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## **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day** **(14th August, 2024)**

On 14th August 2024, Team SAMARPAN, the NSS Unit of Sri Aurobindo College (Eve.), attended an event organized by the Ministry of Culture on "Partition Horrors Remembrance Day" at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), under the aegis of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, organized it. The event was honored by the presence of Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, who served as the chief guest.

Speaking on this occasion, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat elaborated on the pain of 'Partition' and its causes. He emphasized that it is important to remember the horrors of 'Partition' so that future generations can understand and feel its impact. He clarified that the intention behind this remembrance is not political but rather to learn from it and build a better future. The tragedy of India's 'Partition', one of the greatest human tragedies in history, did not receive the recognition it deserved due to various political reasons. The suffering and displacement of millions of people were marginalized. The Minister of Culture emphasized a crucial point, stating that while history may serve as a mere reference point for outsiders, for stakeholders, it is a vital school of learning that guides the construction of a better future.

Other distinguished guests included Minister of State for Earth Sciences and Personnel, Public Grievances Dr. Jitendra Singh; Minister of State for Education and Development of the North Eastern Region Dr. Sukanta Majumdar; Minister of State for Commerce and Industry and Electronics and Information Technology Shri Jitin Prasad; Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food, and Public Distribution Smt. Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya; Minister of State for Corporate Affairs and Road Transport and Highways Shri Harsh Malhotra; Minister of State for Jal Shakti Shri V. Somanna; and Member of Parliament from Indore Shri Shankar Lalwani.

The Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, released a teaser for a documentary film titled 'A New Postbox: Tales from the Partition,' directed by Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi, Member Secretary of IGNCA. The film will be broadcast on Doordarshan and Sansad TV. A book, 'Vibhajan Ki Kahaniyan' (Stories of Partition), based on the tragedy, was also released. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced that August 14 will be 'Partition Horrors Remembrance Day' to honor the memory and sacrifices of the 'Partition'.

The event was coordinated by Prof. K. Anil Kumar, Head of the Janapada Sampada Division at IGNCA. The program saw the attendance of family members of those who suffered during the Partition, students from Delhi University, youth, and people from all walks of society in large numbers.

