

**Department of Education
University of Delhi**

**A Report on Celebration of
‘Azadi 70: Yaad Karo Kurbani’ Fortnight 9-23 August, 2016**

Department of Education, University of Delhi along with its constituent unit CIE Experimental Basic School had a two week long celebration of 70th Independence Day under the theme ‘**Azadi 70: Yaad Karo Kurbani**’ from 9-23 August, 2016.

The fortnight long celebration began on 9th August, 2016 when students started planning the activities which would spread over next two weeks under the guidance of Event Team specially meant for this celebration of this event under the **Event Coordinator-ship of Mr. Vinod Kumar Kanvaria** and **Patronage of Head, Prof. Sadhna Saxena**. Various activities were identified and activity coordinators were assigned the task to organize specific activities.

Week 1

As part of the celebration the Department organized the following cultural events on 12th August, 2016:

Event Coordinator: Mr. Vinod Kumar Kanvaria

- 1. Patriotic Song Competition (Activity Coordinator Ms Vertika)**
- 2. Essay Writing Competition (Activity Coordinator Ms Mable)**
- 3. Poem Writing Competition (Activity Coordinator Ms Mable)**
- 4. Slogan Writing Competition (Activity Coordinator Ms Richa)**
- 5. Painting Competition (Activity Coordinator Ms Vertika)**

1. Patriotic Song Competition: The Patriotic Song competition was organized in the Department Auditorium. Students and teachers gathered at the venue. Students participated in the event with great enthusiasm. The celebration began with students singing songs of freedom and patriotism. Although all the participants performed well, best three singers were selected by the student audience. Students casted their votes to select top three singers of the competition.



Pic. Set 1: Patriotic Song Competition

2 & 3. Essay and Poem Writing Competitions

The participants of the essay and poem writing competitions were provided with three themes, namely, Women Empowerment in Modern India, Health Care in Contemporary India and Evolution of the Education System in India since Independence, under the broad theme of '70 Years of Independence in India'. They could choose one of the themes and compose their essay or poem using either Hindi or English as the medium of expression.



Pic. 2: Essay and Poem Writing Competitions

A total of seventeen students participated in this competition. The winners were selected on the basis of originality of their composition including the title of their essay or poem.

4 & 5. Slogan Writing and Painting Competitions

The participants for slogan writing competition and painting competition were provided with the theme 'Tiranga (Tricolour)' and 'Azadi@70', respectively. Almost 10-15 students participated in slogan writing competition and 6-7 in the painting. For the painting competition participants came prepared with their own colours and drawing sheets and they had been given one and half hour duration to draw and paint. For slogan writing competition participants used both Hindi and English as their medium of expression. Some of the students participated in both the activities.



Pic. Set 3: Slogan Writing and Painting Competitions

For each competition winners were selected based on their originality, creativity, thoughtfulness and focus on the theme.

Week 2

For the next part of the celebration, **Activity Coordinator Mr. Vinod Kumar Kanvaria**, organized a week long tree plantation drive namely '**Plantation Week**' from **15-20 August, 2016** in the Department in which teachers and students, both, participated with great fervor. The Department provided students with saplings which they could plant on specifically identified spots in the Department premises. Many students also brought saplings from home to plant. This event carried on for a week. Learners were encouraged to take care of their saplings by watering them and protecting them. The winners of the tree plantation event will be announced after one

month on the basis of the best maintained plant. The idea was to see how well they will take care of their saplings. Winners will be selected on the basis of survival and overall health of the plants planted by them.



Pic. Set 4: Plantation Week

The celebration culminated on 23rd August, 2016 in the Anant Nath Basu Auditorium of the Department where the results of all the competitions were announced and **Head of the Department Prof Sadhna Saxena** distributed certificates to the winners of different activities.



Pic. Set 5: Certificate Award Programme and Copy of the Certificate

The programme and the Independence Fortnight celebration were followed by **singing of the National Anthem by the faculty members and students at 11:00 am.**



Pic. Set 6: Faculty Members and Students Singing National Anthem

It is hoped that these activities mark the beginning of an active and productive year for the learners and teachers at the Department.

CIE Experimental Basic School is a constituent unit of Department of Education. The **Event Coordinator Mr. Vinod Kumar Kanvaria** requested the **Manager of the School Dr. M. Rajendran** and **Head Mistress Ms. Harsh Kumari** to identify and organize events during this fortnight for celebrating **‘Azadi 70: Yaad Karo Kurbani’**.

The following events were organized in the school:

- ‘Interactive Orientation Session’ on freedom struggle was conducted by the teachers with their classes depending on the specific age of the students. In grades I and II, the teachers talked about the national symbols and narrated the stories on the freedom struggle.
- Following the ‘Interactive Orientation Session’, students of grade I and II did colouring in the National Symbols worksheet provided to them. Whereas, the students of grade III to VIII painted their imagination of India’s Freedom Struggle for the poster painting competition.
- On 12th August, 2016, Independence Day Celebrations began by the hoisting of the National Flag. The students were invited to share their thoughts about the freedom on the occasion. The proud moments of the India’s Freedom were cherished by singing of the patriotic songs by the students and the teachers.

- The students painted beautiful cards with their thoughts for the heroes of the Nation, the Jawaans to pay their homage, gratitude, respect and love for them. These cards have been posted to Army people.
- A Skit and Interactive talk with the students of the school had been conducted by the B. Ed. students on theme of the freedom movement of 1857 and the Independence Struggle.
- All the students and the staff as proud citizens of the country participated in the Mass Singing of the National Anthem on 23rd August, 2016 at 11:00 am in the school premises.

































A woman with long dark hair and glasses, wearing a blue patterned button-down shirt and black pants, stands in the center of the frame. She is looking down towards the woman who is digging. Her right hand is raised to her hair.

A woman wearing a bright yellow short-sleeved shirt and black pants is bent over, using a shovel to dig in the dirt. She is wearing white sandals. The ground is uneven and contains some small plants and debris.

A green bag and a patterned bag are resting on a log or piece of wood against the red brick wall. The green bag is a simple tote bag, and the patterned bag has a dark and light geometric design.

Part of a third person is visible on the right side of the image. They are wearing a purple and white patterned shirt and black pants. Only their legs and feet are clearly visible.

