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## 79th Independence Day Celebrated with Grandeur Across Rajasthan



**Jaipur:** The 79th Independence Day was celebrated across Rajasthan with patriotic fervor, enthusiasm, and grandeur. From state-level celebrations in Jodhpur to district headquarters across the state, the day witnessed flag hoisting, parades, cultural programs, and the honoring of achievers, freedom fighters, and martyrs' families.

At the district level, members of the Council of Ministers, Divisional Commissioners, and District Collectors unfurled the national flag, inspected parades, and read out the Governor's message. Colorful cultural performances by students and tableaux reflecting heritage and development captivated the public. Brave women, government officials, students, and social workers were felicitated for their distinguished services.

In Sri Ganganagar, freedom fighters and their families were felicitated. In Banswara, Collector Dr. Indrajit Yadav inspected contingents of police and NCC. In Karauli and Bundi, dozens of achievers were honored. In Pratapgarh, Revenue Minister Hemant Meena led the celebrations, while in Dholpur, an oath against child marriage was administered. In Sirohi, scooters were distributed to specially-abled persons, and in Bharatpur and Sawai Madhopur, Veeranganas and war widows were honored. Across Sikar, Dungarpur, Tonk, Alwar, Jaisalmer, Chittorgarh, Barmer, Kota, Ajmer, Bhilwara, Jhalawar, Pali, Hanumangarh, and Nagaur, distinguished individuals and freedom fighters' families were felicitated, with special events such as children from Piplaudi being invited as guests in Jhalawar and tableau honors in Dungarpur. The unifying spirit was respect for martyrs, pride in heritage, and commitment to progress.

**State-Level Celebration in Jodhpur** - The state-level function was held at Barkatullah Khan Stadium in Jodhpur, where Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma unfurled the tricolor and addressed the gathering. He emphasized India's journey towards self-reliance under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlighting the nation's progress in becoming a global economic power.

The Chief Minister underlined initiatives like Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Ayushman Bharat, Ujjwala Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, and PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. He also announced "Jai Anusandhan" to be added alongside "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan." Rajasthan's efforts in renewable energy, water self-sufficiency, and road infrastructure were showcased, including the Mission Hariyalo Rajasthan drive with 15 crore saplings and the ambitious renewable target of 125 GW by 2030.

Jodhpur's rich culture, valor, and artistry were celebrated as the Chief Minister inspected the parade and took the salute. A floral shower from an MI-17 helicopter over the national flag added grandeur to the event. Parades by police, RAC, NCC, Scouts, and school contingents, along with camel tattoo demonstrations, horse-riding shows, and weapon exhibitions, captivated spectators. Awards were presented to distinguished officers and employees. Folk artists from Rajasthan, Odisha, West Bengal, and Gujarat, along with school groups, presented patriotic performances that filled the atmosphere with pride and unity. The celebration concluded with the national anthem in the presence of ministers, MPs, MLAs, officials, and a large public gathering, reinforcing the state's unwavering spirit of patriotism and dedication to nation-building.

- Mohsina Bano

## PM Modi Unveils Sudarshan Chakra Defence Initiative

**New Delhi:** Addressing the nation on the 79th Independence Day from the historic ramparts of the Red Fort, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of the ambitious 'Sudarshan Chakra' project, a cutting-edge initiative aimed at significantly strengthening India's multi-layered defence shield. In a firm message to Pakistan, he declared that India will no longer succumb to nuclear blackmail and will respond decisively to any hostile act, establishing a "new normal" where no distinction is made between terrorists and those who harbour them.

Citing the recent Pahalgam terror attack — a brutal massacre carried out by militants from across the border, who targeted victims after asking their religion — the Prime Minister said Operation Sindoor was a direct reflection of the collective anger and resolve of the nation. He stressed that the incident exposed the futility



of continuing the Indus Waters Treaty, which he claimed had inflicted "enormous harm" on Indian agriculture over the decades.

