

Celebrating Freedom!

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION 2022-23

Monday, the 15th August 2022 was a colourful day indeed as the tricolour was hoisted in all buildings and Indians celebrated the 76th Independence day with flags pinned to their dresses and pride in their hearts. This spirit of patriotism and enthusiasm pervaded the courtyard of PSBB Nungambakkam as the students and staff gathered at 7.45 in the morning to participate in the celebrations organised by the Interact club of the school. The Chief Guest was Mr. Vikay Gnanadesikan, the co-founder and CEO of FaceTagr, a computer vision company.

The programme began with a beautiful rendition of the 'Tamil Thaa Vaazhthu' by students of the 11th Std. This was followed by a spectacular video presentation on 'India's Unsung Heroes-The Indian Armed Forces'. The video portrayed the blood, sweat and tears of thousands of courageous Indians who had been instrumental in enabling India to win her freedom from the British. The difference between hoisting the flag on Independence Day and Republic day as well as the significance of the Indian 'Tiranga' or Tricolour as then explained. An energetic and awe-inspiring dance performance to the song 'India Wale' kept the audience enthralled.

The fact that India is an excellent example of unity in diversity was beautifully portrayed through a mime enacted by a few student council members of Std. XII. Following the mime, students sang 'Vande Mataram', the patriotic poem written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee. Then arrived the most-awaited moment- the flag hoisting at 9 AM. The Chief Guest Mr. Vikay Gnanadesikan, then hoisted the Indian National Flag, accompanied by Mrs. Aasha Pillai, the Vice-Principal of the school. All the students and staff present saluted the flag. The flag hoisting was followed by a violin performance to the song 'Jhanda Uncha.' After that, the students performed 'Thaayin Manikodi Paareer'. Mr. Gnanadesikan then addressed the gathering. It was an interactive session and the students enjoyed answering his questions. He mentioned that "the future of India lies in the hands of students." Mrs. Aasha Pillai then spoke, congratulating the students on their performances and encouraging them to contribute towards the success of the country. As the programme came to an end, the national anthem was sung, followed by the "Vaazhiya Senthamizh" song. Sweets were distributed and the audience left the venue with a sense of pride and determination to contribute towards India's growth and development!

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