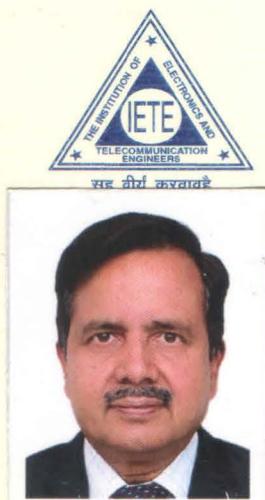


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**M E S S A G E**

On the occasion of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Day of the Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE) on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, I extend my warm wishes to all our esteemed members, students and corporate members.

This year, as we commemorate over seven decades of IETE's dedicated service to the nation in advancing the fields of electronics, telecommunications, and information technology, our celebration is centered on the theme "Indigenization of Hi-Tec and Critical Technologies".

In an increasingly complex global landscape, achieving self-reliance—*Aatmanirbharta*—in high-tech and critical technologies is fundamental to safeguarding our national security, ensuring economic sovereignty, and driving sustainable growth. Indigenization represents our collective commitment to move beyond reliance on foreign technologies and to foster a robust, innovative, and self-sustaining ecosystem within India. This commitment must be particularly strong in domains like Advanced Semiconductors and Chip Design, Next-Generation Communication (6G and beyond), Defense and Aerospace Electronics, Quantum Computing and Artificial Intelligence etc.

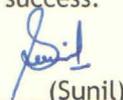
The Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers stands at the confluence of academia, industry, and R&D. Our mission is more vital now than ever.

We must proactively redesign our programs to Bridge the Skill Gap to cultivate a highly skilled workforce, proficient in the latest and most critical technologies, ready to contribute to indigenous R&D efforts. We will continue to Fostering Innovation to provide a platform for researchers, engineers, and entrepreneurs to share knowledge, collaborate on breakthrough projects, and translate laboratory innovations into market-ready, indigenous products.

We must engage closely for Policy Advocacy with the government and industry to offer informed perspectives and actionable strategies that accelerate the adoption of 'Design in India' and 'Produce in India' principles across the entire technology value chain. Another very important aspect that IETE should work upon is to Promote Ethical Development to ensure that the development and deployment of Hi-Tec and Critical Technologies adhere to the highest standards of ethics, security, and sustainability.

Let this 72<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Day be a renewed pledge from every IETE member to dedicate their expertise towards building a technologically resilient and self-confident India. I urge all Centres, Sub-Centres, and IETE Student Forum to organize events that embody this spirit—hosting expert talks, technical paper contests, and workshops that specifically focus on practical steps towards Indigenization.

I, on behalf of all Governing Council members, extend my warm wishes on this occasion and urge all Centres/Sub-Centres to celebrate the 72<sup>nd</sup> Foundation Day of the Institution with grand success.



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