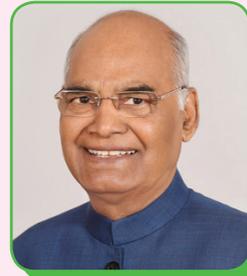




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President of India



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Prime Minister of India



Sri. Sibi George
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Indian Railways converting crisis into Opportunity

Indian Railways introduced first "Kisan Rail" Farmer Rail, a special Parcel Train from Devlali (Maharashtra) to Danapur (Bihar), which will play an important role in transport things like Milk, Vegetables, fruits to the market very quickly at the minimum Cost.

Chittaranjan Locomotive Works (CLW), a production unit of Indian Railways has turned out 31 electric locos in the month of July 2020, cumulative stands for 62 locos in this financial year, despite the COVID 19 related restrictions.

Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala has set milestone by turning out record 151 LHB coaches in July 2020. Three times of July 2019 production. Highest ever monthly LHB coach production since LHB Transfer of Technology (TOT) in 2002.

Indian Railways has converted 5231 coaches into Covid Care Centres. Presently, 813 Coaches have been deployed.



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Patients with mild Covid symptoms are admitted as per MoHFW guidelines.

A robot named 'Rakshak' has been created

by Central Railway to distribute medicine, food as well as take temperature of the Corona infected patients, at Bharat Ratna Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar Memorial Hospital, Byculla, Mumbai.

Satellite Tracking of Trains have improved efficiency in train operations: Around 6500 locos (electric & diesel) are already equipped with GPS, about 6000 locos to be equipped by Dec 2021.

Indian Railways has transported 63.1 lakh migrants through 4615 Shramik Special trains. Last Shramik Train ran on 9th July.

Indian Railways is committed to aid in the export of Indian products! In a first, Indian Railways loads Special Parcel Train



S. Ramadoss
President - IFL
MD, Global Technology Co.

On this day, we come together, we unite and make it another beautiful day to speak and fight against corruption while we spiral the flag of our beautiful nation.

Stop bribing and taking the same. If corruption levels in India were reduced to levels in developed economies such as Singapore, India's GDP growth rate could increase at a higher rate annually.

Let's salute this glorious nation on its Independence Day!

Happy Independence Day!

to transport dry chillies from Reddipalem in Andhra Pradesh to Bangladesh.

Despite prevailing situation of COVID-19 pandemic, Rail Wheel Factory manufactured 15582 wheels & 6480 axles in June'20, higher than 15295 wheels and 5020 axles of the same period last year.



Indian Railways breaks another record. Operates 'SheshNaag', a 2.8 Km long train. 'SheshNaag' is the longest train ever to run on Indian Railways.

200 Railway Maintenance Projects including yard remodeling, repair of old bridges, doubling and electrification of rail lines and renewal of scissor crossovers completed during COVID-19 lockdown period. Pending for several years, these unfinished projects often confronted Indian Railways as bottlenecks.

With the world moving like the fastest wheel going downhill I was compelled to write this article to bring awareness to through these achievements, we aim to create hope and inspiration for the future of our India. Indian Railways has overcome many challenges over the course of its 167-year-old journey.



Ravi Varrier
CEO, Al Rashed Int. Shipping

India – Pharmacy of the World

"India is playing the role as the pharmacy of the world during the Covid-19 pandemic with its vast experience and deep knowledge in medicine, setting the tone for many regional and global initiatives", Shanghai Cooperation Organization Secretary-General Vladimir Norov has said.

India has so far supplied medicines to 133 countries in the fight against Covid-19, which shows India's generosity, despite the fact that the country's government has taken urgent measures to prevent and treat the disease on a national scale, Norov told PTI in an interview on jun21.

At the landmark 75 years of the United Nations at the ECOSOC session on Jul 17, PM Modi said In our joint fight against COVID-19, India has extended medical and other assistance to over 150 countries.

The Indian pharmaceuticals market is the world 3rd largest in terms of volume and 13th largest in terms of value. India has become the world largest producer of generic medicines, accounting for 20 per cent of the total global production, 40% of generic demand in the U.S. and 25% of all medicine in U.K, 62 per cent of the global demand for vaccines and 70% of the World Health Organization's vaccines are sourced from India.



India has one of the lowest manufacturing costs in the world – lower than that of the U.S. and almost half of the cost in Europe. India has the highest number of U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved sites outside the U.S. 8 out of 20 top generic companies are from India.

