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On this auspicious day of celebrating India's Independence Day, IndiansinKuwait.com would like to extend its warm greetings and wish all our Readers a Happy Independence Day.

It gives us great pleasure in releasing this 10th edition of our special supplement titled “Tiranga” to mark India's Independence Day. We at IIK is very much thankful to all our readers, who stood with us throughout our journey to make us the number one community portal in Kuwait.

This supplement is a pure collection of selected articles from our readers expressing their salutation to their motherland on its Independence Day celebration. The theme of this Supplement is "MODIFIED Nation: Things to Do". With a strong mandate in the 17th Lokhasabha election, no doubt our nation is Modified. In his first innings, our Prime Minister started the modification by implementing GST and other such changes for a Unified Nation. He started his second innings with further Unifying the nation by combining the always talked about Kashmir in a further one nation one country concept.

We at IIK are overwhelmed by the articles and poems written by our readers, specially the students, personalities, Young Reporters & contributors - which glorifies our motherland. I am sure that our readers will enjoy reading the articles in this supplement.

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!!Jai Hind
Satyameva Jayate
Happy Independence Day!
We have a new Prime Minister and a new team in office to govern India.

The euphoria in millions of hearts over the results of the elections to the 17th Lok Sabha has died down, and so has the despair which prevailed in many other hearts, even as half the nation clung desperately and the other half confidently to the tightrope as this maha-tyohaar gripped the psyche of more than a billion of us.

Whether we love it or we hate it, the nations is Modified. The mandate is strong and overwhelming.

The coming five years will, therefore, matter quite a lot. We might swing in the direction of greater growth or towards grief. Or, all of the promises and hopes may turn out to be empty sounds of a gong.
Even the Modi-detractors secretly admit that anticipation prevails in their hearts as well. Everyone seems to be looking forward to some developments; some changes; and some things happening. The nation is opinionated and excited—whether the opinions are for or against the PM and his party. This, in itself, is a great sign. A couple of years ago, we seemed to be sliding dangerously towards political apathy and cynicism. Nothing and no one mattered to most people in the country; expectations from the political leaders were non-existent and the excitement over elections and governments was off our minds. That was a dangerous sign which reeked of a collapse of the electoral system in the long run. Fortunately, that phase has passed. The excitement during elections this time was sky-rocketing. It is perfectly alright if opinions are divided. What matters more is that people have opinions about and take interest in political affairs.

We have won against the symptoms of political dis-interestedness. It is a small victory, though. The next five years shall decide if this victory is here to stay or is short-lived and therefore replaced by an even more overwhelming sense of dejection. If this government fritters away the second chance given to it by a majority of citizens, disillusionment will run high in those millions of hearts. Even those who hate the PM are likely to be disappointed if the government fails to deliver. They may scream and shout that they were right in criticising the PM, but if the country does not grow and prosper, how will anyone be happy about it? If the next five years turn out to be bleak, our democracy may never become this participative again. Hence, hopes will have to be prevented from being crushed. The onus is on the new government to keep the spirits alive. Sustaining the continued interest and involvement of the masses in governance is one of the few imperative responsibilities that this government and the PM must shoulder.

What will the next five years bring in their wake? Reasons to cheer? Reasons to sneer? Or, opportunities to steer? What ought to be the agenda? What ought to be the priorities? Most of us would swear by economy, technology and defence. Of course, these are crucial areas and undoubtedly, it is economics that rules the roost. We live in a highly competitive world, and there is not a minute to lose with the stakes being quite gigantic. It is the economy which, the majority would opine, needs to be restored to health and vigour. However, there is another priority which is more critical; a priority which, if not attended to, could negate the gains in all other walks of life.

Which is that one priority which can impact the overall state of affairs in our nation, like none other, in magnitude and comprehensiveness? It is to set our house in order. After 72 years of having a sovereign existence, it is high time that a sense of discipline and national ethos is emphatically and invariably built and insisted upon in the country. All these years, we focussed on making and then amending the Constitution, while also drafting other legal codes and procedures. Laws are in abundance in our country; our Constitution is the longest written document in the world that spells what is and what is not to be done and we have scores of legislations, ordinances and policy decisions too. What is ardently missing though is their effective implementation!

During the just concluded five years of the Modi government, an additional impetus was put on bilateral ties, diplomacy and foreign policy. However, bilateral or multilateral ties can be cultivated and meaningfully lived in letter and spirit only if we truly mean business; if we show that we are what we claim; and if there is order and consistency in policies and conduct. Whatever little standing that India claims today in the circle of nations, is almost entirely because we are the largest market in the world. Nations which express their desire to cultivate deeper ties with India do so not because Indians are liked and respected for their values and ethos or because those in charge of governance in India can be trusted upon for honouring commitments. Our ways of doing business are not held much in high esteem by other countries and their major corporations and nor is it easy to do business with India. Though India has improved its rank in the Ease of Doing Business List by 23 positions (from 100 in 2017 to 77 in 2019), the fact remains that potential investors have 76 countries ahead of us when they decide to do business in other countries. The transparency, the action-orientedness and the zeal to stay firm on laws and policies must trickle down from the political masters down to the bureaucrats and then on to the people.
Since 1991, the need for foreign investment has been acutely felt and we have rightly so, drafted policies and devised measures to allure the foreign direct foreign institutional investors to India. From the times of Narasimha Rao and Manmohan Singh right up to Narendra Modi, programs have been conceived and slogans crafted to make India appear an attractive destination for manufacturers and investors. However, have we secured investment as our potential warrants? Or, rather, have we secured investments and technology transfers in areas and sectors as our national interest warrants? Corporations want to just come and sell in India or some of them want to make in India because they can use our resources at cheap prices or even pollute or abuse our resources without worries of hefty penalty. The MNCs set up manufacturing plants in countries where can they can have it all cheap and also get away with almost everything--- depletion and pollution of ground water and other resources, violation of labour rights, sale of goods laced with dangerous chemicals, use of pesticides and diversion of scarce resources for the production of raw materials they need for their plants. There have been many instances of protests in Kerala and Tamil Nadu over the use of water by Coca Cola and Pepsi. Both these giants were using 1.9 litres of water to make one small bottle of Coca-Cola and because they use sugar too (Coca-Cola is the number one buyer of sugarcane in India), if one takes into account the water used for sugarcane cultivation, the companies were using about 400 litres of water to make a bottle of Cola. Almost all of the companies that sell fizzy drinks and bottled water are accused of dehydrating communities worldwide, and why do they need to set up plants in countries such as India, Mexico, Colombia, Guatemala and others, can be anybody’s guess. It is a much-dreaded fear that wars will be fought over dwindling water resources in the coming decades. How well-geared are we for the difficult times ahead, ought to be an important concern of our government.

In our country, a plethora of instances prevail when forests have been wiped off, the ground water polluted and dried up and hazardous emissions have choked up the air and chemicals dumped into water bodies, with no stringent action. A Bhopal kind of a disaster and the subsequent mockery that happened in the name of punishment, fine, and compensation is possible only in India. Is it not time to accept that we do not get healthy, value-based and clean investment probably because our house is not in order? If our government does not care about ecology, why will the investors do? If we bend rules for small bribes, they too shall operate by bending the rules.

Also, because the company laws, the capital market laws and the banking laws are not strictly enforced, that some of our investors are already turning weary. We have already been there and seen that. How many global entities have expressed unequivocal and long-term interest and confidence after operating in India for some time? Probably, not many. Or, not any? Our labour laws were streamlined and modernised during the first five years of the Modi government but what about the implementation? Even the number of economic offenders will keep increasing, unless there is visible, strong and effective action taken against those few who are somehow caught in the first place. By setting our house in order, we make an unsaid statement before the world that we mean business and we are here to stay! Corruption, haphazardness and knee-jerk decisions and actions seriously distort our image in the world.

