

# *Voter awareness, training camp held for visually impaired voters*

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**A** training awareness programme was held on March 20 at the Multipurpose Hall of Directorate of Art and Culture for visually impaired voters on the election process/procedure, in connection with the ensuing Lok Sabha Election.

40 visually impaired voters (out of which 24 voter were blind and rest with low vision) from the talukas of Sattari, Bicholim, Bardez, Tiswadi, Pemem and Priol attended the programme. Narayan Gad, Nodal Officer for Persons with Disability (PWDs) welcomed the visually impaired voters



and explained to them, that the purpose of this training is to educate the visually impaired voters about the voting procedure and on the use of braille.

Menaka, IAS, Collector and District Election officer for North Goa Parliamentary Constituency informed that the Election Commission is

trying to make the election process more inclusive, which means all the segment of the voters should be facilitated in the voting process. She further said that, all the measures/guidelines issued by Election Commission of India are being adopted in the North Goa Parliamentary Constituency in order to ensure the Persons With Disability are given all the necessary assistance in ensuring that they participate in the election process and exercise their franchise.

Leena Prabhu, from National Association for the Blind, St Cruz, provided hands on training to all the participants on using braille while casting vote on EVM.