

A Digital Independence Day !

A celebration At the Online General Assembly, PSBB Nungambakkam

"In the truest sense, freedom cannot be bestowed; it must be achieved." Franklin D. Roosevelt

The students of Std XI of PSBB Nungambakkam were filled with wonder and curiosity on the 14th of August as they logged into the GA Zoom links, after their online classes gave over at 1.20 pm, to witness their First Virtual Independence Day General Assembly! As a precursor to India's 74th Independence day, a celebration was held by PSBB Nungambakkam at two sessions held at 1.45 p.m. and 2 p.m. Mrs. Sheela Rajendra, the Dean and Director and Correspondent participated in the celebration organized by the teachers and the Cultural Secretaries of the Students' Council, under the guidance of Mrs. S. Vasanthi, Principal, PSBB Nungambakkam and Mrs. Aasha Pillai, the Asst. Vice Principal.

Nandita of 10C first rendered a prayer song, invoking the blessings of the Almighty. The celebration then commenced on a melodious note with the rendition of popular patriotic songs. 'Vande Mataram' sung live by Nandita of X C lifted the spirits of the audience, while Gurupriya of IX B regaled them with 'Paarukulle Nalla Naadu' in a video. Adithi G. of IX B held the audience spellbound with her soulful rendition of 'Shanti Nilava Vendum' while playing the violin. 'Thayin Manikodi' sung live by Niranjana of X B added to the musical patriotic vibrations of the GA.

In accordance with the school tradition, speeches were then delivered in the four languages taught at school. The Tamil, Sanskrit, Hindi and English speeches were delivered by Reshmi of 11C, Akash of 11C, Vriddhi of 11C and Rishi of 11A respectively, on lesser known important freedom fighters. To the delight of the audience, subtitles were provided for each speech, to ensure absolute clarity.

An interesting video 'Celebrating India's History' highlighting India's glorious monuments was then played. Accompanied by voice overs by Kashyap and Rishi Rajesh of 11B, the audience took a virtual trip to see Shanti Stupa, Unakoti and Sikandra !

Harikrishnan & Dhananjayan Seshadri of XII B provided the technical support. Anvita and Sadhana of XII B compered one session while Bhavana and Neha Thalpur compered the other. An instrumental video version of the National Anthem was played ending the virtual celebration in a patriotic and aesthetic manner.

Mrs. Sheela Rajendra, congratulated the organisers and the participants. 'It was fantastic!' she said. "We have so much more to India, its rich heritage, culture and monuments. We don't know even a wee bit of India! It's upto us, especially the youngsters, to explore and see the greatness of the country and with pride, let us ensure that we give something back to the country". She urged the students, especially those who had not watched the movie 'Gandhi' yet, to watch it during the weekend to appreciate the people who suffered and fought for India's freedom.

The celebration was attended by the Principals of the KK Nagar and Siruseri branches of the institution and the Vice-Principal of the KKNagar branch, besides the teachers of the school. It was an exhilarating experience and although students missed being together in person, this digital general assembly reminded the students of the power of togetherness, enhancing their pride and deepening their love for India!

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WATCHING!

-RISHI R AND KASHYAP (XI B)