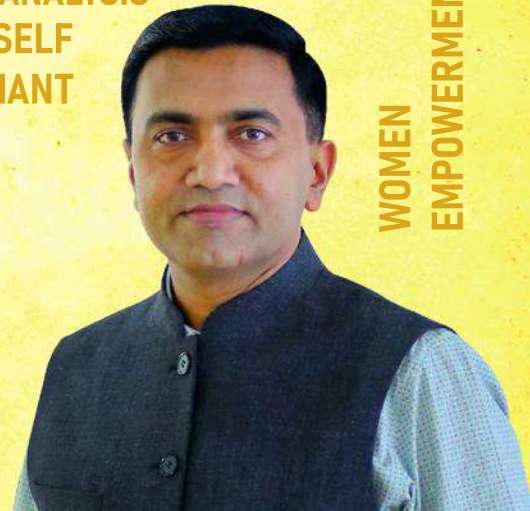




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Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa was, is and will continue to be the top-most priority of our government. With Phase One being a massive feat, we will continue to strive and do all that it takes to leave no stone unturned in fulfilling our endeavors and achieving desired outcomes in the form of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa 2.0 making Goa even bigger, even better!

”

- **Dr. Pramod Sawant,**
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Goa

PREFACE

AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT SWAYAMPURNA GOA

Advancing the vision of a self-reliant Goa

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa initiative, spearheaded by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, is rooted in the mission of transforming every village in Goa into a self-sustaining entity. This initiative marks a bold commitment toward realizing a fully self-reliant state by driving local economic growth and empowering communities at the grassroots level.

The core vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa is one of steadfast determination, aimed at reducing Goa's dependence on external resources. By promoting local production—whether in agriculture, dairy, or handicrafts—the program fosters import substitution while empowering local stakeholders. The goal is not only to achieve economic independence but also to generate prosperity within the state by ensuring that the benefits are shared equitably across communities.

Born from the challenges posed by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the first phase of Swayampurna Goa saw remarkable success. The groundwork laid during this period has set the stage for Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa 2.0. This next phase will build on the momentum, focusing on completing pending initiatives and expanding the program's reach, thus amplifying the successes of the first phase.

ABSG 2.0 is poised to realize several ambitious goals, including increasing local production of key agricultural products such as rice, fruits, and dairy, and improving Goa's standing in national Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) rankings. It also emphasizes youth and women's empowerment, especially through career development, entrepreneurship, and skill-building initiatives at the Panchayat level. Through Self-Help Groups, micro-finance institutions, and market linkages, local communities are encouraged to be the drivers of their own development.

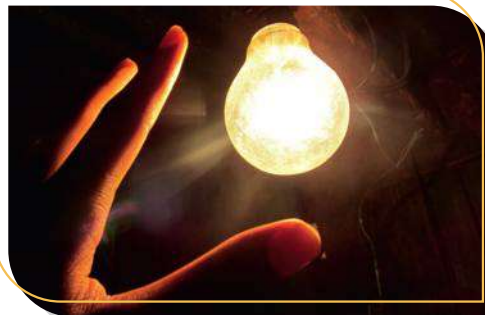
Central to ABSG 2.0 is the focus on Skilling, Reskilling, and Upskilling, particularly for the state's youth and women. These efforts will span multiple sectors, ensuring that Goa's future workforce is equipped with the tools and knowledge to succeed in an evolving economy.

In the face of the global pandemic, the unwavering leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister and the collaboration between government officers, local institutions, and citizens have helped Goa take decisive steps toward self-reliance. Today, Goa stands at the forefront of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, setting an example for other states with its continued success through the Swayampurna Goa Mission.

10 Focus points under SWAYAMPURNA GOA 1.0 Program

Jal Suvidha (जलसुविधा)

Water for all



Vidhyutikaran (विद्युतीकरण)

Electricity for all

Shouch Sanchalan (शौच संचालन)

Sanitation for all



Asra Youjanno (आसरा येवजणो)

Shelter for all



Aarogya Sampada (आरोग्य संपदा)

Swasthya Sewa
Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana (DDSSY)

Krishi Samruddhi (कृषि समृद्धि)

Agriculture & Horticulture / Animal Husbandry / Fisheries
PM Kisan, Kisan Credit Card (KCC), Soil Health Card, Krishi Card



Samajik Suraksha (सामाजिक सुरक्षा)

Griha Aadhar and Dayanand Social Security Scheme (DSSS)

Divyang Bhalaikee (दिव्यांग भलायकी)

Unique Disability Identity Cards (UDID), Assistance to Disabled Person (ADIP)



Bhavishya Saurakshan (भविष्य संरक्षण)

Bank Account, PM Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and
PM Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)

Varishth Nagarik Daayitva

(वरिष्ठ नागरिक दायित्व)
facilities/ counseling/ care, Senior Citizen Card



SWAYAMPURNA TIMELINE





(Graphical Representation)

AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT SWAYAMPURNA GOA

SWAYAMPURNA TIMELINE

THE INCEPTION OF THE SWAYAMPURNA GOA MISSION

The idea of initiating an economic revival plan originated in the backdrop of the COVID -19 pandemic, which created enormous strain on the economy of the State. State Governments all over the country were struggling to provide health care to its citizens, but at the same time, there were other concerns of livelihood and revival of their economy. Goa was no exception to this catastrophic situation.

The State of Goa was also affected by the virus and the Government of Goa initiated steps to undertake a systematic approach to understand the needs in different areas for reviving the village economy and in turn to help people overcome issues. The idea was discussed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant at various State Level Disaster Management Committee meetings.

IDENTIFYING INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISM

In order to prepare a strategy for execution of the plan, it was decided to identify relevant institutions and hence the Directorate of Higher Education (DHE) and Goa Institute of Public Administration & Rural Development (GIPARD) were entrusted the task of preparing the report for economic revival for the Panchayats and Municipalities in Goa. The two departments took up the task and put up the proposal for preparing the plan after undertaking a detailed survey of the Village Panchayats. The following objectives were identified and a detailed methodology was adopted.

1. To study the socio-economic institutions, natural and human resources, livelihood aspects of all panchayats.
2. To analyze the potential for revival of sectors related to agriculture, animal husbandry, fishing, horticulture, tourism, MSME, traditional means of livelihood etc.
3. To study the possibilities of Institutional Strengthening at the village level.
4. To analyze the scope of enhancing revenue for the Panchayats.



METHODOLOGY

An exhaustive study was conducted across 25 colleges in Goa. The village panchayats were segregated taluka-wise and each college was assigned a group of 7 – 11 village panchayats.

The Primary Data from the village panchayats was collected from the Sarpanchas and Ward Members through a questionnaire, which was administered through the college representatives by visiting the respective village panchayats. The data from the village panchayat Secretaries was collected through a questionnaire using Google Forms. Various Focus Group Discussions on thematic / sectoral areas such as agriculture, livelihood, women issues, were conducted with the villagers to seek further insight into the issues and concerns of the village.

SECONDARY DATA COLLECTION

The colleges were asked to collect additional information by referring to websites of Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India, and Mission Antyodaya data; they were requested to analyze the Gram Panchayat Development Plan of each village panchayat.

FINDINGS & ANALYSIS

The colleges analysed the data and collated the village report consisting of the data captured, and the Focus Group Discussion. The Institutions were given the freedom to come out with innovative ideas and suggestions for revival of local livelihoods and their economy. The report prepared consisted of the aspirations, concerns and demands of the people which would eventually help to take care of their economic development.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CORE TEAM

Upon preparation of the Village Reports, the Core Team compiled the findings which are mentioned in more than 2000 page report based on which a concise and easy to read document was prepared by the Core Team.

REPORT PRESENTATION

The study report on Economic Revival for Village Panchayats was presented to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, consequent to which the team was asked to prepare an Action Plan and a Strategy for implementation of the Plan.

PREPARATION OF AN ACTION PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Core Team prepared a detailed Action Plan and an implementation strategy. The strategy was to enable the Government to meet the many aspirations and concerns to be met. The plan enumerated a detailed list of activities which were grouped into the long term, short term and immediate goals, which the Government would implement and eventually meet the objectives set out in the study for preparing the Economic Revival Plan. The same was also presented to the Cabinet.

Swayampurna Goa Process Flow Chart



THE FORMAL LAUNCH

On October 2, 2020, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, launched the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa program. Inspired by the Aatmanirbhar Bharat – Garib Kalyan Yojana, its primary goal was to ensure human development by delivering government beneficiary-oriented schemes directly to every eligible person, ultimately meeting the aspirations of citizens with minimal government intervention and maximizing the benefits of governance.

To achieve this vision, 237 Government Officers were appointed as Swayampurna Mitras across 191 Village Panchayats, 13 Municipalities, and 1 for the Corporation of City of Panaji. Their main role was to bridge the gap between the public and government institutions.

One of the early challenges was identifying potential beneficiaries within the Panchayats and Municipalities. This challenge was addressed through the appointment of Swayampurna Sahayaks at the grassroots level, who were tasked with gathering essential information.

A major step forward came on August 6, 2021, with the launch of the “Know Your Schemes” service under the Goa Online portal, which enabled citizens to access government benefits at their doorstep.

To further enhance the mission's visibility, a dedicated website (<https://swayampurnagoa.goa.gov.in>) was developed by Infotech Corporation of Goa Ltd.

Another milestone was reached on October 23, 2021, when the Hon'ble Prime Minister virtually interacted with Swayampurna Mitras, Sarpanchas, Chairpersons, and program beneficiaries. This event was live-streamed on various platforms, including YouTube and local DD Channels.

Following this, the Government of Goa launched the “Sarkar Tumchya Daari” (Government at Your Doorstep) program, which brought government services closer to citizens by organizing camps where public services were made easily accessible. Additionally, the government introduced the “Swayampurna Yuva” initiative to create awareness among the youth about job opportunities. This initiative aimed to increase employment prospects for job seekers while providing a broader pool of candidates for recruiters. The program featured talks by eminent speakers on career and entrepreneurship opportunities, and various government and semi-government departments, as well as banks, participated in the event.

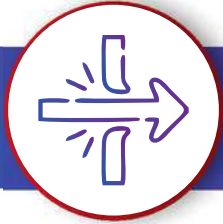
In its first phase, Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa had a significant impact on citizens, addressing its 10 focal points and extending beyond them. On December 19, 2021, the efforts of various officers involved in the mission were recognized with the release of a Coffee Table Book by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. The book highlighted key success stories and government initiatives undertaken under this program.



The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), are adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint/framework for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. The SDGs are important because they are universal. They apply to all countries and to people of all ages and backgrounds. This means that everyone has a role to play in achieving the SDGs. We have mapped SDGs to every Success Story, so that we can identify the specific goals that the stories are aligned with. This information can be used to develop strategies for amplifying the impact of the stories and for contributing to the achievement of the SDGs. We can better understand how Swayampurna Goa Mission 2.0 outcomes are contributing to the achievement of the SDGs. This information can be used to improve the design and implementation of the Mission, and to ensure that we are aligned with the SDGs.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





THE BREAKTHROUGH



First step towards materialization of the Swayampurna Goa Mission post its launch was the appointment of Group 'A' Gazetted Officers of the State as Swayampurna Mitras designated to each village with the primary responsibility of channelizing the link between the Government and its citizens.

Going a step ahead, the Goa Government appointed Swayampurna Sahayaks to visit each ward of the village panchayat to collect the requisite data of eligible beneficiaries from each family within the territories earmarked to them and to aid the Swayampurna Mitra of that particular Village Panchayat.

Seen in this image is one such Swayampurna Sahayak, Sanjiv Bugde under the guidance of his Swayampurna Mitra, Isha Sawant, collecting data from each family residing in the village to procure information in a meticulous fashion pertaining to eligibility of each family and their members for the schemes made available by the Central and State Government.

The data collection process is being proactively completed for all the village panchayats to be covered by the Mission. This breakthrough, of getting onboard, Swayampurna Sahayaks for data collection, could easily be classified as the 'game changing' moment of the Mission that gave every Swayampurna Mitra the much needed impulse to accelerate the velocity at which the Mission is functioning.



SHAPING A BRIGHTER FUTURE: THE SUSTAINABLE PROGRESS OF SWAYAMPURNA GOA



Since the launch of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa, numerous success stories have emerged, highlighting the transformative impact of the initiative on communities across the state. These stories reflect the determination, innovation, and self-reliance fostered by the program. In the following pages, we share some of the most notable success stories, showcasing how Swayampurna Goa has empowered individuals and communities to achieve sustainable progress and shape a brighter future.



GOING BACK TO FARMING

Success Stories



Farming is the profession of hope, and 29-year-old Varad Samant from Goa has set the example by giving up his engineering career to become 'Swayampurna'. Starting with a lady-finger plantation, Varad has grown various crops, including carrots, overcoming myths about the crop's inability to grow on Goan soil. This achievement aligns with Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant's Aatmanirbhar Bharat - Swayampurna Goa.





JAL JEEVAN MISSION



Jal Jeevan Mission, implemented by the Ministry of Jal Shakti, has been successful in providing tap water connections to most households in Goa, India. The state achieved 100% "Har Ghar Nal Se Jal" status, covering 2,30,000 houses, making Goa the first state in India to achieve this milestone. To state one such example, of how the Mitras facilitated people; Ranjita Rajnikant Naik Dhaude, a 55-year-old widowed fisherwoman residing in Salvador do Mundo, received water connection within a week with the help of the Swayampurna Mitra of her village panchayat, Shri. Rajendra Gawade.



ELECTRICITY CONNECTION

Success Stories



Dattaram Ramchandra Mandrekar, an 85-year-old octogenarian living in Salvador do Mundo, lost his family and struggled to afford electricity. The Swayampurna Mitra, Rajendra Gawade, and his Panchayat members facilitated financial support, enabling Dattaram to get an electricity connection. The light illuminated his home, transforming his dream of a brighter life into a reality.





REVIVAL OF AGRICULTURE

Success Stories



Two parcels of lands in Surla, were identified by 22 farmers after natural calamities destroyed them. The Swayampurna Mitra, Subraj Kanekar, stepped in to help revitalize the lands. A proposal was submitted to the Atal Gram Development Agency, and a community farming group produced 2.5 quintal cowpeas. Today, these lands are on the path of rejuvenation.





PROVIDING SHELTER



AFTER

Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Gramin (PMAYG) is Government of India scheme aimed at providing housing for the rural poor. It aims to provide basic amenities in a 60:40 ratio between the Central and State Governments. A house was sanctioned to Premavati K. Gaonkar, who completed it in 2020, fulfilling her dream of having a new home.



BEFORE



Success Stories



DEEN DAYAL SWASTHYA SEVA YOJANA

Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana (DDSSY) Scheme is a Goan state initiative that offers universal health coverage through insurance. The scheme aims to improve access to medical care and financial security for the Goan population. It provides up to Rs. 2.5 Lakhs per annum for families of three or less members and up to Rs. 4 Lakhs for families of four or more.

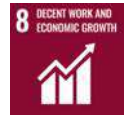




EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SELF EMPLOYMENT



Reshma Malvankar, an unemployed yet talented woman, sought a sewing machine to start her independent business. She contacted her Swayampurna Mitra, Isha Sawant, and Swayampurna Sahayak, Visulo Vaingankar. With the help of the Rotary Club of Mapusa, through its Rotarians, Rtn. Sachin Mense and Rtn. Abhijeet Walke, donated 21 sewing machines under their Women Empowerment Program, thereby promptly procuring a sewing machine which was then presented to Reshma and others by the Hon'ble Chief Minister within a twinkling span of 7 days



POULTRY FARMING

Success Stories

Nandu Gawas, a Harvalem village resident, sought employment opportunities to achieve self-reliance through the Swayampurna Goa Mission. He successfully benefited from the Gramashakti Poultry Scheme, which encourages rural farmers to try poultry rearing. Swayampurna Mitra Sophia Vaz provided Nandu with the necessary support to start his own enterprise, leading him to establish his own Chicken Centre.





NATIONAL RURAL LIVELIHOOD MISSION (NRLM) FACILITATION



National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), a government initiative in Goa, aims to reduce poverty by establishing grassroots institutions for the underprivileged. It helped 11 Self Help Groups, including 150 women in Harvale, establish their own Rural Mart. Through the NRLM, Sophia Vaz, a Swayampurna Mitra, helped these women find a place to sell their products, ensuring they have a place to commercialize their products.



MATSYA SAMPADANA

Success Stories

Luis Cardozo, a fishing businessman in Velim village, utilized the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to establish his own fish transporting facilities. The PMMSY provided financial assistance to fishermen, enabling them to establish insulated trucks, reduce losses, increase revenue, and improve hygiene and sanitation. Luis received an insulated truck for Rs. 25 Lakhs, with a government subsidy of Rs. 8 Lakhs. This enabled him to store fish for longer periods, increasing his income.





EMPOWERMENT THROUGH SELF EMPLOYMENT

Success Stories



गोंयचे जैव - विविधताचेच्या अन्मोल भांडारांतली भेटवण

Mining stoppage had made it difficult for mining dependent families to survive and earn respectable livelihood. A multiprocessing centre set up by Goa State Biodiversity Board offers a new opportunity for 13 ladies from village Pale Kothambi to produce products like jackfruit chips, pickles, Mango pulp, Jackfruit pulp, Amla Candy, Kokum products, chillies, and rice under the brand 'Govan'. The project is supported by the Goa Government and Goa Shipyard Limited's CSR Funds.





EMPOWERING THROUGH SELF EMPLOYMENT



Shraddha Saburi Self Help Group in Assonora, led by Rupali Bugde, faced challenges during festival times due to high orders. They sought assistance from their Swayampurna Mitra, Isha Sawant, who provided them with dough kneading and packaging machines using CSR funds. This has increased efficiency and allowed them to work at industrial speed.



Success Stories



THE REVIVAL

Village Panchayat of Betalbatim has successfully transformed their village into a 'Swayampurna' through an awareness camp and the resurrecting of a stagnant lake, 'Tolloy'. The Sarpanch, Constancio Miranda, and Swayampurna Mitra, Arun Panchwadkar, successfully managed the project, funded by the Department of Water Resources, Goa. The lake is now used for agriculture, fisheries, and recreation, demonstrating the village's commitment to transforming its village.





KUNBI IF YOU CAN



Department of Handicraft, Textile and Coir and Swayampurna Mitra of Assonora, Smt. Isha Sawant, have trained 50 women in 'Kunbi' saree weaving and established two handloom training centers in the village. This initiative seeks to revive the traditional Goan art of Kunbi saree weaving, which is deeply tied to local heritage and culture. The program also aims to empower 10 more women to become skilled trainers, further expanding the reach and impact of this craft revival.



Success Stories





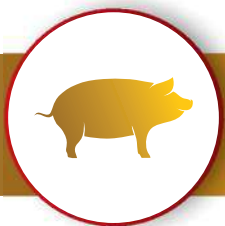
THE RAPONNKARS



Two fishermen from Volvoi village of Goa, Vinayak Shet and Anand Tari, have utilized the Financial Assistance for Construction, Purchase of FRP, Wooden Fishing Crafts Scheme to uplift their traditional fishing community and maintain their livelihood. They were able to purchase one canoe each, preserving their cultural heritage.



Success Stories



VARAHA PALAN



Krishna Anand Sinari Gaonkar, a dairy farmer from Amona, started a piggery in 2018 to increase profitability. He applied for the Varahpalan Scheme, which provides employment opportunities and supplementary income for rural farmers. The Department supported him, and after applying, he has now purchased over 50 pigs, both male and female, to improve his living standards.





CLIMB TO PROSPERITY

Success Stories



In January 2021, the Usgao Panchayat discussed agricultural schemes under the Swayampurna Goa mission, leading to Prasiddh Naik suggesting toddy tapping within the village's jurisdiction. Despite the idea, no takers were found. Panch members selected 3-4 interested contenders for training in toddy tapping. In November 2021, 30 aspirants received training and Toddy Tapping Kits furnished through CSR Funds. Today, 30 men, including Pranay Subrai Gaude, are trained toddy tappers successfully harvesting toddy from Goan palms.





BEST OUT OF WASTE



Goa Waste Management Corporation has created a sustainable waste management system in the Village Panchayat of Cacora. The Swayampurna Mitras have encouraged people to hand over their waste to the Safai Karamcharis, who collect it daily and store it in miniature sheds. The waste is then transported to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Cacora, where it is segregated into recyclable and non-recyclable waste. The recyclable waste is sold to recyclers, funding the MRF, while the non-recyclable waste is sent to cement companies.



THE SWEET SUCCESS

Success Stories

Cotigao Panchayat, with the support of its Sarpanch, Umesh Gaonkar, and Swayampurna Mitra, Vinayak Volvoikar, has established a Jaggery producing unit to help local sugarcane farmers utilize their raw sugarcane stocks. The unit produces 400 kilograms of jaggery daily and can produce 200 kilograms more if night-shifting is added. This initiative not only generates income for locals selling jaggery at Rs. 150 per kilogram but also creates employment opportunities. The Sarpanch has employed about 25 people in the Jaggery trade at the Cotigao Mahila Mart.





KAMDHENU SCHEME



Success Stories



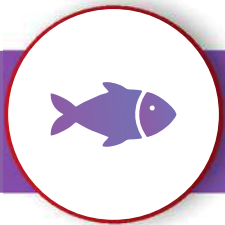
Radhakrishna Kamat, a 32-year-old dairy farmer from Mayem Village, quit his high-paying job to revive his family business. He applied for benefits under the Kamdhenu Scheme under Swayampurna Goa and received 10 cows in July. He also applied for a Milking Machine under the Dairy Equipment Scheme and received a subsidy in October. Radhakrishna is grateful to the Goa Government and the Swayampurna Goa Mission for making his vision a reality.





GRAMEEN URJA

Lourenco Pereira, an octogenarian from Navelim, was granted benefits under the Goa Grameen Urja Yojana (GGUY) to install domestic LPG connections for Below Poverty Line families. This initiative aims to reduce firewood use, pressure on forests, and pollution. Lourenco was successfully covered through the Swayampurna Goa Mission, receiving gas cylinders, stove, regulator, and accessories with a certified ISI mark.



FISHERMEN IDENTITY CARD

Success Stories



Candolina Fernandes, an aged fisher woman hailing from Betalbatim, who raised her children and made ends meet solely by means of sale of fish, was given Fisher women Identity card Card by the Department of Fisheries, Government of Goa which is a facility that meets the short term credit requirement of fish vendors and fish farmers and those who possess fishing nets. Many fishermen have received identity cards and kisan credit cards and are availing benefits.





MAHATMA GANDHI NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE ACT (MGNREGA)



Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, initiated the Mahatma Gandhi – National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) project in October 2020 to clean and desilt Tillari and Salaulim Irrigation Project Canals. The project, a flagship of the District Rural Development Agency, generated 1,70,403 man-days and benefited 7,562 local Goan laborers. The project covered 94 kilometers, benefiting 2066 people and 66.41 lakhs, while generating 24,814 man-days and benefiting 1119 people.



Success Stories



EMPOWERING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES



Ruki Ahmed, a physically disabled individual with a street side stall selling food, is a beneficiary of the Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) Scheme under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa program. With a gold medal in Table Tennis, Ruki was provided with a special wheelchair by the Swayampurna Goa mission, enabling him to achieve his goals.



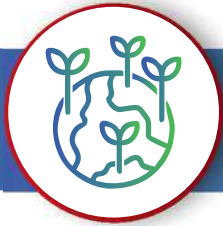
ON A BAKING SPREE

Government Polytechnic Panaji conducted a 3- month Bakery and Confectionary Course in Salvador do Mundo village, aiming to enhance skill development and entrepreneurship among residents. The course is funded by the Central Government, and conducted free of cost. The course had a large number of participants.



Success Stories





GOA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD



Goa State Biodiversity Board (GSBB) has taken a number of initiatives under the Swayampurna Goa mission, which is a government-funded program that aims to make Goa a self-reliant state. These initiatives include:

Promotion of sustainable agriculture practices:

The GSBB is promoting sustainable agriculture practices such as organic farming and agroforestry. This is helping to reduce the use of pesticides and fertilizers, which can harm biodiversity.

Conservation of traditional knowledge:

The GSBB is documenting and conserving traditional knowledge about biodiversity. This knowledge is often passed down through generations and can be used to develop sustainable products and services.

Empowerment of local communities:

The GSBB is empowering local communities to manage their own biodiversity resources. This is being done through the formation of Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs). BMCs are responsible for developing and implementing Biodiversity Management Plans (BMPs), which are documents that outline how biodiversity resources will be managed in a sustainable way.

Promotion of ecotourism:

The GSBB is promoting ecotourism, which is a type of tourism that is focused on experiencing nature and learning about biodiversity. This is helping to raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity and to generate revenue for local communities.



Here are some specific examples of GSBB initiatives under the Swayampurna Goa mission:

GoVan project: GoVan, a homegrown brand established by the Goa State Biodiversity Board, specializes in creating value-added products using locally sourced produce from Goan farmers. The Multiproduct Processing Unit of GoVAN is supported by corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives and has opened up employment prospects for local women. It is bridging the gap between Goa's abundant natural resources and consumers. Through this entrepreneurial venture, the Goa Government is providing a platform for Goan women, empowering them with opportunities to earn a sustainable livelihood. GoVAN, with its focus on promoting Goa's local produce, is playing a pivotal role in fostering the development of the region while empowering Goan women through the optimal utilization of readily available natural resources.

People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs): The GSBB is assisting Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs) in developing and maintaining People's Biodiversity Registers (PBRs). PBRs are documents that document the biodiversity resources of a particular area, as well as the traditional knowledge associated with these resources. PBRs are important tools for managing biodiversity resources in a sustainable way.

The Mayem Biodiversity Atlas: is a comprehensive database of the flora and fauna of Mayem village in Goa, India. The atlas was launched in August 2023 and is available online. It includes data on over 1,000 species of plants and animals, including mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, butterflies, and insects. The data was collected through a yearlong survey of the village, using standard scientific protocols. The atlas is a valuable resource for researchers, students, and anyone interested in the biodiversity of Mayem village.

Ecotourism training program: The GSBB is offering an ecotourism training program to local communities. The program covers topics such as biodiversity, ecotourism principles, and tour guiding skills. The program is designed to help local communities develop and operate ecotourism businesses.

The GSBB's initiatives under the Swayampurna Goa mission are helping to promote sustainable development and to conserve Goa's rich biodiversity.