The state of our municipal and civic affairs is in disarray almost all throughout the country. Atrocities in the name of caste or religion or gender have not much subsided. Taking people for a ride unabashedly has not been curbed. Corruption and dishonesty still plague our nation at every stage and in every sphere. The notion that ‘sab chalta hai’ looms large and echoes confidently even today. We have legislations against crimes ranging from spitting to raping; laws on non-repayment of bank dues to laws on negligence of duties by our sarkaari babus; we have laws against the harassment of women, children, tourists and animals and yet the violations galore in every walk of life. People commit the ugliest and bizarrest of crimes, with total confidence and conviction that nothing much shall happen beyond a little investigation or a little formal action. Those who are paid to clean sewage systems or to sweep the streets often take their jobs as lightly as the police inspectors or income tax inspectors do. Self-interest solely guides their performance or lack of it. This is that one area which, I feel should be the unflinching priority of this new government. There should develop somewhat clear a conception of what is right and what is wrong for the nation; a clear conception
of what are our compulsory duties towards the nation and what shall be tolerated and what shall not be tolerated in this country. Whether it is the shortage of water or the suicides by the farmers or the rising mercury levels--- the concerns may seem to be economic or ecological but it is indiscipline that is at the root cause of most of our ills. The systems have turned lax and purposeless over the years. Nation's well-being has not often been reiterated as the priority.

There was a keen focus on the infrastructure during the earlier stint of the Modi government and rightly so! However, discipline eludes us and negates the gains. New trains were introduced with pride because they offered us speed, luxury and standards in service but were ransacked and damaged on their maiden run, as would happen in a society full of perverts. The most overwhelming campaign which reverberated all around was the Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan and yet, the brazen spitting and the shameless littering continue unabated. The offenders do not care because there is none to fear. We spend millions on infrastructure so that we succeed in attracting tourists, and yet those who do visit may, in most probability, swear never to visit again. There are touts, beggars, rogues, fraudsters, and even perverts who molest without fear, despite the existence of laws to curb all of the menaces.

Honestly, who amongst us lives in blissful confidence that if we respect the nation, its flag, its heritage, its symbols, it history and its character---we shall live in peace and those who insult all of the above shall be punished? Those who raise slogans against the nation; those who cheat the nation; those who spread vulgarity and those who slander and abuse and kill and rape—are all roaming and living amongst us only. Even if they are caught, they look amused. They know that wriggling out of anything is so very easily possible in our country. The perpetuators of horrific crimes---whether economic or civic or criminal do not all languish in jails and if a handful do, it is certainly not for long enough so as to deter those who are in the offing. Sometimes, our society and media shamelessly malign the few who fearlessly discharge duties. We brazenly question their credentials and punish the few honest law-enforcers. We say and do what we ought not to, and do it brazenly because ‘sab kuch chahta hai’ is the underlined attitude in our country. Moreover, sections of the media and the other elites comprising the civil society stand with and cry hoarse in favour of such elements and create a false alarm of intolerance if at all an action is contemplated. Well, there are rules and codes of conduct for the media players as well. Will enforcing such rules and codes be on the priority list of this government? Will taking action against those who unscrupulously violate laws---be they capital market laws or environmental laws or civil laws or criminal laws, be this government’s priority? Even if new laws which are in tune with the present-day realities such as strong cyber laws etc need to be enacted, the government has the necessary majority in the Parliament (in the Lok Sabha, for now) and enjoys our hopes and our confidence. Its promises about making India a strong and powerful nation should all not be empty rhetoric, made with a bang and which die with the sound of the next gong of elections! The years ahead shall tell us whether any visible Modification takes place.

Effectively implementing the laws in letter and spirit and to transform us all into a law-abiding citizenry is not going to be a matter of a day or a month or a year, but it is time that these priorities at least adorn the agenda of this government, which has secured such a strong mandate of the people. It is also time to focus on the quality of food, water, education and health in this country. We brag about having a large percentage of young population in our country. Human resources are precious, and we may be the envy of many other nations. However, if only this young citizenry is well nourished, well-educated, and well-disciplined, that it shall be an asset to the nation.

The desire is ardent for much modification. If at all we learn to behave and the government learns to govern, we shall have an economy that works on principles of merit and equity; our resources shall be safeguarded; our fears shall vanish; our children shall smile; our trees shall breathe in relief; our farmers shall perspire not in vain; our tigers shall roam unafraid; our water and food shall nourish our bodies and our heroes and heritage shall be respected.
The Modi government is capable of planning, strategizing and of executing the plans-of-action strategically. The past five years and the recent electoral success now have reiterated its strengths. Change is certain over the next five years. Something, somewhere in us and in this country shall be Modified!!! What exactly it shall be, and in which direction it shall be, remains to be seen…
On the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of Indian Independence Day which falls on 15th August 2019, I extend my warm greetings to all Indians and at the same time pay tribute and remember all the freedom fighters who had contributed and fought for the Independence of India and the soldiers who guard the country till today from all external aggressions.

On this day I take pride and celebrate the success story of India across various fields in the global arena such as Education, Industry, Agriculture, Telecommunication, Information Technology, Automobile, Medical, Nuclear Science, Space Mission etc.

Space Mission: India launched the country’s second moon mission – Chandrayaan-2 on 22 July, 2019. Rs. 978 crores spacecraft is a three-module composite made up of an Orbiter, Lander and Rover. It was really a proud moment for all Indians at the launching of Chandrayaan-2 into space aiming to take a "billion dreams to the moon". Over the past few weeks, Chandrayaan-2 posters have popped up everywhere and school children have been hunched over mini-Chandrayaans made from card boards and empty plastic bottles, learning the physics of rocket launching. If successful, Chandrayaan-2 will put India into the list of elite nations which includes Russia, US and China who have made soft-landing on the moon.

Our critics say, “For a poor country like India, why should Rs. 980 crores be spent on this mission?” The answer is our advanced space technology solves many problems affecting the common man such as earth observation for resource management, advance information about weather and weather changes, advancement of science, engaging with the general public by motivating the youth to undertake innovative applications of science and technology, making India a key contributor of exploring and uncovering secrets of the universe etc.
After this mission, India's vision is to set her own Space Station in space. India has planned for a few missions such as 'Aditya mission', which is to send a satellite to study the Sun and 'Venusian mission' to send an Orbiter to study Venus etc.

India's overall success in many other fields including the Space Mission has secured a respected place among nations. India is poised for a giant leap from the rank of a Developing Country to a 'Developed Country' which also will ultimately eliminate the sufferings of our poor citizens.
Jai Hind
Happy Independence Day
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Last night, while I was gazing through the videos, which I received on WhatsApp, something caught my attention; an English woman wearing an Indian saree was talking something. I increased the volume to hear it, and that was Marykay Carlson, Deputy Chief of Mission at US Embassy in India. She is leaving the country after her tenure of 3 years and that was a short video of her adieu message. She showed some of the treasured items she was taking back home from India which included Ikkat shawl, Kashmiri coat, silk sarees from Chanderi and Kanchipuram, Darjeeling tea, some of her routine Ayurveda products, and handmade silver ornaments which she commented as the handicrafts which we cannot find anywhere else in this world. Having shown “the little bit of India” she is taking back, her adieu video message ends by saying “India hum phir milenge”.

To be frank, I was not aware of this woman, who became so passionate about India during her mission. Having ‘Googled’ her name, I could see variety of her photographs, all draped in majestically beautiful Indian sarees and gorgeous silver-handcrafted ornaments. Her farewell messages reported by Indian press comprised of her words, which says how she enjoyed the cultural heritage of India and its diversity.
The things she listed out were just few examples of Indian excellence. Seeing her take pride in that ‘little bit of India’ she owned, a strange thought came to my mind. As native Indians, do we really know the worth of our country, our traditions, natural resources, geographic and architectural wonders, our extremely rich culture and heritage in its various form, or our academic and scientific excellence that was once vividly sought after by many? Are we sure that our kids are well aware of the fact that those ‘little bit of India’ that DCM Marykay showed in her video is just the tip of a giant iceberg?

As described by Mahakavi Vallathol Narayana Menon, the great Malayalam poet, India is not just a nation, but a gift of nature, blessed with the best of everything and is something to be worshiped and loved as own Mother. He describes our motherland India as the reservoir of many precious things. He says that, India is geographically positioned in such a way that she wore the majestic Himalayas as her crown and her feet are being washed by the waves of ocean.

Having said that, I am reminded of other mighty mountains of our country like Mahendragiri in present day Odisha (famous for its unparalleled biodiversity and presence of medicinal plants), Sahyadri-the Western Ghats, the Girnar mountains in Gujarat (which is mentioned even in our epic Mahabharatha), Vindhyachal of Central India etc.

