

POSITIVE NEWS IS BEING SIDELINED WHILE NEGATIVE & SENSATIONAL
NEWS IS GETTING ATTENTION: GODINHO

R.V PRABHUGAONKAR BESTOWED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD ON NPD

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The Department of Information and Publicity (DIP) celebrated National Press Day at the Institute Menezes Braganza, [today](#). The Chief Guest, Minister for Transport, Industries, Trade and Commerce, Protocol and Panchayati Raj. Shri Mauvin Godinho in his address said that the time has come to introspect in which way journalism is moving. Earlier times he pointed out journalism functioned by respecting ethics. There were boundaries that were respected and not crossed he said adding, however, with the entry of social media, the credibility of the media has come under the spotlight and is at stake. The entry of people simply claiming to be journalist and publishing things in the guise of news is of grave concern which tarnishes the image of true and sincere journalists.

Shri Godinho further spoke of how negative and sensational news is getting attention and positive news is being sidelined. This is harmful to society and in the long run harmful to the mindset of the young generation, he said. The progress of our country is everyone's responsibility, Shri Godinho said adding that good journalism, and Goa has a lot of good respected journalists he averred, helps keep the administration on its toes. He asked people to be mindful of the dangers of fake news saying it can harm a good person's reputation.

The press which is the fourth estate is a mirror to everything that happens in society and it is the press that gives people an opportunity to look into the mirror and therefore the press have to function in a disciplined manner, Shri Godinho said.

The Director of Information and Publicity, Shri Dipak Bandekar in his welcome address said that National Press Day highlights the essential role of the press plays in a democratic society and acknowledges the duty of the press to report truthfully. Shri Bandekar said that the press is called the fourth pillar of democracy because of its influential role in broadcasting information and acting as a watchdog of the Government. This day honours the freedom and responsibly of the press and reminds us of the press' commitment to truth, accountability and ethical journalism, Shri Bandekar said explaining how the press is actively shaping the narrative on various issues.

He further informed that the Department of Information and Publicity is actively striving to resolve issues faced by the journalists. He spoke of the beneficial schemes being implemented for the welfare of the journalist fraternity and spoke of the Department's vision to add and amend these schemes for the benefit of the journalists.

The president of the Goa Union of Journalists (GUJ), Shri Rajtilak Naik thanked the Department of Information and Publicity for their wholehearted support and expressed hope that this support continues.

Veteran journalist Shri R.V Prabhugaonker was conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award. In his acceptance speech, Shri Prabhugaonker spoke of the role the press played in shaping society and said families should encourage their children

to take up journalism as a profession. He urged journalists to adapt to the new technology in the field.

Senior journalists Shri Alexandre Moniz Barbosa, Shri Ramnath Pai Raikar, Shri Sushant Kunkolienkar, Shri Pradeep Patil and Shri Yashwant Patil were also feted for their contribution in journalism.

On the occasion, Journalist Awards and prizes of the Photo contest organized by the Department of Information and Publicity were presented.

Earlier, there was an interactive session on ‘Maintaining of Ethics and Accountability in Reporting’, where Shri Glenn Costa moderated a session comprising noted media persons- Shri Alister Miranda, Shri Prasad Mhambrey, Shri Newton Sequeira and Dr Olav Albuquerque. The panel spoke of the various challenges in maintaining ethics in journalism field and highlighted the importance of authenticity in news reporting. The challenges with the advent of social media was also discussed.

Present on the occasion were Joint Director of DIP, Shri Ganesh Barve, Information Officers, Shri Allwyn Pereira, and Shri Kiran Munankar, AAO, Smt Hazel Almeida, Office Supdt, Shri Shailesh Naik, Assistant Information Officer, Shri Nikhil Prajakte, among others.

Assistant Information Officer, Shri Shyam Gaonkar proposed the vote of thanks. Information Assistant, Ms Utkarsha Bhuskute compered the programme.

The celebration was held in association with the Goa Editors Guild, Goa Union of Journalists (GUJ), Photo Journalist Association of Goa (PJAG), Sports Journalist Association of Goa (SJAG), Electronic Media Journalist Association of Goa (EMJAG) and South Goa Journalist Association (SGJA).

National Press Day is celebrated on [November 16](#) each year and is commemoration of the day on which the Press Council of India was established.

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