

## **INDIA'S CULTURE, WHICH HAS BEEN ROOTED IN ANCIENT ART, HAS KEPT INDIA UNITED: KAMAT**

*Independence Day celebrated at South District Headquarters*

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MLA, Shri Digambar Kamat unfurled the national tricolour to celebrate 79th Independence Day at South Goa District Headquarters, Mathany Saldhana Administrative Complex, Margao today.

Addressing the gathering MLA, Shri Kamat paid his rich tribute and respect to the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for India's independence. He said, when India became independent, many nations of the world said that India would never be able to remain united, but India's culture, which has been rooted in ancient art, has kept India united and till date it is moving forward with a firm head on its path to become the number one nation in the world. Under the strong leadership of Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, India is on the path of all-round development. Other countries are watching with amazement the reputation India has gained in various fields and the journey of development in this field. The whole world wonders how India is moving forward, Shri Kamat said.

Further speaking Shri Kamat said, the Prime Minister has left his mark on the world with his leadership. Keeping the common people in mind and recognizing their needs, he has launched various schemes and concessions and crores of Indians are benefiting from them today. Free ration is being provided to about 80 crore people under the Garib Kalyan Yojana by providing free food grains. Till date, 56.81% of the population is getting the benefit of this scheme. Through this scheme, India has become the first country that provides free ration to the largest number of people.

Ayushman Bharat, the health-related scheme, has become the largest government-funded health insurance scheme in the world. About 55 crore citizens from 12 crore families are getting the benefit of this scheme. Similarly, various schemes like Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana have become the largest public welfare schemes in the world, he added.

He said, the country has done many important works like Vocal for Local, development of facilities, Atmanirbhar Bharat, Operation Sindoor, Vande Bharat Train digitalization and use of technology in every field. The government is working to help women to achieve financial well-being, Shri Kamat pointed.

Following in the footsteps of the Prime Minister of the country, the Chief Minister of the State, Dr. Pramod Sawant, is also doing excellent work by keeping the goal of all-round development of the State and the people of the state in mind. The Swayampurna Goa movement has also become important. Citizens are getting benefits under various schemes like Mukhyamantri Rozgar Yojana, Mhaje Ghar Yojana, Grih Aadhaar, Ladli Laxmi, Kisan Credit Card, Atal Aasra Yojana, and Health Scheme.

The Government has done important works like Permanent Spinal Cord Rehabilitation Center and Pradhan Mantri Divya Nasu Divyanshu Kendra. If everyone recognizes their responsibility and contributes to the development of the State and the country, then a self-sufficient Goa and a self-reliant India will soon emerge, he said and appealed to work together day and night to take Goa to the heights of development. He urged to get education, maintain health and preserve identity and keep feet on the ground, while aiming for the sky.

On his arrival, the MLA, Shri Kamat was received by South Goa District Collector, Ms Eгна Cleetus, IAS and Superintendent of Police, South District, IPS, Shri Tikam Singh Verma.

Shri Kamat took the guard of honour given by the Police contingent and also inspected the Police and Home Guard parade. The Fire and Emergency Services band played the National anthem.

MLA's, Shri Alexio Reginaldo Lourenco and Shri Ulhas Tuyekar; Chairperson, Margao Municipal Council, Shri Damodar Shirodkar; Councillors, Additional Collector I, Shri Srinet Kothwale; Additional Collector II, Shri Ramesh Gaonkar; Deputy Superintendent of Police, Shri Rajendra Prabhudessai; Police Inspector, Margao, Shri Suraj Samant; Deputy Collectors, Mamlatdar and other senior officers of South Goa District Administration were among those prominent persons present on the occasion.

Students of Our Lady of Rosary High School, Fatorda; Lt Shri Vinayak Shenvi High School, Rawanfond and Mae Dos Pobres High School, Nuvem presented patriotic songs.

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