Presently, Indian pharmaceutical firms supply over 80% of the anti-retroviral drugs used globally to combat AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

India has the ability to be a bridge between the developed and developing world and facilitating a two-way flow of information, products and expertise.

I am proud to be an Indian because I know what I represent.



Ashok Kalra

(Managing Director/Partner)
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Fmr. Hon. Chairman (Indian Community School)

On the occasion of our nation's 74th Independence Day it gives me great pleasure to extend my heartiest greetings to readers of Frontliners and to the Indian community in Kuwait.

This year, our Independence Day is being held under the dark cloud of Covid-19 infections that continue to ravage the world. Despite the pandemic taking a huge toll in human lives and causing untold economic and social suffering to people in India and around the world, we should not let despair overcome us. Better and happier days are bound to return.

Our country's Independence Day is a strong reminder that no matter what difficulties we face, or how long it takes, eventually we overcome all adversities and emerge triumphant. The first unfurling of our tri-color national flag from the rampart of Red Fort in New Delhi on 15 August, 1947 was a powerful signal to the world that even against the greatest odds India will prevail.

Independence Day reminds us once again how Indians from across the country and from all strata of society came together in the fight for our freedom and emerged triumphant over what was until then considered the invincible British Empire. Though the country was under the direct yoke of the British Raj for nearly a century and people were subjected to untold suffering and hardships, we never gave up hope. We never doubted our resolve to gain full freedom, we never despaired even when faced with daunting challenges; we always knew that ultimately we would emerge victorious and become a free nation.



T o d a y , we are confronted by many new challenges. On the internal front we are using all our health resources to contain, mitigate and c o n q u e r

a lethal contagion that has claimed the lives of tens of thousands and infected many more. The virus has socially and economically locked down the country, disrupted the livelihoods of millions of people and taken a heavy human toll. But now, after nearly six months, we are beginning to see the first signs of a slow recovery.

Meanwhile, on the external front, adversaries have been attempting to take advantage of our preoccupation with the pandemic and make stealthy encroachments across our borders. But internal viruses and external aggressors will eventually come to realize that India and Indians can never be subdued. We will prevail over viral contagions and border aggressions alike.

On this Independence Day, as we pay our respects to the many men and women who fought and died for our freedom, and remember with pride the brave soldiers who pay the ultimate price to ensure the sovereignty and territorial integrity of our country, let us also say a big thank to our healthcare warriors.

Unsung and unrecognized, these selfless individuals are toiling night and day in the frontline of the fight against Covid-19. In cities, towns and villages across India, legions of doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers are placing their own lives at risk in order to provide medical care to those infected by the virus.

In Kuwait, hundreds of Indian doctors, nurses and other medical personnel are also at the forefront in the fight against the pandemic. On the occasion of our Independence Day let us take a moment to express our profound thanks to the Indian medical fraternity for their selfless sacrifices. Let us also convey our gratitude to the people and government of Kuwait for the safety and exceptional healthcare provided to everyone during this period

Let us also make this Independence Day an occasion to rededicate ourselves to India and pledge to take forward the flame of freedom that was handed to us by past generations. On our 74th Independence Day let us resolve to work together to build an India of tolerance, harmony, equality, justice and the rule of law. Let us take the multiplicity of languages, religions, cultures and customs of our country, as the scaffold to build a strong and truly independent nation that will always triumph over all adversities.

I take this opportunity to once again wish all Indians the very best on this Independence Day.



K.S. Lamba

MD, Almailem group of companies

Every Indian pay tribute to all the freedom fighters on this historic day of Independence day . Our thousands of freedom fighters are laid down their lives, so that our country is breathing this day. Never forget their sacrifice...

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Dr. R. Seetharaman
CEO, Doha Bank Group

On the occasion of the 74th anniversary of Indian Independence Day which falls on 15th August 2020 I extend my warm greetings to all India Citizens.

The fight with Covid-19 virus which had hit the Global economy, including India since 1st Quarter of 2020 is not yet over. The Lockdown in India which had started since March 2020 has been removed in some parts, however the challenge from COVID-19 still persists. In May 2020, Indian Government came with 20 lakh crore stimulus package to save the lockdown-battered economy, and focuses on tax breaks for small businesses as well as incentives for domestic manufacturing. India had allowed limited exports of anti-malaria drug hydroxychloroquine as a potential weapon in the COVID-19 virus fight.

