our actions will be complimentary and not contradictory to the climate change resilience.

Shri. Nilesh Cabral
Minister, Environment and Climate Change,
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The State Level Steering Committee (SLSC) for climate change has been striving to have a balanced action plan on climate change for the State of Goa, a plan that will be collectively prepared, executed, and monitored. It is difficult for the State itself to deal with such a multi-divergent issue unless all the stakeholders join hands, get sensitized, participate, and reiterate their commitment to climate change issues. We ensured that unique methodologies would be adopted for the SAPCC and further activities under National Adaptation Funds for Climate Change (NAFCC), which includes consultations with all stakeholders, intellects from institutions, Government departments, People's representatives, and prior and post-sharing of details to the general public after drafting the SAPCC before finalization. The maximum participation of locals in the consultation was appreciable, as this global issue and reflections are at the local level through impacts.

It is remarkable to note that NABARDS Consultancy Services (NABCONS) and the Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) engaged the local experts from our State which included Goa University, Birla Institute of Technology & Science, Pillani, and the CSIR-National Institute of Oceanography, and other local young scientists while preparing the SAPCC which is a visionary decadal policy document with technically assessed vulnerability and climate trends. While we have ensured the local context, the global and national linkages are maintained by linking our goals with the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Achieving these objectives will require collective action, collaboration, and innovation. The State Action Plan is not just a document or a project; it is a vision and a mission of the State of Goa to upkeep our commitment to address climate change issues at all levels. I am sure that all the departments and stakeholders will actively join hands for continuous and consistent efforts in dealing with Climate Change in our State of Goa.

Dr. Puneet Kumar Goel, IAS
Chief Secretary, Govt. of Goa