

## **WOMEN PLAYS PIVOTAL ROLE IN SOCIAL & ECONOMIC GROWTH – GOVERNOR**

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Women plays a pivotal role in building social and economic growth of the country, hence initiatives focused on empowering girl child by the Government has immense significance towards betterment of Girl child, stated Governor of Goa, Shri. P.S. Sreedharan Pillai. He was speaking at a programme organised by Department of Women and Child Development to celebrate 10 years of `Beti Bachao Beti Padhao` Scheme, at Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula today.

Governor Shri. Pillai said that the country is marching ahead towards economic growth likewise `Beti Bachao Beti Padhao` Scheme is doing well across the country. He lauded the Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi for his visionary efforts and initiatives for launching `Beti Bachao Beti Padhao` Scheme (BBBP). He also expressed happiness over the performance of the State Government for efficient implementation of the Scheme.

Minister for Women and Child Development Shri. Vishwajit Rane stressed the need to change the negative mindset which prevails about the girl child in the society. People have to accept the fact that girls are equal and they must be given respectful status in the society. State Government has been putting tireless efforts in uplifting the economic, social status of women, he added.

Shri. Rane commended Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi for launching the `Beti Bachao Beti Padhao` Scheme to ensure empowerment of girl child in the country. State Government is making serious efforts to achieve the targets set for the scheme wherein maximum support will be extended to women for achieving their dream careers, he said.

`Beti Bachao Beti Padhao` Scheme aims to prevent gender – biased sex-selective elimination, to improve the sex ratio of girl child at birth, to increase the enrolment of girls in higher secondary education etc.

Secretary, Women & Child Development Shri. Arun Kumar Mishra IAS, informed about various initiatives implemented by the Government to achieve the targets of BBBP. The Government is extending health treatments for improving nutritional status. It has started giving treatments for anemic women. Government is also intending to provide medical treatments for married women who are longing for child and not conceived for more than two years.

Collector North Goa Dr. Sneha Gitte, IAS in her address stressed upon the importance of family support to girl child for pursuing her dreams. Women have to be strong support one and other in tackling social challenges then only desired change among the society can be seen.

On the occasion Department of Women and Child Department facilitated few daughters of Anganwadi workers who have excelled in their life. Fashion show, dance depicting women empowerment was presented on the occasion.

Director, Women and Child Development Shri. Manuel Barretto, Dy. Director, Smt. Jyoti Desai and others were present on the occasion.

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