

## **SOCIAL WELFARE DIRECTORATE FELICITATES 17 SENIOR CITIZENS**

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On the occasion of International Senior Citizen's Day, Directorate of Social Welfare honoured 17 Senior Citizens from the state for their contribution towards the betterment of society. Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly Dr. Pramod Sawant was the Chief Guest for the function while Secretary of Social Welfare Shri. W.V.R.Murthy, IAS Director Shri. S.V. Naik, Deputy Director Shri. Santan Fernandes and Asst. Director Shri. Sudesh Gaude was present on the occasion.

Shri. Shrihari S.N. Kurade, Shri. Cosme D.P. alias Batu Rodriguese, Shri. Suresh Shivram Kamat, Shri. Albino Jose Antonio Francisco Xavier Da Cunha, Shri. Ramchandra S.S. Wagle, Smt. Esperance Rodrigues, Shri. Luis Jose Dor Remedios Menteiro, Shri. Vilas S. Surlakar, Shri. Pramod Hari Pai Dhungat, Shri. Babla T. Gauncar, Smt. Nalini Pandurang Naik, Smt. Savita S. Bodke, Shri. Shridhar Gokuldas Verenkar, Shri. Shantaram Krishna Parab, Shri. Madhukar Yashwant Mathkar, Shri. Suhas B. Naik and Shri. Pandurang Arjun Kamat was among those who were felicitated.

While addressing the gathering, the Speaker congratulated the senior citizens. "Many times, the elders in the house feel lonely and left out. Hence, it's a dire need that we fill in the generation gap and talk to them. The government has started 'ummid' centers for those who feel departed. It's a daycare center and gaining a huge response. Nuclear families have given rise to narrow mentality and selfishness. We must take care of our elders and their health as they are a great motivational force to us," Dr. Sawant said.

The program began with lighting the traditional lamp. Shri. S.V. Naik welcomed the gathering. The Chief Guest felicitated the senior citizens. Shri. Fernandes proposed the vote of thanks.

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