There was a time, when seven mighty mountains of India, including those mentioned above, were worshiped as ‘Sapta Kula Parvata’ (the 7 sacred mountains) by our ancestors, a thoughtful way to thank nature for safeguarding and providing floral and faunal diversity. Needless to say the value of those rivers originating from these mountains that enrich our motherland along with its tributaries.

Spiritual foundation of India was very strong to withstand the various colonization attempts she faced. Verses from the four Vedas, Puranas, Upanishads, epics like Ramayana and Mahabharatha, the philosophies put forward by Bhagavath Gita, the teachings of Jainism and Buddhism, and the verses of Guru Granth Sahib are all valid and true to its core to deal with any problems in life. Now the whole world even accepts Bhagavad Gita as the most inclusive management text that teaches us to deal life. Studies are being done across the world on Ramayana and Mahabharatha.

The creative wonders seen at temple ‘Gopuras’, associated ponds and other monuments across the country are pure examples of our architectural excellence. Universities like Nalanda and Takshashila would be a dream for the most modern developed nation even now. People used to travel to India from various parts of the world in a quest for knowledge. Whatever be the subject, there was a solution and answer for them here. Indian scientists of the period included Acharya Kanada who told the world about the concept of atom and Sushruta- the great Indian Surgeon. The names to follow in the list could be Charaka, Bhaskaracharya, Varahamihira, Nagarjuna, Bharadwaja, Aryabhatta, Jagdish Chandra Bose, C.V. Raman, Ramanujan and APJ Abdul Kalam.

On an Indian figurative approach, Mother Earth is stated as ‘Ratna Garbha’, one who bears diamonds and precious stones in her womb, indicating the abundance of resources she has given us. As far as Mother India is concerned, those precious stones are not only her natural resources, but also the great minds who were born here for a purpose. They were distinguished in their chosen field of activity.

Saints like Shankaracharya, Buddha, Mahavira, Guru Nanak, Guru Narshi Mehta, Guru Gobind Singh, poetic excellences and philosophers like Tiruvalluvar, Alwar, Madhvacharya, Basava, Kalidasa, Surdas, Bhojaraj, Kabirdas, Tulsidas, Bharathiyar, the great artist and painter Raja Ravi Varma, great musician Purandaradasa, the musical trio Tyagaraja, Muthuswami Dikshitar and Syama Sastri, the great scholar and grammarian Panini, the Indian physician Dhanvantari, Patanjali who gifted Yoga to mankind, Chanakya- the master brain; they are all the personal pride of India. The list of names and their area of expertise is a never-ending one. You name it and the world will find a handful of experts from our motherland.
Durgavati, the brave queen who fought against Mughals, Rani Lakshmibai, Ahalya Bai Holkar, Chinnamma, sister Nivedita, Sharada Devi are the names of very few ladies who showed their sway in favor of the country and its people. I have seen kids of this generation enjoying the graphic movies portraying the scripted stories of Iron man and Batman. Instead of these made up stories, why can't we let our kids grow learning the stories of these great minds and other great warriors like King Rajendra of Chola Dynasty, Ashoka the Great, Pushyamitra, Kharavela of Kalinga, Chandragupta, Vikramaditya, Samudragupta, Harshvardhana, King Shailendra, Yashodharma, Sri Krishnadevaraya of Vijayanagar Empire, Maharana Pratap, Chatrapathi Shivaji, the truthful king Harishchandra, and many more? These real life heroes showed to the world what it is to be passionate about ones motherland in their own way. They proclaim the royal valor of our land.

Another independence day is here and as usual, we are reminded of the struggles borne by our great freedom fighters, to free themselves and their generations to follow, from British rule. Apart from the known names, there are many who struggled and tried to destroy looters of India. Unfortunately, we have no traces left of such brave minds. Today, as we celebrate another Independence day let us pay tribute to those unknown brave minds who stood for our country even before all of us were born. Let us salute those unsung heroes of yester years along with our present day heroes. This is also the right time to have a throwback to the golden era of India instead of remembering the bookish knowledge where we are projected just as a poor developing nation.

Let our kids realize our real might and potential. Jai Hind!
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Dream India v/s Modern India: How close are they?

Priyanka Baranwal

Free India – a vision leading one to fight for the right, establish faith over doubt, and encourage courage over fear. Free India, a nation which stands for all and where all is one.

India is celebrating its 73rd Independence Day in 2019. Almost on the verge of celebrating diamond anniversary, let’s have a look at some of the biggest achievements current Indian government has aided the nation with so far:

1. Swachh Bharat: When prime minister himself picked a broom and began cleaning dirty roads, there had to be a revolution. Mission ‘Swachh Bharat’ promotes cleanliness mission but on national level. It also encourages to build toilets. Now more than 25 Indian states are declared open defecation free and the mission has gone popular.

2. Digital India: Making internet services available to 500 million users, introducing RuPay to go cashless, and launching applications such as ‘Mann ki Baat’ and ‘Narendra Modi’ have contributed in a mutually and digitally supported India.

3. International Yoga Day: If it was not for India, United Nations may have taken a few more years to dedicate a day for Yoga. Now June 21st is being celebrated as International Yoga Day.

4. Infrastructure: Almost 40 Kilometres length of roads are being built everyday making backward areas accessible. Electricity is also being taken care of.

5. Triple Talaq bill: India is for everyone, irrespective of gender, caste and religion. When Supreme court cleared Triple Talaq bill, it came as a stunning victory. Although it is yet to be passed from Rajya Sabha, the decision was celebrated nationwide.

6. Mann ki baat: How often a common man receives the opportunity to actually get his voice across to the person who is busy taking care of the entire nation? Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made it possible by initiating a monthly radio chat – Mann ki Baat. In it, he addresses several issues, puts forward his ideas and vision, as well as encourages fellow Indians to do the same.
India is a home to almost 1.25 crores people. While some want it to be free of issues such as dirty politics and racism, some dream of equality. If businessmen want the economy to boom, service sector supports less taxes and more benefits. And why only working class? Even housewives and kids have their own version of Dream India.

To dig deep, I reached out to my family, friends and followers on social media with a simple but thought-provoking question –

What is your Dream India? And how far or close Modern India is to achieve it?

According to Naresh Chandra, a well-established businessman from Uttar Pradesh, his dream India is a place where each woman is empowered. As for modern India, he says – No big step can be taken alone and at once. Movements such as hashtag Me Too have shown the possibility of being seen and heard. However, issues such as rape and kidnaping cases are increasing each year. They need to be addressed on urgent basis.

I agree with Mr. Chandra. Crimes against women are on constant rise. According to a survey done by Thomas Reuters Foundation (2018), India stands as the most dangerous place for women. In 2013, 33, 707 rape and 70, 000 kidnapping cases were registered which hiked up to 38, 947 and 84, 000 in 2016 respectively.

As a senior solution architect in one of the leading companies in Bangalore, Sachin Kumar holds a strong vision of division free India. He says – Currently India has differences based on religion, region, caste, and many more. His dream India is a nation which utilizes maximum of its renewable resources, provides cleaner society, excels in water management and its distribution, and has the best of flora and fauna. Mr. Kumar believes that this vision can be achieved only if all come and work together.

Being a resident in Bangalore myself, I can say we are in the middle of the biggest water crisis India has ever seen. That is what has evoked Sadhguru, a spiritual leader, to initiate the 415 crores worth national project in 2017 – Rally for Rivers. The project is being supported by approximate 162 million people. ‘Rally for Rivers’ is being cited as the largest ecological movement in the world.

Working as a data analyst professional in Kuwait, Sumit Kumar’s dream India is where all Indians are healthy, prosperous and content; where citizens are closely knit as a family and society. True democracy is the ethos of “Unity in Diversity”.

In response to whether we are closer to his dream India, he says – yes, we are. We are helping each other and world is coming together to strike a fine balance.

Does it not invoke the ancient belief system of Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam (Earth is our home)?

As a responsible citizen, I see India is still heavily sedated with patriarchy. Women still need to be more aware of their worth and rights. Quite a raw example of this can be seen in our parliament. There are lesser than expected number of women at higher positions in government (about 12% in both the houses). Even women’s reservation bill is pending since two decades.

As for other fronts, my friend in America says that one of the most impressive traits in the USA is its citizens following the rules such as traffic rules. Women are more aware. Mothers get priority in case of long queues as well as possess special privileges. They treat their country as their home.

