

## Republic Day Celebration

India's 68<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm at Indraprastha College for Women on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The ceremony began with the hoisting of the tricolor on the college main building. Following this, the Principal, Dr. Babli Moitra Saraf addressed the gathering of students and faculty members. Dr. Saraf reflected on the need for cleanliness, urging her students to prioritize hygiene, and then Indraprasthians took an oath to exercise their democratic power by voting in the elections.

A student presented her paper on the Republic Day, and another a piece of self-composed poetry. The entire college reverberated with a patriotic song presented by members of the college's Indian Music Society - ALAAP. The outdoor ceremony concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

Celebrations continued in the college auditorium with an exclusive afternoon concert by the Delhi-based indie band Shadow and Light. This was a prelude to the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of Udaipur World Music Festival conceptualized and produced by SEHER. The band featured Pavithra Chari (trained under Shubha Mudgal) and Anindo Bose (Advaita). Shadow and Light's music is infused with notes from Hindustani classical, pop, jazz, and electronic genres. The concert's vibe was uniquely cinematic, and got the students and staff swaying with the beat instantly. It was the perfect conclusion to a day of patriotism and pride for Indian citizens.