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## Independence Day Celebration at Cornerstone India Foundation, Gr. Noida Date- 15 Aug, 2024

On August 15th, 2024, AIE student-teachers of B.Ed. Special Education (2024-26, 1 sem) volunteered at Cornerstone India Foundation Special School Greater Noida to commemorate India's 78th Independence Day. The event brought together students, teachers and volunteers in a day filled with patriotic spirit, celebration and learning, aimed at fostering a sense of unity and inclusion for students with special needs.

**Aim-** The main objectives of the event were to celebrate India's Independence Day with students of special needs and to provide an opportunity for the B.Ed. Spl Ed. student-teachers to apply their skills by engaging with students, organizing activities and supporting the school staff.

**Activities Conducted-** The day began with the hoisting of the Indian flag, followed by the national anthem. The student-teachers actively participated in organizing various events throughout the day, ensuring that the celebration was inclusive and engaging for all students.

- **Cultural Performances-** The student-teachers helped organize and rehearse cultural performances, including dance and music that celebrated India's rich history and freedom struggle. They encouraged the participation of students with special needs, providing assistance as needed.
- **Creative Workshops-** A series of art and craft workshops were conducted, where students created tricolor-themed crafts, such as flags, badges and posters.
- **Games and Competitions-** The volunteers organized fun, inclusive games and competitions designed to accommodate the various physical and cognitive abilities of the students. These included relay races, balloon popping and puzzles, which helped the children, experience the joy of play while reinforcing social interaction and cooperation.
- **Patriotic Singing Session-** A singing session was held where students and volunteers came together to sing patriotic songs. The B.Ed. Spl Ed student-teachers supported the students in learning the songs and assisted those with speech or hearing difficulties to participate through visual aids and sign language.

**Feedback received from School-** The presence of the B.Ed. Spl Ed. student-teachers created an environment of support, encouragement, and understanding, fostering a positive experience for the students and enhancing their sense of belonging and pride in their country. (Ms. Shalini, Principal).

**Reflection by Students-** Volunteers reflected on the day as an invaluable experience. It provided them with a real-world opportunity to apply their theoretical knowledge and skills, particularly in planning and implementing inclusive activities.



They expressed that the day reinforced the importance of patience, adaptability, and creativity. Many volunteers also highlighted the emotional fulfillment of seeing the students' joy and pride in celebrating Independence Day.

**Learning Outcome-** Student-teachers have the practical experience of working with children with special needs by effectively engaging in inclusive activities, applying their instructional skills, and fostering a supportive and collaborative environment during the Independence Day celebrations.

### Glimpses of Celebration



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