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Observance of 74th Anniversary of India's Independence

The Indian Diaspora Council International (IDC) and its global affiliates, on the occasion of the 74th 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 struggles and lives 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 and dislocation of millions of people.

Despite many initial difficulties, 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.



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*

“The United States and India have shared close bonds of friendship and democratic traditions since India gained its independence seventy-three years ago. Over the years, our relationship has grown into a Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, involving ever closer cooperation on issues vital to global security and prosperity in the 21st century” - *Michael Pompeo, US Secretary of State.*

“It is now time for India to move forward with new policies and new customs. Now simple and ordinary will not work. Our policies, our processes, our products, everything should be the best. I am confident of the abilities, confidence and potential of my fellow Indians. Professionals coming out of India's middle class make their mark in the whole world not only in India. The middle class needs opportunity, the middle class needs freedom from government interference” - *Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi.*

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 confronting 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.