

MD's Message on the occasion of 74th Independence Day

Good Morning to All. Welcome to this celebration of 74th Independence Day

Independence Day is one of the honorable celebrations for every Nation. All Indians feel pride to celebrate Independence Day on 15th August every year. We all should feel proud of being a part of this independent nation that give us freedom to live our lives in our way. But this was not the scenario 73 years ago when India was under the rule of the British. They ruled India for almost 200 years. With the continuous struggle led by our renowned freedom fighters, India finally gained Independence on 15th August 1947. For the first time on this day, our Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, raised the Indian Flag on red fort. Since then we are celebrating Independence Day every year.

India once used to be known as "Sone Ki Chidiya", which means that India was full of resources. We had productive land with an ample amount of Minerals and Rocks. We were known to be the Home for largest Spice Market. The productive human workforce was one of our strengths. All these made the British capture our Country and use those resources for their benefits. By divide and rule policy, they gained control. We became slaves to the British.

The eminent personalities and great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh, Jawaharlal Nehru, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, etc., inspired all our people to fight for our rights. Many freedom struggles took place and everybody actively participated in it. Many have sacrificed their lives. We cannot imagine that horrible moments struggled by our forefathers. This has led to fruitful result of free and Independent India. Today we all are enjoying all benefits of the freedom like; freedom of speech and freedom of fundamental rights, etc., because of the efforts and sacrifices made by freedom fighters. We should always thank our freedom fighters who fought for this Country that gave us Independence.

All are aware that Nation is facing a new type of Challenge now i.e. Corona Virus Pandemic. It has spread to all the 29 states and Union Territories of India. In our Company, in-spite of excellent effort made by our Corona Prevention team, it has reached our Campus. If any one of us do not cooperate, and behave irresponsibly, other colleagues will also have to suffer. It is very essential to exhibit extreme selfdiscipline now. We all should be thankful to Corona Warriors, from Health care Professionals like Nurses, Doctors, Paramedical staff, to Policeman, Politicians, and other Volunteers, who are trying to educate, enforce the guidelines and extent their dedicated service to save lives. Let all of us extend wholehearted kindness, support and respect the relentless service being rendered by them.

A responsible Citizen is the one who values the Nation. Freedom fighters sacrificed their lives for the freedom of our Country. We should not let their blood go waste. Being Citizen of India, it is our responsibility to work hard and participate in building our Nation. Prefer made in India products and move towards self-reliance. We manufacture Currency paper, which is considered as a sovereign function of our Country. We all at BNPM; Employees, CISF members and all other workers are lucky to get an opportunity to serve the nation by working in this Company. We all should remain responsible and united to strengthen our Company and our Country. It is the duty of all individuals to understand their individual responsibility.

We all should take an oath today, Being responsible and educated Citizens of the India, we should sincerely perform our duty and do the hard work to achieve the goal of making this Company as the best Currency Paper Mill in the World. BNPM is our Mother Company and India is our Mother Country and we all are its children and responsible Citizens. We should always be ready to save this Company from the Bad people who try to tarnish the image, and damage reputation, "That-We-All-Built-Together".

My Dear colleagues and friends, Let us all join hands, and work together to make the Mission of GOI, **Atmanirbhar-Bharat... Ya Ni Self-Reliant-India, a Big Success....** Jai Hind...

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