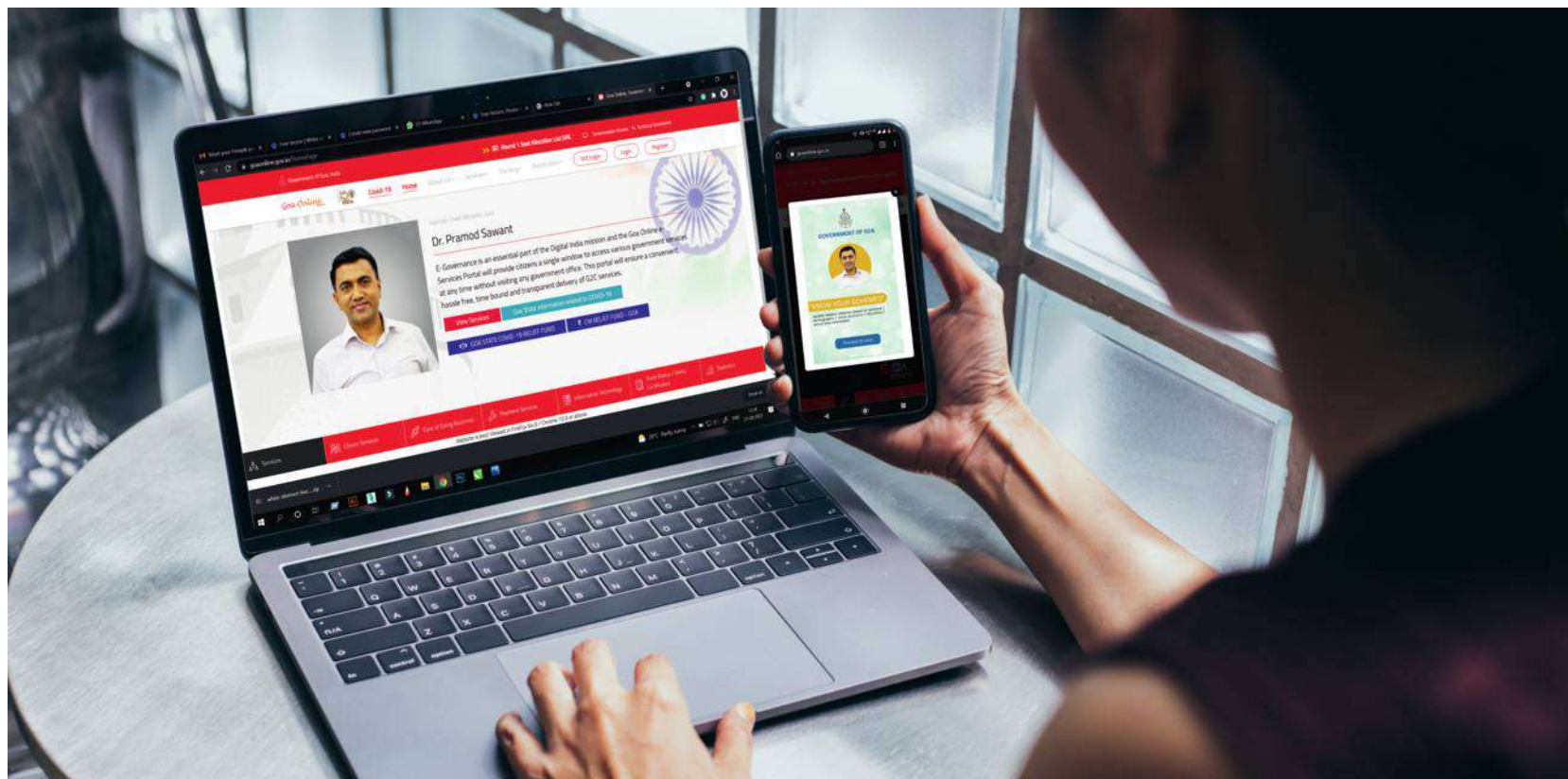
STRAWBERRY CULTIVATION AT VERLEM NETRAVALI



Directorate of Planning, Statistics & Evaluation has promoted cultivation of strawberries as a part of Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa Mission, keeping in view to boost Agriculture and Horticulture in the villages to ensure economic upliftment of the farmers. The department has provided all necessary logistic support towards cultivation of strawberries. Training of various durations has been provided to farmers at Netravali through accomplished strawberry farmers.

Atal Gram Development Agency – Goa assisted in cultivation of strawberries in the village of Verlem in the jurisdiction of V. P. Netravali. This scheme has benefited about 12 households in the village of Verlem. The cultivation of strawberries has covered an area of 4500 sq. mts. About 18,000 high yielding varieties strawberry saplings of strawberry – Winter Drawn and Nabila, produced from strawberry farms in Wai, Mahabaleshwar of famous hill station in Maharashtra, have been cultivated at Verlem





KNOW YOUR SCHEMES SCHEMES, AT YOUR DOORSTEP

On August 6, 2021, the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant, launched a pioneering service called "Know Your Schemes" for the citizens of Goa. This innovative platform allows Goans to access detailed information about the various government schemes available to them through the official online portal of the state.

The portal provides comprehensive details on each scheme, including its objectives, eligibility criteria, benefits offered, and how to apply. By making this information readily accessible, the "Know Your Schemes" service empowers citizens to become more informed about government initiatives designed to improve their lives. The government's goal is to ensure that every eligible beneficiary is aware of and can fully utilize the available schemes, ensuring that no one misses out on essential services and support.



‘SARKAR TUMCHYA DARI’

Government of Goa launched its 'Sarkar Tumchya Dari' (Government at Your Doorstep) program with the goal of bridging the gap between government services and its citizens, who are the ultimate stakeholders. The vision was to deliver governance directly to people's doorsteps in a phased manner, offering immediate and transparent services that aligned with public aspirations. The day-long program, held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the constituency level, provided citizens access to services from over 40 State and Central Government departments, all under a single canopy.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant personally reviewed the work undertaken by Swayampurna Mitras allocated to the Panchayats and Municipalities of the respective constituencies. These reviews were broadcasted across his social media handles, showcasing the progress made. With grievance redressal as the primary focus, the Chief Minister ensured that government representatives from the relevant departments diligently addressed the issues raised by locals, clearing pending appeals and even resolving some files on the spot, wherever possible. This approach helped accelerate the process of achieving self-sufficiency among the people.

The program offered a wide range of services, including the issuance of residence certificates, mutation and partition assistance, income certificates, election cards, ration cards, Griha Aadhar Scheme support, child welfare schemes, the DDSSY health check-up program, and various social sector schemes. Citizens could also access services related to electricity and water connections, agriculture welfare schemes, labor welfare schemes, veterinary and tribal welfare schemes, fisheries assistance, registration of wells, irrigation schemes, and the issuance of birth, construction, and occupancy certificates. 'Sarkar Tumchya Dari' became a vital tool for addressing the immediate needs of citizens while ensuring the efficient delivery of government services, bringing governance closer to the people of Goa.



‘SWAYAMPURNA YUVA’

Office of the Commissioner, Labour and Employment, Regional Employment Exchange, and Model Career Centre, Government of Goa, organized a significant youth-oriented event titled "Swayampurna Yuva" on October 27, 2021, at DM's College Complex, Mapusa, and on October 30, 2021, at GVM's College Complex, Ponda, Goa. The initiative was a part of Goa's broader mission to uplift the youth through career guidance, skill development, and employment opportunities, aligning with the Swayampurna Goa initiative.

This youth festival brought together over 30 Government and Semi-Government departments and banks, as well as 70 private sector establishments. Esteemed employers such as Micro Lab, Online Productivity Services, Planet Hollywood Beach Resort, Sai Service, Colorcon Asia Private Limited, Goa Marriott Resorts and Spa, Taj, IT Fortune Miramar, MRF, Nestle, CMM, and Lupin participated in the employment fair. The event saw a remarkable turnout of around 8,400 youth who registered in hopes of finding employment and advancing their careers.

A key feature of the event was the series of talks delivered by eminent speakers from various industries. Topics ranged from opportunities in hospitality, banking, the IT sector, agriculture, event management, automobiles, logistics, healthcare, sales, marketing, pharmaceuticals, and more. These sessions aimed to provide the youth with insights into emerging sectors, help them understand industry expectations, and prepare them for future employment challenges.

The employment fair proved fruitful, with over 1,500 vacancies being advertised. Approximately 700 eligible candidates were shortlisted, and 40 individuals received final offer letters from some of the most prestigious employers. This initiative exemplified the commitment of both the Government of Goa and private sector partners to improving employment prospects for the state's youth.



HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF INDIA

INTERACTS LIVE WITH GOA!



On October 23rd, 2021, The Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi Ji, enthusiastically interacted with the beneficiaries and stakeholders of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa Mission by means of the video conferencing method wherein he wholeheartedly applauded the outstanding efforts and massively optimistic output displayed by the State of Goa in implementing the schemes of the Central and State Government across its terrains.

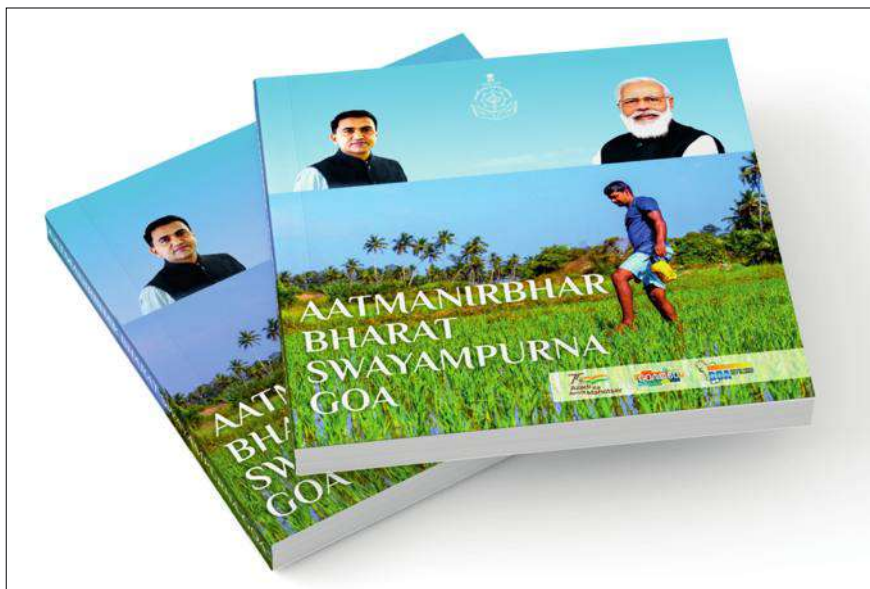
The Honorable Prime Minister, while lauding the replenished confidence and perseverance of the Government towards the growth of the State mentioned that, the zeal with which the State team is functioning towards fast achievement of its focus points is the ultimate object of the Swayampurna Goa Mission.





Five best performing Swayampurna Mitras were felicitated by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India
Shri. Narendra Modiji
on 19th December 2021





Release of the Coffee Table Book

On December 19th, 2021, the commendable efforts put in by Swyampurna Mitras and various government departments under the garb of this mission were recognized through the release of the Coffee Table Book at the hands of the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji that covered some select success stories and Governmental initiatives undertaken by this programme.



SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT SWAYAMPURNA GOA - PHASE ONE (2019-2021)



State Government managed to achieve certain significant goals as envisioned by the initial phase of the ABSG mission, few of which have been enlisted under the following heads:

DIGITIZATION OF RECORDS

- In-house digitization of land records, 558 volumes comprising 1,84,311 paginations.
- Digitization of 340 volumes of official gazettes, legislations and books of rarity.
- Proposition of the Integrated Archival Access and Preservation (IAAP) Project.

ACQUISITION OF RECORDS

- Successful transfer of 4,215 volumes of death and birth records from 1914 to 1970 of all Talukas of Goa from the Registration Department to Department of Archives and Archeology for preservation and safe-keeping.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

- Successful transliteration of over 2000 Modi-Marathi manuscripts to Devanagri Marathi.
- Completion of index of birth records from 1860 to 1913 for the Ponda and Sanguem talukas of Goa.

PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

- Scientific in-house conservation of 652 volumes consisting of 61,500 folios and conservation of 60,000 historical and public records.
- E-tendering of 50,000 folios.

ARCHAEOLOGY

- Successful maintenance, conservation and restoration of 51 protected monuments and sites.
- Installation of information and direction boards at various traffic junctions across the State.

WAIVER OF 50% TUITION AND OTHER FEES

- Under the purview of Directorate of Higher Education



STATE LEVEL HIGHEST RANKINGS FOR ITS INFRASTRUCTURE AT THE SCHOOL LEVEL AND HUMAN RESOURCES

- a) Nishtha 3.0 initiative providing training to teachers for holistic advancement and all round development of students.



LEARNING BASED BENEFITS FROM IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY, 2020

- a) Promoting activity based learning, intensive capacity building, encouragement to students for identification of highest potential



GOA'S INTENT TO BECOME AN EDUCATIONAL HUB BY SETTING UP PRIVATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS WITHIN THE STATE



LAUNCH OF MOBILE BASED APPS FOR STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND PARENTS ASSOCIATED WITH GOA BOARD

- a) Providing latest notifications and circulars regarding examinations and related information to students from class 9 to 12 by building, encouragement to students for identification of highest potential.



GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT FOR TECHNICAL (DJ-GIFT) EDUCATION SCHEME

- a) Government to invest 60 Crores in technical education that will benefit 10,650 odd students.

- Chief Minister Coding and Robotics Education in Schools Scheme
- Cycle distribution under CSR activity
- Provision of jobs during pandemic times under GHRDC
- Launch of Swachh Bharat Mission
- Improved waterway connectivity
- Goa Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Training Scheme 2021
- 100% Electrification of the state
- I.T Startup Promotion Cell
- Telecom Infrastructure Policy 2020
- Welfare schemes for specially - abled
- Creation of better fishing environment in Goa
- Major helping hand to farming community – Swayampurna Farming
- Promotion of ancient medicine
- Passing of mining corporation bill
- New Tourism Policy 2020
- Hassle free processed with 'Goa Online' portal
- Creation of super speciality block at Goa medical college during the Covid -19 pandemic
- TIKA UTSAV – Goa's Vaccination Drive achieving 23,56,838 vaccinations







CHIEF MINISTER DR. PRAMOD SAWANT OFFICIALLY LAUNCHES AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT SWAYAMPURNA GOA 2.0 MISSION WITH VISION

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant on 9th April 2022, officially launched Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa 2.0, with the endeavor to make Goa 'swayampurna' or self sufficient in every possible sector which envisions the expansion of the scope of the mission for various wards, organizing field visits whilst taking the 'Sarkaar Tumchya Daari' initiative to the far-flung nooks and corners of the state.

During this launch, Dr. Sawant spoke of the ways in which the Goa Government wishes to take this mission to the very interiors of the State, not leaving any area uncovered.

Further, he also interacted with the stakeholders of the mission and extended his hearty congratulations to all the Swayampurna Mitras, Sarpanchas and Panch members for the successful implementation of Swayampurna Goa launched in October 2020, while reposing his confidence in them that they would succeed in doing an impeccable job in achieving the targets set for phase two of the said mission.

Dr. Pramod Sawant also mentioned the intent of the State Government towards felicitating those citizens who have started their businesses and become successful under the first phase of the programme, while stressing on the fact that the main objective of Swayampurna Goa 2.0 would be to "focus on something and finish it!"

THE TIMELINE POST 2.0 LAUNCH

Post the launch of the 2nd phase of the Swayampurna Goa mission, the Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare Shri. Subhash Phal Dessai, on 23rd April 2022, directed Panchayat Secretaries, representatives of the Scheduled Caste (SC) community organizations and the Swayampurna Mitras to reach out to the members of the SC community and guide them in order to get maximum benefit of the Central and State schemes as envisaged under the mission.

The State Government organized an awareness camp emphasizing elevation of the SC community in keeping with the vision of the Chief Minister through Swayampurna Goa 2.0, honouring the 131st Birth Anniversary of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar.

AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT SWAY

**Skill development
for gainful
employment**

**Encouraging
Startups**

**Regular Training to
Self Help Groups and
stakeholders of
Cottage Industry**

**Strengthening cold
storage chain to
minimise
horticultural waste**

**Bridging gap between
Academia and Industry**

**Creating Awareness
of Health Issues**

**Boosting confidence
and hand holding
of local artisans**

**Incorporation of latest
Technology
such as Artificial
Intelligence, Coding &
Robotics in Educational
curriculum**

AMPURNA GOA 2.0: THE FUTURE...



**Enhancing
Employment
Opportunities**

**Effective Waste
Management**

**Strengthening the database
of skilled labour
in E- shram Portal**

**Promotion of Minimum
Support Price for
horticultural produce**

**Promotion of
Entrepreneurship**

**Career
Counseling**

**Completion of Unique
Disability ID backlog
(UDID Card)**

**Expanding the
compass of
Millet Mission**



SKILLING, RESKILLING AND UPSKILLING



Primary focus of Swayampurna 2.0 is skilling, re-skilling, upskilling of youth and Women. By investing in skilling, reskilling and upskilling, the Government can ensure that its workforce is able to keep up with the changing demands of the economy.

Below are some examples on how Swayampurna Goa 2.0 is focusing on skilling, reskilling and upskilling:

- Providing training programs in a variety of high-demand skills, such as IT, manufacturing, and tourism.
- Providing training programs in soft skills, such as communication and teamwork. Working with businesses and industries to identify the skills that are in demand, and to develop training programs that meet those needs.
- Providing financial assistance to people who are unemployed or underemployed, so that they can participate in training programs.

This is important because it can help to create new jobs and opportunities in Goa. By providing people with the skills they need to succeed in the workforce, the Goa government can help to create a more prosperous and equitable state.





SKILLING, RESKILLING AND UPSKILLING





PINK AUTO INITIATIVE



Pink Auto initiative, a women-centric transportation service launched by the Government of Goa in partnership with the Rotary Club of Mapusa, is revolutionizing the way women commute in Goa. This service offers safe, reliable, and affordable rides, exclusively driven by women for women passengers.

As part of the initiative, the Government of Goa, through Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Ltd., has extended subsidized loans and age relaxation for women applicants. The total cost of an auto rickshaw is Rs 3.10 lakh, with the Rotary Club of Mapusa contributing Rs 60,000 as a down payment. The remaining amount of Rs 2.5 lakh is payable at a minimal interest rate of 3%. Women between the age of 18 to 50 years are eligible to avail of this scheme, providing an excellent opportunity for women to build financial independence.

In addition to financial assistance, the Rotary Club also offers driving lessons and self-defense training to equip women drivers with essential skills. The drivers are given pink uniforms to create a distinct identity, and their electric rickshaws are painted pink for easy recognition. The Pink Auto fleet, comprising 20 electric rickshaws, is equipped with GPS tracking and emergency buttons to ensure the safety of passengers.

This initiative not only provides a dependable mode of transportation for women but also empowers women by offering them a source of livelihood. The Pink Auto initiative sets an example for other states and cities in India, showing a clear path towards a more inclusive and equitable society.





PINK AUTO INITIATIVE



TRAINING
PROGRAMMES
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VISIT TO
ICAR

VISIT TO
KANERI MATH

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SWAYAMPURNA
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TAXI PATRAO

DELEGATIONS
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TO STUDY
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GOA CONCEPT



SWAYAMPURNA GOA 2.0 TIMELINE

SWAYAMPURNA
SANMAM

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CHAVATH
E-BAZAAR

SWAYAMPURNA
REPORTING
PORTAL

SWAYAMPURNA
E-BAZAAR



TRAINING & FIELD VISITS



Under the Swayampurna Mission, Government of Goa organized a variety of training and field visits for Swayampurna Mitras and Taluka Nodal Officers. The training programs and field visits helped nodal officers to develop the skill and knowledge they needed to provide support to the people of Goa and to stay up-to-date on the latest trends and developments in the field of rural development, Sustainability, Agriculture, Entrepreneurship etc.

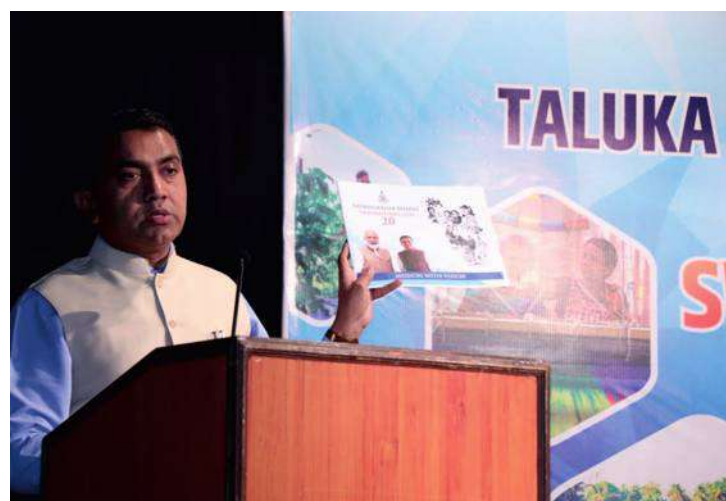
Here are some of the trainings and field visits that have been organized for the Swayampurna Mitras and Taluka Nodal Officers:

Orientation Programme for Existing and New Swayampurna Mitras

The first ever training on introduction of the concept of the Swayampurna Goa Mission was organised in the month of September 2020 in the SCERT hall, Porvorim and was conducted by Shri. Narayan Gad, Director of Panchayat, Shri. Dattaprasad Shetkar Addl. Private Secretary to the Chief Minister, Shri. Durgaprasad, Director of Planning and Statistics. Nodal officers and link officers of all major Government departments were also present at the training session. A brief presentation was made by each such department on various public welfare schemes and citizens services that could be effectively delivered under the ABSG Program. This foundational training helped to sensitize the officers on the Swayampurna Goa program, its deliverables and their role in furtherance of attainment of goals. Hon'ble Chief Minister also conducted a session in this training program and motivated the officers to come out and give their best performance as Swayampurna Mitras. He also explained that as a civil servant and a responsible citizen it was the duty of every Mitra to give optimum performance for this noble cause.

Thereafter the Hon'ble Chief Minister interacted virtually every month with the Swayampurna Mitras and personally interacted with each Panchayat and Municipality and cleared their doubts and resolved the difficulties faced by the Mitras. This boosted the confidence of the officers and motivated them to give their best performance as Swayampurna Mitras.

Various such online and offline trainings have been regularly conducted in the Swayampurna Goa program by the Directorate of Planning and Statistics to keep the Officers abreast with program upgrades.





TRAINING & FIELD VISITS



Trainings In Swayampurna 2.0

Shri. Vijay Saxena, Director of Planning and Statistics, Smt. Isha Sawant, State Coordinator for Swayampurna Mission, Officials from Goa Electronics Ltd and Nodal Officers from major stakeholding departments conducted an orientation program for Swayampurna Mitras at the Institute of Menezes Braganza, Panjim. The program was attended by over 200 Swayampurna Mitras from all over Goa.

The orientation program was designed to help Swayampurna Mitras understand their roles and responsibilities, and to provide them with the information and resources they need to be successful. The program covered a range of topics, including:

- The goals and objectives of the Swayampurna Mission.
- The different schemes and programs under the Swayampurna Mission.
- How to access and utilize government services.
- How to provide support to the people of Goa.

The Chief Minister of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant, addressed the Swayampurna Mitras and encouraged them to work hard to make the Swayampurna Mission a success. He also assured them of the government's full support.





TRAINING & FIELD VISITS



Swayampurna Mitras Trained in Modern Agricultural Practices

As part of the Government of Goa's partnership with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), a key initiative has been the organization of visits to ICAR research institutes for Swayampurna Mitras. These Mitras, trained to help farmers adopt modern agricultural practices, are provided with opportunities to learn about the latest research and technologies developed by ICAR. The visits also serve as a platform for Swayampurna Mitras to network with other farmers and agricultural professionals, further enhancing their role as agricultural facilitators.



In a focused effort to develop Swayampurna Mitras as master trainers in agriculture and address the gap between the demand and supply of agricultural commodities, a session was organized by ICAR-Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute in Goa. The program was attended by 75 Swayampurna Mitras from South Goa, where they were trained by ICAR scientists and experts on new technologies and practices aimed at making Goa self-reliant in agriculture.

Through these initiatives, Swayampurna Mitras are being empowered with the knowledge and skills necessary to guide local farmers in implementing modern agricultural techniques, thus contributing to the state's goal of achieving agricultural self-sufficiency.



TRAINING & FIELD VISITS



Swayampurna Mitras engaged in discussions and observing modern agriculture techniques



TRAINING & FIELD VISITS



Visit to Siddhagiri Math, Kaneri to study the Sustainable Practices

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant recently instructed key officers, including Dr. Durgaprasad, Director of Planning and Statistics, Smt. Isha Sawant, Under Secretary to the Chief Minister and State Coordinator for the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa Mission, and Shri. Eshant Sawant, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to the Chief Minister, to visit Siddhagiri Math in Kaneri, Kolhapur. The purpose of the visit was to study innovative concepts in agriculture, rural development (Gram Vikas), culture, disaster management, and tourism that are being implemented at Kaneri Math. Following this, all Taluka Nodal Officers and the State Nodal Officer made a comprehensive visit to the math.

During his own visit to the Panch Mahabhoot Lokotsav held at Shri Kshetra Siddhagiri Mahasansthan, Kaneri, Dr. Pramod Sawant announced that officials from Goa would study the initiatives showcased at the festival. The goal was to broaden the scope of activities under the flagship Swayampurna Goa program by learning from these innovative practices.

In response, more than 200 senior government officials, including Taluka Nodal Officers, Swayampurna Mitras, and Panchayat Secretaries, visited Siddhagiri Math to gain insights into cutting-edge developments in education, agriculture, rural development, culture, disaster management, and tourism. The objective was to explore how these concepts could be replicated in Goa to further the state's development under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa mission.

The visit provided the Swayampurna Mitras with valuable learning opportunities, particularly in sustainable agriculture and environmental protection. Inspired by the practices at Kaneri Math, the Mitras are now equipped to share these techniques with farmers across Goa.



The officers in the photo are wearing the Swayampurna Goa merchandise (t-shirts and caps) to show solidarity for the initiative and to raise awareness of Swayampurna Goa among the public



TRAINING & FIELD VISITS



Swayampurna Mitras observing innovative agricultural and rural development techniques at Siddagiri Math Kaneri



CODING AND ROBOTICS



Coding and robotics are important skills for students to learn in the 21st century. These skills can help students to prepare for careers in a variety of fields, including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Under the Swayampurna Mission, the government of Goa is promoting coding and robotics education in schools across the state.

Government of Goa has notified a new scheme Coding and Robotics Education in Schools Scheme in Government and Government-aided high schools.

Under the CARES scheme, the government of Goa has provided training to teachers on coding and robotics education. The government has also provided schools with the necessary equipment and infrastructure to teach coding and robotics.



Scheme took its first step in the Special Schools in the state of Goa; Sanjay Centre for Special Education, St.Xavier's Academy, and Lokvishwas Pratishthan Special School.



CODING AND ROBOTICS



Coding and robotics education has been integrated into the curriculum of schools across Goa. Students are learning how to code and build robots using a variety of platforms and languages, including Scratch, Python, and Arduino.

In addition to the CARES scheme, a number of other organizations are also working to promote coding and robotics education in Goa. For example, the Indian Institute of Technology Goa offers coding and robotics workshops for students and teachers.

The Swayampurna Mission's emphasis on coding and robotics education is a positive development. Coding and robotics are important skills for students to learn in the 21st century. These skills can help students to prepare for career in a variety of fields, including STEM.





GOA MILES



Goencho Taxi Patrao Scheme

A INR 100 Crore MoU has been signed between the Department of Transport- Government of Goa and Goa Miles. The MoU pledges to empower the youth, protect the environment, and elevate Goa's status as a thriving, sustainable, and prosperous state. The MoU is based on a shared commitment with Goa Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, who believes in the potential of Goan youth and envisions a prosperous and green future for the state.

"Mukhyamantri Goencho Taxi Patrao Scheme," is a scheme launched by the Department of Transport, Government of Goa in collaboration with Goa Miles in March 2023 to provide employment opportunities to youth in the state. Under this scheme, the government is providing CNG taxis to unemployed youth without any margin money. The taxis are provided on a lease basis, and the youth are required to repay the loan in installments over a period of five years.



The scheme is aimed at providing a source of livelihood to unemployed youth in the state. It is also aimed at promoting the use of CNG taxis, which are more environmentally friendly than petrol or diesel taxis.

This scheme aims to reach the most remote corners of Goa and enable villages without significant tourist footfall to participate in the tourism economy. The scheme also aims to create livelihoods for Goan youth through an investment commitment of up to INR 100 Crore in phases, empowering them to become transport entrepreneurs and contributing to the state's economic growth in the E-rickshaw, E Taxi, and E Bike segments.



