LIBERATION DAY CELEBRATED AT MAPUSA

Panaji, December 19, 2019

"We remember with gratitude the countless freedom fighters and revolutionaries who struggled for the freedom of Goa and made sacrifices to gain our freedom," said Minister for Waste Management, Science and Technology and Rural Development, Shri Michael Lobo, after unfurling the National Flag, on the occasion of Goa Liberation Day which was celebrated in Mapusa, today.

Shri Lobo said that freedom is the opportunity to do better and that the Government is committed to serving the remotest villages in Goa by providing them with facilities and infrastructure like roads and electricity under Rural Development initiatives.

Stating further, Shri Lobo said that the Government will start a Maritime Institute in Goa on Build-Own-Operate-Transfer (BOOT) basis where Goans can study courses related to maritime which will help them get jobs. He said that this will help the educated youth of Goa get the required education in the State itself instead of them having to travel to places outside Goa to get the qualification.

Shri Lobo said that the Government is committed for taking the vision of ex Chief Minister, late Shri Manohar Parrikar forward by encouraging students to develop a scientific temperament and holding science festivals like the recently held Manohar Parrikar Vidnyan Mahotsav.

Shri Lobo further said that the Government is committed to give students in Goa the best technology at a young age. Speaking about the Government's priority with regard to garbage management, Shri Lobo said that they will work towards making Goa Garbage Free by 2022 by ensuring the collection and segregation of dry and wet waste from all over Goa and get it treated at waste treatment facilities across Goa.

He informed that work on the Cacora Waste Treatment Plant has already started, and that the Waste Treatment facility at Saligao will be upgraded. He added that the Government will set up Solid Waste Treatment plants at Sonsoddo and the Verna Industrial Estate.

While speaking about employment, Shri Lobo said that sustainable mining is need of the hour where nature is protected as well as people get
livelihoods. Speaking on the issue of River Mhadei, he expressed confidence that the issue will be solved and that Goa will get its share that it has been getting from the beginning. “We will not compromise on the issue as River Mhadei is our mother. We have to unite on this issue,” the Minister said.

Present on the occasion were MLAs Shri Joshua D'Souza and Shri Glenn Ticlo. Additional Collector, Mapusa, Shri Mahadev Aroundekar, Deputy Collector I, Shri Akshay Potekar, Deputy Collector II, Ms Mamu Hage, IAS, and other Government officials.

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