

80th Independence Day Celebration Report

Don Bosco Senior Secondary School, Seawoods, celebrated the 80th Independence Day with immense pride, patriotism, and enthusiasm under the theme "Wings of Freedom, Wings of Progress."

The grand event commenced with the solemn Flag Hoisting ceremony led by Honourable Chief Guest Commodore Kuldip Singh Sandhu (Retd) followed by the National Anthem. The school management, supervisors, and teachers graced the occasion alongside the students.

The celebration featured soulful patriotic song renditions, including "Ek Akela Hindustani," capturing the essence of national unity and the spirit of self-governance.

Student Kimaya Shitkar delivered an inspiring speech titled "Pillars of Fortitude," emphasizing strength and perseverance.

Expressive dance forms beautifully depicted the extraordinary contributions of historical and modern Indian icons --

- a) Laxmi Sehgal's stellar contribution to the Indian army.
- b) Geeta Phogat, a gold medalist and the pride of India.
- c) Lata Mangeshkar's patriotic songs that captured the very soul of India.

A special theatrical skit highlighted legendary freedom fighters and influential women such as Usha Mehta and Dr. Tessy Thomas.

Our dear Principal, Mrs. Kalyani Chaudhari introduced the Chief Guest, and Rev. Fr. Dr. Barnabe D'souza felicitated him with a token of respect.

The Chief Guest, Commodore Kuldip Singh Sandhu, in his keynote address appreciated women's power and spoke passionately about the equal rights provided by our Constitution to treat everyone equally and with respect. He reminded the gathering that the school serves as a temple of knowledge, teaching students to love one another, support each other, and uphold mutual respect.

The event successfully instilled core values of responsibility, freedom, and progress, concluding with a formal Vote of Thanks delivered by our supervisor Mrs. Reena Dias and the singing of the School Anthem.

Mrs. Hilda James and Mrs. Vivena Rodrigues from Don Bosco Senior Secondary School, Seawoods.