

Dr. Padma S. Rao, Chief Scientist and Chair, EIAAP Division, CSIR-NEERI, was the Chief Guest at the 80th Independence Day Celebration held at NEERI Modern School, Nagpur, on 15 August 2026. In her address, she encouraged the students to develop a spirit of patriotism, discipline and responsibility, and inspired them to work hard, learn continuously and contribute positively to the nation's progress. She also encouraged the students to develop scientific curiosity, ask questions, explore new ideas and use science and technology for the betterment of society and the environment.

