“Har Ghar Tiranga”

Celebrating Independence Day Celebrations

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KIRTADS (TRI), Kerala

The **80th** Independence **Day celebration** was organized by the Kerala Institute for Research, Training and Development Studies of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (KIRTADS) with the active participation of tribal representatives from different parts of Kerala. The programme was conducted in a spirit of patriotism, unity and social inclusion. The programme commenced with a welcome address by Smt. Sandhya Sekhar, Deputy Director (Development Studies), who warmly welcomed the dignitaries, tribal participants across the State and the staff members.

Dr. S Bindu, Director presided over the function and delivered the presidential address. She highlighted the significance of Independence Day and emphasized the values of freedom, equality, social justice and inclusive development. The importance of preserving the cultural heritage, traditions and knowledge systems of tribal communities, while ensuring their active participation in the development of the State and the nation, was also emphasized. As part of the programme, five Representatives from various tribal communities shared the Independence Day messages and they shared the memories of the great struggle fought by the brave freedom fighters of the country for the freedom now we are enjoying among other things. The officers of the Institute also shared their independence day thought and wishes.

The Deputy Director, Dr.Pradeepkumar addressed the gathering as part of the felicitation programme and spoke about the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution of India. The Deputy Director emphasized that freedom and independence are meaningful only when every citizen is able to enjoy equality, dignity, liberty and justice. The importance of fundamental rights, particularly the Right to Equality, Right to Freedom and Right against Exploitation, was highlighted. The Deputy Director also reminded the gathering of the need to uphold constitutional values and ensure that the rights of marginalized and tribal communities are protected and respected.

The programme provided an opportunity for the representatives of tribal communities and the Staffs of the Institute to come together and celebrate the spirit of independence. The participation of tribal

representatives from different parts of Kerala added special significance to the occasion and reflected the State and Central Government's commitment to the welfare, empowerment and cultural preservation of Scheduled Tribe people.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Mr. Gulsan, Junior Superintendent, who expressed gratitude to the Director, tribal participants and the Officials in making the Independence Day celebration a meaningful and memorable event. The event concluded with the rendition of the National Anthem, marking the formal end of the celebration. The programme ended on a note of patriotism, unity, social harmony, and a renewed commitment to social justice and inclusive development.

Photos of the Event







