

SWEDEN EXCHANGE

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Forest area increased by 5 hectares this year: CM

Meets students of educational institutions from Sweden



Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsekar with the students from Stockholm, Sweden who are in Goa under the exchange programme organised by Parvatibhai Chowgule College of Arts and Science at Porvorim

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Students of two educational institutions Tullinge Gymnasium and Bromma Gymnasium, Stockholm, Sweden who are on Goa visit through student-faculty international exchange programme organised by Smt Parvatibhai Chowgule College of Arts and Science, Margao interacted with Chief Minister Laxmikant Parsekar at conference hall of Ministerial Block, Secretariat, Porvorim.

While interacting with the students, Parsekar said, "We have to accept that education is not only for procurement of jobs. Under the leadership of Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, the government is giving emphasis on skill development. The country also has independent Union Ministry for Skill Development. With improvement of skills, avenues for getting jobs widened and any one can become independent entrepreneur.

The government he said is giving emphasis on skill development adding, "The entrepreneurs can set up their own ventures where they will be in a position to give jobs to others."

Parsekar also informed students that the Goa government has developed Chief Minister Rojgar Yojana which provides financial assistance to youths of the state to start busi-

ness. The government is also providing free education till higher secondary. Besides this interest-free loan, bursary scheme for economically unsound students and Goa Scholars Scheme also helps students for higher studies he said. People of Goa are very much sensitive towards environment and as a result of these, 5 hectares of forest has increased this year he informed. Mining in Goa is channelised by the government and now only legal mining is allowed and controlled extraction is going on by keeping perfect balance with the environment he said.

Smt Parvatibhai Chowgule College of Arts and Sci-

ence, Margao is involved in regular student-faculty exchange programmes with five educational institutions in Sweden which have been going on since 2010. These programmes help in dissemination of knowledge, sharing of experiences and promotion of vocational, educational and cultural interaction. 18 students and 6 faculty members from two institutions participated in these programme. Others present were Director of Higher Education Shri. Bhaskar Nayak, principal of Smt Parvatibhai Chowgule College of Arts and Science Dr N N Sawant, Sachin Moraes, Madhuri Motekar, Sharmila Menezes and others.