

“150 Years of Vande Mataram: The Cultural Club of ICFAI University Sikkim Celebrates the Soul of the Nation”



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Venue: The ICFAI University, Sikkim

The Cultural Club of The ICFAI University, Sikkim, observed a grand celebration to mark the historic occasion of “*Vande Mataram @ 150 Years of the National Song.*” The event was organized with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour to commemorate 150 glorious years of India’s iconic national song and to rekindle the spirit of nationalism among students and staff.

The celebration began with an atmosphere filled with devotion to the motherland. The campus was beautifully adorned with the colours of the Indian flag, symbolizing unity and pride. The event was graced by the distinguished presence of **Dr. Jagannath Patnaik, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor; Dr. Hemant Panda, Pro-Vice Chancellor; Dr. Khina Maya Rimal, Registrar; and Ms. Sandhya R. Pant, Deputy Registrar.**

A defining moment of the celebration was the **National Flag hoisting ceremony**, conducted in live coordination with the national event. The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, **Dr. Jagannath Patnaik, hoisted the Tricolour** in sync with the live telecast of the Opening Ceremony, where the National Song “**Vande Mataram**” was performed and broadcast live by **Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**. This symbolic synchronization created an emotional bridge between the university and the nation, instilling a profound sense of pride and unity among all present.

Also, during the celebration, Dr. Jagannath Patnaik felicitated Mr. Rakesh KC, a renowned street dancer, and Ms. Yangkit Lepcha, a professional dancer, in recognition of their outstanding contributions to dance and their inspiring performances. Their presence and artistry added a vibrant cultural dimension to the event, captivating the audience and highlighting the importance of creative expression in celebrating national pride.

Following the ceremony, the program witnessed enthusiastic participation from students and faculty members. The students of the Cultural Club presented a series of mesmerizing cultural performances, including patriotic songs and dances that showcased the beauty of India’s cultural diversity. Each act reflected deep respect and love for the nation, while celebrating the legacy of **Vande Mataram** as a song that has inspired generations of Indians in their struggle for freedom and national identity.

The performances captured the essence of India's unity in diversity, reminding everyone of the timeless message that **Vande Mataram** embodies that of devotion, sacrifice, and love for the motherland.

The event concluded with a **collective rendition of the National Song "Vande Mataram,"** echoing through the campus and filling the hearts of everyone with patriotic pride. The celebration not only honoured the legacy of one of India's most cherished compositions but also strengthened the bond of unity and cultural identity among the university fraternity.

Through this grand celebration, The ICFAI University, Sikkim, once again reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing responsible citizens who cherish the values of freedom, respect, and unity that **Vande Mataram** so powerfully represents.