

CM INAUGURATES DNYAN SETU - STATE OF THE ART PROJECT
Pedestrian bridge links Rua de Ourem creek to Panaji city

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The Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant in the presence of Minister for Revenue Shri Atanasio Monserrate [today](#) inaugurated the newly constructed pedestrian bridge "Dnyan Setu", built across creek at Rua De Querem in Panaji city.

This is the state of art project constructed over the creek linking Rua de Ourem to the Central Library and built at an estimated cost of Rs. 7. 64 crores. The work of the project has been executed by GSIDC and has been completed in a time period of 10 months.

The Chief Minister addressing at the function said that, earlier Patto area used to be recognized as economic hub. But hereafter this area would also be known as education hub as well.

The Chief Minister further stated that with the completion of this project Government not only intends to develop infrastructure by taking all the requisite care in preserving biodiversity of the area.

The Chief Minister said Government has provided such a beautiful and state of art project and appealed to every Panjimate to maintain and keep cleanliness around the project.

The Chief Minister speaking further said Government intends to develop Panaji in such a way that tourists who come to Goa would wish to tour Panaji to enjoy the beauty and heritage of Panaji. Government has planned to develop Panaji as a smart city. This project has been undertaken under Panaji Smart City Mission and would add to the beauty of Panaji city as well, he reiterated.

The salient features of the project being - The pedestrian bridge between Rua de Ourem to the Central Library crosses over the creek and is 99 mtrs long (50mts of which over water, 49 mtrs over land towards Central Library,) and 3.0 mtrs in width and has access for person with disabilities.

The main aesthetic feature of this bridge is 21.0 m circular pylon from which Macalloy cables are emerging on both the sides and holding the entire deck slab of bridge. Pylon is centre of attraction and thus to add some more architectural elements to this pylon, a kinetic sculpture representing symbol of Mother Earth is placed on top of pylon which will rotate with wind.

Pylon is painted with the theme of Literature of Bharat which shall manifest knowledge aligned to Library. Thus, circular pylon is designated as depicting established symbol of knowledge.

This bridge is connecting to the Central Library and provides direct link to the students of nearby schools. Thus, bridge is designated as as Connectivity between EDC complex at Patto and old city of Panaji.

It has connectivity between People's High School and Mary Immaculate Girl's High School to Central Library.

The bridge provides easy accessibility to Central Library, Goa State Museum, Kadamba Bus stand and Mangrove Boardwalk.

This bridge would solve logistic problems besides being an tourist attraction.

The skilled hands which worked to make the project a reality were felicitated at the hands of the Chief Minister.

General Manager GSIDC Shri Sandip Chodankar explained the concept of the project.

MLA Calangute Shri Michael Lobo, Mayor CCP Shri Rohit Monserrate, Deputy Mayor Shri Sanjiv Naik, Shri Shubham Chodankar, Smt Aditi Chopdekar, Smt. Manisha Manerikar all Corporators, Collector North Goa Smt Mamu Hage IAS, Director Art & Culture Shri Sagun Velip were among those who present at the function.

Managing Director & CEO Imagine Smart City Mission Shri Ravi Dhavan IAS, welcomed the guests.

Miss Adika Faldesai compered the function. MD GSIDC Shri Harish Adkonkar proposed the vote of thanks.

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