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**Career Guidance and Entrepreneurship Awareness Workshop for the youth of Goan Chari community**

World Trade Center Goa conducted a session on Export Preparedness at the career guidance and entrepreneurship awareness workshop for the youth of the Goan Chari Community. The Workshop was Graced by Hon'ble CM of Goa, Dr. Pramod Sawant as Chief Guest, along with other distinguished dignitaries including Dr. Purnanand Chari, President of Goa Konkani Academy, Shri Chandan Chari, Businessman, and Smt. Anita Pravin Chari, Sarpanch of Verla-Canca Village Panchayat.

Dr. Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble CM of Goa in his speech said that the Artisans in the community can play a vital role in Enhancing Goa's Economic Development and mentioned this is the first time initiative "Career guidance and Entrepreneurship Awareness Workshop for the youth of Goan Chari community " and was happy and said this will go a long way for the youth of the Chari community to choose the right career path and understand the different aspect of the entrepreneurship.

Mr. Cyril D'Souza, Assistant Director, Trade Promotion, World Trade Centre - Goa gave a comprehensive and engaging presentation on import-export opportunities through the WTC network spanning over 100 countries was truly remarkable. The global perspective you provided on international trade opportunities has broadened our participants' understanding of the vast possibilities available in the field of international business and commerce.

Ms. Chandani Naik, Economic Development Corporation (EDC), gave a presentation on loan schemes and various financial support programs offered by the Economic Development Corporation (EDC). The detailed information about EDC's initiatives has equipped the youth of Chari Community with crucial knowledge about financial assistance available for their entrepreneurial aspirations. Ms. Dixita Morajkar, In-charge Manager Projects, Goa Education Development Corporation gave a presentation on education loans for Goan students pursuing higher education both in India and abroad was extremely beneficial for our young attendees. The comprehensive information shared about the Goa Education Development Corporation's loan schemes and procedures has provided the youth with clear pathways to pursue their educational dreams without financial constraints. Shri Umesh Naik-Senior Inspector Goa Khadi and Village Industries Board, an informative session on the support and training programs provided by the Goa Khadi Gramudhyog Organization to promote village industries was truly eye-opening for our participants. The insights shared about traditional crafts, skill development opportunities, and the potential of village. based enterprises have inspired many youths to consider entrepreneurship in these sectors. Shri Ram Parwar, Manager Projects, Goa State SC/ST and OBC Commission, gave insights and guidance as Manager Projects at the Goa State SC/ST and OBC Commission . The information shared about various schemes, opportunities, and support mechanisms available through the Commission which has opened new avenues of possibilities for the youth.

The workshop was organized at the Auditorium, Sanskruti Bhavan, Patto, Panaji Goa on the May 18, 2025