The scheme has been well-received by youth in Goa. Over 1,000 youth have applied for the scheme, and the government has already provided taxis to 500 youth.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Pramod Sawant handed over keys of 100 taxis to unemployed youth under the Mukhyamantri Goencho Taxi Patrao Scheme at Dabolim, in August 2023.

Here are some of the benefits of the scheme:-

- **Provides employment opportunities to youth:** The scheme provides a source of livelihood to unemployed youth in the state.
- **Promotes the use of CNG taxis:** The scheme promotes the use of CNG taxis, which are more environmentally friendly than petrol or diesel taxis.
- **Boosts the local economy:** The scheme creates jobs and boosts the local economy.



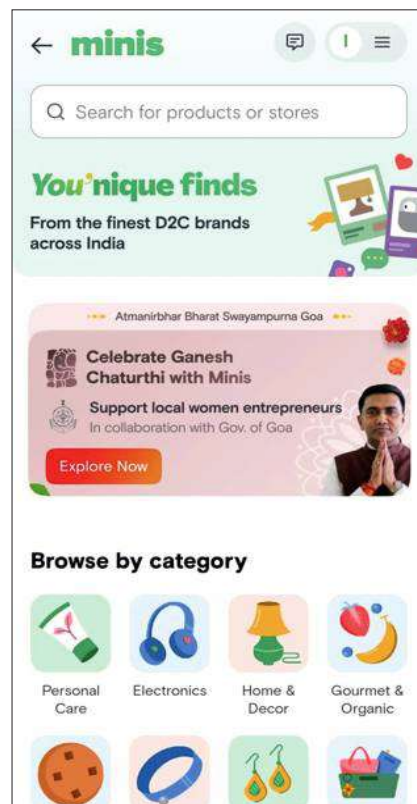
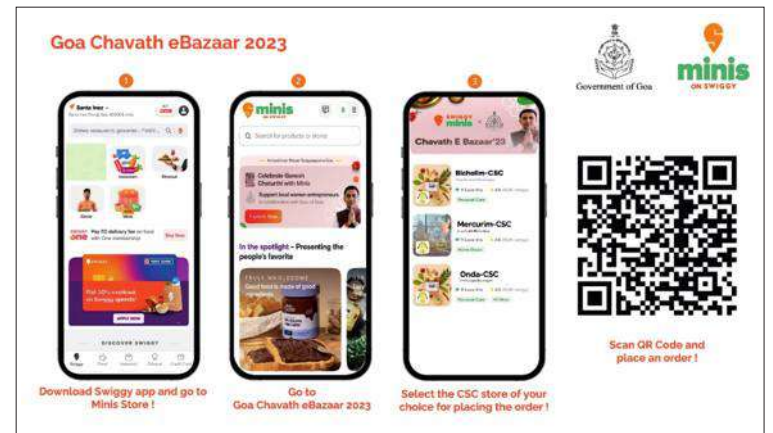
CHAVATH E-BAZAAR



Goa Government has launched "Goa Chavath e-Bazaar", an online market for local women entrepreneurs and self-help groups on the occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi.

This marketplace is available on Swiggy Minis, a small business platform from Swiggy. In this market, consumers can buy Goa's traditional Chavath sweets and snacks, like modaks, nevari, laddus, kapa, chocolates, papads, farsans, spices and pickles online. These products are produced by local women entrepreneurs and self-help groups.

To shop at this market, consumers need to visit the Swiggy Minis app or website and search "Goa Chavath e-Market". They can choose the product they want to buy and then order it to be delivered to their home. Chavath e-Bazaar is a great way for Goans to support local women entrepreneurs and self-help groups and get their favorite Chavath sweets and snacks at the convenience of their homes.





SWAYAMPURNA SANMAN



Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant inaugurated and addressed "Swayampurna Sanman" the celebration of International Women's Day in Goa organized by the State Government at such a huge level for the first time. The event was graced by Women Representatives of the Goa Government, Dr Deviya Rane, MLA, Poriem, Smt. Jennifer Monseratte, MLA, Taleigao, Smt. Delilah Lobo, MLA, Siolim and other dignitaries.

Government of Goa has organized "Swayampurna Sanman" under the aegis of Goa's flagship programme Swayampurna Goa which is supporting the beacon call of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi of creating an Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

The event bestowed recognition while celebrating every contribution made by the women of Goa in all spheres of life. Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant addressed the esteemed occasion with a message to all women to care for their health and fitness. He said, "Women need to care for their physical and mental health."

On occasion, Hon'ble Chief Minister also appreciated the efforts of Swayampurna Mitras toward extending informative and resourceful help to women looking forward to a solution at any level, be it a loan, upskilling, education or self-entrepreneurship.

40 Women Achievers were felicitated at the distinguished occasion.

Bhakti Kulkarni, the prodigious chess player from Goa, received the FIDE titles of Woman Grandmaster (WGM) and International Master (IM) in 2019.

She also received the Arjuna Award for her contribution to chess. Katya Coelho won the Gold Medal in the IQ Foil Women's Class at YAI Senior Nationals and the Sail India Championship 2023 in the third trial in the women's category.

Archita Siddhanth Shirodkar was felicitated for her performance in the field of weightlifting, whereas Sneha Krishnagopal Yadav and Samrudhi Shivaji Patil were acknowledged for their prowess in Taekwondo.





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Sakshi Kale was felicitated for her inspirational participation in the Long Jump Category at Para Athletics. Vinziah Pareria was appreciated for winning a Silver Medal in the cadets category and a bronze medal in the Junior Category at the West zone Khelo India. Ima Patil won a bronze medal in the Junior Category at the West zone Khelo India league 2023, while Dr. Sicletica Rebello was honored at the age of 82 for winning the Gold Medal in the All India Badminton Masters Tournament held in Goa. Babita Boko Zoro, who has contributed to Goat Farming; Deepa Degvekar and Afira Andrade toward Agriculture/Nursery; Dr Aduja Naik for her contribution to Research and Development in Mushroom Cultivation; and Bharati Shamba Naik, Anita Arun Naik, Rami Varak, Sangita Bhago Zore for their work in the field of Dairy Farming were also honored.

Surekha Nilkanth Chodankar, specially abled self employed women was appreciated for contributing funds towards social causes, including COVID and for donating a part of her earnings to the Pulwama Attack Fund. Meghana Mohan Naik was felicitated for her relentless determination to work. Despite being blind, she prepares mats, dhoop, agarbatti, etc.

Sonia Arondekar, a 1st Dan Black Belt in Shotokan Karate, and the Founder of Dragon Yoga School, Akanshsha Naik, a mother to 3 daughters making masalas, providing nursing treatment, Rasika Khandeparkar, a recipient of an award from the President of India for Door to Door Collection of Garbage, Rashida Muzawar, an NCC Cadet, and Vira Viraj Naik, a young entrepreneur endorsing computer embroidery were also honored at the occasion.

Sweta Goankar, a coconut tree climber who also imparts training to youth, was also awarded. Sunita Sawant and Shruti Pujari, who make traditional festive sweets, were felicitated along with Priti Sadekar, who proudly runs a professional kitchen.

Ranjita Pai, Chairperson of the State Commission for Women and Angelica Leana Odetta Sarita Da Silva, recently promoted as the Chief Engineer of PWD, were honored at the occasion.

Two Goan daughters, Richa Lau Govekar and Gauri Deepak Dhavalikar, who are soaring the skies as commercial pilots, were also felicitated. Yoga Teacher Neelam Marathe, Bamboo Items Artist Mali Tulsidas Parwar, Garland Artist Indumati Kashinath



Chitari, Flour Operator Mamta Hanumant Volvoikar, and Micro Food Formalization Technician Pramila Fernandes were honoured at the event. Famous Fashion Designers of Goa, Verma D'Mello and Philu Martins, received recognition today for their contribution to the global level promotion of the Kunbi Saree. Self-Help Groups, including Ravalnath Juth Bag S.H.G., Arambol, Chaitanya S.H.C. Cooperative Society, Bendurem, Kaloba S.H.G., Paliem, Bavakhan S.H.G., Pernem, and the Pink Rickshaw Group were also presented with the Swayampurna Sanman.





'SWAYAMPURNA' CENTRAL JAIL COLVALE



There are a number of initiatives being undertaken to make the Central Colvale Jail Swayampurna. These initiatives include:

Vocational training: The jail provides vocational training to inmates in a variety of skills, such as farming, dairy farming, sanitary pad manufacturing, handicrafts, and sewing and tailoring. The vocational training helps the inmates to develop new skills and to become self-reliant after they are released from prison

Handicrafts: The inmates of the jail produce a variety of handicrafts, such as wood carvings, coir products, cane and bamboo weaving, paper items, coconuts shell, seashell crafts, and sewing and tailoring items. The handicrafts are sold at a number of outlets in Goa, including the jail itself, the Goa Tourism Development Corporation (GTDC) shops, and various handicrafts markets. The handicrafts provide the inmates with a source of income and help them to develop new skills. The handicrafts also help to promote the culture and heritage of Goa. The handicrafts made in Colvale Jail are a unique and special souvenir of a visit to Goa. They are also a way to support the inmates of the jail and help them to reintegrate into society.





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Sanitary Pad Manufacturing Unit: It was started in 2023 as part of the Swayampurna Goa 2.0 initiative. The unit employs female inmates, and has also provided vocational training to the female inmates. The sanitary pad manufacturing unit is a significant step towards empowering female inmates and providing them with vocational training. It is also helping to make sanitary pads more affordable and accessible to women in Goa. The sanitary pad manufacturing unit is a positive example of how prisons can be used to rehabilitate inmates and prepare them for reintegration into society. It is also a reminder of the importance of empowering women and providing them with economic opportunities.

Gaushala: It was inaugurated in April 2022 by Hon'ble Chief Minister Pramod Sawant as part of the Swayampurna Goa 2.0 initiative. The cowshed is home to a number of cows, and the milk produced is used to feed the inmates of the jail. The cow dung is also used to generate biogas, which is used for cooking and other purposes in the jail.

Bakery Unit: The jail has a bakery unit, where inmates learn baking skills and produce a variety of goods, including bread, samosas, pakodas, snacks. The bakery is part of the jail's vocational training program, which aims to provide inmates with skills that they can use after they are released from prison.

The bakery products are sold to the public at a discounted price. This helps to reduce the cost of running the jail and also provides inmates with an opportunity to earn money. The money earned by the inmates is used to purchase supplies for the bakery and to provide inmates with a small stipend.

The Colvale Jail bakery is a successful example of a prison vocational training program. It provides inmates with the opportunity to learn valuable skills that they can use to find employment after they are released from prison. It also helps to reduce the cost of running the jail and to generate revenue for the government.

Chapati Making Unit: There are two chapatti making units in Colvale Jail. One was donated by ICI Foundation and Street Province. The Chapatti making unit helps to reduce the cost of running the jail by eliminating the need to purchase chapattis from outside vendors. In future the jail aims to generate revenue for the jail by selling chapattis to government hospitals and offices in Goa.



Candle Making Unit: The jail has a dedicated candle making unit where the inmates are taught the basics of candle making and create their own candles. The jail also sells the candles to the public, which helps to generate revenue for the jail.

Paper Bag Making Unit: The inmates make paper bags from recycled paper. The bags are 100% biodegradable and are sold to pharmacies in the state. The proceeds from the sale of the bags are used to provide inmates with a stipend and to purchase raw materials for the project.

Carpentry Unit: The carpentry unit is staffed by skilled carpenters who teach the inmates the basics of the craft. The inmates then have the opportunity to create their own unique products, such as Chairs, Tables etc. These carpentry products from Colvale Jail are sold to courts. Nursery: Colvale jail has started a nursery unit where they have propagated variety of plants. The inmates will start selling the plants in open market soon.



SWAYAMPURNA REPORTING PORTAL



To track the real time progress of the Swayampurna Mission, Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr.Pramod Sawant has launched "Swayampurna Reporting Portal".

All the Swayampurna Mitras are required to upload weekly reports on the Swayampurna Dashboard which will be available to be viewed by the Chief Minister's office. These reports should summarize the work that the Swayampurna Mitras have completed during the week, as well as any challenges they have faced.

By virtue of this portal,

- The Chief Minister can track the number of people that Swayampurna Mitras have helped each week or month. This data can be used to measure the reach of the program and to identify areas where more efforts and outreach is needed.
- The Chief Minister can track the types of services that Swayampurna Mitras are providing. This data can be used to identify the most popular services and to ensure that Swayampurna Mitras are trained to provide these services effectively.



- The Chief Minister can track the challenges that Swayampurna Mitras are facing. This data can be used to identify areas where the program needs to be improved, such as providing Swayampurna Mitras with better training or support.

"Swayampurna Reporting Portal" will allow the Government of Goa to track the progress of the Swayampurna Mitras, and identify areas where the program is struggling and make necessary improvements. This will help to ensure that the program is meeting the needs of the people of Goa.





Hon'ble CM turns Swayampurna Mitra of Saligao to celebrate his 50th Birthday

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant decided to celebrate his birthday as a Swayampurna Mitra in Saligao to mark 'Seva, Sushasan and Jan Kalyan', and during his visit he interacted and addressed the issues raised by Saligao residents.

Applauding the role played by government officers and employees in implementing the Swayampurna Goa programme, Hon'ble Chief Minister informed the people that the focus areas of Swayampurna Goa are being met. At the same time, he said that until and unless Goa's villages become self-reliant, the state will not become self-reliant. Sawant was addressing village panchayat representatives, government officials and locals through the 'Goa Ki Baat'.

As the Swayampurna Mitra of Saligao Village, the Hon'ble Chief Minister interacted with locals and addressed their grievances effectively and expeditiously. People urged to help them with various local issues like street lights, water connection, electricity issues, roads, crematorium, Primary Health Centre, etc. Each issue was personally addressed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in capacity of Swayampurna Mitra of Saligao Village Panchayat.





BETTER TOGETHER (MoUs)



Government of Goa has signed a number of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), aimed at improving the state's economy, infrastructure, and social welfare. Some of the most notable MoUs include:



MoU with Tata Technologies to upgrade ITIs: The Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship signed an MoU with Tata Technologies. The MoU aims to set up a Technology Hub in 5 Government ITI'S under CSR activities of M/s Tata Technologies Ltd. Under this Project, M/s. Tata Technologies Ltd. to contribute Rs. 165.00 crores as their 86% share towards machinery, equipment and technology cost whereas State Govt. to contribute Rs.27.00 crores as their 14% share. Besides this, State Govt. to construct 5 industrial sheds for each project ITI for an amount of Rs 17.50 Cr.

MoU with Infosys Springboard- The Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Goa, Goa State Higher Education Council and Infosys Springboard signed an MoU. The Infosys Springboard has developed a system for re-skilling, which empowers students to 'Learn by Doing' and develop holistically in preparation for emerging jobs and career opportunities.



MoU with Bharati Institute of Public Policy, Indian School of Business- This MoU will focus on evidence-based policy formulation and impact in the state. The Bharati Institute to collaborate with GIPARD to conduct workshops of officials of state services.



BETTER TOGETHER (MoUs)



MoU with GMC and Tata Memorial Center for Oncology to strengthen capacity-building in oncology: This MoU will see TMC provide training to GMC faculty and students in oncology, develop joint research projects in oncology, and provide access to TMC's expertise and resources to GMC.

MoU with One97 Communications Ltd.: The Company and the Govt agreed on the importance of Digital & Cashless Payment Technology in Goa & welcomed mutual cooperation for facilitating investments in Goa. The company will offer Goa the option of providing e-Government services on the Paytm Application, which will be accessible to all Paytm users for speedy and fast online payments.



MoU with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India to foster cooperation and collaboration: The Department of State Tax, Government of Goa signed an MoU with The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) on training on technical cooperation in GST. The MoU is to develop Co-operation and collaboration in capacity building, research, assistance in policy making, consulting and other activities.



BETTER TOGETHER (MoUs)



MoU with the Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises: The MoU aims to administer the Credit Guarantee Scheme - Goa Credit Guarantee Scheme/ Mukhyamantri Saral Udyog Sahayya Yojana

MoU with Enable India to improve inclusivity and accessibility: Goa Commission for Persons With Disabilities signed an MoU with Enable India. The MoU aims to create a more inclusive and accessible society for Persons With Disabilities by providing necessary skills, training, and placement support to secure dignified jobs in various industries.



MoU with temple Connect: the Department of Tourism, Govt. of Goa signed an MoU with Temple Connect, an organization dedicated to Revival & Development of the Temple Ecosystem. The MoU shall explore the Spiritual Tourism potential of the state by linking Goa's temples to a Global Circuit giving worldwide exposure.



BETTER TOGETHER (MoUs)



MoU with Indian Academy of Pediatrics: The Directorate of Education signed an MoU with Indian Academy of Pediatrics. The MoU is to implement 'Sankalp Sampurn Swasthya' projects in schools. The project team of pediatricians shall conduct workshops for students, teachers, and parents on various aspects of health, proper sleep, understanding food labels, mental and emotional health, etc.

The government is committed to working with partners from the public and private sectors to develop Goa and make it a more prosperous and sustainable state. Here are a few more MoUs signed by the Government of Goa.

- Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- Goa Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (GPMA)
- Goa Small Industries Association (GSIA)
- Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry (GCCCI)
- Travel and Tourism Association of Goa (TTAG)
- Verna Industries Association, Verna
- Kakoda Industries Association
- HONDA Industries Association, Honda, Sattari
- Pissurlem Industries Association, Pissurlem
- Sancoale Industries Association
- Kundaim Industries Association.
- Bethora Industries Association.
- Madkai Industries Association
- Genora Infotech Private Limited.
- Sai Service Private Limite
- MRF Limited, Ponda
- Design Mind
- Infinity Electrical Solutions.
- Riva Resorts Private Limited
- Chowgule Industries Pvt. Ltd.
- Gemini Motors
- Softech Computer Services
- Nijole Autotech- B. N. Thakur
- M/s. Bharat Hotels Ltd.(Unit: The Lalit Golf and Spa Resort , Goa.)
- The Leela Goa
- Holiday Inn Resort
- Alila Diwa Goa
- Beleza by the Beach
- Indian Hotels Company Ltd.
- Airwell Cooling Equipments
- Goa Glass Fibre Ltd., Colvale- Goa
- W Hotels, Vagator, Goa.
- R&H spaces Pvt. Ltd (Hyatt Centric, Candolim)
- Nanu Resorts, Arambol, Goa
- M/s Chemmanur International Holodays and Resort (Oxygen Hotels)
- The HQ Hotel, Vasco
- Business Network International (BNI)
- Goa Institute of Management (GIM)



CHIEF MINISTER'S APPRENTICESHIP POLICY (CMAP)



Government of Goa and Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has launched the Apprenticeship Training under the NAPS (National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme) and CMAP (Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Policy). Under this Scheme namely Apprenticeship in Goa, the job seekers in Goa will get an opportunity to Learn and Earn.

The policy aims to create 10,000 apprenticeship opportunities in government and private establishments each year.



Here are some of the benefits of the Goa Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Policy:

- Increased employability: Apprenticeships provide young people with the opportunity to gain practical experience and skills in their chosen field. This can make them more attractive to potential employers and increase their chances of finding a good job after graduation.
- Up-skilling and re-skilling: Apprenticeships can also help young people to up-skill and re-skill themselves. This is important in today's rapidly changing economy, where jobs and skills are constantly evolving.
- Improved livelihood opportunities: Apprenticeships can help young people to improve their livelihood opportunities. By earning a stipend and gaining practical experience, apprentices can improve their financial situation and support themselves and their families.

-Contribution to the economy: Apprenticeship can help to boost Goan economy by creating new jobs and up-skilling the workforce. This can lead to increased productivity and economic growth.

The Goa Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Policy is a win-win for both young people and Goan economy. By providing apprenticeship opportunities to the youth, the policy is helping to create a more skilled and employable workforce. This will benefit both the individuals and the state as a whole.





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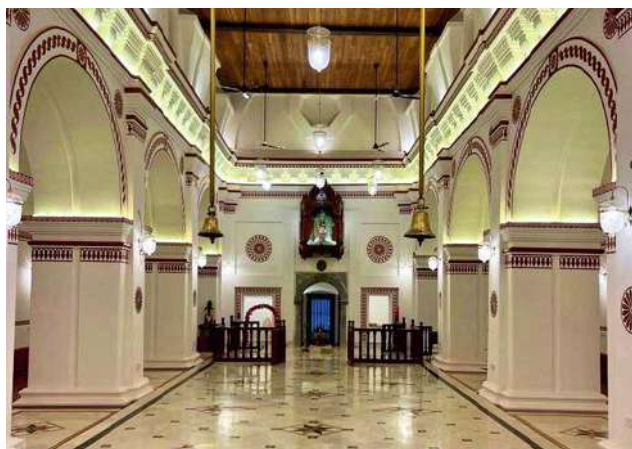
Workshop on Goa Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Policy for Government Establishment -2023 for Principals of Higher Secondary Schools by Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.



Five best performing Swayampurna Mitras were felicitated by Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant for getting maximum number of registrations for Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Scheme.



SAPTAKOTESHWAR TEMPLE RESTORATION under Swayampurna Goa Mission



Shri Saptakoteshwar is the 'Raj Daivat' of Goa. The history of temple, originally situated at Naroa, Diwar, Tiswadi, goes back to Kadamba Dynasty rule. It was desecrated by Bahamani rulers, rebuilt during Vijayanagar rule. It was again destroyed by Portuguese rule in 1540.

Fearing the destruction, the temple was shifted to Narve, Bicholim, at present location. The Present temple was built by Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj in 1668. The temple is located in a cave in the laterite hills of Narve. The temple was in a dilapidated condition and in need of restoration.

The restoration of the temple was undertaken by Goa Archives and Archeology department under Swayampurna Goa Mission. During the renovation the 'Kaavi' art form of wall decoration was executed, to revive the art.

The temple has been renovated at a cost of Rs 7.7 crore. Of this, the directorate of archives and archaeology has spent Rs 6.5 crore on civil works, Rs 70 lakhs on the electrification of the temple and Rs 51 lakh on consultant fees.

The restored temple was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant.

The restoration of the Saptakoteshwar temple is a significant achievement for the Swayampurna Goa mission. The restored temple is a valuable addition to the cultural heritage of Goa.





SAPTAKOTESHWAR TEMPLE RESTORATION

under Swayampurna Goa Mission





ROLE OF MILLETS IN MAKING GOA SWAYAMPURNA



United Nations has declared 2023 as the International Year of Millets (IYOM) to raise awareness about the nutritional and ecological benefits of millets and to promote their consumption worldwide. The Government of Goa is celebrating the International Year of Millets (IYOM) 2023 with a number of activities to promote the production and consumption of millets in the state.

Aligning with the United Nations, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant's vision was to start the Millet Mission in Goa. Hon'ble Chief Minister said that the Millet Mission is important for Goa because it will help to make the state Swayampurna in food and improve health of citizens. Millets are a nutritious and sustainable food source, and the Millet Mission is helping to make them more accessible to the people of Goa.

The Millet Mission in Goa is being implemented by the Directorate of Agriculture and was launched in March 2023 with the aim of promoting the production and consumption of millets in the state.



These activities include:

- Millet awareness campaign: The government is organizing a millet awareness campaign to educate the public about the nutritional value of millets and how to incorporate them into their diet. The campaign will include seminars, workshops, and cooking demonstrations.
- Millet festivals: The government is organizing millet festivals to celebrate the diversity of millets and to showcase the delicious dishes that can be made with millets. The festivals will feature millet-based food stalls, millet-based cooking competitions, and millet-based cultural performances.
- Millet cultivation demonstrations: The government is organizing millet cultivation demonstrations to teach farmers about the best practices for growing millets in Goa. The demonstrations will also provide farmers with access to millet seeds and other inputs.
- Millet processing workshops: The government is organizing millet processing workshops to teach farmers and entrepreneurs how to process millets into value-added products. The workshops will cover topics such as milling, packaging, and marketing of millet-based products.



ROLE OF MILLETS IN MAKING GOA SWAYAMPURNA



Government of Goa is also working with the private sector to promote the production and consumption of millets in the state. For example, the government is working with hotels and restaurants to include millet-based dishes in their menus. The government is also working with bakeries to produce millet-based breads and other baked goods.

The International Year of Millets is a valuable opportunity to promote the production and consumption of millets in Goa. The government of Goa is taking a number of steps to make millets more accessible and affordable to the people of Goa.

Here are some of the specific benefits of the Millet Mission activities in Goa identified by the Government:

- Increased awareness about millets: The awareness campaign and festivals are helping to educate the public about the nutritional value of millets and how to incorporate them into their diet.
- Increased production of millets: The millet cultivation demonstrations are helping to teach farmers about the best practices for growing millets in Goa. This is leading to increased production of millets in the state.
- Increased consumption of millets: The millet-based food stalls and cooking competitions are helping to make millet-based dishes more accessible and affordable to the public. This is leading to increased consumption of millets in the state.
- Increased income for farmers and entrepreneurs: The millet processing workshops are helping farmers and entrepreneurs to produce value-added millet-based products. This is leading to increased income for farmers and entrepreneurs.
- Improved food security: Millets are a drought-tolerant and sustainable food source. The government's efforts to promote millet cultivation and consumption are helping to improve food security in the state.





LIVE INTERACTIONS / WEBINARS



1. Live interaction on schemes for SC community was held on 9th May, 2022.

The objective of this webinar was to sensitize not only Swayampurna Mitras, Taluka Nodal Officers but also SC community of the State about beneficiary oriented schemes designed for them.

Hon'ble Minister Social Welfare, Shri. Subhash Faldessai addressed and interacted with the people.



2. Live interaction on schemes of Agriculture sectors

Live interaction on schemes of Agriculture sectors was conducted on 9th May, 2022. Target population for this interaction was the farming community of the State, Swayampurna Mitras, Taluka Nodal Officers, Panchayat Secretaries and local elected members.

Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture Shri. Ravi Naik encouraged Swayampurna Mitras, Taluka Nodal Officers, Sarpanchs for contribution in Agriculture.

3. Live interaction / Webinar on Career Guidance and Skill Development for Students

Live interaction on Career Guidance and Skill Development for Students was organized on 18th June, 2022. The purpose of this interaction was to guide students to give them an insight into the wide range of career choices, opportunities available, and training programmes.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant addressed Swayampurna Mitras, Sarpanchs, students, and parents for the interaction. He mentioned about Coding and Robotics scheme of the Government and the Importance of Integrated education for the betterment of Students.



4. Live interaction on Divyang Welfare Awareness and Related Schemes

The programme was conducted on 9th July, 2022.

Hon'ble Minister of Social Welfare Shri. Subhash Faldessai addressed Divyangs, Swayampurna Mitras, and Sarpanchs. He emphasized on the importance of making every Divyang Swayampurna Social, Economic, and Educational Aspect of their Life for the prosperity of the State.

6. Online Refresher Training for SM, TNO on Central Government Schemes

The Special meeting was conducted on 23rd July, 2022 to sensitize Swayampurna Mitras and Taluka Nodal Officers about Central Government Schemes.

In this training, representatives from the Public Works Department (PWD), Finance, Directorate of Municipal Administration (DMA), Health, Information Technology and District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) Departments explained the Central Government Schemes.



