Collectorate of South Goa celebrated 71st Independence Day with great enthusiasm at the Late Mathany Saldhana Administrative Complex, Margao today. Collector, South Goa District, Smt. Anjali Sehrawat IAS, Superintendent of Police, South Goa, Shri. Arvind Gawas, IPS, Additional Collector, Shri. Johnson Fernandes, Senior Officers in the Administration, Freedom Fighters, Prominent citizens and large number of students attended this Independence Day celebrations.

While addressing the gathering Smt. Sehrawat said, Independence Day is a reminiscent of the successful culmination of the freedom struggle, fills over one billion hearts with feelings of patriotism and national fervor. Over one fifth of the humanity existing on earth resolve on this Day to make India a powerful Nation that provides to all citizens social, economic, political justice and liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship. Equality of status and of opportunity and to promote among all fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity of the nation. India is an old country but it is a young nation, she said.

The historicity of the civilizations, cultures, arts, languages spanning the vast expanse of one country is a testimony of her being home of the some of the oldest and glorious civilizations. She said, Independence Day reminds us of the dreams that we had when India was attaining its independence. This is the day that we also have to hug back and see how far those dreams have been realized. A lot have been achieved but yet lot remains to be achieved.

India has done well on many parameters. The recent switch to Goods and Services Tax is one of the path breaking attempt converting India into a unified market which will further strengthen this nation and uniting the people together. Smt. Sehrawat exhorted all to strive to build the new India.

Smt. Sehrawat extended warm greetings of the Independence Day to all present on the occasion. She paid tributes to the memory of Martyrs and freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the cause of freedom.

The students of Mahila Nutan High School, Margao; Adarsh Vanita Vidhyalaya High School, Margao and AIM School, Davorlim presented national integration songs on the occasion.

Earlier, Smt. Sehrawat took the salute and reviewed the parade by the police contingents. Shri Anil Pai Compared the function.