

## **Welcome Speech by Director on 12.11.2017**

Good afternoon !! On behalf of the entire Madhav Institute of Technology & Science family, I welcome Padma Bhushan Rajendra S Pawar ji, Founder & Chairman, NIIT Group who has honoured us by agreeing to inaugurate the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of our prestigious institute.

I welcome the Chairman, Board of Governors, MITS - H.H. Jyotiraditya M Scindia, our illustrious patron who is the driving force, a pillar of strength and a major source of inspiration for all of us.

I welcome the honourable members of the Board of Governors, Prof. K.K. Aggrawal, Prof. D.P. Agrawal, Shri Prashant Mehta, Shri Lokesh Saxena and Er Ramesh Agrawal ji.

We are also privileged to have here with us today honourable member of Scindia Engineering College Society, Lady Ujwala Phalke and Shri Virendra Bapna ji.

Finally, I welcome all the distinguished alumni, guests and media persons who have joined us in celebrating this momentous occasion.

It is indeed a proud moment for me to be addressing you all on this historic occasion as this institute completes 60 years on its noble journey of imparting education.

First of all I wish to thank the almighty for the remarkable growth of the institute during this glorious 60 year journey. Starting with just 3 undergraduate programmes in 1957, the institute now offers 11 undergraduate, 18 post-graduate and doctoral programmes with an almost twelve fold increase in its intake.

The institute has always endeavoured to live up to the high standards set by its visionary founder, H.H. Maharaja Jiwaji Rao Scindia, who envisaged and established this temple of knowledge at a time when very few technical institutes existed in the country.

For the last 60 years, MITS has been serving society and untiringly contributing to Technical Education. I salute the hard work and contribution of all the present and former faculty and staff members who have played a major role in shaping and preserving the sanctity of the institute. Students too have lived up to the expectations of the institute by continuously bagging good ranks in competitive examinations at the national level and by making their presence felt in corporate circles in India and around the world.

**The only thing that is ‘constant’ in this universe is ‘change’.**

Technology in general and technical education in particular is changing at an extraordinary pace. Ideas which seem innovative today may become obsolete tomorrow. Survival in this new world will depend completely on the ability to adopt novel practices, learn new concepts, and form need-based collaborations. Those who do not grasp the pulse of these changing trends will soon become redundant.

**Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose.**

We are ready to face the challenges which will come from time to time. The institute is committed to initiating innovative teaching-learning techniques and a learner centric flexible academic framework. We plan to invest 1000 Lacs (10 Crores) in next three years for modernization of laboratories and IT infrastructure and double that amount for campus infrastructure development. We intend to establish state-of-the-art facilities for our undergraduates and bring in a culture of interactive learning to provide the best possible opportunities for the students to grow their all round skills.

MITS is constantly trying to improve its connect with its alumni as well as industry. Efforts are on to forge collaborations with National and International Institutes for enhancing research and knowledge sharing.

The campus has over 4500 students from diverse cultural and social backgrounds, from all over the country. To channelize their energy, to ensure their all round development, and to prepare them for the world outside this campus, many professional society chapters and various other clubs & forums have been established which are fully controlled and managed by the students.

I am confident that with my dedicated faculty and staff, bright and dynamic students, illustrious alumni, eminent members of the BoG and above all the charismatic leadership of our Chairman, the institute is capable of meeting all present and future goals and challenges as well as the aspirations of all our stakeholders.

On behalf of the students, staff and faculty I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to Shri Rajendra S Pawar Saheb and Maharaj Saheb for sparing time to grace this occasion.