

MNLU MUMBAI

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS – 2015

(A Report)

Independence Day was celebrated at Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai with gaiety and patriotic fervour. Hon'ble Chancellor MNLU Mumbai, Mr. Justice F.M. Ibrahim Kalifulla Judge, Supreme Court of India was the Chief Guest of the function. Prof. (Dr.) S. Parasuraman, Director of Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Dr. Sanjay Chahande, Principal Secretary, Higher and Technical Education Department, Government of Maharashtra and Mr. Rafiq Dada, Senior Counsel, Mumbai were Guests of Honour.

The programme begun with flag hoisting ceremony at 9.45 AM in the Quadrangle of TISS. The flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest in the presence of all the dignitaries. This was followed by National Anthem. Hon'ble Chancellor gave a heart touching speech remembering our freedom fighters and their invaluable sacrifice.

Thereafter, there was a formal felicitation ceremony where all the dignitaries were felicitated. The welcome address was delivered by Prof. (Dr.) Bhavani Prasad Panda, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Maharashtra National Law University Mumbai. He mentioned that MNLU Mumbai has received fatherly care from Hon'ble Chancellor and motherly care from Prof (Dr.) S Parasuraman.

Thereafter, Mr. Rafiq Dada , Senior Counsel Mumbai enlightened the audience with his words of wisdom. He emphasised on the importance of law schools. He mentioned that GLC Mumbai has produced six Chief Justices and he has very high hopes in MNLU Mumbai. Addressing the students, he said, that “you students are the pioneers and history will be created by you. Coming batches will follow your footsteps.” He wished everyone a very Happy Independence Day.

Dr. Sanjay Chahande congratulated the students on making this conscientious decision of joining MNLU. He mentioned his sincere efforts in establishing MNLU Mumbai and starting the course in this academic year. He narrated the whole timeline of events which played an important part in the making of MNLU Mumbai and showed his optimism that MNLU Mumbai will become best National Law University in future.

Presidential address was delivered by the Chief Guest of the occasion, Hon'ble Chancellor Mr. Justice F.M. Ibrahim Kalifulla, Judge Supreme Court of India. His Lordship wished each one a Happy Independence Day. He also appreciated the diversity of the students in the institution representing various parts of the nation reflecting the character of national integration. He thanked all the students for showing confidence in MNLU Mumbai. He narrated few of the anecdotes regarding the inception of the university. Hon'ble Justice also emphasized that Judiciary is the last resort for everyone and this makes law a much cherished discipline. At last, he blessed the students and also the institution to reach greater heights.

Prof. (Dr.) S Parasuraman in his addressal assured full support of Tata Institute of Social Sciences to MNLU Mumbai. He informed about the *Access to Justice* Initiative taken up by TISS and expected participation of the students of MNLU Mumbai also. This was followed by a very engaging interactive session where the students asked questions to the panel.

A formal vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. L. K. Deb, Registrar MNLU Mumbai.