

WORLD CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY CELEBRATED

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Minister for Cooperation Shri Ravi Naik asserted that cooperative movement has an objective of collective welfare where people together with mutual cooperation help themselves to prosper and called for the need for creating awareness among people about cooperation and cooperative movement. He was speaking at a function organized to celebrate World Consumer Rights Day organized by the Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs in association with the Registrar of Cooperatives Societies at Patto Panaji [today](#).

The Minister speaking further said people have to be careful in terms of their transaction as a consumer. Fake and adulterated goods and commodities are being sold in shops. The cases of cheating are commonly found everywhere in the State. Our Goans get cheated from outsiders. The World Consumer Rights Day is celebrated world over and in the country to bring awareness among people about their rights as a consumer, he said.

Secretary Civil Supplies Shri Sanjit Rodrigues, IAS highlighted the situation in the cooperative housing sector and said complaints against Chairman by its Members and against builders is not a good sign of Cooperation. Of course, issues can be there but it needs to be resolved amicably to safeguard the very objective of cooperation, he added.

Member of Goa State Consumer Redressal Forum Mrs Rachana Gonsalves delivered an address on impact of artificial intelligence on consumerism.

Registrar, Co-Operative Societies Shri Arvind Bugde, Asst. Registrar Cooperative Societies Shri Rupesh Korade, Co-Operative Officer Shri Savio Netto, Co-Operative Officer Shri Raju Magdum Goa Can Head & Member of GSCRF Shri Roland Martins participated in the interactive session.

The Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs launched its Channel on Social Media (Instagram) named “Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs” for accessibility of consumers at the hands of the Minister Shri Ravi Naik .

Director, Department of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs welcomed the dignitaries while Ms. Aishwarya Santosh Chari compered

the function. Thereafter Assistant Registrar Cooperative Societies Shri Amit Sawant proposed the vote of thanks.

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