According to IMF June 2020, India's economy is projected to contract by 4.5 percent following a longer period of lockdown. Amidst the challenges from COVID-19 it is time to honour our independence and cherish our freedom. India is one of the oldest civilizations and has a rich and varied heritage. The values that guided our freedom movement, led by Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi became the cornerstone of the Independent Indian Republic.

The great dream of raising a new India from the ashes of colonialism reached a historic denouement in 1947; more important, independence became a turning point for an equally dramatic narrative, nation-building. India's Constitution represented a liberation from the stranglehold of traditional inequity in gender, caste, community that had chained us for too long. This inspired a Cultural Evolution which put Indian society on the track to modernity: society changed in a gradual evolution.

India has secured a respected place in the comity of nations. India is the largest democracy and is committed to tolerance, harmony, equality, justice, and the rule of law. India today is poised for a giant leap from the ranks of developing countries to developed countries. India is expected to take steps to reverse the economic slowdown of an economy that has been one of the engines of global growth.

The key happening segments in India include an attractive investment destination, e-commerce market, largest road network, food production, domestic air growth and largest startup eco-system. India FDI grew by 13% to \$49.97 billion in 2019-20 financial year. The US FDI to India crosses \$40 bn in current fiscal, with over \$20bn announcements made by some of the top companies like Google, Facebook and Walmart



Rajpal Tyagi
B. Architecture, Managing Director & Partner
International Interiors

As we celebrate the day of Independence, give some thought of what happened decades ago when we were still in bondage. Our forefathers signed an agreement and offered to give their blood in exchange for this day. What more can we give them in return than being true patriots? It is our time to guard and protect our country's wealth and freedom.

Independence is among the most valuable gifts one can benefit from. This day God granted this gift to our freedom fighters. Some died with the hope of seeing a new day while others were lucky enough to witness. My prayer is for God to keep blessing us always so that our coming generations will also enjoy the sweetness of Independence.

Happy Independence Day!

in Reliance Jio Platforms. An annual World Competitiveness Index compiled by Institute for Management Development (IMD) has ranked India at the 43rd position for 2020 .

Indian capital markets have recovered from early lows in March 2020. Indian rupee is near 75 levels. Indian forex reserves exceed \$500 bn recently.

India is land of unity in diversity. It has different languages, customs, art and culture. Indian dance has themes drawn from mythology, legends and classical literature. Indian literature can date its origins to the oral tradition of the Vedas and the great epics of India, which are still an integral part of daily life. Indians have a diverse selection of cuisine types.

India's Bollywood, Kollywood, Tollywood and other regional language films have attracted global audiences. Indians have spread across globally on account of their knowledge, skill and commitment. On account of this Indian culture has also transcended borders in the form of dance, literature, food, music, festival or cinema Indian festivals are celebrated globally. The Indian Culture has brought Global Indian Community closer.

Indians will play an active role on social responsibility, global awareness and civic management. We need social solidarity and the goals of liberty, equality and the pursuit of happiness can bring India together with people from all over the world.

On this day we take pride as an Indian and celebrate the success of India across various fields in the Global arena and once again I extend my Independence Day greetings and Good Health to all Indian Citizens.

Jai Hind



Dhiraj Oberoi
Managing Partner, KITCO

The Mars Orbiter Mission made India the only nation in the world to reach Mars in its first attempt. It also made India first in Asia, and fourth in the world to reach the surface of Mars.

India is among the topmost countries in the world in the field of scientific research, positioned as one of the top five nations in the field of space exploration.

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I am extremely proud to be an Indian. India is a vibrant place where you will find innumerable differences co-existing. It is one of the oldest civilisations. It's no wonder that we're one of the fastest growing economies in the world right now, and of course we still have a long way to go.

We are also recognised for being the world's second largest population. But unity in diversity is the main reason for my pride in being an Indian.

Happy Independence Day!



S.K.Wadhawan

Chairman, Samara Group of Co.

India Values and Beliefs

The Namaste is one of the oldest Indian traditional ways of greetings which means 'I bow to you'. Without boundries, Namaste becomes world's new style of greeting because of

Pandemic. Indian 'namaste' to greet, convey respect and also maintain a safe distance.

Respect is an extremely valued component of the everyday life of people in India. Children are taught from a very young age to always respect their elders. Even as adults, the elderly are still at the top of the totem pole. Children take care of their parents once they are adults, and their parents will most likely live with them until their lives have ended.

Family is an extremely important component of Indian culture. Families are valued highly and are a part of an individual's life until death. The concept of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (world is one family) is ingrained in our DNA. It is our duty to pass on the collective age-old wisdom to our succeeding generations.

