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Masters of Ceremony: Eva Patel, Sunidhi Mitikiri, Yashvi Patel, Anusha Vakkalagadda, Anish Sinha, Akshita Thakur, Nikita Venugopal, Simran Amarnani and Ojas Shrivastava

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Welcome Address by: Chairperson Rajeev Shrivastava

Prayer – Samgacchadhvam

Samgacchadhvam samvadadhvam sam vo manámsi jánatám,
Let us move together, let us radiate the same thought-wave, let us
come to know our minds together,

Devábhágarñ yathápúrve samjánáná upásate.
Let us share our wealth without differentiation, like sages of the
past, so that all may enjoy the universe.

Samánii va ákútiñ samáná hrdayánivah,
Let our aspirations be united, let our hearts be inseparable,

Samánamastu vo mano yathá vah susahásati
Let our minds be as one mind, so that we live in harmony and
become one with the Supreme.

Led By: Mrs. Kuldeep K. Uppal

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of
America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation
under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Led By: Anya Chouhan

Flag Hoisting Ceremony

India proudly became a free, democratic nation on August
15, 1947. The freedom movement led by Gandhi, based on
the principles of “Ahimsa” and “Satyagraha,” has inspired
people across the globe to bring about change in their own
country. The National Flag of India or the “tiranga,” the
“tri-colored” represents India, the world’s largest democracy,
and is hoisted to honor the country. The color saffron
represents renunciation in action, the white in the center
represents purity of thought, and green represents prosperity
and our close connection with the earth that sustains us. The
Dharma Chakra represents the Wheel of Dharma and is a
reminder that it is our duty to commit to right actions in life.

Jana Gana Mana – National Anthem of India

Indian National Anthem “Jana Gana Mana” was written
and composed by the Nobel Laureate Rabindranath
Tagore. The poet asks Vidhata, The Creator, to bless his
country, his fellow countrymen and most of all benedictions
for a bright future for his country.

It evokes in us a pride for the States and regions, the
magnificent mountains and rivers that form the
majestic land of Bharat and the people of Bharat who
sing the glory of their Creator.

May my country’s future rise high and may she
always bask in victory captures the crescendo - Jai
Hey! Jai Hey! Jai Hey!

Led by: Mrs. Kuldeep Uppal

Star-Spangled Banner

Oh, say can you see by the dawn’s early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight’s last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O’er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket’s red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

Led By: Anusha Vakkalagadda

Vande Mataram – National Song of India

Vande Mataram, the National Song of India is a poem from
the famed novel Anandamath written by the poet Bankim
Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1882.

Mother India is described in all her glory in this beautiful
poem written in Sanskrit and Bengali. The beautiful rivers,
plentiful fruit orchards, the cool breeze, the rich harvest, all
inspire the poet to sing praises of his motherland. “I bow to
you Mother,” says the poet humbly as he bursts into a
melodious song, his heart filled with wonder, pride and joy as
he describes his country.

Led By: Mrs. Kuldeep K. Uppal

Classical Dance: Jaaga Hindustan

This Indian classical dance medley is a vibrant combination
of various dance forms, including Bharatanatyam,
Kuchipudi, and Kathak. It highlights the rich cultural
diversity of India, born from the Mother Earth, and pays
homage to the brave soldiers who protect our nation.

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Mentor: Blisse Vakkalagadda

Youth Leaders: Anusha Vakkalagadda and Shrijee Shah

Participants: Muskaan Suri, Sonia Patel, Anya Chouhan, Mahek Sharma, Swapna Polanki, Baljeet Kaur, Agma Chouhan, Anagha Bhopale, Leena Balusamy, Aruna Patel, Jagruti Patel, Suguna Raju, Blisse Vakkalagadda, Aruhi Vakkalagadda, Anusha Vakkalagadda, Sunidhi Mitikiri, Akshita Thakur, Shrijee Shah, Yashvi Patel, Angana Mukherjee, Kuldeep Kaur Uppal

Middle School Dance: Brave Hearts of India

Our fiery middle schoolers have been working diligently for this event to deliver an energetic performance to commemorate Indian Independence Day. Their exhilarating dance moves will not only leave the audience speechless but will also get inspired. Their vibrant, distinguished attire and dynamic stage presence will make everyone pumped! Each song is meticulously choreographed to reflect on the rich cultural diversity. The fervor and zeal with which they will perform will truly be incredible, ensuring this dance performance will be a memorable one.

Mentor: Naina Goel

Youth Leader: Kandarp Porwal

Participants: Kandarp Porwal, Rishab Patel, Nishchal Polanki, Siddhant Shankar, Mahima Singh, Shanaya Goel, Sanvi Chaudhray, Ayush Sharma

Elementary School Dance: Azadi Ke Parindey

Our cute little elementary kids have been working hard to put up a dazzling performance to celebrate Indian Independence Day, filling and setting the mood with pride and joy. Dressed with their bright and vivid costumes they will not only blow away the audience, but they will also set the stage on fire, highlighting how hard work always pays off. Their enthusiasm will electrify everyone, making sure to leave everyone in awe! Their performance is a tribute to the nation's independence and a showcase to the importance of Shram Ev Jayate!

Mentor: Naina Goel

Youth Leader: Kandarp Porwal

Participants: Nityam Porwal, Anya Chouhan, Naman Venugopal, Shyna Kotia, Disha Dunant, Muskaan Suri, Rudra Sharma, Neelakash Polanki, Dhvani Chaudhary, Divyansh Sharma

Speech by Guest of Honor:

Mayor of North Brunswick Township

Francis M. Womack III

Instrumental Concert: Hardwork - Mantra for success

‘Chak De’ is a shout to the physical hard work by people to come together, put in blood, sweat and tears.

