

Inaugural Ceremony

Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav



The year-long celebrations under *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav* began on 15th August with an inaugural ceremony witnessing an exuberant participation from the NCC coy, The Music Society, The Choreography Society and The North Eastern Society of St. Stephen's College. The event was held online on Cisco Webex and broadcasted simultaneously in the College Hall, and was attended by over 170 junior members and senior members.

The ceremony started with an opening address by Principal Prof. John Varghese who threw light upon the special connection between St. Stephen's College and India's struggle for independence. He also emphasised the importance of education, knowledge, love and respect in upholding the integrity of our freedom and democracy. He then thanked the Nodal Officers for Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav- Mr. Sanjay Rao Ayde and Dr. Ekta Kundra Arora and also NCC officer Lt. Dr. Rakhi Thareja for organizing the event.

The Principal's address was followed by the song *Vande Mataram* sung by the members of The Music Society and another melodious *lok geet* performed by Cdt. Katyayani. The Choreography Society presented a dance performance on the song *Ae Watan* commemorating the pride we have in our nation.

To celebrate India's diversity, members of The Music Society further presented songs in various languages including Malayalam, Gujarati, Bengali and Hindi reminiscing the glorious history of our country. Following suit was a graceful dance performance by Cadet Amalu and a special contribution by The North Eastern Society in the form of a musical performance in their native language.

The concluding event of the ceremony was a video showcasing the 3-year long journey of NCC, St. Stephen's. They have conducted a plantation drive, a swachata mission, and carried their covid vaccine duties. The NCC coy of our college has also organised a polio camp and a national level webinar on Kargil Vijay Diwas. Moreover, the video had snippets of their training sessions displaying their dedication and determination towards the country. The song in the background of the video was another melodious contribution by The Music Society.

Lastly, Company Quartermaster Sergeant Tushita Singh conveyed the vote of thanks and the ceremony ended with our national anthem.

Participants:

1. Vande Mataram Song: Members of The Music Society
2. Lok Geet: Cadet Katyayani
3. Dance Performance (ChoreoSoc):
 - a. Richa Cyril Mattam
 - b. Christeena Stephen
 - c. Helen Tom
 - d. Kanupriya Jain

- e. Yogita
- f. Gauravi Kashyap
- 4. Malayalam Song:
 - a. Premkrishna N
 - b. Anand George
 - c. Hazael Hanuk
 - d. Stanzin Deskoung
 - e. Akamsha Roy
 - f. Steffia Jose
 - g. Helen Tom
 - h. Athul Cyriac
- 5. Gujarati Song: Abhiraj Darbari
- 6. Patriotic Song: Sakshi Sharma
- 7. Bengali Song: Saavani Karkhanis
- 8. Hindi Song: Premkrishna
- 9. Dance Performance: Cadet Amalu
- 10. NorthEastern Society Performance:
 - a. Swaswati Das
 - b. Boria Antik
 - c. Neinomching Haokip
 - d. Vinolen John
 - e. Imlisanen Aier
 - f. Moachet Pongener
 - g. Malsawmdawngzuala
 - h. Kukucho Cükhamu
 - i. Daniel Zokhumsanga
 - j. Syed Haider Razvi
 - k. Kevin Joy Varghese
 - l. Yozo Nüvocho
 - m. Saransh Alexander Kumar (Keyboard)
 - n. Veeraditya Poddar (Videography)
- 11. Background music in NCC journey video:
 - a. Aravind Ravi
 - b. Manasvi James
 - c. Saavani Karkhanis
 - d. Rayan Chakrbari
- 12. Anchors:
 - a. Cadet Angelina
 - b. Aravind Ravi

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