LIVE INTERACTIONS / WEBINARS



7. Live interaction / Webinar by Hon'ble Chief Minister with Newly elected Sarpanchs and Panchs.

The webinar was conducted on 22nd October, 2022. The Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant interacted with newly elected Sarpanchs and Panches. The Director, Directorate of Planning, Statistics & Evaluation (DPSE) briefed the gathering about:

- Swayampurna Goa 2.0
- Millet Mission
- Local for Vocal
- Garbage Management
- Minister Tumchya Daari and future initiatives.



8. Live interaction / Webinar on schemes of Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Departments

The programme was conducted on 26th November, 2022. Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries & AHVS Shri. Nilkanth Halarnkar addressed various issues on Dairy Farming, Street Animal problems.



9. Webinar on Orientation of Purple Fest and Schemes of Water Resource Department

The programme was organized on 17th December, 2022. The respected Commissioner for Persons with Disability gave an orientation about Purple Fest. He spoke about various events, competitions and activities organized for the PwD community.

Hon'ble Minister for Water Resources Shri. Subhash Shirodkar appealed to all Swayampurna Mitras to identify new young farmers.

10. Interaction with Award winning SMs and TNOs

Live interaction with Taluka Nodal Officers and Swayampurna Mitras was organized on 28th January, 2023 who have been felicitated at the hands of the Hon'ble Governor, Government of Goa.

The following Officers shared their experience working at respective Panchayats and Talukas.

- Shri. Gopal Parcekar , TNO Bardez
- Dr. Levinson J. Martins , TNO Salcete
- Shri. Dattaprasad Palni, SM Bastora
- Subraj Kanekar, SM Surla
- Shyam Sawant, SM Mauxi
- Shri Gunaji Chavan, SM Majorda Utorda Calata
- Vishwas Chodankar, SM Mollem
- Ramesh Gaonkar SM Gaondongarim



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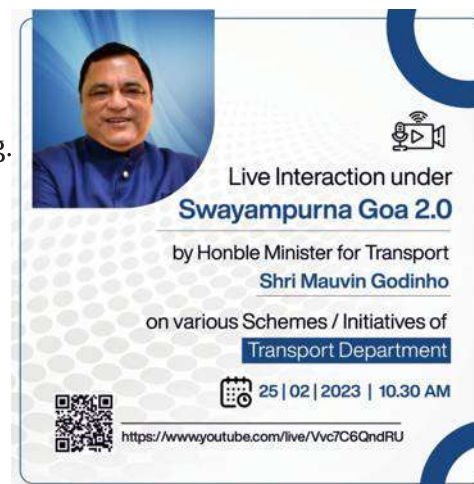


11. Live interaction on Schemes and reforms related to Transport, Panchayat, and Industries

The programme was conducted on 25th February, 2023.

Hon'ble Minister for Industries Shri. Mauvin Godinho requested all responsible citizens of Goa to kindly obey the Traffic Rules to prevent the situation from worsening. He also said that 50 electric buses are already in Goa and about more 100 are soon to arrive in Goa.

The Hon'ble Minister introduced about App-based Taxi and Young Entrepreneur Scheme which will facilitate the smooth functioning of the Taxi business in Goa in various ways. He talked about up-coming Young Entrepreneur Scheme, through which Goa Miles will sponsor the youth of Goa to join the Taxi business by providing them with the margin money. He further spoke on how the Government exempted taxi owners and bus owners during the pandemic from paying taxes. He further elaborated on the e-services adopted in the Transport Department of Goa.

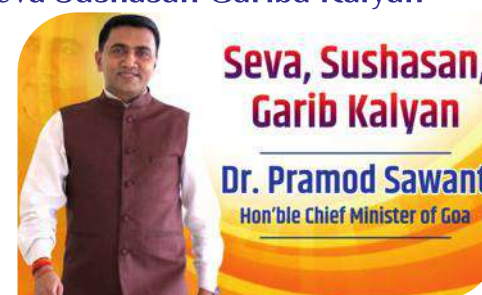


12. Live interaction by Hon'ble Minister of Environment & Climate Change Shri.Nilesh Cabral on Schemes and reforms of Registration Department, National Legal Service Authority, Public Works Department, Environment and Climate Change.

The interaction was held on 25th March, 2023. The District Registrar explained various services offered by the Registration Department such as Marriage registration, Registration of sale, Lease, Mortgage, Partition, Partnerships firms, Dissolutions, Registration of Societies, Renewals, filling Amendments and Notary Services. In addition to this, he also explained online services offered by the Department such as the National Generic Documents Registration System.

13. Live interaction / webinar by Hon'ble Chief Minister on the Occasion of Seva Sushasan Gariba Kalyan

Seva Sushasan Jan Kalyan programme was organized on 24th April, 2023 on the occasion of the Birthday of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. In this programme Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr.Pramod Sawant acted as a Swayampurna Mitra like all other Swayampurna Mitras in Goa. Also through, Video Conferencing he interacted with all Swayampurna Mitras / Taluka Nodal Officers and the general public. On this occasion, various Government Departments set up their counters at all village Panchayats / Municipalities to create awareness about the Government schemes.



14. Live interaction / webinar by Hon'ble Speaker for Goa Legislative Assembly on Shram Dham

On 20th May, 2023 under the guidance of Hon'ble Speaker Shri. Ramesh Tawadkar, a webinar on Shram Dham was organized. During the webinar, a short documentary on Shram Dham was played. Hon'ble Speaker Sir mentioned that through the Shram Dham initiative, it is possible to provide shelter to needy Goan families who are unable to construct their own houses. Under this initiative, help has been taken from locals, karyakartas, Government Officers, etc



LIVE INTERACTIONS / WEBINARS



15. Live interaction by Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Shri. Govind Gaude on the schemes of the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs

Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Shri. Govind Gaude, interacted with sports persons and Village Panchayats to raise awareness about the schemes offered by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs.



16. Live interaction by Hon'ble Chief Minister on Apprentice Training Programme on 1st July, 2023

The Director of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship gave the Welcome address and said that, The Swayampurna Mitras should motivate the eligible candidates to take up this opportunity. 416 Private and 81 plus Government Departments are a part of this Programme including companies like Suzuki etc. and in the future, a MoU with TATA is also expected.

The Assistant Apprenticeship Advisor explained this initiative of the Government and all the steps involved in the application. The Stipend for this training varies from 8000 to 15000 as per the qualifications. The Government aimed to issue 10000 appointments for youth on World Youth Skills Day i.e. 15th July, 2023.

Two Beneficiaries Praveen Chari and Jyoti Joshi shared their experience on this webinar.

DPSE and Skill Development will work on it achieving the target set for registration of Apprentices.

17. Live interaction of Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr.Pramod Sawant with Newly Elected Panch Members

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant interacted live with newly elected panchayat members and sensitized them on the Swayampurna Goa mission.

During the interaction, the Chief Minister highlighted the importance of the Swayampurna Goa mission and how it can help to improve the lives of people in Goa. He also urged the newly elected panchayat members to play a role in promoting the mission and in helping to make Goa self-sufficient.

DELEGATIONS FROM OTHER STATES VISIT TO STUDY SWAYAMPURNA GOA CONCEPT



Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi has asked other states to visit Goa to study the Swayampurna Goa Mission. In his speech in Goa, he said that the Swayampurna Goa Mission is a model for other states to follow. He said that the mission has been successful in making Goa a self-reliant state and in improving the lives of its people.

Hon'ble Prime Minister's call to other states to study the Swayampurna Goa Mission has been welcomed by many. Several states, including Assam, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Manipur and Uttarakhand have already sent delegations to Goa to learn about the Swayampurna Goa Concept.



ASSAM DELEGATION VISIT TO STUDY SWAYAMPURNA GOA CONCEPT

Government of Goa welcomed the delegation of Government Officials from Assam to study the concept of Swayampurna Goa which was launched on the lines of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat. State Coordinator, Swayampurna Mitras, Taluka Nodal Officers interacted with the delegates sharing experiences, challenges and programs implemented under Swayampurna Goa. The two-day tour included field visits to manufacturing units, food processing centers, and special drives undertaken under Swayampurna Goa.

MAHARASHTRA DELEGATION VISIT TO STUDY SWAYAMPURNA GOA CONCEPT

On 21st November 2022, delegation from Government of Maharashtra headed by Hon'ble Minister for Public Works Department, Shri. Ravindra Chavan, along with Officials, Shri. Eknath Dawale (IAS) Principal Secretary Agriculture, Shri Vinayak Patrudkar, OSD to Chief Minister, Smt. Priya Khan, OSD to Dy. Chief Minister, Shri. Aniket Patwardhan, OSD to Minister for PWD visited the State.



Delegation from Government of Maharashtra Shri. Bikram Kairi, IAS Commissioner and P & RD, Assam, Smt Bipanchi Dutta ACS, Assistant Commissioner, Shri Bipul KR Das ACS Assistant Commissioner, Dr Jayanta KR Goswami ACS Addl Commissioner and Smt Anamika Dey, State Programme manager visited the State.

DELEGATIONS FROM OTHER STATES VISIT TO STUDY SWAYAMPURNA GOA CONCEPT



UTTARAKHAND DELEGATION VISIT TO STUDY SWAYAMPURNA GOA CONCEPT

Officers from Government of Uttarakhand Additional Secretary (Planning) Maj. Yogendra Yadav, OSD to Hon'ble CM of Uttarakhand Dr. Durgesh Panth and Joint Director (Planning) Shri. Dinesh C. Verma visited the State on 21st-22nd September, 2022 to understand the Swayampurna Goa programme for Implementation of the same in their State.

GUJRAT DELEGATION VISIT TO STUDY SWAYAMPURNA GOA CONCEPT

On 18th November 2022, Senior Officers of Government of Gujrat Shri. D. D. Jadeja, I.A.S, Additional Development Commissioner and Shri. N. R. Patel, Assistant Development Commissioner, Government of Gujarat visited the State to understand the Swayampurna Goa Concept.



MANIPUR DELEGATION VISIT TO STUDY SWAYAMPURNA GOA CONCEPT

Government of Manipur: Dr. Shailesh Chourasia (IAS) Secretary (Power) visited the State on 18th November 2022.





SHIKA AANI KAMVA SCHEME

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant introduced 'earn while you learn' (shika aani kamva) scheme for the Goan youth. The Government of Goa has given thrust on skilling the youth through industrial training institutes and some private institutions under the Swayampurna Goa initiative.

INDIA ENERGY WEEK MEETING

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant chaired a meeting with ONGC officials regarding the India Energy Week 2024 to be held at Institute of Petroleum Safety, Health and Environment Management, South Goa. The India Energy Week shall give an opportunity for showcasing the world-class training capabilities of ONGC for attracting Goans, and International participants to attend trainings at Goa.



CREATORS CONNECT

Government of Goa in collaboration with Mugafi, have launched an initiative to encourage young aspiring writers and musicians from Goa to come forward and showcase their creativity. The bootcamp called Creators Connect binds all colleges from Goa in helping the students explore and unleash their individual talents.



FISH FARM PRODUCTION

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant launched the Value Added Business Activity for Fish Farm Production at Navelim.

This initiative is under the Environment Awareness Initiative of CSR of the Vedanta group.

HCM congratulated the initiative and expressed his expectations for more such initiatives under CSR activities of other companies too.

CAREER AWARE AND CAREER READY

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant launched the CareerAware and CareerReady program for School Children. It is an initiative of the Govt. Of Goa in collaboration with Antarang Foundation and Adhyayan Foundation. A comprehensive career guidance and career readiness program from 2023-26 for all students in all Govt. And Govt. aided schools from 9th to 12th Std in Goa.



SWAYAMPURNA WOMEN

Over 500 women have received skill training, equipping them with the necessary expertise to master the art of crafting the traditional Goan weave. Through the empowerment and development of the Kunbi Handloom Sector, Goa Government is fulfilling its vision to make Goa and Goan Women 'Swayampurna' while preserving the deep-rooted culture and heritage values of Goan traditional attire, promoting holistic growth of the community.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REFILLING OF LPG

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr. Pramod Sawant launched the Chief Minister's Financial Assistance for Refilling of LPG Cylinder Scheme 2023, This scheme for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) Ration Card holders in the State will provide financial assistance of Rs.275/- per month for 3 cylinders per annum.



GRAMIN MITRA YOJANA

The Government of Goa launched its flagship program, the "Gramin Mitra" Yojana. This is an initiative to provide doorstep delivery of government services across the state and promote digital empowerment in rural areas. The objective of this initiative is to empower rural communities with access to information and opportunities that can transform their lives and drive socio-economic growth. Under the initiative, people can request public services by simply calling the dedicated call centre number, which operates from 8 am to 8 pm, seven days a week.



SWAYAMPURNA MITRAS ATTENDED THE ISHA FOUNDATION'S SAVE SOIL EVENT



Government of Goa signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Isha Foundation on August 23, 2022, to collaborate on saving soil and promoting sustainable agriculture. The MoU was signed by Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant and Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, founder of the Isha Foundation.

The MoU outlines a number of areas of cooperation between the two parties, including:

- Awareness generation about the importance of soil health and the need to save soil.
- Promotion of sustainable agricultural practices that help to improve soil health.
- Training and capacity building of farmers and other stakeholders in sustainable agriculture practices.
- Support for research and development in sustainable agriculture.

With this, Goa has become the 9th state in the country to join the Save Soil movement, led by Sadhguru.

Isha Foundation organised SAVE SOIL Campaign on August 23, 2022, at the Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium in Bambolim, Goa. All the Swayampurna Mitras attended the Isha Foundation's SAVE SOIL Event. Attending events like these provide Swayampurna Mitras with the knowledge and skills that they need to be effective advocates for these causes and to develop and implement policies and programs that support them.

The Save soil event provided the Swayampurna Mitras with information about the importance of soil health, the threats to soil health, and the steps that can be taken to protect and improve soil health. By attending the Save Soil Event, Swayampurna Mitras have developed a better understanding of the importance of soil health and the steps that can be taken to protect it. This knowledge can then be shared with farmers and other landowners, which can lead to improved soil management practices.





SWAYAMPURNA MITRAS ATTENDED CASHEW FEST EVENT



The cashew fest was held on April 15 and 16, 2023, at the Dayanand Bandodkar Ground in Campal, Panaji. The event was organized by the Goa Forest Development Corporation Limited (GFDC).

The cashew fest was a two-day event that featured a variety of activities, including Live music performances; Food stalls; Crafts stalls and Educational exhibits.

The cashew fest provided the Swayampurna Mitras with information about the cashew industry, the challenges facing the industry, and the opportunities for growth and development. By attending a workshop on Cashew Fest, Swayampurna Mitras have developed a better understanding of the challenges faced by the cashew industry and the opportunities for growth and development. This knowledge can then be shared with cashew farmers and other stakeholders in the industry, which can lead to more sustainable and profitable practices.





CHATHURTI BAZAR



The Chaturthi Bazaar under Swayampurna Goa Mission was a successful initiative that helped to promote local products and businesses, as well as provide a platform for self-help groups to sell their products. The bazaars were held from 20th August 2022 to 30 August 2022 in 12 Talukas around the time of the Ganesh Chaturthi festival, and featured a variety of stalls selling traditional Matoli items, Goan delicacies, products, handicrafts, and fresh produce.

The Chaturthi bazaars attracted thousands of visitors from all over Goa and were a great success in terms of revenue generation.

Swayampurna Mitras played a key role in the success of the bazaars. They reached out to local vendors and businesses to encourage them to participate in the bazaars, provided information and assistance to vendors on how to set up their stalls and promote their products, organized marketing campaigns to promote the bazaars through social media, print media, and word-of-mouth, conducted door-to-door campaigns to reach out to potential customers.

The Chaturthi Bazaar was well-received by the people of Goa. The bazaar was also inaugurated by the leader of the opposition, which is a testament to its popularity and importance.



After witnessing the success of the Chaturthi Bazaar in 2022, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, decided to launch the Chavath e-Bazaar on Swiggy Minis in 2023. The Government of Goa partnered with Swiggy Minis to launch the online Chaturthi Bazaar in order to make it easier for people to shop for traditional Goan products and handicrafts, and to support local businesses. The online bazaar also allowed people from all over Goa to access the bazaar. The Chavath e-Bazaar got over 500 orders in just 2 days and generated revenue of around Rs.10,00,000. The success of the online Chaturthi Bazaar is a testament to the popularity of the Chaturthi Bazaar concept. Even Though there was only an online Chaturthi Bazaar in 2023, The Swayampurna Mitras took initiative and organized an offline Chaturthi Bazaar.





CHATHURTI BAZAR



Sanguem



Salcete



Ponda



Cancona



Mapusa



Bicholim



Vasco



Quepem



Pernem



Dharbandora



Tiswadi



Sattari



CHATHURTI BAZAR



"Matoli" is a canopy above Ganapati Idol. A wooden grid is suspended from the ceiling and decorated with seasonal biodiversity. Fruits, vegetables, creepers, wild flowers & fruits and Mango leaves are tied to the frame using twine made from jute "sutli" or banana plant bark "doro". Matoli items were made easily available at Chaturthi Bazaar.





CHATHURTI BAZAR





PRAKRITIK SHETI

Prakritik Sheti(Natural farming) can be defined as chemical-free farming that uses only natural inputs. Well-grounded in agro-ecology, it is a diversified farming system that integrates crops, trees and livestock, facilitating optimal use of functional biodiversity.

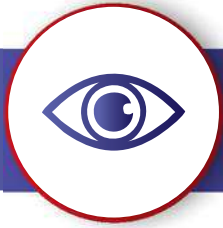
Natural farming provides a strong basis for increasing farmer's income while providing many other benefits, such as restoration of soil fertility and environmental health, and mitigation or minimization of greenhouse gas emissions. Natural farming is based on natural or ecological processes that exist on or around farms.

The Governor of Goa, Shri P. S. Sreedharan Pillai in the presence of Governor of Gujarat, Shri Acharya Devrath launched the project "Prakritik Sheti" (Natural Farming) organized by the Directorate of Agriculture at Raj Bhavan Dona Paula in September 2022.

Governor of Gujarat, Shri Acharya Devrath in his address highlighted the importance of natural farming.

Hon'ble Chief Minister, Dr.Pramod Sawant called upon farmers to fulfill our basic requirements of vegetables, fruit, milk, for which we depend on other States. The Government intends to ensure that central Government and State Government schemes reach needy people in the State to achieve the goal of self-reliance. He appealed to the people to cooperate with the Government by undertaking farming on a large scale to make Goa self reliant.





“VISION FOR ALL” PROGRAMME



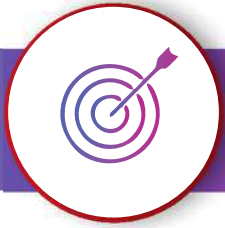
Government of Goa has launched the Phase 2 of Vision for All School Eye Health programme. This programme is a collaborative effort between the Directorate of Planning, Statistics, and Evaluation, the Directorate of Education, and Prasad Netralaya Super Speciality Eye Hospital from Udupi, Karnataka, along with support from ONESIGHT Essilor Luxottica Foundation.

During the first phase, a total of 2,05,029 students from 1,448 schools were screened, and 29,725 of them were identified for phase-2 eye check-ups.

Vision for All initiative will be implemented in all 12 talukas. Eye Examinations have been conducted for the students of Bicholim and Sattari Taluka. Currently the eye examinations are being conducted in Ponda and Dharbandora Taluka.

The Vision for All School Eye Health have trained 2000 teachers on basic visual acuity tests for the children in their respective schools, followed by detailed refraction by qualified professionals from Prasad Netralaya. 30,000 Students have been referred for checkup by the teachers and; Prasad Netralaya Foundation has committed to providing 25,000 free spectacles to students identified with refractive error.





CHINTAN SHIVIR - GOA VISION AT 2047



Chintan Shivir was a brainstorming camp organized under the Swayampurna Goa initiative to discuss and generate ideas for improving the quality of life in Goa. The camp was open to all interested participants, including government officials, civil society members, and the general public.

The objective of Chintan Shivir was to discuss and deliberate on Goa's vision for the future with focus on last mile delivery of services, infrastructure development and human resource development.

Chintan Shivir was held on April 28 and 29, 2023, at the Goa University campus in Taleigao. The camp was attended by over 200 participants from all walks of life.

The camp was divided into two parts. The first part was a series of presentations by government officials and experts on various topics related to sustainable agriculture and rural development. The second part was a brainstorming session where participants discussed and generated ideas for improving the quality of life in Goa.

Chintan Shivir was a successful event that generated a number of valuable ideas for improving the quality of life in Goa. The ideas that were discussed at the camp included: Promoting sustainable agriculture practices Improving access to education and healthcare developing infrastructure in rural areas protecting the environment.

The Swayampurna Goa initiative is committed to implementing the ideas that were discussed at the Chintan Shivir. The initiative is working to make Goa a self-reliant and prosperous state.





ABHA CARD AWARENESS DRIVE



Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) card is a digital health ID card that gives people access to their health records online. It also allows them to share their health records with doctors and other healthcare providers securely. The ABHA card awareness drive aims to promote digital health literacy and to make healthcare more accessible to people in the state.

The ABHA Card allows people to access their health records online and to share them with doctors and other healthcare providers securely. This can save people time and effort, and it can also help to improve the quality of their healthcare and uses a secure encryption technology to protect people's health data. This helps to ensure that people's health data is safe and confidential. The ABHA card is a portable health record and is helpful if people need to see a doctor in another city or country.



The ABHA card awareness drive in Goa is being conducted by Swayampurna Mitras, The Swayampurna Mitras visited villages and towns across Goa to meet with people and to inform them about the ABHA card. They also provided assistance to people in creating their ABHA cards. They also helped people to download and use the ABHA app, which is a mobile app that allows people to access their ABHA cards and health records.



KAUSHALYA MAHOTSAV IN GOA

The International Kaushalya Mahotsav Job Fair (Skills Festival) is a national event organized by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) to promote skills and employment opportunities in India. The festival is held in various cities and states across India, and Goa has been chosen as one of the centres.

The Kaushalya Mahotsav was held in Goa From April 23 to June 28. The event attracted over 10,000 job seekers and employers. This event has also helped to raise awareness about the importance of skills in Goa.

The main objective of the Kaushalya Mahotsav is to provide a platform for job seekers, employers, and training providers to connect with each other. The festival also aims to raise awareness about the importance of skills and to encourage people to pursue skill development. The selection process was transparent and reliable, and there were opportunities to serve in foreign countries.

The Kaushalya Mahotsav is a valuable initiative that is helping to promote skills and employment opportunities in Goa. The festival is a great opportunity for people to learn new skills, find jobs, and connect with employers.



PARWADA ANGANWADI- USGAO GETS NEW PREMISES

Parwada Anganwadi in Usgao village had been functioning without power and water supply for the last five years, testing the endurance level of two workers and over 40 students.

The centre is among those which were declared 'digital anganwadis'. Its students have been provided with tabs for learning. But the anganwadi had been functioning without electricity and water. To cap it all, there was no toilet in it, forcing the children and the two workers to defecate in open.

The Now, they have been given new premises under the Swayampurna Goa initiative.

The new premise is a major improvement over the old premises.



GREEN MUSSEL'S CULTURE PROGRAMME

Under Swayampurna Goa Mission, National Institute of Oceanography(NIO has set-up Tech-Demo of Green Mussel Culture on a floating raft at Verem, within the village limits of Reis-Magos Panchayat. The overall objective of this skill training programme is to enhance the employment avenues for coastal rural stakeholders, more specifically for the population in the jurisdiction of the Village Panchayat, Reis-Magos. The floating raft was successfully deployed on 5th January, 2022. The farmers were given information on the various government schemes that are available to support mussel farming.

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Success Stories



SM - Dattaprasad Palni, VP Bastora

Two youths from Bastora, Shri. Bhimrao Bandekar and Shri. Babaji Vast, were motivated by Swayampurna Mitra, Dattaprasad Palni to start their own plumbing and welding business respectively after completing ITI training. Both boys, who had a highest of 8th Pass, were guided to take up these trades and were provided with placement assistance. They are now earning a profit of minimum 3 lakhs/annum.



SM - Umanath L Naik, VP Menkure Dhumase

Umanath L Naik, Swayampurna Mitra of Menkure Dhumase identified a Below Poverty Line (BPL) family from Menkure- Dhumase, headed by Mrs. Perpet D'Cunha (a widow residing with her two sons) without Electricity and Tap Water Connection for more than 30 Years. With the help of WRD, Village Panchayat, Bicholim Electricity Department and special assistance from GCS Officer Raju R. Dessai a permanent Water and electricity connection was provided to the family.



SM - Sudesh Nanda Gaude, Curti - Khandepar

Pramila Fernandes, a resident of Curti Khandepar, received a loan of Rs. 378,000 from the Directorate of Industries Trade and Commerce, Government of Goa, under the Prime Minister Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprise Scheme. With the support of Swayampurna Mitra Sudesh Nanda Gaude, the loan was sanctioned in January 2023. She now manufactures Konkani Coco Cold Pressed Coconut Oil and has employed 4 local women. Her products are available in Goa Bagayatdar, DMart Super Market, Apna Bazar, and she also takes online orders.

Success Stories



SM - Umanath L Naik, VP Menkure Dhumase

Mast Sanat Shankar Naik, a boy with intellectual disability, had to travel 18 km from Menkure to Anand Niketan School in Mapusa due to the lack of special buses. With the support of Swayampurna Mitra Umanath L.Naik, and GCS officer Shri Raju Dessai, he was able to receive free doorstep bus pickup and drop service.



SM - Sudesh Nanda Gaude, Curti - Khandepar

Devki Kashinath Gaude, a Senior Citizen from Nandan Khandepar reported not having an electricity connection in her house for 40 years. She was instructed by Swayampurna Mitra, Sudesh Gaude to apply for a connection and received a NOC from Panchayat. Assistant lineman assisted her in wiring the house and provided the electricity connection. Village Panchayat Curti Khandepar provided her with a reimbursement of Rs.8500 for the expenditure she incurred for the process of acquiring the connection. She has also assisted in applying for Atal Asra Yojana for house repair.



SM - Subraj Kanekar, VP Surla



Sachit Fondekar, a resident of Surla, was living in unsafe conditions with his spouse and two children. Due to incomplete documents, he could not avail Government Schemes. y.Panch member, contacted Swayampurna Mitra, Subraj Kanekar, who, using CSR funds of Rotary Club of Bicholim, constructed a concrete house worth Rs. 8 lakhs.



Success Stories



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Sakshi Kale, a visually impaired individual, who had come to collect UDID card at Panchayat expressed her desire to pursue a career in sports. She was assisted by Swayampurna Mitra and others to approach the Goa Paralympic Association for training. She won Gold medal in long jump at 29th Para Athletics National championship held in Bhubaneshwar and Silver medal for 100 meter running at International Paralympic Open championship held at Bangalore. She also received financial assistance from the Sports Authority of Goa.



SM - Deepak Gaonkar VP Cudnem

Swayampurna Mitra helped three victims to avail Accidental Death Benefit Scheme of Government of Goa through the Transport Department in Sankhalim Constituency. A total of Rs.6 lakhs was disbursed.



SM - Gajanan Gawde, Ponda Municipal Council

One person met with an accident and died on spot. The person had three LIC policies in his name and the nominee was his father and mother who had already expired. The person expired leaving behind widowed wife and two sons where both of them are minors. Since the title became an open title, there was a lot of formality and legal procedure.

Gajanan Gawde, Swayampurna Mitra helped the widow by providing all the forms. Since the title was open, LIC wanted one surety, without which the LIC was not ready to release the LIC amount. Thereafter, the widow wife tried from her source to get one surety as Government Servant but no one supported her or came forward to sign on the surety form. Then Finally, the Swayampurna Mitra came forward and signed on the surety form and submitted the documents for settlement.





