

GOA IS THE ONLY STATE WITH 100% ISO-CERTIFIED SKILL  
DEVELOPMENT DEPT: CM

**Panaji: December 19, 2024**

Goa is the only State in our country with 100% ISO-certified Skill Development Department, informed Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant during the State-level Goa Liberation Day celebrations at Goa University Ground in Taleigao.

The Chief Minister shared that the Directorate of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (DSDE) headquarters has achieved ISO Quality Management System (QMS) 9001:2015 certification, and 10 Government ITIs have been awarded the ISO Educational Organization Management certification by the Indian Register of Quality Systems (IRQS).

Dr. Sawant honouring the sacrifices made by freedom fighters such as Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Mohan Ranade, and others, who relentlessly fought for Goa's independence said that sixty-three years after that pivotal moment, Goa has evolved into a State of progress and unity, overcoming the legacy of colonial exploitation. To acknowledge these sacrifices, the State government has presented Certificates of Honour and a Rs. 10 lakh grant to 15 martyr families.

The Chief Minister highlighted several key achievements of the government, including the launch of the CM Helpline- for responsive governance, the inauguration of the state-of-the-art District & Sessions Court in North Goa, and major infrastructure projects like the Mopa Link Road and the new Mopa airport, which are expected to boost the State's economy.

He reaffirmed the government's commitment for sustainable development and environmental responsibility, focusing on renewable and green energy projects. The CM also assured the people of Goa that efforts to resume mining in a sustainable manner will continue, with an emphasis on environmental protection and restoring livelihoods. Goa has been a pioneer in many areas, such as adopting a Dual citizenship, implementing the National Education Policy 2020, and being a model State for Direct Benefit Transfer.

The government is also working to protect the rights of the people over the waters of the Mhadei River, taking proper steps through the concerned authority. He said, government has made significant progress in women empowerment by fostering educational and social initiatives.

Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant emphasized that programs like the Goa State Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) and Deen Dayal Antyodaya Yojana – National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) have been instrumental in helping women form Self-Help Groups. These efforts have empowered women to engage in self-employment and skill-based work, leading to enhanced incomes and greater financial independence, the Chief Minister stated.

The Chief Minister urged the people of Goa to commit to achieve 100% literacy, empowering every child with education, promoting sustainable tourism, supporting

green energy and climate resilience initiatives, and strengthening social harmony to make Goa a land of unity and peace. He also emphasized that the vision of a “Developed India 2047” will be achieved by transforming Goa into a “Developed Goa” by 2037, a decade ahead of schedule.

During the event, the Chief Minister awarded several individuals for their meritorious services. Shri Sudesh Nalk, Dy. Supdt. Of Police, was presented with the President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service. Other awardees included Shri Pramod Kusta Saraf, Assistance Section Leader (HG), Bicholim; Smt Varsha Nagesh Nagoji, Lady Home Guard Volunteer, Panaji; Shri Pralhad Anand Mayenkar, Civil Defence Volunteer, Panaji; and Shri Vijay Mohan Surlikar, Post Warden, Panaji, who received the President's Home Guard & Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service.

The Chief Minister also awarded CM Police (Gold) Medals for Meritorious Service to several police officers and Fire Service, Home Guard and Civil Defence Medals, along with the CM Bravery Award and Krishi Vibhushan and Krishi Bhushan Awards. Earlier, the Chief Minister inspected the a parade and march past as part of the celebrations.

The results of the march past were also announced, with Shri Shantadurga High School, Bicholim, winning the first prize. The second prize was awarded to Shri Bhumika High School, Parye, Sattari, while Shri Saraswat Vidyalaya High School, Mapusa, received the third prize.

