Independence Day Preparations are in full swing to mark the Independence Day celebration in Goa on August 15, 2017. Various programmes will be held in the State. The main state level function will be held in front of the Old Secretariat Panaji at 9.15 am where Chief Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar will unfurl the national tri-color and will inspect the guard of honor and address the people on the occasion.

The Chief Minister will also present awards to those who have contributed in various fields.

The function will be attended by cabinet of Ministers, Deputy Speaker Shri Michael Lobo, Leader of opposition Shri Chandrakant Kavlekar, Member of Parliament, M.L.A’s, judges of High court, Ld. Advocate General and other dignitaries.

To mark the celebration Independence Day functions will also be held at 9.15 am. at taluka level. The Flag hoisting Ceremony in each taluka will be held at the hands of Collector, Additional Collectors, Deputy Collectors and Mamlatdars respectively.

The Director of Sports & Youth Affairs will organize Prabhat Pheries on August 15, 2017 involving children and citizens. It will also organize cycle races and marathon races after the function, where children and citizens can participate.

The Raj Bhavan Dona Paula Old Secretariat building and Directorate of Accounts building at Panaji and New Secretariat at Porvorim will be illuminated on the nights of 14th and 15th August 15, 2017.

The Governor of Goa Dr. (Smt.) Mridula Sinha will host a state reception at Raj Bhavan at 5.15 pm. on August 15, 2017.

After the main function, the dignitaries will proceed to Patradevi where they will lay wreath along with freedom fighters at the Martyr’s Memorial at Patradevi at 11.30 a.m.