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PRESS RELEASE

Raj Nivas celebrated the eve of Independence Day in grandeur. A number of Programs were organized to celebrate the Day. The First Program was 'Oneness through Art', an Art Camp for Children under the banner of Raj Nivas Art & Culture Series (Edition-10). The **Art Camp** attracted 200 boys and girls students from 26 Government and Private Educational Institutions. The Themes for the Art Camp were Nature, Environment, Water Conservation, etc. The Art Camp was organized with an aim to sensitize children on the importance of conservation of Natural Resources. Camlin Kokuyo Chennai and Aurodhan Art Gallery, Pondicherry were the Sponsors of the Program. The paintings of children are showcased at the Raj Nivas Gallery Spaces for Public Viewing today and tomorrow (14th & 15th August).

'**Big Social Nomad**', a short film by Swedish FilmMaker Anna Bohlmark, was screened for children at 3.00 p.m. The Film portrays the perils of the Asiatic Elephants and the conflict that surrounds them in the wake of the rise in human population and rapid development.

Next in the line was the release of the video of '**Jana Gana Mana**', the **National Anthem** performed by the Baul singers of Bengal. Aimed at showcasing rural folk talent and diversity of India, the video is a production by '**Just Studio**', a Kolkata based Film Production Company. Hon'ble Lt. Governor, Dr. Kiran Bedi launched the music video in the presence of Mr. Pratik Das, Director, Just Studio, Ms. Suchandra Vaaniya, Producer and a large audience. The Concept and direction of the video was done by Pratik Das and composer Abhijit Acharya did the Music Arrangement. Singers Raju Das Baul and Rina Das Baul rendered their voice and both of them are featured in the music video. This creative rendition aspires to invoke a sense of peace and showcase the rich folk diversity of India. Just Studio announced that it will encourage and teach students and Prisoners music of the same genre.

NADAKA the renowned Auroville artist played the Raga Guitar, a kind of Indianised acoustic guitar that combines multiple Indian string instruments into one. It was a soulful musical journey to experience a synergy of oneness through art.

Certificates were distributed to the students who took part in the Art Camp. Dr. Kiran Bedi, Hon'ble Lt. Governor thanked all the participants.

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