

Global Konkani Festival at Navi Mumbai

The 6th edition of the Global Konkani Festival organized by Konkani Bhumi Pratishthan in association with "Make in India" and MITDC was held at CIDCO Exhibition and Convention Center, Vashi, Navi Mumbai from 6th to 10th Jan., 2018.

Hon'ble Union Minister for Commerce and Industry, Shri. Suresh Prabhu inaugurated the event in presence of dignitaries like Shri. Anant Geete (Union Minister - Heavy Industries), Shri. Jaykumar Rawal (State Minister - Tourism), Shri. Uday Takre and Dr. A. Jayatilak, I.A.S., Chairman, MPEDA / President, RGCA. Extending his support towards Global Konkani Fest, Shri. Suresh Prabhu, in his inaugural speech, informed that there are huge opportunities available in sectors such as tourism, fishery, agriculture and ports, which would help in further development of Konkani region. He emphasised the importance of the "Make In Konkani" campaign under "Make in India" at the Global Konkani Fest meant for the benefit of youth and entrepreneurs in Konkani region. This can be achieved with the co-operation of various departments, banks and people with expertise in the above said areas, who can give guidance and lead the region to a global level."

Around 3 to 4 lakh people visited the exhibition. Shri. Sanjay Yadavrao , Chief Organizer, Global Konkani and Chairman & Founder, Konkani Bhumi Pratishthan informed that "the idea behind organizing the 6th Global Konkani Festival is to promote Konkani tourism on global map besides boosting reverse migration and initiate a mega youth entrepreneurship drive in the Konkani region". He further added, "It will provide a platform for self-employment projects at every village in Konkani, in the areas of tourism, modern agriculture, processing, fisheries, forest herbs, port development, etc."

The key attraction of the event was the MPEDA - RGCA pavilion. The pavilion was a unique blend of the 'Make in India' concept while pursuing the idea of "Diversification in Sustainable Aquaculture". Fish production in cages is receiving more attention today because of the increased per capita consumption of fish, rapid decline of wild fish stocks and comparatively easy management of the culture crop. This is a good alternative to traditional agricultural crops for many small or limited resource farmers. RGCA had successfully demonstrated the cage culture technology for several marine species including cobia, grouper, silver pompano, seabass and tilapia. During the mega event, the technical aspects of cage fabrication and cage farming activities were demonstrated with prototype models. It was one of its kind and participants of the event were highly impressed by the display.

	
<p>Hon'ble Union Minister for Commerce & Industry, Shri. Suresh Prabhu inaugurating the MPEDA-RGCA Pavilion - "Aqua Bay"-</p>	<p>Hon'ble Union Minister for Commerce & Industry interacting with the Chairman, MPEDA / President, RGCA, Dr. A. Jayathilak, I.A.S.</p>
	
<p>Hon'ble MP, Goa in discussion with MPEDA Secretary, Shri. B. Sreekumar</p>	