

Independence Day Address 2016:

Respected Shri Ramesh Agarwal Ji, Dear Faculty Members, Staff, Students and Friends.

Good morning. We have all gathered here today to celebrate one of the most important occasions in the history of our country—the day India achieved Independence from the British rule. It was not an easy journey for our ancestors. Innumerable sacrifices were made by the people of our country so that we could live in a free nation. Many freedom fighters made the ultimate sacrifice in the pursuit of freedom.

Today, on the 70th Independence day of this great country, as we celebrate this momentous occasion, I wish to remind each and every one of you, that this hard earned Independence is not just our birthright, it is also our responsibility.

It is our responsibility to live up to the standards set by our ancestors, who stood united against the oppressors and fought side by side till their last breath. Now, more than ever, we need to rise above petty differences of caste creed and regionalism and remember that first and foremost, we are all Indians.

Indians have made their mark in all fields around the world, be it the arts, sciences, mathematics or technology. It is time to revive this legacy of greatness. It is time we make ourselves worthy of the freedom we have inherited.

Teaching institutions are auspicious places where destinies are shaped, lives are made and the future is carved.

Independence doesn't mean the liberty to follow individual whims and fancies; it is actually an opportunity to grow and flourish and hone ourselves in an open and unrestricted environment.

To my faculty and staff I want to remind **“We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give”**.

MITS in its 60 year long historic journey, has come a long way but it still has immense untapped potential. We, the MITS family should not rest till we reach the zenith of our potential.

An old saint once said “Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best.”

To all the students of this institute, I would say this—each one of you has immense potential. Do not squander it. Work hard. Constantly try to improve. Each day when you go to bed, think about what you have achieved that day. Try to be slightly better versions of yourselves each day. And above all else, stay united in this world of uncertainties. Make this institute proud to call you an alumnus in the future. Make MITS proud. Make India proud.

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

Jai Hind