

Evolving India -75th Independence Day Celebration

Report by Pedagogy of History Club

On 15th August, 2021, the Pedagogy of History Club of St. Xavier's Institute of Education conducted a program to celebrate the 75th Independence Day. The session was held online on Google Meet platform from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. It was attended by the SXIE Manager Father Blaise, Principal Dr. Sosamma Samuel, Professors and 48 students of F.Y. B. Ed. 2020-21.

The program was conducted by 8 student members of the history club, under the guidance of faculty-in-charge- Dr. Elvina Pereira and Ms. Kalpana Chavan. The History Club had several meetings prior to the main event, where the events were decided and the responsibilities were distributed. 'Evolving India' was the theme chosen to commemorate the year-long 75th independence's year the nation was going to celebrate from this August 15th 2021.

The program began with the welcome note to all present in the meet for the celebration of the 75th Independence day. The comperes for the day were Ms. Aldina Gomes and Ms. Andrea D'silva. Immediately after the welcome, a video of the Indian national flag being hoisted was displayed on the screen where everyone in the meet was asked to rise and participate in singing the national anthem.

After the flag hoisting the Principal Dr. Sosamma Samuel addressed the gathering, in which she pointed out the difference between freedom and misconstitute freedom and how we can be responsible citizens of our future country. This was followed by Prayer service conducted by Ms. Sukanya Iyer, asking God's grace for our nation.

The theme, 'Evolving India', was chosen to see how we as a country have evolved in the last 75 years and also witnessing the many evolving moments during and after Independence. The different areas in which India evolved was also highlighted.

Following the introduction of the theme, given by Ms. Sancia, a short video was shown by Ms. Shantala Bhat to narrate the cannonball moments from the lives of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Azad, Maulana Abul Kalam. The video focused on incidents that changed the way they perceived their roles in life and strongly influenced the course they charted for Indians during and after the freedom struggle and Independence.

In line with the theme of 'Evolving India' the idea of montage was executed by Ms. Deepika Nayak and Mr. Manish Ram. The video highlighted the contributions in various fields of science, technology, sports, political, constitutional, education, women achievements, infrastructure and economy, to showcase the contributions of many leaders and heroes towards the growth of our

nation for the last 74 years post independence. The objective of the montage was to make everyone reflect upon the evolution of India for the last 74 years.

Following the montage was a discussion based on a Google Forms based survey was conducted asking the F.Y.B.Ed. students to respond to the question, *“What do you see as your role as a teacher in evolving India and its future?”* 34 responses were received and Shantala Bhat created Word Cloud highlighting all responses. Majority of the responses emphasized our roles as facilitators and models in inspiring and sensitising our students. Student-teachers also believed that in our progress, we need to be secular and also carry along our deprived sections as we move our country, India into the Future. (<https://forms.gle/51AgP2iZESTr37te8> - Google Survey)

After an interactive quiz, was the presentation of the creative expression. There was an overwhelming participation from the F.Y.B. Ed class. The students were given an opportunity to present their skills and talent in the form of posters, poems, songs, dances, in line with the theme of ‘Evolving India.’

Mr. Vipinchandra conducted an interesting quiz based on futuristic thinking. Over 30 students participated in the quiz by answering 5 questions on Google form. After the submission of answers, each answer was spoken about in detail, explaining how Indians from different spheres have contributed for the betterment and welfare of the nation.

