

Independence Day celebration 2023 @RDSDE/NSTI(W), Jammu

India is gearing up to celebrate its **77th Independence Day** on August 15. In 2023, India will mark 76 years of freedom from British colonial rule—a significant milestone for the country. Independence Day is celebrated with pomp across the nation and Indians around the globe. It is a reminder of the struggles that won us our liberation from the British Raj after nearly two centuries, the sacrifices made by the leaders, the freedom fighters who laid their lives to win Independence and more. This year, the theme for Independence Day is **“Nation First, Always First”**. All Independence Day **programmes** and events will be based on this theme. Prime Minister hoisted the national flag at the Red Fort in New Delhi and addressed the nation. It was followed by a series of events organized by the armed forces and security personnel saluting the tricolor with a guard of honor.

RDSDE/NSTI(W), Jammu celebrated independence day 2023. Respected Joint Director Shri V. Babu, RDSDE, J&K hoisted the flag at 09:00 am and delivered an insightful and inspiring independence day speech and wishes to all. Shri Sunil J. Wakde, Deputy Director delivered the welcome and valuable speech and wishes to all. Shri Gurmeet Singh, Assistant Director, conveyed the Vote of thanks to each and everyone.



"Meri Maati Mera Desh" Event also organised on 14th August, 2023 collaboration with Directorate of Skill Development, UT of J&K at Government ITI Jammu. Many dignitaries graced the event with their presence, adding prestige and honour to the occasion. Shri V. Babu, Joint Director, RDSDE, J&K, Shri G. M Bhat, Joint Director of Skill Development Department (DSD), Jammu, Shri A. R. Sheikh - Principal of Government ITI Jammu, Shri Sunil J. Wakde, Deputy Director, NSTI(W), Jammu, Shri Gurmeet Singh, Assistant Director, NSTI(W), Jammu, Shri Amandeep Singh – Superintendent Women ITI Jammu, Staff & Trainees of Govt. ITI, Jammu.

Sh. V. Babu, JD, RDSDE, Jammu in his keynote address, emphasized the importance of inculcating a sense of duty towards the nation among the youth. He stated, "Meri Maati Mera Desh is not just a slogan, but a sentiment that should reside within every citizen. It is our collective responsibility to cherish our land and contribute positively towards its growth."

Sh. G. M Bhat, JD, Jammu applauded the Government ITI Jammu for spearheading this initiative and urged the participants to channel their passion into actions that can help build a prosperous India. He said, "Our nation's progress lies in the hands of its citizens. Let us work together to transform challenges into opportunities and pave the way for a brighter future."

The program's highlights included formation of India Map by the trainees, singing of National Anthem and patriotic songs by the trainees and engaging speeches that showcased the rich tapestry of India's culture, heritage, and progress and to celebrate soil and value. Through innovative mediums such as cultural performances, art exhibitions, and motivational talks, attendees were reminded of the sacrifices made by our forefathers to secure the freedom we enjoy today. Besides that the trainees also took pledge to make India a developed nation by 2047.

The "Meri Maati Mera Desh" event concluded with a renewed spirit of patriotism and a collective determination to contribute positively to the nation's growth. Attendees left with a stronger bond of unity and a heightened sense of responsibility towards their motherland.



Partition Horrors Remembrance Day Event also organised on 14th August, 2023 at RDSDE/NSTI(W), Jammu. This day is an annual national memorial day observed on 14 August in [India](#), commemorating the victims and sufferings of people during the 1947 [partition of India](#). It was first observed in 2021, after announcement by Prime Minister [Narendra Modi](#).^[2]

The Partition Horrors Remembrance Day remembers the sufferings of many Indians during the partition. Numerous families were displaced and many lost their lives in the partition.^[3] It aims to remind Indians the need to remove social divisions, disharmony and to further strengthen the spirit of oneness, social harmony and human empowerment.

