

## INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED AT VASCO

Panaji August 15, 2024

While many democracies in the world have taken time to mature but Indians with its strong dedication towards our nation, have proved that we are the largest democracy in the world disproving the speculations made by many while attaining independence stated Minister of Transport Shri Mauvin Godinho addressing at the function organized to commemorate 78th Independence Day at Chicalim Vasco [today](#).

Minister earlier unfurled the tricolour and inspected the guard of honour and salami shastr by Goa Police contingent. As we are celebrating our independence day the Minister said there is tremendous enthusiasm among citizens of our Nation. The greatest strength of our nation is our unity in diversity which we have been talking since last 78 years. He said under the able leadership of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the centre and with the introduction of various reforms and policies, ease of doing business - our nation is on the verge of emerging as the world's third largest economy. Our nation is also excelling in various fields of human endeavour, the Minister added.

Shri Godinho speaking further called upon people to unite and rededicate them to acquire collective socio economic welfare and development of our country. We have robust infrastructure in Goa and we have to emerge as a well-developed nation in the world. No doubt we have to preserve our environment but not at the cost of stopping our development. We need to strike a balance to create avenues of progress and opportunity, he added.

To mark the celebration a Rope -Skipping competition was organized by the Directorate of Sports & Youth Affairs for school students in various age groups at State Level. The competition received enthusiastic participation. for boys and girls between the age group of 10-12 and 13-16.

In the age group of 10-12 those who stood first, second and third winners are Miss Zoya Hussain and Miss Aliya Hussain of Our Lady of Candelaria High School, Miss Aradhyaa Gupta, Keshav Smruti High School respectively. Among boys in the same age group Mast Maruti Lamani and Mast. Solomon Gudlana of Our Lady of Candelaria High School, Mast. Utkarsh Bind, Vidyamandir High stood first, second and third respectively.

While in the Girls category in the age group of 13- 16 Miss. Saesha Lamani and Miss Sanjana Jaiswar of Our Lady of Candelaria High School, Miss Kaveri Lamani Keshav Smruti High School bagged the first, second and third prize respectively. Among boys in the same age group Mast. Rudra Saroj of Our Lady of Candelaria High School, Mast. Shubham Kurtharkar of Keshav Smruti High School, Mast Laxman Yadav Shri Susenashram High School won the first, second and third respectively. All these winners received prizes at the hands of the Minister. Keshav Smruti Balvikas High School and Murgao High School Headland Sada presented cultural dances. Whereas Students of Keshav Smruti High School, and Our Lady of Candelaria High School, St. Joseph Institute presented patriotic songs.

To encourage mission Clean Vasco the stakeholders of various Housing Societies for proper garbage management were honoured with cash prizes. Apart from this Sewerage Treatment workers were also felicitated at the hands of the Minister.

MLA Vasco & Chairman of SGPDA Shri Krishna ( Daji )Salkar, MLA Mormugao Shri Sankalp Amonkar, Deputy Collector Shri Bhagwant Karmali, Deputy Director Panchayat, Shri Prashid Naik, Mamlatdar Shri Pravin J. Pandit, Chairman MMC Smt Anita Thorat, ZP Shri Sandip Sood, Jt. Mamlatdar Smt. Seema Gadekar, Shri Sarpanch VP Chicalim, Shri. Kamla Prasad Yadav Vasco . Sarpanch Aishwarya Korgaokar, Sarpanch VP Bogmalo Smt. Lorena Dcunha, prominent citizens, staff of Mamlatdar office, teachers, students in large attended the function.

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