

**COOPERATE WITH NAKSHA PILOT PROJECT APPEALS CM  
WILL BRING ABOUT TRANSPARENCY IN LAND MATTERS**

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The Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant while speaking at the launch of NAKSHA (National Geospatial Knowledge Based Land Survey of Urban Habitations), said that this pilot project which is being fully funded by the Central Government will help in urban planning in the long run and will facilitate seamless and fair land dealings, besides helping in urban planning and disaster management. He was speaking at a function organized by the Directorate of Settlement and Land Records in Panaji.

“Goans are fortunate,” Dr Sawant added that despite Goa being a small State, three places namely Panaji, Margao and Cuncolim have been selected for this project. The Chief Minister assuaging fears that may come up in people’s minds over the project which will be implemented in phases- survey through drones and preparing GIS based 3-D maps and title deeds, updating relevant property tax records based on the GIS system of the properties and integration of all maps-said that people shouldn’t get scared and the concerned Municipal Councils should give all assistance to the project. “This project will not change any records such as land titles. “These GIS based 3-D maps will be available for taxation, encroachment removal and city planning activities,” he said adding, “NAKSHA is a step towards Vikasit Bharat 2047.”

The Naksha logo and information booklet was also unveiled on the occasion.

Commissioner cum Secretary, Revenue, Sandip Jacques, IAS, said that this is a nationwide project which will help the Government and the common man. It will help improve land revenue collection, remove land disputes and sought the cooperation of these urban bodies for the survey to be completed within the stipulated time frame.

Earlier, Director of Settlement and Land Records, Shri Rohit Kadam, in his welcome address said that NAKSHA would efficiently help manage land records.

Present on the occasion were Collector, North, Dr Sneha Gitte, IAS, Ms Egna Cleetus, IAS, Collector, South Goa, among others. Also present were representatives from Municipal Corporations and panchayats.

Earlier, Shri Amrendra Kumar Singh, IES, gave an overview of project Naksha, which is being implemented by the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, Union Government, under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Program (DILRMP), with the help of Survey of India, on a one year pilot project basis to create Land records in about 152 urban local bodies in India.

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