

**Independence Day Celebration Report
(2020-2023)**

Independence Day Celebration 2020

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) celebrated the 74th Independence Day with great fervor and enthusiasm, paying homage to the freedom fighters and reflecting on the contributions made by those who fought for the independence of India. The ceremony, held on the university campus, was attended by esteemed dignitaries, faculty members, staff, and students.

The event commenced with a warm welcome extended to all the attendees. The Hon'ble Pro-Vice Chancellor of RGU, Prof. Amitava Mitra, Registrar Prof. Tomo Riba, Finance Officer Prof. Otem Padung, CoE Dr. N. T. Jose, Joint Registrar Dr. David Pertin, along with Deputy Registrars, Deans, Heads, Teachers, officials, academic and administrative staff, support staff, workers, children, and campus dwellers were present to mark the occasion.

The gathering stood in unison to honor the historic significance of August 15th, 1947, when India achieved its independence from British colonial rule. It was on this day that the first Prime Minister of India, Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, hoisted the tricolor flag atop the Red Fort in Delhi, symbolizing India's freedom. The speech emphasized the importance of remembering the sacrifices of the leaders and warriors who fought for the nation's independence.

The distinguished speaker highlighted the need to recognize not only the renowned leaders but also the ordinary citizens who participated in the freedom struggle at the grassroots level. The efforts made by every individual involved in the struggle were acknowledged, emphasizing that they are all heroes and heroines deserving of remembrance and celebration.

The speaker also paid tribute to the healthcare workers, including doctors, nurses, paramedics, and other frontline workers, who are currently risking their lives to combat the ongoing global pandemic. Their selfless dedication and sacrifice were recognized, with a call for the nation to honor them appropriately.

Furthermore, the speaker acknowledged the significant contributions made by the people of Arunachal Pradesh in both the freedom struggle and the fight against COVID-19. The state's residents were praised for their unwavering spirit in the face of adversity.

The address also emphasized the importance of re-dedicating oneself to the service of society and the nation. It urged individuals to unite against various challenges plaguing the nation, such as terrorism, nepotism, corruption, laziness, communalism, and narrow regionalism. The speaker encouraged everyone to prioritize their Indian identity over language, community, region, or religion, while still preserving their uniqueness.

The speech emphasized the critical role of unity in facing external threats, such as the recent border skirmishes with China. The speaker stressed that the nation's unity serves as the greatest weapon to combat such challenges.

Shifting focus to the year 2020, the speaker mentioned the landmark announcement of the New Education Policy (NEP) by the Central Government. The NEP aims to reform the educational system, focusing on access, equity, quality, affordability, and accountability. It aligns with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and aims to foster a self-reliant India and empower the youth to contribute to the nation's development.

The speaker urged the university community to adapt to the changing times, particularly in the realm of online education, and work collectively towards improving the university's rankings in NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) and NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework). Embracing change and evolving with the times was emphasized as a mark of dedication and contribution to the nation.

In conclusion, the speaker reminded everyone of India's remarkable journey since independence and encouraged them to re-dedicate themselves to the nation's cause.

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The speech begins with warm greetings and acknowledgments to the esteemed individuals present at the Independence Day celebration. It highlights the historical significance of the day, recalling the iconic moment when India gained freedom from British colonial rule in 1947.

Achievements of Rajiv Gandhi University:

The speaker proudly announces that Rajiv Gandhi University has been selected as the best Central University in the North East region by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD). Furthermore, the university has secured the second position nationwide, just after Jamia Millia University. This achievement is attributed to the sincere collective effort of the university community, demonstrating that determination and unity can lead to great heights. The speaker encourages everyone to view this accomplishment as a symbol of future success in academic and research activities.

Honoring Freedom Fighters:

The speech emphasizes the importance of remembering and honoring the contributions made by the freedom fighters who fought for India's independence. It extends homage to the leaders and warriors who sacrificed their sweat and blood to free the nation from the clutches of foreign colonial oppression. The speaker highlights the significant role played not only by the well-known leaders but also by the common people at the grassroots level. They collectively shook the foundations of the mighty British Empire. The speech emphasizes that every individual who participated in the freedom struggle, regardless of their role, deserves to be celebrated and remembered.

Acknowledging Great Minds:

The speech pays homage to notable figures who made significant contributions to strengthen India in various fields. These include Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation, who preached non-violence and brought Indians together in the struggle for independence. Additionally, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is acknowledged for his tireless efforts in framing the Indian Constitution. The speech also recognizes the contributions of Dr. Vikram Sarabhai in developing the Indian Space Program, Homi J. Bhabha in the field of Atomic Research, Bharat Ratna Dr. M. Visvesvaraya in Engineering, M.S. Swaminathan in Agriculture, and Dr. S. Radhakrishnan in Education. The audience is encouraged to follow in the footsteps of these great minds in the ongoing task of nation-building.