As for me, my dream India would have a symbol carrying the calibre to touch hearts and thread us together, and modern India has provided an unbeatable one –Statue of Unity (Gujrat). It holds the pride of being the tallest statue (182 metres) in the world. The mammoth idol is of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (1875-1950), the first Home minister of free India. He united 562 princely Indian states to create Union of India.
Statue of Unity summons integrity, power and desire to stand as one.

In the best response to my question on social media, Ms. Kakul Singh who is a proud home maker, partner bread winner with a flair for literature and music, boldly shows the other side of the coin. She says – In modern India, we are caught up between the miles long gap between men and women. So much emphasis has been laid on women empowerment that we have pushed ourselves in an utterly wrong direction. A female employee gets polite treatment whereas the male employee is showered with ruthless criticism for the same project he has worked hard for. A wife is offered a glass of water and tissue while the innocent husband may be looked upon with fury and disgust before the judge.

And then she asks the burning question – In a drive towards equality, have we moved far from reality?

Well, this is the question we all need certainly to sit and ask ourselves.

For the perfect end, I have saved the best for the last – Response from Young India.

My teenage son dreams of a lush India where flora and fauna are in abundance, and surviving along with kindness of human. All the species, he says, should get a fair chance at life.

Our India needs work and it starts with each one of us. We must take action so that the fighters who sacrificed themselves for the freedom of our nation can be proud of the India we are living in.

Now I leave you with a different question – What is your Dream India, and how much have you contributed to make it a reality?
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तू जान हमारी है यहीं दिल ने पुकारा
बे मिसल ईरम तू तेरी हर बात निराली
जग से है खूबसूरत हर तेरा नजारा

ऐ मेरे वतन ..............................

फूलों की वादियों से भरा है तेरा दामन
मज़बूत के रंगो से तेरा निखरा हुआ ऑँगन
दुल्हन की तरह तेरे कई सुवें सजे हैं
है फख दुःख इस में है शामिल मेरा कोकण

ऐ मेरे वतन...............................

तुझ से ही दुनिया भर में है पहचान हमारी
घरती है तेरी हम को अपनी जान से प्यारी
करते है दुआ हर दम हम तेरे अज्ञान की
टेरी ही हिफाजत में हम ने उम जुलारी

ऐ मेरे वतन ...............................

रेहन कहें आज़ाद व ईकबाल पते हैं
आज़ाद कहें हामिद व गोपाल पते हैं
अंबेडकर हो गांधी या टिपु कि हो लोंदी
गोटी मे तेरी कैसे जैसे लाल पते हैं

ऐ मेरे वतन तू है मुझे जान से प्यारा
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Meenakshi (not real name) came forward with great fear. She was looking around to see if her “madam” was following her. She came to Kuwait years back (she did not remember the number of years) to support her family with many sisters. She was offered a lucrative job by an agent. But she ended up as a house maid. Showing the fresh injuries on her hands and legs, she explained the tortures she underwent at her sponsor’s house. Finally, a driver of the house who helped her ran away from that house and reach the Indian embassy. She carried a copy of passport that expired and her rags in a polythene cover. Her sponsor said her salary was sent home. But she had no clue. She had no contact with her family for a long time. Tears rolled down her cheeks.

I knew there were many such Meenakshis waiting in the midst of the long queues. A couple of years back, when amnesty was declared in Kuwait, I was voluntarily helping the Indian expatriates in distress at the Indian embassy to return to their homeland. Some lost their passport, some ran away from their sponsor’s house, some of them were badly tortured, some of them were ditched by the agents. The worst were those who even forget their original name. Most of the stories that reverberated around me were strange. I couldn’t believe my ears. Thanks to the Emir of Kuwait. Many in distress could go back to their home.
How would they meet the two ends after returning back to India? Even after much suffering, many wanted to come back after acquiring a new passport. Why? The women stood there with many doubts and anticipations.

But now, after 72 years of Independence, the women of India have a ray of hope. Our government is ready to support the women. In January 2014, prime minister Narendra Modi tweeted: “Women empowerment is India’s growth. Days of seeing women as ‘home makers’ have gone; we have to see women as nation builders!” And the budget presented by Nirmala Sitharaman, the finance minister of India reflected women empowerment.

In her maiden budget on July 5, 2019, she said, “Naari tu narayani is country’s tradition.” Quoting Swami Vivekanda, she added that there was no chance for welfare of the world unless the condition of women was improved. India can make progress with greater women participation.

The government expanded women self-help group (SHG) interest subvention programme to all districts in the country. One women in each SHG is entitled to loan up to Rs 1 lakh under the MUDRA (Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency Bank) Scheme. There are seventy per cent of beneficiaries under the scheme. It is an initiative to empower women entrepreneurs. This will help the women to be self-sustained. I have always felt that those women homemakers are seen as second citizens in the society. Even after doing all the jobs at the home, she is often questioned: “what were you doing the whole day?”

The first term of the Narendra Modi government started with such schemes that changed her life dramatically. Through the Ujjwala Yojana three million women got LPG cylinders. It has made her kitchen smoke free. She is safe and healthy after toilets were built to make India open defecation free. The Saubhagya Yojana which electrified their houses brought lights to their life. The Beti Bachao Beti Padao scheme and more were announced for her improvement.

“The stand-up India scheme and Jan Dhan yojana support and encourage women entrepreneurship. Every verified woman SHG member having a Jan Dhan Bank Account will be allowed an overdraft of Rs.5000”, said the finance minister. The schemes is sure to create more job opportunity.

The Grameen Arth Yojana enhances the role of women. It proposes to form a broad-based committee to evaluate and suggest actions for moving forward in case of contribution of women.

In the modern India, where the moon mission is lead by two women scientists, the common women must also be able to stand on her own feet. India has a history of women prime minister and president; and CEOs. But there are millions of women staying at her home with no income. Some are compelled to go abroad even as domestic helps.

Here in Kuwait, there are many Indian women in distress even today. They can go back if they are able to work at their homeland. They can live with their own family peacefully.
भारत

मैजन्मा हुडस धरती पर येमेरा सौभाग्य है
मट्टी मेइसकेखुश्चूजल अमरीत केसमान है

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गांवी जैसेन्सा यहा सीता जैसी माता है

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ताकत औरों का हिथियार अपनी ताकत एकता
हेसवासी हम करोड हम को डर क्रकसका है

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Wishing the people of India peace, prosperity and joy on Indian Independence Day.
"Swaraj is my birth right I shall have it"
The golden words of Lokamania Bala Gangadhar Thilak..
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Each and Everyone Have The Right of Freedom.
The Nation and the Government Have The Pledge to Offer It To All the Citizens..

Independence Day is celebrated by the people of India every year on 15th of August as a National Holiday
to commemorate the independence of India from the Kingdom of Great Britain on 15th of August in 1947.

At this day, people of India pay heartily homage to the great leaders in the leadership of whom India became 
free forever.

At this day, people celebrate in their own way by buying tricolour Flag, watching movies based on freedom 
fighters, listening patriotic songs, bonding with family and friends, participating in special contests, 
programs, and articles organized by the broadcast, print and online media to promote the awareness about 
day.

Jawaharlal Nehru became our first Prime Minister after the independence of India on 17th of August 1947 
who raised the Flag at Lahore Gate of Red Fort in Delhi and given a speech. This phenomenon is followed by 
the other subsequent Prime Ministers of India where flag hoisting ceremonies, parades, march past, salute 
by 21 guns and other cultural events are organized. Other people celebrate this day by raising national flag 
on their clothes, homes or vehicles.
On the midnight of 15th August in 1947, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru had announced the independence of India by reading out his speech on “Tryst with destiny”. He said that after long years of slavery, it is the time when we will redeem our pledge with the end of our ill fortune.

India is a country where millions of people live together whether they belong to various religion, cultures or traditions and celebrate this special occasion with great joy.

We celebrate Independence Day to celebrate the spirit of freedom and independence. It is also celebrated to commemorate the sacrifice of our freedom fighters. This day is a reminder that the freedom we enjoy today has been earned the hard way and that we must value it as well as make the most of it for our good and the good of our nation.

At this day, as being an Indian, we should feel proud and must take an oath to keep ourselves loyal and patriotic in order to save our motherland from any type of attack or humiliation by other countries. We have to Think,

Is India a free country? Yes of course,

No doubt, there is no alien power ruling us, but it cannot be ignored India is still struggling for freedom from multitude of social problems. "Our country is suffering from wide-spread corruption. ... When we will get freedom from all these then we our great country will be a true Free country.

