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IDC Congratulates India on its 70th Anniversary of Independence

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) and its global affiliates, on the occasion of the 70th 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 15th 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.

"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. In a few years, we will become a fully literate society. We must set the bar higher, and aim to become a fully educated society. Now, people know that the government of the day will ensure that a given task will be done. There is a sense of determination that something that is to be done, must be done", said India's Prime Minister Hon. Narendra Modi.

While changes for social upliftment take more time as in other societies with long history and traditions some centuries old, there is significant progress 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.