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OBSERVANCE of the 77TH ANNIVERSARY of INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE

The Indian Diaspora Council International (**IDC**) and its global affiliates, on the occasion of 77th 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. The people of India and Indians of the Diaspora living in other countries take much pride in this annual celebration to validate their progress, confidence, commitment and resilience.

Indians sacrificed for many years with continuing struggles on many fronts 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. The 77th anniversary of India's independence is glorious celebration of a nation which has made enormous progress from its chaotic birth as an independent nation to become a thriving economic and geo-strategic nation wooed by major world powers and regional partners for strategic and economic partnerships and alliances. 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.



It is a pivotal moment and the dawn of a new era in Indian's respectable standing in the world amidst a changing world order due in large measure to India's enormous and sustained progress: Economic, military, geo-strategic, security, infra-structure, advances in education levels, medical and social improvements. It is a unique position of strength, independence and respectability, in combination with visionary long term strategic considerations.

India's Prime Minister Hon Narendra Modi ji said that, "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. Democracy is not just a structure; it is also a spirit. It is based on the belief that the needs and aspirations of every human being are equally important. India, despite the many global challenges, is the fastest growing major economy today. This itself is the best advertisement for democracy in the world".

"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", said Mahatma Gandhi. "Freedom is not given; it is taken", said 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, 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.