

GOA REVOLUTION DAY OBSERVED AT AZAD MAIDAN

CM calls for digital revolution

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Governor of Goa, Shri. P.S. Sreedharan Pillai and Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant led the people of the State in paying tributes to martyrs on the occasion of 76th Goa Revolution Day at the Martyrs Memorial, Azad Maidan in the city, [today](#). Tributes were paid to the martyrs by placing wreaths at the memorial.

Goa Revolution Day commemorates one of the State's most pivotal moments in history. Goa Revolution Day is observed every year on [June 18](#) to recall the call given by Dr Ram Manohar Lohia from Margao to the people of Goa to fight against the colonial rule and liberate Goa from the Portuguese regime. This call inspired many Goans which ultimately resulted in attaining Liberation by Goa on [December 19](#), 1961. The day is also observed to recall the sacrifices of all the freedom fighters of the freedom struggle movement of Goa.

In his address, the Governor, Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai recalled the crucial contribution of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia in Goa's freedom struggle and highlighted the concept of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia in respect to the language policy of India. Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia always stood for local languages and at the same time felt that the national language should be accepted and respected, he observed.

Speaking further, he said as the citizen of this country we must go through the 1946 speech of Ram Manohar Lohia wherein the people of Goa were awakened after hearing Dr. Lohia's passionate speech during that time. The history of all those who came from Punjab and other parts of India and sacrificed their life in the freedom movement in 1955 are dealt at great length. All this should be passed over to the new generation, he pointed.

Chief Minister recalling the sacrifice of the martyrs and freedom fighters underscored the need to have 'Digital Revolution' in the field of IT sector as well as education sector. The Government has started implementing the National Educational Policy, 2020 and has also introduced coding and robotics across the State to bring in change in this directions among the students. The NCERT syllabus will be incorporated from the next academic year, he added.

It is the Governments endeavour to bring various changes in the field of Education. Goa Government is working from last year to include Goa's Freedom struggle in the school syllabus with NCERT Syllabus so the same could serve as inspiration to the present and future generation, Dr. Sawant said.

Highlighting the rich history preserved at renovated Aguada Jail in Goa he said the jail will also have a museum that will lay bare the freedom struggle of Goa against the Portuguese rule and urged all Goan youths and school teachers to take students and visit Aguada Jail to know the same.

Speaking further he said that the Government on occasion of Aazadi Ka Amrit Mohotsav has decided to register and acknowledge the contribution of lot many freedom fighters who participated in the freedom struggle but could not register due to various reasons. Home department has been directed to take cognizance of such freedom fighters and register them.

Speaker, Shri Ramesh Tawadkar; Minister for IT and Tourism, Shri Rohan Khaunte; Minister for Archives and Archaeology Shri Subhash Phal Dessai; MLA, Shri Rodolfo Fernandes, freedom fighters, Acting Chief Secretary, Dr. V. Candavelou, IAS; Secretaries to Government, Director General of Police, Shri Jaspal Singh, IPS; Collector(North) Ms, Mamu Hage, IAS, senior Government officials were among the prominent persons present on the occasion.

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