

**GOANS SHOULD ASPIRE TO EXCEL IN COMPETITIVE EXAMS:
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The Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant said that it is very important to have a humanitarian approach when interacting with people. He was speaking at the annual academic prize distribution function held by the Vasantrao Dempo Higher Secondary School of Arts, Science and Commerce at the Cujira integrated Educational Complex in Cujira, today. Quoting Swami Vivekananda, the Chief Minister said, 'Arise, awake, and stop not till the goal is reached', he said asking the students to continue to work hard.

Commenting on the few number of Goans answering competitive exams, the Chief Minister said that Goans should aspire to excel in competitive exams like the IAS, IFS etc and suggested interactive programmes where Officers of these cadres could interact with the students to inspire them to join these services.

The Guest of Honour, Dr Guruprasad Kapadi, asked students to follow the three mantras-put joy in learning so that life becomes a celebration, strive for continuous and constant development to change for the better and climb the ladder of success with character.

Earlier, Chairperson of Dempo Charities Trust, Shri Shrinivas Dempo, welcomed the gathering.

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