

CM URGES CO-OPERATIVES TO VENTURE INTO COLLECTIVE ORGANIC FARMING

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The Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant in the presence of Minister for Co-operation Shri Subhash Shirodkar threw open 'NIMS, The Organic Hub, at a function held at Mapusa today. The 'NIMS,, is an initiative of New India Multipurpose Co-operative Society Ltd Mapusa Goa.

Chief Minister while speaking appreciated the endeavour of NIMS to unite Goan farmers and helping them to undertake organic trade and farming in the State. Organic farming he said is need of the time. In the earlier days, people never used fertilizer in farming but made good use organic manure which was very conducive for health. There is a need to switch back to natural farming so as to produce pure and healthy food, he pointed.

The Chief Minister informed that in some parts of the State people are still undertaking organic farming and cited the example of boiled rice from Chorao Bardez and exported to America which he said is a matter of pride. Jackfruit from Goa is organic in nature and the Government has encouraged research and process on Jackfruit. He appealed to Co-operative institutions to venture into collective organic farming to provide good food for the people. This he said will help to encourage cooperative farming and also strengthen Co-operative movement in the State.

Minister for Co- operation Shri Subhash Shirodkar while stated that there is no prosperity without Cooperation and stressed the need for cooperative farming. Goa is fortunate to have vast source of water wherein we can undertake fish farming and others kind of farming on a large scale. We have to eat quality food for good health. He said land should not be kept barren and urged people to bring their maximum land under cultivation. He assured to provide support for cooperative organic farming in the State.

National Award winner for Coconut Art Shri Vijaydatt Lotlikar was felicitated at hands of Chief Minister.

Winner of National Award for Best Farmers Shri Dnyaneshwar Bodke addressing the farmers emphasised that organic farming will provide healthy food which in turn will keep one's health good. One have to eat pure and organic product to maintain good health. He appealed to the people to start eating organic food to live a long life and exhorted the farmers to take up organic farming on large scale. He also assured to extend all sort of expertise and cooperation to encourage organic farming in Goa.

Manager Two Brothers Organic Farms Shri Kapil Wargal spoke about organic farming and trade.

Chairperson Mapusa Municipal Council, Smt Shubhangi Vaigankar; Vice-Chairman GSIDC, Shri Deepak Naik;
Chairman NIMS Shri Manohar Shetgaonkar; Vice- Chairman, Ex. Co-op-Inspector, Adv. Anant Pansekar, Farmer& Head Abhinav Farmers Club, Farmer and others attended the function.

Chairman, NIMS, Shri Manohar Shetgaonkar welcomed the guest

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