The Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant calling the former Chief Minister, late Manohar Parrikar a scientific visionary said that the Government will honour Manohar Parrikar’s commitment towards scientific progress by organising the Manohar Parrikar Vidnyan Mahotsav annually. The Chief Minister was speaking at the inauguration of the Manohar Parrikar Vidnyan Mahotsav at the National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), at Dona Paula, today.

Speaking further, Dr Sawant said that the festival will give ideas to explore new opportunities in science. Stressing on the field of education, Dr Sawant said that the Government will make Goa a premier educational hub.

The Minister for Science, Technology and Waste Management, Shri Michael Lobo said that if we develop a positive approach and a scientific temper and follow it daily, we can help keep the ideals of Manohar Parrikar alive by our deeds and bring laurels to the State of Goa.

Principal Scientific Advisor, Government of India, Dr K. Vijay Raghavan said that Manohar ParrikarVidnyan Mahotsav is a path-breaking occasion to honour Manohar Parrikar. He said that Manohar Parrikar was an extraordinary person who valued expertise and knowledge and had a deep connectedness with society.

On the occasion, two Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) were signed between the Principal Scientific Advisor to Government of India and Government of Goa and between Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and Government of Goa.

A photo book on Manohar Parrikar, ‘The Legend’ was released on the occasion. The Book is brought out by the Department of Information and Publicity containing the compilation of Photographs on different facets of the former Chief Minister.

Earlier, Chairperson of the Executive Committee of the Manohar Parrikar Vidnyan Mahotsav and Goa State Innovation Council, Shri Jose Manuel Noronha launched a short film on Manohar Parrikar.

Present on the occasion were Chief Secretary, Shri Parimal Rai, IAS, Shri Daulat Hawaldar, IAS, Minister for Social Welfare and Urban Development, Shri Milind Naik, Manohar Parrikar’s son, Shri Utpal Parrikar, Director of National Institute of Oceanography (NIO), Prof. Sunil Kumar Singh, among others.

The inauguration was followed by a guest lecture, ‘Nature Inspired Science: Why do we flock together?’ delivered by Padmashri Dr Ajay Kumar Sood.

The two-day Manohar Parrikar Vidnyan Mahotsav is being organised by the Department of Science, Technology and Waste Management and supported by Directorate of Higher Education, Directorate of Education, Directorate of Technical Education, Department of
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