

## Independence Day Address 2020:



A very happy 74<sup>th</sup> Independence day to all MITIANS!! As the nation celebrates and commemorates this special day and pays tributes to the magnificent tricolor, the beloved ‘Tiranga’ the glimpses and mental images of history, the independence movement and the sacrifices of countless Indians people haunt us. During this COVID-19 pandemic we all have become acutely aware of what ‘independence’ exactly means. Never before I missed my dear students on the campus as much as on this Independence Day; their absence has taken away all the laughter, music and ambience from the premises!! A lot has changed during these past few months but I am confident that the indomitable spirit of MITIANS will prevail and my dear students will bounce back very soon with enhanced vigour, vitality, energy and dynamism. This is a kind of hibernation period for all of you which you must utilize to inculcate new skills and talents, to double your strengths and to improve your profiles. This time when you are away from the campus must not be wasted in sulking and complaining about the things which you can’t have; instead you all must concentrate on the things that are possible, are achievable and you must make the most of it. Every dark cloud has a silver line; I aspire and wish that all of you focus on that silver line!!

I will like to mention here the contribution and solidarity of my faculty and staff during this difficult period; without their dogged dedication the institute could not have been able to conduct an advanced

digital semester, aiming to take the session forward in a speedy manner without further wasting the valuable time of our students.

I salute the martyrs and brave soldiers of our nation who risk their lives to guard the unity, safety and territorial integrity of the country. If every citizen follows their example, takes inspiration from their sense of duty I am sure the country will achieve new heights. Let's all take a pledge that each one of us will contribute to take the nation a step forward.

Finally, with freedom in our minds, faith in our words, and pride in our souls..... Let us salute the National Flag.

**Jai Hind, Jai Bharat**