

PONDA SHIGMOTSAV COMMITTEE MEETING HELD

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A meeting of core team members of Ponda Shigmotsav Committee was held at Rajiv Gandhi Kalamandir in Ponda today. Committee President and Minister for PWD Shri. Ramakrishna Dhavalikar chaired the meeting and discussed various issues such as traffic management, competitions etc. The Shigmotsav rituals begin on February 27 by offering 'Naman' at Mahalasa Temple, Mardol followed by offering a coconut at the Zareshwar Temple in Ponda while the Shigmotsav float parade will be held on March 4, 2018.

The committee members are Vice Presidents: Minister for Art and Culture, Shri. Govind Gawde, MPS Adv. Narendra Sawaikar and Shri. Vinay Tendulkar, MLA Ponda Shri. Ravi Naik and MLA Shiroda Shri. Subhash Shirodkar. Secretary- Shri. Shantaram Kolvekar and Treasurer – Smt. Nidhi Mamlekar.

While addressing the gathering, Shri. Dhavalikar said that this is for the first time that a meeting is held with sarpanch and panch members of all the villages panchayats from Ponda and Zilha Panchayat members along with the members of Ponda Municipal Council. "When we say 'Ponda Shigmotsav', it should include everyone. The panchayats have always been kept aside when it comes to shigmotsav. However, from this year onwards, they shall play an active role and form an example of unity," informed Dhavalikar.

While informing about the competitions, Dhavalikar said that the prize money have relatively increased in order to give due credits to the creativity of the artistes. "Shigmotsav began from Ponda taluka. Hence, we must keep our collars high. Ponda taluka values art and artistes, hence, the prize money is revised. There will be three competitions. For Chitrarath (float) competition, the prizes will be: 1st prize- Rs. 85,000, 2nd prize- Rs. 65,000, 3rd prize- Rs. 50,000 along with consolation prizes and honorarium. For Romatamel Competition 1st prize- Rs. 65000, 2nd prize- Rs. 45,000 and 3rd prize-Rs. 25,000 and four consolation prizes. For fancy dress competition 1st prize – Rs. 35,000, 2nd prize Rs. 25,000 and 3rd prize- Rs. 15,000 along with consolation prizes.

There will also musical shows and other entertainment programs planned throughout the week. Other committees will be also formed simultaneously and will work towards a disciplined Shigmotsav, stated Dhavalikar.