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Observance of 75th Anniversary of India's Independence

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) and its global affiliates, on the occasion of 75th anniversary of India's independence, extend warm greetings and special congratulations to people of India and Indians living in other countries who take much pride in this milestone diamond jubilee celebration.

Indians sacrificed for many years with struggles in attaining their hard fought and wrenching freedom from Britain on 15th August 1947. The Indian people 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, wrenching dislocation of millions of people and lasting bitterness.

Despite many initial difficulties and recently Covid-19, India has made enormous strides and progress since its independence, from dependency, to becoming a major geo-economic and strategic entity in the global arena.



“We never lost our ambitions of being a free nation and India is indebted to all its freedom fighters, but cannot forget the pains of partition. This is the can-do generation. All of our doctors, nurses, paramedical staff, sanitation workers, scientists developing vaccinations, and crores of citizens who worked with a sense of service during COVID deserve our gratitude.” - *Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi*.

“In this moment of great challenges and opportunities, the partnership between India and the United States is more important than ever. Together, we must show the world that our two great and diverse democracies can deliver for people everywhere” - *Joseph Biden, President of USA*.

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*

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, as well as overcoming Covid-19, the future bodes well for continued progress beneficial to all Indians and the world. India's enduring vitality is 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.