

NATIONAL HANDLOOM DAY CELEBRATED AT SHIRODA

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10th National Handloom Day programme organised by Department of Handicrafts, Textile and Coir was held at Mahamaya Hall, Bhatwadi Shiroda [today](#). Minister for Water Resources, Shri Subhash Shirodkar inaugurated the programme.

In order to promote awareness about the importance of handloom industry in contribution to the socio-economic development of the country 7th August is celebrated as National Handloom Day every year. One of the key objectives of this initiative is to promote handloom. The aim is to promote niche handloom products with high quality, authentic traditional designs with zero defect and zero effect on environment.

While speaking on the occasion Shri Subhash Shirodkar recalled the Swadeshi movement started by Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi with the aim of becoming self-reliant.

He said Goa's first handloom society was established in 1987 in Shiroda constituency. He appealed to the people to support handloom weavers by buying handloom products. He urged officials of Handicrafts Department to reach out to the villages to promote handloom and informed that there are around 40 lakh handloom weavers across the country.

He said efforts are going on to launch a scheme through Co-operation Department to support Handloom weavers. There are also plan to start handloom training centres in the Government Primary Schools which are closed in Shiroda.

Government is working tirelessly to empower women thorough various ways. Skill development of the women is also focused, Shri Shirodkar said.

Sarpanch, Shiroda Panchayat, Smt Mugdha Shirodkar; Zilla Panchayat Member, Shri Narayan Kamat; President, Asturi Cluster Federation, Miss Gauri Shirodkar also spoke on the occasion.

Sarpanchas of Panchawadi, Borim and Betoda Panchayat respectively Mrs Lina Dcosta, Shri Satish Naik and Shri Madhu Khandeparkar; Under Secretary, Handicrafts, Smt Darshani Dessai and others were present on the occasion.

Eight Expert handloom weavers were felicitated on the occasion. The Programme was attended by handloom weavers.

Mrs Usha Chari presented welcome song. Director, Handicrafts, Smt Sandhya Kamat welcomed while Assistant Director, Shri Sohan Uskaikar proposed vote of thanks. Smt Ravini Daure compered.

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