

**“Xtended Green Node Software” (XGEN) implementation
at Goa State Pollution Control Board – Goa**

Xtended Green Node Software (XGEN) is being implemented in the Goa State Pollution Control Board. Hon’ble Minister for Environment, Govt of Goa Shri. Alexio Sequeira inaugurated the software on 30/11/2009.

Presently NIC Goa has been organising sensitisation cum training programme for all the stakeholders. So for around 200 persons from Industrial units / Mining sector / Companies have attended the programme.



Minister for Environment, Aleixo Sequeira seen launching Xtended Green Node Software (XGN Software) of Goa State Pollution Control Board at Patto Panaji. Also seen are secretary of environment, V. K. Jha, chairman of GSPCB, Dr. Simon De Souza, state informatics officer, Anand and director of science, technology and environment, Michael D'Souza.

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Industries can now access all the facilities and forms of Goa State Pollution Control Board (GSPCB) at the click of a button.

GSPCB launched a new software - 'Xtended Green Node Software' with its first ever module- 'The Industries Profile Module' at the hands of Power and Environment minister, Aleixo Sequeira.

"With the launching of this software the Board has entered into the new era, an era of E-governance. This for the first time that e-governance for business is being introduced in the state," Chairman of GSPCB, Dr Simon D'Souza said.

The software has been developed by the National Informatics Centre, Gujarat and is presently being implemented in the states of Gujarat, Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh.

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Apart from industries profile module, the software consist of on-line application module, inspection module, laboratory module, accounting module, project monitoring module, XGN module, legal module and water access module, which will be introduced one-by-one in due course of time.

"When fully implemented, all the communications between the industry and the board and between public will be done on-line. There will not be need for anyone of them to come and personally meet the board," D'Souza explained.

With the launching of this software, the industries will be able to submit on-line their application for NOC and for the renewal of consent to operate, hazardous waste authorization, annual statement, payment of fees, analysis report, etc.

The board in turn will be able to provide above documents on-

line.

"All the details will be kept in secrecy and safe," he assured.

On the other hand, the public will be able to submit their complaints on-line, regarding pollution and at the same time they will receive feed back from the board on follow up action.

Speaking on the occasion, Sequeira said that this is one of the important steps taken by GSPCB, towards strengthening our arms in providing benefits to the industries.

"This will help us in taking better care of the industries across the state. I hope the industries will also provide greater support to GSPCB in the functioning of software," he said.

Secretary of industries and environment, V K Jha, director of science, technology and environment, Michael D'Souza and various representatives of industries were present on the occasion.
