

**Speech by H.E. Ambassador Sibi George at the Event: Observing
Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**

**Date :14th August
Venue: VCC Auditorium
Time : 1730-1800 hrs**

My dear friends,

Today, we have gathered here to observe Partition Horrors Remembrance Day - a day dedicated to remembering one of the most tragic chapters in the history of our nation.

On 14th August 1947, India was divided into two independent nations — India and Pakistan. While freedom from colonial rule was a moment of great pride, the partition brought with it unimaginable pain. Millions of people were displaced from their homes, entire families were torn apart, and countless lives were lost to violence and hatred. It was one of the largest migrations in human history, and it came at an unbearable human cost.

Partition was not just the division of land, but the division of hearts. Friends became strangers, neighbours became enemies, and centuries of shared culture and brotherhood were overshadowed by fear and mistrust. People walked miles without food or shelter, carrying nothing but memories of their homes and loved ones they would never see again.

This day reminds us of those countless innocent men, women, and children who suffered, and those who never made it to safety. It is also a reminder for us, the future citizens of this country, that peace, unity, and harmony are priceless.

We must learn from history so that such tragedies never repeat themselves. Let us pledge to respect diversity, reject hatred, and uphold the values of compassion and brotherhood. Our differences should be a source of strength, not division.

In remembering the horrors of Partition, we honour the resilience of those who rebuilt their lives and the spirit of unity that allowed our nation to move forward. Let us ensure their sacrifices were not in vain.

Thank you.