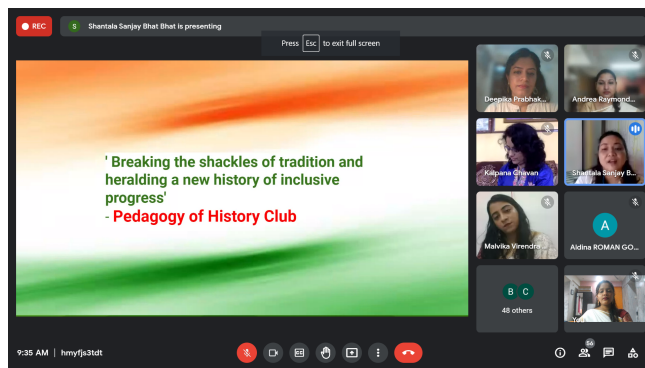
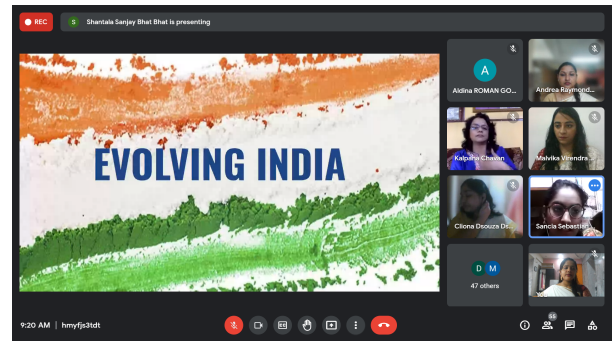
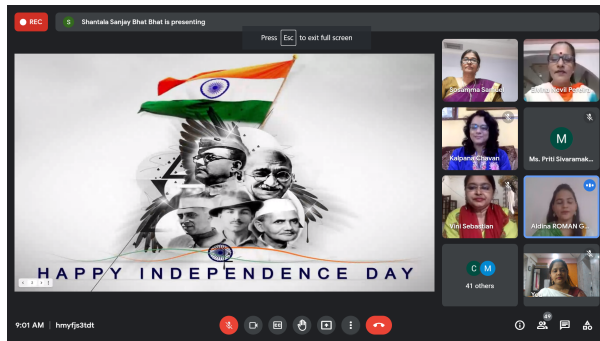
Before the end of the program, Father Blaise was called upon to share his views about the program and theme for the day. He shared his thoughts about how freedom was not just from foreign rule, but also freedom from hunger, poverty, injustice and inequality. We were left inspired by his words of wisdom, motivated to play our role as teachers to take the country on new paths.

The ‘Tri-colour of SXIE,’ created by Mr. Manish Ram, was a collage of pictures of teachers and students in the format of the flag of India. This was a symbol of harmony and unity of the students and teachers of SXIE.

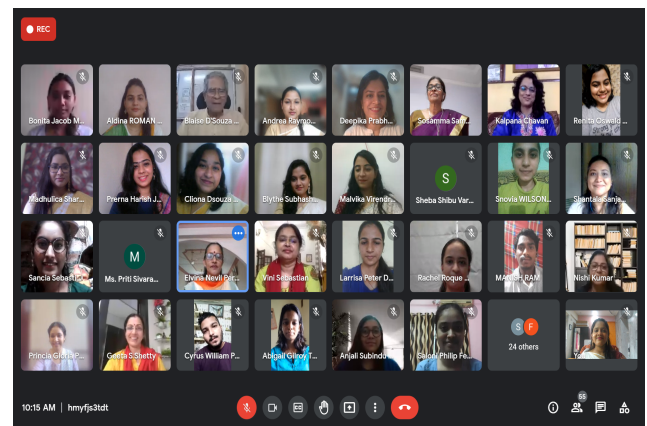
Ms. Deepika Nayak proposed the vote of thanks. She summarized all that we learnt from the program and extended gratitude towards Father Blaise, Principal Dr. Sosamma Samuel, faculties in charge, students, and the organizing team. The session ended with the playing of the national song and college anthem.

The program was a success reflected in the enthusiasm shown by our classmates by participating in various activities conducted for them. Indeed it was a delight to have such a meaningful beginning to mark the 75th Independence year. The Principal appreciated all the efforts that were taken by the students and teachers to conduct the program after which she officially declared that the program was over. The History Club members later met for a short reflective observation and feedback. The documentation of the program was done by all members in the form of this report.

Images of the event:

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