

Kolkata Customs Zone celebrated the 79th Independence Day at the Custom House, Kolkata, with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour.

The Chief Guest, Shri R. Srinivasa Naik, Chief Commissioner of Customs, Kolkata Zone, was received by Shri Shivaji Hanumat Dange, Principal Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC), Kolkata, Shri Vinayak Azad, Principal Commissioner of Customs (Preventive), Kolkata, and Shri Amit Bharadwaj, Additional Commissioner of Customs.

The Chief Guest inspected the parade contingent consisting of Preventive Officers, Havaldars, Kolkata Police Armed Guards, and the K9 Dog Squad of Kolkata Customs Zone, accompanied by a marching band playing patriotic tunes.

Thereafter, the Chief Commissioner hoisted the National Flag amidst fervent singing of the National Anthem by all present and delivered an inspiring address to the officers. A dog show by the Kolkata Customs K9 Dog Squad followed, which was greatly appreciated by the audience.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Shri Shivaji Hanumat Dange, Principal Commissioner of Customs (AP & ACC), Kolkata. This was followed by a cultural programme presented by Customs Officers, comprising soulful patriotic songs and cultural dances, which was warmly applauded by the gathering.

At the end, the Chief Guest awarded Certificates of Appreciation and Awards to officers for their outstanding performances in the All India Central Revenue Sports and Cultural Meet. The event concluded with thanks-giving by the Chief Commissioner of Customs.