

AMBEDKAR JAYANTI CELEBRATED IN PANAJI

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Department of Social Welfare, Panaji in association with the Goa State SC and OBC Finance Development Corporation (GSSOFDC) celebrated the 127th Birth Anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar at Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Park, Patto today. Minister for PWD Shri. Ramkrishna Dhavalikar was the Chief Guest for the function while Minister for Tourism Shri. Manohar Ajgaonkar was the Guest of Honour. Minister for Social Welfare Shri. Pandurang Madkaikar, Chief Secretary Shri. Dharmendra Sharma IAS, Director of Social Welfare Department Shri. S.V, Naik, President of GSSOFDC Shri. Anil Hoble and Managing Director Shri. Pravin Barad was also present on the occasion.

In the beginning, the dignitaries garlanded the statue of Shri. Ambedkar and paid homage. The formal program began with a welcome song presented by the students of Bal Bhavan, Panaji followed by the welcome address by Shri. S.V. Naik.

In his address, Shri. Dhavalikar said that Dr. Ambedkar was a leader with vision. "Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is a gem in India's history. He was an intellect par excellence. He strived for the unity of people with a vision of a developed nation." Reading a passage from one of the speeches of Dr. Ambedkar, Shri. Dhavalikar stated that Babasaheb's contribution in building Indian Constitution will remain immortal and hence we must treasure the values and practices set by him. "It a time that we all must come together in order to build a strong nation dreamt by Babasaheb Ambedkar," Dhavalikar said.

Minister for Tourism Shri Azagaonkar called Late. Ambedkar a guiding star for poor people. "Not only the people of reserved categories, but we all owe a lot to Babasaheb as he set the Constitutional Rules and Regulations. For the poor people, he is an inspiration, a moral support and an icon to look up to. Today's children must inculcate his teachings in order to attain success," he said.

Shri. Madkaikar in his address proposed to set Ambedkar Bhavan in Porvorim. "The Govt has proposed to acquire land from the Housing Board in Porvorim; we shall soon set the foundation of this multi-facilitated center. The Department of Social Welfare will continue to strive and help the SC and ST community by various means and schemes," he stated.

Chief Secretary Shri. Sharma IAS also spoke on the occasion. 28 meritorious students of SSCE and HSSCE belonging to SC/ST/OBC communities were felicitated by the dignitaries. Five prominent personalities from SC/ST/OBC communities' viz. Shri. Janardan Wadekar, Dr. Premanand Azgaonkar, Shri. Baburao Parsekar, Sri. Ramdas Murgaonkar and Smt. Anupama Damodar Naik was also honored by the Chief Guest.

Shri. Pradip Naik compered the function while Shri. Anil Hoble proposed the vote of thanks.