

GOA SCIENCE CENTRE OBSERVES WORLD POPULATION DAY

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The Goa Science Centre in collaboration with The Directorate of Health Services and Goa State Family Welfare Bureau observed "World Population Day" at a function organized by Goa Science Centre and Planetarium at Miramar today. The theme of the celebration was "New wave, New faith, Family Development with total responsibility. "

Prior to the programme the Goa Science Centre and Planetarium organized essay writing competition and Seminar contest for the students of Higher Secondary School and College.

Secretary for Health Services Shri Sudhir Mahajan who was the chief guest of the function while speaking at the function said that, the need of the hour is to reach out to the common man to make him realize the importance of small family. The Government he said strives to balance the population. Various measures have been initiated to achieve the objective. He also congratulated the winners of the competition.

The Jt. Director of the Dept. of Planning, Statistic and Evaluation, Shri Vijay Saxena in his keynote address said that India is the second largest populated country in the World and may be on par with China by 2020. Therefore he said we have to be more responsible and insist on family planning.

Shri Saxena further said that Goa has good indicators in health sector. The maternal and infant mortality rate is extremely low compared to other parts of the country . Besides the birth rate is also in control which has been possible because of effective family services.

Dr. Vandana Dhume Chief Medical Officer also spoke on the occasion.

The winners of the essay writing competition were Sherry Martins, of St.Xaviers HSSC Mapusa, Suvidhya Naik , of Raghuvir and Premavati Salkar HSSC, Chora, Deanne D'Souza, of St.XaviersHSSC Siolim who secured first, second and third places respectively. While Siddhi Ghadi and Krisha Prabhudesai both won consolation prizes.

Whereas the winners of the seminar contest included Archana Kumar and Nicole D'Costa students of Rosary College Navelim stood first and second prizes respectively.

Dr. Jose D'Sa, Jt. Director of the Directorate of Health Services, Shri M.M.K. Balaji, Project Director Goa Science Center, Students of various schools from surrounding areas and staff of GSC were among those who attended the function.

Shri Umesh Kholkar compered the function while Ms. Vandana Naik , Education Assistant GSC proposed the vote of thanks.