Indians seek harmony throughout life. Indians are concerned with "cosmic energy." India also sees a large number of festivals, mainly because of the prevalence of diverse religions and groups. The number is endless.

India is a land of 'unity in diversity', and our dances are no different; different forms of dance (classified as folk or classical), origin from different parts of the country. Classical dances in India are strictly classified as and performed according to the rules and guidelines prescribed in the Natyashastra.

Indian food and cuisine not only form an integral part of the culture of India but are also one of the critical factors of India's popularity worldwide. Just like dances, religious practices, language and clothes, you will also find a wide variety of food throughout the country, which is enriched with extensive use of spices and herbs.

Happy Independence Day!



Peeyush Jain

COO, ROC Ltd & President IIT-IIM Alumni Association

Renewing The Pledge

Air pollution, responsible for one in every eight deaths and the loss of 1.24 million lives in India in 2017. Air pollution is one of the biggest global environmental challenges of today. Renewable energy is key to mitigate climate change.

A time bound national level strategy for pan India implementation to tackle the increasing air pollution problem across the country in a comprehensive manner in the form of National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) was launched by Government Of India.

The NCAP will be institutionalized by respective ministries and will be organized through inter-sect oral groups, which include, Ministry of Road Transport and Highway, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Ministry of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Health, NITI Aayog, CPCB, experts from the industry, academia, and civil society.

India plans nearly 60% of electricity capacity from non-fossil fuels by 2027. In the 2027 forecasts, India aims to generate 275GW of total renewable energy, in addition to 72GW of hydro energy and 15GW of nuclear energy. Nearly 100GW would come from "other zero emission" sources, with advancements in energy efficiency expected to reduce the need for capacity increases by 40GW over 10 years.

Renewable Energy can help India clean air, cut coal addiction.

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N.S. Shetty
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Freedom is our birth right, but was snatched away from us, again our nation earned this freedom after making great sacrifices, Let's never take it for granted!

We all are so different, but there is one thing that unites us and it's independence.

Salute and wave the national flag... up above and high... rejoice and share our national pride.

Happy Independence Day!



AN. Natarajan
Hotel Saravanaa Bhavan, Kuwait

Why am I Proud to be an Indian

For every Indian, Independence Day is an occasion to celebrate and to remember the struggles of those who fought to give us this gift.

There are more reasons to feel proud to be an Indian.

- I am living in world's largest democracy.
- I am living in world's 2nd most populous country.
- I am living in a land of diversity.
- I am living in a land of 2nd largest English speaking population in the world.



- I live in a country where people belonging to different religions coexist.
- I live in a country which produces world's largest number of Engineers, Doctors and Scientists.

which is an emerging super power.

- I live in a country which is home to more than a hundred different languages.
- I live in a country where Algebra, Trigonometry, Calculus originated.
- I live in country which invented Chess Game.
- I live in country which is the world largest democracy with 900 million voters.
- I live in country which has world largest no of Post offices.
- I live in country which exports Software's to 90 countries.

Today we are living freely because many sacrificed their lives for the sake of our country.

Salute to the great souls! Happy Independence Day!



Sanjeev Suri
Country Manager, Air India, Kuwait

Again, it is time for us to show other nations that we are great people from a great nation. And let's continue our struggle towards prosperity and betterment of our dear nation.

This is the day when we became free and independent officially. This is the day we'll never forget.

Let's pay homage to all the great souls who laid their life for their country.

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Make Every Drop Count

At least 21 Indian cities are predicted to run out of groundwater by 2020, according to a report released by the Indian government's think tank, NITI Aayog. Today, millions of people are still living without safe water. Households, workplaces, farms and factories are struggling to survive.

India received 24 % less rainfall than the 50-year average in the week ending on June 26, as per data from the India Meteorological Department. Only 8 % of all the rainwater in India is conserved. A key source of water, groundwater levels in 52 % of wells monitored nationwide were lower in 2018 compared with last decade's average.



India has approximately 18 percent of the world's population but has only 4 % usable water sources. Considering the grim situation, it is necessary to use water in a thoughtful way. Water conservation means using our limited water

supply wisely and caring for it properly.

A step towards conserving water is a step towards securing the future. It minimizes the effects of drought and water shortages. It guards against rising costs and political conflict. It helps to preserve our environment. It makes water available for recreational purposes. It builds safe and beautiful communities.

