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**PRESS RELEASE**

National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Hyderabad celebrated 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day on 15 August 2021. The Tri colour flag was hoisted by the Dr G Narendra Kumar, IAS, Director General, NIRDPR.

In his first speech after he took over as Director General in January, 2021, Dr. G Narendra Kumar highlighted the achievements of the Institute and significant contributions made by NIRDPR in the field of rural development, in its journey of more than 60 years. He said that COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted everyone's life. The NIRDPR while overcoming the challenges ensured that various activities under its mandate are carried out in accordance with local circumstances. He congratulated NIRDPR employees and staff for their committed efforts in smooth day-to-day functioning of the Institute and encouraged everyone to continue in contributing towards progressive, inclusive India.

During the celebrations, prizes were distributed to the school children and staff for essay competition and games which were organised as part of Independence Day celebrations.

This was followed by the Plantation Drive in the campus to celebrate "Azadi ka Amruta Mahotsava" called by the Hon'ble Prime Minister.

As a part of the campaign, 75 trees with 20 different varieties having medicinal benefits were planted on the day. The occasion was graced by the presence of Sh. Joginapally Santosh Kumar, Hon'ble Member Parliament, Rajya Sabha. The Director General, NIRDPR in the presence of Hon'ble Member of Parliament made a small presentation on the different activities carried out by the Institute for strengthening Rural India and particularly Telangana. On the occasion, the Hon'ble MP presented the book 'Vriksha Vedam' to the DG, NIRDPR, which features collection of 'Shlokas' from Indian literature and highlights the importance of forests and trees. The Honorable Member Parliament was elated to visit NIRDPR and congratulated the NIRDPR fraternity for the clean and green campus. The programme was conducted under the direct supervision of Lt Col Ashutosh Kumar, Registrar & Director(Administration).