

STATE LEVEL GOA REVOLUTION DAY CELEBRATED

Panaji, June 18, 2024

The Governor of Goa, Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai **today** stated that celebrations such as the Goa Revolution Day should be a day for introspection, as the occasion reminds us to review the progress and development achieved in various sectors.

The Governor was speaking at the State level Goa Revolution Day celebration held at Azad Maidan in the city. Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant also attended the function.

Governor Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai along with the Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant and other dignitaries laid wreath at the martyrs memorial and paid rich tributes to the martyrs of Goa freedom struggle. The Police troupe gave salute. Children from Bal Bhavan Goa presented patriotic songs on the occasion.

The Governor said that the Goa Revolution Day united the people of Goa. As on this day on **June 18**, 1946 the veteran freedom fighter Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia gave a clarion call to the people of Goa to fight against the colonial rule which eventually led to the liberation of Goa from foreign yoke on **December 19**, 1961.

The Governor said even **today** we follow the ideals of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, father of nation Mahatma Gandhi and Deen Dayal Upadhyay. He stressed to conduct a comprehensive study on Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia who he said came down to Goa and ignited the national spirit among the Goans. The entry of Lohia led to Goa's freedom entering into a larger stage at the national level. He said, soon after liberation Goa has made remarkable development in every sector because of the high regard Goans had for social responsibility and their adherence to the values of communal harmony, he added.

The Chief Minister in his address said that the Government intends to encourage Goan youth in research and innovation and therefore has laid thrust on creating robust infrastructure and has created the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Chair in Goa University. The Chief Minister further mentioned that due care is being taken so that the youth should not lag behind in any sector of human endeavour.

The Chief Minister speaking further said that Goa was liberated 14 years later after India's independence and hence missed three five-year Finance Commission Plans. However, the present and past Governments have contributed a lot for the development of Goa during post liberation period, he added

Paying tributes to the freedom fighters, the Chief Minister said we are indebted to them and recalled their supreme sacrifices. He said, that the Government celebrates various important dates of Goa's liberation movement so that the present generation is made aware about the contribution of these freedom fighters he said and added further saying that the Government has incorporated this aspect into the school curriculum.

President of Goa Daman and Diu Freedom Fighters Association, Shri Rohidas alias Dada Desai also spoke on the occasion.

Union Minister of State for Power, Shri Shripad Naik, Social Welfare Minister, Shri Subhash Faldesai; Power Minister Shri Ramkrishna alias Sudin Dhavlikar; Leader of Opposition, Shri Yuri Alemao; Chief Secretary, Shri Puneet Kumar Goel IAS; Collector North, Ms Sneha Githe IA; Director Tourism, Shri Sunil Anchipaka; IAS, Gurudwara President, Shri Harvinder Singh; Freedom Fighter, Shri Raya Pundalik Shirodkar; DGP Goa, Shri Jaspal Singh; Secretaries, Under Secretaries to the Govt. Heads of various Government Departments and prominent citizens attended the function.

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