

ACTIVE ADMINISTRATION IS A SIGN OF AN ACTIVE GOVERNMENT: SHIRODKAR

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“An active administration is a sign of an active government,” said Water Resources Minister Subhash Shirodkar, assuring Ponda residents that he would personally take responsibility for addressing the taluka’s grievances and remain available at the Ponda Municipal Council every Tuesday evening to hear citizens.

Addressing the 80th Independence Day gathering at Kranti Maidan, Ponda, Shirodkar said the government would ensure greater accountability in administration, with compulsory audits of departments and a quick review of development works at every Independence Day function.

Describing Antruz Mahal Ponda as an education hub, Shirodkar urged educational institutions to carry forward the legacy by producing scholars who could contribute to nation-building and take Ponda and Goa to the national stage. The Minister also promised that Ponda would become self-sufficient in potable water by August 30, assuring residents that the Water Resources Department would work towards fulfilling the commitment.

Shirodkar, who hoisted the national flag after paying homage at the Hutatma Smarak, called upon citizens to uphold the ideals and sacrifices of the freedom fighters.

The function was attended by NRI Commissioner Shri Narendra Savaikar, 6 TTR Commanding Officer Shantanu Kaushik, PMC Chairperson Veerendra Dhavalikar, Deepa Kolvenkar, Ritesh Naik, Councillors, Additional Collector Vishal Kundaikar, Deputy Collector Kaushik Amonkar, and freedom fighters among others.

Ponda Police, led by PSI Prajot Bakhale, presented the guard of honour.

Patriotic songs and cultural performances by school students marked the celebrations.

In a first, the Independence Day ceremony witnessed ‘Vande Mataram’ being sung immediately after the flag hoisting, followed by the National Anthem, marking a notable change in the traditional sequence of proceedings.

Earlier on his arrival at Kranti Maidan the WRD Minister was received by Shri Vishal Kundaikar, Additional Collector, Shri Shivram Vaigankar Dy. SP and Shri Kaushik Amonkar Dy. Collector.

Shri Girish Velguckar, compered the function.

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