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Engineering College Society, Er Ramesh Agrawal ji, Wish you all a very happy 73<sup>rd</sup> republic day.

History tells us that the constitution of India was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26 November 1949 and **Seventy-three years ago, on 26th January, 1950**, the Constitution came into force and India was proclaimed a **Democratic Republic**.

Gurudev, Rabindranath Tagore rightly said that <u>"Everything comes to us that belongs to us, if we create the capacity to receive it"</u>

Today is a day which is dedicated to the holy book of democracy, that is our great and unique constitution, THE 'BHARTEEY SAMVIDHAN', which defines the fundamental political code, structure, procedures, powers, and duties of the various government bodies and institutions.

Also, it sets out fundamental rights, directive principles, and the duties of citizens. It is the supreme law of India. The Indian constitution is <u>Flexible</u>; since it came into force 105 amendments have been made so far.

The constitution has a unique <u>preamble</u> which says:

"WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens:

JUSTICE, social, economic and political;

LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;

**EQUALITY** of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all

FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation;

IN OUR CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY this twenty-sixth day of November, 1949, do HEREBY ADOPT, ENACT AND GIVE TO OURSELVES THIS CONSTITUTION".

It means that the Constitution derives its authority from the people of India.

Therefore, even the Parliament cannot override the **basic structure** of the constitution. The Preamble declares India to be of a <u>sovereign</u>, <u>socialist</u>, <u>secular</u>, <u>democratic republican polity</u>. The preamble promises justice, liberty, equality and fraternity to all Indian citizens.

Today, is a day when we all must salute the great scholars, freedom fighters and above all the father of the Indian Constitution, **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar** who has given us an excellent and dynamic book of justice.

Dr. Ambedkar, who had visionary wisdom said, and I will quote here:

"I want all people to be Indians first, Indian last and nothing else but Indians. Justice has always evoked ideas of Equality, of proportion of compensation. In short, <u>Justice is another name of Liberty. Equality and Fraternity"</u>

- —Today is a day when we celebrate our Nationalism.
- —Today is a day, which is dedicated to the memory of all that is Indian, all those who have brought fame & name to our country from all over the globe and made us all proud.
- —Today is a day, when we all pay our sincere gratitude and tribute to the great personalities of Mother India and try to learn from their visionary, inspirational and prolific words.

Hence, I will quote the motivational teachings of two legendary Indian personalities who are globally renowned.

Recently, on 23<sup>rd</sup> January this year the 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the renowned freedom fighter **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** was celebrated. Netaji said

"Nationalism is inspired by the highest ideals of the human race, Satyam [the true], Shivam [the god], Sundaram [the beautiful]"

The world famous Indian Philosopher Swami Vivekanand whose birth anniversary was recently celebrated as "National Youth Day" on 12<sup>th</sup> January, said, and I will quote here

"When I Asked God for Strength,

He Gave Me Difficult Situations to Face

When I Asked God for Brain & Brawn,
He Gave Me Puzzles in Life to Solve

When I Asked God for Happiness,

He Showed Me Some Unhappy People

When I Asked God for Wealth,

He Showed Me How to Work Hard

When I Asked God for Favors,

He Showed Me Opportunities to Work Hard

When I Asked God for Peace,

He Showed Me How to Help Others

God Gave Me Nothing I Wanted,

He Gave Me Everything I Needed."

एक बार पुनः मैं आप सब को 73 वें गणतंत्र दिवस की हार्दिक बधाई देता हूं

Finally, With Freedom in our Minds, Faith in our words, Pride in our Souls..... Let us salute our great nation.

Jai Hind! Jai Bharat!!