

## **CHIEF MINISTER SEEKS COOPERATION OF PEOPLE TO MAKE GOA NUMBER ONE STATE**

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If we want to make Goa number one state, cooperation and support of people is very important stated Chief Minister Shri Manaohar Parrikar. The Chief Minister was speaking after inaugurating the first public utilities and changing room facility at Candolim last evening, a project under Swadesh Darshan Scheme executed through Department of Tourism and Goa Tourism Development Corporation.

Shri Parrikar further reiterated that the state will be made Open Defecation Free (ODF) by October 2, 2018. He further said that he was surprised to see even in this modern era 70,000 household in Goa do not have toilet facilities and they have to go to forest due to non availability of toilets. To boost tourism, Goa needs to keep clean he added.

Present on the occasion were Tourism Minister, Shri Manohar Babu Ajgaonkar, GTDC Chairman, Shri Nilesh Cabral, Deputy Speaker Shri Michael Lobo, Managing Director GTDC Shri Nikhil Desai, ZP member Calangute Shri Dattaprasad Dabolkar, Shri Blaize Fernandes Sarpanch Candolim, Panch members of Candolim, Calangute, Parra and Nerul.

Shri Manohar Babu Ajgaonkar in his address said that union government has allotted Rs 200 crores to the state under the Swadesh Darshan scheme to enhance its tourism infrastructure, this will help in attracting more tourist in Goa. Government will accord priority to provide adequate facility and ensure safety to tourist he added. He further said that such Public utility will be provided in every coastal belt right from Palolem to Keri.

Shri Michael Lobo, MLA said that this is the first public utility with better facilities provided in candolim area. He further appealed to maintain cleanliness in the toilet and treat it as their own house toilet. He informed that he will visit every 10 days to monitor the cleanliness and maintenance of the toilet. He also said that soon state of the art garden will be built at the same vicinity for children and senior citizens.

Shri Nilesh Cabral, MLA said that entire project will cost Rs 14 crores which will have provision for parking lots, electrification, food court and garden. He stressed the need to take care and maintain cleanliness so that it can be used by future next generation.

Shri Dominic Colaco compered the function while Shri Ramkrishna Kerkar proposed the vote of thanks.