



A COLOURFUL ODE TO 75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

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A two-year gap induced by the Covid-19 pandemic was closed on Monday with the district taking to colourful celebrations to mark 75 years of the country's independence.

At an event in the armed reserve police ground in the city, Collector M Pradeep Kumar hoisted the national flag and accepted the guard of honour from police personnel.

After the release of tri-coloured balloons and the peace dove, the collector awarded certificates to as many as 318 people, including those government officials who completed 25 years of service, sportspersons, and social workers.

Welfare assistance valued at ₹25.41 lakh was distributed to 25 beneficiaries. The event concluded with various performances by students of 11 schools. Later the collector along with Tiruchy city Mayor Mu Anbalagan donated clothes to the needy at Ranganathasamy temple in Srirangam.

Further, saplings of as many as 75 varieties of fruit-bearing trees were planted at the Collectorate.

The collector has relegated



(Left) Collector M Pradeep Kumar accepting the guard of honour; children performing at the event in armed reserve ground in Tiruchy on Monday | MK ASHOK KUMAR



the responsibility of taking care of the plants to various department officials.

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ITC on its part planted 75 saplings at the Girls Higher Secondary School in Vadugapatti. A new girls' toilet block built by the firm was also inaugurated.

Commemorating 75 years of the nation's independence presided over by General Manager Shrish Kumar, an Ordnance Factory event held here also gave away meritorious awards.

Close to 100 people were in attendance.

Hoisting the Tricolour at Kailasapuram township, BHEL General Manager-in-Charge SV Srinivasan announced that a Common Engineering Facility Centre will be started in the plant with necessary infrastructure. This will impart skills in advanced welding technologies among around 5,000 youth per annum, he added.

At the National Institute of Technology (NIT), Director Dr G Aghila, hoisting the Tricolour, emphasised on the importance of science and technology towards realising the aspirations of a self-reliant nation as envisioned by the leaders of the independence movement.

KIDS PARADE TO SPREAD MESSAGE OF UNITY

Tiruchy: Dressed up as kings, queens, and freedom fighters, children paraded through the roads of Somarasampettai in a tractor on Monday. Awed by the sight, passers-by and residents presented the children with gifts as a token of appreciation for their efforts. Patriotic songs were played from the tractor. The initiative by Feathers, a playschool in Somarasampettai, caught the attention of many a resident. A Devamanohari, the school headmistress, said, "We organised a similar event last year as well. This road show, which went on for half an hour, was well appreciated. We organised this event to spread the message of unity and love."



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