

79th Independence Day Celebration at BIRD-Kolkata

The 79th Independence Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour at the **Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Kolkata**. The occasion served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by countless freedom fighters and the values that our great nation stands for - unity, diversity and resilience.

The celebration commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by Shri Arobinda Kumar Sarkar, Joint Director, BIRD-Kolkata, followed by singing of the National Anthem by all staff and participants present. The fluttering tricolour filled the air with pride and reverence, setting the tone for the rest of the program.

In his brief address, Shri Sarkar paid homage to the heroes of India's freedom struggle and emphasized the importance of continuing their legacy through dedication, service, and innovation in our respective fields. He also highlighted the role of institutions like NABARD in nation building, particularly in fostering rural development and capacity building in the banking and financial sectors.

The ceremony concluded with the distribution of sweets and an informal gathering where staff members exchanged thoughts on the significance of the day. Few Photographs of the occasion are appended below.



