**Awareness Programme on Schemes for Welfare of Minorities held**

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Chairman for National Commission for Minorities, Government of India Shri Syed Ghayorul Hasan Rizvi attended the Awareness Programme on Schemes for the Welfare of Minorities organized by Department of Social Welfare and held at Mathany Saldana Administrative Complex (MSAC), Margao yesterday.

Director of Department of Social Welfare Shri Parag Nagarsekar, Dy Director Shri Santano Fernandes, Assistant Director Shri Sudesh Gaude and Chairman of Goa State Minority Finance and Development Corporation also attended the programme.

The Chairman of National Commission for Minorities in his address said that the present central Government is for “Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas and now Sabka Vishwas. To win the confidence of the people, Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi has given 100 days programme/work to every ministry and has prepared road map accordingly.

Giving details about the Schemes for minorities Shri Rizvi gave insight on some of the major schemes implemented by commission such as Nai Roshni which mainly for leadership Development for Minority women.

Shri Rizvi said that, second scheme which is mainly meant for Gents is Seekho aur Kamao (Learn and Earn) which provides platform to the younger generation to give them much needed exposure and exhibit their talent.

Shri Rizvi further informed that the central Government has plans to provide stipend for minorities to the tune of Rs.1 crore yearly which is for five years and also to increase the scholarship amount to minorities students from Rs.1000/-

Shri Rizvi said Naya Savera scheme provides free coaching and allied scheme for the candidates / students belonging to minority communities. The scheme aims to empower the students belonging to minority communities and prepare them for competitive examinations, so that their participation in government and private jobs improves. He also disclosed that one civil service coaching center will be set up in Goa.
Speaking further shri Rizvi said that Commission has made provision for minority students who are leaving the school after 5th or 6th standard who can complete their further studies through Maulana Azad Education Foundation (http://www.maef.nic.in/). He also requested to refer commission website i.e. www.ncm.nic.in and view all the schemes provided for minorities and take maximum benefit of same. Schemes for Minorities are very transparent and zero tolerance for corruption and one need to apply to take benefit of same through proper channel he added.

Shri Rizvi further said that central Govt. has plans to construct 100 residential schools which mean at least one residential school in every state.

Earlier Representatives from various Departments which includes Department of Women and Child Development, Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Department, Director of Education, District Rural Development Agency Department, and Directorate of Social Welfare Department gave presentation and explained major schemes meant for minority community.

Smt. Supriya, District Welfare Officer of Social Welfare Department proposed the vote of thanks.

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