

57TH LIBERATION DAY CELEBRATED IN GOA

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The 57th Goa Liberation Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour in the State today. The main state level function was held at SAG ground, Campal, Panaji where Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly Dr. Pramod Sawant unfurled the national tri-colour and reviewed the parade.

Addressing the people, Speaker Dr. Pramod Sawant highlighted cleanliness in the state and said that Government is trying to make the state free of Garbage and Plastics for cleanliness. Let us on this auspicious occasion vow to create beautiful and clean Goa, the Speaker said. He appealed to the people to supplement the efforts of the Government for protection of environment.

Extending greetings to the people of Goa on Liberation Day Dr. Sawant said though Goa attained liberation after 14 years of India's Independence, the state has made substantial progress in varied sectors including Health, Education, Tourism, Information and Technology and Infrastructure development for the last 56 years.

Stating that the State Government has accorded priority to promote self employment, the Speaker said in order to ease the unemployment problem, necessary steps are being initiated to generate employment avenues for unemployed youth. In this context Dr. Sawant added that, under the Prime Minister Skill Development Scheme, the National Skill Development Corporation has started programs to provide skill training to the industry. The Goa Investment Promotion Development Corporation IPBN has approved sixteen projects of Rs. One thousand and fifty four crores for the year 2018 from which around 2150 youth will get employment in these sixteen projects, this will help to reduce the number of unemployment.

The Speaker informed the gathering that the Government has started various schemes for workers under Goa Building and other construction workers Welfare Board for the betterment of workers. Special workers employment cards are also made available for workers, he added. The construction of the Mopa International Airport has been started and houses of 14 affected families in Dhangar community have been constructed and handed over to the affected beneficiaries, the Speaker informed .

Dr. Sawant further stated that the Goa Government has always given priority to the health of people in the state. Government has initiated measures to make Goa Medical Hospital, Bambolim state- of-the art modern hospital in the state.

Work of 10 floor Super Specialty block has already started. Besides, Government proposes to start a Tertiary- Cancer Care Hospital in Goa Medical College. Construction of second phase of 100 bedded hospital in Babolim is underway, he added.

On the occasion, Speaker presented awards to personnel in the Police and Fire and Emergency Departments. Awards were also presented to the best Social workers and persons with disabilities for their meritorious service.

Prominent among those present on the occasion were Union Minister of State for AYUSH (Independent Charge) Shri Shripad Naik, freedom fighters among others.

On his arrival at the venue of the function, the speaker was received by Chief Secretary, Shri Dharmendra Sharma, IAS, and Director General of Police, Shri Muktesh Chander. Dr. Dayanand Rao compered the function.

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