Am Proud to be an Indian

HAPPY INDEPENDANCE DAY.
We are going to complete 73 years of our Independence on this 15th August 2019. We all are going to celebrate the free spirit of Indian with full enthusiasm and happiness and by bringing smiles on each other’s faces. This day is utmost important to the billions of Indians who born in this land of country.

Once more, it is the ideal opportunity for us to indicate different countries that we are extraordinary individuals from an incredible country. We should proceed with our battle towards flourishing and advancement of our dear country. We should take this day to consider of our past and resolve to fabricate a superior future for our nation.

Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life. Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better. Give opportunity a chance to rule. The sun never set on so brilliant a human accomplishment. Your opportunity is brought to you obligingness of the exceptional Men and Women who serve and have served this nation with respect, commitment, pride and penance.

Opportunity in our psyche, confidence in the words, pride in our spirits. How about we salute the extraordinary people who made this conceivable. Ask not what your nation can accomplish for you, Approach what you can accomplish for your nation!

“It’s a great feeling to be Indian, Let’s spread the cheer all over!”

I love India

VANDE MATARAM

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY TO ALL
“Every citizen of India must remember that he is an Indian and he has every right in this country but with certain duties” – Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
On every 15th August, the citizens of India celebrate Independence Day. It is a day when India was free from the sabotage of the British. This day the citizens of India pay tribute to the leaders and those who fought for India's liberty in the past. Over a period of time, the celebration has changed importance from patriotism to a wide-ranging festivity in India.

We always talk about our rights and always fight for our rights, Each and every one of us are aware of our constitutional rights, We know that there are six fundamental rights according to the Indian constitution which is Right to Equality (Article 14 – Article 18), Right to Religion (Articles 25 – Article 28), Right against Exploitation (Articles 23 – Article 24), Right to Culture and Education (Articles 29 – Article 30), Right to Freedom (Articles 19 – Article 22), and Right to Constitutional Remedies (Article 32). Any of these rights are denied even partially, we always stand up to fight for it.

But do we ever think of our duties to our motherland, our India? It may not be written anywhere in the constitution but as a responsible citizen, we should practice the duties we have to do to our nation.

Paying taxes is a really important responsibility for a resident of a country. But do we pay the taxes properly? Probably it is a question we should ask ourselves as the residents of India. How often do people try not to pay the right taxes on time? Paying taxes is like rain, if the water evaporates and condenses, then only it will precipitate as rain. In the same way, if we pay the tax, then we will get the benefit out of our work because it is with this tax, the government funds for various services which progresses our country.
The people of Japan, Singapore etc. keep their nation clean by maintaining self-discipline. They pick up the waste around their surroundings and do not spoil the public property of their nation. We often knowingly or unknowingly destroy the public property of our nation. I have seen people doing graffiti art, spitting etc. on our national property instead of preserving the beauty of the property. When we throw or spit on the road or loiter, we are spoiling the serene beauty of our nation. Keeping our surroundings clean eradicates diseases, thus making the people healthier and keeping the nation happy.

Corruption is dishonest or fraudulent conduct by those in power, typically involving bribery. Corruption is something which stops the growth of our nation, the most destructive war against our nation. Honesty starts at home. If people are honest and just, then automatically the nation becomes honest. The citizens are the one who choose the representatives in a democracy. So, if the citizens are just then they will choose a good leader. Thus, strengthening the governance in the country.

Then next comes the mindset of us. While standing in a queue, or in a traffic block we repeatedly tend to take shortcuts which create chaos. Sometimes, when we break the law, we try to get bail without following the justice code of India. Therefore, the mindset of the citizens to take shortcuts for simple things, incline to create a huge difference in the development of the country. As the quote goes, “A small change can make a big difference.”

When we are in Kuwait, we represent our motherland. We should respect the law of this land and develop good conduct as our behaviour shows the culture of our country, India.

So on this Independence Day, let us contribute to our country’s growth and set an example for the younger generations, instilling the seed of patriotism within them as the younger generations lead the future. As Indian Citizens, let us make our country proud and be loyal and patriotic in order to save our motherland from all kinds of evils inside and outside India. Happy Independence Day to all.

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“40 CRPF soldiers died after a terrorist attack in the Pulwama district of Kashmir”, the headlines went on news scroll, the evening following my birthday. On 14th February 2019, when the world was celebrating love, a certain group of people had decided to spread hatred and violence – a convoy of vehicles, carrying our Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) Jawans, were attacked by a vehicle-borne suicide bomber. Busy with the preparations for my board exams, I had not paid attention to what was happening around the world for a long time. However, this one caught my attention. The Pulwama attack, where 40 soldiers had died for no reason, was more than a shock to me. Most of the soldiers were just returning from vacation, many more had spoken to their dear ones hours ago and one was even talking to his wife on the phone when this devastating attack took place. Imagine the shock of that wife who was talking to her husband and in few minutes the TV news scroll came up with a ‘heart’ breaking news!

Terrorism-to instil terror is more than just a mere word today. It has affected world peace at large. For a futile ideological gain, many innocent people are dying and many families are being affected. Stamping of boots, constant firing of shells and conflict in the air are not my mornings, but these are the mornings of many kids of my age, in different parts of the world. With little concern for human lives, terrorist groups keep on continuing their activities with an objective to spread ‘fear?’ We get to see glimpses of it here and there almost every day. Terrorism not only kills people and removes peace out of their lives, but also affects any nation as a whole. Such confrontations have always been a deep concern for everyone around the world, be it the government, the affected or a common-man. Many countries are being avoided because of the growing terrorist activities. Every human being has the right to live peacefully and lead a life of dignity. However, a peaceful solution to this inhumane killing and terrorist activities by various militant groups seem to be far away from reality. Many attempts of peace, by the United Nations and other organisations, have gone in vain.

Thinking about all these make me wonder what gain these terrorists actually expect by spreading hatred and death. The ideology of terror has gone deep throughout the world, that even the warnings from intelligence...
agencies and the precautionary measures taken are all in vain at times, by which we feel that the task of curbing terrorism is so not possible. I wonder how they manage to get hold of the most modern weaponry: the funds that could be used for the betterment of common-man life.

India, like any other nation, fights its own battles against terrorism throughout the country. Even though India is a traveller's heaven, terrorism has affected tourism and this in turn has affected the inflow of foreign exchange. Terrorism has also created many loopholes in the economic, social and political stability of the country. I guess, many people get trapped into insurgency in India due to unemployment and poverty. It is like people, especially the youth, are ready to do any sort of bidding for money. Terrorists groups from neighbouring countries have also influenced such activities in Kashmir and surrounding states.

The valley of Kashmir has remained in a state of unrest ever since I remember. Starting from the hatred and injustice towards the Kashmiri pundits, to the recent conflicts like the Pulwama attack, it has been decades since the state of Kashmir has seen peace. Their lives are constantly delimited by shellings and curfews. The Pulwama attack and its aftermath could be considered as one of the recent turmoils, but there were many heard and unheard ones before this. Many innocent people have died and so have many soldiers. They died because of someone else felt a goal being achieved through violence and death.

Terrorism in the North-Eastern states of India is many a times synonymously considered as insurgency. The geographical difference, the ethnical diversity among people and the socio-economic reasons fed the cause. It is said that they have an alienated feel, the feeling that they are different from rest of the Indians. Constant fights with the government often ends up in an insurgent group attacking the Indian soldiers at the borders. Inter-tribal fights are also common. Indian government has to deal with and tackle some fractions who demand autonomous rule and the inflow of migrants at the border. All these has led to political instability in the North-Eastern states. I must say that while the majority trust Indian democracy, a few who spread hatred cause all the trouble.

Going back, the 2008 Mumbai attack is another example of a terrorist attack that lasted for 4 days of shooting and bombing across Mumbai, telling us that this group of militants are everywhere. When the attackers targeted iconic place like Taj Hotel, innocent employees and labourers who were the pillar of support for many families and naïve citizens of the country were killed; no justification made by any can satisfy my mind. The recent attack on a church in Sri Lanka on a blessed day like Easter was yet another devastating news I heard this year.

