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77th Independence Day Celebration

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rajkot celebrated the 77th Independence Day with all faculty, students and staff on 15th August 2023 at its permanent campus at Khanderi, Rajkot with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor under the aegis of '*Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*' with the theme "*Nation First, Always First*". Moreover, on this memorable day, the celebration also inculcates the national campaign "*Meri Maati, Mera Desh*".

On this special day, Prof. Dr. (Col.) C D S Katoch, Executive Director, AIIMS Rajkot was the Chief Guest and Dr. (Mrs.) Shashi Katoch was Guest of Honour. The Independence Day of India is significant as it stands as a reminder of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters who dreamt of a flag for free India. On this auspicious occasion the main aim of this event was to celebrate and commemorate 76 glorious years of Independence of India and to recall the historic courage and efforts made by the freedom fighters and citizens of our country. We can never forget the contribution made by our great leaders.

On the eve of the Independence Day, the OPD building was sparkling with patriotic colors lights that definitely put an indelible impression on the minds of all faculty, students & staff. The morning of 15th August the Tricolor was hoisted at 9.00 am by the Chief Guest Prof. Dr.(Col.) C.D.S Katoch, Executive Director, AIIMS Rajkot. This was accompanied by singing of National Anthem by the student choir. After the opening of the ceremony, done by the conveners, Dr. Utsav Parekh and Dr. Pinky Meena, humble welcoming of the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honour with a flower bouquet was followed.

Then singing of patriotic songs mashup by the medical student choir followed. Then a second year MBBS student Prananshi Jain presented a speech and expressed her love for the motherland. A first year medical student Satyendra Chaudhary recited a poem composed by him on the patriotic sentiments. A Nursing officer choir beautifully presented their patriotic songs mashup along with instrumental performance. Dr. Utsav Parekh emphasized country's achievements in all important sectors which creates the '*India's Moments*'. A group of nursing officers expressed India's remarkable healthcare services in a wonderfully presented skit. Moreover, a representative from outsourcing staff Mr. Bipinbhai Kumbhar showed his talent on Tabla.

Then followed speech by Dr. Ashwani Agarwal, Professor & Head, Department of Microbiology and Vice Dean, Research who talked about the glory of our country. It was followed by address of Col. Puneet Kumar Arora, DDA, AIIMS, Rajkot who praised everyone for their hard work and enthusiasm and added more charge to the already energetic environment of patriotism.

After that, Executive Director sir addressed the audience and motivated everyone to work harder and fulfil our duties towards our nation. He emphasized on the development of the institute and vision to fulfill the healthcare needs of the society. He also emphasized on clinical education for medical students. He asked everyone to be loving and respectful towards the country, it's people and the institute. He appreciated the efforts of the administration team and Provosts involved in the organization of the event. On this occasion, few selected members from the staff like guards, Housekeeping staff, Technicians, MTS workers, Computer operator, Sanitary Inspectors etc. were felicitated with certificates and token of appreciation for their dedication towards AIIMS, Rajkot.

A selfie point was also arranged with the theme “Meri Maati, Mera Desh” with the “Amrit Kalash” having the soil of India. The celebrations for the day ended with clicking of group photographs and serving of tea and refreshments.

Glimpses of the occasion







