

CM FELICITATES MERITORIOUS TEACHERS WITH STATE TEACHERS' AWARDS

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Teachers should be a storehouse of knowledge and this knowledge should not be restricted to just their subject stated the Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant, **today** as he bestowed on meritorious teachers the State Teachers' Awards 2021-22 at the 61st Teachers' Day function held at Institute Menezes Braganza, Panaji.

He further said that in an age where students are exposed to technology and the internet, it is important for teachers to stay abreast with what is happening and be innovative in their teaching methods.

Dr Sawant lauded the recipients of the State Teachers' Awards and said these awards are given on merit and not on favour. He appreciated the work done by the teaching community during Covid times by conducting online classes.

Dr Sawant urged teachers not to indulge in part time work elsewhere as it distracts them from their core profession which is teaching. Stressing on the need to conduct remedial classes for students, he said that the Government was concerned about every student. The newly implemented National Education Policy 2020 (NEP) lays emphasis on skilled education and that the Education Department is working hard in implementing NEP, he remarked.

Dr Sawant stated that a lot of development is taking place on education front like introduction of coding and robotics in schools, setting up of institutions of higher learning etc

The teachers who were felicitated with the State Teachers' Awards are Ms Sarojini Narayan Gawas, Government Primary Teacher, Government Primary School, Thane, Sattari; Shri Ganpatrao Kustobarao Rane, Assistant Teacher, Government High School, Ambedem, Nagargao, Sattari; Shri Diogo S. Pinto, Assistant Teacher, St Francis Xavier's High School, Siolim, Bardez; Shri Devidas Vithoba Kotkar, Headmaster, Government High School, Ambedem, Nagargao, Sattari; Shri Subhash Balkrishna Jan, Teacher Grade-I, Shree Ameya Higher Secondary School, Curti, Ponda and Shri Mario Christopher Reuben Costa, Principal, VRDA's Gauncar Higher Secondary School of Arts, Commerce and Vocational, Raia, Salcete.

Secretary, (Education) Shri Ravi Dhawan, IAS, while speaking on the occasion said teachers are nation builders as they shape a nation's

destiny. He applauded the teachers for adapting to the change in traditional methods of teaching and pedagogy.

Present on the occasion among others were Director of Education, Shri Shailesh Zingde, Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Shri Nagaraj Honnekeri and Headmistress of Government High School, Morpirla, Quepem, Maria Murena Miranda, who was awarded the National Teachers' Award this year.

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