

## CHIEF MINISTER HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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Stressing the need to produce skilled professionals to meet day [today](#) needs of the society be it electrician, plumber, motor mechanic among other allied courses Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant [today](#) urged the youths to take maximum benefit of technical courses started by the Government to promote self employment and ease unemployment problem in the State.

The Chief Minister was speaking after inaugurating a Skill Centre of Excellence at a function organised by Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in association with Sri Sri Rural Development Programme Trust at Government ITI, Farmagudi [today](#).

Speaking further Chief Minister said ample opportunities are available in Goa for various skilled professionals, we have to grab these opportunities and develop skill. Accordingly, there is a need for both skill and will. We have chosen the Public Private Partnership option to ensure that our youth get proper education and add expertise to their skills. When we aim to create a new India our youth must excel in different fields. Every student is unique so we have to identify the talent and motivate them to ensure that the aims and objectives are fulfilled. Government is searching for skilled professionals in Government Departments in this direction the Chief Minister said that my Government is contemplating to bring in amendment in Recruitment Rules for skilled professionals' education for gaining employment.

Chief Minister said Government has decided to continue imparting knowledge through modern curriculum along with the education in traditional curriculum. More job-friendly courses will be introduced in the near future. Different types of industries and businesses are coming to Goa. they need employees who have completed skill courses. We cannot find people who have updated their knowledge as a result companies rely on outsiders to run their business the Chief Minister added. [Today](#) we have regulated some companies to give preference to Goan youth in jobs. Goan youth should take advantage of schemes like start up where government is giving grant of Rs. 10 lakhs under the scheme. We have also joined hands with some important organisation under the start up scheme the CM added.

Chief Minister said in order to enhance skill development and promote self employment our Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi had started Atmanirbhar

Bharat. With this initiative he has a vision of creating 'Nav Bharat' to youngsters. Goa Government has started Swayampurna Goa under Atmanirbhar Bharat Campaign, he added.

Shri Dipak Desai, Director, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship speaking on the occasion stated that the Directorate has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s. Sri Sri Rural Development Programme Trust (SSRDP) which envisages partnership for the up gradation of the ITI's with the support of industry partnership and up skilling of trainees of the State. The program will be implemented across all ITI's in the State starting with the up gradation of Farmagudi Government ITI-Farmagudi-Ponda in its first phase. The Directorate has already inked various Memorandums of Understanding (MoU). The objective of the partnership is to have a formal understanding between the parties for providing training for enhancing the employability of youth of Goa, mainly focusing on employability and entrepreneurship training in the industry-oriented job roles.

Secretary, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Shri C.R. Garg also spoke on the occasion.

Shri Rajendra Dhavan, Trustee, Art of Living, Pravas Nai, EX Trustee VVKI and Shri Gautam Raj, Chairman, IMC amongst others were present on the occasion.

Earlier Shri S. S. Gaonkar, Principal, ITI Farmagudi welcomed. Shri Kamble, Assistant Director, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship proposed vote of thanks.

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