

‘Unity in Diversity’
75 Years of India’s Independence
International Institute for Population Sciences

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements.

The International Institute for Population Sciences, arranged a cultural event on the theme of “Unity of Diversity” on 2nd Feb, 2022. The theme was decided keeping in line with the 75 years of Indian Independence celebrations (Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav).

The cultural program, themed 'Unity in Diversity', entailed a series of performances: classical and contemporary dances, songs with regional flavors and theatrical expressions on aging issues. Our programme was inspired by the ideas of integrity and camaraderie that shape us and guide us to stand tall. This celebration mesmerized the audience and received applause and ovation.

The evening started with the lighting of the lamp. The opening performance was a Ganesh Vandana dance by Vandana, an MPS student, followed by regional dance performances. Bengali Folk dance performed by Poushaly and Jyoti (Pre-PhD) and Sayanti (MBD 2nd Year); Assamese Folk Dance by Pratyashee (MBD 2nd Year), a very graceful Kuchipudi dance piece depicting the beautiful relationship between the young Lord Krishna and his mother Yashoda, presented by Devikrishna, (MA/MSc 2nd Year), an energetic Lavni dance by Yashoda and Kajal (MPS) and zestful Hariyanvi Folk dance piece by Manisha and Ravita (Ph.D.). Five students from different courses (Manisha, Akbar, Chandan, Jyoti and Satyam) had come together and put up an insightful drama on the plight of old parents, who are left at old age homes with a sole hope that someday their children will come to take them back, but the sad reality is, that, the wait only ends in despair and death. The touching performance had left the entire audience in amazement for a while. Last but not least, 7 students had come together to join their voices and sing in union different regional songs from that of Himachal Pradesh to Kerala and wrapping up the entire performance with Mile Sur Mera Tumhara. The sheer aesthetic of the evening was heightened by the closing group song where all the performers joined on the stage with lamps on their hand and the Indian Flag being held high, from the back.

The evening was hosted by Poushaly (Pre-PhD) and Ambikesh (MPS).

We sincerely thank the team of performers and people off-screen for gifting us a memorable evening to cherish.