

## **Independence Day celebrations held in Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI)**

The Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation along with its offices all over the country and Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), its autonomous body, celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day joyously and enthusiastically. Preparatory arrangements towards the celebration started two- three days in advance. Security cover of the building was enhanced during the week. Sardar Patel Bhavan was illuminated with LED lights. LED Display screens installed at the reception of the building displayed messages signifying the Independence Day.

2 All field offices of NSSO celebrated the Independence Day, 2017 with great fervour and enthusiasm. The employees of the NSSO offices exhibited great emotional connect to the Flag Hoisting event. The Divisional Heads/Heads of offices hoisted the National Flag and at many field offices. A two minutes silence was observed in respect of the Martyrs who sacrificed their lives in the Nation building/saving processes. The Flag Hoisting was followed by the playing/recitation of National Anthem in the offices. The Divisional Heads/Heads of offices spoke on the importance and relevance of the Independence Day on this occasion. The speakers at the occasion also impressed that the observance of the Independence Day shall not only be restricted in the offices/establishments but shall also be observed with same zeal in the societies, schools and families. Some of the field offices of the NSSO also presented cultural programmes highlighting the national integrity.



3. National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA) at Greater Noida celebrated the Independence Day, 2017 in its premises. All officers of NSSTA, Indian Statistical Service (ISS) Probationers of 2016batch and staff were actively involved in the celebrations, which started with the flag hoisting, followed by cultural programmes and sports activities by ISS Probationers and distribution of sweets.

4. The ISI Headquarters at Kolkata, all other Centers/Branches and outlying offices of ISI celebrated Independence Day with great enthusiasm. Events organised in ISI were Flag Hoisting Ceremony and Address by the Dignitaries, followed by Patriotic Songs, Taekwando Display, Yoga Demonstration, Aerobic Performance and Cultural Programme by the School Children.



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