

SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE IS SERVICE TO THE NATION: CM

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India is emerging as a global economic super power and its initiatives like Atma Nirbhar Bharat is making it possible said, Chief Minister, Dr Pramod Sawant at the inauguration of the Seva Pakhwada 2025 program organized by Goa State Rural Livelihood Mission, Department of Rural Development, at Kala Academy today. Dr Sawant urged the gathering to buy 'Swadeshi' (Indian made) products so as to make the Indian economy vibrant. "Goa has made huge progress in terms of its human resource and infrastructural development under our Government," Dr Sawant said.

The Seva Pakhwada fortnight which will continue till October 2 is aimed at popularizing the Government's flagship programmes and initiatives with a vision to serve people, especially the poor.

Dr Sawant stressed on service to the people and called it service to the nation. He said that empowerment of women, youth and farmers and poverty alleviation were the pillars on which the Government was focusing its vision.

The gathering listened to the speech of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi which was telecasted live from Dhar, Madhya Pradesh.

Highlighting the campaigns launched on the occasion by the PM, Dr Sawant said that the 'Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar' campaign is dedicated to the mothers and sisters of the country. Under this campaign, women will receive free treatment at medical camps held at Community Health Centres (CHCs), District Hospitals and other government health facilities as part of the Seva Pakhwada. Dr Sawant said schemes such as the 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' are all aimed at giving assistance to women and empowering them.

Dr Sawant also stressed the importance of the launch of the 'Suman Sakhi Chatbot', aimed at raising awareness on maternal and child health, and other initiatives for tribal regions with a special emphasis on the Tribal Village Action Plan and Tribal Village Vision 2030.

On the occasion, sanction letters of appointment of Swayampurna Sakhi were handed over to beneficiaries. Bank loan disbursement to cooperative societies and Best Lakhpati Didi awards were also held on the occasion.

Assistance under the Aajeevika Grameen Express Yojana was given to North and South Goa Cluster Level Federation for purchase of 24 vehicles in each District. This scheme is aimed at providing affordable community transport services in remote rural areas.

Workers from various walks of life were felicitated with the Vishwakarma Adarsh Kamgar Awards 2025 on the occasion of 'Vishwakarma Jayanti', a festival celebrated in honour of Lord Vishwakarma, who is believed to be the architect of the universe. Students were felicitated for their achievements in innovation.

Several Government Departments were felicitated on the occasion for the contribution of their respective Department in initiatives of the Goa State Rural Livelihood Mission. Director, Shri Dipak Bandekar received the award on behalf of the Department of Information and Publicity.

Earlier, Dr Sawant inaugurated a three-days painting and photography exhibition on PM Modi at Kala Academy.

Present on the occasion were Minister for WRD, Shri. Subhash Shirodkar, Minister for Tourism, Shri. Rohan Khaunte, Minister for Revenue, Shri. Atanasio Monserrate, Minister for Power, Shri. Ramkrishna alias Sudin Dhavalikar, Minister for Fisheries, Shri Nilkanth Halarnkar, Minister for Social Welfare, Shri. Subhash Phaldesai, Rajya Sabha MP, Shri. Sadanand Shet Tanavade, MLAs, Shri. Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, Shri. Sankalp Amonkar, Shri. Rodolfo Fernandes, CCP Mayor, Shri. Rohit Monserrate Chief Secretary, Dr. V. Candavelou, IAS, and others.

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