Minister for Tribal Welfare, Shri Govind Gaude inaugurated one day Scheme Awareness Programme for Scheduled Tribes people organized by the Goa State Scheduled Tribes Finance & Development Corporation Ltd. at Bhati village Panchayat hall Tiswadi today in the presence of Chairman NGPDA, Shri Francisco Silveira.

Addressing the gathering, Shri Gaude said that education is the foundation of the society and a must for the all-round development of the society. Everyone should take education, he said and called upon the Scheduled Tribes people to avail the benefit of the schemes which are formulated and are implemented for their welfare.

Speaking further, Shri Gaude urged the officers to follow proper procedure and avoid delay on the level of officers. About 23 different schemes are in force for different purposes like housing, education, cultural, social, etc. and urged everyone to take benefit of the schemes. No person from ST community should lag behind in education for want of money. Whatever has been achieved by ST community today is at the cost of their struggle and sacrifice. The Government is committed to make their welfare and development, he remarked.

MLA & Chairman of NGPDA, Shri Francis Silveira said that the schemes implemented by the Government has an objective to lift the people the community and urged the people to avail the benefit of the schemes and in the betterment of their standard. He thanked the Minister for his endeavour to work for the all-round development of Schedule Tribe people in the state and suggested the Minister to simplify the procedures for schemes.

The Chairman GSSTFDCL, Shri Durgadas Gawade in his welcome address called upon the ST youth not to rely only on Government jobs but instead avail benefit of schemes for self employment and become master of their own. Any issue with regards to the procedure of the scheme would be resolved, he pointed.

Sarpanch, V.P. Agasaim Shri Xavier Gracias; Sarpanch V.P. Goa Velha, Smt. Ruth Vaz; Sarpanch V.P. Batim, Shri Alvar Vaz; Sarpanch, V.P. Siridao, Shri Camilo Marquis; Sarpanch, V.P. Curca Bambolim Telaulim, Smt. Verodiana D’Souza; Sarpanch, V.P. Neura, Smt Usha Sawant Naik; Sarpanch, V.P Azoshi Mandur, Smt Nilima Naik; President ST Association, Shri Joseph Vaz and
officials of Tribal welfare Corporation were among those who attended the function.

Shri Shirish Lawande compered the function while Shri Nitin Sawant, Supdt., ST Corporation proposed the vote of thanks.

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