

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **India has made remarkable progress in science, technology and digital innovation: Dir NIT Srinagar**

*Institute celebrates 77th Republic Day with patriotic fervour*

Srinagar, Jan 26: The National Institute of Technology (NIT) Srinagar celebrated the 77th Republic Day with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit on Monday.

In-Charge Director Prof. (HAG) Roohi Naaz presided over the function and unfurled the Tricolour at playground of the campus, reaffirming NIT Srinagar's commitment to excellence, innovation and service to the nation.

The celebrations were attended by Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman, Deans, Heads of Departments and Centres, faculty members, administrative officers, staff members. Security In-Charge Mushtaq Ahmad Bhat served as the Nodal Officer for the programme, while Dr Aravi Muzaffar conducted the event proceedings with patriotic zeal.

Multiple contingents participated in the parade, Institute's Security Wing was led by Manzoor Ahmad Shah (1st), Manzoor Ahmad Mir (1), and Mohammad Ismayil Akhoon serving as the Parade Commanders. The In-Charge Director took the salute from the Parade Commanders and inspected the parade contingents during the march-past.

In his message, Chairman BOG, NIT Srinagar Dr. Milind Pralhad Kamble said Republic Day is a reminder of India's democratic values, constitutional ideals and collective responsibility towards nation-building.

"NIT Srinagar play a crucial role in shaping the future of the nation through quality technical education, research and innovation. We should collaboratively towards strengthening India's knowledge economy and realising the vision of a developed nation," he added.

Addressing the gathering on behalf of Director Prof. Binod Kumar Kanaujia, Prof. Roohie Naaz said that Republic Day is not merely a celebration of a historic date but a celebration of the spirit of the nation.

She recalled that on January 26, 1950, India adopted its Constitution, giving shape to the aspirations and sacrifices of millions who struggled for freedom.

"In recent years, India has made remarkable progress in science, technology, infrastructure, digital innovation and social development. Our nation is emerging as a global leader in areas such as space technology, renewable energy, digital governance and entrepreneurship. These achievements reflect the vision of our leaders and the hard work of our people," Prof. Roohie said.

Director also called upon students and scholars to cultivate curiosity, creativity and courage. Embrace technology, but remain grounded in ethics and human values. Use your talent to bridge gaps, reduce inequalities and contribute to sustainable development," she added.

"Educational institutions must act as catalysts of change, and NIT Srinagar is determined to play its role with dedication and excellence. The institute serves as a vital bridge between innovation and societal progress as the nation moves towards the vision of 'Viksit Bharat'," she added.

On the occasion, Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman highlighted the responsibility of institutions like NIT Srinagar in shaping the nation's future.

"As an institution of national importance, we carry a profound responsibility to nurture knowledge, promote scientific temper, encourage innovation and uphold values of integrity and social responsibility. Our faculty, staff and research scholars play a pivotal role in advancing education, research and national development," he said.

Prof. Rehman said in era of rapid technological change and global challenges, the role of educational institutions extends beyond academic excellence.

"We must strive to contribute meaningfully to society, strengthen ethical foundations and work towards an India that is prosperous, peaceful and just," he said.

Later Tricolour was also unfurled at the Fountain Park, where Registrar Prof. Atikur Rehman hoisted the national flag. The ceremony was attended by administrative officers, staff and members of the Institute's security wing.

Faculty, staff, and scholars joined the official Independence Day celebrations at Bakshi Stadium, where Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary hoisted the national flag.













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