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OBSERVANCE of the 78TH ANNIVERSARY of INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) and its global affiliates extend warm greetings and congratulations to the people of India and the Indian diaspora on India's 78th Independence Day. This milestone diamond jubilee celebration is a testament to the progress, confidence, commitment, and resilience of the Indian people and the Indian diaspora worldwide.

The Indian independence movement was a protracted struggle marked by multifaceted resistance against British colonial rule, culminating in

the nation's liberation on **August 15, 1947**. **Mahatma Gandhi's** leadership of nonviolent civil disobedience was a pivotal force in this movement, alongside other strategies employed by the Indian people. The partition with Pakistan resulted in violent riots, mass casualties, wrenching dislocation of millions of people, and lasting bitterness. As India celebrates its 78th Independence Day, it's a remarkable testament to a nation that has transformed from a chaotic birth into a thriving economic and geopolitical powerhouse. Sought after by major world powers and regional partners for strategic and economic collaboration, India has made immense strides since independence, evolving from a dependent state to a significant global player.



While societal transformation takes time in countries with deep-rooted historical and cultural traditions, India has made significant strides in advancing transparency, children's and women's rights, equitable treatment, infrastructure, economics, education, and healthcare. As India continues its ongoing process of adaptation and evolution, the future holds promise for continued progress benefiting all Indians and the world. India's enduring vitality remains strong and vibrant.

On his nation's independence day celebration, **India's Honorable PM Narendra Modi** hoped that the situation in Bangladesh would improve soon even as he expressed concern over the safety of Hindus and other minorities in that country. Modi said India will always be supportive of Bangladesh's growth and development. *"As a neighbouring country, I can understand the concern regarding whatever has happened in Bangladesh. I hope that the situation there gets normal at the earliest. The concerns of 140 crore countrymen to ensure the safety of Hindus and minorities there - India always wants our neighbouring countries to walk the path of prosperity and peace. We are committed to peace...In the days to come, we will continue to wish well for Bangladesh in its 'Vikas Yatra' because we think about the welfare of humankind."*

IDC Statement: *"India grapples with historical challenges like many other societies, yet it's making notable advancements in areas like women's rights, education, and healthcare. This progress, coupled with India's enduring strength, bodes well for the future."*

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