

**SAHAKAR SEVA BHAVAN INAUGURATED TO SUPPORT AND
STRENGTHEN COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES IN GOA**

**“THE COOPERATIVE MOVEMENT REMAINS ONE OF THE STRONGEST
PILLARS OF INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
IN GOA,” DR. SAWANT**

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Strengthening the institutional framework of Goa’s cooperative sector, Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant today inaugurated the newly established Sahakar Seva Bhavan, the Head Office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, at Mercês, Tiswadi. The new facility is expected to enhance administrative efficiency and provide improved services to cooperative societies operating across the State.

Established as a dedicated centre for cooperative administration, the new office is housed in a restored government-owned building showcasing Indo-Portuguese architectural heritage. Restored by the Public Works Department at an investment of approximately ₹2.40 crore, the facility offers modern infrastructure for the functioning of the Department of Cooperation.

Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant lauded the contribution of Goa’s cooperative societies towards the State’s development and acknowledged the support extended by NABARD to the sector. He also appreciated the efforts of Cooperation Minister Shri Subhash Shirodkar in securing the new premises and announced that the process for the proposed “Mhajo Flat” initiative would commence shortly following the progress of the Mhaje Ghar initiative.

Highlighting the strength of the cooperative movement in Goa, CM Dr. Sawant noted that over 5,600 cooperative societies are actively functioning across the State. During the programme, staff members of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies and various cooperative societies, including multipurpose societies with zero NPAs, were felicitated for their contribution to the sector.

Reflecting the vision of “Sahakar Se Samriddhi”, the inauguration marks another step towards strengthening cooperative institutions and promoting inclusive development through the cooperative model.

The programme was attended by Shri Subhash A. Shirodkar, Hon’ble Minister for Cooperation and Water Resources Development; Shri Rudolph Fernandes, Hon’ble MLA of St. Cruz Constituency; Shri Mahesh Kumar Shambhu, IFS, Secretary (Cooperation); Smt. Gauri Kamat, Zilla Panchayat Member; Shri Ashutosh Apte, Registrar of Cooperative Societies; and other distinguished guests.

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