**4 YEARS OF
SWAYAMPURNA GOA
PROGRAMME**



AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT SWAYAMPURNA GOA: CELEBRATING THREE YEARS OF PROGRESS



On the occasion of the successful completion of three years of the Aatmanirbbhar Swayampurna Goa Programme on October 2nd, 2023, senior officers of the Government were deputed as "Paryavekshaks" to all Village Panchayats and Municipalities. This initiative facilitated live interactions between the public, elected representatives, and government officials, fostering a direct dialogue to address community needs and progress.

In conjunction with this milestone, the Hon'ble Chief Minister launched the Mukhyamantri Annapurna Yojana, aimed at empowering women by providing opportunities for Self-Help Groups and women entrepreneurs to cultivate and strengthen their entrepreneurial spirit.

Additionally, the Hon'ble Chief Minister unveiled the "Timeline Document", which comprehensively details the key aspects and major achievements of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa Programme, reflecting the state's commitment to self-reliance and sustainable development.





MUKHYAMANTRI ANNAPURNA YOJANA



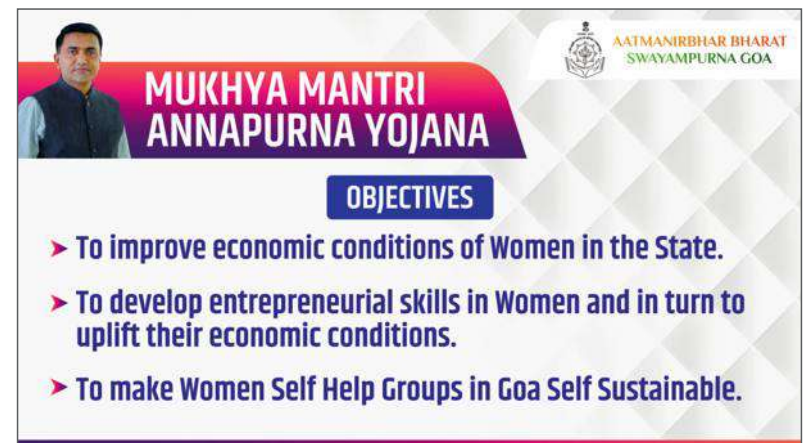
State Government has launched the "Mukhyamantri Annapurna Yojana" with a focus on empowering Self Help Groups (SHGs) by making them self-reliant. This scheme provides a unique opportunity for SHGs to operate canteens in various government departments, thereby creating sustainable income sources and enhancing their economic independence.

In a pioneering move, the state also introduced the Chavath e-Bazaar—an online platform created specifically to market homemade sweets and decorative items crafted by Mahila SHGs during Ganesh Chaturthi. This initiative marked the first of its kind in the country, showcasing the government's commitment to promoting local artisans and their products.



Building on this success, the government has launched a permanent e-business platform, "Swayampurna Goa e-Bazaar" (www.swayampurnagoa.com). This platform is designed to facilitate the sale of homemade and handmade products, including eatables and decorative items, crafted by local artisans, Mahilas, and SHGs. The Swayampurna Goa e-Bazaar enables these entrepreneurs to reach customers not only within Goa but across India, providing them with a broader market and helping them achieve greater financial stability.

Through these initiatives, the government is fostering an environment of self-reliance and entrepreneurship among Mahila Self Help Groups, ensuring that their skills and products receive the recognition and market access they deserve.





PM VISHWAKARMA YOJANA



Prime Minister Vishwakarma Yojana (PMVY) is a transformative initiative aimed at empowering traditional artisans, often referred to as Shramjeevis, across India. By providing them with comprehensive support, the scheme seeks to revitalize their livelihoods and contribute to the nation's economic growth.

The PMVY focuses on artisans engaged in 18 specific traditional trades. These include carpenters, boat makers, armorers, blacksmiths, tool kit makers, locksmiths, goldsmiths, potters, sculptors, cobblers, masons, basket/mat/broom makers, doll & toy makers, barbers, garland makers, washermen, tailors, and fishing net makers.

To participate in the scheme, artisans must register on the dedicated PMVY portal. Upon successful registration, they are issued a unique identification card, serving as their official membership in the program.



Recognizing the importance of skill development, the PMVY offers a 5-day training program for each of the 18 trades. These training sessions are conducted at designated centers within each block, ensuring accessibility for all eligible artisans. Upon completion of the training, beneficiaries receive a Rs. 2500/- traveling allowance to cover their expenses.

To facilitate their work and business growth, the scheme provides substantial financial and marketing support to the artisans. Each beneficiary receives an e-voucher worth Rs. 15000/- for the purchase of necessary tools and equipment. Moreover, the PMVY offers collateral-free loans of up to Rs. 1 lakh at a nominal interest rate of 5%. For those who successfully repay their initial loan, a second loan of up to Rs. 2 lakh is made available immediately.



PM VISHWAKARMA YOJANA



33000 Shramjeevis have been registered on the PM Vishwakarma portal .Goa was the first State in the country to start training programmes for the Shramjeevis. The PMVY is aligned with the broader goals of Swayampurna Goa, and the state can leverage the scheme's potential to empower traditional artisans, preserve cultural heritage, and promote economic growth.



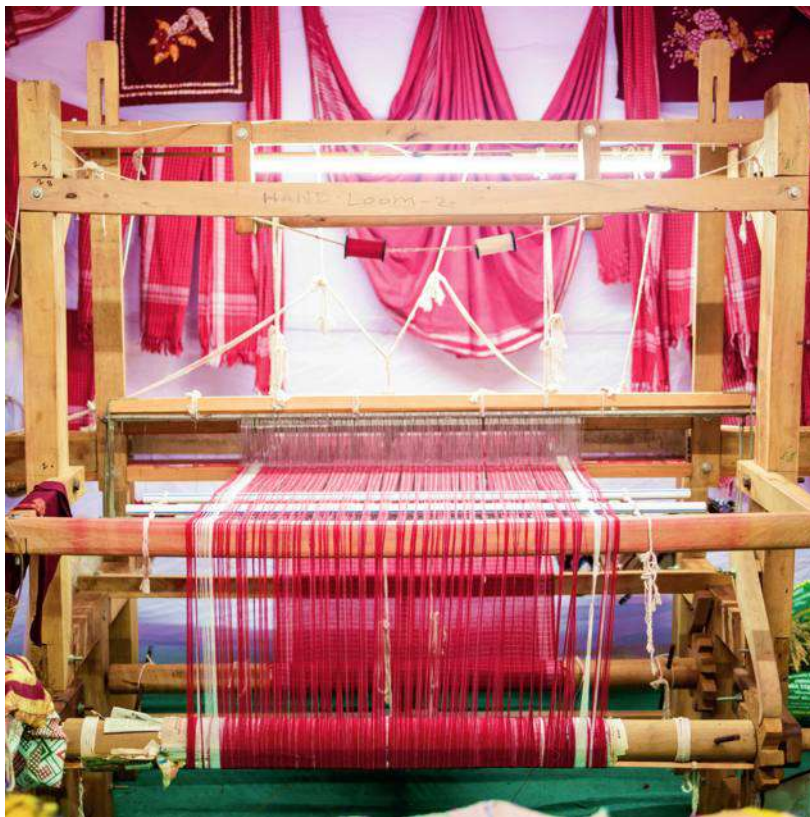


SARAS 2023: EMPOWERING RURAL ARTISANS AND PROMOTING HANDICRAFTS



Goa Saras 2023, held in Margao and Mapusa, was a vibrant celebration of rural craftsmanship and entrepreneurship. This annual exhibition, organized by the Goa Rural Development Agency, aimed to provide a national platform for artisans and Self Help Groups (SHGs) from across India to showcase and sell their handcrafted products. Over 220 stalls were set up, displaying an array of handmade goods such as traditional textiles, pottery, jewelry, and organic products.

The event focused on providing market access to local artisans, allowing them to interact directly with consumers and build their networks. It is a crucial opportunity for artisans from rural areas, empowering them economically and promoting traditional crafts.





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Earlier edition of Goa Saras held in Panaji saw an impressive turnover of approximately 6 crore, reflecting the strong consumer interest in authentic, handcrafted products. The 2023 edition in Margao continued to promote economic self-reliance for rural communities by fostering sales and entrepreneurship.

The Goa Saras exhibition aligns with the goals of the Swayampurna Goa initiative, which focuses on making the state self-reliant. By encouraging rural artisans to showcase their skills and providing them with a platform to sell their goods, the event contributes directly to the economic empowerment of local communities.





SPARSH ANTARMANACHO



“Sparsh Antarmancho” was a significant inter-collegiate event designed to raise awareness about mental health among the youth of Goa. Organized by the WOW Foundation in collaboration with the Directorate of Planning, Statistics & Evaluation and the Directorate of Higher Education under the Swayampurna Goa initiative, the event brought together 18 colleges across the state, fostering a spirit of community and collaboration.

The event unfolded in three parts. The first program took place on December 12, 2023, at St. Xavier's College, featuring participation from eight colleges in North Goa. The second program, held on December 14 at VVM's Shree Damodar College in Margao, included 11 colleges from South Goa. Each event showcased a variety of engaging activities, such as face painting, poster making, mime performances, one-act plays, T-shirt painting, group dances, poetry readings, photography exhibitions, and reel making. These creative expressions not only entertained but also served as powerful mediums for conveying messages about mental health, helping students open up





SPARSH ANTARMANACHO



Mrs. Ketaki Parob, President of WOW Foundation, delivered a heartfelt welcome speech, expressing gratitude for the support from the Chief Minister and his office. The event also saw the launch of a mental health booklet aimed at children, further underscoring the commitment to fostering mental well-being from an early age. Various colleges set up stalls showcasing art and activities designed to promote mental health awareness, creating a vibrant atmosphere of learning and engagement.



Mast. Vardhan Sawant illustrated the book "Atharva: The Hero in Me," a powerful resource aimed at promoting mental health awareness among youth. The book was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, highlighting its importance in fostering a positive dialogue about mental well-being. Through engaging illustrations and relatable narratives, "Atharva" seeks to empower young readers, encouraging them to embrace their inner strengths and address mental health challenges openly. This initiative reflects a broader commitment to nurturing mental health awareness and support within the community.





SPARSH ANTARMANACHO



Students expressing themselves through various forms of arts.





SPARSH ANTARMANACHO



The enthusiastic participation of around 900 young individuals underscored the event's success, with many expressing a desire for future initiatives. The collaborative efforts and support from the Government of Goa, led by Hon. Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, were commendable, paving the way for ongoing conversations about mental health and well-being in the youth community. Overall, “Sparsh Antarmancho” not only raised awareness but also inspired a collective movement towards mental health advocacy among the youth of Goa.



LOKOTSAV 2023: A CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA



Lokotsav in Canacona was a grand showcase of the region's rich cultural diversity and heritage. This annual festival, which celebrates the folk traditions, crafts, and arts of Goa and neighboring states, brought together artisans, performers, and cultural enthusiasts, creating an environment brimming with creativity and authenticity.

Lokotsav, which translates to "People's Festival," has become a key event on Goa's cultural calendar. The 2023 edition, held in the picturesque town of Canacona, continued its tradition of promoting grassroots artistry. Over the years, the festival has evolved into a vibrant platform for local and regional talent to showcase their traditional skills, helping to preserve the cultural legacy of Goa.

The festival hosted a variety of performances, ranging from Goan folk dances like "Dhalo" and "Fugdi" to performances by troupes from across India.

One of the highlights of Lokotsav was the craft bazaar, where artisans from different regions exhibited their handmade products. The exhibition featured stalls displaying traditional Goan pottery, bamboo crafts, wood carvings, and more. Local artisans from Canacona and beyond found a platform to sell their handcrafted items, supporting their livelihoods and ensuring that their traditional techniques are passed down through generations.

In line with the Swayampurna Goa initiative's mission to foster self-reliance, Lokotsav 2023 empowered rural entrepreneurs by providing opportunities for skill enhancement, market access, and greater visibility. The festival encouraged the use of eco-friendly products, promoting sustainable craft traditions that align with the state's vision for environmental conservation.

A key aspect of Lokotsav was the recognition given to individuals who had made exceptional contributions to Goa's cultural and social landscape. These awards celebrated those who had gone above and beyond to preserve, promote, and enrich Goan heritage. Whether through traditional arts, crafts, music, or social work, the honored individuals exemplified a deep commitment to Goa's cultural legacy and community development.





LOKOTSAV 2023: A CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA



Artisans showcasing the finest handicrafts were honored for their craftsmanship, while cultural troupes from Goa and neighboring states were acknowledged for their vibrant performances. This recognition fostered a sense of pride among the participants and encouraged younger generations to embrace traditional arts.

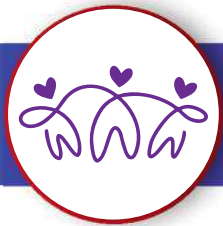
Lokotsav also offered an opportunity to indulge in the region's culinary delights, from Goan fish curry and rice to the much-loved bebinca and sannas. Local chefs and home-based entrepreneurs showcased their culinary expertise, offering festival-goers a taste of authentic Goan flavors.

The festival atmosphere was further enriched by folk games, street performances, and interactive sessions on traditional art forms. Families from Canacona and surrounding areas attended in large numbers, making Lokotsav not just an exhibition but a community event that fostered pride in the region's unique heritage.

Lokotsav also played a significant role in promoting tourism in South Goa. Canacona, known for its scenic beaches and tranquil surroundings, became a hub for cultural tourism during the festival. Visitors from across India and abroad experienced Goan culture at its finest while also enjoying the natural beauty for which Canacona is famous.

More than just a cultural festival, Lokotsav was a celebration of heritage, community, and sustainability. By offering a platform for artisans, performers, and local entrepreneurs, the festival helped preserve Goa's rich traditions while simultaneously supporting its vision for self-reliance under the Swayampurna Goa initiative.





INTERNATIONAL PURPLE FEST 2024



International Purple Fest, hosted by the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in Goa, marked a groundbreaking celebration of inclusivity, highlighting the importance of unity and diversity in addressing the needs of persons with disabilities. As one of India's first inclusive festivals, the event underscored the commitment to creating a more accessible world.

A key highlight of the fest was the recognition of 22 Purple Ambassadors, each representing one of the 21 types of disabilities recognized under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016.

The Purple Fest featured an exhibition of assistive aids and emerging technologies designed to meet the diverse needs of the community. EMA showcased innovative solutions to infrastructure inaccessibility and offered informative accessibility explainer videos, promoting understanding of accessibility standards and laws. An introductory workshop for an advanced Accessibility Training Course attracted 12 participants eager to enhance their skills.



A transformative Assistive Devices Distribution Camp was organized by Swayampurna Mitras in their Respective Village Panchayats under the Assistance to Persons with Disabilities for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances (ADIP) Scheme. This initiative, in collaboration with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO), aimed to provide essential support to those in need, ensuring that assistive devices reach the most deserving individuals.

The camp served as a vital platform, assessing the needs of 520 individuals with disabilities. After thorough evaluations, the Swayampurna Mitra facilitated the distribution of essential aids and appliances to 150 individuals, enhancing their mobility, independence, and quality of life. Furthermore, the camp also extended its services to senior citizens, assessing 67 elderly individuals. As a result, 29 senior citizens were provided with assistive devices tailored to their needs, enhancing their comfort and daily functioning.



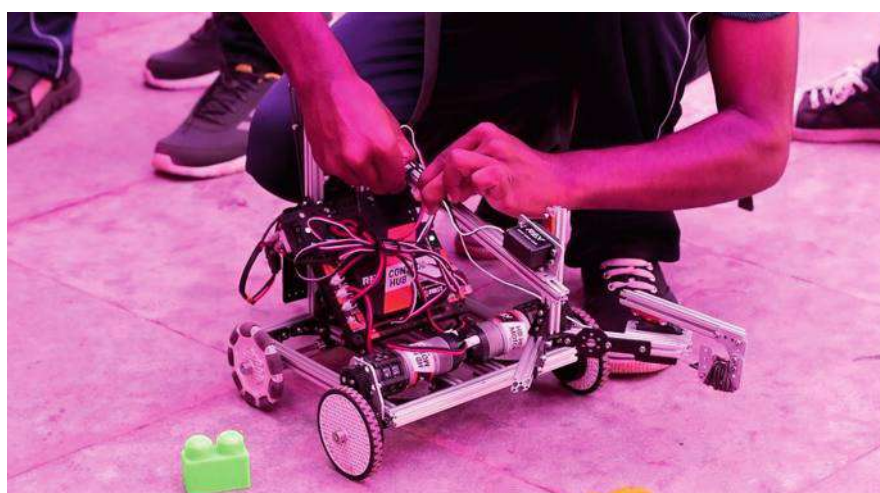
INTERNATIONAL PURPLE FEST 2024



In total, 715 individuals benefited from this camp, a testament to the Swayampurna Mitras unwavering dedication to ensuring that essential aids and appliances are accessible to a broader section of society.

Additionally, the PMDK distributed over 100 wheelchairs during the fest, facilitated by the GMC's permanent ALIMCO center, ensuring that individuals receive necessary devices promptly.

The International Purple Fest exemplified India's ongoing journey toward inclusivity, showcasing the collaborative efforts essential for societal change. As experts and advocates come together to promote accessibility, the event served as a powerful reminder of our shared responsibility to create a world where everyone, regardless of ability, can thrive. This aligns perfectly with the goals of Swayampurna Goa, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity and sustainable development for all citizens.



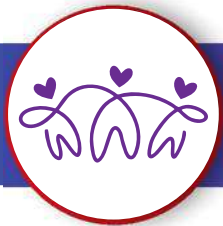


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KRISHI MAHOTSAV



Krishi Mahotsav 2024 in Goa was a celebration of the state's agricultural growth, innovation, and farmer empowerment. Organized by Directorate of Agriculture, the event focused on sustainable farming, agro-tech advancements, and linking farmers to modern technologies, new markets, and government schemes to boost productivity and income.

Krishi Mahotsav brought together stakeholders across the agricultural value chain, aligning Goa's agricultural priorities with the Swayampurna Goa mission. It emphasized organic farming, sustainable practices, and better water management, placing farmers at the heart of Goa's development agenda.





KRISHI MAHOTSAV



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

New Technologies: Cutting-edge tools like modern irrigation systems and precision farming equipment were demonstrated, aimed at improving efficiency and reducing resource use.

Sustainable Practices: The event promoted organic farming, with local farmers sharing success stories of improved soil health and crop quality.

Workshops: Sessions on drip irrigation, pest management, and post-harvest solutions provided practical, real-world applications for farmers.

Local Produce Exhibits: Goa's agricultural diversity was on display, offering farmers opportunities to connect with consumers and traders.



Government departments facilitated access to schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, providing information on financial aid and benefits under the Swayampurna Goa initiative, helping villages boost agricultural output and self-reliance. A special focus on women farmers highlighted their role in the sector, with sessions on access to finance, training, and markets. Women SHGs showcased their agro-processing achievements, underlining the importance of gender inclusion.

The event aligned closely with the Swayampurna Goa mission, promoting self-sufficiency by optimizing local agricultural resources and enhancing village-level production.

Krishi Mahotsav 2024 was a powerful platform for advancing sustainable agricultural growth in Goa. By blending technology, traditional wisdom, and government support, the event empowered farmers and reinforced Goa's path to self-sufficient agriculture under the Swayampurna Goa vision.



CASHEW FEST GOA 2024: CELEBRATING GOA'S ICONIC CASHEW CULTURE



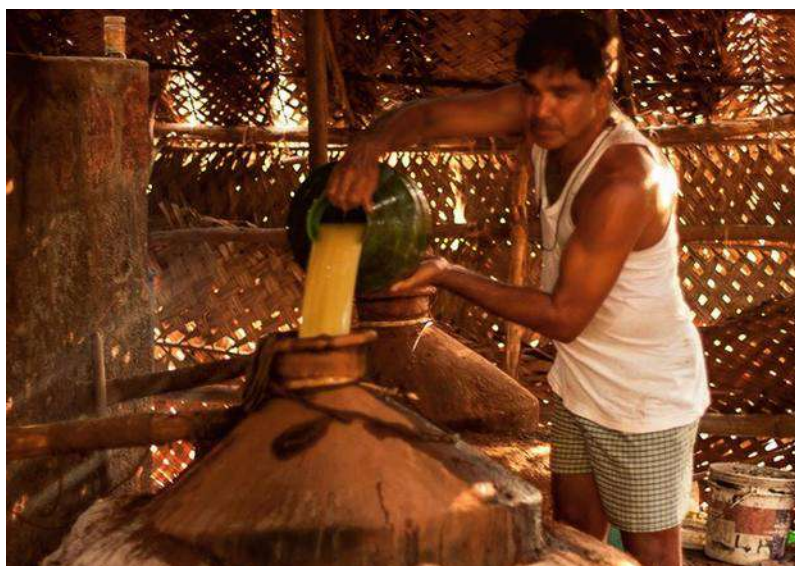
Goa's much-anticipated Cashew Fest 2024 took place from May 10 to 12, 2024, at the Dayanand Bandodkar Ground in Panjim. Organized by the Goa Forest Development Corporation (GFDC), the event was a grand celebration of the state's rich cashew heritage, focusing on empowering local cashew farmers and promoting Goan products like feni and urrak, as well as other cashew-based delicacies.

The three-day event featured traditional feni distillation demonstrations, live music performances by artists like Dhvani Bhanushali and Akhil Sachdeva, and technical sessions on cashew cultivation and processing technologies.



Over 50 exhibitors participated, showcasing a range of cashew products, including roasted cashews, cashew feni, and unique cashew-based dishes. The festival also highlighted modern machinery used in cashew farming and processing.

One of the primary goals of the festival was to empower women-led rural self-help groups (SHGs) and provide a platform for local farmers and entrepreneurs. This aligns with efforts to sustain the cashew industry and create economic opportunities for rural communities.



Beyond the festivities, Cashew Fest serves as a crucial platform for discussions on increasing cashew yields, addressing challenges in the industry, and fostering sustainable farming practices. Goa's cashew industry produces 25,800 tonnes annually, employing 3,500 workers across 20 processing units, making it a key contributor to the state's economy.





CASHEW FEST GOA 2024: CELEBRATING GOA'S ICONIC CASHEW CULTURE



The festival also marked the unveiling of Sylvan, a new brand focused on eco-friendly outdoor recreation and environmental education.

As Goa moves toward further promoting cashew farming, the event has not only boosted awareness about cashew products but also strengthened Goa's agricultural community, encouraging the younger generation to take up traditional practices like feni distillation and innovate in the cashew industry.





STATE CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY



Empowering Initiatives for Self Help Groups

GOA STATE CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY



On June 25, 2024, Goa celebrated State Consumer Rights Day with a strong emphasis on empowering Self Help Group. The Department of Legal Metrology, under the Swayampurna Goa 2.0 initiative, collaborated with the District Rural Development Agency, the Directorate of Planning and Statistics, and the Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration to host the event at Ravindra Bhavan Sankhali.

The celebration highlighted the Legal Metrology Department's proactive efforts in consumer awareness, including the establishment of consumer clubs in educational institutions and statewide outreach to students, startups, and Self-Help Groups (SHGs).

Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, also serving as Minister for Legal Metrology, has been dedicated to supporting micro women entrepreneurs by ensuring government schemes reach those in need. A budget of Rs.12 crore was allocated under Swayampurna Goa 2.0 to foster women's entrepreneurship and support SHGs.



The event featured a special camp to issue Packer Registration License to micro women entrepreneurs from SHGs, offering training in packing, branding, and marketing. The Directorate of Food & Drugs Administration also facilitated FSSAI registration and licensing on the same day.



STATE CONSUMER RIGHTS DAY



Camp provided valuable resources to women entrepreneurs, enhancing their market readiness. The Department of Legal Metrology encouraged broad participation from micro women entrepreneurs and SHGs to benefit from the registration and licensing opportunities.

This celebration underscored the importance of consumer rights and reinforced Goa's commitment to supporting local entrepreneurship and improving economic opportunities for women.





CAREER GUIDANCE WEBINAR FOR STUDENTS



On June 29, 2024, a live interaction and webinar focused on career guidance for higher secondary school students was held under the Swayampurna Goa program. This significant event saw participation from approximately 18,000 students across 112 higher secondary schools in Goa. The webinar was attended virtually by Swayampurna Mitras, Taluka Nodal Officers, and elected representatives from various village panchayats and municipalities, showcasing a robust community engagement.

The primary objective of the webinar was to enlighten students about the various courses and opportunities available to them after completing their Higher Secondary School Certificate Examination. Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant addressed the students virtually, emphasizing the importance of personalized career guidance from teachers to maximize student potential.

Dr. Mahadev Gawas, Assistant Professor at the Directorate of Higher Education, delivered an insightful talk on career guidance, while Shri Abhijeet Jambhale, Welfare Officer at the Directorate of Tribal Welfare, outlined the scholarship options available through various departments.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by Shri Manoj Sawaikar, Deputy Director at the Directorate of Education, reinforcing the collaborative spirit of the event.



Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant with students





CAREER GUIDANCE WEBINAR FOR STUDENTS



Building on the success of the higher secondary school webinar, a similar live interaction for students in classes VIII, IX, and X was scheduled on July 6, 2024. This initiative was designed to provide students with guidance in selecting their academic streams following the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) examinations.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant again addressed students during this session, providing valuable insights into various fields of interest. Dr. Mahadev Gawas offered career guidance, while Shri Abhijeet Jambhale will discuss scholarship opportunities. Additionally, a special talk on "Use of Smartphones and Cybercrimes" was delivered by Shri Rahul Gupta, IPS, SP of Crimes, highlighting the importance of digital safety.

These webinars represent a critical effort by the Government of Goa to bridge the gap between the public and governmental resources, ensuring that students are well-equipped to make informed decisions about their futures.





WORLD YOUTH SKILL DAY



Celebration with Emphasis on Skill Development

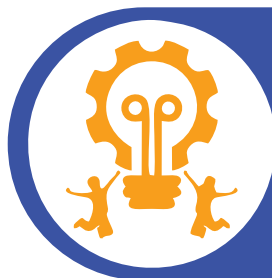


On July 11, 2024, the Government of Goa hosted World Youth Skill Day Celebration at Kala Academy. The event was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, who is also Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. Dr. Pramod Sawant delivered a keynote address that emphasized the state's commitment to enhancing skill development.

The State Level Programme featured a demonstration of skills by students trained under the National Skills Qualification Framework (NSQF) through the Samagra Shiksha Programme. The students, skilled in various sectors including healthcare, tourism and hospitality, retail, automobile, agriculture, media and entertainment, apparel, beauty and wellness, construction, telecom, and IT, showcased their practical abilities at the "Samagra Shiksha NSQF" pavilion. Dr. Pramod Sawant congratulated the successful entrepreneurs and commended the Samagra Shiksha team's efforts in Goa.



A distinct pavilion was set up to feature successful entrepreneurs who had completed training at Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). Hon'ble Chief Minister engaged with each entrepreneur, discussing their future projects and expressing his satisfaction with their achievements.



**SKILLING
RESKILLING
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WORLD YOUTH SKILL DAY



Skill Exhibition at Kala Academy was open for 4 days. Dr. Pramod Sawant announced that Goa is recognized for having some of the best ITIs in the country, with all ten ITIs in the state having received ISO certification. Notably, five ITIs—Farmagudi, Bicholim, Cacora, Mapusa, and Vasco—had been upgraded to Centres of Excellence, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, thanks to a Rs.165 crore investment from TATA Technologies Limited and matching grants from the State Government.

