

INDEPENDENCE DAY-2017 - MESSAGE

My hearty greetings “Hrudayapurakanga Subhakankshalu” to all the esteemed dignitaries, senior citizens, ‘Mahila Mitra’ members, scholars, students, children, my police colleagues, members of the Media, ladies and gentlemen of Vijayawada City who have gathered here this morning on the occasion of 71st Independence Day celebrations.

This is a day not only to celebrate and rejoice, but also to remember our beloved martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice of laying down their lives for the freedom that we enjoy today. Very often, every other day, we take this freedom for granted, not realising that it was earned after a long and protracted struggle, wherein innumerable people, even generations, spent entire lives behind bars and laid down their lives in the struggle for freedom for our beloved country. There are so many of them who remain nameless and faceless even today. We bow our heads in gratitude and offer salutations to their invaluable and supreme sacrifices.

Today is the day when we re-dedicate ourselves to the service of our nation, an opportunity to remind ourselves of the duties and responsibilities as a citizen of this great country, take a solemn pledge to work for the welfare of ‘Mother India’, and also the welfare of the poor, oppressed, Dalits, the exploited, vulnerable and backward people of our beloved country.

On this day we may also rejoice the fact that with freedom the heroes of our freedom struggle, not stopping at that, has also gone to give unto ourselves, the people of India, a Constitution ensuring a democracy which is secular and socialist, and to secure to all its citizens: **JUSTICE**, social, economic and political; **LIBERTY**, of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; **EQUALITY**, of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all **FRATERNITY**, assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation.

Today we are proud of our heritage, that we are the largest and most vibrant practicing democracy in the world. We salute those extraordinary men and women who blessed us, and the generations to come with such a wonderful legacy.

I am so proud to be a son of this great country.

I take this opportunity, to once again affirm, that Vijayawada Police will do our best and continue to endeavour towards maintenance of Law and Order, in the prevention and detection of crime, and continuously strive to offer the best police services possible as expected of us by the citizens of Vijayawada.

We in Andhra Pradesh are infact at a time of defining history. And Vijayawada is at the threshold of converting into a capital city of a new state. Significant progress and development are happening and visible all around towards the dream of one and all - 'Swarna Andhra Pradesh' and Amaravathi the 'People's Capital'- a world class city. The Government of Anhra Pradesh led by our Hon' Chief Minister Nara Chandra Babu Naidu Garu has been striving hard and extensively engaging all stake holders including global partners in giving shape to this dream. It is a matter of great pride and inspiration that the new state of Andhra Pradesh is amongst the fastest growing and developing state in the country.

At this juncture of state building, we shall strive to lay new foundations for the future, towards combating crime and maintain order in an effort to make the new capital city, a crime free, safe and peaceful city, a 'people friendly' city and a world class city, ushering development and prosperity for its citizens.

To achieve this objective, every Policeman and women will continue to be trained in acquiring enhanced professional skills and better preparedness, sensitized and oriented in serving the citizens. In particular our responsibility towards the socially and economically weak, the elderly, women and children, and those who are less abled, less fortunate and vulnerable sections of the society.

We shall strive to be honest and disciplined in discharge of duties and responsibilities. We shall work as a team rather than alone. We will greet people by sporting a smile and extend helping hand to the needy. All steps will be taken to improve the "**people friendly policing**" by involving the public. For this, the peoples participation, cross section of society, all stakeholders such as students, teachers, workers, traders, NGOs, women groups, elders, including our media

friends is indispensable. We are indeed greatly inspired by the spontaneous response coming forth and the active participation of the people in the various initiatives such as 'Vrudha Mitra', 'Mahila Mitra' and 'Bala Mitra' programs targeting the vulnerable sections.

It will be our constant endeavour to emulate and reach the 'International and global standards of policing'. Wherein making use of technology extensively and adopting contemporary methodologies in line with the global best practises would be a cornerstone of this initiative. This we shall achieve with the active support and guidance of the State Government which has been in forefront in the use of technology and a digital mandate.

I believe that the police are here to protect and uphold the safety, security and the dignity of the citizens, and they are in turn expected to repose confidence in police. I am also fully aware that people have zero tolerance towards police corruption and misbehaviour. We shall strive hard to curb such practices and earn public trust and confidence. I personally believe that, though police work very hard in the field, with numerous difficulties and challenges, against all odds, yet it is not acknowledged and get the due respect and recognition. Nevertheless, we remain committed and shall be constantly introspecting and carefully examine ourselves, in our endeavour to improve ourselves in the delivery of better services to every citizen.

It will also be my bounden responsibility to look into the welfare and well-being of Police personnel who works under constant pressure, in a trying and testing conditions, making many sacrifices and so also the welfare of their families who often gets neglected.

I take this opportunity to exhort all my colleague Police officers and staff to perform our duties with utmost sincerity and dedication. To be accessible to public, be sensitive and compassionate towards their problems and grievances. Be honest in performing their duties and strive hard to earn public trust and confidence, while we will endeavour to the make city safe for men, women and children both during day and night.

On the threshold of a new era in Andhra history, I consider it my good fortune and thank the Government and Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nara Chandra Babu Naidu Garu, for giving me this opportunity to serve as head of the Police in the Capital city area with a well-defined and mandated goals, targets and objectives.

It is with utmost humility that I seek co-operation of all the stake holders, the citizens, cross section of society, officers and staff of the department in my endeavour to strive to achieve the goals and objectives, and the expectations that are placed on me. Together let us work to achieve our dream of 'Swarna Andhra Pradesh'.

The Vijayawada City Police dedicates itself on this auspicious and befitting occasion, to strive serving the people of Vijayawada City in an even better manner, by reaching out to the cross section of the society and seeking peoples active involvement and participation in bringing about aspirational changes, of which I am fully confident.

The successful conduct of Krishna Pushkarams-2016 under the able guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister is exemplary of the way forward and the transformation which the Police have undergone in the capital, winning accolades for being people friendly, in the use of technology, and peoples participation towards a "service oriented" policing, which is a paradigm shift in the profile and image of police.

Greetings once again to my beloved citizens of Vijayawada City and citizens my Great Country on this joyous Independence Day. We have much ahead of us to look forward to. God Bless us. God bless our Country.

Jai Hind.