

MILITARY ENGINEER SERVICES DAY MESSAGE FROM
ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF

1. Military Engineer Services (MES) is celebrating its 96th Anniversary on 26 Sep 18. In 1923, on this day, the MES was created and brought under the unified control of Engineer-in-Chief by the then Hon'ble Secretary of State of India by amalgamating Royal Corps of Engineers Personnel and Civilian Staff.
2. MES is one of the oldest and largest government infrastructure development agency with a huge annual budget. Besides conventional building construction for the Armed Forces and other departments of the Ministry of Defence, MES is also involved in the execution of sophisticated and complex projects like airfields, runways, hangars, dockyards, wharves and other marine structures. It provides round the clock engineering support to the Armed Forces enhancing their operational preparedness.
3. Several cases for enabling provisions to empower the MES executives are under consideration with Ministry of Defence. Provision for Green Building Norms in upcoming projects has been approved by Hon'ble RM. In addition, new construction techniques of Engineering Procurement & Construction (EPC) and increase in Maintenance norms at par with CPWD are few other issues which are at an advanced stage of approval by the Ministry. The revision of Defence Works Procedure 2007 and Scales of Accommodation 2009 are likely to be approved shortly.
4. MES is also undertaking several measures in the field of energy conservation, use of renewable energy and green technology. 150 MW Solar Energy Power projects are being undertaken its effort to contribute to our Country's carbon footprint. To augment the energy conservation efforts measures such as LED lighting and GRIHA norms are being incorporated in all new projects.
5. MES being one of the largest premier construction agencies in the country has implemented e-tendering and e-procurement at pan-India level. MES has been awarded the **Best Performance Award** by National Informatics Commission (NIC) for their e-portal amongst various Central/ State Govt Departments and PSUs. Further GEM has been implemented in MES.
6. MES has been able to deliver quality engineering support to Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and other Government organisations by close, constant and intensive interaction with the users and administrative staff.
7. Lt Gen S K Shrivastava, AVSM, Engineer-in-Chief, congratulates all MES personnel on this day and urges them to dedicate themselves to this great organisation in providing better services and contribute towards nation building.