

Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas on 14 August 2026

Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi, marked Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas on 14 August 2026, paying tribute to the millions impacted by the Partition of India. The event was held under the theme “भारत का विभाजन: उजड़ने, बिछड़ने और बसने की गाथा” (India’s Partition: Stories of Displacement, Separation, and Resettlement).

Dr. Sudhanshu Trivedi, Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), addressed the gathering and reflected on the immense human toll of Partition. He reminded the audience that beyond numbers lay real stories of families torn apart, homes abandoned, and communities disrupted. He urged that these experiences be remembered with compassion and sensitivity.

Dr. Trivedi also spoke about the special place of women in Indian civilization, where they have long been seen as sources of strength, wisdom, and prosperity. He praised the Prime Minister’s initiatives for women’s empowerment, noting their growing role in leadership and nation-building.

College Principal Dr. Poonam Kumria emphasised that Partition must be remembered as living history, not just a distant past. She highlighted the resilience of survivors who rebuilt their lives despite immense loss, calling it a testament to human courage. She encouraged students to engage with this history thoughtfully and to draw lessons of empathy, unity, and peace.

Dr. Kumria further underlined the College’s commitment to providing platforms for students to critically explore India’s past and its relevance today. Preserving memories and listening to lived experiences, she said, are vital for building a more inclusive and compassionate society.

The programme brought together students, faculty, and the wider college community in remembrance. It concluded with a collective pledge to honour the memories of those affected and to uphold values of peace, unity, and mutual respect.