

## ***Independence Day Celebrations 2018***

After almost two centuries under the British rule, India attained the fruit of freedom on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, 1947. Every year, we celebrate this day as the *Independence Day*, when Indians from all over the world come together to mark its importance.

This year, **PSBB Siruseri** celebrated the 72<sup>nd</sup> Independence Day with no exception. Kalpika the compere invited Ram to render the invocation. The March Past led by the Council members was in perfect sync with the drum beat. It concluded with the hoisting of the Indian flag. Commander Venkatesh Ramanujam, a former Naval officer, and his wife Surgeon Lt. commander Dr. Sailatha Ramanujam, a medical practitioner under the India Army were the Chief guests for this National celebration. Mridula of XIA1 introduced the guests to the august gathering of parents, teachers and students. It was befitting that the Commander adorned with several medallions hoisted the tri colour.

The march past was then followed by inspirational speeches on Independence Day and Freedom by the students of class XI, and the tiny tots of UKG, dressed as Alluri Sita Ram and Samrat Shivaji enlightened us about the freedom fighters. This was then followed by two colourful dances by classes III – V, and a patriotic song by students of class VII. The teachers of the school surprised the audience with a medley of patriotic numbers, and the eventful day concluded with the inspirational words from the Chief guests, who were delighted to have been a part of the celebrations. The Commander was very appreciative of the solemn March Past that added to the morning grandeur. He expressed his delight in watching the dance on Unity in Diversity for a peppy number. He drew the attention of the audience on the importance of a clean environment and advised the children not to use plastic in any form. The guests were given Green Gardens Kit which comprised a few seeds and an earthen vase. With the National Anthem the celebrations came to close. The event made everyone realise the pride of being an Indian.

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