

## **Grand celebration of India@72**

Freedom is in the air, the sense of independence, the sense of being on our own. Rain or sunshine, what's it gonna be? The 72nd Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic zeal, great pomp and show in VFSTR. The chief guest was Pavuluri Sivarama Krishnaiah, a freedom fighter.

All over 5000 Students from the native institution, LARA engineering college, pharmacy college and junior college had marked the day colourful. It started with the rally of huge flags led by the students and faculty of the institutions from the main gate to the venue of the celebration followed by the unfurling of the tricolour and salute to the flag. The inspiration in the air, the sight of seeing the flag unfurl had brought the dormant patriotism inside. Further, the adorable parade by the NCC cadets of the university and other colleges have brought the goose bumps in every person present at the venue.

The country had many great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and more who had fought for the independence and students should be aware of the responsibilities of a citizen as an Indian and being a true patriot said, the chief guest. "Mere words will not make India a great country which our freedom fighters fought for. It is our responsibility to make the dreams of Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh come true by owning responsibility & working towards a better India", he further added.

The Guest of honour Modugula Papi Reddy, a freedom fighter and father of Modugula Venugopal Reddy, MLA said "The true freedom begins from within and with rights comes responsibility" and all the students especially who are the nation builders have to understand the real meaning of freedom and the value based life and play their role responsibly.

Dr.V.Phaniendra Kumar, prominent ENT specialist was the another guest of honour for the day. "India's gaining of independence was a trust with destiny, as the struggle for freedom was a long and tiresome one, witnessing the sacrifices of many freedom fighters, who laid down their lives on the line. Paying tribute to the great leaders and their sacrifices and expressing gratitude is the binding responsibility", he said.

The Vice Chancellor, registrar and the dean (Student affairs) of the university also delivered their valuable speech and appreciated the students who were with great fervor despite of the heavy rain.

### **Star Attractions**

It was the day of memories for the students of VFSTR as the cultural programmes had awed the gathering. The special performance by the university Taekwondo team was the major attraction followed by the beautiful act of on independence struggle by the students of theatre arts club. Furthermore, many patriotic numbers have performed and the day wrapped up with the prize distribution.