"We have to achieve goals by working hard and also by working smart," said the Minister for Art and Culture, Shri. Govind Gaude. Shri. Gaude was speaking at the Eminent Goans' Day 2018 function held at the St. Theresa High School, St Estevam, today. The function was organised by the Goa Cultural and Social Centre (GCSC) in collaboration with St. Theresa High School, St Estevam, Shri Saraswati High School, Juve, Sharada English High School, Marcel and S.S.V. Government High School, Kumbharjua.

Speaking further, Shri. Gaude said that Success is not being the best and winning the race. It is how you handle the worst and still finish the race. Shri. Gaude stressed on the importance of having a plan to achieve success. The Minister said that struggle was important for success. He said that Passion, Positive energy, Perspective, Principles, Patriotism were among some of the important things that helps one to become successful in life.

The Eminent Goans' Day was started in memory of three eminent Goans namely Abbe Faria, Dr Bhau Daji Lad and Dr. Francis Luis Gomes. A souvenier on Eminent Goans' was released on the occasion. Three eminent Goans, Late Dr. Olivinho Gomes, Late Narsinha Fadte and Late Dr. Haradatta Karande, from the village of St Estevam were posthumously honoured for their achievements. The family members of these eminent Goans received the mementos. Dr. Rufino Monterio, Dy. SP Serafin Dias and Director in Set Designing in Film industry, Exhibitions etc, Shri. Sushant Tari were felicitated for their outstanding service to society.

The President of the Goa Cultural and Social Centre, Shri. Francisco A. de Noronha said that each year they felicitate and honour eminent Goans in different villages to encourage people to emulate their zeal to achieve and give back to society. Shri. Noronha said that it is important that values are imparted in schools so that students become good citizens.

The Headmistress of the school, Sr. Clarina Gonsalves said that it was important to create awareness among students on the achievements of eminent Goans. On the occasion, student rankers in Konkani at the SSC
and HSSC examinations and toppers in Konkani from the four schools from St Estevam were felicitated.

Present on the occasion were special guests, Sarpanch of V.P. St Estevam, Smt. Joanita D’Costa, Sarpanch of V.P. Cumbarjua, Smt. Nishita Gaude, and V.P. Sarpanch of Tivrem-Orgaon, Smt. Sanjyot Khadapkar among others. Also present were Vice-President of GCSC, Shri. Isac H. Dias, General Secretary, Shri Milagres Fernandes, Joint Secretary, Shri. Silvestre S. Estibeiro, Treasurer, Shri. Suresh Azgaonkar and members, Shri Fabian Pinto, Shri Padmanabh Lotlikar and Shri Jose Fernandes.