

## CM REITERATES ITS COMMITMENT FOR EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF RTI ACT

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Goa has good and positive culture of voluntary dissemination of information which makes us transparent and accountable stated Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant while addressing at a 15th Special General Body Meeting of National Federation of Information Commissions in India ( NFICI ) held at Old Goa **today**. The programme was organized by the Goa State Information Commission in collaboration with National Federation of Information Commissions in India ( NFICI ).

The Chief Minister said from the time the legislation of RTI in 2005 was passed in Parliament all Government bodies were brought under the jurisdiction of the Act having sole objective of transparency and accountability of Government towards its citizen. In Goa the Chief Minister said we endeavour effective implementation of said Act so as to bring transparency and accountability in public administration. The Act helps to keep check on corruption and hold person in Government accountable. The Act has positive objective but has to be implemented in balanced manner. The under use and misuse of the Act should be avoided. The public authorities has to take to avoid misuse of sources in practical demand he opined.

The Chief Minister speaking further said this Act is a powerful weapon for disclosure of information as regards to corruption thus eradicating corruption and hold public authorities accountable. He hoped that the meeting will deliberate on various issues concerning RTI Act and its effective implementation.

The Central Chief Information Commissioner Shri Y. K. Sinha IFS ( Retd. ) asserted the need to adopt best practices to deliver information on time. Our meeting together will help to deliberate, interact and exchange of views and opinions so that the effective implementation of sunshine legislation would be achieved. The landmark legislation empowers the citizen to be well informed about the functioning of the Government at the center and State as well, he added

Shri Sinha speaking further appreciated the endeavour of Goa State Information Commission towards strengthening and effective implementation of RTI Act in the State of Goa.

Shri Sinha while speaking also stressed on the effective implementation of Act to fulfill its very objective of this Act

cherished during its creation. He complimented Goa State Chief Information Commissioner Adv. Vishwas Satarkar and SIC Shri Sanjay Dhavlikar and their team members for striving to make the meeting of NFICI successful in Goa.

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Goa State Chief Information Commissioner Adv. Vishwas Satarkar in his welcome address said the Goa State Information Commission is striving for effective implementation of the RTI Act. adhering to its very objective. He thanked NFCI for reposing faith in organizing such big meeting in Goa.

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State Information Commissioner Assam Dr. Samudra Gupta Kashyap presented book entitled Assams Great Heroes to the Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant.

MLA Vasco Shri Krishna Salkar , Under Secretary GSIC Smt Nancy Fernandes, Secretary GSIC Smt. Varsha Naik, Ex- Secretary GSIC Shri Bhushan Savoikar, 19 State Chief Information Commissioners of different States were among the prominent persons present on the occasion.

BSIC Shri Sanjay Dhavlikar compered the function. Vice Chairman NFICI Shri R. Rajgopal proposed the vote of thanks.

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