

**Republic Day Celebration Report**  
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## **Rajiv Gandhi University Celebrates 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day with Patriotic Fervor – 2022**



Rajiv Gandhi University commemorated the 73rd Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor. The Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Mitra Ji, along with esteemed dignitaries, faculty members, staff, and students, gathered to pay homage to the sacrifices of freedom fighters and celebrate the national festival of India.

The event was graced by the presence of Registrant Dr. N. T. Rickam, Finance Officer Prof. Otem Padung Ji, Examination Controller Dr. Bijay Raji Ji, Head of Departments, Principal Professors, officers, researchers, and even young children from the secondary school of Rajiv Gandhi University campus. The inclusive gathering reflected the unity and diversity of the university community.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome extended by Prof. Mitra Ji, who congratulated everyone on behalf of the university and extended his best wishes for the occasion. He began the proceedings by paying tribute to the brave men and women who made immense sacrifices to secure India's independence. Prof. Mitra Ji acknowledged the significant contributions of renowned national icons such as Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, Homi Bhabha, M. Vishwashwaraiya, M.S. Swaminathan, Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, and Dr. Abdul Kalam Azad, among others.

The Vice-Chancellor emphasized the historical significance of Republic Day, highlighting that it marks the day when the Constitution of India came into force on January 26, 1950. He expressed pride in the fact that the country celebrates the "Amrit Festival of Independence," reminding citizens of the sacrifices made by previous generations and their responsibility to work for the nation's progress while upholding the dignity of freedom.

Prof. Mitra Ji also called upon the audience to reflect on the core values of the constitution and embrace their duties as citizens of an independent nation. He stressed the importance of integrity in daily activities and dedication to the nation's well-being. The Vice-Chancellor encouraged the audience to rise above personal interests and work collectively for the development of the university and society at large.

Addressing the challenges faced by the nation, Prof. Mitra Ji highlighted issues such as pollution, poverty, unemployment, and illiteracy. He urged all citizens to contribute their efforts towards overcoming these challenges and propelling the country towards progress. He emphasized the need for self-improvement and a collective promise to build a better future for India.

During the event, the Vice-Chancellor recognized the university's achievements and ongoing initiatives. He mentioned the successful academic and non-academic appointments made, including the addition of 22 Assistant Professors, 06 Associate Professors, and 01 Professor last year. He also mentioned the promotion of 69 teachers under the Career Advancement Scheme (CAS) and the ongoing process of advertising more than 20 academic positions across various departments.

Furthermore, Prof. Mitra Ji highlighted the university's efforts in providing quality education amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to the increasing threat of the Omicron variant, the university had temporarily shifted to online classes. The Vice-Chancellor reassured the audience that the institution was well-prepared for the online mode of education, having equipped faculty members and officials with high-quality MacBook laptops and data systems. He acknowledged the small financial assistance provided to faculty and staff members for necessary supplies such as sanitizers.



## **Rajiv Gandhi University Celebrates 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day with Patriotic Fervor - 2023**

On the occasion of the 74th Republic Day, Dr. Saket Kushwaha, the President of Rajiv Gandhi University, delivered an inspiring speech that encompassed the spirit of progress, unity, and national pride. Speaking before a diverse audience comprising faculty, staff, students, researchers, and esteemed guests, Dr. Kushwaha extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to all in commemoration of the National Festival and the auspicious occasion of Basant Panchami.

Commencing his speech, Dr. Kushwaha expressed his deep reverence for the sacrifices and contributions of the freedom fighters who paved the way for India's independence on August 15, 1947. He particularly paid tribute to Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, the chairman of the Constituent Assembly, whose leadership and vision resulted in the world's largest and most elaborate written constitution coming into effect on January 26, 1950.

Dr. Kushwaha emphasized the significance of the 74th Republic Day, as India embarked on its "amrit period" and prepared to celebrate its centenary year. He underscored India's growing stature as it assumed the chairmanship of the G-20, a group comprising the world's major economies. The President expressed India's commitment to showcase its cultural heritage, social progress, and economic prowess on the global stage, further bolstering its reputation.

Highlighting the essence of India's democracy and unity in diversity, Dr. Kushwaha praised Rajiv Gandhi University as an exemplar of this ethos. Despite the presence of professors, administrators, and employees hailing from diverse linguistic backgrounds, the sense of Indianness unites all members of the university community in their tireless efforts to foster excellence. Dr. Kushwaha commended their dedication and reaffirmed the importance of safeguarding the sovereignty of the nation and upholding the principles of equality, justice, secularism, and democracy enshrined in the Constitution.

The VC acknowledged the university's commendable efforts in documenting the unsung heroes of the freedom struggle in Arunachal Pradesh, shedding light on their significant contributions that had remained unrecorded. Through rigorous research, the university had successfully unearthed the names of these heroes and submitted detailed reports to the government, ensuring their rightful place in history.

Addressing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Kushwaha cautioned the audience that the threat had not yet been fully eradicated. He commended the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in effectively combating the virus, and he encouraged all attendees to avail themselves of the newly developed nasal vaccine, which the Prime Minister had dedicated to the nation.

Discussing the challenges faced by the university, Dr. Kushwaha expressed confidence in overcoming them with unwavering determination. He outlined the ongoing projects, including the construction of faculty buildings, hostels, residential complexes, and utility centers, all of which were nearing completion. He also emphasized the importance of energy conservation and water management, urging everyone to adopt sustainable practices and reduce carbon emissions.

The VC lauded the university's commitment to academic excellence, praising faculty members, staff, and students for their unwavering dedication and the successful completion of academic programs and examinations. He announced that pending appointments and promotions would be processed in accordance with valid rules, encouraging the university community to maintain peace and harmony during the process.

In closing, Dr. Kushwaha urged everyone to tap into their inner potential and transform their efforts into tangible achievements, emphasizing that the progress of the university was intricately connected to the progress of the nation.