

Guardians of Democracy: Celebrating Freedom, Responsibility and the India of Tomorrow

“History remembers those who won our freedom; the future belongs to those who safeguard it every day.”



DDMS (AMS) P. Obul Reddy Public School celebrated India's 80th Independence Day with a meaningful and inspiring programme centred on the theme "Guardians of Democracy: The Role of Iconic Indians Today." The celebration moved beyond the remembrance of India's freedom struggle to reflect upon the responsibilities of citizens who continue to strengthen and safeguard the nation's democratic values. The programme commenced with the ceremonial hoisting of the National Flag by Chief Guest Manasvi Garg, the school topper in the All-India Senior School Certificate Examination, followed by the National Anthem. In keeping with the school's tradition of celebrating academic excellence, her presence as Chief Guest symbolised the institution's belief that education plays a vital role in nurturing the responsible citizens and leaders of tomorrow.



In her address, Principal Ms K.Vinitha, focused on the vision of Viksit Bharat and the institution's role in nurturing young citizens who can contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress. She emphasised that a developed India is not defined by economic advancement alone, but by education, innovation, inclusivity, ethical leadership and social responsibility. The address highlighted the school's commitment to equipping students with knowledge, values, skills and a sense of purpose, enabling them to become confident, compassionate and responsible citizens who can contribute to building a strong, self-reliant and developed India.

The addresses by the school leadership reflected upon the institution's enduring legacy and its commitment to education as a foundation for responsible citizenship. The vision of Dr. Durgabai Deshmukh, the founder of the institution, was particularly recalled as an enduring inspiration for empowering young minds through knowledge, equality and service.

The central theme of the celebration was brought alive through and examples of iconic Indians who have contributed to nation-building in diverse fields. The courage of environmentalist Gaura Devi, whose role in the Chipko Movement became a powerful symbol of grassroots environmental action, highlighted the idea that the guardians of democracy are not necessarily people in positions of power. They are individuals who possess the courage to act and the conviction to make a difference.



The cultural programme further explored the many dimensions of India's national identity. Through music, dance and multilingual presentations, students celebrated India's rich cultural heritage, sporting achievements, scientific progress, healthcare initiatives, linguistic diversity and spirit of innovation. Performances such as "Bharat Anokha Hai," "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat," "Viksit Bharat" and "The New India, The Young India" reflected India's journey from its heritage towards a confident and progressive future. The rendition of "Vande Mataram" in its full form added a deeply evocative dimension to the celebration, reconnecting the audience with the literary and cultural roots of India's national consciousness. The stirring rendition honoured the enduring legacy of the song and its place in the nation's journey towards freedom and unity.



The programme also highlighted the contributions of individuals who have shaped India's progress in different spheres—from environmental conservation and healthcare to literature, sport, science and entrepreneurship. Their stories reinforced the message that nation-building is a collective responsibility, and that meaningful change can emerge from commitment, courage and service.

The celebration concluded with a powerful reminder that freedom is accompanied by responsibility. Students were encouraged to

uphold the values enshrined in the Constitution, perform their Fundamental Duties, make informed choices and contribute responsibly to the nation's development. The symbolic message of the torch of nation-building being passed to the younger generation brought the celebration to a thoughtful close.

The Independence Day celebration, thus became more than a commemoration of the past. It was a reflection on the present and a call to shape the future—a reminder that every citizen can be a guardian of democracy and every young Indian has a role to play in building a stronger, more inclusive and developed India.

PRIMARY SCHOOL



In the primary wing, celebrations began with an inspiring Fancy Dress Parade, in which students portrayed legendary freedom fighters such as Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Rani Lakshmibai, Bhagat Singh, Mahatma Gandhi, and Sarojini Naidu. Through powerful dialogues and iconic slogans, the young participants brought India's freedom struggle vividly to life. This was followed by a stirring Song on Tiranga, with the school choir celebrating the symbolism of the Saffron, White, and Green through melodious harmonies and vibrant instrumental accompaniment.

The cultural programme reached its crescendo with two captivating dance performances. The senior dance troupe's energetic rendition of 'Padavoi Bharatiyuda' combined rhythmic footwork and dynamic formations with a powerful call to the youth to lead the nation with strength and integrity. 'Dance on Matrubhumi' presented a graceful fusion of classical and contemporary styles, celebrating India's cultural richness and unity in diversity. The programme concluded with the Principal's address appreciating the students' dedication, followed by the National Anthem, as the school community came together in a spirit of pride and commitment to the nation.