Swayampurna Mitras were instrumental in identifying artisans from remote areas, including Pernem and Sanguem, who also participated in the Skill Exhibition. Under the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana, Shramjeevis/Vishwakarmas were enrolled and received a Rs. 2,500 training allowance and Rs.15,000 in e-vouchers for tools and equipment. These beneficiaries received advanced re-skilling and up-skilling training at various ITIs in Goa, with their skills on display at the exhibition.

Approximately 40 successful entrepreneurs exhibited their work at the Skill Exhibition. The Directorate of Planning, Statistics, and Evaluation requested the Directorate of Education to arrange visits for students from standards VIII through XII to the exhibition.

During the program, four trainees who received Medallions of Excellence at the National Skill Competition in New Delhi in 2024 were honored by the Chief Minister. Dr. Sawant expressed appreciation to TATA Technologies Limited, Daikin AC Technology Limited, TAJ Cidade Goa Horizon, TAJ Group Goa, Jaquar, and Putzmeister for their support. The event also featured virtual connections with five Centres of Excellence, where three student trainees thanked Dr. Pramod Sawant for the enhanced opportunities provided through the upgraded ITIs, reflecting the ongoing commitment of Swayampurna Goa to skill development and local entrepreneurship.





TARANG UTSAV: A PLATFORM FOR SHGs



With a mission to support and uplift small businesses, micro, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) across Goa, the Directorate of Planning, Statistics, and Evaluation Goa funded Tarang Utsav 2024 in North Goa. This vibrant event brought together 120 stalls, showcasing MSMEs, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), and talented women entrepreneurs from Goa, creating an inspiring platform for innovation, creativity, and economic growth.

The Utsav served as a celebration of local talent and entrepreneurial spirit, providing an invaluable opportunity for participants to display a wide array of products, from handcrafted items to unique artisanal creations. These businesses, many led by women and SHGs, are key drivers of sustainable economic development in the state. Tarang Utsav gave them the platform to not only display their products but to connect with a wider audience and expand their business potential.





TARANG UTSAV: A PLATFORM FOR SHGs



Visitors to the event were treated to engaging activities such as pottery workshops, Mehndi art sessions, resin art workshops, and a delightful book reading session for children. These interactive elements added a lively, community-focused atmosphere, encouraging meaningful connections between participants and visitors while emphasizing the creativity and cultural richness that Goa has to offer.

The overwhelming response and footfall at the event underscored the importance of such initiatives in driving local business growth. The bustling stalls and enthusiastic participation reflected the immense potential this Utsav unlocked for SHGs and MSMEs, many of whom expressed gratitude to Swayampurna Goa Initiative and Government of Goa for the opportunity to showcase their products on a larger scale. It wasn't just an event to promote business but a space where entrepreneurs could network, collaborate, and grow.

At the heart of **Tarang Utsav 2024** lies the Government of Goa's commitment to promoting self-sufficiency, which encourages self-reliance across various sectors. By providing a platform for local entrepreneurs to showcase their products and services, the event has significantly boosted their confidence and contributed to the state's economic and social development.



UNION MINISTER SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN INTERACTS WITH THE FARMING COMMUNITY OF GOA



Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, had a virtual interaction with Goa's farming community to discuss the state's agricultural issues and potential. The interaction focused on critical projects and methods for increasing agricultural productivity, promoting sustainable farming practices, and empowering farmers of Goa.

This virtual interaction, organized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, Government of Goa, provided an opportunity to discuss key developments and future strategies. The Union Minister praised the Government of Goa, led by Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, for effectively leveraging centrally sponsored schemes alongside state initiatives. He highlighted Goa's strategic approach to utilizing manpower and resources to enhance agricultural production and promote farming mechanization, setting a benchmark for other states to follow.



The Union Minister urged the farming community to boost production by utilizing climate-resilient and bio-fortified crop varieties, converting 10,000 hectares of Khazan land for cultivation, and adopting short-duration millet, oilseeds, and pulses to increase cropping intensity in Goa. He also recommended the implementation of water-saving irrigation techniques, such as drip and sprinkler systems, and the promotion of floriculture.

Furthermore, he noted that more farmers in Goa would be able to benefit from the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. The Minister also underscored the advantages of embracing community farming, which offers significant benefits throughout the entire agricultural process, from production to marketing.



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Union Minister also emphasized the success of the Lakhpati Didi campaign in Goa, which has significantly advanced the financial empowerment of Goan women. This initiative has enabled Goan women to participate in international business fairs in countries such as Mauritius, Singapore, and Dubai, showcasing their remarkable entrepreneurial spirit. Shri Chauhan urged the people of Goa to continue working collaboratively to achieve the broader goal of making India self-reliant.

Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Goa during his address in the virtual interaction, reaffirmed Goa's dedication to the Prime Minister's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. He outlined the state's efforts to extend the benefits of centrally sponsored and state schemes to farmers, capitalizing on Goa's superior connectivity to mobilize support for both the Aatmanirbhar Bharat mission and the Swayampurna Goa mission.

He emphasized that the primary objective is to train young people and women for entrepreneurial development through skilling, reskilling, and upskilling. He spoke about the flagship programmes of the state and central governments, such as Chief Minister Annapurna Yojana, implementation of the green economy, assured vegetable marketing, PM Vishwakarma scheme.

Shri Arun Kumar Mishra, IAS, Secretary of Agriculture, Government of Goa provided a comprehensive overview of Goa's agricultural landscape and the achievements realized through various schemes. The virtual program was attended by Minister for Agriculture Shri. Ravi Naik, MLAs, Director of DPSE Shri Vijay Saxena, officers from Zonal Agriculture Offices in Goa, farmers, students from the Agricultural College, stakeholders from Self Help Groups, and representatives from local self-governing bodies such as Zilla Panchayats and Village Panchayats. Swayampurna Mitras from respective Village Panchayats, Municipal Councils, Corporations, and Taluka Nodal Officers also participated in the event.

Goa's commitment to supporting its farmers is evident through the implementation of various schemes that promote crop farming, horticulture, dairy farming, and aquaculture. These efforts are not only empowering farmers but also positioning Goa on the path to self-reliance in the near future. The union minister assured continued support from the Central Government in addressing critical issues, including the challenges related to Khajan land, with steps already being initiated to resolve these concerns.





SUCCESS OF SWACHH BHARAT MISSION



Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), launched by the Government of India on October 2, 2014, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is a nationwide campaign aimed at promoting cleanliness and sanitation across the country. The mission is divided into two major components:

Objectives of SBM Mission:

- Eradication of open defecation by providing access to individual household toilets.
- Establishment of community and public toilets in densely populated areas.
- Scientific solid waste management through segregation, collection, and processing of waste.
- Behavioral change and public awareness on cleanliness and sanitation.

The Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM), a nationwide initiative launched in 2014, has transformed villages and towns across India by emphasizing sanitation and waste management. In Goa, the Directorate of Panchayats has played a key role in ensuring the successful implementation of the mission, with significant achievements in both phases of SBM.

Phase I (2014-2019): 100% Sanitation Coverage

The first phase of SBM Grameen in Goa aimed to achieve 100% sanitation in villages. The Goa Waste Management Corporation (GWMC) successfully constructed 18,006 Individual Household Latrines (IHHL) from 2018 to 2021. To address any remaining sanitation gaps, the Public Works Department is collaborating with M/s Sulabh International to construct additional toilets for left-out beneficiaries.

Phase II (2020-2025): ODF Plus and Sustainable Waste Management

Phase II of SBM Grameen focuses on maintaining Open Defecation Free (ODF) sustainability, solid and liquid waste management (SWM and LWM), and promoting visual cleanliness across villages. Out of 191 village panchayats in Goa, 84 panchayats have initiated various SWM/LWM projects under SBM grants. These initiatives include:

- Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs)
- Bio-methanation plants for organic waste
- Drum composters
- Plastic shredders and bailing machines

Village panchayats now send non-biodegradable waste to processing plants in Cacora, Saligao, and Verna for further treatment, contributing to a more efficient waste management system. Wet waste from certain blocks is directed to the Cocora and Saligao plants for scientific treatment.



5 TPD Biogas Plant at Chicalim



1 TPD Biogas Plant at Usgao Ganjem



SUCCESS OF SWACHH BHARAT MISSION



Waste Management Infrastructure Development

In 2021-2022, several biogas plants were commissioned under SBM, including:

- A 5 TPD Biogas Plant at Chicalim
- A 1 TPD Biogas Plant at Usgao Ganjem
- A 3 TPD Biogas Plant at Cortalim Additionally, new MRF sheds were constructed in multiple village panchayats, including Chicalim, Colvale, Camurlim, and Kalay. This infrastructure has greatly enhanced the state's waste collection and processing capabilities.



5 TPD Biogas Plant at Penha De Franca



40 KLD FSTP at Honda

Phase II Achievements and Upcoming Projects

Under SBM Phase II, village panchayats have continued to receive support for waste management equipment, including e-rickshaws and garbage vehicles. The construction of new MRF sheds and biogas plants is ongoing, with additional Fecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTP) and Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) being commissioned in villages such as Chicalim and Cortalim.

Community Involvement and Education

As part of Swachh Bharat's focus on community-driven initiatives, Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities were conducted across villages. Competitions, cleanliness drives, and health camps for sanitation workers were organized to engage the public in maintaining cleanliness and sanitation standards. Furthermore, Goa is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the SBM Grameen by implementing new schemes and upgrades in waste management infrastructure.

The Swachh Bharat Mission in Goa represents a long-term commitment to a clean and sustainable future. By addressing critical challenges in sanitation and waste management, Goa's Directorate of Panchayats, in partnership with GWMC and other agencies, is transforming its villages into model ODF Plus communities, contributing to the overall vision of a Swachh Bharat.



IEC Activity for SBM



REVIVING TRADITION : THE RESURGENCE OF BEE FARMING IN GOA



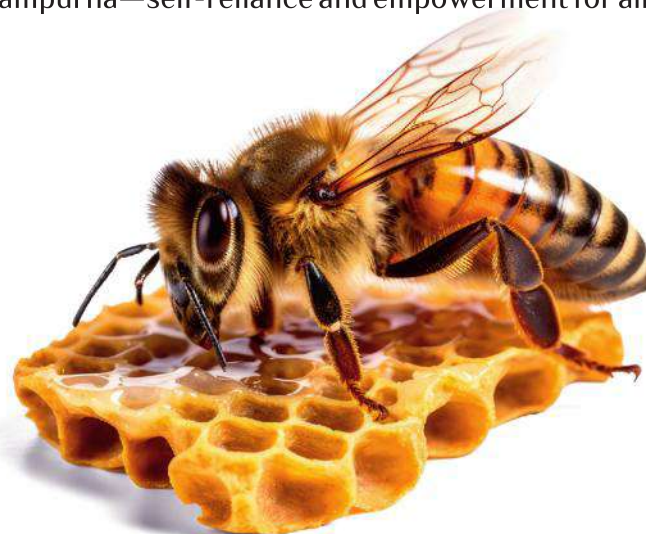
In a transformative initiative aimed at revitalizing traditional businesses and leveraging the rich natural resources of Goa's forests, bee farming is making a significant comeback. Under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa campaign, the government is empowering rural women by facilitating access to bee farming and honey extraction equipment, alongside refresher training programs.

This revival is not just about honey production; it embodies a broader vision of self-entrepreneurship and financial independence for women in rural areas. By equipping them with the necessary skills and tools, the government aims to foster a sense of autonomy and resilience, encouraging women to thrive in their communities.



Swayampurna Mitra Salelkar has been instrumental in facilitating this program, ensuring that participants receive both the resources and guidance needed to succeed. The initiative not only supports individual entrepreneurs but also contributes to the local economy by promoting sustainable practices that harness the region's natural wealth.

As these rural women embark on their bee farming journeys, they not only revive a traditional practice but also pave the way for a sustainable future, embodying the spirit of Swayampurna—self-reliance and empowerment for all.





EMPOWERING THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED



In a noteworthy effort to promote inclusivity and support education, electric vehicles (EVs) were distributed to Divyang individuals and tablets embedded with the 'Aavaz' application were given to special needs students. This initiative was carried out under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program of Petroleum Corporation Limited (PCL) and in collaboration with the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities.

This marked a significant step in enhancing mobility and accessibility for people with disabilities. The EVs were provided with an aim to improve the independence and daily convenience of Divyang individuals, reflecting a broader commitment to integrating people with disabilities into the mainstream community.

Tablets equipped with the 'Aavaz' application were distributed. This technology is designed to assist special needs students by facilitating better communication and learning. The 'Aavaz' application includes features specifically developed to support students with speech and communication challenges, thereby enriching their educational experience and promoting greater inclusion in the classroom.

By providing these technological tools, the program aims to enhance both mobility and educational opportunities, demonstrating a commitment to building a more inclusive society.

Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa was the chief guest of the event and his remarks at the event emphasized the importance of such initiatives in fostering an environment where every individual has the resources and support needed to thrive. This effort aligns with ongoing government policies focused on inclusivity and accessibility, ensuring that advancements in technology and support systems reach those who need them most.





IEC IN WASTE MANAGEMENT



IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) plays a pivotal role in promoting sustainable waste management practices. By raising awareness, educating leaders, and fostering behavioral change, IEC campaigns can significantly reduce waste generation, improve recycling rates, and minimize environmental impact.

In a crucial step towards promoting sustainable waste management practices, Taluka Nodal Officers, Block Development Officers (BDOs), and Chief Officers participated in a comprehensive training session on Waste Management Best Practices at the Goa Waste Management Office, Saligao Plant. The session was aimed at empowering these key officials with knowledge and hands-on exposure to the latest and most effective strategies in waste management. IEC (Information, Education, and Communication) plays a pivotal role in promoting sustainable waste management practices. By raising awareness, educating leaders, and fostering behavioral change, IEC campaigns can significantly reduce waste generation, improve recycling rates, and minimize environmental impact.



The training focused on enhancing the capacity of local administrative officers to implement sustainable waste management initiatives in their respective jurisdictions. By familiarizing them with the processes and technologies used at the Saligao Waste Management Plant, the goal was to improve waste handling, segregation, and disposal methods at the taluka and village levels.

The session emphasized the importance of scientific waste management practices, including source segregation, waste reduction, and the establishment of Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) to promote recycling and reduce landfill dependence. This initiative marks a significant milestone in Goa's efforts to create a garbage-free and sustainable environment, contributing to a cleaner and greener future for the state.



GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS CLAY IDOL MAKERS IN GOA



Government of Goa has implemented a subsidy scheme to support clay Ganesh idol makers, promoting eco-friendly alternatives to the environmentally harmful Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols. This initiative, managed by the Goa Handicraft Rural and Small Scale Industries Development Corporation (GHRSSIDC), aims to preserve traditional clay idol-making crafts while discouraging the use of PoP idols during Ganesh Chaturthi.

As of 2024, the subsidy has been doubled from 100 to 200 per idol, applicable to a maximum of 250 idols per artisan. The scheme is available to the first 388 registered artisans who craft clay idols themselves, ensuring these idols are not procured from outside Goa. This is part of the government's broader push to promote environmentally friendly practices and support local artisans.

Over the past five years, a total of 2,391 artisans have benefited from the scheme, receiving a total disbursement of Rs 2.54 crore.

To further protect the environment, the Goa State Pollution Control Board has once again issued an advisory banning the manufacturing, sale, import, and use of PoP Ganesh idols in the state.





KHOLA CHILLI : CELEBRATING AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE OF GOA

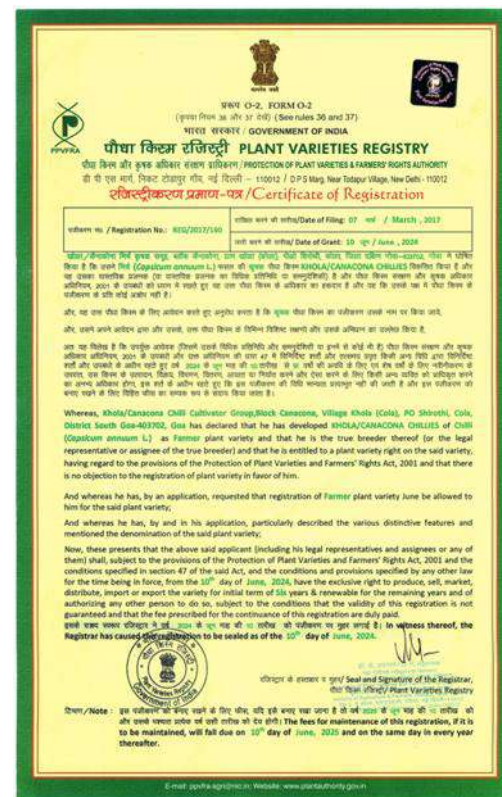


Khola Chilli, also known as the Canacona Chilli, has received recognition as a Farmer Plant Variety from the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPV&FRA), marking a significant milestone for the state's agricultural heritage. As the first Farmer Plant Variety from Goa to be officially registered with the Plant Varieties Registry, this development is not only a testament to the unique characteristics of the Khola Chilli but also a celebration of the hard work and dedication of local farmers.

The Khola Chilli, known for its distinctive flavor and vibrant color, is a staple in Goan cuisine. It is cherished for its culinary versatility, adding depth and spice to a variety of dishes. Beyond its gastronomic appeal, the Khola Chilli holds cultural significance for the people of Goa, often featuring in traditional recipes and festivals.

The registration of the Khola Chilli ensures the protection of its genetic diversity, which is crucial for preserving the variety against commercial exploitation and the loss of traditional farming practices. By designating the Khola Chilli as a Farmer Plant Variety, the PPV&FRA acknowledges the vital role of local farmers in cultivating and maintaining this unique crop. This recognition empowers farmers and affirms their rights to save, use, and share seeds.

The focus on indigenous varieties like the Khola Chilli promotes sustainable agricultural practices. It encourages farmers to cultivate traditional crops that are well-adapted to local conditions, thereby enhancing biodiversity.



With official recognition, there are opportunities for branding and marketing the Khola Chilli. This can lead to increased demand, higher prices for farmers, and potential export opportunities, benefiting the local economy.

The acknowledgment of the Khola Chilli as a Farmer Plant Variety opens doors for further research and development. It paves the way for initiatives aimed at improving cultivation techniques, pest management, and the preservation of the variety. Additionally, this recognition could inspire efforts to register more indigenous varieties from Goa, contributing to the region's agricultural diversity.



SCHOOL NUTRITION GARDEN: FOSTERING HEALTH AND LEARNING THROUGH AGRICULTURE



Nearly 950 of the schools in Goa have developed school nutrition (kitchen) gardens by involving students so that they learn the skill of growing their own food. **The School Nutrition Garden, part of the PM POSHAN initiative**, is a key effort to tackle hunger and malnutrition among children. These gardens provide fresh, nutritious vegetables for mid-day meals, promoting healthy eating and organic farming practices. By connecting students with the source of their food, the gardens encourage outdoor activity and teach the importance of a nutrient-rich diet. Additionally, they offer hands-on learning experiences, fostering an appreciation for nature and agriculture.

A School Nutrition Garden is a dedicated space within school grounds where herbs, fruits, and vegetables are grown specifically for **Mid-Day Meals**. The garden reconnects students with nature, imparting valuable agricultural skills while offering nutritious produce. The primary goal is to allow students to participate in the process of growing food—from seed to harvest—creating a rewarding relationship with the environment.

By supplying freshly grown vegetables directly into mid-day meals, these gardens combat malnutrition and educate children about the benefits of consuming fresh produce. The Directorate of Education (DoE) has recently mandated that vegetables from these gardens be incorporated into mid-day meals, further emphasizing their importance in promoting healthy eating habits.

The Programme Approval Board (PAB) has recognized the significance of school nutrition gardens and has advised the state to prioritize their development in all schools. Schools are allocated funds to support the establishment and maintenance of these gardens, and collaboration with local agricultural and horticultural departments is encouraged to maximize resource utilization. Additionally, funds from the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) can be leveraged to support these initiatives.



One of the most innovative aspects of school nutrition gardens is their adaptability. Contrary to the belief that they require large plots of land, these gardens can thrive in pots and containers, making them suitable for urban schools with limited space. Climbing varieties like snake gourd can be cultivated vertically, optimizing space utilization.



SWAYAMPURNA PANCHAYAT: V.P. HARVALEM



Village Panchayat Harvalem has actively participated in the Swayampurna Goa 2.0 initiative, achieving significant milestones for the welfare of its residents. With the support of the Swayampurna Mitra, the Panchayat has undertaken numerous development projects, focusing on sanitation, infrastructure, and community empowerment. This initiative has successfully empowered Harvalem Panchayat, transforming it into a self-sufficient village where the local community takes control of its economic and social development.

Key Pillars of Transformation

Empowerment of Self Help Groups (SHGs)

One of the key pillars of this initiative has been the training and empowerment of Self Help Groups (SHGs). The government has provided comprehensive training in essential skills such as packaging, branding, marketing, and pricing. By equipping these groups with the necessary tools, the government has enabled them to produce high-quality products that can compete in the market.



SWAYAMPURNA PANCHAYAT: V.P. HARVALEM



Waste Management Initiatives

Effective waste management has also been a critical focus of the Swayampurna Goa initiative. The government has implemented waste segregation and collection systems to ensure responsible and sustainable waste management. A Material Recovery Facility (MRF) has been established to sort dry waste, while wet waste is composted, improving the environmental health of the village and creating opportunities for waste management businesses.

Local Entrepreneurship Support

To encourage local entrepreneurship, the government has facilitated the establishment of small businesses by providing necessary resources and support. This has included assistance in setting up of 2 eatery stalls and other small-scale ventures, fostering a culture of entrepreneurship that creates employment opportunities and boosts the local economy.

Decentralization of Essential Services

Moreover, the government has simplified the process of obtaining essential documents such as residence, birth, and marriage certificates. Previously, villagers had to travel to Sankhalim for paperwork, but by decentralizing these services, the government has made it more convenient for residents to access necessary documents, significantly reducing their burden.

CSR Support

Swayampurna Mitra Shri. Satish Vaghonkar, with the support of the Lupin Human Welfare Foundation, has successfully brought multiple developmental benefits to the community of Harvalem. The partnership facilitated the following key contributions:

Toolkits for Artisans and Skilled Workers: Lupin provided toolkits for 5 masons, electricians, painters, and 1 traditional artisan, enhancing their work efficiency.

Shed for Vegetable Vendors: Understanding the need for proper infrastructure, a shed was constructed for vegetable vendors.

Support for Women Entrepreneurs: Eight sewing machines were distributed to women, empowering them to start or enhance their livelihoods.

Agricultural Support: Fifty farmers received vermi-composting bags and mineral mixtures, promoting sustainable farming practices.

Dairy Farmer Assistance: Thirty milk cans were given to local dairy farmers to improve milk storage and transportation.

Anganwadi Aid: Twenty educational charts were supplied to Anganwadis in Upper Harvalem to enhance learning for children.

Environmental Initiatives: A plantation drive saw the distribution of neem, chikoo, lime, chafa, nirfanas, rose, hibiscus, and other plant saplings to green the area under the Harvalem panchayat's jurisdiction.

Community Gatherings: A refreshment arrangement was made for 150 people, including VIPs and dignitaries, alongside floral bouquets to welcome guests.



SWAYAMPURNA PANCHAYAT: V.P. HARVALEM



Additional Initiatives

Tree Plantation Drive: A monsoon tree plantation drive was organized in June to promote environmental conservation.

E-Shram Card Camp: Held on 22nd December 2022, this camp helped unorganized workers register for social security benefits.

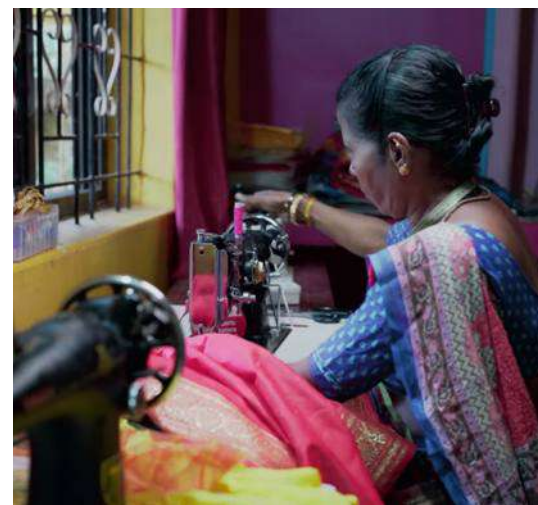
Swachh Bharat Mission Activities: Competitions and a cleanliness rally were conducted on 4th January 2023 to promote hygiene among school students.

CCTV Installation: Two CCTV cameras were installed to monitor illegal garbage dumping, a CSR initiative by Lupin Foundation, inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Sewing Machines Distribution: Seven sewing machines were distributed to local women, enhancing their livelihood opportunities.

UDID and ABHA Card Camps: Camps were organized to assist people with disabilities and improve healthcare access.

Village Panchayat Harvalem's efforts have been recognized with awards for Maximum Collection of House Tax and being the Cleanest Panchayat in North Goa.



Beneficiaries are seen utilizing the stalls and sewing machines provided through CSR initiatives to sustain their livelihoods



SWAYAMPURNA PANCHAYAT: V.P. HARVALEM



Material Recovery Facility(MRF)

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Swayampurna Goa initiative has profoundly impacted the HarvaLEM Panchayat. By empowering local communities, promoting sustainable development, and fostering entrepreneurship, the government has created a more self-reliant and prosperous village. The success of this initiative serves as a model for other villages in Goa and beyond, demonstrating how strategic interventions can lead to transformative change in rural areas.



GOVAN : EMPOWERING WOMEN & FARMERS THROUGH SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS



GoVan project exemplifies the Goa government's commitment to fostering self-reliance and sustainable development, directly benefiting 25 women through active engagement at Multi-product Processing Centers (MPPCs) at Curcholem and Bicholim. Aligned with the Swayampurna Goa mission, the project promotes inclusivity, economic empowerment, and sustainable livelihoods by leveraging community resources and promoting local entrepreneurship.

By providing women with the tools and opportunities to engage in processing activities, the GoVan project has empowered them to contribute meaningfully to the local economy. The project also strengthens the agricultural sector by directly engaging with approximately 50 local farmers, ensuring that raw materials are sourced locally. This direct purchasing model creates a reliable income stream for farmers, fostering stronger rural economies and reducing dependencies on intermediaries.



GoVan emphasizes sustainable practices in its operations, incorporating eco-friendly packaging and promoting environmentally conscious products. This approach aligns with both conservation efforts and the growing market demand for sustainable products. By encouraging community-based enterprises focused on value addition, the project has fostered a sense of ownership, cooperation, and pride within the community.

The consistent ordering of GoVan gift hampers by government departments, private agencies, and individuals underscores the success and recognition of the project. In a strategic move to further its impact, the approval of 10 additional MPPCs through the District Mineral Foundation (DMF) will support sustainable livelihoods and diversify economic activities in mining-affected regions. This expansion is pivotal to the Swayampurna Goa vision, promoting economic resilience and self-sufficiency across diverse sectors.



ATAL GRAM DEVELOPMENT AGENCY GOA



Agency has undertaken the following programmes.

