

Bhavan's B. P. Vidya Mandir, Civil Lines Celebrates Independence Day with Patriotic Fervour.

Nagpur, August 15:

Bhavan's Civil Lines observed the 79th Independence Day with a solemn yet spirited ceremony on its campus. The honourable chief guest **Col. Himanshu Pandey** (Commanding Officer, 2 Mah Armd Sqn, NCC, Nagpur), guest of honour **Dr.(Smt) Sunanda Sonarikar** (Chairperson SMC & Hon. Secretary, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Nagpur Kendra) and school principal **Smt. Leena Varghese** unanimously unfurled the national flag, which was followed by the rendition of the national anthem and a salute to the tricolour.

As a part of the ceremony, students solemnly participated in an **oath-taking pledge**, vowing to uphold the dignity of the country and contribute positively to its progress.

A series of well- curated cultural programme was presented by students, featuring speeches, patriotic song and dance paying homage to the sacrifices of our freedom fighters. Ms. Anandita Verma, Ms. Titiksha Naidu, Mast Chirag Lahoti and Ms. Ahana Tatiwar paid a vibrant tribute to the motherland through their English and Hindi speeches.

In his inspiring address, the chief guest Col. Himanshu Pandey emphasized on holistic development and social responsibilities of students. He urged the students to be responsible citizens who contribute positively to the nation's growth.

The highlight of the day was the release of the school magazine **VARTAPATRAKAM VOL I**, a compilation of students' literary and artistic contributions, symbolizing the institution's commitment to creativity and holistic growth. The event also featured a prize distribution ceremony where the chief guest Col. Himanshu Pandey and the guest of honour Dr. Sunanda Sonarikar felicitated the students (Nursery to XII) by giving away the trophies for their 100% attendance in the session 2024-25. The principal Smt. Leena Varghese congratulated the awardees.

The principal's dedicated leadership, meticulous planning of the Incharges Smt. Alphonsa Varghese & Smt. Nilima Joge and comperes Mast. Akash Srivastav & Ms. Gunisha Gambhir were instrumental in ensuring the programme's success.

The school campus was adorned with tricolour decorations, creating a vibrant and festive atmosphere. The celebration concluded with a formal vote of thanks by Smt. Juna Lakhotia, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of pride and patriotism.