

PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS SUPREME: GOVERNOR

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Governor Shri. P.S. Sreedharan Pillai has said that, people are always supreme. As per the constitution of India people are supreme and taking this into account Raj Bhavan has decided to visit all panchayat areas in the state he said.

The Governor [today](#) visited Marcaim and Shiroda in Ponda taluka as a part of his "Sampurna Goa Yatra"

Stressing on "Gram Swaraj" concept of Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhiji, the Governor stated that it was Gandhiji's idea of self-reliant village, which was a unique concept of rural reconstruction. He said, this was much before India's independence that Gandhiji developed over a period of times. His concept of Gram Swaraj is considered one of the alternative models of rural reconstruction, whose primary focus was on the holistic development of a society the Governor added

The Governor offered prayers and took the blessings of Shree Navdurga Deity at Marcaim. Minister for Power Shri Ramkrishna Dhavlikar and Minister for Fisheries, Shri Nilkanth Halarnkar accompanied the Governor during the visit.

The Governor was received by Shri Shailendra Panjekar, Chairman of Shree Devi Navdurga Pratishthan Trust.

Later, the Governor visited Marine Farming Site at Askanwada, Marcaim and acquainted himself about the process of mussels harvesting adopted by Goa University under Directorate of Unnat Bharat Abhiyaan. He discussed in details the process of mussel cultivation with local beneficiaries. The Governor was very much impressed about the cultivation process

Thereafter ,the Governor visited Village Panchayat Madkai and Interacted with Sarpanch, Deputy Sarpanch and Members of Village Panchayats of Durbhat, Wadi-Talaulim, Madkai and Kundaim.

Smt. Laxmi Tari Volvoikar, Sarpanch, Marcaim, Shri Vishwas Fadte, Sarpanch, Kundaim, Shri Dinesh Gaonkar, Sarpanch, Wadi Talaulim, Smt. Saloni Gaude, Dy. Sarpanch, Bandora presented brief report of their respective villages.

Minister for Power Shri Ramkrishna Dhavlikar and Minister for Fisheries, Shri Nilkanth Halarnkar were present during the interaction programme. Shri Harilal

Menon, Vice Chancellor, Shri Nadkarni, Registrar of Goa University graced the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion Shri Ramkrishna Dhavlikar appealed to the Self Help Groups, Farmers Group and other allied Associations to cultivate mussel or allied farming activities. He also expressed the need to take care of the endangered crops in Goa and mentioned about the declining species of Karel Mango in Marcaim area.

Addressing the gathering Shri Nilkanth Halarnkar said, Goa is endowed with scenic beauty and blessed with beautiful nature. He urged to take the benefits of natural resources and appealed to the local farmers to come forward and make maximum use of natural resources. Minister issued various schemes and the subsidy facilities available with the Fisheries Department.

Governor Shri P. S Sreedharn Pillai felicitated Swaccha Bharat Abhiyan Students / interns & Self Help Groups as an initiative of unnat Bharat Abhiyan, Madkai & Goa University.

Later, the Governor Interacted with Sarpanchas and Members of Village Panchayats of Curti-Khandepar and Usgao at Rajiv Gandhi Kala Mandir, Ponda.

Former Chief Minister and present Agriculture Minister Shri Ravi Naik, Shri Dadi Naik, Sarpanch, Curti Khandepar Ms. Asmita Gaude, Sarpanch, V. P. Usgaon- Ganjem Panchayat were present.

Agriculture Minister Shri Ravi Naik appealed Panchayat bodies to utilize the Government funds in appropriate manner and further advised to develop healthy relation in nation building.

Secretary to the Governor Shri Mihir Vardhan, IAS. Ms. Jyoti Kumari, IAS Collector, South were present during the interaction programme.

Governor Shri P.S Sreedharn Pillai disbursed financial assistance to Dialysis Patients from Marcaim, Ponda and Shiroda during the interaction sessions. Total 350 dialysis patients in the state was benefitted with financial assistance, as informed by the Governor at Ponda.

Citing the motto behind organizing Sampurna Goa Yatra, the Governor said he Intends to study the village life and life of the people from remote areas. He said, he wants to pen a special book on Goa. He also said, village life is far better than towns in the state

Shri Santan Fernandes, Former Sarpanch of Curti Khandepar, Ramnath Dangui, Member, V. P. Usgaon- Ganjem Panchayat presented report .

Students of Anandi Bai High School presented welcome song. Shri Sushant Naik proposed a vote of thanks.

On his arrival at Shree Kamaxi Temple at Shiroda for seeking blessing , the Governor was welcomed by Shri Rajendra Kamat, President and Siddhesh Pai Raikar, Secretary of Shree Kamaxi Saunstan. Minister for WRD, Shri Subhash Shirodkar was also present.

The Governor, Shri. P. S. Sreedharan Pillai interacted with Sarpanch and members of village Panchayats Shiroda, Panchwadi, Borim and Betora-Nirankal Conxcem. Shri Amit Shirodkar sarpanch of Shiroda Panchayat, Shri Vishant Goankar Sarpanch of Betora Panchayat , Shri Amir Naik Sarpanch of Panchwadi Panchayat, Smt Jyoti Naik sarpanch of Borim Panchayat , ZP member Shiroda Shri Narayan Kamat and ZP member Borim Shri Deepak Naik Borker were present on the occasion

Governor assured them to extend all help in their future endeavors during his address at all the three places he visited [today](#).

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