The trick is making water conservation a way of life—not just something we think about once in a while. Water conservation is the most effective and environmentally sound method to fight global warming.

Tips to save water :

- Do rainwater harvesting.

- Install low water consuming plumbing and sanitary fixtures.
- Switch back to buckets; power showers are very wasteful.
- Do not leave the tap running while washing the dishes in the kitchen or even while brushing your teeth.
- Avoid leakage of water from taps.
- Do water recycling, kitchen water can be used to water lawns for example.

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The Indian Soldier is a Role Model for the Nation

India has faced insurgencies and terrorism since independence. From the snow-clad and wind-swept mountains of the Himalayas in the north, to the steaming hot and humid jungles of the seven sisters in the northeast and the shimmering sands of the burning Thar Desert in the west, The Indian Soldiers never lowers their guard.

Apart from guard whenever wherever if there is danger or natural disaster, the military has a constitutional duty to undertake tasks and missions like rescue and shelter. When they pledge to work for the nation, they dedicate their entire life to protect the country and its citizens.

The Indian Soldiers are firmly committed to protect the territorial integrity and sovereignty of the nation. Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian and belonging to many other faiths, They prays, eats, lives, plays and fights for India together in uniform.



They stood by the nation through thick and thin. They held the nation together for 73 turbulent years. Soldier life is one of honor, glory and sacrifice – of life and limb. His blood has hallowed the nation's battlefields.

For our tomorrow, they willingly, selflessly, unpretentiously, gives his today, but asks for nothing in return. More than any other group or community in the country, the Indian soldier embodies and represents the idea of India.

For many decades they have been ambushed, fired upon with machine guns, made the target of land-mines and has been tortured and killed in cold blood by ruthless terror and Snow slide on India, but they never down the courage.

Whenever they goes on leave to his village and when he finally retires, he spreads the message of nationhood and a disciplined way of life in all corners of the country.

The Nation as a whole owes its Armed Forces as well as CAPFs greater support not merely the Government but also from Society. No matter how much we speak about the bravery of our soldiers, it is still not enough.



Ravi Kohli
MD, Al -Sabah & Kohli Group

Help people, especially poor. Please think from the perspective of our nation development.

Poverty is no less than a nightmare, but in places like India the key problem is mindset. If people start realizing the hardships of poor people and come forward to help them, there is no way India cannot be at the forefront of nations.

Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country!

Happy Independence Day!



D. Ram Mohan Reddy
Chief Operating Officer
New India Assurance (Govt of India) , Kuwait.

INSURANCE DURING COVID 19

Year 2020 has almost been a year of Covid 19, the deadly virus has become part of each and every human being on the planet. Infact there is no country on the globe that didn't get affected due to the pandemic. It has become the problem of everyone, and the entire economic activities had to come to stand still. The closedown has badly impacted the business activities small and big. This has led to a recession which was never seen before.

Business entities are facing severe cash crunch and hardships for meeting out their standard standing charges such as salaries, rents etc. It is seen that during these difficult times, least priority is given to the payment of Insurance premium pertaining to their business, workmen, Health etc. Many think Insurance as their last priority, which is absolutely wrong. In reality Insurance premium payments needs to be given top priority, the reason being any hazard can attack from some side. There could be fire incidents, water leakage due to pipes, theft etc. Health insurance premiums and safety of workmen are never to be discontinued as this has a direct impact on the health and well-being of individuals.

Hence, it is never to be felt that Insurance premium payments are a financial burden during these Covid 19, they are the most essential expenses which would give an adequate protection.



Krishnakumar Eacharath
GM, UAE Exchange Centre Co WLL, Kuwait

I belong to a country where after every 100 km there is variation of environment, language, wardrobe, cuisine yet the people residing there are Indian.

Feel the pride of being the part of such a glorious nation. Let's pay homage to all the great souls, Who laid their life for their country.

My warm patriotic wishes to make this day truly memorable.

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Celebrating Democracy

India is the world's largest democracy. It is a nuclear weapons power and has joined the elite space club. India would be the second largest economy in the world by 2030. Currently, more than 100 countries are technically democracies in so far as they hold elections to choose their rulers. The Indian Constitution and the institutions that it has created have allowed the Indian democracy to thrive.



The appurtenances of democracy - adult suffrage, a free media, an independent judiciary, the rule of law, the sanctity of property rights - have given Indians an institutional framework for the exercise of

political choice and freedom to express dissent. This has acted as an indispensable safety valve in an inequitable milieu with great discrepancies in the distribution of power and wealth. The Indian electorate now numbers more than 800 million, making Indian elections the largest organised single political activity in human history. Democracy has proved to be the most effective instrument for the cherished pursuit of power.

