

## **RASHTRAGAN**

Parivartan, the NSS unit of Mata Sundri College for Women organised video making event – RashtraGaan in relation with Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, a government initiative to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements on 10th July, 2021. NSS volunteers sang the National Anthem. In unison, their voices ignited a torch of patriotism within them and deep-rooted love for nation, vital for the progress of our motherland, India. Their video was posted on the college's website and was sent to the NSS head unit. The event followed the wishes of Prime Minister Narendra Modi who had urged citizens to sing the National Anthem to create a "Rashtra Gaan" record under 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence, in his "Mann Ki Baat" address. The Indian National Anthem, 'Jana Gana Mana' was written by Poet and Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore as early as 1911 and was sung for the first time by himself at the annual Congress Session at Calcutta (now Kolkata) on December 27 that year and has since united the citizens living in different demographics pan India. The lines of India's National Anthem are taken from Rabindranath Tagore's song, 'Bharoto Bhagyo Bidhata'. The original was written in Bengali and the full song has 5 stanzas. A formal rendition of the national anthem takes approximately 52 seconds. A shortened version consisting of the first and last lines (and taking about 20 seconds to play) is also staged occasionally.