

Appeal cum Invitation

Sub: 2nd October – Gandhi Jayanti and International Day of Non-Violence

Respected Members/Stakeholders,

October 2 is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti all over the country and also as International Day of Non-Violence by the United Nations which is now observed by 193 Member Nations in the world. Gandhiji continues to inspire every section of the society, richest and poorest, even in our fast changing technology driven times. The values embraced by Gandhiji can guide our planet towards better future with effective solutions for just, equitable, humane and sustainable development. He tirelessly propagated “Gram Swarajya” .

Govt. of India has therefore constituted a National Committee headed by our Hon, Prime Minister and announced series of plans to commemorate 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in India and Abroad beginning from 2nd October 2018 and would go on till 2nd October 2020. All the Ministries are asked to keep their respective plans ready to celebrate the occasion .

*As Village Panchayats have been mandated for the preparation of Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for economic development and social justice utilizing the resources available to them. **The GPDP planning process has to be comprehensive and based on participatory process** which involves the full convergence with Schemes of all related Central Ministries / Line Departments related to 29 subjects enlisted in the Eleventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution.*

*PRIs have a significant role to play in the effective and efficient implementation of flagship schemes on subjects of National Importance for transformation of rural India. The People's Plan Campaign will commence from 2nd October to 31st December, 2018 for preparing GPDP for 2019-20 based on decentralised planning from bottom to top approach. The campaign initiated under "Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas" will be an intensive and structured exercise for **planning at Gram Sabha through convergence between Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) and concerned Line Departments of the State** which will accelerate the capacity building and training process at the grassroots level **to enable the rural people and their elected representatives to acquire need based knowledge and necessary skills to function as Institutions of local self government** which will fulfill Gandhiji 's dream of self-sufficient ideal villages and “Hind Swaraj” ..*

Goa PRIs Union is commemorating the 149th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi by conducting series of activities like competitions, environment friendly cleanliness drives, participatory people 's planning campaigns, teaching SDGs etc which will be followed by synergising with the stakeholders to facilitate carrying forward Gandhij 's vision of Gram Swaraj on 2nd October 2018.

While actively participating in all such programmes, it is our wish that all of us take a solemn pledge to strengthen PRIs for effective rural transformation and save the environment by all means. A copy of the pledge to be administered on that day is annexed hereto.

Meanwhile, Goa PRIs Union will commemorate the day at BMC Garden, Furamdongor – Curtorim on 2nd October 2018 at 5.00 p.m sharp. Kindly attend the same.

Thanking you,

(Joaquim Santano Rodrigues)

Convenor