

**WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE PROGRESS OF GOA:
ROHAN KHAUNTE**

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The Minister for Revenue, Shri Rohan Khaunte paid rich tributes to the freedom fighters on the occasion of Goa Liberation Day, at a function held at Mapusa. Shri Khaunte said that, this day brings to mind the sacrifices which our freedom fighters made to ensure that Goans got their freedom.

Shri Khaunte said that today Goa is faced with numerous challenges which needs to be faced together. “We have to work together for the progress of Goa,” he said. The Minister said that under the leadership of our Chief Minister, Shri Manohar Parrikar, Goa has made a tremendous progress in all sectors.

He lauded the Mapusa Municipal authorities for their endeavour in implementing the plastic ban. “If we are aiming at sustainable development, then we need to take care of such environmental hazards like plastic,” he pointed out.

Shri Khaunte spoke of the importance of bringing non-polluting industries, like the IT industry, to Goa. He highlighted the various IT policies and Start-Up schemes are being implemented in the state and will help create employment for Goans .

Shri Khaunte stressed on the Government’s move to making thing easy for the people such as obtaining documents or applying for any certificates. “We are in the process of starting Common Service Centres in the talukas in Goa for this purpose. Along with that, we also will be starting Revenue Bhavans in Morod, Dharbandora and Porvorim, so that people will not have to travel long distances or wait in queues if they require any of their official documents such as certificates etc.

Present on the occasion were senior Government officials, freedom fighters among others. Later, school students from various schools put up a varied cultural programme.

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