

## **Republic Day Celebration at ICFAI University, Raipur held on 26.01.2021**

The ICFAI University, Raipur celebrated India's 72nd Republic Day on 26th January, 2021 in the campus. The patriotic fervour warmed up the cold winter morning as the Coordinators, Faculties, Registrar of the University, Dignitaries and Chief Guest enthusiastically gathered to hoist the national flag. 26th of January is a gala day for every Indian. On 26th January 1950, the Constitution of India came into force and our country, India became the Republic. The University celebrates this day as a festival every year.

This year it was celebrated with pomp and parade in our University. After some time, the Chief Guest and other distinguished persons arrived. The Chief - Guest Mr. S.N.Abidi , Chief General Manager, Bhilai Steel Plant unfurled the National flag. This was followed by our National Anthem 'Jan Gan Man' sung by all the staff members.

The Chief-Guest was welcomed with a bouquet as an expression of affection and reverence by the Registrar of the University, Dr. Ravi Kiran Patnaik. The Chief -Guest, Mr. S.N. Abidi, in his address to the gathering, expressed pride in the rich cultural heritage of our country. He praised the Vice-Chancellor Sir for the growth, development and prosperity of the University. He focussed on New Education System through virtual mode. The Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. G.S. Narsing Rao addressed on this auspicious occasion that everyone should perform their duties with more hard work, devotion and honesty to serve the people more efficiently. Also ignited the minds of youth about the Constitution Day, Freedom of the country, Freedom to practise many religions, Respect for the National Flag and also expressed that in the Republic India, every citizen enjoys equal rights irrespective of status and gender he or she belongs to. He gave best wishes to the IUR Fraternity for the betterment of the University.

The Registrar, Dr. Ravi Kiran Patnaik also, addressed the gathering that it is a historical day in the history of India and every year this national event is celebrated, with lots of joy and happiness to make the event colorful and memorable. He emphasized the teamwork of the colleagues with his quote that 'Work for the team not for the individual'. Every team member deserves the credit. This was followed by speeches and a medley of patriotic songs sung by the vibrant faculty members. Memento was presented to the Chief-Guest by the Registrar as a token of love and reverence, for being the significant part of this abiding occasion. The inaugural ceremony was commenced by Ms.Rashmi Kulkarni, Corporate Relations Manager, Dr. Abha Shukla, Faculty of Commerce and Dr. Jaya Singh, Faculty of Arts. The Vote of thanks was given by the Registrar Dr. Ravi Kiran.

