

## **Beti Bachao Beti Padhao transformed from slogan to revolution: Phal Dessai**

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Minister for Social Welfare Shri.Subhash Phal Dessai today stated that 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme has transformed from a mere slogan to a revolution that celebrates womanhood in the country. He was speaking at programme organised by the South Goa District Administration to celebrate 10 yrs of Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' Scheme coinciding with International Women's Day at Margao.

Shri. Phal Dessai said that society should create conducive environment for women wherein they could grab every opportunity of success and growth. Women should always be prepared to shoulder the challenges of life as it will reward them with good opportunities to excel in life, he said. BBBP is launched to address the issue of gender imbalance. Shri. Phal Dessai said that girl child birth ratio has now improved from 933 to 977 and the target of the scheme will be achieved in near future. Minister also extended his greetings to all the women present and congratulated them for their wonderful achievements. Commanding Officer, Technical Training Centre at Dabolim Col. Suman Kumari was felicitated on the occasion.

In her address Col. Kumari urged young girls to dream big in their life and work hard to achieve their goals. She said that Indian Army enriched her personality with discipline, resilience and dedication. Police Superintendent, South Goa Shri. Tikam Singh Verma, IAS said that gender equality has become necessity of society and women empowerment and welfare has now become matter of national importance. Like wise education to women has become way forward to progress and development of the society.He assured that South Goa police is very much committed towards providing security and safety to women in every possible manner. Collector South Goa, Smt. Eгна Cleetus, IAS in her welcome address informed about various aims and objectives of BBBP scheme.

Director, Women and Child Development Shri. Manuel Barretto informed about various initiatives being implemented by the government under BBBP scheme in Goa. On the occasion students who have excelled in High secondary and higher secondary education and also various women from Self Help Groups, women professionals, sports women, women working with NGOs, Anganwadi teacher were felicitated to mark the occasion.

Smt. Radhika Prabhudesai compared the programme where as Dy. Collector Shri. Velton Teles proposed the vote of thanks.

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