As the largest democracy in the world, India is an example of success, progress and development. Let new India arise out of peasants' cottages, workers' factories, scientists' labs and corporate boardrooms with a common ground provided by our democratic institutions.

Happy Independence Day!



Mathews Varughese
General Manger, BEC

The nation will forever remain the land of the free as long as it's the home of soldiers and the braves.

Carried with care, coated with pride, Dipped in love, Fly in glory, Moments of freedom in shade of joy.

This day means life without boundaries and limits. It's our freedom day, our Independence Day! Time to celebrate!

Happy Independence Day!



Anant Kapadiya
Chairman,
Indian Business & Professional Council-Kuwait

Today, August 15, 2020 India celebrates its 74th Independence Day and every Indian national across the world remembers and salutes our political leaders and freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives

for gaining Independence for the country.

Our Constitution came into being in 1950 and India became the largest democracy in the world. A healthy combination of our cultural, religious and ethnic diversities provides a variety non-existent in any other country and we are proud of it. India is a multi-cultural society and we truly believe Unity in Diversity. India has experienced several hiccups since independence and handled them wisely and successfully. The current COVID-19 crisis will also pass.

Our country is progressing gradually but surely in all directions and sooner than later India will revive its economy in full and rank amongst the best in the world.

Happy Independence Day.

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The spirit of a young soul is unmatched... let us promise ourselves to work harder to make our nation free from corruption. Let us promise not to let anyone play with peace and harmony of our country.

On the occasion of Independence Day, I wish that each and every dream for a brighter and more prosperous India come today with all our efforts and hard work...

Jai Hind!!!!

Happy Independence Day!



Ajay Goel

Chief Operating Officer, City Centre

The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.

Don't let politics get in the way. Let every patriot be honoured, Without them, freedom would have died, What they did, we can't repay.

My heart beats with pride when I see the amazing colours of Independence spreading joy and happiness all around us. May the glory of this day be with you forever.

Happy Independence Day!



Ramdas Nair

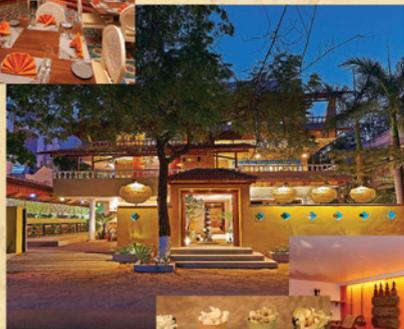
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On this day, take time to think of our country's past. Learn from our freedom fighters and stand in the gap to make this country a safe 'haven' for the next generation. This is the duty of all patriots. Our country is your pride, build it and watch as others take pride in it.

I am always full of pride wherever I am. I walk with my head held high because I know I live in a free country. I do not and will never, however, take this freedom for granted because it was purchased with a martyr's blood. They gave it all, left the comfort of their homes, the love of their families and the hope of life for my freedom. Happy Independence Day.

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The Independence day of India turns 74 this year, and ever since, India's road to being a developed nation is certainly one for the books. As patriotism fills the air on this day, we take a look at the many milestones we have achieved along the way, and look forward to the ones that await us in the future.

Freedom in the mind, Faith in the words, Pride in our hearts & Memories in our souls.

I hope this Independence Day brings you happiness and hope.

Happy Independence Day!



Dr. Narender Dhir

English Optics

We can lead the World

India will be one of the key players in this new World order. The pandemic has spurred the idea that global manufacturing will relocate to India from China. While India

has gradually improved in the World Bank's ease of doing business ranking, there is clearly still room for streamlining investment.

In 2010, China overtook the US to emerge as the world's largest manufacturing sector. However, the rise of China as the world's factory began back in the 1980s initially as a producer of low-end products, which gradually rose to become a manufacturing hub of everything under the sun – from drugs to electronic gadgets.

This presents a moment of opportunity for India which can reap rich dividends by creating a manufacturing-friendly environment and offering lucrative deals to global players for setting up units in India. Reports have indicated that a large number of companies have already initiated talks with Indian authorities seeking to pursue production plans in this country in sectors such as electronics, medical devices and textiles, among others.

India possesses a large labor pool as almost half its population of 1.2 billion is of working age.

