



Prime Minister
Republic of Mauritius

MESSAGE

My Dear Students,

As we prepare to commemorate two of the most important milestones in the history of our nation, the anniversary of our independence and that of the founding of our Republic, I know that your hearts are filled with patriotism.

12th of March is, therefore, the right occasion to further strengthen your patriotic fibre and promote an awareness of the critical role of youths in nation-building.

With your enthusiasm and fresh ideas, you can work towards maintaining unity and harmony in our country. These are fundamental pre-requisites for economic development in a diverse society such as ours.

You are the leaders of tomorrow and as such, you will gain to take inspiration from your ancestors. Against all odds, they worked hard to build a united and thriving nation. They never lost hope, no matter how challenging the situation was.

Let us express our gratitude to all those who, with toil and tears, paved the way for the prosperous future of their children and grandchildren. They have helped Mauritius to earn its rightful place in the world as a peaceful nation whose people always stay ahead-of-the-curve.

One important factor that set our country on the road to progress was the emphasis which has constantly been placed on Education.

Education is a powerful agent of change. It drives long-term economic growth and promotes social well-being. Government has, for almost a decade now, left no stone unturned to provide equitable and quality educational services to all students at all levels.

Extending free education to public Higher Education Sector has opened new avenues to students who could have missed out on suitable career choices otherwise. This is what fairness, equity, and inclusion are all about!

The economic development of the country rests on the development and adoption of fit-for-purpose workforce and workplace skills. You must be in a state of readiness to meet tomorrow's demands today.

Nowadays, we speak of Internet of Things, 5G, cloud computing, and other tools which are transforming the landscape of the labour market.

I am fully confident that your institution will unlock the culture of innovation in you so as to generate the energy and passion you require to become pioneers in these innovating fields.

You should remember that it is also important to maintain a healthy lifestyle to move through your life's journey smoothly. Adequate facilities are being provided across the island for the practice of sports and physical activities, so make the best use of these.

My dear students, the onus is on you to continue building a solid future for our country.

When I look at you, what I see is a generation of would-be leaders holding the promise of an even brighter future for us as a united, resilient, and prosperous nation.

Let us, together, endeavour to create this promising future.

Happy Independence Day.

Long live the Republic of Mauritius !

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