

NATION FIRST, NO ONE ABOVE CONSTITUTION - DR SAWANT

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Nation is first and no one is above the constitution. Many families suffered because of the emergency. The days during Emergency time were so difficult that many said the British time was good rather than emergency. Emergency was a forced sterilization drive in the name of population control, said Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant.

He was speaking at a State Level function to observe Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas 2025 organised in association with Vidya Vikas Mandals, Govind Ramnath Kare College of Law at Margao.

Further speaking Dr Sawant said, during the Emergency, fundamental rights were breached, the press was silenced under strict censorship and thousands of political leaders, journalists and members of civil society were imprisoned. The imposition of the Emergency from June 25, 1975 stands as a stark reminder of one of the darkest chapters in the history of Independent India, Dr Sawant said.

He said, Constitution of India has the same importance just like Geeta, Bible and Quran. The Constitution gave cooperative federalism. Government is promoting Citizen friendly Governance and empowering the constitutional bodies. Government is working for freedom through development, he added.

MLA, Shri Digamber Kamat said, it is the 50th anniversary of black day of Indian Democracy. Any challenges may come but Democracy shall always live in India he remarked.

Chief Secretary, Dr V Candavelou, IAS said, 25th June is a very important day in the constitutional history of India.

Chairperson, Margao Municipal Council, Shri Damodar Shirodkar; Secretary, Art and Culture, Shri Sunil Anchepaka, IAS; Director, Directorate of Art and Culture, Shri Sagun Velip also graced the event.

Director, Directorate of Higher Education, Shri Bhushan Sawaikar welcomed while Chairman, Vidya Vikas Mandal, Shri Nitin Kunkolikar proposed vote of thanks.

Informative documentary regarding the Emergency was also screened on the occasion.

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