



Indian Diaspora Council

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*Shared heritage, aspirations and interests*

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### Observance of 71st Anniversary of India's Independence

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) and its global affiliates, on the occasion of the 71<sup>st</sup> anniversary of India's independence, extends warm and special congratulations to people of India and Indians living in other countries who take much pride in this annual celebration.

Indians sacrificed for many years with struggle and lives in attaining their hard fought and wrenching freedom from Britain on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947. They used various independence movements, in particular nonviolent resistance led by Mahatma Gandhi, to become free and independent. The partition with Pakistan resulted in violent riots, mass casualties and dislocation of millions of people.

Despite many initial difficulties, India has made enormous strides and progress since independence from dependency to becoming a major entity in the global arena.



A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people. Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life - *Mahatma Gandhi*

We end today a period of ill fortune and India discovers herself again. The achievement we celebrate today is but a step, an opening of opportunity, to the greater triumphs and achievements that await us. Are we brave enough and wise enough to grasp this opportunity and accept the challenge of the future? - *Jawaharlal Nehru*

“Freedom is not given; it is taken” - *Subha Chandra Bose*

“India's stature in the world is rising. Our India is at the door of great achievements. New India must include that integral humanist component that is in our DNA, and which has defined our country and our civilization. New India must be a society rushing towards the future, but also a compassionate society. Gone are the days when people gave up all hope from the government”, *Hon. PM Narendra Modi '2017*.

*IDC Statement:* “While changes for social upliftment take more time as in other societies with long history and traditions some centuries old, there is significant advances in transparency, children's and women's rights, equitable treatment, infra-structure, economics, education and health. As India continues its transformation and adaptation as it has done for centuries, the future bodes well for continued progress that is beneficial to all Indians and the world. India's enduring vitality is always strong and vibrant.”

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*Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC), established in 1997, is an international non-profit organization with global affiliates and membership in 21 countries with the objective to embrace, engage and enhance the shared heritage, aspirations and interests of persons of Indian origin with optimum inclusivity.*