

## **GOVERNOR UNDERTAKES “KHUSHAL KALYAN YATRA” IN SOUTH DISTRICT**

**Panaji : May 28, 2025**

The Governor Shri P. S. Sreedharan Pillai in his third round of “Khushal Kalyan Yatra” visited five holy places in South Goa today. The Governor will also visit various other holy places in the remaining talukas.

The Governor started his yatra by visiting Shree Shantadurga Ballikarin temple at Balli. Shri Yuri Alemao, Leader of Opposition and Shri Altone D'Costa, MLA welcomed the Governor.

Later, the Governor Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai and First Lady of Goa Smt. Rita Sreedharan Pillai offered prayers at Shree Shantadurga Ballikarin temple.

The Governor was felicitated on behalf of devasthan by offering Shawl, Sreephal and a memento. The Governor presented a cheque of Rs. 50,000/- to the President of the Devasthan Samiti.

Shri Sanket Faldessai, President of Shree Shantadurga Ballikarin temple welcomed him on behalf of devasthan. Others present were Shri Vijay Faldessai, Secretary, Shri Mitil Faldessai, Treasurer, Shri Videsh Faldessai, Attorney and other committee members. Shri Govind Faldessai, Sarpanch was also present.

On his arrival at Shree Nirankar Devalaya, Mashem the Governor was welcomed by Shri Ramesh Tawadkar, Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly. Others present were Smt. Nisha Chari, Sarpanch of Mashem Village Panchayat, Shri Ramkrishna Prabhu Gaonkar, President of Devasthan, Shri Bhushan Prabhu Gaonkar, Shri Madhav Prabhu Gaonkar.

Later, Governor visited Mano Sobha Colaghar at Mashem wherein Shri Sandesh Prabhu Dessai briefed about the functioning of Kalaghar. Shri Prabhu Dessai mentioned that Kalaghar is a place which celebrates all art forms and where passion meets performances.

The Governor placed wreath at Hutatma Smarak at Poinguinim, Cancona and then visited the 800 years old renovated Shree Betal Devalaya and offered prayers. Shri Ramesh Tawadkar, Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly, Smt. Savita Tawadkar, Sarpanch, Shri Harish

Prabhu Gaonkar, President and other committee members of the devasthan along with prominent citizens were present.

The Governor later visited Zamatul Muslimeen Sunni Jamia Masjid, near Police station, Demani, Cuncolim. Shri Yuri Alemao, Leader of Opposition, Shri Lendary Mascarenhas, Chairperson of Cuncolim Municipal Council and Office bearers of Zamatul Masjid including Shah Shabir, President, Shaikh Abdul Rauf, Vice-President, Sheik Rafaz, Secretary, Shaikh Suleman, Treasurer and others welcomed the Governor.

The Governor was felicitated on behalf of Managing Committee of Zamatul Muslimeen Sunni Jamia Masjid by presenting shawl and memento.

Later, the Governor visited Our Lady of Health Church in Cuncolim wherein the Governor Shri P.S. Sreedharan Pillai and First Lady of Goa Smt. Rita Shreedharan Pillai offered prayers at Our Lady of Health Church.

During Khushal Kalyan Yatra the Governor is offering prayers at the places of worship and invoking divine blessings for peace, happiness and welfare of the people of Goa and the Nation.

The Governor was accompanied by Shri Sanjeev Gauns Desai, Secretary to the Governor, Shri R. Mihir Vardhan, Special Officer to Governor, Shri, Sanjeev Sardesai, Historian and Shri A. Kalyana Harsha, Comptroller of Governor's Household and others.

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