In a major technological milestone, Mr. Modi announced that India's first indigenous semiconductor chip will be launched in the market by the end of this year. With six semiconductor manufacturing units already operational and four new facilities approved, the country is moving rapidly towards self-reliance in critical technology sectors. On the economic front, the Prime Minister promised a "big Diwali gift" in the form of next-generation GST reforms that will substantially reduce the tax burden on small industries and MSMEs, boosting productivity and competitiveness. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh joined the Prime Minister during the celebrations, which showcased both India's resolve in national security and its vision for technological and economic progress.

## Udaipur Celebrates 79th Independence Day with Enthusiasm and Patriotic Fervour



**Udaipur:** Under the banner of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the 79th Independence Day was celebrated across the district on Friday with great zeal, joy, and ceremonial splendour. The main district-level event was held at Gandhi Ground, Udaipur, where the Chief Guest, Minister for Tribal Area Development and Home Guards, Mr. Babulal Kharadi, unfurled the National Flag and conveyed his greetings to all.

Following the flag hoisting, Minister Kharadi inspected the parade. Police, NCC cadets, and Scout-Guide contingents from various schools participated in the march past. Additional District Magistrate (Administration) Deependra Singh read out the Governor's message.

The event was attended by MP Dr. Mannalal Rawat, District Council Chairperson Mrs. Mamta Panwar, MLA Tarachand Jain, former Mayor Govind Singh Tank, Divisional Commissioner Ms. Pragya Kewalramani, IG Gaurav Srivastava, District Collector Namit Mehta, SP Yogesh Goyal, UDA Commissioner Rahul Jain, Zila Parishad CEO Riya Dabi, Municipal Commissioner Abhishek Khanna, SDMs from various subdivisions, former MLAs, social workers, families of martyrs and freedom fighters, students, and a large gathering of citizens.

### Parade Enthralls Spectators

The parade, directed by NCC Headquarters Udaipur's lining officer and retired Army officer Prem Shankar Shrimali, along with Physical Instructor O.P. Yadav and Parade Commander RI Gulab Singh, emerged as the main highlight. Rajasthan Police, Home Guards, NSS units, and other contingents marched in perfect synchrony to the beats of the police and school bands, filling the air with patriotic energy.

### Tribute to Martyrs and Freedom Fighters

During the ceremony, Minister Kharadi, along with senior officials, honoured the families of Udaipur's martyrs, including Lt. Abhinav Nagori, Shaurya Chakra awardee Major Mustafa, Martyr Archit Vardiya, and Martyr Mohanlal Tejawat, as well as relatives of freedom fighters, by draping shawls and presenting mementos.



### Mass Exercise & Cultural Show Add Colour

Students of the Higher Secondary School for the Deaf, guided by Shama Parveen, performed an impressive mass exercise display, joined by students of Central Academy. Dressed in traditional costumes of different Indian states, MMVM and MMPS students presented a unifying patriotic group dance depicting India's "Unity in Diversity." In a unique segment, the Central Jail's inmate orchestra group performed patriotic songs, drawing much appreciation. The event concluded with the national anthem, performed by Residency School students.

### Honours for Exemplary Service

At the main ceremony, district-level awards were presented to numerous officers, employees, educators, medical professionals, journalists, social workers, sportspersons, and cultural contributors for their outstanding service. These included officials from the police, fire, public health, education, forest, revenue, and media sectors, as well as achievers in boxing, swimming, archery, and yoga.

Similarly, at the sub-divisional level in Girwa, honours were given to teachers, legal professionals, engineers, NCC cadets, folk artists, health staff, and dedicated social service organisations.

The celebration at Gandhi Ground not only honoured the nation's glorious freedom but also showcased Udaipur's deep-rooted patriotism, community spirit, and rich cultural heritage.

- Dr. Munesh Arora

## Udaipur District Marks 79th Independence Day with Enthusiasm



**Udaipur:** The 79th Independence Day was celebrated across Udaipur with zeal, patriotism, and diverse expressions of unity.

