

**EVENT REPORT**  
**INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS**



**Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

*“And they who for their country die  
shall fill an honored grave,  
for glory lights the soldier’s tomb,  
and beauty weeps the brave .”*

The Independence Day of India, which is celebrated religiously throughout the country on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August every year, holds tremendous ground in the list of the national days, since it reminds every Indian about the dawn of a new beginning, the beginning of an era of deliverance from the clutches of British colonialism of more than 200 years. It was on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947 that India was declared Independent from British colonialism, and the reins of control were handed over to the leaders of the country. India’s gaining of Independence was a tryst 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 for giving us this freedom.

Saluting the nation and its freedom fighters on the occasion of 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day, the students and the staff of St. Xavier’s School Bathinda celebrated the day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. The stage was set beautiful with tri colours .To instill the feeling of patriotism and to make the children more aware of the innumerable sacrifices made by our great leaders, a special assembly was presented by the students of grade IXA.

The Assembly began with the introduction of the importance of Independence Day .The celebration commenced with the insightful prayer, seeking the blessings from the Almighty. The mind provoking thought for the day was shared. This was followed by a speech enlightening the students about the significance of the day. The school choir group sang a patriotic song that awakened everyone’s feeling towards our motherland. The melodious medley of patriotic songs sung by the students enthralled the audience.

The students of class IX performed the wonderful Nukad Natika on the theme 'patriotism' portraying the struggle endured by the freedom fighters. It also urged the children of today to value the freedom we got after sacrifices of many Indians. This colorful presentation received a much deserved applause from the audience present.

The day also witnessed active participation of students in Debate Competition and elocution competition. The debate competition was held for the students of grade XII and the elocution for the students of grade X. The theme for the debate competition was 'Patriotism has taken a back seat amongst the youth today.' The teams were well prepared and undoubtedly convinced the audience of their beliefs and views. They exhibited great oratory skills.

The result of the debate competition is as follows:-

- \* Prachi Arora from XII C was declared the best speaker for the motion.

- \* Megha from XII C was declared for speaking best for against the motion.

- \* The Best interjector for competition was awarded to Asmita Sharma from XIIA.

The school coordinator Mrs. Archana Rajput Ma'am using her special VETO Power judged the best question asked by Sukhmanpreet Singh Maan of grade XIIA and the best answer given was by Prachi from grade XIIC.

An elocution competition was conducted online for the students of class X. The students from all the section participated with great zeal and enthusiasm. The students were judged on the basis of criteria such as content, Pronunciation, voice modulation and gesture.

The result of the competition is as follows:-

- \*First position- Praveer Singh, Class XC – Topic: Can Patriotism be an excuse of War?

- \* Second Position- Dollpreet Kaur Dhanoa, Class XB – Topic: What is the difference between Patriotism and Nationalism ?

- \*Third Position- Ishan Bansal, Class XD- Topic: Preservation of Freedom is not the work of soldiers alone, the whole nation has to do it.

The campus was filled with an aura of Patriotism all round .The assembly culminated with the rendition of the National Anthem.

Indeed it was a day of joy, a day of love and respect for the country, instilling in the children the value and reverence for the gift of freedom by the great leaders of the country.

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