



VIGNAN'S

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Date: 15-08-2019

Venue: U-BLOCK(OAT)

Timings 8:00AM to 12:00PM

Independence Day is a way to remind us of the sacrifices our freedom fighters made and thus holds a significant place among the citizens of our country. Reminiscing the sacrifices by the great leaders, VFSTR celebrated Independence Day with unprecedented patriotic fervor on Aug 15, 2019. The gamut of celebration commenced at 8:30 AM with a huge crowd comprising of students, teaching as well as non-teaching staff to mark the 73rd year of achieving freedom from the British rule. Every student contributed towards the preparations and the celebrations began with the Independence day rally. The students adorned themselves in tri-colored dresses and also waved tricolored flags to commemorate the occasion. The Incharge Vice-Chancellor, Dr.K.Satya Prasad , addressed the gathering, appealing to their nationalistic spirit and urging them to take pride in being an Indian and fulfilling one's duty with responsibility. The Registrar, Cmde Dr.M.S.Raghunathan, emphasized the role of youth today in being the true wealth of a country.

To commemorate the sovereignty of our nation, The Chief Guest, **V.V Lakshmi Narayana**, (retd. ADGP, Maharashtra) unfurled the tricolor flag and all in unison sang the National Anthem and expressed the joy of our freedom. Then he delivered his words on challenges faced by the people living in colonized India and also gave a comment on "**VIP**" culture which portrays "**V**" for **Vision**, "**I**" for **Innovation** and "**P**" for **perfection**. He requested everyone to take an oath of fundamental duties and its impact on the development of the country. As a gesture of respect, Mr. V V Lakshmi Narayana was felicitated by the internal dignitaries. On this auspicious occasion, a poster was released by the Chief guest along with the internal dignitaries on the fundamental duties, **JOIN FOR DEVELOPMENT**. All the dignitaries then took part in tree plantation to invoke peace and positivity amongst everyone. The winners and runners who



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participated in the competitions held on the occasion of Independence Day were awarded with tricolor medals. Later, the hon'ble Chairman Dr.Lavu Rathaiah, addressed the gathering, elucidating what it took for our nation to achieve Independence and how every citizen should act in order to protect the integrity of the country. The University Taekwondo team put up an elaborate show of stunts that pumped up adrenaline in the spectators. Student reflections were delivered by Droni Praneetha which mainly emphasized on the theme 'what freedom truly means'. Later, as the day also marked Raksha Bandhan, few of VFSTR'S students tied handmade seed Rakhi's to the Chief guest as a sweet gesture. This was followed by a musical rendition by the music club which staged patriotic songs that awakened everyone's feelings towards the motherland while simultaneously a patriotism themed speed painting was done by Vignan Lara's student Yashwanth. The dance club delivered a high energetic performance with patriotism filled till the brim. Finally, the theater arts club performed a skit that depicted freedom struggle by various freedom fighters in an enthralling way . The event concluded at 11:30 AM after a splendid morning of celebrating love and respect towards the nation.

Indeed, it was a day of joy, a day to love and respect our country and make it a better place for Indians to live and experience the freedom, peace, and unity in diversity.