The government has already placed a decisive focus on leveraging the manufacturing sector to 'Make in India' & 'Skill in India'. The other major advantage for India is larger domestic consumption.

India's agriculture and rural economy have so far remained least affected by the pandemic so enough food grains available. Already Government pumped enough liquidity for both the consumers and producers of goods and services.

India already focused on to bring supply chains closer to home. As supply chains become realigned, more products, including electric vehicles and their components will be manufactured domestically. World includes USA, India manufacturing depend on China's Supply chain.

The doors of opportunity are unlocked, get ready to earn, expand and win. Development with patriotism will make India prosperous and strong. Lets Make our Country great.



Ayyoob Kachery

Regional Director, Grand Hyper, Kuwait

Today is a very special day for the nation and its people.

First, each and every individual pay their taxes to their Government. Stop destroying public assets. "Be a good person" because a good person will always be a good citizen. Avoid using kids as labourer.

If people will work hard, then more development will takes place. Let us work in the benefit of our nation.

"No nation is perfect, it needs to be made perfect"

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Mrs. Ananthi Natarajan

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India is gem of a country. It's history, culture & heritage is as unique as it is rich.

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We paid a heavy price for our freedom; do not lose it to crime and self-interest. Promise to be responsible and always work for the pride of the nation. Warm wishes on Independence Day.

Happy Independence Day!



Madhulika

STANDSTILL

I go about my Work From Home
As food gets delivered by a drone;
for at the supermarket, I fear
my own shadow - did someone come too near ?
I have stopped looking out the window
at the empty playground below,
that awaits happy feet.
No horns are heard on the deserted street.
The rocks of news and numbers cause
the waves of loneliness to pause;
Forming eddies of strange imagined hypertension
as hope emerges from a prayer's refraction.
I have no friends left.
Silences echo from the weft
of tattered relationships,
As the very nearness strips
us of respect, tolerance,
and the hollow pretense
of Business As Usual.
between a cure and a vaccine's duel.
And then, there is the other guilt:
Because I have a job, enough to eat.

Happy Independence Day!



George Varghese

Head - Business Development & Marketing,
UAE Ex. Co

Freedom is one of the most expensive commodities. No amount of money will be enough to buy freedom. It is the result of sacrifices and struggles of many brave Let us reverence them today and always by fighting and defending the welfare of this country.

May our country always flourish and continue celebrating many better and prosperous years of Independence. When my country prospers I prosper too, for that reason, I will never stop praying for its freedom and prosperity.

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Indian Frontliners Service Organization, registered with Indian Embassy, Kuwait, was started in 1997 by Writer N.C.Mohandoss with service minded people, to join hands for serving the needy people; To Do Things that Count – For Others;

Indian Frontliners team consists of people from :

- different cultural background - from all ethnic, linguistic, religious and age groups.
- different walks of life – businessmen, industrialists, doctors, engineers, teachers, managers, office staff, technicians, semi-skilled workers, drivers, maids etc.
- different parts of India - from all states in India; from Metropolitan cities, towns and villages
- different economic strata – Millionaires, high-income, middle-income and low-income people

Indian Frontliners' helping hands have reached out to a wide spectrum of the needy person in the society. Indian Frontliners Association, working directly and through other social service organizations, have provided relief and assistance in the areas of Education, Health, Disaster relief, Old-age care, orphanage services, development of differently-abled persons, Animal care, social work & community welfare, rural development, environmental protection etc., In Kuwait,



Indian Frontliners have extended assistance to people in distress like stranded workers / maids, poor and sick labourers in need of medical attention, families of persons who died in Kuwait. Members of Indian Frontliners Team take part in campaigns, such as tree-planting etc organized by the Kuwait Volunteer Work Centre under the guidance of its Chairperson, Madam Sheikha Amthal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah.

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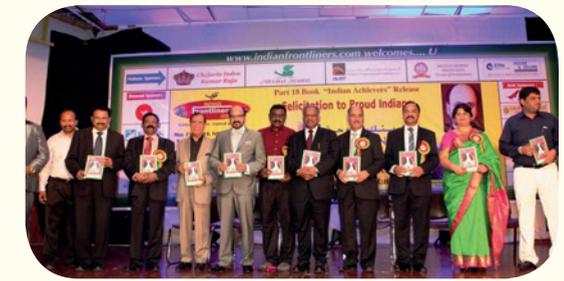
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Aparna Prasannam

It is an apt occasion for us to re-dedicate ourselves to his ideals. Gandhiji had driven all the major activities of independence as well as upliftment of the society from this Sabarmati Ashram.

