



**26<sup>th</sup> of January, 2021**

### **72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day of India Celebrations at University of Jammu.**

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Republic Day of India was celebrated at the University of Jammu with great enthusiasm & patriotic fervour, it was attended by teaching faculty, officers, staff and students of the University of Jammu. Prof. Manoj K. Dhar, Vice Chancellor, University of Jammu unfurled the National Flag and released the Tri-Colour Balloons in presence of Prof. Arvind Jasrotia, Registrar, Prof. Jasbir Singh, Controller Examinations, Prof. Kulwant Singh, Director DDE, Prof. Sanjana Kaul, Prof. Parkash C. Antahal, Dean Students Welfare, Prof. Anupama Vohra, Chairperson, Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. Samridhi Arora, Co-Chairperson Campus Cultural Committee, Prof. B.K. Bajaj, Associate Dean SW and other faculty and staff of the University. Prof. Dhar, while greeting the University fraternity, highlighted different areas on which we shall feel proud to be a part of this great Nation and also pointed the areas of concern which we shall collectively overcome. He expressed his gratitude towards Sh Manoj Sinha, Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and Chancellor, University of Jammu for showing faith that the University of Jammu can implement the New Education Policy early and effectively, he invoked collective efforts of all the stakeholders of university for the same. Asserting that university has a larger responsibility towards society, he stressed on the importance of skill development, entrepreneurship, innovation, industry ready and research oriented approach. He also informed with pride that university is in the process of creating a revered space in campus by dedicating a Wall of Heros and installing army tank near the podium of National Flag to pay humble tribute to our bravehearts who have made tremendous sacrifices for the Nation.

Earlier Prof. Parkash C. Antahal delivered the welcome address and greeted the august gathering on the auspicious occasion. He elaborated the importance of this day of National Pride. He also gave precise data regarding the consequences of colonial British Rule in India. Like, India's share in the world economy was 23% at the time when Britishers arrived and it was reduced to less than 4% by the time they left the country in 1947. Moreover, by the end of 19<sup>th</sup> century, India was the biggest purchaser of British goods and a source of highly paid employment of British civil servants and Military officers.

At the arrival of the Vice-Chancellor, Guard of Honour was presented by the Jammu University Security Guards led by Capt. S.R. Dubey, Chief Security Officer. Cultural Items including songs and poems were presented by children of university employees Manmeet Kaur, Keshav Veer Sharma, Nandani Sharma, Riya Jandyal and Kavya Jandyal.

Prof. Anupama Vohra presented the vote of thanks whereas the programme was conducted by Ms. Ifra Kak. The event was coordinated by Dr. Pritam Singh, Dr. Garima Gupta, Ms. Mansi Mantoo and Sumeet Sharma. The stage was managed by Sh. R.S. Bandral, Kulbhushan Thakur, Balwant Slathia and Arif Paul.