

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL-IN CHARGE

ASSEMBLY ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

On Independence Day, we feel so happy and proud that we belong to India as our country. We remember the sacrifice made by the freedom fighters for us. This independence day let us reflect and check whether we are really proud of our independence. On this 77th Independence day, it is natural to feel good and nice with patriotic songs being played everywhere and songs of celebrations but when we look at our core and see the reality we see that there is so much that needs to improve. Hate crimes against a particular community, people who are supposed to respect our safety and dignity are numb, we have seen destruction of national property and reduction of forest land and increasing crimes against children and women. Our leaders are not taking responsibility for what is happening in the country. Are we doing something about this?

We live in the age of Artificial Intelligence where machines and software are controlling us. We depend on different programs for our basic work. These programs have become our basic requirement. How can we program ourselves as human beings? There is a story of a person who used to buy a newspaper from a particular person. The newspaper vendor used to speak badly to him every day, but yet he used to buy the newspaper from him only. When asked why? He said that "Why should he change the newspaper person as it will be difficult for me." Now this is human. And plus there could be a change with the newspaper person's attitude one day. Programme your mind to achieve the greater or more. Not asking what I am going to get out of this task? But how much I am going to give and how much I am going to learn.

A great Jesuit Anthony D Mello SJ states ...

The religion known as freedom heals the inner conflict that makes people anxious, depressed, and reactive. As you follow its spiritual principles, you stop making demands on yourself, you stop having expectations of yourself, you stop pushing yourself and you start taking care of yourself. You give your time and attention to the work you love, and you make time for good company. In short, you break free of the negative drives your crazy society programmed into you.

So change your programme, insert a programme that is more patient, more giving, more understanding and more sacrificing. Ask not What the country can do for you but Ask what you can do for your country. As teachers we have great potential to save and serve this great country by instilling values in our own students. We have the future with us and we have a great responsibility towards our society. So let's not give up hope and work for a better, safer and productive future.

Wish you all a very Happy Independence Day 2023!!!

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