

## CM INAUGURATES 3 DAY SPILL TECH CONFERENCE

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The Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant inaugurated 3 day Spill Tech conference organized by the Society of Health Environment Safety & Sustainability Professionals ( SHESPro ) in collaboration with Director General Shipping, Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways Government of India in the city [today](#).

Speaking as the Chief Guest Dr. Sawant reiterated Government 's commitment for sustainable development by preserving natural resources. The Government had launched statewide cleaning drive of cleaning the coastal area of Goa alongwith its beaches in particular. Goa lays thrust on blue economy, he added.

The Chief Minister speaking further lauded the initiative taken by Maritime industry to free ocean from pollution. Oil spills causes threat to marine life. Saving oceans is need of the hour. Apart from oil spills, solid waste that runs to the shore is also a major problem that pollutes the sea and ocean at large which needs to be addressed on priority. He hoped that the three day conference will deliberate on various aspects of ocean pollution and will derive solution to overcome the problem.

MLA Benaulim Capt. Venzy Viegas asserted that prevention is a right method to overcome the problem of oil spills thus keeping ocean free from pollution. The Government strives to clean its beaches to harvest blue economy. The Government has already launched beach cleaning drive recently with the intention to preserve our water bodies. The 3 day Spill Tech conference in Goa will help to create awareness among people about the cleanliness of sea ocean and other waterbodies.

The stakeholders of Maritime industry will deliberate on the main issue of ocean pollution and come out with a remedy to address the problem, he observed.

President SHESPro, Director Onshore, ONGC Mr. V. P. Mahavar also spoke on the occasion.

Director Offshore ONGC, Mr. Pankaj Kumar; Captain of Ports Goa, Capt Braganza; Mr. Director, Pipeline IOCLD. S. Nanware; Executive Director, OSD, Mr. Arun Mittal; Commissioner, CCP Agnelo A. J. Fernandes; CEO & MD ISPRL, Mr. Ajay Dashore; M. S. Maharashtra Pollution Board, Mr. Ashok Shingare IAS and M. S. Goa State Pollution Board, Mrs. Shamila Monteiro were among those who attended the function.

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