

PRIME MINISTER LAUNCHES PM –SURAJ PORTAL

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Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi [today](#) virtually launched Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ) national portal at a programme marking nationwide outreach for credit support to socially disadvantaged sections, wherein he also interacted with beneficiaries of various government schemes from disadvantaged groups, including Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes and sanitation workers through video conferencing.

Minister for State for Tourism Shri. Shripad Naik who attended a programme of interaction held at Patto, Panaji expressed that an initiative of PM Suraj national portal is yet another wonderful step for empowerment of underprivileged people. He lauded the vision and efforts of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi towards providing financial and technical support to people who always remained deprived dignified life.

On the occasion Goa State Scheduled Castes and other Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation Ltd distributed financial assistance to few beneficiaries of the schemes executed by the corporation.

MLA, St. Cruz Shri. Rudolfo Fernandes commended the efforts of union government for implementing innovative schemes for the upliftment of marginalized people.

Minister for Tourism Shri. Rohan Khaunte, Secretary, Social Welfare Shri. Subhash Chandra, IAS, Under Secretary, Ministry of Social Welfare Shri. Awdhesh Mehta, Director Social Welfare Shri. Ajit Panchawadkar, Chairman of the Corporation Shri. Anil Hoble, MD Shri. Devidas Gaonkar were present on the occasion.

Credit support to 1 lakh entrepreneurs of disadvantaged sections in the country was sanctioned on the occasion.

Prime Minister also distributed Ayushman Health Cards and PPE kits to Safai Mitras under NAMASTE scheme.

More than 3 lakh beneficiaries of various government schemes from disadvantaged groups participated from over 500 districts through online mode.

Addressing the programme of marking nationwide outreach for credit support to disadvantaged sections, Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi said that this occasion provides a glimpse of the Government's commitment to prioritise the underprivileged. Mentioning transferring financial assistance worth 720 crore rupees directly into the bank accounts of one lakh beneficiaries of the disadvantaged sections, Shri. Modi said that such a system of Direct Benefit Transfer was unimaginable during the previous governments.

Referring to his interaction with the beneficiaries, the Prime Minister expressed satisfaction the way welfare schemes are reaching the Dalits, deprived and backward communities.

On the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047, Prime Minister Modi said that the goal cannot be achieved without the development of the deprived segments. He said, he has broken the mindset of the past and it is being ensured that facilities available to others like gas connection, bank accounts and toilets are available to Dalits, backwards, deprived and tribals. He said, the biggest beneficiaries of schemes like free ration, free medical treatment, pucca houses, toilets, and Ujjwala gas connection to the deprived segments or people living on the periphery. He said, now the government is working with the goal of saturation in these schemes.

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