

**GOA STATE ELECTION COMMISSION BAGS 'SKOCH ORDER OF MERIT AWARD,  
2019'**

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The Goa State Election Commission has won the National level 'SKOCH Order of Merit Award' for successful implementation of Election Management System (EMS). The Award was today presented before the Governor Smt. Mridula Sinha by State Election Commissioner Shri. R.K. Srivastava, IAS (retd). Secretary, State Election Commission Shri. Melwyn Vaz and Nodal Officer (IT) Shri. Sagar Gopal Gurav were also present on the occasion.

The Governor appreciated the initiatives taken by the State Election Commission and congratulated the officials.

Election Management System (EMS) is real-time electronic data processing software designed for conducting and monitoring the whole election process and to conduct Local body Elections in a smooth, free and fair manner. It could be used to carry out Election Proceedings right from accepting Nominations to a declaration of results and it helps to achieve faster and efficient reporting across the entire state. It is being successfully used during all the elections to Local bodies since 2017.

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