

NATIONAL HANDLOOM DAY CELEBRATED

August 07, 2023

Department of Handicrafts, Textile and Coir in collaboration with Goa Board of Secondary and Higher Secondary along with College of Home Science celebrated National Handloom Day at Sanskruti Bhavan, Pato-Panaji.

The event was graced by dignitaries including Shri Vidyadatt Naik, Secretary of Goa Board for Secondary and Higher Secondary Education; Dr. Mahesh Pai, Principal of Goa College of Home Science; Shri Ashok Parab, Deputy Director of Art and Culture; Shri Arvind Bugde, Director of Handicrafts, Textile and Coir; and Shri Sohan Uskaikar, Assistant Director of Handicrafts, Textile and Coir.

Shri Vidyadatt Naik, Secretary of Goa Board for Secondary and Higher Secondary Education, imparted valuable advice to the students, emphasizing the importance of seizing opportunities and acquiring new skills. "To secure employment, a blend of knowledge, certification, and hands-on training is essential," he remarked.

Dr. Mahesh Pai, Principal of Goa College of Home Science, highlighted the significance of supporting the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative by encouraging the purchase of handloom products. He urged attendees to contribute to the initiative through the promotion of indigenous handcrafted goods.

As part of the overarching "Atmanirbhar Bharat Swayapurna Goa" initiative, Shri Ashok Parab, Deputy Director of Art and Culture, called for the integration of handloom weaving courses in every panchayat locality. He congratulated the students for their dedication to mastering the art of handloom weaving.

In his address, Shri Arvind Bugde, Director of Handicrafts, Textile and Coir, emphasized the necessity of preserving and promoting India's rich handloom and traditional heritage. He provided insights into the process of handloom weaving and its diverse range of products.

The certificates were distributed to the students and teachers of the vocational stream (Fashion Design and Making) for completing the weaving course during on the job training, at the hands of the dignitaries.

The function was compered by Smt Ravini Davare and Smt Beneta Rodrigues, while Smt Anita Mahale extended her heartfelt gratitude in the vote of thanks.

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