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REPORT

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Independence Day is a way to celebrate our freedom. The day our country attained independence; the citizens of India tasted true freedom. This day is celebrated year after year with the same spirit, however, it also reminds us of the importance of being close to our roots and remaining connected to the ground even after flying high and feeling free.

Banarsidas Chandiwala Institute of Hotel Management and Catering Technology celebrated our country's **75th anniversary of independence**. This year, not only the freedom of the country but the freedom of women was also celebrated. Women who played equal roles in the fight for an independent India were not rewarded with equal recognition then, but now as time is changing and people of the nation are working hard to bring equality among the various segments of the society. Withdrawing an example, Sikkim women were gifted with various welfare schemes by the CM of the state Mr P.S Tamang at the capital Gangtok for the first time since Sikkim merged with the Indian Union in 1975 on 15th August 2022. Two of the major programmes were '**AAMA YOJNA**' which provides financial aid to women and '**VATSALYA YOJNA**' that offers aid to childless women for IVF treatment due to the declining fertility in Sikkim. Inspired by such a big step by the Sikkim government, our institute decided to celebrate women's empowerment, and teach our young minds about this empowering step taken by the Sikkim government. The began with a flag hoisting ceremony enlightened by the female faculties along with their greetings and gratitude to the fighters of the nation, followed by a speech on the auspicious occasion by the principal Mr R.K Bhandari. Not only students but also

the staff and the faculty members paid their tribute to the country by uploading their pictures with a flag and being a part of the initiative **HAR GHAR TIRANGA** programme which resulted in a gigantic digital Tiranga representing, this day being a step taken forward to enhance the independence by ensuring equality for everyone irrespective of their gender or status.

A few other activities were also organised by students like preparing Tri-colour Mocktails and a Tri-colour menu for lunch which were specially prepared to honour the day followed by the special dessert prepared by the students which was '**Dhan Ki Kheer**' one of the famous desserts from Sikkim, as we all know white colour in Tiranga is for peace and dessert are meant to melt the heart and bring immense sweetness and peace of mind so this dessert was a tribute for the peace among the individuals. Through this, the feeling of patriotism did not only remain in the heart but was also served on the plate to unite as Indians.