INDEPENDENCE DAY-2017

MESSAGE

I happily extend my heartiest greetings to the people of Kerala and Malayalees all over the world, as our beloved nation celebrates the 71st Independence Day.

As proud citizens of the largest democracy in the world, we are duty bound to uphold the highest standards of democratic tradition and to gratefully honor the sacrifice of the hundreds of known and unsung patriots who lost their lives in our historic struggle for Independence. What we celebrate is not just freedom, but a harmonious blend of diversities which unites us as a nation surging ahead as a global power.

While our advances in the scientific, social, technological and economic spheres strengthen our faith in the future progress of India, let us also work towards making our welfare policies more inclusive so as to truly empower our weaker sections. It is through such empowerment and social justice that the essence of true freedom reaches every citizen and strengthens our nation further.

On this 71st Independence Day, I wish everyone a brighter and more prosperous future.

[Justice (Retd.) P. Sathasivam]