

SAWANT PRESENTS CM-VASHISTHA GURU PURASKAR

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Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant presented the CM-Vashistha Guru Puraskar 2023-24 to seven distinguished educators at the 63rd Teacher's Day celebration held at Mast. Dinanath Mangeshkar Kala Mandir, Kala Academy, Campal, Panaji.

In his address, Chief Minister Dr. Sawant highlighted the pivotal role of teachers as architects of society, emphasizing their continuous need for personal and professional development. He commended Goa's students for their international representation in Coding & Robotics, underscoring the importance of career guidance and individual student counseling. Dr. Sawant affirmed that teachers are lifelong change-makers. Teachers' contribution to the vision of Swayampurna Goa is important, he concluded.

Shri Prasad Loliengar, IAS, Secretary of the Directorate of Education, echoed the sentiments, praising teachers for shaping students' futures and noted that the true measure of a teacher's success is reflected in their students' achievements. He emphasized that only smart teachers can foster smart classrooms.

The recipients of the CM-Vashistha Guru Puraskar 2023-24 in Primary Teacher Category-Mr. Mahesh Chandrakant Kashalkar, Govt. Middle School, Mopa, Pernem, North Goa; Ms. Pratima Prakash Prabhu Gaonkar, Govt. Primary School, Mahalwada, Poinguinim, Canacona, South Goa.

Secondary Teacher Category-Mr. Sudhir Tukaram Naik, Drawing Teacher, Sateri Vidya Mandir, Ibrampur, Pernem, North Goa; Ms. Jyoti Venkatesh Sinari, Assistant Teacher, Ramakant Naik Memorial Government High School, Tarmata, Bhile, Surla, Bicholim, North Goa

High School Headmaster Category- Mr. Shirishkumar Vinayak Amshekar, Headmaster, SSM's Swastik Vidyalaya, Priol, Mardol, South Goa.

Higher Secondary Teacher Category- Mr. Shirish Shriranga Bhide, Teacher Grade-I, Dempo Charitable Trust's Vasant Rao Dempo Higher Secondary School of Arts, Science and Commerce, Cujira, Santa-Cruz. Higher Secondary Principal Category- Mr. Vithal Ankush Parsekar, Principal, Dr. Ambedkar Higher Secondary School, Colvale, Bardez.

Additionally, ADEIs were honored for their exceptional efforts in achieving the highest collection of the Teachers Welfare Fund.

The event commenced with a welcome speech by Shri Shailesh Zingade, Director, Directorate of Education.

Smt. Meghana Shetgaonkar, Director, SCERT; Shri Shambhu Ghadi, State Project Director, Goa Samagra Shiksha; along with various officials, officers, teachers, and students attended the function.

The ceremony was compered by Shri Subhash Jan and concluded with a vote of thanks by Smt. Sindhu Prabhudesai, Dy. Director, Directorate of Education.

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