

DPSE BRIEFS ON ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT SWAYAMPURNA GOA 2.0

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Shri Vijay B. Saxena, Director, Directorate of Planning, Statistics & Evaluation, Porvorim-Goa and Shri Guruprasad Pawaskar, State Commissioner, for Persons with Disability (PwD) jointly addressed the said Press Conference on Atmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa 2.0 programme in the Manohar Parrikar Memorial Hall, Sanjay School today.

Shri Saxena informed approximately 33,000 Persons with Disability & Divyang are in Goa, of which around 5,000 Divyang are in each of the following categories; a] Disability in Seeing, b] Disability in Speech, c] Disability in Hearing and d] Disability in Movement.

Around 2575 persons in Goa are multi disability and 1675 have some mental illness and 1817 are mentally retarded. However he clarified that the figure pertains to the Census 2011 and can be on the lower side, he pointed.

Shri Guruprasad Pawaskar, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities brought to the notice that the number of disabilities notified has increased from 7 to 12 in the recent past and the figure of Persons with Disabilities can be much more.

The State Commissioner informed about various efforts made by the Government for the benefits of Persons with Disabilities. The importance of “Accessible India Campaign”, a Central Government of India scheme, was spoken at length by the State Commissioner. Further 5 beaches in Goa are identified to make it accessible for Divyangs in order to have equal opportunities for them to enjoy safely. Under “Accessible India Campaign (Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan)” 23 Government buildings and 02 children parks & 5 beaches will be achieving universal accessibility for Divyangs in order to gain access for equal opportunity, he added.

The State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities explained the importance of the Unique Disability Identity (UDID) Card which can be used throughout the Nation. UDID cards are such a unique initiative of

the Government of India through which Divyangs will not need to make multiple copies of documents, maintain, and carry multiple documents as the card will capture all the necessary details. The UDID card has all relevant information about the Divyangs and in order to avail the benefits under any of the State Schemes and Central Schemes this card can be used anywhere in India.

Government had distributed aids and appliances worth ₹. 1.72 crore to 2157 Divyangs during the Swayampurna Goa 1.0 Programme.

Under the Swayampurna Goa 2.0 programme, the Government has decided to conduct theme based live webinar programme regularly every month. Three such programmes during the year on 23/04/2022, 07/05/2022 and 18/06/2022 were organized. Fourth such live webinar programme is decided to be held on Saturday i.e. on 09/07/2022 at 10.30 a.m. onwards on “Aids to Divyangs and Senior Citizens”.

The programme shall be live on CMO Goa Facebook, Dr. Pramod Sawant Facebook and YouTube said Shri. Saxena.

While discussing the senior citizens it was informed that there were approximately 1,63,495 senior citizens in Goa of which 45% are males and 55% are females. Most of the eligible senior citizens appear to be beneficiaries of various beneficiary oriented programme/schemes opined Shri. Saxena. However if any senior citizen is left out due to any reason and is not covered under any of the beneficiary oriented schemes, they will now be covered through the services of Swayampurna Mitras working under Swayampurna Goa Programme.

Director, Department of Social Welfare, Shri Siddhivinayak Naik and State Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities Shri Guruprasad Pawaskar will explain the provisions under various Government schemes and benefits available under them for Divyang persons in the live webinar programme to be held at 10.30 on Saturday 09/07/2022 . All the Swayampurna Mitras and Taluka Nodal Officers have been instructed to arrange facilities for locals to join/attend the said webinar programme from Office of the Village Panchayats and Municipalities. <https://youtu.be/uRf5V3-BCMY> is the said link for the live webinar programme.

The Programme on “Aids to Divyangs and Senior Citizens” is decided to be implemented by the Government in the mission mode. Divyang who cannot travel and who have no means to approach the concerned

Department to avail the benefits of the scheme, the Swayampurna Mitra shall contact them and make it possible for them to apply from their home and become a beneficiary under the scheme. This service at the door of Divyang is considered of utmost importance by the Chief Minister Dr, Pramod Sawant in order to achieve the target i.e. “No one is left behind”.

Shri Saxena appealed to fellow colleagues in the Government Administration which are more than 50,000 in numbers to cover atleast 10 to 15 families known to them living around their houses and report any Divyangs if identified to any Swayampurna Mitras and contribute their bit towards success of the said programme. Since Divyang number is not very huge, they all can be covered in a record time with the help of Swayampurna Mitras and others wherein Goa perhaps can become the 1st State in the country for taking care of 100% Divyangs.

Shri Guruprasad Pawaskar, State Commissioner lauded concerted efforts made by Shri Subhash Phaldessai, Minister for Social Welfare for the benefits of needy persons in Goa during the last 3 months. Shri Pawaskar praised Chief Minister for taking unique initiatives and making all out efforts to carry the Beneficiary Oriented schemes at the door step of the Divyang and fulfilling the promises of his Government i.e. “Less Government More Governance”.

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