

‘SNEHA BHAAV SANSKAR’ AN AWARENESS DRIVE LAUNCHED

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Minister for Provedoria, Shri Francisco D’Souza in presence of M P, Shri Narendra Sawaikar and MLA, Shri Clafacio Dias launched a unique awareness drive “Sneha Bhaav Sanskar” initiated by the Institute of Public Assistance (Provedoria) creating awareness on the issue due to growing number of senior citizens in old age homes at a programme held at Cuncolim Municipal Hall, recently.

Under this programme, school students and the society at large were reminded of their responsibilities towards their elders and encouraged not to send their elderly parents to old age homes and instead treat and care for them as one of their own.

After inaugurating the programme Shri D’souza urged people to be more caring towards elders. Elders and senior citizen requires more love, care and affection than anything else. There should be reduction in the number of old age homes currently functioning in the State he said.

One should keep in mind that in life everyone will have to face the phase where one will be called and treated as senior citizen. No one can escape without passing through this phase, so behave properly with the elders and senior citizen he said. Mental health issues in elder people are a serious concern. Government is taking steps to create awareness on it, he said.

Shri Narendra Sawaikar congratulated Provedoria for organising this unique and innovative type of programme. Respect senior citizen so that you will also get respect while you are in this phase he said.

MLA Clafacio Dias also spoke on the occasion. Chairperson, Cuncolim Municipal Council, Smt Polita Carniro; Ex MLA, Shri Rajan Naik; Director, Provedoria, Shri Vinayak Volvoikar; Shri Shankar Gaonkar, Chief Officer, Cuncolim Municipal Council; Shri M S Kamat, Shri Gunaji Dessai, Dr Savita Nadkarni, Shri Arvind Haldankar and others were present on the occasion.

Students of Cuncolim Education Society’s College of Arts and Commerce and the Higher Secondary, Kare College of Law, Chowgule College, Mallikarjun College and Higher Secondary, Canacona and other educational institutes participated in the programme. Students also tied ribbons on the hands of senior citizens residing

at the Cuncolim Provedoria who also took part in programme to show their love, concern & affection.