

79th Independence Day Celebration at Ramdeobaba University (RBU)

Theme: “Operation Sindoor 2025 – Naya Bharat”

Date: 15th August 2025

Venue: Ramdeobaba University Campus, Nagpur

With grandeur, patriotic enthusiasm, and an overwhelming feeling of national pride, the NSS Unit of Ramdeobaba University (RBU), Nagpur, marked India's 79th Independence Day. A distinct theme for this year's festivities was "Operation Sindoor 2025," which honored the Indian Armed Forces' remarkable courage and compassion in their prompt and forceful response to the Pahalgam terror attack in May 2025. In addition to remembering the deceased heroes, the event intended to inculcate in the community, faculty members, and students the virtues of bravery, unity, and integrity.

Distinguished Dignitaries: The event was graced by eminent dignitaries, including: Shri. Shyam Sunder Rathi (Chairman, Steering Committee), Shri. Rajesh Sanghani (Member, Steering Committee), Dr. R. S. Pande (Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, RBU), Dr. Manoj Chandak (Principal, RCOEM), Dr. Sanjay Bodkhe (Registrar) along with University faculty, staff, NSS volunteers, students, and invited guests were also present in large numbers, adding to the grandeur of the occasion.



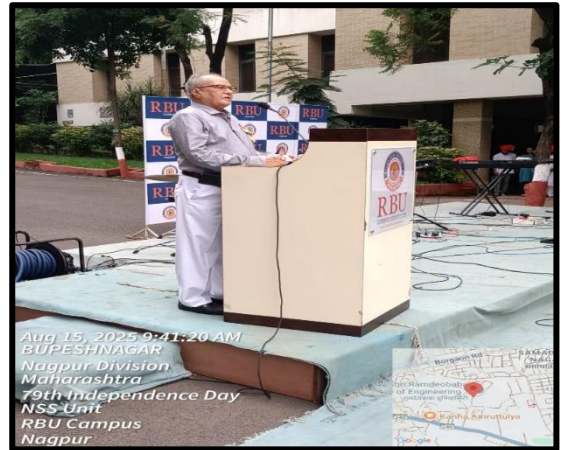
Programme Highlights:

Flag Hoisting and National Anthem: The Independence Day celebrations commenced with the most awaited and dignified moment - the hoisting of the National Flag. The Chief Guest, amidst resounding applause, unfurled the Tricolour high above the campus, symbolizing the ideals of freedom, unity, and sovereignty. As the flag soared gracefully against the morning sky, petals showered down, adding colour and emotion to the occasion.

Immediately after, the entire gathering - comprising dignitaries, faculty, staff, students, and volunteers - stood in absolute silence and reverence as the National Anthem was sung in unison. The powerful rendition echoed across the campus, filling hearts with pride and patriotism. The atmosphere was charged with emotion, as every voice blended into one, reflecting the spirit of a united nation. The moment served as a reminder of the countless sacrifices made by our freedom fighters and soldiers, and it set a solemn yet uplifting tone for the rest of the programme.

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- **Anchoring and Coordination:** The entire celebration was seamlessly anchored by NSS volunteers Hemakshi Yeole (III Year, Data Science) and Shibtain Raza (III Year, Mechanical Engineering). With their confident presence, articulate narration, and engaging delivery, they set a dignified and patriotic tone for the day. Their coordination ensured that each segment of the event transitioned smoothly, from the solemn rituals to the vibrant cultural performances.
- **Keynote Address:** The Chief Guest of the event, Chairman, Steering Committee – Shri. Shyam Sunder Rathi ji, in his keynote address, delivered a stirring speech that deeply resonated with the audience. He highlighted: The supreme sacrifice of soldiers during “Operation Sindoor 2025”. The importance of unity and resilience in safeguarding the nation. The role of educational institutions like RBU in nurturing socially responsible and patriotic citizens. The message instilled a renewed sense of dedication towards the motherland among the students and faculty.
- **Cultural Performances:** A special cultural programme was organized by RBU’s Literary, Music, Dance, and Drama Clubs wherein: Approximately 148 students from all the clubs participated in the performances. Events included patriotic songs, dances, skits, and poetry recitations, each reflecting gratitude towards the armed forces. These performances were given by Dance Club, Drama Club, Literary Club and Music Clubs. All the performances depicted the sacrifices of soldiers and the importance of unity in diversity, leaving the audience deeply moved. These performances infused the day with emotion and pride, making it both entertaining and thought-provoking.



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Participation: 02 Guests, 1200 Students, 270 Faculties and 125 staff members witnessed the event and marked their presence to make this event a grand success.

Significance of the Theme

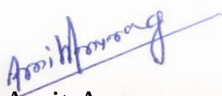
The chosen theme, “Operation Sindoor 2025 – Naya Bharat”, was more than a tribute; it was a reminder of the indomitable spirit of India’s armed forces. It emphasized the importance of vigilance, unity, and patriotism in overcoming adversities.

Through this thematic focus, RBU reaffirmed its commitment to cultivating youth who are not only academically proficient but also socially aware, empathetic, and nationally responsible.



Conclusion: The 79th Independence Day Celebration at RBU was not just a ceremonial event but a solemn tribute to India’s heroes. It successfully blended patriotism, cultural expression, and social awareness, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees. The day stood as a testament to the sacrifices of our soldiers and a pledge by RBU’s community to uphold the values of freedom, democracy, and national service.




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