The function was attended by Minister for Power Shri Ramkrishna alias Sudhin Dhavlikar; Minister for Revenue Shri Atanasio Monserrate; MLA Shri Rudolf Fernandes; Chief Secretary ,Dr. V. Candavelou, (IAS); Director-General of Police (DGP), Goa, Shri Alok Kumar, (IPS); Secretary, Shri Ramesh Verma (IAS); Secretary Protocol, Shri Sanjit Rodrigues; Dr. Sneha Gitte, IAS, North Goa Collector; and other officials.

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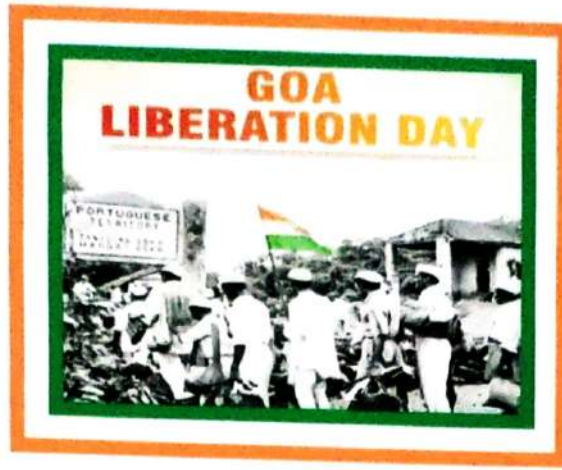
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**LIST OF AWARDEES**

Sr. No	Name of the Awardee	Department	Type of Award	Comprising of
1	<b>Shri Sudesh Naik</b> Dy. Supdt. of Police, SDPO, Panaji	<b>Dept of Home (General)</b>	President's Police Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
2	<b>Shri Pramod Kusta Saraf</b> Assistance Section Leader (HG) Bicholim		President's Home Guard & Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
3	<b>Smt Varsha Nagesh Nagoji</b> Lady Home Guard Volunteer Panaji		President's Home Guard & Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
4	<b>Shri Pralhad Anand Mayenkar</b> Civil Defence Volunteer Panaji		President's Home Guard & Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
5	<b>Shri Vijay Mohan Surlikar</b> Post Warden Panaji		President's Home Guard & Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
6	<b>Shri Nerlon Albuquerque</b> Dy SP, ANC, Panaji		CM Police (Gold) Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
7	<b>Shri Vishwesh P Karpe</b> Dy SP, SDPO, Panaji		CM Police (Gold) Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate

	<b>Shri Rahul T Parab</b> PI, Porvorim		CM Police (Gold) Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
9	<b>Shri Vinayak V Karekar</b> PSI, O/o. SP North Porvorim		CM Police (Gold) Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
10	<b>Shri Bhimrao T Gaude</b> ASI, SB Centre Ponda	<b>Dept of Home (General)</b>	CM Police (Gold) Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
11	<b>Shri Videsh M Naik</b> HC-5775, Vasco P.S.		CM Police (Gold) Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
12	<b>Shri Krishnanath H Chodankar</b> PC-5961, FRRO Detention Centre Mapusa		CM Police (Gold) Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
13	<b>Shri Subhash D Naik</b> Sub-Officer, Ponda Fire Station		CM Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
14	<b>Shri Tulshidas A Dessai</b> Leading Fire Fighter, Canacona Fire Station	<b>Dept of Home (General)</b>	CM Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
15	<b>Shri Geetesh N Naik</b> Fire Fighter, Kundaim Fire Station		CM Fire Service Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
16	<b>Shri Sanju Sonu Gaonkar</b> Home Guard Volunteer, Margao Division		CM Home Guard & Civil Defence Medal for Meritorious Service	Medal + Certificate
17	<b>Shri Raj Chodankar</b> Siolim		CM Bravery Award	Certificate + ECS of Rs. 1 Lakh
18	<b>Shri Mahesh N. Matarbhog</b> Savoi Verm, Ponda	<b>Directorate of Agriculture</b>	Krishi Ratna Award	DD of Rs. 2.00 L +Shawt+Shreephal+ Memento
19	<b>Shri Amar R Patil</b> Sanvordem, Curchorem		Krishi Vibhushan Award	DD of Rs. 1.00 L +Shawt+Shreephal+ Memento
20	<b>Shri Yogesh Y. Desai</b> Guleli, Sattari		Krishi Bhushan Award	DD of Rs. 50 Thousand+ Shawt+ Shreephal+ Memento

