

GOVERNOR GREETES PEOPLE ON STATEHOOD DAY

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The Governor, P Ashok Gajapathi Raju has extended his heartfelt greetings and warm wishes to every Goan across the State and around the world on the joyous occasion of Goa Statehood Day. In his message, the Governor said, “Today we celebrate not merely a constitutional milestone but the spirit, identity and aspiration of Goa and its people. Statehood Day reminds us of the democratic journey through which Goa secured its rightful place as the 25th State of the India Union in 1987. It stands as a proud tribute to the vision, determination and sacrifices of generations who preserved Goa’s unique cultural soul while embracing progress and modernity”.

The Governor added, "Goa is more than a beautiful destination. It is a living example of harmony, literacy, social development and peaceful coexistence. Our State has always demonstrated that development and heritage can go hand in hand; that tradition and innovation can complement each other”.

“Today, as India marches forward with confidence in the Amrit Kaal, Goa too stands at an important moment in its journey. The world around us is changing rapidly. Technology is transforming economies, climate challenges are becoming more visible and societies everywhere are searching for models of sustainable and humane development. In this changing landscape, Goa has the opportunity to emerge as a leader – not only in tourism but in knowledge, innovation, culture, sustainability and quality of life”, the Governor stated.

“We must therefore think beyond the Goa of Today and prepare for the Goa of tomorrow. Our youth are talented, ambitious and globally connected. We must empower them with quality education, skills, entrepreneurship opportunities and a sense of responsibility towards society. The dreams of young Goans should find fulfilment here in their own homeland, where talent meets opportunity”, the Governor added.

The Governor continued, "At the same time we must preserve the priceless treasures entrusted to us-our rivers, forests, coastline, villages, traditions, music, language, architecture and community values. Development should strengthen our identity, not weaken it. A truly progressive Goa will be one that grows economically while remaining environmentally conscious and culturally rooted”.

“I also wish to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of every section of society, our farmers, fishermen, teachers, healthcare workers, Government employees, entrepreneurs, artists, workers and members of civil society. Your dedication forms the foundation of Goa’s progress”, the Governor said adding.

"On this occasion, let us also reaffirm our collective commitment to constitutional values, public service and social harmony. Goa has always shown that diversity is not

a weakness but a strength. The spirit of mutual respect and communal harmony that defines our State must continue to guide future generations."

"Every generation receives a Goa from the past but it also carries the responsibility of shaping the Goa of the future. Let us therefore work together with unity, discipline, compassion and vision, so that the coming decade becomes a golden chapter in the history of our State," the Governor said.

"May Goa continue to prosper in peace, progress in confidence and inspire the nation with its example. On this proud occasion of Goa Statehood Day, I once again convey my best wishes to all citizens. Jai Hind. Jai Goa," the Governor concluded

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