

## *77th Republic Day Celebrated with Patriotic Fervour at IME(I), Nerul*



The 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India was celebrated with dignity and patriotic spirit at IME(I), Nerul, Navi Mumbai. The Indian National Flag was ceremoniously unfurled on the occasion, marking the significance of the day and reaffirming the Institute's commitment to national values.

The event witnessed the gracious presence of IME(I) Members, students, faculty and staff, who gathered to

commemorate the historic occasion. The flag unfurling ceremony was performed by **Mr. A. K. Gupta**, Fellow Member, IME(I).

Addressing the gathering, Mr. Gupta emphasised the responsibilities and duties of every Indian citizen in upholding the ideals enshrined in the Constitution of India. He highlighted the importance of unity, integrity and active participation in nation-building.







Adding to the patriotic spirit of the occasion, **Mr. Vivek Diwakar Prasad**, Honorary General Secretary, IME(I), delivered a stirring patriotic address that resonated deeply with the audience and evoked a strong sense of national pride.

The Director of IME(I) – METC, **Mr. Mohan Singh Pal**, also addressed the attendees and briefed them on several initiatives being undertaken by IME(I) to strengthen engagement with industry and enhance professional development opportunities for members and students.

The celebration was further enriched by the presence of senior members including **Mr. Vijay Arora**, **Mr. S K Aneja**, **Mr. Bharat Bhusan Badwal**, **Mr. Shanti Narayan**, **Mr. Ramesh Vantaram**, **Ms. Archana Sangal**, **Capt. Harish Khatri**, among others, who contributed to the solemnity and success of the event.

The Republic Day celebration at IME(I), Nerul concluded on a high note, reflecting collective patriotism, institutional pride and a shared commitment to the progress of the nation.

Here is some interesting trivia. *Do we hoist our National Flag or do we unfurl it?*

The flag is “raised” or **hoisted** on Independence Day.

The first time this was done was on 15 August 1947 when the British flag was honourably brought down and the tricolour was raised from the base.

On Republic Day, however, the flag is **unfurled**.

The flag is at the top, but wrapped. Unfurling symbolizes India’s transition from a Dominion to a Republic.