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<i>Felicitation under Swayampurna Goa 2.0 Programme</i>				
21	<b>Shri Derrick P Neto</b> Special Land Acquisition Officer Mopa Airport, TNO-Mormugao Taluka	<b>Dte. Of Planning, Statistics &amp; Evaluation</b>	Taluka Nodal Officer	Certificate + Memento
22	<b>Shri Rohan Ghadi,</b> Deputy Manager, Goa Waste Management Corporation, SM- V.P. Amona, Bicholim		Swayampurna Mitra	Certificate + Memento
23	<b>Shri Umanath Naik,</b> Senior Expert/Dy. Director Finger Print Bureau, O/o DGP, Panaji SM-VP.Mencuren-Dhumacem, Bicholim		Swayampurna Mitra	Certificate + Memento
24	<b>Shri Ashwin Desai,</b> BDO, Ponda SM-VP Assolda, Quepem		Swayampurna Mitra	Certificate + Memento
25	<b>Shri Audhut P Sawant,</b> Project Director, ATWA, Ella Old Goa SM-VP Betqui Candola, Ponda		Swayampurna Mitra	Certificate + Memento

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26	Shri Aftaf Nasirhussain Patel Usgao	<b>Dept. for Empowerment of Persons with disabilities</b>	Best Employee (Visual Impairment)	Shawl+ Shrifal+ Certificate +ECS of Rs 25,000/-
27	Shri Patrik D'Souza Patto, Panaji		Best Employee (Physical Impairment)	Shawl+ Shrifal+ Certificate +ECS of Rs 25,000/-
28	Shri Santano Blaz Fernandes Canacona		Best Employee (Hearing Impairment)	Shawl+ Shrifal+ Certificate +ECS of Rs 25,000/-
29	Shri Antonio J Simoes Betul, Quepem		Best Employer (Visually Impairment)	Shawl+ Shrifal+ Certificate +ECS of Rs 25,000/-
30	Keshav Seva Sadana Ponda		Best NGO	Shawl+ Shrifal+ Certificate +ECS of Rs 25,000/-
31	Shri Tinkesh Kaushik Carmona		National Awardee In Adventure Sports	Shawl + Shrifal Certificate + Trophy

32	<b>Shri Siddhesh Baburao Pednekar</b> Pernem	<b>Directorate of Social Welfare</b>	<b>Best Social Worker</b>	Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
33	<b>Shri Gaurish Manohar Dhond</b> Tiswadi			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
34	<b>Shri Reginaldo Agnelo</b> Mendonca Salcete			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
35	<b>Smt Anuradha Balkrishna Moghe</b> Salcete			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
36	<b>Shri Sandesh Kushali Velip</b> Quepem			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
37	<b>Shri. Mahadev H. Shinde</b> Ponda			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
38	<b>Smt Shalaka Suresh Kambli</b> Mormugao			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
39	<b>Shri Ashok Kumar Shetty</b> Bardez			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
40	<b>Shri Nandish Venkatesh Naik Dessai</b> Dharbandora			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
41	<b>Smt Samiksha Nagesh Shirodkar</b> Bicholim			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
42	<b>Shri Aditya Ankush Bottarkar</b> Sattari			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
43	<b>Shri Anand Ragnath Kurtikar</b> Ponda			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
44	<b>Shri Chinmay Purushottam Tanshikar</b> Sanguem			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
45	<b>Dr. Ricardo Ligia Teles</b> Margao			Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-
46	<b>Shri Samrat Bhagat</b> Canacona	Shawl + Shrifal + Certificate + ECS of Rs. 25,000/-		

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