The Thrift Co-operative Association Ponda Ltd. along with its allied Co-operative Societies from Sattari and Bicholim Talukas observed the 66th National Co-operative week at Bicholim yesterday. The theme of the celebration was Re-Orientation, Training & Education through Success Stories. Shri Venkatesh Shenoy keynote speaker delivered his address.

Dr. Sawant speaking on the occasion underscoring the need for participation of people to strengthen the Co-operative movement said that the stakeholders of this sector need to undertake such activities to ensure that the welfare of the people is achieved.

Dr. Sawant further speaking stressed the need for all the players of this sector to come together to expand the movement and scope of the Co-operative movement. There is need of upgradate training in this field. There are some cooperative institutions which are on the verge of liquidation, which is not a good sign for the future of cooperative sector he said and stressed the importance of youth participation to make the cooperative movement successful. He expressed his opinion of not allowing the creation of new cooperative societies, as the stake of the existing cooperative societies is at crossroads.

MLA and Chairman of GSHCL, Shri Pravin zantye in his address said that the cooperative sector has great potential to create huge opportunities of employment. Proper vision and functioning will result in expansion of cooperative movement. The common men who invest need security. There should be no place for breach of trust. So the stakeholders of cooperative sector should abide by the principles of honesty and truth, he added.

Registrar of Cooperative Societies Shri Menino DSouza appealed to the youth to participate in cooperative movement. With mutual cooperation welfare of all can be achieved he added.

The Chief Minister honoured the representatives of cooperative societies for their successful operation and achievement.

Chairman of Goa State Cooperative Bank Ltd. Shri Ulhas Phaldee; Chairman, Bicholim Electricity Employees Cooperative Society Ltd. Shri. Ashok Parab and others attended the function.

Thereafter at Karapur, Tisk Dr. Sawant inaugurated II Phase of Sarvaraj Eco Farm in the presence of MLA Bicholim Shri. Pravin Zantye, Former Chief Minister Shri. Pratapsingh Rane; Smt Vijayadevi Rane, Owner of the Farm Ramapati L and others. Earlier Dr. sawant also witnessed the function of 5th Annual day celebration of Swara deep Cultural Association at Bhagat wada Amona in Bicholim Taluka.