



Goa



Hon. Chief Minister **Mr. Pratapsingh Rane** unveiling the plaque.



Hon. Chief Minister **Mr. Pratapsingh Rane** lighting the jyot.



Mr. Ravi Raheja, Executive Director K. Raheja Corp addressing the press.



Mr. Vinod Rohira, Director (Marketing & Sales) K. Raheja Corp addressing the press.

Inauguration of Mindspace, Verna Goa

Verna, March 23 The Hon. Chief Minister, **Mr. Pratapsingh Rane** today unveiled the plaque to mark the inauguration of **Mindspace**, the first services oriented **SEZ** to be set up in the state by **K Raheja Corp**, at **Verna** this afternoon.

The Special Economic Zones to be set up in the state would help further economic growth of Goa.

The Chief Minister said that his government wants Goa and Goans to grow and has been keen on promoting projects that would create employment opportunities. "Let us grow and benefit from such export oriented projects," he said adding that such projects had cascading effects and would open doors for large-scale employment.

He said that inauguration of the project today under public private partnership was a dream come true for him. He recalled that he had planned setting up free trade zone when he took over the reigns of the state in 1980s and had to wait for 26 years to realize his dream.

Earlier the local MLA, **Mr. Aleixo Sequeira** said that the project, first of its kind in the state, was pollution free and that people of area would have no problem with such projects.

Mr. Ravi Raheja, Executive Director of K Raheja Corp said that the twin-project was prestigious for them and that they would ensure that it was the best in its class and that it would help place Goa as a top destination on the IT sector.

He said that the project would help create at least 30,000 jobs in the state. He also said that a lot of their clients have Goans on their rolls that would come down to the state to tap the vast human resources in Goa.

The development of the 275-acre twin project would take about six months and the infrastructure is expected to be in place by 18 months. A host of service oriented projects would be set up in the area once completed.

The chairman of Goa Industrial Development Corporation, **Mr. Chandrakant Kavlekar**, **Mr. Neel Raheja**, Director of K Raheja Corp, **Mr. Nitin Kunkoliienkar**, President of Goa Chamber of Commerce and Industry and **Mr. A V Palekar**, managing director of GIDC were present on the occasion. Mr. Vinod Rohira proposed a vote of thanks.