

**KOLKATA CGST & CX ZONE**  
**WRITE-UP OF GST DAY CELEBRATION**

The one year of successful roll out of the GST regime was celebrated as the GST Day by the CGST & CX Kolkata Zone. The GST week programmes are being organised by the CGST & CX Kolkata North Commissionerate on behalf of the Zone in Kolkata as directed by the Chief Commissioner.

The opening ceremony was held on 01.07.2018 at 4:30 P.M. with the lighting of lamp by the **Chief Guest Honourable Justice Biswanath Somadder of Calcutta High Court** and other dignitaries present on the occasion.

The short film released by the CBIC on GST was screened before the audience.

**Shri Devendra V. Nagvenkar, Commissioner, CGST & CX Kolkata North** welcomed all the guests who graced the occasion and deliberated in detail about the one year experience of GST roll out and the initiative taken by the officers of the zone for the smooth roll out to the new tax regime.

**Shri A. K. Raha, Retired Member CBEC and Shri Biswajit Dutta, Retired Chief Commissioner, Central Excise & Customs** enlightened the audience about the evolution of the GST and the transitional changes which took place before its roll out on 01.07.2017. They lucidly briefed the journey of drafting from origin based taxation to destination based taxation.

The program was addressed by **Shri Sanjib Kothari, Ex-President & Chairman, Taxation Committee, Indian Chemical Merchants & Manufacturers' Association, Shri Subham Khaitan, Member Economic and Taxation Affairs Committee, CII, Shri Siddhartha Mukherjee, Secretary, WB Commercial Tax Bar Association.**

**Shri S. N. Saha, Chief Commissioner, Customs Kolkata Zone**, shared his experience of GST implementation with audience.

The Chief Guest Honourable Justice Biswanath Somadder detailed about the constitutional provisions and beauty of co-operative federalism and pointed out that this federalism is the core essence of the GST regime. He mentioned that the success of such regime depends on the active involvement of the members of the trade bodies, departmental officers and the citizen.

**One Nukkad Natak ( Short street drama )** on the theme of benefits of GST was played by the departmental officers and enjoyed well by the audience.

The closure of the program was done with the recitation of the National Anthem.

**The details of the program to be held in week are as below :**

- 1. Selfie booths at the Acropolis and the Mani square Malls.**
- 2. Screening of the short film in different parts of the city through tubule van till 06.07.2018.**
- 3. Sit & Draw competition for children on 02.07.2018.**
- 4. Essay Competition for children on 03.07.2018.**
- 5. Morning walkathon on theme of GST on 04.07.2018.**
- 6. GST India Quiz on 05.07.2018.**
- 7. Closing ceremony on 06.07.2018 on 04:00 P.M.**