World stood with India after the Pulwama attack; Thanks to sincere efforts by the Government to maintain healthy and friendly relationship with the world around. Reactions within India was quite a thought-provoking one. Every Indian demanded a befitting answer and they unitedly supported that ‘reply’ given by India and waited patiently with prayers for our brave soldier, Abhinandan Varthaman to return. We showed the world that we love and care for our Mother India despite the ideological differences and conflicts within the country. It showed the true strength of unity in our diversity and the power of national integrity. The days following the Pulwama attack, is an answer to anyone questioning the unity of our nation. For those who ask whether violence was the right way to silence it; I tell you, if India had not reacted the way it did, it would have just paved way for more of such attacks.

Malala Yousufzai once said that ‘With guns you can kill terrorists; with education you can kill terrorism’. We have to curb this evil and uphold the spirit of humanitarianism. Another Independence Day is here again reminding me the sacrifices laid down by the great leaders so that we can live freely. In addition, as always, being far away from home cannot stop me from loving my country. I am and always will be a proud and honoured citizen of this country. Let us take pride in being global humanitarians. Say NO to Terror.

Happy Independence Day to all proud citizens of our mighty nation.

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We all know what Independence Day is. It is basically a special occasion on which we celebrate the anniversary of a state or a country's national independence. But do we all know what independence is?

To explain this, let me give you an example. Now that we are all kids, we don't have the freedom or the right to do whatever we want. But as we grow, we become more responsible and make our own decisions. We become smarter and start doing things according to our convenience. So, this example basically defines what freedom is. It is the state of being independent and doing things according to our wish and not under the influence of others. When we are under the influence of others, we feel bad for sure. But when we don't get our freedom back even when we deserve it, we have to fight for our freedom, no matter what.

This was the same thing that happened in our country, India, about 73 years ago in the 20th century. India, at that time was known for the vast riches it owned.

Several European countries maintained trade routes with India to exchange and trade goods. The kingdoms in India at that time lacked unity. They kept fighting among themselves and this led to the decline of many kingdoms and empires. The Europeans knew this was their chance and so started conquering and establishing their rule over small colonies and other states. They started building trade centres and industries and took all of India's riches. Soon, they became more powerful than the other kingdoms in India and all the European countries started fighting among themselves for who gets a greater share of all of India's dwellings. Out of these, the British emerged as the most powerful and soon began establishing their rule all over India.
The Indian's were helpless and could do nothing. The British tortured the Indian's and gave them no freedom. This led to several revolts and thus many innocent Indian's were killed. For example, the Revolt of 1857. This revolt wasn't successful, but it did give the Indians the hope that they would be successful. Some great leaders gave away their life for India's independence. Armed British officers were there everywhere and they used to shoot every person who would go against their law. On April 13, 1919, a large group of armed British officers started firing at the Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar which led to the death of more than 1000 citizens.

However, the Indians didn't lose hope. They fought for their independence under their leaders called freedom fighters like Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Lala Lajpat Rai, Subash Chandra Bose, Pandit Jawarlal Nehru, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and the great Mahatma Gandhi. They launched several movements and revolts like the Non Cooperation Movement in 1920, the Quit India Movement in 1942, the Civil Disobedience Movement, and the Dandi March and so on and the British were having great difficulty in controlling the people and their royalty. And finally, after 200 years under the British, having no freedom, the Indians gained their independence on 15 August 1947.

Today, we celebrate this day as Independence Day in India. We owe a lot to our freedom fighters because of whom we are able to gain our freedom back. We should all be thankful to our freedom fighters. Inspite of all this hard work done by our freedom fighters, we still haven't gained complete freedom from issues like illiteracy, primary education, sanitation, corruption, poverty, unemployment, malnutrition, safety and many more.

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Our country, India, is an ancient land with a glorious history. Our free spirit, futuristic ideas, rich traditions, and teeming prosperity made India a coveted land. We traded in gold, spices, indigo, and textiles. It is perhaps this wealth and industry that brought invaders throughout the medieval ages.

In the 1600s when Britain's ambitious colonialism reached out far into Asia, India became a natural object of conquest. The days of the British Raj were the darkest in modern Indian history. Not only were our indigenous industries destroyed and wealth and produce exported back to Great Britain, our protests and struggles for freedom were put down ruthlessly. Brave men and women rose from every corner of the country – some adopted peace and non-violence and some rather radical methods. It is after much sacrifice and indomitable resistance that the British realized that their days in the country were numbered. By the mid-1900s, however, India's colonial masters could not quell the voice of a united India, of millions of Indians seeking their freedom.

The myth of 200 years of British rule in India. Almost everyone in India knows this by heart — Britishers ruled India for 200 years.

On 15 August, 1947, India awoke into independence once again. In fact, the country did not sleep. India's first Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru delivered his historic address and our countrymen geared up to keep our “tryst with destiny”. 
Independence Day is a celebration of the freedoms that we enjoy – of thought, action, speech, movement, and mandate. While Delhi is certainly at the heart of national level celebrations, state capitals are not far behind. Schools and colleges too unfurl the tricolor, reenact the freedom struggle, sing songs, and glorify the nation's heroes. This is a reminder of what we have achieved and what values we enshrine. It teaches our children and inspires our youth.

India is a democratic country that is developing at most promising pace. Its economy is growing stronger and stronger every day. Since it is the second largest country, the demand for almost everything is always high. Hence India is an ideal place for investment. Many MNCs have already invested heavily in India which has created a ripple effect of job creation and wholesome economic activates. More people have more purchasing power now. India’s Independence Day is not only a day of celebration, it is also a day of remembrance and veneration. We owe our very existence, our freedom to the martyrs who have given up their lives in the service of the nation. We owe our undying gratitude to the armed forces personnel who guard us at the cost of their own happiness, wellbeing, and safety.

This year as we celebrate the nation, its sovereignty, the tricolor, and its leaders – mahatma Gandhi, Subash Chandra Bose, Nehru, Tilak, Gokhale, Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh and others, let us look back at the hardships they overcame and inculcate their values to take the nation ahead on a path of glorious progress and development. Our nation, its security, and the sanctity of its freedom shall be our guiding light.

While some have a high opinion of India’s growth story since its independence, some others think the country’s performance in the six decades has been abysmal. It’s arguably true that the Five-Year Plans did target specific sectors in order to quicken the pace of development, yet the outcome hasn't been on expected lines. And, the country is taking its own sweet time to catch up with the developed world. All efforts are frustrated by lopsided strategies and inept implementation of policies. An independent India was bequeathed a shattered economy, widespread illiteracy and shocking poverty.

Contemporary economists divide the history of India’s economic growth into two phases – first 45 years after independence and the two decades of free market economy. The years preceding the economic liberalisation were mainly marked by instances wherein economic development got stagnated due to a lack of meaningful policies.

A major development in the nation’s services sector has been the tele services and information Technology. A trend that started some two decades back is now well in its prime. Several multinational firms continue to outsource their tele services and IT services to India. The acquisition of expertise in information technology has led to the generation of thousands of new jobs, which in turn increased domestic consumption and naturally, more foreign direct investments happened to meet the demands. Presently, the services sector employs 23% of the Indian workforce and this process of development started back in the 1980s. In the 60s, the sector employed only 4.5% of the working population. According to the Central Statistical Organization, the services sector accounted for 63% of Indian GDP in 2008 and the figure continues to grow. Since 1950s, the progress in agriculture has been somewhat steady. The sector grew at about 1 percent per annum in the first half of the 20th century. During the post-Independence era, the growth rate nudged about 2.6 percent per annum. Expansion of farming area and introduction of high-yielding varieties of crops were the major factors of growth in agricultural production. The sector could manage to end dependency on imported food grains. It has progressed both in terms of yield and structural changes.
Consistent investment in research, land reforms, expansion of scope for credit facilities, and improvement in rural infrastructure were some other determining factors that brought about an agricultural revolution in the country. The country has also grown strong in the agri-biotech sector. The Rabobank report reveals that the agri-biotech sector has been growing at 30 percent since the last few years. The country is also likely to become a major producer of genetically modified/engineered crops.

The Indian road network has become one of the largest in the world with the total road length increasing from 0.399 million km in 1951 to 4.24 million km as of July 2014. Moreover, the total length of the country’s national highways has increased from 24,000 km (1947-69) to 92,851 km (2014). Governmental efforts have led to the expansion of the network of State highways and major district roads, which in turn has directly contributed to industrial growth.

