

## Independence Day (15.08.2021)



**Good Morning all MITIANS!!**

**I wish A very happy 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day to respected Shri Ramesh Agrawal sahib, secretary, Scindia Engineering College Society, my dear faculty and staff members and all the students who are here, and also those who are not present here due to the ongoing COVID pandemic. It has now been almost one and half year that the campus has no physical presence of students; I sincerely wish that soon the situation will improve and we will all stand with our heads high under this spectacular, mighty, time honoured, triumphant tricolour, to celebrate the spirit of freedom with music, poetry, dance, nukkad natak and all the ambience that the young people bring with them to the premises.**

The long war for independence was fought by the Indian people. On this platform today, to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence day, to evoke the memory of a few key milestones of the freedom struggle, India's long fight for independence..... I take you on a tour down the annals of history....

1857 | First war of independence

1885 | Indian National Congress comes into being

1905 | Partition of Bengal; call for swadeshi goods

1911 | Bengal Partition annulled

1915 | Gandhi returns to India

1919 | Jallianwallah Bagh massacre

1919 | Khilafat movement begins

1921 | Gandhi launches the Civil Disobedience Movement

1929 | Delhi Assembly bombing by Bhagat Singh and Batukeshwar Dutt 1930  
| Dandi march

1942 | Azad Hind Fauj formed

1942 | Quit India movement launched

February, 1947 | British government announces full self-governance to India  
by 1948 June,

1947 | Announcement of partition

August 15, 1947 | India gets freedom

And here we are, assembled to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that day in  
history.

**“Nation First, Always First” is the theme of India’s 75th Independence Day celebrations. On similar lines, our mantra will be “MITS First, Institute First, Alma mater First”. Joint efforts by all of us, wholehearted involvement in the growth and development of the institute and assigning top priority to it in all our endeavours, will place the institute at a splendid position. Then the remarkable history, glory and eminence of the institute will be secured for many many ages to come. I know that all MITIANS are committed towards the all-round growth, expansion and progress of this grand old establishment. Time and again this adage has been confirmed; proven beyond any doubt.**

**These are the times when new ideas are flowing and new areas are growing. These are the times for welcoming collaborations, and accepting cross disciplinary interventions for survival under the global competitive environment. Since time immemorial, our nation, India has believed in the**

**principal of universal brotherhood, in friendship and cooperation, in team-work and mutual support.**

**In this world where globalism and “go global’ has become the way of life, I will like to recite a poem by the famous author of “The autobiography of a yogi”, Swami Yogananda, Paramhansa**

*Better than Heaven or Arcadia I love  
thee, O my India!  
And thy love I shall give  
To every brother nation that lives. God made  
the Earth;  
Man made confining countries And their  
fancy-frozen boundaries. But with unfound  
boundless love  
I behold the borderland of my India Expanding into the  
World.  
Hail, mother of religions, lotus, scenic beauty, And sages!  
Thy wide doors are open,  
Welcoming God’s true sons through all ages. Where  
Ganges, woods, Himalayan caves, and Men dream  
God –  
I am hallowed; my body touched that sod*

**I am proud to be an Indian. 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**