Children should be allowed to take their own decisions so that they can achieve the goal of their choice in life said Art and Culture Minister Shri Govind Gaude, on the occasion of Goa Liberation Day function held at Kranti Maidan Ponda, today.

Speaking further Shri Gaude said fifty eight years back our freedom fighters decided to fight against Portuguese rule and they succeeded in achieving liberation to Goa and therefore today we are enjoying the fruits of freedom. He lauded their decision and effort taken by freedom fighters and said he salutes all the freedom fighters. All of us shall pray for good health of those who are providing security at border, he added.

Earlier Shri Gaude paid floral tributes to Martyrs memorial and reviewed guard of honour.

Present on the occasion were Ex-Chief Minister and MLA Ponda, Shri Ravi Naik, NRI commissioner former MP Shri Narendra Savoikar, Chairperson of Ponda Municipality, Shri Venktesh Naik, Ponda municipal Council members, Ex-MLA and freedom fighter Shri Rohidas Naik, Dy.Collector Shri Kedar Naik and freedom fighters among others.

Students of various schools from Ponda presented cultural programme. Shri Girish Velgekar compered the function.