

## **ARTISTIC EDUCATION PLAYS MAJOR ROLE IN OVERALL DEVELOPMENT- MAHALE**

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Alongwith school education artistic education plays major role in students overall development, participating students must take keen interest in this festival to gain good knowledge in their respective fields. This was stated by the renowned Goan fine artists and Theater personality Shri Eknath Mahale.

Shri Mahale was speaking as one of the resource person during the inaugural function of Balotsav-2018(Children festival) organized by the Directorate of Art and Culture in joint collaboration with West Zone Cultural Centre, Udaipur on November 12, 2018 at Harmal Panchkroshi High School, Harmal, Pernem, Goa. On this occasion the Chief Coordinator of the Balotsav 2018 Smt. Kranti Chari and other resource persons Shri Anand Narvekar, Smt. Sampada Pednekar, Smt. Soniya Rodrigues Sabarwal, Smt. Nevitte Fernandes and Shri Shivanand Dabholkar were present on the occasion.

More than 200 children's from Pernem taluka and surrounding area have participated in this Balotsav. The festival will be open from November 12 to 16, 2018 for five days. The resource persons are Shri Eknath Mahale and Shri Manohar Ugavekar for Theatre, Shri Anand Narvekar and Ms. Deepshree Narvekar for Paper Craft, Smt. Sampada Pednekar and Ms. Saeesha Pednekar for Clay Art, Smt. Nevitte Fernandes and Ms. Anna D' Souza for Flower Making, Smt. Soniya Rodrigues Sabarwal and Abhyuday Sabarwal for Puppet Making, Shri Shivannad Dhabolkar and Tukaram Govenkar for National Integration Songs.

Addressing the gathering, Smt. Kranti Chari expressed the idea behind the organization of Balotsava and also mentioned that this is the 16<sup>th</sup> year of Balotsav (Children Festival).

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