Development of Agriculture activities in V.P.Surla

Agency has implemented a novel scheme towards development of agricultural fields in the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat Surla in Bicholim Taluka. The main aim of the scheme is to transform large tracts of non cultivable land into cultivable land by adopting suitable measures. Manual Labour engaged for the above work is being paid daily wages as per the daily wage rate as approved by the Office of Commissioner, Labour and Employment, Government of Goa. Earth moving machinery viz. Backhoe Loaders/Mini-Excavator/ Excavator for removal of shrubs, undergrowth dead wood, small stones/debris and leveling of fields are engaged as requested by the farmers after following proper codal formalities. An area of around 62,400.00 sq. mts. has been made cultivable in Ward No 1 (Patoli) in the jurisdiction of V.P. Surla by following appropriate strategies. An area of 31,000.00 sq. mts. has been made cultivable in Ward No. 4 (Ambefal, Bayem- Surla) in the jurisdiction of V P. Surla. The work of manual cutting/cleaning of Bushes, Grass & other undesirable vegetation in the jurisdiction of V.P. Surla, Bicholim Goa has been completed in another plot of land admeasuring 37,400. 00 sq.mts.in Ward No. 1 and 2 (Brahma Farmers Kumare- Joshibhat- Bhile).

Cultivation of Strawberries

Atal Gram Development Agency assisted 3 Self Help Groups from Verlem viz. Bhumika Self Help Group, Shiv Shakti Self Help Group & Chandreshwar Self Help Group in the cultivation of strawberries. An area of 4900.00 sq. mts. has been brought under strawberry cultivation by Bhumika Self Help Group, Verlem (2300 sq. mts.), Shiv Shakti Self Help Group, Verlem (1400 sq. mts.) and Chandreshwar Self Help Group (1200 sq.mts.). The Agency procured and supplied 33,000 strawberry saplings from Wai village in Maharashtra State.



School Education

Implementation of e-School project at Government High Schools at Netorlim, Vaddem- Curdi in Sanguem taluka and Maina and Malkarnem in Quepem taluka: The Agency procured and supplied Interactive Smart Boards along with mini PC, UPS and Camera for Video Conferencing at Government High School, Netorlim, Vaddem-Curdi in Sanguem taluka and Maina and Malkarnem in Quepem taluka to make learning an enjoyable experience. The Agency has also made arrangements for electricity connection and LAN networking in all the schools. The introduction of Interactive Smart Boards in the schools has benefited the student community to a great extent. This facility has also benefited the teachers to explain scientific and mathematical concepts more clearly and deliver the best quality education to their students which helps the students to understand these complex concepts in an easy way.





GOA'S ECONOMIC UPLIFT: A SWAYAMPURNA GOA SUCCESS STORY



Goa has demonstrated exceptional fiscal management, achieving significant strides in revenue surplus, fiscal deficit reduction, and debt management, as recognized by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) of India in its State Finances Audit Report. Despite the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Goa's fiscal health has improved markedly, meeting most of the targets set under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act and Rules.

One of the report's standout achievements is the exponential growth in Goa's revenue surplus, which surged from 59 crores in FY 2021-22 to an impressive 2,400 crores in FY 2022-23. This growth highlights the state's ability to build a solid revenue base, ensuring sustainable financial progress.

Goa has also seen a significant reduction in its fiscal deficit relative to its Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), with the ratio falling from 3.18% in FY 2021-22 to just 1.13% in FY 2022-23. This is a testament to the government's commitment to maintaining fiscal discipline and controlling expenditure while fostering growth.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, who took office in 2019, has been instrumental in reshaping Goa's future under the "Swayampurna Goa" initiative. This visionary program, born out of the need for self-sufficiency during the pandemic, has played a pivotal role in strengthening Goa's economic foundation. A Goa government official noted that this strategic focus on self-reliance safeguarded the state's financial well-being and set it on a robust growth trajectory. It laid the foundation for a financially resilient future, ensuring economic stability while promoting Goa as a premier destination for tourism, entrepreneurship, and cultural exploration.



In its second phase, "Swayampurna Goa 2.0" focused on Skilling, Reskilling, and Upskilling initiatives, aiming to prepare Goans with industry-relevant skills that make them more employable across various sectors. This phase is closely aligned with Prime Minister Shri.Narendra Modi's Skill India mission, empowering youth, or "Yuva Shakti," to become the backbone of India's economic strength.

Goa has also been a frontrunner in implementing the New Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The state introduced skill development and vocational training programs at the school level, enhancing the employability of future generations. Initiatives such as Coding and Robotics, Vidya Samiksha Kendra, supported by the AI Chatbot Parakh, and the Mulyavardhan Programme, are designed to prepare students for future challenges and opportunities.

Combination of strong fiscal performance and forward-looking initiatives like Swayampurna Goa positions Goa as a leader in economic sustainability and innovation. With a clear focus on self-reliance, skill development, and financial prudence, Goa is paving the way for a future that is both prosperous and self-sufficient.



CODING AND ROBOTICS EDUCATION IN SCHOOLS SCHEME (CARES)



CARES Scheme aims to create a technologically proficient generation by introducing students to coding and robotics from an early age. The program focuses on providing students with hands-on experience, fostering creativity, and developing problem-solving skills. By encouraging students to engage with emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI), robotics, and coding, the scheme ensures that Goa's youth are not only digitally literate but also ready to compete on a global scale.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, who also serves as the Minister of Education, is a key advocate of this initiative.

Broader vision behind CARES aligns perfectly with Prime Minister Shri. Narendra Modi's Skill India mission, which seeks to create a skilled workforce that meets the demands of the modern economy. By incorporating coding and robotics into schools, Goa is nurturing a generation of innovators, critical thinkers, and future-ready professionals.

CARES Scheme was launched in 2021 with a structured plan to introduce coding and robotics education across government and government-aided schools in Goa. As part of this initiative, dedicated labs have been set up, and teachers are being trained in modern teaching methods related to programming languages, AI, and robotics. The scheme's implementation has been supported by comprehensive teacher training programs, ensuring that educators are fully prepared to guide students through these new subjects.

So far, more than 450 schools across Goa have incorporated the CARES program, reaching more than 65000 students from both government and government-aided schools. This widespread implementation ensures that every child in Goa, irrespective of their background, has access to quality education in emerging technologies.

CARES Scheme is a cornerstone of the Swayampurna Goa 2.0 initiative, which emphasizes Skilling, Reskilling, and Upskilling the Goan population to meet the challenges of the future. Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant, in his vision for a self-sufficient and empowered state, has identified skill development as key to Goa's economic growth and competitiveness. CARES directly contributes to this goal by focusing on building a strong foundation for technological education among school students, who will eventually become part of the state's skilled workforce.





Government of Goa created Goa CSR Authority under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister in January 2021, with view to optimal utilization of the CSR Funds of Public and Private institutions for the welfare of the State. This Goa CSR Authority is registered with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, Government of Goa.

A key milestone was the first CSR Conclave 2023, held on 14th December 2023 at the New Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan, Donapaula. The event aimed to attract corporate participation in Goa's socio-economic initiatives and saw the attendance of over 82 corporate leaders, including General Managers, CEOs, and Heads of Industries.

1. Colorcon Asia Private Limited, Verna -Through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Colorcon Asia, Goa CSR Authority received 100 lakh to implement the "Vision for All" program. This initiative provided eye checkups for around 230,000 school children in Goa. It resulted in 253 free eye surgeries and the distribution of 1,608 spectacles to students in need. This initiative is pioneering in India for its scale and inclusivity.



2. Power Grid Corporation of India - In collaboration with Power Grid Corporation, the Goa CSR Authority facilitated the donation of medical equipment, including Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulances, Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulances, and blood bank automation instruments to hospitals in Goa, with funding amounting to 275 lakh.

3. EduHub Sports Private Limited, Mumbai- EduHub Sports Pvt. Ltd. launched a physical fitness assessment program titled "FitnessGram" in Goan schools and colleges. The initiative, funded by Canara Bank, assessed the fitness levels of 339 students, promoting youth health and fitness literacy across the state.





4. TENVIC Sports Education Private Limited, Bengaluru - This MoU, led by cricket legend Anil Kumble, aimed to provide a comprehensive grassroots sports training program for school children in Goa. The program is expected to span three years, encouraging long-term athlete development.

5. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru - IISc's flagship design-thinking program, led by Prof. Amaresh Chakrabarti, was designed for Goa's administrative officers. The training empowered government officials to implement innovative solutions, aiding in departmental and organizational growth.

6. Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII), Ahmedabad - With the launch of the Goa Udyamita Yojana, the EDII initiative aims to strengthen Goa's entrepreneurial ecosystem by fostering MSMEs. The institute supports entrepreneurship training, policy research, and incubation services, marking Goa as a business-friendly state.



7. Ather Energy Private Limited, Bengaluru - In partnership with Ather Energy, the CSR Authority is working on setting up 10 electric vehicle (EV) charging stations across Goa to support the adoption of electric mobility, catering to electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and four-wheelers.

8. National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS)- NIMHANS will provide expertise on stress management, teacher education, and life skills training in line with the National Education Policy (2020), contributing to the mental well-being of students and educators in Goa.

9. Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Mysuru - This initiative seeks to promote Indian languages, particularly Konkani, through the development of academic resources and research collaboration. It aims to preserve and celebrate linguistic diversity in Goa.



10. Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) - HUDCO contributed 250 lakh to procure four Advanced Cardiac Life Support ambulances. These ambulances will be used to provide emergency care, particularly to victims of road accidents.



11. Kotak Education Foundation (KEF), Mumbai -

The Goa CSR Authority and Kotak Education Foundation partnered to enhance the capacity of school leaders and teachers through instructional practices aligned with the National Education Policy, focusing on leadership development.

12. Dvija Naturals Private Limited, Goa - Dvija Naturals, a local MSME, is providing discounted ayurvedic products for CSR healthcare activities. This collaboration highlights the promotion of indigenous health products to improve community well-being.

13. Dvija Naturals Private Limited, Assagao- Goa- The Goa CSR Authority has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Dvija Naturals Pvt Ltd., a Goa based startup MSME engaged in the production of ayurvedic medicines on 04th April 2024. Under the Memorandum of Understanding, Dvija Naturals Pvt Ltd would offer its product Dvija Heal+ at 50%discount on MRP to CSR contributors for healthcare activities. These discounted prices are inclusive of taxes and exclusive of logistics and any other operational cost.

14. TT Skill Development Private Limited, Chennai - A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with TT Skill Development Pvt Ltd on 29th April 2024 with an aim to develop and implement skill development initiatives in the domains of Logistics, Supply Chain Management, Corporate Training, Cold Chain Management for the Pharma Industry, and Travel and Tourism Sector in Goa.

15. Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad - A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with Administrative Staff College of India on 29th April 2024 to promote excellence in teaching, training and research. Goa CSR Authority and ASCI will partner to deliver joint training programmes to government clients and private sector. The programmes may be conducted either in ASCI, Hyderabad or in off-campus mode in Goa.

16. Power Finance Corporation Limited, New Delhi - The CSR Authority signed an MoU with Power Finance Corporation for a grant of 400 lakh to procure medical equipment for Goa Medical College, strengthening healthcare services in the state.



17. Molbio Diagnostics Private Limited, Goa - Molbio Diagnostics provided critical healthcare infrastructure support through the donation of four ALS ambulances, two hearse vans, and ophthalmic equipment worth 340 lakh.



18. Goa CSR Conclave - The CSR Conclave, chaired by Goa's Chief Minister, gathered over 100 corporate houses and institutions, fostering partnerships in areas such as education, skill development, healthcare, and the environment.

19. Colgate-Palmolive India - This initiative aims to improve oral health for school children in Goa through the "Bright Smiles, Bright Futures" program. Dental check-ups and health kits are distributed to children in 1st to 8th standards in over 1,200 schools.



20. SBI Foundation - SBI Foundation and Goa CSR Authority are establishing a skill training and entrepreneurship development center. This project, funded by 49 lakh, focuses on empowering women and youth in Goa through vocational training.



BUILDING A SKILLED WORKFORCE



Government of Goa is prioritizing skilling, re-skilling, and up-skilling of its youth through various initiatives, programs, and policies. The Department of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship plays a pivotal role in transforming the state into a skill hub. With a network of 10 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and a capacity to train over 3,000 students annually, these ITIs are a key driver of Goa's skilled workforce, contributing significantly to the state's development.

In the past five years, Goa's ITIs have introduced several new-age courses to keep pace with industry trends and emerging technologies. These courses include:

- **Solar Technician**
- **Mechanic Consumer Electronic Appliances**
- **Fashion Designing**
- **Food Production**
- **Multimedia Animation**
- **Cosmetology**
- **Smartphone Technician cum App Tester**
- **Multipurpose Health Worker**
- **Food & Beverage Service Assistant**
- **Digital Photography**



These programs are designed to equip Goan youth with the skills needed to thrive in evolving job markets, both in traditional trades and modern sectors like fashion, technology, and renewable energy.





BUILDING A SKILLED WORKFORCE



In 2024, the government has taken several steps to further strengthen the skill infrastructure in the state. The Department of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has established collaborations with corporate houses, academic institutions, and industries to enhance training facilities and introduce new, industry-relevant courses. These partnerships aim to provide students with hands-on experience and direct exposure to industry standards, improving their employability.

Through these initiatives, Goa is shaping a highly skilled workforce that meets both local and global industry demands. By investing in modern courses, collaborating with industry leaders, and upgrading its ITI infrastructure, the state is well-positioned to become a hub for skilled professionals, contributing to its overall economic growth and development.





FISHERIES: A CATCH OF PROGRESS



Government of Goa is steadfast in its commitment to enhancing the fisheries industry through a variety of supportive schemes. These initiatives are designed to improve efficiency, sustainability, and the overall livelihoods of those involved in fisheries, fostering a vibrant ecosystem for local fishermen.



INSULATED VEHICLES

Under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), fishermen in Goa are provided with insulated vehicles to ensure the efficient transportation of fresh fish. This initiative not only streamlines the movement of seafood but also includes vital support for fish farming equipment and infrastructure development, such as ponds and bio-toilets.

MOBILE FISH VANS

In addition, the Goa government has introduced mobile fish stalls, including Tata Winger Cargo vehicles, to bolster the fisheries sector. These mobile fish vans enhance distribution capabilities, enabling fresh seafood to reach villages directly and ensuring local communities have consistent access to quality fish products.



ECO-FRIENDLY MOVABLE FISH KIOSK MATSYA VAHINI

On September 2, 2024, the Department of Fisheries launched the Eco-Friendly Movable Fish Kiosk Matsya Vahini—Three Wheeler Scheme. This innovative initiative promotes sustainable fishing practices by offering fishermen a mobile platform to sell their catch directly to consumers, significantly increasing accessibility and market reach.



FISHERIES: A CATCH OF PROGRESS



SUBSIDIES

To further streamline operations, the Goa government provides subsidies for fish vans, motorcycles, and ice boxes. These subsidies are designed to enhance the supply chain, making it easier for fishermen to reach remote areas, thereby ensuring that communities have reliable access to fresh fish.

Through these comprehensive initiatives, the Government of Goa is not only revitalizing the fisheries industry but also empowering local fishermen and promoting sustainable practices. By improving transportation and market access, these programs significantly contribute to the overall growth and resilience of the fisheries sector in the state, illustrating a model of progress and self-sufficiency for the community.





WASTE MANAGEMENT REVOLUTION



In recent years, Goa has made significant strides in solid waste management through the efforts of the Goa Waste Management Corporation (GWMC). The state's waste management initiatives are designed to address the growing need for sustainable practices while ensuring cleanliness across cities and villages.

1. Integrated Solid Waste Management Facilities (ISWMF):

Since August 2016, Goa's ISWMF has treated over 445,000 metric tons of waste, generating an average of 28,000 units of electricity per day. This system, which has been operational for eight years, ensures that only 3% of waste is sent to landfills, while the facility generates around 8 tons of compost per day. The Manohar Parrikar ISWMF, inaugurated in 2024, stands as a modern symbol of efficiency, processing 22719 metric tons of waste and producing 10,000 units of electricity daily.

2. Biomedical and Hazardous Waste Management:

In response to the challenges posed by biomedical and hazardous waste, the GWMC established dedicated treatment facilities. The biomedical waste facility, operating on a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, treats 4-5 tons of waste daily, serving over 1500 healthcare facilities. Meanwhile, the hazardous waste facility, also based on a PPP model, has received 13,166 metric tons of waste and includes secured landfills and incinerators.



Common Bio Medical Waste Treatment facility



250 TPD SWMF at Saligao



WASTE MANAGEMENT REVOLUTION



3. Legacy Waste Remediation:

Goa has taken on the mammoth task of remediating its legacy dumpsites. In Phase I, a total of 452,939 cubic meters of waste has been remediated, with Phase II underway to address an additional 83,857 cubic meters of waste. These efforts have drastically transformed previously polluted sites, leading to cleaner and healthier environments.

4. Public Awareness and Secondary Waste Collection:

Public participation is key to the success of Goa's waste management. GWMC organizes frequent road cleaning schedules, collecting litter along highways and district roads. Additionally, since 2013, 21,621 tons of waste have been collected from village panchayats, with schools also contributing 1,181 tons since 2014.

5. Recycling Initiatives - The 'POTI' Project:

One of the standout initiatives is the "POTI – Protection of Oceans, Trees, & Inhabitants" project, which encourages the public to recycle clothes. For every 2kg of used clothes donated, citizens receive a recycled cloth bag. This project aims to reduce the use of plastic bags and promote eco-friendly practices.

6. Recognition and Knowledge Sharing:

The GWMC's expertise in waste management has earned it recognition as a Swachhata Knowledge Partner (SKP) under the Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. This distinction showcases the corporation's leadership in managing waste-related issues and building capacity across the nation.

Through these innovative projects, GWMC has successfully positioned Goa as a leading state in India for waste management. By focusing on sustainability and community involvement, Goa is shaping a cleaner and greener future for all its residents.



National Conference on art infrastructure facilities & initiatives in solid and sewage waste management



Awareness Drives, IEC Activities & School Visits to SWMF





CHIEF MINISTER APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME



Chief Minister Apprenticeship Scheme, initiated by the Government of Goa, offers Goan youth a unique opportunity to gain hands-on training and experience in both government and private establishments. Originally designed for students with a technical background, such as those from Polytechnic and ITI institutes, the scheme has been expanded through the Chief Minister Apprenticeship Policy to include students with non-technical backgrounds as well. This makes Goa the first state in India to offer such a platform to youth with non-technical skills, enhancing their employability across various sectors.

Chief Minister Apprenticeship Policy was introduced to bridge the gap between education and employability. While earlier versions of the scheme catered exclusively to technically trained students, the new policy opens doors for non-technical students to gain practical work experience in government and private organizations. The initiative aims to make Goan youth more job-ready by equipping them with essential skills and experience, regardless of their academic background.

To streamline the process, candidate registration is done through the National Apprenticeship Portal (NAP), where both candidates and establishments can register. This portal serves as a platform for matching youth with apprenticeship opportunities, making it easier for companies to recruit and for students to find relevant training.

Due to the government's dedicated efforts, over 18,000 youth have already joined the Chief Minister's Apprenticeship Programme in both government and private companies. During the apprenticeship period, trainees receive a monthly stipend ranging from 8,000 to 13,000, helping them financially while they acquire valuable work experience. Upon successful completion of the training, apprentices receive a certificate, further enhancing their employability.



In a grand celebration of youth skills, the World Youth Skill Day was held on 15th July 2023 at the Taleigao Community Hall. During the event, more than 5,000 apprenticeship contracts were distributed to candidates by the Hon'ble Chief Minister, marking a significant milestone in the scheme's success.



REFRESHER TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR TALUKA NODAL OFFICERS AND SWAYAMPURNA MITRAS



On September 26th and 27th, 2024, a refresher training programme was held at the Directorate of Art and Culture for all Taluka Nodal Officers and Swayampurna Mitras, organized by the Directorate of Planning, Statistics, and Evaluation under the Swayampurna Goa Programme.

The training featured various presentations aimed at enhancing the effectiveness of the participants:

- New India Literacy Programme (NILP): The Director of the State Council of Education, Research, and Training (SCERT) outlined a comprehensive roadmap to achieve the goal of 100% literacy in Goa.
- Department of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services: Representatives presented on key schemes including the Pashupalan Scheme, Mukhyamantri Sudharit Kamdhenu Scheme, and the Community Dairy Farming Scheme, focusing on animal husbandry and its benefits.
- Directorate of Agriculture: The Deputy Director discussed several beneficiary-oriented initiatives such as the Kisan Credit Card, Assistance for Community Farming, and the Promotion of Organic Farming under the 2018 Umbrella Scheme.
- Directorate of Panchayat: A representative shared insights on the "Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2024" campaign, emphasizing community cleanliness and sanitation.
- Goa Energy Development Agency: The Member Secretary highlighted the benefits of the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, promoting solar energy solutions for households.

Additionally, Swayampurna Mitras, including Dr. Ajay Gaude, MD of the Handicrafts Corporation; Shri Subraj Kanekar, Joint Director at the Directorate of Accounts; and Shri Rohan Ghadi, Deputy Manager at the Goa Waste Management Corporation, shared their experiences and best practices as Swayampurna Mitras.

Project Manager from Goa Electronics Limited (GEL) provided insights into the Swayampurna Goa reporting portal, designed for real-time monitoring of the program. GEL set up counters to assist Swayampurna Mitras in registering and uploading their reports effectively.

This training program aimed to equip participants with the knowledge and tools necessary to drive the Swayampurna Goa initiative forward, fostering community development and empowerment across the state.





CRAFTING SUCCESS: RAJESH KALANGUTKAR'S INSPIRING STORY OF TRANSFORMATION



Rajesh Kalangutkar's remarkable journey began as a trainer in Colvale Jail, where he taught inmates handicraft skills, helping the jail achieve self-sufficiency. Determined to expand his reach and impact, Rajesh sought the support of the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa (ABSG) team to showcase his work.

Recognizing his potential, the ABSG team, sponsored a stall for Rajesh at the Youth Skill Day event and various other exhibitions. This exposure, coupled with ABSG's guidance, helped him gain valuable recognition and secure essential credentials, including the Vishwakarma and Artisan Certificates.

Rajesh's craftsmanship began attracting orders from across India, marking his transformation from a local trainer to a national entrepreneur. His achievements were honored when Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant personally felicitated him for his contributions.

Rajesh's story is a powerful testament to how skill development, government support, and perseverance can build a sustainable livelihood, fostering self-reliance and success.

Rajesh's handicraft products are available on the Swayampurna E-Bazaar, providing him with a digital marketplace to showcase and sell his creations.





GOEM VINAMULYA VIJ YEVJAN



Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Goa, launched the "Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan" in line with the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. He also distributed the State Subsidy to beneficiaries in Goa.

The PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana aims to increase the share of solar rooftop capacity and empower residential households to generate their own electricity. The scheme has a budget of Rs 75,021 crore and will be implemented until FY 2026-27.

Under the Goem Vinamulya Vij Yevjan, the Government of Goa, with an initial investment of 35 Crore, will cover the balance cost of rooftop installations up to 5kW for consumers who have consumed 400 units or less in the past year. This is in addition to the Central Financial Assistance provided by the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.



FARMERS TRAINING IN BICHOLIM TALUKA

Directorate of Planning, Statistics, and Evaluation, in partnership with the Bicholim Progressive Farmers Producer Company Limited, held a transformative training program for Swayampurna Mitras and Taluka Nodal Officers in Bicholim Taluka. This initiative sought to empower farmers by identifying those who had left their lands uncultivated and offering specialized training in modern, sustainable cropping techniques. Dairy farmers were also encouraged to embrace green fodder cultivation, a forward-thinking practice aimed at enhancing dairy productivity while promoting environmental sustainability. The program was an integral step in advancing the vision of the Swayampurna Goa initiative, fostering self-reliance and sustainable growth within the region.

This comprehensive approach not only targeted increased agricultural output but also embraced innovative practices to ensure the long-term viability of farming and dairy production in Bicholim. The success of such initiatives marks a significant stride in local development efforts, bringing farmers and government representatives together to build a more prosperous, resilient future for the community.





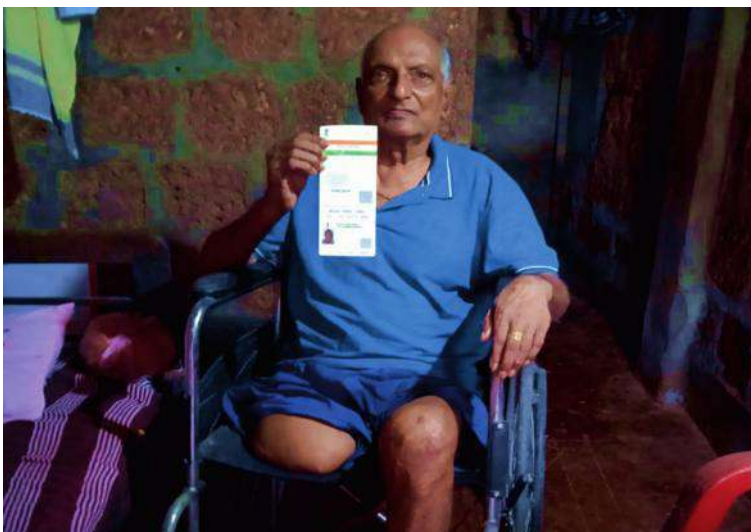
REVISED SCHEME FOR INCENTIVES TO MILK PRODUCERS

In order to encourage the farmers to go in for dairy business and make it more lucrative which will help in increasing the local milk production, subsidy is provided to the farmers under this scheme. During the year 2023-24 (upto December 2023), a composite subsidy @40% amounting to 2402.50 lakh has been released to the registered farmers for milk supplied to the Dairy Cooperative Society/Bachat Gat/Self Help Group. This scheme has more than 72000 beneficiaries.

Goa Startup Policy Seed Capital Scheme offers a valuable opportunity for promising startups in Goa to receive financial support and accelerate their growth. This initiative aligns with the broader goals of Swayampurna Goa by fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and self-sufficiency. Startups with promising ideas can apply for a one-time grant of up to INR 10 lakh, determined by the Start-up Promotion Cell (SPC). By providing seed capital and support services, the Goa Startup Policy Seed Capital Scheme aims to empower entrepreneurs and contribute to the development of a vibrant startup ecosystem in the state. This initiative is a crucial step towards achieving Swayampurna Goa's vision of a self-sufficient and innovative Goa.



GOA STARTUP POLICY: SEED CAPITAL SCHEME



AADHAR AT DOORSTEP FACILITY

Home enrollment facility introduced in 2023 for senior citizens, bedridden individuals, and divyangjan aligns with the goals of the Swayampurna Goa initiative by fostering inclusivity and accessibility. This service reflects the initiative's emphasis on reaching every segment of society, ensuring that even the most vulnerable have easy access to essential services like Aadhaar enrollment. By enabling online submissions of the Annual Life Certificate through the Jeevan Pramaan Portal, it further promotes self-reliance, a key pillar of Swayampurna Goa.



INTEREST SUBSIDY ON LOANS FOR AGRICULTURE & ALLIED ACTIVITIES

Interest subsidy program by Government of Goa, offering a 4% interest subsidy in addition to the central government's 3% subsidy, is a key element of the Swayampurna Goa initiative. It promotes self-reliance by making agriculture more financially viable for farmers. By easing the financial burden through low-interest crop loans of up to 5 lakh, the program encourages farmers to pursue agriculture as a lucrative activity, aligning with Swayampurna Goa's goals of sustainable development and economic empowerment in rural areas. This scheme has more than 12000 beneficiaries.

Directorate of Fisheries has appointed 38 Sagar Mitra to enhance outreach and raise awareness among local fishermen about government schemes, policies, programs, and regulations implemented by the Government.

In addition to raising awareness among local fishermen about various government schemes, 38 Sagar Mitra have been appointed to actively promote aquaculture. They provide essential fisheries-related training, technical know-how, and hands-on assistance to the fishing communities.



