

CM INAUGURATES 70TH NATIONAL CO-OPERATIVE WEEK 2023

Panaji: [November 14](#), 2023

Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant inaugurated the 70th National Co-operative Week 2023 at Ravindra Bhavan Sankhalim. The week-long celebration, organized by the Department of Co-operation in collaboration with Bicholim Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd., Sattari Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd., and Deendayal Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd., will be held from [November 14](#) to [November 20](#), 2023, in the state.

The theme for the week revolves around the "Role of Cooperative in \$ 5 Trillion Economy and Sustainable Development Goals,". Specific theme for the day was recent developments in cooperatives.

Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant also launched the Online Audit and Return Filing System for the Co-operation Department.

Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant while addressing announced the starting of diploma and degree courses in Cooperatives from the next academic year, in collaborations already established with two universities.

Emphasizing the importance of reforms and digitalization in cooperatives, the Chief Minister commended the Union Government decision to establish the Skilled Development Ministry and the Co-operation Ministry. He urged for collaborative efforts for a better life and derive benefit from government schemes and initiatives.

Minister for Co-operation and WRD, Shri Subhash Shirodkar, stressed the significance of women's participation in cooperatives and called for motivation in this regard. He disclosed the plans of computerizing all Cooperative Societies in the Co-operation sector by [March 2024](#) and expanding their areas of operation. Shirodkar urged for the establishment of one Multipurpose Cooperative Society in every Panchayat and the initiation of seed banks. Additional 5 pigmy collector should be appointed in every branch of Cooperative Societies as it will provide good job opportunities for the Goans, he added.

Shri Milind Bhirud, General Manager, NABARD, delivered a Keynote address gave insights into the principles of cooperatives and sharing figures and facts about their initiatives and development.

The event witnessed the felicitation of Chairman, office bearers, and employees of Cooperative Societies, along with the distribution of work orders to different Cooperative Societies at the hands of Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant and Minister for Cooperation Shri Subhash Shirodkar.

Dignitaries including Shri J.S.Rosario, Additional State Informatics Officer, NIC Goa; Smt. Rashmi Desai, Chairperson, Sankhali Municipal Council; Shri Gurudatt Sanzgiri, Chairman, Bicholim Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd.; Shri Vasudev Parab, Sattari Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.; Shri Vallabh Salkar, Chairman, Deendayal Multipurpose Cooperative Society Ltd.; and others were present at the function.

The Registrar for Cooperative Societies, Shri Manuel Barreto, delivered the welcome address, while Shri Govind Bhagat compered the function. Shri Dinesh Pawar, Deputy Registrar, Administration, Department of Co-operation, concluded the event with the vote of thanks.

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