‘Maidan Fateh’ song has encouraging words for the weak to become strong, to bring back those who may have wandered away from the path of truth and honesty.

The finale, ‘Shabashiyaan’ song is dedicated to the learned individuals representing our nation. All in all giving away a melodious message to everyone that smart, sincere, consistent hard work is mantra for success in any field.

Mentor: Indu Shrivastava

Youth Leader: Ojas Shrivastava

Assistant Youth Leader: Bharan Kalasapati, Mahek Sharma

Participants:

Clarinet: Ojas Shrivastava, Sunidhi Mitikiri, Ishan Shrivastava, Sonia Patel

Flute: Rishab Patel, Aditi Kshirsagar, Nishchal Polanki
Guitar: Arnav Chouhan

Percussion: Bharan Kalasapati, Kunal Tewatia

Piano: Mahek Sharma, Sirtaj Suri, Vihan Shrivastava, Anya Chouhan, Rudra Sharma, Nityam Porwal

Saxophone: Kandarp Porwal, Akshita Thakur

Trumpet: Anusha Vakkalagadda

Violin: Yashvi Patel, Anish Sinha, Naman Venugopal, Vihan Patel

Mohiniyattom(ALIVENI)

A mohiniyattam kriti by Swati Thirunal is presented by the Guru and students of the Sowparnika dance academy.

The items describes the nayika waiting for her lord to appear in front of her. The song is about lord sri Padmanabha.

Mentor: Guru Malini Nair (Sowparnika Dance Academy)

Participants: Malini Nair, Bindu Raman, Smitha Poduvayil, Priya Panicker, Priya Menon

High School Dance: Rangeelo Mharo Bharat

This performance includes the songs Ghoomar, Shubh Din, and Pinga. It is a dynamic and uplifting showcase of women's empowerment through the vibrant lens of Bollywood.

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With powerful choreography, expressive storytelling, and colorful costumes, the performance highlights the resilience, achievements, and aspirations of women. Through a blend of traditional and contemporary dance styles, it celebrates the courage and determination of women while encouraging audiences to embrace their own strength and potential.

Mentor: Naina Goel

Youth Leader: Akshita Thakur

Participants: Akshita Thakur, Sunidhi Mitikiri, Aruhi Vakalagadda, Anusha Vakalagadda, Simran Amarnani, Nikita Venugopal, Yashvi Patel, Shrijee Shah, Saachi Licit

NBT India Day Competitions Award Ceremony

Competitions are a part of NBT India Day to motivate participants to work hard and bring out the best in them. Healthy competition helps children learn important life skills for the real world and all age groups come together to learn and compete in a relaxed manner. The awards presentation for the various competitions are conducted as a part of NBT India Day celebrations, and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Plainsboro, North and South Brunswick.

Mentor: Sonali Sinha

Youth Leader: Anish Sinha

Assistant Youth Leader: Sirtaj Suri, Vihaan Shah,

Skit: Fruits of Labor

This program will showcase the various influential people from across the world who have achieved great heights because of their hard work and perseverance. We will be showcasing people from the past and the current generations.

Mentor: Gangadhara Vakkalagadda, Archana Sengar

Youth Leader: Aarna Mehra

Assistant Youth Leader: Sonia Patel

Participants: Sonia Patel, Rudra Sharma, Muskaan Suri, Mahek Sharma, Ishan Shrivastava, Vihan Shrivastava, Anya Chouhan, Arnav Chouhan, Sirtaj Suri, Anay Nilesh Kshirsagar, Yashvi Patel, Nityam Porwal, Anish Sinha, Vihaan Shah, Akshita Thakur, Rishab Patel, Kandarp Porwal, Simran Amarnani, Ojas Shrivastava, Disha Dunant

Bharathanatyam

Thodayamangalam in Bharatanatyam is presented by the adult students of Guru Malini's dance academy. The item starts with a salutation to lord Ganesha followed by nritha and Jathis.

Mentor: Guru Malini Nair (Sowparnika Dance Academy)

Participants: Preeti Kasturi, Sreelekha Pillai, Fraila Francis, Lekshmi Sreekumar, Arsha Vijayakumar

Dance by Adults: Raas Raseelo Hindustan

This performance includes the songs Chogada Tara, Boom Padi, and Jiya To Mere Lut Le Re. Through a dynamic fusion of classical and contemporary dance styles, performers bring to life the colors, traditions, and exuberance of Indian celebrations. From the grandeur of Diwali's lights to the rhythmic beats of Holi's colors, this performance captures the essence of India's cultural diversity and the joy of its communal festivities.

Mentor: Naina Goel

Youth Leader: Akshita Thakur

Participants: Blisse Vakalagadda, Anagha Bhopale, Naina Goel, Sonali Sinha, Angana Mukherjee, Sapna Porwal, Sourabh Porwal, Siri Venugopal, Rakesh Amarnani, Aruna Patel, Agma Chouhan, Darshna Amarnani, Leena Balusamy, Swapna Polanki

PVSA Award Holder Recognition

Vote of Thanks

Co-Chairperson: Ramnivas Singh

Group Theme Song: Jai Hind - Shramev Jayate

Jai Hind is a patriotic song that highlights the importance of working hard, being honest, applying your knowledge, and following Ahimsa (non-violence). The song's lyrics encourage us to come together with the single goal of making a powerful successful nation by facing the hardships head on.

Led By: Mrs. Kuldeep K. Uppal

NBT India Committee Felicitations

Decorations: NBT India Day Event decorations reflect the event's purpose and mood, making it memorable and engaging for kids, participants, NBT volunteers and attendees. Our Team closely ensures we align our decor with NBT India vision, theme and preferences.

Mentor: Agma Chouhan

Youth Leader: Arnav Chouhan

Assistant Youth Leader: Aditi Nilesh Kshrisagar