

Celebrations for Independence Day at Navkriti CDC



The Navkriti Foundation, in partnership with ELIPS, organized Independence Day celebrations on August 15, 2025, at Navkriti Child Development Centre (NCDC), Anand Parbat, Karol Bagh, New Delhi.

Children in Anand Parbat's rag-picking hamlet are raised in an environment characterized by poverty, informal labor, and systemic neglect. 300 Families' reliance on waste collection and segregation perpetuates a vicious cycle in which child labor becomes normalized, education is disrupted, and health is jeopardized.

Mr. Rohit Bhalla, Founding Director of the Navkriti Foundation, welcomed the guests and provided an overview of the organization.

About 75 children participated in a variety of cultural activities, including patriotic songs with dance, role play, and poetry. The enthusiasm of the children for Independence Day was an expression of their keenness to be seen and noticed, as almost all turned out in their best dresses.

Mr. K.A. Jayakumar, Founding Director of the Navkriti Foundation, welcomed the Chief Guest, Dr. Deepti Chhabra Wahi, Commandant at the Central Armed Forces Referral Hospital in New Delhi. She spoke about Independence Day and its relevance today. She spoke about the importance of education and cleanliness. All the kids vowed to go to school and help keep the community tidy.

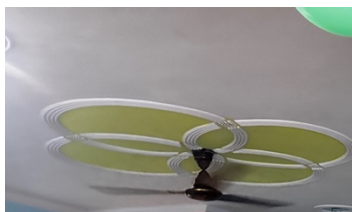
Mrs. Shabana Azam, from ELIPS, traveled all the way from Chandigarh to be at this event. She too emphasized on the importance of education and treating others with respect.

We are grateful to ELIP for their kind contributions to the Navkriti Center, which include two tables, six chairs, two sets of Dari (10*20 inch), and a water dispenser. They also gave the kids lunch and school supplies as gifts.

Mrs. Jessy Jacob from ELIPS and Prem Lal gave a vote of thanks as the program ended.

Moments at the INDEPENDENCE DAY FUNCTION AT NCDC 15TH AUGUST 2025

**Dr. Deepti Chhabra
Wahi**, Commandant,
Central Armed
Forces Referral
Hospital, New Delhi
being welcomed and
alongwith some of
the children



Moments at the INDEPENDENCE DAY FUNCTION AT NCDC 15TH AUGUST 2025



Figure 1: Dignitaries at NCDC Independence Day Function



**Moments at the INDEPENDENCE DAY FUNCTION
AT NCDC
15TH AUGUST 2025**



Children Performing at the NCDC Independence Day Function

