

LET'S WORK UNITEDLY FOR GOA'S DEVELOPMENT: SHRI KHAUNTE

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The Government is committed to Goa's development while simultaneously protecting Goa's cultural ethos said

Minister for Tourism, Information and Technology, Electronics and Communication, Printing and Stationary, Shri Rohan Khaunte after hoisting the National Flag on the occasion of India' 80th Independence Day celebrations in Mapusa, today.

Citing the example of the recently hosted Shackaton in Goa, which brought digital professionals and innovators to the State bringing to fore the opportunity to blend tourism with remote work, Shri Khaunte said that Goa is now been seen as a destination for innovation and technology.

He appealed to innovators to come to Goa stating that this would greatly help the start-up ecosystem in the State which is helping Goans especially the youth and women in gaining employment, becoming job providers and becoming empowered.

He informed that the Government is working on the Goa Fibre Network Project to digitise more services in the State which will help bring speed and transparency to Government services.

In the quest for bringing digital services to Goa, the Government has kept Goa's identity and cultural sentiments at heart, Shri Khaunte said speaking of initiatives like the development of a conversational Konkani Large Language Model (LLM) which will enable locals to interact with digital platforms in their mother tongue Konkani.

Shri Khaunte said that after the ban on mining, tourism sector has played an important role in steering the State' economy to stability. He credited the single window system and Ease of Doing Business models for helping making this possible.

He further said that Goa' tourism emphasis on culture, spirituality etc has diversified tourism in bringing in more opportunities and making Goa a tourist destination all through the year.

The Government is constantly working on strengthening tourism sector laying focus on regenerative and spiritual tourism, wellness tourism etc. He informed that the Government will start tourist guide certified courses for youngsters which will increase their employment opportunities.

Infrastructural development is helping boost the economy he said highlighting how the infrastructure like the Mopa international airport and flyovers over the Mandovi and Zuari bridges are helping bridge distance of commute. He informed that the Porvorim flyover will be completed and inaugurated in September this year.

Shri Khaunte appealed to everyone to work unitedly for Goa's progress and honour the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters to make the State and the country an ideal place.

On the occasion, those who have done meritorious service in various fields, including founders of start-ups were felicitated.

Present were Additional Collector, Shri Pundalik Khorjuvenkar, Deputy Collectors, Shri Anant Malik, Shri Vinayak Chari, Bardez Mamlatdar, Krishna Gawas, SP Vishwesh Karpe, PI Mapusa, Shri Navin Desai and others.

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