## GOA GEARS UP FOR LIBERATION DAY CELEBRATION

Panaji: December 8, 2017

The State Government has geared up its machinery to celebrate the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Goa Liberation Day. The main state level function will be held at S.A.G. Ground, near Swimming Pool, Campal, Panaji, Goa on December 19, 2017 at 9.15 am where Chief Minister of Goa Shri Manohar Parrikar will unfurl the national Flag, inspect the Parade, take the Salute and later address the people of the State.

On the occasion the Chief Minster will also present awards to those who have contributed and excelled in different fields for their meritorious services.

The function will also be attended by Cabinet Ministers, Leader of the Opposition Shri Chandrakant Kavlekar, MP's, MLA's, Hon'ble Judges of High Court, Ld. Advocate General, Freedom Fighters among others.

On his arrival at the venue of the function the Chief Minster will be received by Minister for Power Shri Pandurang Madkaikar, Chief Secretary Shri Dharmendra Sharma, IAS and Director General of Police, Dr. Muktesh Chander, IPS.

Presentation of Cultural floats, national integrations songs, March past and Mass P.T. Drill by school children will also be held to mark the celebration.

Various programmes have also been planned to celebrate the Goa Liberation Day in the State at District and Taluka level. At the District level function to be held at Margao Minister for Town and Country Planning Shri Vijay Sardesai will perform the Flag hoisting ceremony at 9.15 a.m. whereas Minister for Public Works Shri Ramkrishna alias Sudin Dhavalikar will unfurl the national flag at the function to be held at Ponda.

Liberation Day celebration will also be held at Mapusa where Revenue Minister Shri Rohan Khaute will perform the flag hoisting Ceremony. Minister for Panchayat Shri Mauvin Godinho, will unfurl the tri-colour at Vasco; Minister for Tourism Shri Manohar Azgaonkar at Pernem, Minister for Health Shri Vishwajit

Rane, at Valpoi ; Speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly Dr. Pramod Sawant, at Bicholim , Deputy Collector at Canacona, Deputy Collector at Quepem, Deputy Collector at Dharbandora and Mamlatdar at Sanguem .

As part of the celebration Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula, Old Secretariat, Panaji, New Secretariat, Porvorim and Directorate of Accounts building will be illuminated on the nights of December 18 and 19, 2017.

Later in the evening Governor of Goa will host a reception at Raj Bhavan, Dona Paula on December 19, 2017 at 5.15 p.m.