***7.1.11 Institution celebrates / organizes national and international commemorative days, events and festivals***

**Describe the efforts of the Institution in celebrating /organizing national and international commemorative days, events and festivals during the last five years within** 500 words

Kongu Arts and Science College (Autonomos), Erode is one of the leading centers of excellence in Erode. Our college celebrates National and International days enthusiastically every year. All staff members and students gather in the college to celebrate these days. Every culture has number of festivals and celebration has become a vital activity. Celebration of cultural and constitutional festivals is integral part of college's co-curricular activities. Throughout session different days are celebrated by students with guidance of teachers which help them to know about different cultures   
and to cognitively imagine India as a nation. The academic calendar is brimming with important events which show enthusiasm of this institution in celebrating many national as well as international days and commemorative events and festivals. Republic day is celebrated every year on 26th January in the college with great enthusiasm and pride. It is a day to remember when India's constitution came into force on 26 January 1950 completing the country's transition toward becoming an independent republic. A function is organized in the college campus where all staff members and students share   
their thoughts about importance of this day in history of our nation and pay tribute to all freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives in order to gain the freedom for the India. Independence Day is also celebrated on 15th August in the college with great enthusiasm. It is celebrated on 15th August commemorating the nation independence from United Kingdom on 15th August 1947. It is a day when all staff members and students pay homage to their leaders and those who fought for India's freedom in the past.   
Besides these two national days a number of other national and international days are also celebrated in our institution so that students get knowledge about the great personalities in our political, social, cultural and scientific history such as Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel etc. International Women day is also celebrated in our college on 8th March every year. The day is used to recognize women who have made significant contribution to the advancement of their gender. The day is celebrated under auspices of women cell of the college. International Yoga day is also celebrated on 21st June every year in the college. The day aims to raise awareness of many benefits of practicing   
yoga. It is celebrated to spread awareness about importance and effects of yoga on the health of the people. Teachers day is also celebrated on 5th September every year to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan.This day is celebrated to promote the values and principles of a true teacher. On teacher’s day students perform different activities like singing competition, speech competition, poem recitation etc. to entertain teachers. Students offer gifts to the teachers and at last they thank teachers by expressing their gratitude. Hindi Diwas is also celebrated on 14th September by Hindi department. On this day, different activities like singing competition, speech competition,   
poem recitation etc. are organized in the college. The common birthday of Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on 2nd October is commemorated as Swachhta Diwas. " Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" was launched on 2nd October in order to honour Mahatma Gandhi vision of clean India. It served as great initiative in making students aware of importance of cleanliness. The birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31st October is celebrated as National Unity Day. It is a day of special occasion to encourage and reinforce the government dedication to preserve and strengthen unity, integrity and

ecurity of nation. 26th November is also celebrated as National Constitution day to commemorate the adoption of constitution of India by constituent assembly of India. On this day, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, the creator of the constitution is remembered. It was declared by govt. of India on 19th November 2015 to celebrate 26th November as constitution day every year. Therefore, by means of their celebration the students are provided with an opportunity to have an insight in the event and struggle and sacrifice made to achieve this. Holi and Diwali are also celebrated every year in the college to   
decode the spirit of patriotism, ethics and moral values, duties and responsibilities, humanity, respect of teachers, cleanliness and health awareness, physical and mental fitness etc. among the students.