

## **Digitalization of industries is must: Rane**

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Minister for Industries, Health, Trade and Commerce, Shri Vishwajit Rane emphasising that Digitalization of industries is a must to attract investment in the State said digitalization of industrial record will bring transparency in the functioning. Necessary directions are issued to digitalize the records of industrial sector latest by 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and Geotagging of the plot which are available with GIDC, he added.

Shri Rane was speaking as a chief guest at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) function of Verna Industrial Association (VIA) at Fern Kesarval Hotel and Spa at Verna today. Minister for Power, Shri Nilesh Cabral and Chairman for Goa Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC) Shri Glenn Ticlo were the Guest of honour.

Also present on the occasion were President of Manufacturers' Association for Information Technology (MAIT), Shri Nitin Kunckolikar; President of VIA, Shri Damodar Kochkar and General secretary of VIA, Shri Rajesh Prabhu among other members of VIA.

Further speaking Shri Rane opined that it is important to have common industrial policy which encompasses both, industrial policy and investment promotion policy to take industrial sector ahead in the State. Simplification of procedure will help the investor to take the right decision in fastest way, he pointed.

Shri Rane also mentioned about the formation of task force to identify the issues related to industries and Industrial area to analyse and provide land to the right kind of industry suitable for Goa. Land scarcity, is a major problem, he said and added that the allotment of plot to right industry after seeing their financial position, past experience etc will help boost industrial sector in Goa.

Shri Rane further said that once Chief Minister approves any policy or approve allotment of land to any industry, it should be allotted within 21 days from the date of approval to that particular industry failing which the MD of IDC have to give explanation to Board. We function in a very transparent manner and everything will be digitalized soon. he concludes.

Minister for Power, Shri Nilesh Cabral assured to provide uninterrupted 24 hours power supply to Industrial sector in coming days. He informed that his ministry is in process of taking over all the street lights not only of Industrial sector but all over Goa to ensure proper maintenance and

functioning. This will be done after following proper procedure and amendment in some Acts such as Panchayat etc., he remarked.

Shri Glenn Ticlo also spoke on the occasion.

Earlier Shri Kochkar welcomed the Guest while Vice President of Astra Metal System Private Limited Shri Pradeep Da'Costa proposed the vote of thanks.

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