

RURAL DEVELOPMENT MINISTER ATTENDS BALOTSAV

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“If you want to sustain in this competitive world, there is no substitute to personality development. Hence, participating in activities like ‘Balotsav’ not only help to sharpen your skills but also inculcate confidence and removes stage fear out of you. Education will provide you essentials for living, but any form of art will teach you passion. Hence, along with studies, try to instill an art form like music, dance, craft, theatre etc.,” stated Minister for Rural Development Shri. Jayesh Salgaonkar. He was addressing as a chief guest to the students of various schools at the valedictory function of ‘Balotsav’, a children’s festival organised by Directorate of Art and Culture in association with West Zone Cultural Centre , Udaipur at Saraswat Vidyayalaya, Khorlim Mapusa today.

“Being discreet and observant is the need of an hour. Children ask questions, they are curious to fetch answers. There is a diamond in every child, which needs to be polished and shaped. It is the responsibility of every parent to engage their child in activities like Balotsav,” he said. The Minister also distributed certificates to the participants and mementoes to the guides.

Director of Directorate of Art and Culture Shri. Gurudas Pilelnkar and Headmistress of Saraswat Vidyalaya, Khorlim Mapusa Shri. Parvati Nadkarni was also present on the occasion.

The five days event which began on October 24, 2017 was scheduled at four places- Bicholim, Ponda, Sanqelim and Valpoi. Artistes from Rajasthan, Gujarat and Goa guided the children in die and tie Bandhani, Putlikala, Cloth and Terracotta Toy Making, Theatre and National Integration Songs.

The event began with welcome song presented by the participants followed by two skits. The students and guides later shared their experiences. Shri. Pilelnkar gave the welcome address while a staff from Art and Culture compered the function and proposed vote of thanks. The event was attended by children, parents, teachers in large numbers.