

Cabral urges Goa students to monitor climate regularly

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Panaji: Speaking at a conference, environment minister Nilesh Cabral urged the state's students to volunteer for climate monitoring, especially measuring temperature, rainfall, and wind speed on a regular basis. Tulsi Gouda, a Padma Shri awardee popularly known as the 'Encyclopedia of Forests', was the chief guest at the event. Gouda appealed to the young audience to plant more trees.

The minister and Gouda were speaking on the final day of the two-day national conference on 'Sustainable Development: Addressing Climate Change, Global Warming & Carbon Footprints', on Tuesday. The conference was hosted at Ravindra Bhavan, Margao.

Gouda spoke about the importance of trees and fo-



Tulsi Gouda, 'Encyclopedia of Forests', with Nilesh Cabral (centre)

rests in maintaining the ecological balance, while BITS Pilani Goa Campus professor Rajiv Kumar Chaturvedi called for more research on climate change.

The conference received 57 abstracts from institutes across India, of which 21 were selected for presentation. The paper presenters included those from TERI School of Advanced Studies, New

Delhi; Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai; JNU, New Delhi; Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi; and Goa University. Participants from eight states presented papers at the conference organized by the department of economics of Government College, Quepem, in association with the state directorate of higher education and Goa State Biodiversity Board.