

## **NIPUN BHARAT SHIKSHA SANKALP PROGRAMME HELD**

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Goa will become the first State to implement National Education Policy from pre-primary to higher education levels, said Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant. He was speaking at the Shiksha Sankalp Programme of NIPUN Bharat (National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy), a massive awareness campaign organized by Goa Samagra Shiksha under the Department of Education at Ravindra Bhavan, Sankhali.

During the event, the Chief Minister also launched the Gurukul Vishwa app, which will facilitate the registration of pre-primary schools in Goa. The app, developed by Info Tech Corporation of Goa Ltd, will make it easy for the government to grant permission to pre-primary schools through online registration.

In his address, Dr. Pramod Sawant emphasized the importance of a strong foundation for students. He highlighted the crucial role that teachers play in shaping the future of the students.

The NIPUN Bharat initiative is a foundation for students' education, said Secretary of Education, Shri. Prasad Lolayekar, IAS. He further stated that students' holistic growth and development should be facilitated at the school level, and for higher education, quality education should be provided.

Director of Education, Shri Shailesh Zingade, informed that currently 627 pre-primary schools and 1262 Anganwadis are registered with the government. Through the Gurukul Vishwa app, the government can now register more pre-primary schools in the State. Government is totally ready to implement the NEP from the coming year, he added.

The event also included a one-day workshop on NIPUN Bharat awareness for teachers in North Goa, along with an exhibition of teaching-learning material. Students of Vivekanand Dnyan Mandir High School, Keri, welcomed the guests with a welcome song, and Shri. Kishor Govekar, Block Resource Person, Bicholim, performed a prayer song.

Dr. Shambhu Ghadi, State Project Director of Goa Samagra Shiksha, Shri. Manoj Savaikar, Assistant Director, Education, State Project Coordinators, ADEI's, Officers, and Teachers were present at the function. The program was compered by Smt. Sangeeta Joshi, while Shri. Manoj Sawaikar proposed the vote of thanks.

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