

## **INNOVATIVE STEM LEARNING TAKES WHEELS AS ‘TAARE ZAMEEN PAR’ BUS LAUNCHED IN GOA**

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Marking a significant step towards strengthening experiential learning in schools, the Goa Government flagged off the “Taare Zameen Par” Mobile STEM and Digital Planetarium Bus at PM Shri School, Cumbarjua. The initiative aims to bring interactive and hands-on science learning directly to students across the State.

The mobile unit is equipped with an inflatable digital planetarium that will provide immersive astronomy and space science shows directly in schools. It also includes portable STEM and science experiment kits, enabling students to engage in hands-on learning and gain practical understanding of scientific concepts. The initiative will cover government and aided schools across the State, ensuring wider access to advanced educational tools.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant said, “This initiative opens new avenues of curiosity, innovation and discovery for our students by taking learning beyond conventional methods.” Emphasising the State’s vision, he added, “Education in Goa must go beyond academics to nurture confident, skilled and future-ready individuals.” He noted that the programme will benefit students from Classes V to X by encouraging scientific temper, creativity and critical thinking through interactive engagement.

Highlighting the broader vision, CM Dr. Sawant informed that a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Goa State Council of Educational Research and Training and the Antarang Foundation to introduce a structured career education programme. This will support students of higher classes in making informed career choices and preparing for future opportunities.

The programme was attended by MLA, Shri Rajesh Phal Dessai,; Secretary, Education, Shri Prasad Lolayekar, IAS; Director of Education, Shri Shailesh Zingade,; Director, Goa State Council of Educational Research and Training, Smt. Meghana Shetgaonkar along with the Principal, teaching and non-teaching staff, and students of PM Shri School, Cumbarjua.

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