

## Launch of ISC Goan Wing

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Goans in Oman celebrated the official launch of ISC Goan wing on 10th January 2014. The ceremony was organized with pomp and grandeur. It was held at the Multipurpose Hall of ISC - Darsait and was well attended by many of the prominent members of the Goan Community in Oman.

The programme was anchored by young and dynamic Miss Serena Santimano. In her introduction, she welcomed the guests and presented a brief overview of Goa. The traditional ritual of the 'Lighting of the Lamps' was performed by Dr. Sathish Nambiar, (Hon'ble Chairman of ISC), Mr. Antonio Goes (Convenor - ISC Goan Wing) & Dr. Jagdish Naik (Co-Convenor ISC Goan Wing). This was followed by the unveiling of the logo of 'ISC- Goan Wing in Oman'.

The Goan wing Convenor - Mr. Antonio Goes addressed the gathering by expressing his joy and success in registering the Goan Wing to the Indian Social Club of Oman. He gave credit for this to Dr. Sathish Nambiar, ISC members, the core founder members of GCO and the Executive Team of GCO. He said ISC Goan Wing is an identity to all Goans in Oman to enjoy communal activities and to be part of the bigger Indian Community in Oman. It is a platform to take part in the different ISC activities as a parent body, to find solutions to the general issues and problems faced by the Goan Community in Oman. He also emphasized that Goan wing will facilitate and promote the performances of the rich cultural festivals and traditions like Carnival, Tiatr and Musical Events which Goa is famous for. He sounded confident that his talented team will take up the challenge of achieving all the objectives and make all Goans in Oman proud. He summed up his speech by inviting all Goans in Oman to become members and contribute to the betterment of the Goan Community.

The Chief Guest, Honorable Chairman of Indian Social Club Muscat, Dr. Satish Nambiar addressed the audience and congratulated the very vibrant and sociable Goan community. He welcomed the Goan Wing to the ISC and remarked that this was the long awaited moment. He then elaborated on their commendable efforts. Over the course of the past several years, quite a few dedicated and prominent Goans took up the cause of linking up the existing Goan Community of Oman with ISC which finally happened.

In his portrayal, 'All about Goa' Master Samuel Alfonso paid glowing tributes to the beautiful state of Goa. This was followed by a short video presentation depicting Goa as an attractive tourist destination.

The rest of the evening was then set up for some fascinating cultural programme. The musicians were fabulous - Mr. Savio on the keyboards, Mr. Felix with the guitar and Mr. Melroy played the violin. They backed up the singing troupe to some delightful and heartwarming Goan music and mandos. A special song for the occasion was composed and sung by Mr. E Perry. And finally the audience was entertained to a mesmerizing dance performance by Master Nixon D'Souza, winner of the dance competition recently held by ISC.

In a fitting conclusion to the launch ceremony, the co-convenor, Dr. Jagdish Naik thanked Dr. Sathish Nambiar and ISC Muscat. He also expressed his appreciation for Antonio Goes, the Goan Wing committee members and all those who contributed to make the event a very grand success.

The newly appointed Official Committee members of the ISC- Goan Wing for the Calendar Year 2014-2015 is as under:

Convenor: Ansalom Joao Antonio Goes

Co-Convenor: Dr. Jadish Naik

Treasurer: Mr. Alan D'Souza

Jt. Treasurer: Mr. Savio Carvalho

Cultural Secretary: Mr. Anthony Lourence

Sports Secretary: Mr. Balachandra Ramakant Joshi

Entertainment Secretary: Mr. Herman Estibeiro

Children's Coordinator: Ms. Gayle Araujo

Lady Co-ordinator: Mrs. Shweta Viegas