Pulling itself out from widespread illiteracy, India has managed to bring its education system at par with the global standard. The number of schools witnessed a dramatic increase during the post-independence era. The Parliament made elementary education a fundamental right for children in the age group of 6-14 years by passing the 86th amendment to the Constitution in 2002. At independence, India’s literacy rate was a paltry 12.2 % which increased to 74.04% in 2011.

The Government launched the Sarva Siksha Abhiyan in 2001 to ensure education for the children from 6 to 14 years. Prior to that, it had launched an effective initiative – Sponsored District Education Programme, which increased the number of schools across the country. In a bid to attract children to schools, especially in the rural areas, the government also started implementing the mid-day meals programme in 1995.

After a long-drawn struggle, India has finally been declared a polio-free country. Malnutrition in children under five years came down to 44% in 2006 from 67% in 1979. Government’s efforts yielded result as the number of tuberculosis cases also got reduced to 185 per lakh people in 2009. The cases of HIV-infected people are also witnessing a declining trend. Besides increased public health spending (about 6% of the GDP), the government has launched a series of ambitious initiatives including ‘Healthcare for all by 2020’ and distribution of free medicines to the people falling under lowest-income group.

Independent India has taken confident strides in its road to scientific development. Its prowess is being manifested in a gradual scaling up of ambitious projects. India takes pride in its space programmes, which began with the launch of its first satellite Aryabhatta in 1975. Since then, India has emerged as a space power that has successfully launched foreign satellites. Its first mission to Mars was launched in November 2013 which successfully reached the planet’s orbit on 24 September 2014.

India is also aggressively pursuing both nuclear and missile programmes. That has simultaneously augmented the country’s defence strength as well. BrahMos inducted into the defence system is the world’s fastest cruise missile that has been jointly developed by India and Russia. After more than six decades of independence, India has now come closer to being an independent force to reckon with in the field of nuclear and missile technology.

ISRO, if it manages to achieve this, will add another feather to its glittering cap. Chandrayaan-1 was India’s first lunar probe. It was launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation in October 2008 and operated until August 2009. Mangalyaan is another Indian space project. The Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM), also called Mangalyaan, is a space probe orbiting Mars since September 24, 2014. India is proud of our scientists, who are excelling in their research and are at the forefront of innovation. In the year 2022 or if possible before, India will unfurl the tricolour in space,” announcement that an Indian astronaut, be it a man or a woman, will go on a space odyssey by 2022 on board ‘Gaganyaan’.
India is stunning the world with its self-reliance in scientific and technological advancement. ISRO, India’s premier space research organization has amazed the world with its expertise and feats. The Mars Orbiter Mission won praise from all the countries. Recently it successfully launched 104 satellites into the space and made a world record. Similarly, Indian DRDO, BHEL, ADA and other defense organizations have successfully created advanced surface-to-surface, surface-to-air missiles along with other cutting-edge weapons of self-defense. LCA, Arihant Class Submarine, Advanced Towed Artillery Gun System (ATAGS), etc. are some of the many milestones achieved by DRDO.

India has progressed by leaps and bounds since the attainment of independence. From green revolution to industrial revolution on one hand, and from white revolution to IT revolution on the other hand, India has gained self-reliance in many spheres. All these are good indicators for the future of India.
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Why should we feel proud to be an Indian?

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We all know that India celebrates Independence Day on August 15 every year with immense joy and happiness. But have you ever thought why we feel proud as Indians?

The main reason is our past. The pages of Indian history are filled with the names of great people who not only helped us get victory from the British, but also made the outsiders aware of this amazing country. India is a mother to so many stunning personalities who made us proud citizens today. We all know about the British invading our land. We fought fearlessly against them and at last got what we wanted. Though those great leaders are not with us anymore, they are still remembered in the hearts of all Indians. They are respected not only by the citizens of India but also by the world.

India is also called as a “Land of Diversity” because of its rich culture and heritage. Every state in India has its own language, culture, food, festival, etc. Also India is filled with various kinds of landforms. To the north we have the Himalayas, and to the south we have the great Indian peninsula surrounded by the sparkling water of the Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea.

All Indians are born with pride in their hearts. Many people may not know the past and glory of our country but still they have pride to say that they are Indians. I wish each and every one of you Happy Independence Day and don’t forget to watch the parade on the TV!
India, a beautiful country gained independence from the United Kingdom on 15 August 1947. This day is known as the Independence Day of India and is annually celebrated on 15 August. This day is remarked throughout the nation with flag-hoisting ceremonies, parades, flag-colored fireworks, singing patriotic songs and the National Anthem Jana Gana Mana, speech by the Prime Minister and the President of India. Independence Day is a great day for the people of India as India got freedom on this day from the British rule after years of slavery.

In the event celebration organized in the National Capital, New Delhi, the Prime Minister of India will Hoist the National Flag in the early morning at the Red fort where millions of people participate in the Independence Day Ceremony. During the celebration at Red fort many tasks including March past are performed by the Indian Army and cultural events by the school students are performed. It is celebrated with the National flag salute with 21 gun firings. After the National Flag being hoist and the beautiful National Anthem is recited, the Prime Minister of India gives his annual speech. On this day, we commemorate who had played their important role and shed their blood for the sake of the country and to gain Independence. Every year this day is declared as the National holiday.

India is a country where millions of people live together whether they belong to various religions, cultures or traditions and celebrate this occasion with great joy. On this day, as being an Indian we should feel proud and must take an oath to keep ourselves loyal and patriotic in order to save our motherland from any type of attack or humiliation by other countries. Thousands laid down their lives so that our country breathe this day....Never forget their sacrifices.

India is a land of sages which is known for bravery for ages. On this Independence Day, two centuries ago we declared our independence for justice and liberty; let us celebrate with joy and honesty. May the Indian tricolor always fly high and warm wishes for the coming special occasion.

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I, the little dog, write its feelings in a page,
I’d like to gnaw the brightly painted silver cage.
I’d like to spread my chest,
And explore all things east to west.

When those white men come to feed me,
With their spit and disdain and pee,
I feel the acrid ‘essence’ of blood-smelling vampires,
With prolonged canines and a darker heart than parasites.
They edict me to slog for them,
But for me, no other alternative than to keep mum.
I feel to sink my teeth into their flesh,
But with their stick, me, they mash.

I, the little fish, blow my feelings to those white mass,
I’d like to shatter the marine museum made of glass.
And dive into the deep waters,
And crush all barriers.

When those white men come to feed me,
With flakes of the most fatal tree.
I feel the acerbic ‘sensation’ of the perilous Dracula,
With serrated ‘antlers’ and those features hit my medulla.
They decree me to toil for them,
But for me, no other alternative than to keep mum.
I feel to punch myself into their muscles,
But with their pestle, me, they grind.

Both the dog and the fish met each other,
They told their sorrows to one another.
While they saw some moderates,
Going behind these white authorities in high rates.
Ordering to quit India, fighting and tolerating
They kicked the British out the borders
That 1947, they bade goodbye
to the dependent jurisdiction.
And waved the tiranga onto the blue sky,
not at all a fiction;
They screamed:

‘HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY’
Indian Independence: Beginning of a New Era

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The weaving of this story started along with the outbreak of the Revolt of 1857. India at that time was nothing more than a goldmine for the Europeans, especially the Englishmen. They came as traders and eventually started capturing land. After some thinking, the more educated and wealthier Indians finally understood the reason for their defeat, British policy of ‘Divide and Rule’. Dadabhai Naoroji started the INC in 1885 that led to a domino effect which came to an end on 15 August 1947 after countless sacrifices, innumerable imprisonments and even partition of the nation. India finally became independent on 14 August 1947 after Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru proclaimed his famous ‘Tryst with Destiny’ speech. Indian independence had major impacts on the citizens of the country as well as on the whole world. Since independence India has been a self sufficient country in the agriculture department. The agricultural sector has been growing 1% per annum faster than 30% of the remaining other countries in the world. India has also progressed a lot in the field of education with IIT New Delhi and Kharagpur along with Tata Institute of social sciences being ranked as one of the top universities in the world, the mastermind behind Google chrome, Sundar Pichai graduated from IIT. India has also gained a lot of success in space becoming the first nation to succeed on its first attempt to mars. India also established itself as a nuclear power in 1974. Today India is the largest democracy in the world, is one of the top countries in sports and technology and has a healthy relationship with almost all the countries. This year on 15 August we will host our flag and salute it while praying for our country to develop even more than what we have today.

