

## **PWD MINISTER URGES TO FOLLOW PRINCIPLES OF DR. F.L. GOMES**

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Minister for Public Works, Shri. Digambar Kamat today urged the student community to get inspired by the life of late Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes and work selflessly for the betterment of the country. He was speaking at a state level programme organised by South Goa Collectorate to commemorate Death Anniversary of Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes held at Navelim, Salcete today.

Minister Shri. Kamat said that Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes was a great thinker who propounded nationalism in the Portuguese Parliament by raising the voice for freedom. He was a true patriot who used his position to advocate for social justice and equality.

Education is the best tool for the betterment of an individual. There cannot be a better alternative for education in life. Minister appreciated the commitment of Navelim village towards excellence in education.

Shri. Kamat stressed that, in order to propagate the moral values among the society one should start inculcating it at home and in primary education. Following the principles of Late Dr. Gomes in daily life would be a real tribute to his legacy Shri. Kamat said.

President of the Late Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes Memorial Trust, Shri. Luizinho Faleiro said that Dr. Gomes propounded nationalism for India in the Portuguese Parliament 30 years before the Indian freedom movement could start. He informed that the Library established in the name of Dr. Gomes at Navelim by the trust is turning out to be one of the best library in the country. He appealed to the younger generation to take advantage of the library. Shri. Faleiro also appreciated the valiant efforts of South Goa Collectorate and other Departments for organising the programme.

Fr. Gabriel Coutinho expressed the need to follow the great ideology of Dr. Gomes to achieve success in life.

Navelim MLA, Shri. Ulhas Tuenkar, Ex MLA Shri. Avertano Furtado, South Goa Collector Smt. Eгна Cleetus, IAS, South Goa SP Shri. Tikam Singh Verma, IPS, ZP Member Shri. Edwin Cardozo, President of Freedom Fighters Association Shri. Rohidas Dessai, Navelim Sarpanch Shri. Paul Pereira were present on the occasion.

In order to honour the significant contribution of Dr. Francisco Luis Gomes, his birth and death anniversaries have been declared as State Level functions since 2024 by the Government.

Schools Children from the Schools in Navelim Village presented patriotic songs on the occasion.

Shri. Avito Pires de Menezes compered the programme.

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