

## **SHRI.RANE ASKS WOMEN JOURNALISTS TO WORK FEARLESSLY AND FEEL EMPOWERED**

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“Be strong, believe in yourself and move forward. Be fearless and ask questions without hesitation. Stand-up for your own issues and raise your voice for a right cause. That’s when you will feel safe and empowered,” Minister for Women and Child Development Shri. Vishwajit Rane said while addressing women journalist at ‘Empowering Women Journalists’, a workshop organized by Goa Union of Journalists (GUJ) in association with Directorate of Women and Child Development. The half-day workshop was held in Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji today.

Speaking as the Chief Guest for the function the Minister opined that young and aspiring journalists should engage with senior journalists from Goa, share views, and try to imbibe what the seniors have stood for past so many years.”

Speaking further he added that empowering Women’s Commission in Goa will be the Government’s prime motive. “The Commission will be revamped soon and have more professionals on board. These Commissions must be used judiciously. We shall create a powerful Institution which will discuss, deliberate and address women’ grievances and protect their interest. A team to work on Women’s Commission Bill is formed. Students from the Universities and Colleges will be soon engaged in the process to create a think tank which will, in turn, help us to take corrective measures.”

Shri. Deepak Desai and Smt. Meghna Shetgaonkar, Directors of Directorate of Women and Development and Department of Information and Publicity respectively were also present on the occasion.

Earlier, Shri. Rajtilak Naik, President, GUJ welcomed the gathering. Smt. Shetgaonkar also spoke on the occasion. The Minister felicitated senior journalists Smt. Devika Sequiera and Smt. Suhasini Prabhugaonkar.

The workshop comprised of an interactive session with Prof. Anita Haldi, who spoke on ‘Sexual harassment at workplace’. Later, Shri. Deepak Desai sensitized the gathering on women and children issues faced in the state. Shri. Pravin Sabnis, a Life Coach conducted a training program on ‘team building and self-realization’. The participants were

given certificates and mementos at the end of the programs. Shri. Vassudeo Pagi, Secretary, GUJ proposed the vote of thanks.

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