

## Independence $\mathcal{D}$ ay (15.08.2019)

Respected Shri Ramesh Agrawal sahib, secretary, Scindia Engineering College Society and my dear faculty, staff and students, a very good morning and a very very happy independence day to you all.

On this 73<sup>rd</sup> Independence day of the country, as I stand here in the premises of Madhav Institute of Technology & Science, the sweet scent of freedom in the air, with the glorious tricolour above me, I have mixed feelings. I am, proud as well as humbled; fully aware of the supreme sacrifices made by many unknown women & men of our country as a result of which we all are enjoying the fruits of freedom, today.

Indian culture and civilization has stood the test of time; the numerous foreign invasions could not crush the soul of the country and today India almost stands at the threshold of the elite league of developed nations due to its indomitable spirit as well as a favourable demography. By next year India will become the youngest nation with about 65% of its population between 15-35 years of age, giving an anticipated 2% boost to the GDP. But to achieve this target the young people have to update and synchronize themselves continuously to the changing technological systems

and practices. Never before, in the history of civilization, has the rate of change been as fast as it is today.

As the country rapidly and aggressively progresses in all sectors and is bent upon proving its competence in diverse fields, from space research to medical science, from information technology to artificial intelligence, from cryptography to blockchain technology, I can visualize the beginning of a new era of technological revolution which has the potential to change the world fully.

I can hear the wheels of time turning around, stealthily bringing in new challenges, new ideas as one batch of students enters while one batch leaves, the institute gears up a fresh to provide the latest knowledge and skills to our students.

If we all want to pay our sincere homage to the patriots whose efforts have bestowed on us the independence and freedom we enjoy today, we all must pledge to play an active part in this new technological revolution and strive to take the institute to its zenith.

Somebody sent me a poem today which I want to recite here,

Our's is a land of sages, Known for bravery for ages.

None can with it compete, Sts culture none can beat.

Whatever caste or religion, All live here in unison.

With rivers, sweet fountains, it's a land of high mountains.

## Tts green forests are pretty, And are source of prosperity.

## Ret's for it work hard, for its safety, be on guard.

Finally, With Freedom in our Minds, Faith in our words, Pride in our Souls..... Let us salute the Nation.

Jai Hind, Jai Bharat

