

MINUTES OF THE 13th TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING OF GOA STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY (GSWA)

TYPE OF MEETING: 13th REGULAR MEETING.

DATE: 18th February 2026; **TIME:** 10:30 a.m. onwards

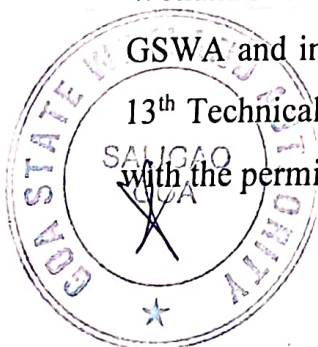
VENUE: 1st Floor, Conference Hall, Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB), Opp. Saligao Seminary, Saligao, Bardez, Goa – 403511.

MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY SHRI SACHIN DESAI, DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE, MEMBER SECRETARY, OF GOA STATE WETLAND AUTHORITY.

The following members attended the meeting:

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri. Sachin Desai, Member Secretary GSWA, Director (Environment and Climate Change)	<i>Co-Chairperson</i>
2.	Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam Head of Nodal Agency GSWA, Member Secretary, Goa State Biodiversity Board,	<i>Convenor</i>
3.	Shri. Shivdas S. Gaonkar, DDA, representing Directorate of Agriculture	<i>Ex-Officio Member</i>
4.	Ms. Akshaya Amonkar, Mamlatdar, representing North Goa Collectorate	<i>Ex-Officio Member</i>
5.	Ms. Ravira Borkar, HC, representing South Goa Collectorate	<i>Ex-Officio Member</i>
6.	Shri. Pretesh Shetye, BDO II, Bardez, representing Directorate of Panchayats	<i>Ex-Officio Member</i>
7.	Ms. Pratima Kavlekar, Supervisor, representing Directorate of Settlement and Land Records	<i>Ex-Officio Member</i>
8.	Shri. Antonio Lucas, AE.WRD, WD II.	<i>Special Invitee</i>
9.	Shri. Mayur Borkar, JE WRD, WD II	<i>Special Invitee</i>
10.	Wayne Dias, Chairperson, Macasana Biodiversity Management Committee	<i>Special Invitee</i>

At the onset, Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Head of Nodal Agency (HNA), Goa State Wetland Authority (GSWA), extended a warm welcome to the Technical Committee of GSWA and informed the members present that due to unforeseen circumstances, the 13th Technical Committee Meeting will be chaired by the Member Secretary, GSWA with the permission of the Chairperson.



The following agenda was transacted at the meeting.

Agenda 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Twelfth Technical Committee Meeting held on 12/01/2026

The minutes of the Twelfth Technical Committee (TC) meeting held on 12th January 2026 were circulated to all committee members for their perusal.

Proposed by: Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam, Head of the Nodal Agency, GSWA

Seconded by: Shri Pretesh Shetye, Block Development Officer, Directorate of Panchayats

Resolution: The minutes were confirmed unanimously.

Agenda 2: Action Taken Report (ATR) of the Ninth Technical Committee Meeting

The Action Taken Report of the 12th TC meeting was presented before the committee. It was noted that action points under the Agenda had been duly compiled and approved.

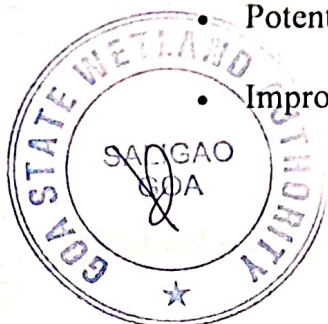
Resolution: ATR was acknowledged and accepted by the committee.

Agenda 3: Proposal by the Department of Water Resources regarding beautification of Macasana Lake at Salcete

Shri. Antonio V. Lucas, Assistant Engineer WRD and Shri. Gipson Miranda, Executive Engineer WRD, SD III, DIV IV, Fatorda – Goa presented the proposal titled "*Beautification of Macasana Lake.*"

Key observations and final deliverables of the project included:

- Existing site conditions and issues identified
- Need for rejuvenation of lake to increase water holding capacity of lake by desilting to ensure water security to the downstream fields,
- Repair and renovation of protective wall, putting up of safety railings, seating arrangements, paved pedestrian and ornamental lighting.
- Potential recreational values and preserving natural ecological character
- Improve overall aesthetics of the area



Resolution: The TC deliberated in detail and provided the following inputs

- low-level lighting be used to avoid disturbing birds, as well as avoiding concrete except where structurally necessary.
- replacing linear development along the lake's edge with spot development to maintain natural soil-water interactions.
- Use of porous pavers
- Use laterite masonry and minimal use of concrete wherever necessary or in unavoidable situations.
- Include at least one bird watching tower near the lake.
- Shallow desilting at the brink of the lake.
- Periodic management in consultation with local Lake Management Committee and Biodiversity Management Committee.

The Technical Committee approved the project prima facie subject to approval of the Goa State Wetland Authority.

Agenda 4: Communication received by Shri. Narsimha Rama Poojari regarding construction of temporary wooden structure at Carambolim Lake

TC suggested that the matter regarding temporary structures may be put up before Authority and a common decision in this regard may be taken by the Authority.

Agenda 7: Any other matter with permission of the chair.

NIL.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks by Chairperson, of Technical Committee of GSWA.



Dr. Pradip Sarmokadam
Head of Nodal Agency,
Goa State Wetland Authority