At the Chartered Accountant Office, ICAI Building, Sector 14, the tricolor was unfurled in the presence of members and students. Branch Chairman CA Rahul Maheshwari highlighted the patriotic spirit of the occasion, while Vice Chairman CA Chirag Dharmawat announced the hosting of the CIRC-level Badminton and Table Tennis tournament.

At the Bharatiya Kisan Sangh office, the celebration carried a strong message of Swadeshi and organic farming. Dr. Rajendra Babu Dubey emphasised the harmful effects of genetically modified crops, while RSS leader Deepak Shukla reiterated the vision of Akhand Bharat.

Meanwhile, animal lovers at Fatehsagar Pal marked the day as a 'Day of Disappointment,' staging a silent protest to highlight the neglect of animal rights and recalling Mahatma

Gandhi's words on moral progress.

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh office at Keshav Nikunj witnessed flag hoisting by Deepak Shukla. RSS leader Baliram urged citizens to shed the mentality of slavery and contribute to nation-building.

District-level celebrations were conducted at the Divisional Commissioner's Office, Collectorate, Court premises, and State Institute of Hotel Management. Flag hoisting was led by Divisional Commissioner Pragya Kevlramani, District Collector Namit Mehta, and Judge Gyan Prakash Gupta, followed by cultural and plantation drives.

Muskaan Club Youth Revisited held a cultural program at Oriental Palace Resort, blending patriotic songs, poems, and tributes to martyrs. Excise Headquarters also witnessed an inspiring address by Commissioner Shivprasad Nakate, who stressed selfless service and health awareness.

At MPUAT, Vice Chancellor Dr. Ajeet Kumar Karnataka unfurled the tricolor and launched the "Pratap Gaurav Award." Faculty, staff, students, and progressive farmers were honoured for their contributions to agriculture and research. The event concluded with tree plantation. Across Udaipur, Independence Day reflected unity, remembrance, and collective resolve toward building a self-reliant India.

## 79th Independence Day Celebrated at Zinc Nagar with Enthusiasm



**Flag Hoisting and Parade** - The 79th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the sports ground of Zinc Nagar, located at Chanderiya Lead Zinc Smelter. On this occasion, the national flag was unfurled by Mr. Manas Tyagi, CEO-Smelters, and Location Head of Chanderiya Lead Zinc Smelter, Hindustan Zinc.

A salute was taken after the inspection of the parade, which was presented by the personnel of the Security and Fire & Safety Departments along with the students of Hind Zinc School.

**Message of Commitment and Achievement** - In his address, Mr. Tyagi stated that through production, the company has been fulfilling its duty towards the nation. It was emphasized that Hindustan Zinc remains committed to production while adhering to global standards of environment

and safety. He proudly recalled that Hindustan Zinc Limited has become the first Indian company to join the International Council on Mining and Metals, a remarkable achievement that has strongly placed India on the global map of responsible mining.

**Tribute and Innovation** - Remembering the sacrifice of the freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the nation, Mr. Tyagi expressed that the sovereignty achieved through independence has been honored by Chanderiya Lead Zinc Smelter through continuous innovation in production, productivity, safety, work culture, environmental protection, and rural development. These accomplishments, he stressed, have been possible due to the collective and sustained efforts of the Zinc team.

**CSR Initiatives and Social Responsibility** - While sharing details of the company's social responsibility, Mr. Tyagi highlighted the contributions made under CSR activities for community welfare and sustainable growth.

**Cultural Programs and Felicitations** - On this occasion, Union General Secretary Mr. Ghanashyam Singh Ranawat also addressed the gathering. Students of Zinc School presented patriotic songs and cultural performances, adding fervor to the celebration. Distinguished guests including Pushpendra Meena, Anoop Kumar, G. Mallesham, Bindu Nair, S.K. Mod, G.N.S. Chauhan, Mahesh Kanan, Amit Surana, Kamakhya Singh, Mamta Sharma, and Alok Kumar honored talents under the Yashad Suggestion Scheme and for remarkable contributions. The program was conducted by T.C. Khatri and Aishwarya Paliwal.