

CHIEF MINISTER INAUGURATES KRANTI MAIDAN

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Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar has stressed the need for proper planning for developmental projects.

The Chief Minister was addressing the gathering after inaugurating the beautified and developed Kranti Maidan at Ponda yesterday in the distinguished presence of Minister for PWD Shri Sudin Dhawlikar, Minister for Urban Development Shri Francis D, Souza, Shri Ravi Naik, MLA, Shri Deepak Pauskar MLA, Chairperson Ponda Municipal Council Dr. Radhika Nayak, Chief Secretary Shri Dharmendra Sharma and freedom fighters.

The inaugural function has however brought a sigh of relief to Ponda residents as the centrally located site of recreation has opened for public, after missing several dates and a delay of about a year-and-a-half.

Kranti Maidan, a memorial dedicated to martyrs of Goa liberation struggle-cum-recreation ground for inter religious social and cultural activities in the heart of the town has been renovated and beautified by the public works department (PWD).

The beautified maidan has 2.1 mt high single-stone carved 36 ornate pillars with important historical moments and names of freedom fighters engraved on it, four lions representing erstwhile Kadamba rule in Goa on road facing compound wall and a fountain at the entrance with lotuses surfing inside it.

Shri Ravi Naik, MLA and the Ponda Municipal Council (PMC) chairperson Radhika Nayak demanded that the maidan should be handed over to the PMC.

Referring to the demand raised by Shri Ravi Naik and Chairperson of Ponda Municipal Council to handover the maidan to PMC the Chief Minister said that the council should place the matter before the Government for consideration.

Citing a recent instance of South Goa Collectorate lift failure wherein several people were stranded for hours, Chief Minister said that without proper maintenance, things get deteriorated. After the incident we conducted review of PWD buildings and found that about 15 to 16 lifts are in bad condition. Some lifts are over 15 years old", he informed.

Urban Development Minister Shri Francis D'Souza suggested that the government should form a cell to discuss the issues of freedom fighters and solve them accordingly.

PWD Minister Shri Sudin Dhawlikar said that the development of Kranti Maidan was delayed due to obstruction by some people. With the inauguration of this maidan it has brought a sigh of relief to Ponda and its surrounding residents as the centrally located site of recreation has been opened for public he said.

Shri Ravi Naik MLA, Shri Pandurang Kunkalienkar, President of Freedom Fighter's Association and Dr. Radhika Nayak, Chairperson Ponda Municipal Council also spoke on the occasion.