

Independence day (15.08.2022)



My dear students, staff, faculty, respected Shri Ramesh Agrawal sahib, secretary, Scindia Engineering College Society, I wish you all a very good morning on this auspicious day when our country is celebrating “Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav”, on completion of 75 years of Indian independence.

On 15th August 1947, 75 years ago at zero hour India was declared an independent nation. Today, we all proudly stand below this majestic tricolor, the TIRANGA, but to witness this day, the country had to first bear the loss and supreme sacrifice of innumerable Indian freedom fighters.

The momentous journey of the Indian flag started on 21 August 1907, when the Indian flag was hoisted for the first time during an International Socialist Conference in Stuttgart, Germany by an indomitable Indian Parsee lady known as Madam Bheekaji Cama. This magnificent tricolour was adopted in its present form on 22nd July 1947 by the Indian Constituent Assembly.

The flag symbolises the freedom struggle, the determination of the Indian polity, struggle for liberation and today it represents a free India. On January 26, 2002, the flag code was modified and the Indian citizens got the right to hoist the flag on their houses, businesses etc.

The generation Z and the millennial sometimes may feel that freedom and the concept of celebrating independence day is overrated. With time, the stories told by our ancestors, about the steep road to freedom might start losing its relevance and sheen. Henceforth, it is necessary for us to inculcate a sense of tradition and morals in the younger generations and teach them

to respect our history. I will quote here from the famous philosopher ‘George Santayana’

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” It has also been rephrased as *Those who cannot learn from history are doomed to repeat it.*

The renowned poet Emily Dickinson has said,

*Yesterday is History,
It is so far away –*

*Yesterday is Poetry –
It is Philosophy –*

*Yesterday is mystery –
Where it is Today*

*While we shrewdly speculate
Flutter both away –*

The clock is ticking...In the present era of globalism, institutions and individuals both face immense competition and for survival each one has to give their best, so that we are not lost in the annals of history, in celebrating the past glory, instead we grab the opportunities that come our way and convert them into success stories, paving the path for future generations.

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