

GOVERNOR EXTENDS GOA STATEHOOD DAY GREETINGS

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Governor of Goa Shri. P. S. Sreedharan Pillai has extended his heartiest greetings and warm wishes to each and every citizen of Goa on the joyous occasion of Goa Statehood day.

In his message the Governor has said, it was on 30th May, 1987, Goa transformed from a Union Territory to a State of the Indian Union. The "Statehood Day" is a memorable day in the glorious history of Goa. It was on this day in 1987, Goa became the 25th State of the Indian Union. [May 30th](#) is a result of the struggle by the Goans and people from other parts of the country, to protect Goan's identity, and thus it has a historic importance. On this momentous occasion, let us pay tribute to the countless Goans who have worked tirelessly to shape our state's destiny. Let us honor their vision, sacrifice, and perseverance by carrying forward their legacy of excellence, innovation, and compassion. Goa has achieved remarkable progress over the last decades, particularly in vital sectors such as education, health care, development, infrastructure etc. Goa is a land of peace and credit goes to the people for keeping up this rich tradition. Goa has many attractions. The State has inherited healthy democratic traditions in keeping with national objectives. People from various parts of the world come here to see and enjoy its natural beauty and cultural qualities. We must maintain all these pristine qualities and make the stay of our tourists pleasant, enjoyable and memorable. We have to ensure that tourism progresses on moral and ethical lines. I am happy to state that Goa has achieved major infrastructure development that is world-class airport "the Manohar International Airport at Mopa" which was built on the theme of sustainable infrastructure with solar power plant, rain water harvesting and State-of-the-Art Sewage Treatment Plant with recycling facilities. Advanced technologies like 3-D Monolithic precast buildings, stabil roads, robomatic hollow precast walls and 5G compatible IT infrastructure. Another major achievement is the New Zuari Bridge with 8 Lane Cable, 4 Lanes on each side. It allows vehicles to cover the distance from Canacona to Panaji and vice versa within a short span of time. As you all know that the socio economic indicators of the State as compared to other states of the country are very impressive. Goa has the highest estimated per capita income in the country, portraying a vigorous and healthy economy. Goa was also one of the three venues to host the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup in India. Goa has also been selected for hosting some of the events of G20 Summit

which will give us an opportunity to portray our State's rich culture and hospitality. The event in the State which is the most preferred tourist destination in the country will provide a major boost to the State's economy, thereby handing an opportunity to showcase branding of Goan products at international platforms. The Atmanirbhar Bharat and Swayampurna Goa movement in the State have been lauded by eminent and distinguished personalities in the Country. The Swayampurna Goa programme has been studied as a best practice by other States in the Country, which itself speaks about its viability and achievement. The main aim of becoming Su-sampanna State is moving towards its attainment. The first Maritime Cluster of India is set up in Goa under MSME to generate employment. Industries and job creation is underway on a large scale. Tuem electronic manufacturing cluster is promoting local employment. Government has promoted Ayurveda in the State by providing State of Art Ayush Hospital at Dhargalim, Pernem. I would like to mention here that from the day I took over as Governor of Goa on 15-07-2021, I had decided to reach out to the people; the poor, hungry and needy and do my best to solve the problems of the people. To prove that "Raj Bhavan is Lok Bhavan". I visited children and elders in Shelter and Old Age Institutions to personally hand over financial assistance in their hands. I invited the children and the elders to Raj Bhavan and this was followed by the visit of 40 HIV affected children on World AIDS Day to Raj Bhavan, to send the message that there should be no stigma held against these innocent children and that they all need care and attention from every section of society. All these actions conveyed the message that Raj Bhavan was easily approachable to the common man.

Further, the Governor said, after successful completion of the "Goa Gram Sampurna Yatra " I commenced the new yatra called "Goa Saimik Daiz Yatra related to ancient and old heritage trees of Goa. So far, Raj Bhavan has identified 31 such trees which are spread over various talukas of Goa. These trees reflect the deep spiritual and cultural bonds of the local communities with nature and have been worshiped and protected by the people over the centuries. They also constitute an integral part of the folk culture and socio-cultural association of people with nature and environment. Further, I have also started visiting the islands of Goa which are very famous tourist attractions in Goa since I desire that these islands would be popularized worldwide as great tourist destinations through books which I proposed to write by name "Heritage Trees of Goa", "Vaman Vriksha Kala" and "Heavenly Islands of Goa" which will bring out the rich and diverse culture, heritage and traditions of Goa and Goan people. Further, I have also introduced a literary initiative "Nayi Pahal" a book sponsoring scheme to promote young writers who desire to get their first book published in the language of Konkani, Marathi, Sanskrit and Hindi,

On this joyous occasion, let us celebrate the spirit of Goa, its indomitable resilience, and the boundless potential of its people. May Goa continue to be a place where dreams come true, where every individual is empowered to realize their full potential, and where the values of democracy, freedom, and justice flourish. Together, we will build a future that is worthy of our glorious past, a future where Goa shines as a beacon of progress, enlightenment, and harmonious coexistence. I once again extend my cordial greetings and good wishes to all my sisters and brothers of Goa on this happy occasion of Goa Statehood Day, Governor concluded

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