

**75 Years of Indian Independence Celebrated Across all Four Campuses**  
**15 August 2022**  
*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*

15 August 2022 marks the 76th Independence Day of free India. It also marked the celebration of 75 glorious years of freedom. Reminiscing the struggle and sacrifices made by Mother India's brave and noble children, the students and staff of Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning celebrated this momentous day with great pride in our hearts as part of the culmination of the week-long celebrations of Azadi Ki Amrit Mahotsav, across all four campuses.

It was a great honor to have with us Air Vice-Marshal Dr. Vinod Kumar Varma (Ret.) as the Chief Guest, Prasanthi Nilayam Campus, Col. Aravind Bhagra (Ret.) as the Chief Guest, Muddenahalli Campus, and Brig. M.B. Shashidhar (Ret.) as the Chief Guest, Brindavan Campus to commemorate this special day.

**Prasanthi Nilayam Campus**

Air-Vice Marshal Dr. Vinod Kumar Varma was the Chief guest at the Prasanthi Nilayam Campus. The Chancellor, The Registrar, and the Controller of Examinations were present at the event. The Campus Director hoisted the national flag, which was followed by the National Anthem.

Air-Vice Marshal Dr. Vinod Kumar Varma addressed the students and staff highlighting the sacrifice made by several heroes like Ram Prasad Bismil, Savarkar and Subhash Chandra Bose. Speaking on the progress the nation has made over the last 75 years. He referred to India's improved manufacturing capabilities catering to the need of its Defence requirements, the role and contribution of women in the armed forces, and India's recent role in supporting the global need for COVID vaccines. His speech was followed by melodious patriotic songs presented by the Music College students, that filled the air with nationalistic fervour and pride.

**Jaga Hai Desh Mera – A Drama presentation by the students**

On the occasion of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav that marks the completion of 75 years of Indian Independence, the post graduate students presented a drama entitled "Jaga Hai Desh Mera" in the Sai Kulwant Hall, Prasanthi Nilayam.

The drama revolves around the lives of two childhood friends who dreamt of making a difference in the society. The energetic dance, vibrant actors, artistic sets and the enthusiastic audience made the presentation visually appealing and engaging. The story dwells on pertinent questions relating to the contributions of an individual in making Bharat Atma Nirbhar. The drama also brings out the invaluable contribution of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba in nation building, be it the educational institutions, water projects or the health care infrastructure. It also drove home the message on how we can be loving and caring to the those needy in society.

**Muddenahalli Campus**

The staff and students were honoured to have Colonel Aravind Bhagra (Ret.) as the Chief Guest to celebrate the 76th Independence Day celebrations at the Muddenahalli campus. Escorted to the centre stage with a slow march by the senior students, Colonel Aravind Bhagra (Ret.) hoisted the national flag which was followed by the singing of the National Anthem by all present.

Songs rendered by the music team filled the air with patriotic vibes. Later, Colonel Aravind Bhagra (Ret.) addressed the students and staff, sharing his war zone experiences, and highlighting the ultimate sacrifices made by our Jawans to safeguard our land. He also encouraged students to join the defence services and serve the country. The event concluded with prize distribution to winners in a few events followed by the planting of saplings on the campus by the chief guest and the students.

### **Brindavan Campus**

The celebrations at the Brindavan campus had our revered Chief Guest Brig. M.B. Shashidhar (Ret.) hoist the national flag. This was followed by the National Anthem. Sri. Sai Nikhil Kalluri, final year B.Com. (H), spoke on the topic 'India @ 75' in Hindi. This was followed by a speech by the Chief Guest Brig. M.B. Shashidhar (Ret.), who spoke about the various challenges faced by India.

### **Anantapur Campus**

The session began with the singing of 'Vande Mataram'. The Director of the Campus was then escorted to hoist the national flag. The staff and students with great pride and joy saluted the flag, which was followed by the National Anthem.

A parade by nearly 500 students (Sai Soldiers of Bharat) was led by Ms. Kesavani of II M.Sc. (F.N.S) and the commanders of the four houses. The march past was followed by poems recitations and speeches highlighting the struggles of our freedom fighters and talking about the still colonized minds of the Indians. The speeches motivated everyone to take our culture and heritage one step ahead. This was followed by a small character portrayal event depicting several valiant sons and daughters of Bharat. This was followed by patriotic songs sung glorifying our patriotic heroes who sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our country.

On this occasion, we fondly remember the words of our founder Chancellor Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, who said "It is the patriotism and spirit of sacrifice enshrined in the hearts of the people and their spiritual outlook that will protect the nation".

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