

Celebrating 80 Years of Independence

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On 15th August, 2026, S.B. Patil Public School celebrated India's 80th Independence Day with great patriotic fervour and enthusiasm. The national flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest, Mr. K.V. Kokil, Scientist and Group Head of the Computing and Networking Solutions Division at ARDE, DRDO, Pune, along with the school leadership team. Following the flag hoisting, the gathering saluted the National Flag and joined in the singing of the National Anthem, Maharashtra Geet and the Jhanda Geet.

Under the guidance of the school's Music Teacher, Ms. Sulochana Pawar, and Torrens Instructor Mr. Deepak Ballal, students presented melodious and spirited patriotic songs. The school campus was beautifully transformed with patriotic-themed decorations created by Art Teachers Ms. Kranti Kulkarni and Ms. Shruti Divate, with the active support of the students.



Disciplined Dumbbell Drill and Cultural Presentations



Under the guidance of Physical Education Teachers Mr. Dhanaji Patil, Mr. Chandrakant Thimbare, Mr. Ramesh Nandala, Mr. Ankit Tambe, Mr. Shrikant Deshpande, Ms. Priya Suryawanshi and Ms. Gauri Utture, students from the primary section presented a disciplined dumbbell drill. Their confidence, coordination and discipline were widely appreciated by the gathering.

Under the skilful leadership of Dance Teacher Mr. Ajay Chawariya, students presented a spectacular patriotic dance performance. The presentation beautifully blended enthusiasm, rhythm and patriotic spirit, winning the appreciation of the audience.



Active Participation by Students



Students actively participated in various aspects of the programme and expressed their thoughts in different languages. Rudransh Bhondwe delivered the welcome address, while Vidisha Thakur and Samruddhi Nayak expressed their thoughts on Independence Day in English and Hindi respectively. Jui Bhondwe and Parth Kulkarni confidently compered the programme, while Swarnima Kulkarni delivered the vote of thanks. Tanishka Nehre compered the Literacy Campaign Pledge, while Anushka Padhiyar hosted the 'School Family Awards' ceremony.

Prerana Navratnas Club Highlights the Importance of Values and Responsibility

Under the guidance of Ms. Swaleha Mujawar, the Prerana Navratnas Club highlighted the importance of values and responsible citizenship. Students were reminded that freedom gives us the right to express our thoughts, make our own decisions and pursue our dreams; however, every right is accompanied by a responsibility.



'School Parivaar Awards' Presented by Skill Bharat Association



A special highlight of the programme was the presentation of the 'School Parivaar Awards' by Skill Bharat Association, a national-level organisation working in the field of education and skill development. The awards recognised the collective contribution of students, teachers, non-teaching staff, support staff, parents and school leadership to the growth and progress of the school.

Skill Bharat Association works with schools, teachers and educationists to promote values, leadership, innovation, skill development and future-oriented education, with the aim of strengthening an empowered and inclusive education system.



Anushka Padhiyar compered the award ceremony, during which the contributions of the award recipients were appreciated and acknowledged. The recognition inspired members of the school family to continue contributing to the institution with greater enthusiasm and commitment.

Ms. Sujata Bhoite, Ms. Kranti Kulkarni and Ms. Treasa Peters made special efforts towards the successful organisation of the programme. Their meticulous planning and coordination ensured the smooth conduct of the various activities.



Inspiring Guidance by the Chief Guest



Chief Guest Mr. K.V. Kokil delivered an inspiring address to the students. An alumnus of DBATU, Lonere, Mr. Kokil completed his MTech in Cyber Security from DIAT, Pune, and received the Best Project Award for his research on software reliability. With over two decades of experience at CAIR, Bengaluru, and ARDE, Pune, under DRDO, he has contributed to the development of critical security systems for the Indian Air Force, Indian Army, Intelligence Bureau and the Indian Embassy in the United States.

In his address, Mr. Kokil drew upon the Bhagavad Gita, Sanskrit subhashitas and examples from everyday life to emphasise the importance of humility, knowledge, achievement and personality development. Referring to the Sanskrit verse, "*Namanti phalino vrikshah, namanti gunino janah; Shushkavrikshashcha murkhashcha na namanti kadachana.*"





He explained that just as trees laden with fruit bow down with humility, individuals should remain humble even after attaining knowledge and success. Through several examples, he highlighted the importance of preserving values, wisdom and humility rather than allowing success to give rise to arrogance.

He also urged students to contribute to the nation's progress through science, technology, skill-based education and innovation while nurturing a strong sense of patriotism. His thought-provoking address inspired students to embrace the ideals of national service, pursuit of knowledge and responsible citizenship.

Emphasis on Competency-Based and Skill-Oriented Education

School principal, Dr. Bindu Saini, in her address, referred to the Chief Guest's message and emphasised the need for skill-based and value-based education to empower the future generation. She encouraged students to embrace the challenges of a rapidly changing world and contribute to the nation's development through knowledge, skills and a positive outlook.



Pledge for Literacy and a Drug-Free India



The celebration also gave special importance to initiatives promoting social responsibility. All those present collectively took the Literacy Campaign Pledge as well as the 'Nasha Mukh Bharat' (Drug-Free India) Pledge, reaffirming their commitment to promoting literacy, creating social awareness and contributing towards a drug-free society. Students, teachers, parents and dignitaries participated enthusiastically in the initiative.

Nirmala Kamble, Sunita Ghadge, Anita Sabane and Smita Khurade, who successfully cleared the examination conducted under the Navsakarata Abhiyan (Adult Literacy Campaign), were felicitated and presented with certificates.



Dignitaries and School Community in Attendance



The programme was conducted under the guidance of Principal Dr Bindu Saini, Vice Principal Mr.s Padmavati Banda, Headmistress Ms. Shubhangi Kulkarni and Administrative Manager Dr Manish Dhekale. The school's C.C.A. Team, Physical Education Department, teaching and non-teaching staff, and students worked collectively to make the celebration a success.

The entire teaching and non-teaching staff, P.T.A. members, parents and students attended the programme in large numbers. Pimpri-Chinchwad Education Trust Chairman, Shri. Dnyaneshwar P. Landge; Vice Chairperson Smt. Padma M. Bhonsle; Secretary, Shri. Vitthal S. Kalbhor; Treasurer, Shri. Shantaram D. Garade; Trustee; Shri. Harshavardhan S. Patil; and Executive Director, Dr. Girish M. Desai; and Entrepreneurs, Mr. Narendra Landge and Mr. Ajinkya Kalbhor conveyed their Independence Day greetings to the students.





The celebration concluded on a high note, carrying a powerful message of patriotism, humility, literacy, freedom from addiction, skill-based education, values and nation-building.