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## INDIAN DIASPORA COUNCIL COMMEMORATES INDIA'S REPUBLIC DAY 2023

The Indian Diaspora Council International (**IDC**) and its global affiliates, on the occasion of the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's Republic Day, extends warm and special congratulations to people of India and Indians living in other countries who take much pride in this annual celebration.

Republic Day marks the date on which the Constitution of India came into effect on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1950, replacing the Government of India Act, turning the nation into a newly formed republic.





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* 

"Freedom is not given; it is taken" - Subha Chandra Bose

Indians sacrificed for many years with struggles and lives lost in attaining their hard fought and wrenching freedom from Britain on 15<sup>th</sup> 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 and dislocation of millions of people.

Despite many initial difficulties, India has made enormous strides and progress, from dependency to becoming a major geo-economic and strategic entity in the global arena. 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. While India produced huge amounts of Covid-19 vaccines for its own people and many countries as well, the impact of Covid-19 has resulted in many setbacks, including the curtailment of most migration of Indians to work and live in other countries.

Indians take much pride in their country's stalwart position as the bulwark against aggression. Post Covid-19 trends show a resurgence of economic growth, and social, health and educational programs beneficial to all its people. India takes pride in its sons and daughters achieving most prominent positions globally in science and technology, politics, businesses, medical and legal professions, health and academia.