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Amitians Invited To Rajpath For Their Achievements

Watching the Republic Day Parade on television is an exhilarating experience. The defense troops have us in amazement as they march together in sync. The visually appealing tableaux of every Indian state reiterate India's beauty of unity in diversity. Just imagine what it would be like to witness this magic first hand, and not via some VIP pass, but on the basis of merit.

Amitians had a chance to witness this euphoria, as they were selected among 100 meritorious students who were extended a special invitation by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India, to attend the Republic Day Parade, held annually at Rajpath, on the 26th of January this year. Well, here is our opportunity to live the very day through the eyes of our star students as they pen their earnest thoughts on having experienced an event of such a grandeur.

Anshika Gupta

AIS Noida, XI F

Watching the Republic Day parade is a thrilling experience. Watching it live from Rajpath is stimulating. But watching the RD parade, live at Rajpath and as an invited guest of the honourable Prime Minister is 'Unforgettable'. My joy knew no bounds when I got an invitation from the HRD Ministry.



Beaming with pride - Anshika Gupta

Our accommodation was arranged by the Ministry in Ashoka hotel. Senior officials conducted an interactive session where all the students introduced themselves. Making new friends from all across the country and interacting with the ministry's officials, I have understood a lot more about life.

Amidst all the fun, the excitement in the group about the next day reached a crescendo by the night time. It felt like a flash before it was time for the big day. After rounds of rigorous security checks – finally I was there. In front of me lay the Rajpath – the grand avenue.

We sat in a special VVIP section, next to the Prime Minister's bullet proof chamber and eventually other invitees also started to trickle in.

There was an air of patriotism as the tricolour was hoisted and the rose petals were showered on us in tune

with our National Anthem and the 21 gun salute. The sheer impact of the first cannon shot almost really swept everyone off their feet. Tricoloured balloons slowly made their way up, taking India to the skies.

The parade came to an end and then we interacted with our education minister, Prakash Javadekar. He congratulated and motivated us to keep up with the high spirit. Ending with this, we had our prize distribution.

My being at the Rajpath that day has changed me. It has instilled in me a more powerful patriotic spirit and a desire to achieve more for my country and to take it to greater heights.

- Anshika Gupta, scored 99.6 percent in CBSE Class X Boards examinations, securing CBSE AIR 2.



Beaming with excitement - Pulkit Singal

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AIS Gur 46, Alumnus

When I received the invitation letter from the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of HRD, my happiness knew no bounds. In fact, I was too elated to even believe it. My parents were equally excited because not everyone gets such a privilege. Our seats at the Rajpath were next to the VIP stage, on which the President, the Prime Minister, the Chief Guests and other VIP's are seated. Watching the Republic Day parade from such a place, especially, when you witness the 21 gun salute, the

motorcycle-show and the air-show from so close, felt really magical. Later, in the evening, we were conferred with certificates by GC Hosur, who is Joint Secretary to the Government of India. Of all the elements that made the day exceptionally special, there is one thing that added to it, and that is the golden opportunity to interact and have a group photograph with Prakash Javadekar, HRD Minister of India. Right from holding the invite at home to beholding the whole magnificent occasion at the Rajpath till the very end, I found myself swelling with pride for the beautiful country that I am part of.

- Pulkit Singal is currently pursuing B.Tech. (IV Year) in Mechanical Engineering at IIT Roorkee. He did his summer research internship at Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru in 2017 and at Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany in 2018 and visited 10 countries (France, Switzerland, Italy, etc.) during the 80 days of his stay in Europe. He holds first position in the Institute and has been placed as a scientist in a renowned research organisation.

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Tech -the way forward



Sunder Iyer

Director, River Bed Technologies

“Technology drives the world. It has now become omnipresent. From computers taller than us to a variety of smartphones that we see today, an app for every service to the Artificial Intelligence; modernisation has been tremendous and database solutions have evolved structurally. It has made a huge impact on how educators choose to teach and how learners choose to learn. Everything is now available at your fingertips. This is the best time. Exploit your circumstances to get the maximum benefit out of technology.”

True success



Vijay Rastogi

Director, Sisoft Technologies

“Innovative entrepreneurship is the order of the day for anyone who seeks to be successful. One has to keep thinking differently every day and keep in mind that success can never be achieved overnight. It is the result of years of hard work and perseverance for a vision. However, you must give back to society what you have got from it. It is also important for a leader to remain humble and grounded. From education you get skills and from skills you earn wealth and from wealth you give back to the society. That is success.”

Passion counts



Vishal Gupta

Chief Executive Officer, Ajeevi

“Keep your inner fire burning and do whatever you want to do. There will be many obstacles in your way, but passion, persistence and fire are the keys. You must have passion to do whatever you want to achieve with a fire that nudges you to act and achieve your mission. Only when you are passionate, you will be able to better your product or service. Being passionate makes you ponder over things like - how can I improve this, how can I change this, what am I going to do about this; and that's what makes you successful.”

Be a team player



Raju Macharla

Country Head, Bravura Solutions

“Students should be provided with a platform to explore. Opportunity will lead them to discover their passion. Do what drives the passion in you. The world now has changed and now it is about growth and development of self and society. The whole system has changed. Now liberal arts is becoming more popular. Secondly, keep cooperating and helping. When you are helping ten people, there are ten people helping you. The world is big, and the pie is large enough for everybody. So, being a team player is really going to help you.”