

**GOA TO BECOME SELF-RELIANT FOR OTHERS TO EMULATE: CM**  
*Focus is on minimum Govt Maximum Governance*

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Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant underscored the need for Goa to become self-reliant and set an example for other States to emulate and added that our Government has implemented Swayampurna Goa programme, working on the "Antyodaya Tatva" i.e welfare schemes should reach to the last person of the society.

Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant addressing the people after hoisting the national flag at the State Level Independence Day celebrations at Old Secretariat in Panaji [today](#) said that the Government is focusing to provide minimum Government and maximum Governance to the people through the administration system.

Chief Minister extending his greetings to the people of Goa and remembering the sacrifices of the freedom fighters said measures are being devised to achieve the goal of a developed India by 2047. Through various government initiatives, policies and programs, we can empower our State as well as our country, he added.

Speaking on the education system, Chief Minister said Goa State ranks highest in the country in terms of literacy and now the goal is to improve the quality of education by absorbing the new changes through the NEP-2020 where all attempts are made for its successful implementation.

Chief Minister informed that for the first time the government has relaxed the necessary recruitment rules to absorb 62 home Guards into the regular police service. Government would soon launch the "Har Ghar Fibre" scheme providing internet access to every household, he added. He reiterated the Government's commitment to empower women. Let us work together to achieve our dream to make India developed by 2047, he concluded.

On the occasion Chief Minister awarded Shri Shaikh Salim DYSP Vasco, Shri Sudhir Talekar, Police Constable the President's medal for meritorious service.

Shri Prashant Dhargalkar, Sub Officer was also awarded with the President's Fire Service Medal for Meritorious service.

Homeguard Smt Carolina Fernandes, Shri Narayan Pagi was also awarded with the President's medal for meritorious service.

Swayampurna Mitras Smt Diksha Namdev Tari, Shri Pradip Sawant, Shri Dattaprasad Palini, Shri Harishchandra Gawade and Shri Sudesh Nanda Gaude was also felicitated for best performing Swayampurna Mitras under Swayampurna Goa 2.0 programme

Shri Gopal Damodar Caculo was also felicitated by the Chief Minister for his guidance given to the Indian Army in their operation to liberate Goa.

Shri Atanasio Monserrate Minister for Revenue; Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, Union MoS for shipping Ports and Waterways; Shri Yuri Alemao Opposition Leader; Shri Devidas Pangam Advocate General, Shri Sadan and Shet Tanawade, Rajya Sabha MP, Shri Puneet Goel, IAS Chief Secretary; Shri Jaspal Singh, DGP, Secretaries to Government, senior Government Officials along with other dignitaries were present.

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