

## **IChE-President's Message on 73<sup>rd</sup> Foundation days Eve**



Dear Members and Colleagues,

18<sup>th</sup> May is an auspicious day in the annals of IChE. On this day in the year 1947, Dr. Hiralal Roy along with a few other academic luminaries founded our Institute at Jadavpur University Campus, Kolkata. With a very modest means, the founding fathers of IChE set on a pious mission of pioneering Chemical Engineering education in India and developing a highly competent band of professionals, who would make a distinct contribution to the growth of an emerging nation.

From that humble beginning, the young Institute has made a long journey. With around 30,000 Members, 41 Regional Centres across the country and 166 Student Chapters, IChE today is an influential and relevant stake holder to the larger development initiatives of the country.

During the ensuing seven decades, IChE has been actively promoting various initiatives and programmes with a view to continuous professional and academic empowerment / update of practicing engineers, academic personnel and students of Chemical Engineering discipline. It is has also been emerging as an advisory forum to partner various public and private initiatives in the country related to sustainable development, environment protection and industrial safety.

Down the years, the Institute Headquarters and the Regional Centres have been observing 18 May as the Foundation Day thoughtfully and sincerely. Due to the extra-ordinary situation this year in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and the nationwide lockdown, we are unable to celebrate the occasion with the usual earnestness. However, even if we are unable to gather physically for the celebration, let us all in the IChE fraternity unite in spirit and pledge to keep the lamp burning.

I am extremely happy and heartened to share with you all that despite severe constraints and impediments during this period of Lockdown, IChE, as a collective, have been functioning with impressive dynamism and high spirit. Several new initiatives have been launched for the students, which have

evoked tremendous response from them. A few other initiatives are underway for Chemical Engineering professionals as well, which would hopefully take off shortly. We would keep our Members updated about all these projects through the IChE E-Newsletter.

The journey for IChE during these 73 years has not always been smooth and crisis-free. But through its innate dynamism and astute adaptability, our Institute has always tied over the crisis, remoulded itself and, in fact, grown in stature. On this very Special Day, let us pay tribute to Dr. H.L. Roy and all our predecessors in the Institute whose self-less commitment and contribution have helped nurture IChE to its exalted status of today.

We salute them all on the occasion of IChE's 73<sup>rd</sup> Foundation Day.



Prof. V V Basava Rao  
President, IChE

## IChE-MRC Chairman's Message on 73<sup>rd</sup> Foundation days Eve



It gives me immense pleasure to convey my heartiest greeting to all the members of Indian Institute of Chemical Engineers – Mumbai Regional centre (IChE-MRC) on the occasion of its Foundation Day Celebration.

In this current scenario of Covid-19 Pandemic and lockdowns, it's a moment of pride for every Chemical Engineer that the chemical Industries are hugely contributing to the Indian Economy without compromising safety of the plants as well as personnel safety.

Starting up of industries after the lockdown is a huge challenge to the Industry in the current scenario and we have recently observed some mishaps happening due to the same. Hence the slogan of “Be home – Be Safe” is not the only say of the Nation but also “Grow large – Grow Safe”.

With the announcement of “Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan” by Honourable Prime Minister, the potential for exploration, growth and indigenization has increased. This has opened great opportunities to Chemical Engineers not only concerning to the Job but also to rise as an Entrepreneur.

With this, I wish all the members the best for their futuristic endeavours to bring in revolution in all aspects as a Chemical Engineer – Contributing to “The New Atmanirbhar Bharat”.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "U. Kamachi Mudali".

Jai Hind !

**Shri. U. Kamachi Mudali**

Chairman, IChE – MRC.

Chairman & CE Heavy Water Board.