Appreciating COVID-19 Frontline Workers:

The speech takes a moment to acknowledge the sacrifices of doctors, nurses, paramedics, and health workers who risked their lives during the COVID-19 pandemic. The speaker highlights

their dedication and emphasizes the need for the nation to recognize and honor their sacrifices appropriately. Arunachal Pradesh is commended for its residents' historical participation in the freedom struggle and their continued courage in the face of challenges, including the fight against COVID-19.

Re-dedication to Nation-building:

The speech calls for a re-dedication to the service of society and the nation. It urges the audience to unite against various societal viruses, including terrorism, nepotism, corruption, laziness, communalism, and narrow regionalism. The speaker emphasizes the importance of unity beyond boundaries of language, community, region, and religion. By preserving their uniqueness and embracing their Indian identity, the speaker believes that collective efforts will lead India to become a global superpower. The recent challenges, including external threats, are highlighted, underscoring the need for unity to combat them effectively.

The New Education Policy and Rajiv Gandhi University:

The New Education Policy (NEP) announced by the Central Government in 2020 is highlighted in the speech as a significant milestone. The NEP aims to bring about a wave of change by addressing the shortcomings of the current educational policy. It emphasizes the principles of access, equity, quality, affordability, and accountability in designing an education system that aligns with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The NEP envisions an India that is self-reliant (Atma Nirbhar Bharat) and fosters the development of a youth population capable of contributing to all sectors of the nation for comprehensive growth.

The speaker mentions that Rajiv Gandhi University has adapted to the changing times by embracing online modes of teaching and learning to meet the demands of the present era. The university is encouraged to work collectively towards achieving better rankings in NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) and NIRF (National Institutional Ranking Framework). The concept of "survival of the fittest" is emphasized, highlighting the importance of accepting and embracing changes to sustain and develop. The university's ability to evolve and adapt is viewed as a testament to its dedication and contribution to the nation.

In conclusion, the speech recognizes the remarkable journey of India since its independence in 1947. The audience is encouraged to re-dedicate themselves to the cause of the nation and its people. Unity and determination are emphasized as the keys to materializing the vision of a glorious India that promotes human values and universal love. The NEP and Rajiv Gandhi University's achievements serve as catalysts for progress, transforming India into a self-reliant nation and empowering its youth to shape a brighter future across all domains.

Independence Day Celebration 2022



The Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm and patriotism. The Vice Chancellor, Prof Saket Kushwaha, hoisted the national flag in the presence of the RGU family, including Pro-VC Prof Amitava Mitra, Registrar Prof Tomo Riba, and other teaching and non-teaching staff members. In his address, the VC emphasized the importance of every citizen feeling valued and acknowledged for a country's success.

Recognition of Efforts During Lockdown

The Vice Chancellor commended the RGU family for their dedicated efforts, even during the challenging period of lockdown. He acknowledged the commitment and hard work of the faculty, staff, and students, highlighting how their relentless efforts for the betterment of the university had paid off. The VC's reference to RGU securing the second rank in the central universities' rankings demonstrated the positive outcomes of their collective work.

Embracing the National Education Policy-2020

During his speech, Prof Saket Kushwaha described the National Education Policy-2020 as a revolutionary step towards realizing India's true potential. He highlighted the policy's

significance in transforming the education system, providing equal opportunities to all and fostering an environment where every individual can excel. The VC's endorsement of the policy showcased RGU's commitment to implementing progressive educational reforms.

Paying Tribute to Freedom Fighters

In addition to the flag hoisting and the VC's address, the Independence Day celebration at RGU included paying tribute to the country's freedom fighters. Pro-VC Prof Amitava Mitra, Registrar Prof Tomo Riba, and other teaching and non-teaching staff members also showed their respect and gratitude to those who fought for India's independence. This act of remembrance symbolized the university's deep-rooted appreciation for the sacrifices made by freedom fighters.

The Independence Day celebration at Rajiv Gandhi University was marked by a sense of pride, unity, and dedication towards the nation. The Vice Chancellor's address emphasized the importance of recognizing the value of every citizen and highlighted the university's achievements, including its notable ranking in the central universities' list. The endorsement of the National Education Policy-2020 further demonstrated RGU's commitment to progressive educational reforms. The event also included paying homage to the freedom fighters who paved the way for India's independence. Overall, the celebration showcased RGU's unwavering patriotism and dedication towards academic excellence and national development.

