

Every Block of Goa will have two Aganwadis

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Goa will get two modern Aganwadis Blocks and sixty Anganwadis soon stated Union Minister for Women and Child Development Smt. Smriti Irani after inaugurating the sub-zonal meeting of the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development highlighting the achievements of NDA Government organized at Taj Resort and Convention Centre, Dona Paula, Goa [today](#).

Union Minister of State, Ministry of Finance Dr. Bhagwat Krishnarao Karad, Women and Child Development Minister Shri Vishwajit Rane, Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development Shri Indevar Pandey, representatives of States of Maharashtra, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, public representatives amongst other attended the meeting.

The Minister Smt. Smriti Irani addressing the event said her Ministry had introduced various measures for women and children and said that 1098 helpline has helped protect around 18 lakh children from 2014 to 2021. Various helpline numbers are being operated, helping about 70 lakh women in various ways,” she said.

There was a time when women used to dream, but they did not have the right and courage to speak. But now, women are fulfilling their dreams through various schemes of the government,” she said. She also interacted with women to know their views on various schemes.

Speaking further, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani said, UNICEF has validated the work of the Government of India. The work is a great blessing as a society. The word ‘achievement’ has a message - when it comes to emancipation of women and children, men are equal partners in emancipation.

One of the major Government achievements in the last 8 years is unanimously passing the reforms in Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 in Parliament, said Smt Irani. Child care institutions can be set up only after the permission from the District Collector and Superintendent of Police. The Union Minister further said that the aim of the government is to deliver justice and help the needy. [Today](#), 1 crore 90 lakh women are deployed in community services, which is the largest number in the world. 2 crore 80 lakh women

in the country are digital literate. 14 lakh women representatives in Panchayats and 9 lakh ASHA Workers are working, she informed. 70% beneficiaries of 'PM Mudra Yojana' are women, is a great success story.

Smt. Irani praised the Government of Goa for implementing the 'My Life-My Pad' Scheme. The sanitary pads for the women beneficiaries are distributed through the self-help groups.

Smt. Irani announced that Goa would get 60 new Anganwadis in the 60th year of Goa's Liberation. Also, Centre will support the establishment of two model anganwadis in each block with state of the art infrastructure and digital equipment. Union Minister also announced a new 'One Stop Centre' in South Goa.

Addressing the meeting, Union Minister of State for Finance, Dr Bhagwat Karad said the reforms in the governance done in the last 8 years are reflecting through the performance. 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' is one of the biggest successes in the last 8 years. Through 'Jan Aushadhi' Kendra, Women are getting a sanitary pad for 1 rupee. This has changed the health dynamics in rural areas of the country, said Dr Karad.

Minister for Women and Child Development, Shri Vishwajit Rane in his address stating that the government is working for the welfare of women and children informed that 3 lakh beneficiaries are attached to the scheme of 'My Life-My Pad'. Government is committed towards child protection with civil right organisations.

'UNICEF' made a presentation on the achievements in the last 8 years in the field of Women and Child Development. Beneficiaries of various government viz. PM Mudra Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao, Poshan Abhiyan and other schemes from Maharashtra, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu shared their experiences. They expressed their happiness as government support changed their life entirely and gained a place of honour in society.

During interection some girls sharing their dreams said they wanted to be IAS officers, others wanted to be IPS while some wanted to become teachers.

These were girls who had lost their parents at a young age and were continuing their studies. Many of them had availed help through various schemes of the Ministry.

The Minister assured them of all possible help in making their dreams come true. She also said that 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' have helped girls go forward fearlessly.

Shri Y. V. V. J. Rajasekhar, IAS, Secretary, Women and get Child Development, Goa welcomed.

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