JAI HIND!!!!!
Happy Independence Day

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Humans are ignorant?

Yes we fight and we kill for what we believe in.
Our minds are a beautiful mess.
Yet we strive to win for the ones we call our kin,
Our lovers, our friends, our family and our land.
But ignorance is not always bliss as a country great did learn.
They invited monsters with friendly faces onto their shores.
Of course India was not a paradise then.
It had too many problems that needed solving.
They naively submitted to their demise,
Not even realising that their world was falling.
The monster destroyed the land,
Made the women and children their slaves.
The people were terrorised by their hand.
Screams of pain and suffering were heard everywhere.
But all hope was not lost because there is one human quality that we forgot
That as the years passed by had become naught.
The people decided, it was time they learned that old teaching once more,
Cause despite the hardships the universe sends,
Humans don't give up until the very end.
They took up this lesson that was passed down through generations,
Given to them as mere scraps its ferociousness lost in time.
They made it into something great;
A new seed for a new foundation,
As they rose again.
On Fifteenth of August 1947 India achieved her Independence after centuries of slavery. It was an historic event. India became free after a long struggle and countless sacrifices.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the first Prime Minister of India hoisted the nation tri-colour flag in the red fort in 1947. Since then, the Fifteenth of August has been celebrated as the Independence Day every year.

The Independence Day is celebrated all over the country with great joy and pride. This day has a special significance for Delhi, the capital city of India. In Delhi it is celebrated in a big way. The red fort is the center of attraction.

The Prime Minister unfurls the National Flag and as he does so, the National Anthem is sung by the school children assembled there. Twenty-one gun shots are fired in honor of the solemn occasion. The Prime Minister then addresses the nation reminding about the great sacrifices made by the countless men and women to help India win her freedom. He exorts the people to protect the freedom at all costs appealing to them to be united all the time.

It has been declared as the national holiday when all the schools (government or private), offices, educational institutions etc. remain closed. It is celebrated with big enthusiasm in every school, colleges and other educational institutions by the students.
There is an Ashoka Chakra in the centre of our flag which contains 24 spikes distributed evenly which represent 24 qualities of a person. At this special day we remember the great sacrifices of Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev, Rajguru, Gandhiji and other dared freedom fighters for their unforgettable contribution in the Independence of India.

The British people came to India as traders and later invaded India for the raw materials they needed. Some the important raw materials they wanted are timer for railway and ship building, coffee, rubber, etc. The British began its rule over India in 1857. The Indian independence struggle began in 1857 and persisted until 15 August 1947. During this time, many movements were led by Gandhiji and others such as the non-cooperation movement, civil-disobedience movement, etc. And finally as it is said that hard work and success never goes wasted, we got our independence on 15 August 1947. From then till now Independence Day is celebrated with full joy and happiness.
With Himalayas in the north,
Indian Ocean in the south,
Arabian Sea in the west,
Bay of Bengal in the east.
I love my nation.

With developed culture,
And beautiful sculpture.
The people have no rest,
To do their work best.
I love my nation.

They gave us rice in ration,
They dress in latest fashion.
They do many inventions,
Which are about fiction.
I love my nation.

With number of hill station,
Which are god's creations.
It gives us protection,
And save us from tension.
India got Independence Day on August 15th 1947. India got this freedom from British rule. The British had rule over India for around 200 years. They came to India for trading purpose and soon they become the rulers of the India. Our Independence is marked with freedom movements and the non-violence movement organized by the great leader Mahatma Gandhi. 15th August is declared as the National holiday for entire Country.

Many great leaders sacrificed their lives during freedom struggle. The great leaders include Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh, Lala Lajpat Rai. This year we celebrate 73rd Independence Day on 15th August 2019. The Prime Minister hoists our National Flag in Red Fort, New Delhi. National Anthem (Jana GanaMana ) will be played and sung at the time of flag hoist. All Chief Ministries of all states hoist in respective state capital.
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Independence Day of India

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In our India, Independence Day is celebrated by the people of all religions, cultures and traditions with great joy and happiness. This day is observed to be celebrated on 15th of August every year from 1947 as India became independent from the power of the British rule which almost had 200 years of slavery. This day is an annual national festival celebrated as national independence of India. Independence Day is a great day for our Indian people as India got freedom from British. India’s this day is most important day to all Indian citizens and has been mentioned forever in the history. It is the day when our Indians got freedom from British rule after many years of hard struggle by our great freedom fighters who gave their maximum efforts to gain independence. We should always remember the sacrifices of the great leaders who have sacrificed their lives in getting freedom for India. “Let new India arise out of peasant’s cottage, grasping the plough, out of huts, cobbler and sweeper”– Swami Vivekananda. We are so lucky that our forefathers have given us a land of peace and happy where we can sleep whole night without fear and enjoy whole day in our school or our home. After independence, we got our all the fundamental rights in our own nation, our mother land. We all should be proud to be an Indian and admire our great leaders of that times. We cannot imagine by sitting here that how hard the independence was for India from the British rule. Gandhiji was the one and only who led India to get freedom with the help of non-violence. He was a great Indian who taught Indians a big lesson of non-violence. Finally, the result of long years struggle came in front on 15th of August 1947 as our India got freedom. “Constitution is not a mere lawyer’s document, it is a vehicle of life, and its spirit is always the spirit of age.” While India found itself independent from the British, it was still to find independence from social, economic and political problems that has started. This independence also came with the partition of the country. A new state of Pakistan was created with portions of Western and Eastern India, which was taken away from the Indian map. Let us focus on the goals that need through success to fit in today’s vision of independence!
Some things can’t just be expressed in words
My eyes are little wet seeing the free flying birds
These are tears of happiness seeing the birds fly up in the sky
Thanks to the fearless leaders, who faced it all
Making tough times pass
There may be many things, can’t be lived without,
But freedom is what I cherish the most without any doubt
Love can speak volumes even when words can become less
Love for freedom of some has left us blessed
Blessed with this freedom, these moments we share
Let’s learn to care for the people around us
Care for our nation in every possible way
Come, let us together, wish our India
A very Happy Independence Day!!!
Message on Independence Day

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May peace, prosperity and mirth,  
Envelop the nation.  
May the essence of brotherhood,  
Be alive in our hearts.  
May the pride and honor of India,  
Touch the sky.

Wishing You A Happy Independence Day!
Independence Day in India is the most important day for every Indian citizen as our country got freedom from the British rule. We celebrate this day every year on 15th of August from 1947. Our country is counted as the world's largest democracy of the world. India became an independent country on 15th of August in 1947 after sacrifices of thousands of freedom fighters such as Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Moulana Abul Kalam Azad, Sukhdev, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, Lala Lajpat Rai, Lokmanya Balgangadhar Tilak, Chandra Shekhar Azad and many more who work hard to get independence from the British rule. Each and every Indian celebrated his/her freedom in their places of celebration, raising National flag, March past, singing National anthem or patriotic songs etc. Independence Day is celebrated by the government of India every year when the Prime Minister of India raises out tricolour National Flag at the Red Fort in Delhi followed by Indian army parade, march past, National anthem recitation, speech and other cultural activities. Independence Day in India is celebrated with the National flag salute by the 21 guns firing. Similarly Independence Day celebration takes place in every states of the country where Governor and the Chief Minister of the states become the main guests. Some people get prepared in the early morning and wait for the speech of the Indian Prime Minister at T.V. On 15th of August people get inspired with the history of India's Independence and do some social activities. Even women such as Aruna Asaf Ali, Vijay Laxmi Pandit, Sarojini Naidu, Kasturba Gandhi, Kamala Nehru, Annie Besant and many more came out from their houses and played their great role in getting freedom from the British.
We celebrate Independence Day on 15th August every year. Independence Day is celebrated because we got free from British Raj in 1947. Prime Minister of India will hoist our Indian flag in Red Fort in New Delhi. We children celebrate Independence Day in our school. Principal Sir will hoist the flag. He will give a speech. We take our oath as a good Indian. I respect my India. I want to keep it clean and green. We have to respect our Freedom fighters. On Independence Day we remember the sacrifices of those people who brought freedom to our country. I love my country very much.

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