

*“At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps,
India will awake to life and freedom...”
- Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru*

Independence Day is a time of **pride and patriotism**. It’s a day to reflect on the journey of a nation that struggled against colonial rule **to attain sovereignty and self-governance**. The arduous story of our freedom struggle is enshrined in every heart and on the pages of history. And as we see our children growing freely in the progressive independent country, enjoying freedom every day and every moment, we realize and value its importance.



Suncity School, sec- 45, celebrated India's 76th year of Independence with great zeal and patriotic fervor on Tuesday, 15th August 2023 in the school campus. We celebrated the bravery of our freedom fighters and their gift of freedom to us.



This special day was graced with the presence of our honourable Chief Guest, Colonel Utkarsh Singh Rathore.



The show commenced with a lively rendition of melodious patriotic songs sung by the school choir to warmly welcome our guests.



The Assistant Junior Head Girl, Aadya Minocha addressed and warmly welcomed the Chief Guest and the parents. The Chief Guest was felicitated with environment-friendly bamboo shoots and Lord Ganesha's idol as a token of gratitude from the Suncity family.



Our honourable Chief Guest, Colonel Uttakarsh Singh Rathore, along with the respected head of school, Ms. Nandita Mathur, commenced the celebrations by hoisting the National Flag. This was followed by a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by our school choir.



Thereafter, the PYP student's battalion showcased a mass **Calisthenics Drill 'Symbolic'**. In every true sense it was symbolic as the children used hula hoops in the drill for making formations, identical to the tactical maneuvers employed on the battlefield by the brave soldiers of our country who move from one point to another in a battle formation.



The drill was followed by a **Dance Drama 'Swadheenta'** through which the students conveyed their love, passion, and portrayed a range of emotions beautifully through the **art of dance**. The narrative truly transported the audience to another world and the whole atmosphere was enveloped in feelings of patriotism for our country.



'Atmanirbhar Bharat'- The Patriotic Song, by the school choir truly expressed the devotion and stirred the audience arousing in them a feeling of patriotism to cherish our

motherland. The school choir sang songs which were a splendid fusion of Western and Hindustani music. The whole atmosphere was enveloped in feelings of patriotism for our country.



'Jyotsna', the sports drill presented by the PYP students was another amazing performance that left the audience awe-struck. The children showcased a mass demonstration of flexibility, strength, and self-defense using the fabric of our nation and spreading the message of our new progressive India.



The show culminated with a *Dance Drama - 'Sangharsh'*. It deserved nothing less than a standing ovation with its perfect moves, perfect expressions..... making it an impeccable performance for the day. A thunderous round of applause along with a standing ovation followed the wonderful performance.



The Chief Guest, Colonel Utkarsh Singh Rathore began his address by appreciating the performance of the children and congratulated the staff for a 'well planned and well executed' event. He further shared anecdotes and encouraged everyone to honour the sacrifices of our martyrs, a gesture that was truly thought-provoking. The programme concluded with the note of gratitude proposed by the Assistant Junior Head Boy, Renit Thukral.



‘Kite flying’, a decades old tradition and an expression of freedom signifying resistance to colonial rule was enjoyed by all our guests and the parents of our dear students.

It was truly a momentous day that left everyone with moist eyes and evoked the spirit of nationalism in every heart. It touched the hearts of students and parents alike and inspired feelings of loyalty and devotion towards one’s motherland.

Jai Hind!

