

# Celebrating 75 Years of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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Commemorating 75 years of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, our school celebrated Independence Day with great fervency and pride. The celebration too abounded because after two years of holding online classes and celebrations, the students were once again back in school, amidst us all.

Arrangements and preparations began a fortnight prior with our principal, Dr. Bindu Saini and vice principal, Ms. Padmavati Banda guiding all the staff and students at every step. Our sports instructor, Mr. Dhanaji Patil trained our student council members from planning to execution, allotting duties and forming committees including the *dol tasha*.

This is the first time that our Student Council members took complete charge to organise this wonderful event under the guidance of teachers. The head boy, Amey Ajar; and head girl, Punya Shetty coordinated well with all student council members beautifully planning all the activities, and executing them flawlessly under the mentorship of the teachers.



Teachers, parents, students, dignitaries were present to celebrate the 76th Independence Day of India at the school premises.

We were also glad and gracious to have amongst us our students' parents, grandparents, the newly elected EPTA members, and the alumni of our school, who shared in the celebrations.

The head boy and girl, Amey and Punya welcomed the chief guests to the sound of drum beats. Mr. Vijay Hanumant Gawde - a multiple national competition gold medallist, and who also won the title of Bharat Kesari in India's highest Bharat Kesari tournament 36 years after Dadu Chowgule,

Maharashtra's first Bharat Kesari wrestler - was the chief guest.

The *tiranga* was hoisted by the chief guest, Mr. Gawde; the principal, Dr. Saini; vice principal, Ms. Banda; Primary Section Coordinator, Ms. Kulkarni; the section coordinators: Ms. Nirupama Kale, Ms. Vandana Sangle, and Ms. Archana Prabhune; the administrative officer, Mr. Manish Dhekale; and the sports teachers: Mr. Dhanaji Patil, Mr. Shrikant Deshpande and Ms. Gauri Uttre. Everyone stood at attention, saluting the flag, as the national anthem was sung.



Mr. Narendra Landge and Mr. Ajinkya Kalbhor, both management representatives of Pimpri Chinchwad Education Trust joined us as well.

Following the flag hoisting, the school music group led by Ms. Sulochana Pawar and Mr. Prathamesh Inamdar, along with the students from Grades VII to XI.



With CCA in-charge, Ms. Swaleha Mujawar compeering the event, the Student Council members hosted it in turns. The head boy, Amey Ajar gave a speech on the occasion in Hindi. What followed suit was a melodious patriotic song "Aao Hum Sab Gaye Yeh Desh Key Taraney" sung by school's music group.



This was followed by a brilliant dance performance by the students of Grade VII. Student Council members Rijuta Gokhale spoke in Marathi whilst Neha Patil gave her speech in English.

Ms. Swaleha Mujawar took the opportunity to congratulate Harshita Kakade from X-D who has qualified in the gymnastics section in the Khelo India event.



The fourth graders, under the mentorship of dance instructor, Mr. Ajay Chawariya performed a vibrant dance number that received a standing ovation from all present.

Our school's alumnus, Prabal Malhotra gave a speech stressing the huge responsibility of Indian youth to preserve the culture, and to be grateful for the sacrifices of the freedom fighter heroes who made sacrifices.

In his speech, the chief guest, Mr. Vijay Gawde told the students and parents that along with studies sportsmanship is in life teaches things. He emphasised how one should not be discouraged by defeat, and not to be carried away by success either He closed his inspiring speech by requesting all, all who participate in competitions great or small to always respect one's opponent as well.



The principal, Dr. Bindu Saini help bring this grand celebration to a grand end by speaking on student empowerment, and how it is direly needed for our country to have a bright future. She gave the example of our very own students who are being nurtured at school to take on the challenges faced here, in society, and of the nation.

This brought the celebration of India's 76<sup>th</sup> independence day to a close. To all proceedings with a bang, the CCA in-charge, Ms. Erekar Durga Bhavani gave the Vote of Thanks. From the PCET itself, Chairman, Mr. Dyaneshwar P. Landge; Vice-chairperson, Ms. Padma M. Bhonsle; Treasurer, Mr. Shantaram D. Garade; Secretary, Mr. Vitthal



S. Kalbhor; and Executive Director, Dr. Girish M. Desai sent their wishes to the students and staff of S.B. Patil Public School.



Before we close, we wish to thank each and every person, who contributed great and small to making this event a grand success. We thank the anchors for the day: Aditya Ganjare of VIII-A, Radhika Nalegave of X-B, Shreya Walse of IX-B and Tripura Math of IX-C.

We share our gratitude with the art and craft teachers: Mr. Sanjay Vispute and Ms.

Kranti Kulkarni guided our students: Duhita Mahajan of X-C, Diksha S. X-D, Sanskruti Sapkal of X-A, Soham Panhalkar of X-C, Aditya Rasal of X-A, Anushree Dustakar of X-A, Kajal Bhosale of IX-D, and Janhavi Patil of IX-D for creating a beautiful cut-out and *rangoli* of Mother India which was displayed in the school's reception area.



We give thanks for all the decorations of flowers, rangoli and balloons to the faculty members: Mr. Kuldeep Ghadage, Ms. Rohini Kanake, Ms. Suchita Phulari, Ms. Yogita Deshmukh, Ms. Varsha Kulkarni and the student council members. We are immensely grateful to Mr. Abhijeet Gaikwad and Mr. Aman Yadav for setting up the sound system, and to every member of the administration as well for organising the event.

Once again, our immense gratitude to the principal, vice principal, coordinators and section coordinators, administration, management, teachers, and parents for making this day a grand success.