APPOINTMENT OF SAGAR MITRAS

Sagar Mitra also play a vital role in simplifying the process for fishermen by helping them complete the necessary paperwork to access government schemes. Their comprehensive support ensures that fishermen are equipped with the knowledge and resources needed to enhance their livelihoods and contribute to the sustainable growth of the fisheries and aqua culture sectors.



USGAO PANCHAYAT GOES SWAYAMPURNA IN ELECTRICITY

In alignment with the Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Swayampurna Goa missions, Usgao-Ganjem village panchayat in Ponda taluka has taken significant steps towards self-reliance by generating its own electricity through a solar power grid..

Funded by a 15 lakh grant from the 15th Finance Commission and government subsidies, the solar project ensures energy independence for the panchayat. Of the power generated, 50 units are consumed, with plans to expand capacity and potentially sell excess power back to the government.



LIVE INTERACTIONS / WEBINARS



1. Live interaction on special drive under waste management for Municipalities and Village Panchayats of Goa.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant conducted a live interaction on a special waste management drive for Goa's municipalities and village panchayats. The session highlighted the proposal to establish 45 waste transfer stations to manage garbage at key locations, including beaches, and stressed the importance of public awareness regarding waste segregation, which has been mandated since 2016.



2. Live interaction on Viksit Bharat, PM Vishwakarma Yojana, Mera Yuva Bharat and Mundkar Act by Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant

A live interaction was conducted by Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant with Swayampurna Mitras (SM) and Taluka Nodal Officers (TNO). The discussion focused on the positive impact of transport, social, and digital infrastructure on human development and the importance of achieving scheme saturation. Dr. Sawant expressed gratitude to the TNOs and SMs for their contributions and outlined the ambitious goal of positioning India as the third-largest economy by 2047 through the Viksit Bharat initiative. Additionally, he addressed the Mundkar Act, explaining how cases under this legislation are being managed and reinforcing the government's commitment to protecting the rights of agricultural tenants while enhancing access to justice.



3. Live interaction on International Purple Fest - 2024 by Shri Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, MLA of Curtorim

In the live interaction, Shri Aleixo Reginaldo Lourenco, MLA of Curtorim, emphasized the importance of inclusion and accessibility for people with disabilities. He highlighted the necessity for equal opportunities in education, employment, and public spaces to foster a more supportive environment in Goa. The event was attended by Chief Officers, Swayampurna Mitras (SM), Block Development Officers (BDO), and Panchayat Members.



LIVE INTERACTIONS / WEBINARS



5. Live Interaction on the Swachh Bharat Mission Campaign

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant discussed the Clean India Mission and commended the efforts of the Goa Waste Management Corporation. The Hon'ble Chief Minister highlighted key initiatives, including liquid waste treatment and the installation of Effluent Treatment Plants (ETPs), while advocating for water reuse strategies and waste reduction. He urged government offices to uphold cleanliness in their premises and ensure the proper disposal of scrap items, reinforcing the collective responsibility of keeping Goa clean. "Detailed presentations were made by the Goa Waste Management Corporation, showcasing Goa's performance in the Swachh Bharat Mission and highlighting advancements in waste management practices.

6. Live interaction/webinar on Schemes and reforms of Fisheries and Agriculture, Handicrafts and Civil Supplies.

Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture, Handicrafts & Civil Supplies, Shri Ravi Naik, discussed several key initiatives, including the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and the provision of fortified rice. Director Arvind Bugde highlighted the PM Vishwakarma Scheme, while Shri Melvin Vaz, Managing Director of GHRSSIDC, mentioned subsidies for clay idol makers. Shri Nevil Alphonso, Director of Agriculture, addressed reforms aimed at promoting millets, and Shri Jayant Tari, Director of the Department of Civil Supply and Consumer Affairs, discussed the Nation Potability Scheme and the importance of fortified rice. This interaction aimed to strengthen support for agriculture, handicrafts, and civil supplies in Goa.





BETTER TOGETHER

Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs)



Government of Goa has signed a number of Memorandum of Understanding (MOUs), aimed at improving the state's economy, infrastructure, and social welfare.



Government of Goa has signed an MoU with Tata Technologies to revamp 11 state-run Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) as part of the "Kaushal Goa" initiative, which aligns with the vision of a self-reliant Swayampurna Goa. The collaboration focuses on skilling, re-skilling, and upskilling the state's youth to enhance employability. With a joint investment of 230 crore, this partnership will upgrade 10 public and 3 private ITIs, offering students hands-on experience, particularly in housekeeping and hospitality sectors. This initiative aims to equip Goan youth with the skills necessary for real-world job opportunities.

"Amazing Goa Global Business Summit" Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Directorate of Industries and the Vibrant Goa Foundation. This summit aims to foster joint ventures, collaboration, and international trade opportunities, especially for MSMEs and other businesses. It will also emphasize sustainability and inclusivity by engaging self-help groups, startups, and the youth. Scheduled for November 2024, the summit promises to significantly boost economic growth, create jobs, and elevate Goa's standing as a business hub. Key business associations, such as GCCI, GSIA, BNI, and ASSOCHAM, are collaborating with the Foundation to ensure the summit's success.





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Goa Investment Promotion Board (Goa-IPB), has signed an MoU with TVS Industrial & Logistics Parks (TVS ILP) to develop a state-of-the-art logistics and warehousing park at Verna Industrial Estate, with an investment of 125 crore. The project is set to generate 250 direct jobs and up to 1,000 indirect employment opportunities, significantly boosting Goa's industrial growth and employment landscape.

Government of Goa signed an MoU with Power Finance Corporation to support various green energy projects, including renewable energy, electric vehicles, and waste-to-wealth technologies. This collaboration aligns with the Swayampurna Goa initiative, promoting self-reliance through clean energy projects, creating green jobs, and reducing carbon emissions. These efforts contribute to India's net-zero emissions goal by 2070 and enhance Goa's vision of becoming an energy-efficient and environmentally sustainable state.



Directorate of Education has signed an MoU with Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) iON to provide career guidance and counseling services to youth. TCS iON will offer two key programs: Career Insight, which helps students explore various career options, and Career Edge, aimed at enhancing soft skills and workplace readiness.



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Goa Energy Development Agency has signed an MoU with Mormugao Port Authority (MPT) to support the government's vision of achieving net-zero carbon emissions by 2050. MPT is committed to transitioning to 100% solar power by installing a 240 kWp rooftop solar plant and a 3 MWp ground-mounted solar plant, contributing to a sustainable energy future.

MoU with DHE, Goa, and institutions like IIT Goa, BITS Goa, and the Goa Institute of Management (GIM) for the Faculty Enrichment Internship Program (FEIM). The FEIM program will develop effective teaching methods for educators, enhance research collaboration, and promote a culture of excellence in higher education institutions across Goa.



Directorate of Higher Education has signed an MoU with IIT Goa, BITS Goa, and Goa Institute of Management (GIM) for the Faculty Enrichment Internship Program (FEIM). This program aims to improve teaching methods, enhance research collaboration, and promote a culture of excellence in higher education institutions across Goa.





SUCCESS STORIES OF SWAYAMPURNA MITRA



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Sudesh Gaude, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Khandepar

Nandesh Jalmi, a resident of Khandepar village, has experienced a remarkable transformation in his life, Mukhyamantri Sudharit Kamdhenu Scheme. With the support of Swayampurna Mitra Sudesh Gaude, Nandesh was able to navigate the process and successfully avail himself of this initiative aimed at enhancing dairy farming in the region.

When Nandesh first started his business, he owned just two cows. However, through hard work and dedication, he has expanded his dairy farm to include 13 cows and 5 buffaloes. This growth has not only improved his livelihood but has also strengthened his family's economic stability.

Nandesh is fully committed to his dairy farming venture, managing all aspects of the business. Today, Nandesh's dairy farm serves as a source of income for his entire family, highlighting the positive impact of government initiatives on local livelihoods. Nandesh's journey inspires others in the community, illustrating how access to resources and support can lead to meaningful growth and opportunity.



Subraj Kanekar, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Surla

Two orphaned children were living in a house with a severely dilapidated roof that required urgent repairs, as it was at risk of collapsing during heavy rains. A concerned social worker from Surla brought this issue to the attention of Subraj Kanekar, the Swayampurna Mitra of Surla village. In response, the roof was replaced with a permanent structure through a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative, supported by the Rotary Club of Bicholim, Rotary Club of Sankhali and the Lions Club of Sankhali, at an estimated cost of Rs. 2 lakhs.





SUCCESS STORIES OF SWAYAMPURNA MITRA



Shyam Sawant, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Mauxi

Shyam Sawant, Swayampurna Mitra, Mauxi organized a special "Swayampurna Camp" at Mauxi Panchayat to ensure more people could access the benefits of the schemes. The event was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant.

During this camp, citizens were able to get their grievances addressed, and various officials from different government departments were present to help them understand and apply for benefits under schemes related to agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, health, education, and more. These schemes offer opportunities for people to become self-reliant and improve their economic conditions.

The event also focused on guiding youth about the numerous government schemes and employment opportunities available to them. Over 18 different government departments had set up stalls and kiosks to provide information, advice, and direct services to the villagers. Apart from this, there were efforts to raise awareness about new farming techniques, fish farming, and small-scale entrepreneurship.



Sudesh Gaude, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Khandepar

Sakshi Kale's inspiring journey in para athletics began with the support of Swayampurna Mitra Sudesh Gaude. She first excelled at the Gujarat Junior Para Nationals, winning gold in long jump and silver in both the 100 meters sprint and shot put. Her success continued at the International Championship in Bangalore, where she secured a silver in long jump. At the Khelo India event in Delhi, she earned a silver in long jump and a bronze in the 100 meters.

At the 22nd Para National Games in Goa, Sakshi shone once again, claiming gold in long jump and bronze in the 100 meters, motivating many with her perseverance and achievement.





SUCCESS STORIES OF SWAYAMPURNA MITRA



Subraj Kanekar, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Surla

Persistent Foundation, Pune, in collaboration with Bharathiya Agro Industry Foundation (BAIF), has embarked on an impactful Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative in Surla village. This partnership aims to drive sustainable development and self-reliance in the village through a series of strategic activities.

The initiative is led by Shri Subraj Kanekar, Swayampurna Mitra, VP Srual who, along with the village Sarpanch and panchayat members, has been actively involved in planning and implementing various development projects. The goal is to harness local resources and foster self-sufficiency in Surla.

One of the significant activities introduced under this CSR initiative is Pearl farming. Recognizing the potential of this venture, six local farmers underwent a two-day training program in Kolhapur, organized by BAIF. The training aimed to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge for successful pearl cultivation.



Among the trained farmers, four have started pearl farming, including:

- Santosh Maulingkar
- Narayan Sonu Naik
- Deepak Khodginkar
- Rajendra Narvekar

Shri Santosh Maulingkar has already activated pearl farming on his farm, marking a promising start.





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Sudesh Gaude, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Khandepar

Three orphaned children from Dharbandoda, Goa, were facing significant challenges in meeting their daily needs and expenses. Living with their relatives, the children were struggling to make ends meet. However, a glimmer of hope arrived when their plight came to the attention of Swayampurna Mitra Shri Sudesh Gaude.

Gaude, moved by the children's situation, sought assistance from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives of MRF. Through their generous support, MRF has stepped in to ensure that the three orphaned children's monthly expenses are taken care of.

This act of kindness has provided a vital safety net for the children, allowing them to focus on their education and well-being without the constant worry of financial burdens.



Melwin Faleiro, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Saligao

Swayampurna Mitra Melwin Faleiro successfully addressed a longstanding concern raised by the residents of a local community. Upon the villager's request, Faleiro facilitated the installation of pavers near four houses that previously lacked access to a proper road.

The area, which had struggled with accessibility issues due to poor road infrastructure, is now equipped with a well-laid paver pathway. The installation of the pavers marks a significant improvement in the living conditions of the villagers, particularly during the monsoon season, when muddy and uneven paths previously posed challenges.





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Shri Dhiraj R. Vagle, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. St. Lawrence

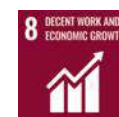
- Below are the achievements of Shri Dhiraj R.Vagle, Swayampurna Mitra, VP St.Lawrence :
- Free eye check-up camp: 385 beneficiaries
- PMJBY: 23 beneficiaries & PMSBY: 28 beneficiaries
- E-Shram card: 14 beneficiaries
- ABHA card: 46 beneficiaries
- 10 students registered on the NAPS portal, with one appointed as an apprentice in PWD (Shri Harish H. Madkaikar)
- Aadhaar card enrolment camp: 327 beneficiaries
- Free eye check-up/breast screening/dental check-up camp: 137 beneficiaries
- 57 beneficiaries under the first-level verification of Vishwakarma Yojana
- 3 beneficiaries were given new wheelchairs



Sandeep Dessai, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Chinchinim

Below are the achievements of Shri Sandeep Dessai, Swayampurna Mitra, VP Chinchinim:

- 8 people were provided with nets, 1 with a sea gill net, 1 with a river gill net, 4 with farms, 3 with canoes, and 5 with trawlers.
- 15 learning licenses were issued.
- 117 people benefited from e-Shram cards.
- 107 people benefited from ABHA cards.
- 52 people were registered under PMJJBY, and 108 people were registered under PMSBY.
- 1 motorized tricycle was provided to a physically challenged person.
- Aadhaar updation camp was held.
- 135 people were registered under the PM Vishwakarma Yojana.
- 8 PwD individuals were accompanied to the Purple Fest in Panaji.





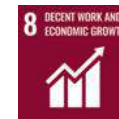
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Damodar Salelkar, Swayampurna Mitra, Curchorem Cacora Municipal Council

Below are the achievements of Damodar Salelkar, Swayampurna Mitra Curchorem Cacora Municipal Council

- Conducted awareness programs on various government schemes.
- With the support of the Forest Department, Goa Wetland Authority, and CCMC, plans are underway to develop Nanda Lake as an ecotourism site.
- Self-help groups with experience in food processing (such as farsan, pickles, kokum rind, tamarind, coconut oil, jackfruit wafers, festival sweets, etc.) and handicrafts have been identified. Their products will be marketed at Nanda Lake.
- 164 people benefited from the UDID scheme.
- 8 people received aids and appliances.
- 36 youth were registered under the Apprentice scheme.
- 31 people benefited from electricity connections.
- 8 people benefited from water connections.



Vinayak Chari, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Mercers

Below are the achievements of Vinayak Chari, Swayampurna Mitra V.P. Mercers

- Organized a camp to facilitate apprenticeship registration for youth.
- Conducted a camp for the registration of Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards.
- Organized a camp specifically for senior citizens to provide assistance and information.
- Led various awareness drives for the welfare of the people in Mercers.
- Identified over 1,075 beneficiaries and provided assistance under different schemes and programs.
- Registered 60+ youth under the Chief Minister Apprenticeship program.





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Sagar Gaude, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Marcaim

Below are the achievements of Sagar Gaude, Swayampurna Mitra, VP Marcaim

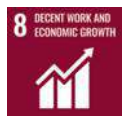
- Collaborated with M/s. Encube Pharmaceutical company to provide an ambulance.
- Facilitated the donation of 7 LED television sets to primary schools through CSR activity.
- Established a computer lab at Anandibai Pre-Primary School, in collaboration with M/s. Encube Pharmaceutical company under their CSR initiative.
- Assisted in reconstructing the Anganwadi at Anganwadi, Marcaim, with support from M/s. Godrej Company.
- Helped in constructing the pre-primary building of Anandibai High School through a CSR initiative.
- Secured a Rs. 10.00 lakh fund for Shree Navdurga High School, Marcaim, under the CSR fund from M/s. Mandovi Distilleries.



Agnelo De Sousa Machado, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Nadora

Below are the achievements of Agnelo De Sousa Machado Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Nadora

- Conducted several awareness programs.
- Initiated Skill Development programs, including: Doormat making classes, Broom making classes, Tailoring classes through GHRSSIDC.
- Issued Senior Citizen Cards and UDID Cards for residents of Nadora Village Panchayat.
- Organized eye-checkup camps through Matoshree Seva Dham Trust, Mumbai.





SUCCESS STORIES OF SWAYAMPURNA MITRA



Satish Vaghonkar, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Harvalem

Below are the achievements of Satish Vaghonkar, Swayampurna Mitra V.P. Harvalem.

- Facilitated soak pit construction assistance for 135 families.
- Provided toilets to 51 families.
- Distributed masonry kits, electrical kits, and milk canes to villagers through collaboration with the LUPIN Foundation.
- Registered 306 individuals under Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA Card), 156 under Deendayal Swasthya Seva Yojana, 89 E-Shram Cards, 22 Krishi Cards, 45 Griha Aadhar, and 40 Senior Citizen Cards.



Melwin Faleiro, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Saligao

Below are the achievements of Shri Melwin Faleiro, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Saligao :

- Conducted awareness camps on the schemes of Social Welfare, WCD, Post Office, etc.
- 43 people benefited from UDID cards
- 92 people benefited from tap water connections
- 114 people benefited from electricity connections
- 47 people benefited from the DSSS Scheme
- 16 people benefited from Griha Aadhar
- 10 people benefited from PM Kisan and Krishi cards
- 2 Divyangs and senior citizens were provided with aids
- 6 people benefited from the PM Jeevan Jyoti scheme
- 85 people benefited from the PM Suraksha Bima Yojana
- 120 people benefited from Voter Identity Cards
- 196 people benefited from Aadhaar Cards
- 2 people benefited from gas connections
- 89 people benefited from ABHA Cards
- 16 people benefited from MGNREGA (DRDA)





SUCCESS STORIES OF SWAYAMPURNA MITRA



Rohan Ghadi, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Amona

Swayampurna Mitra Rohan Ghadi, organized an awareness camp at Village Panchayat Amona under the Swayampurna Goa 2.0 initiative. The camp, conducted in collaboration with various departments, provided essential services and facilitated access to government schemes for the local community.

Key Outcomes of the Camp:

- Senior Citizen Cards: 23 documents submitted, 13 application forms collected.
- Dayanand Social Security Scheme (DSSS): 3 forms collected.
- Self-Help Group Financial Assistance: 2 forms collected.
- Goem Vij Vinamulya Yevjan Scheme: 312 individuals registered.
- PM Surya Ghar Solar Scheme: 15 registrations completed.



Pritidas Gaokar, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Ambaulim

Ankush Gaokar, a resident of Ambaulim Village, was living in a house that lacked proper construction and safety. Through the dedicated efforts of Swayampurna Mitra, Pritidas Gaokar, Ankush was able to access the benefits of the Atal Asra Yojana, a housing scheme designed to assist those in need of building or repairing homes. Through this scheme, he availed a total of 1,50,000 in financial assistance.

With the assistance of this scheme, Ankush and his family successfully built a sturdy, well-constructed home, significantly improving their living conditions.





SUCCESS STORIES OF SWAYAMPURNA MITRA



Anil Shirodkar, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Chimbel

Mrs. Archana Rupo Kankonkar, a 58-year-old widow from Chimbel Village, faced an unexpected power disconnection during her home renovation, with no prior notice from the Electricity Department. Despite her efforts, she encountered rude and unhelpful responses from the department.

Swayampurna Mitra Anil Shirodkar intervened on her behalf by reaching out to the Assistant Engineer of Bambolim Sub-Division, but no positive response was received. Mrs. Kankonkar's request for a three-phase domestic electricity connection was further delayed by a negative report from the Junior Engineer. To resolve the matter, the Swayampurna Mitra approached the Executive Engineer (Electrical) in Tiswadi, who swiftly cleared the application. Within two days, the electricity connection was restored, bringing relief to Mrs. Kankonkar and her family.



Umanath L. Naik, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Menkurem Dhumase

1. A tragic accident occurred at Menkurem, where the rider of a motorcycle, Shri Satish Shetye, lost his life. Following this incident, Swayampurna Mitra Umanath L. Naik extended support to the grieving family. He met with Smt. Jyoti Satish Shetye, the widow of the deceased, and guided her in applying for compensation through the Transport Department.

After completing all the necessary formalities, the family received a compensation of 2,00,000 (Two Lakh Rupees) providing them with some financial relief during a difficult time.

2. Perpet D'cunha, a resident of Bethora Nirancal village, had been struggling to get water and electricity connections for her family. The process seemed daunting and out of reach. That's when Swayampurna Mitra Umanath L. Naik stepped in. He guided the family through the paperwork and ensured that they received both water and electricity connections.





SUCCESS STORIES OF SWAYAMPURNA MITRA



Chandrakant Shetkar, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Bethora Nirancal

Village Panchayat Bethora Nirancal celebrated Gandhi Jayanti with a special program emphasizing the "Swachhata Hi Seva" campaign. The event, attended by over 100 villagers, was graced by key dignitaries, including Hon'ble Minister Shri. Subhash Shirodkar, Swayampurna Mitra Shri. Chandrakant Shetkar, and Bharat CSR Network Chairperson Dr. Sajid Saiyed.

A notable highlight was the distribution of 150 dustbins by Bharat CSR Network, empowering the local community to adopt sustainable waste management practices. The initiative aimed to encourage residents to maintain cleanliness in both public spaces and their homes.





SUCCESS STORIES OF SWAYAMPURNA MITRA



Chandrakant Shetkar, Swayampurna Mitra, V.P. Bethora Nirancal



Shiroda has been chosen as Goa's first smart village under the Swayampurna Goa program, with Swayampurna Mitra Chandrakant Shetkar playing a pivotal role in facilitating the transformation. This smart village project is a collaboration between the Goa government and Bharat CSR Network, setting Shiroda as a model for rural development in Goa.

Shiroda will benefit from several key initiatives. One of the main features is the introduction of high-speed internet connectivity, which will enable residents to access e-governance services, participate in online education, and use digital payment systems. In line with the global Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 7) for affordable and clean energy, the village will also adopt solar power and other renewable energy sources. This sustainable approach will reduce the village's dependence on conventional energy sources, contributing to a cleaner environment.

With systems such as rainwater harvesting and smart irrigation, the village will optimize its water resources. At the same time, waste management measures will promote cleanliness and potentially generate bio-energy from waste, contributing to sustainability and local energy solutions.

Another key element of the project is skill development. Shiroda's youth and women will be provided with digital literacy and vocational training aimed at preparing them for opportunities in emerging job markets like AI, robotics, and coding. This focus on skills and entrepreneurship will help create a more self-sufficient community, with enhanced employment opportunities for all residents.

Additionally, smart healthcare services such as telemedicine will be introduced, improving access to healthcare in the village. Schools will also receive technological upgrades to enhance the learning experience, ensuring that students have the opportunity to learn essential digital skills from an early age.





SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER AATMANIRBHAR BHARAT SWAYAMPURNA GOA PROGRAMME

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa Programme has made significant strides in improving the lives of various communities, achieving numerous milestones:

- Divyangs: 3,739 individuals with disabilities were identified and provided with necessary aids, equipment, and UDID cards.
- Kisan Credit Cards: 1,353 Kisan Credit Cards (KCC) were issued.
- Krishi Cards: 1,468 Krishi Cards were issued.
- PM Kisan Samman Nidhi: 791 beneficiaries received PM Kisan Samman Nidhi.
- Deen Dayal Swasthya Seva Yojana (DDSSY): 2,212 families were brought under DDSSY.
- DSSS: 3,159 individuals were covered under DSSS.
- Water Tap Connections: 653 families were provided with water tap connections.
- Atal Pension Yojana: 506 persons were covered under Atal Pension Yojana.
- Senior Citizen Cards: 1,603 Senior Citizens were provided with cards.
- GGUY: 493 BPL families were covered under GGUY.
- Learner's Licenses: 2,937 learner's licenses were issued.
- Electricity Connections: 2,670 families were provided with electricity connections.
- Aadhaar Card Updates: 8,269 Aadhaar cards were updated.
- E Shram Cards: 11,047 workers from unorganized sectors were identified and issued E Shram Cards.
- Abha Card Registrations: 310 Abha Card registrations were completed.
- Chief Minister Apprenticeship Scheme: 2,664 youth were registered under the Chief Minister Apprenticeship Scheme.
- Vision For All Programme: 2.37 lakh students from I to X Standard in all Government and Government Aided schools were screened (preliminary eye checkup). Approximately 14,510 school students were rescreened by technical experts from M/s Prasad Netralaya Super Speciality Hospital, Udupi.
- Eye Checkups and Spectacles: The complete process of eye checkups was completed in all talukas. 3,439 students were found with refractive defects and will be provided with spectacles or referred for further treatment free of cost.
- Swayampurna Goa E Bazaar: 512 women were trained for onboarding on the Swayampurna Goa E Bazaar portal.
- Field Camps: 1,164 field camps were organized by different departments. 29,219 people attended, and 15,868 people benefited from these camps.

Altogether, approximately 3.11 lakh individuals benefited under the Swayampurna Goa Programme.



SWAYAMPURNA GOA WINS PRESTIGIOUS NATIONAL SKOCH AWARD 2024



Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa Team with Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant

Visionary Swayampurna Goa programme, continues to gain national recognition for its transformative impact on the state. Earlier, the programme received appreciation from the Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, for its focus on self-reliance and sustainable development.

On September 21, 2024, the Swayampurna Goa programme was honored with the esteemed National SKOCH Award 2024. The award was presented during the National Skoch Summit held at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi. Shri Vijay B Saxena, Director of the Directorate of Planning, Statistics & Evaluation, proudly accepted the award on behalf of the Goa government.

The SKOCH Award, one of the highest civilian honors in the country, recognizes outstanding achievements in governance, socio-economic initiatives, and people-centric reforms. This accolade not only celebrates the excellence of the Swayampurna Goa programme but also positions it as one of the finest initiatives ever launched by a state government in India.

Receiving the National SKOCH Award underscores the remarkable success of Swayampurna Goa and sets a new benchmark for governance and development efforts in the state. This national-level recognition serves as a testament to the Goa government's unwavering commitment to advancing progress, resilience, and self-reliance through the Swayampurna Goa initiative.

EPILOGUE

Aatmanirbhar Bharat Swayampurna Goa 2.0 initiative has been a flagship program under the Government of Goa, aligning with the vision of building a self-reliant state. With its strategic focus on skilling, reskilling, and upskilling, the program has acted as a catalyst for economic growth and social inclusion, addressing the pressing needs of the modern workforce while preparing the people of Goa for future challenges.

A key highlight of ABSG 2.0 is its effective outreach. With the active involvement of Swayampurna Mitras, government schemes were able to reach diverse communities and deliver tangible benefits to those in need. The Swayampurna Mitras played a crucial role in ensuring that assistance and opportunities were accessible, thus bridging gaps and making government initiatives more impactful at the grassroots level.

The program's success is evident in its extensive reach, with approximately 3.11 lakh individuals having benefited from the initiatives under the Swayampurna Goa Programme. This achievement is a testament to the comprehensive and inclusive nature of the program, which has touched multiple sectors—employment, education, agriculture, business development, and social welfare.

By emphasizing the creation of livelihoods and fostering self-reliance, ABSG 2.0 directly supports the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in areas of economic growth, decent work, and poverty reduction. The program's commitment to sustainable development has been demonstrated through its wide-ranging activities aimed at empowering individuals, businesses, and communities.

ABSG 2.0 has etched a profound legacy of empowerment, skill development, and strengthened community resilience across the state. Through this visionary initiative, the Government of Goa has not only delivered immediate and tangible benefits but also laid a solid foundation for long-term self-sufficiency and sustainable growth.

ABSG 2.0 is more than a program—it is a movement towards self-reliance, innovation, and a sustainable future



and the mission continues.....





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