



A Report on 79th Independence Day Celebration

The 79th Independence Day of India was celebrated at New Horizon College of Engineering with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. This year's theme was: "25 Years of Excellence, 79 Years of Freedom: Building the Future Together."

Independence Day, celebrated on 15th August every year, marks India's freedom from nearly 200 years of colonial rule. It is an occasion not only to remember the struggles and sacrifices of our freedom fighters but also to instill the values of liberty, democracy, and unity among citizens.

The celebrations at NHCE commenced with a flag-hoisting ceremony at 8:50 AM by the Chief Guest, Col. T. N. C. Vijayasaraty (Recipient of the Vishisht Seva Medal), in the presence of the President–NHCE, Mr. Dharmesh Manghnani; Principal–NHCE, Dr. Manjunatha; Principal–NHCM, Dr. R. Bodhisatvan; and Registrar–NHCE, Mr. Suryaprakash. The hoisting of the tricolor was followed by the National Anthem, filling the atmosphere with pride and patriotism.

The NCC unit presented a Guard of Honour to the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. The Chief Guest was felicitated by the President, Mr. Dharmesh Manghnani, in recognition of his distinguished service to the nation. Col. Vijayasaraty, who served in the 1971 Indo-Pak War as part of the Madras Regiment-which played a crucial role in the conflict delivered an inspiring address. He emphasized the importance of patriotism, national service, and the role of youth in nation-building. He paid tribute to freedom fighters, doctors who worked tirelessly during the COVID-19 period, and motivated students to actively contribute to India's progress.

In his address, Col. Vijayasaraty highlighted India's remarkable journey since independence. He recalled the sacrifices of freedom fighters and proudly spoke about India's achievements.

- Self-reliance in agriculture through the Green and White Revolutions.
- Advances in science and technology, with milestones like Chandrayaan and Mangalyaan.
- The bravery of the defense forces in Kargil and global peacekeeping missions.
- Growth in the economy, education, and healthcare, especially during the pandemic.
- Achievements in sports, cultural heritage, and the global recognition of yoga.

He emphasized that true patriotism lies not only in remembering the past but also in shaping the future. His speech concluded with a call to the youth to take responsibility and work collectively to make India a developed nation by 2047.

The Principal, Dr. Manjunatha, also addressed the gathering. He spoke about the transformative role of technology, artificial intelligence, and quantum computing in redefining the future. Linking his vision with the national mission of “Viksit Bharat 2047,” he emphasized that India should no longer be viewed as a developing country but as a developed nation, given its rapid strides in science, technology, and socio-economic growth. He urged students and faculty to embrace innovation, research, and entrepreneurship to ensure India’s continued leadership in the global arena.

The celebrations concluded with a cultural segment comprising patriotic songs and dance performances by students, which highlighted the spirit of freedom and unity. The event ended with the NCC song and the distribution of sweets to all students, faculty members, and staff, spreading joy, pride, and togetherness.

Glimpses of the event:

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