Recently we had a chance to visit this Ashram with family and happy to share the experience.

Mahatma Gandhiji, the father of the Nation, was such a great personality of the contemporary age, that it is difficult to imagine that such a man had ever walked on this earth.

Sabarmati Ashram (also known as Gandhi Ashram, Harijan Ashram, or Satyagraha Ashram) is located in the Sabarmati suburb of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, on the banks of the River Sabarmati. After returning from South Africa, Gandhiji established Ashram on the bank of Sabarmati on 1917.

Gandhi used to remark, "This is the right place for our activities to carry on the search for truth and develop fearlessness for on one side are the iron bolts of the foreigners and on the other, thunderbolts of mother nature."

He stayed in the ashram for many years before he finally proceeded for a march to Dandi to break the salt law on 12 March 1930. Before starting the march



to Dandi, Gandhiji declared that he will not return to the ashram before the independence of the country.

The ashram now has a museum, the Gandhi Smarak

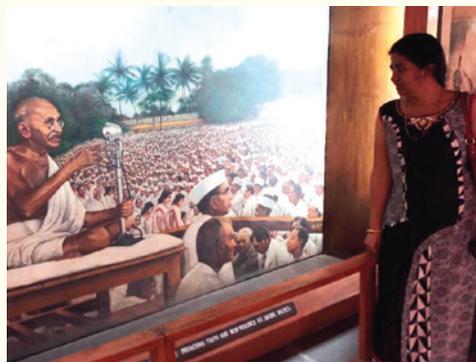
Sangrahalaya. The Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya is run by a public trust established in 1951. The museum's new premises were built in 1963. The museum's main objective is to house the personal memorable of Mahatma Gandhi. Consequently the exhibits on view depict the vivid and historic events of Gandhiji's life.



New Gandhi Memorial Museum Building

A new museum was built in 1963 designed by Charles Correa. The Sangrahalaya was then re-

located into the well-designed and well-furnished museum building and was inaugurated by



Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India on 10 May 1963. In this museum, 34,177 letters written by Gandhiji are preserved.



Besides these, there is a collection of 8718 pages of Gandhiji's manuscripts, 6937

photographs, 210 films, 124 micro film rolls, 509 audio cassettes, 121 records, 63 video cassettes and 155 awards.

There is collection of excellent oil paintings of Hiralal Khatri. In the picture gallery "My Life is My Message", the photographs and paintings, showing Gandhiji's life from birth to death are displayed with time sequence. The exhibition of Gandhiji-smruti stamps is also arranged here. Attenborough's film 'Gandhi' projected Gandhiji in the right Perspective before the film went public.

through this film, Attenborough made people realize that the great man Gandhi was born in India and his field work was Ahmedabad, and his official residence was this Ashram.



Today, the Ashram serves as a source of inspiration and guidance, and stands as a monument to Gandhi's life mission and a testimony to others who have fought a similar struggle. The Ashram is mainly involved in a number of activities that serves to both preserve the history of Gandhi and the freedom struggle and also to promote and educate people in the great philosophies, values and teachings of Gandhi.



Dr. Anis Ahmad

Director, Education
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The Indian Army is known worldwide for its exceptional courage, bravery and the highest standards of professionalism. Indian Army will always remain the pride of our nation.

Here are some inspirational quotes from the brave soldiers of the Indian Army:

1. "A Soldier is above politics and should not believe in caste or creed." - Field Marshal KM Cariappa.
2. "Either I will come back after hoisting the tricolour, or I will come back wrapped in it, but I will be back for sure." - Capt. VikramBatra.
3. "The enemy are only 50 yards from us. We are heavily outnumbered. We are under devastating fire. I shall not withdraw an inch but will fight to our last man and our last round." - Major Somnath Sharma.
4. "There will be no withdrawal without written orders and these orders shall never be issued." - Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw.



5. "You have never lived until you have almost died. And for those who choose to fight, life has a special flavour. The protected will never know." - Capt. R Subramanian.
6. "If a man says he is not afraid of dying, he is either lying or is a Gurkha." - Field Marshall Sam Manekshaw.

Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country.

Happy Independence Day!

Long Live Indian Army!!!



Remesh Ananda Das

Chief Operating Officer, Oncost

Peace cannot be kept by force; it can only be achieved by understanding. You can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom. Let us bring equality, justice, and peace for all. Not just the politicians and the world leaders, we all need to contribute. Me. You. It is our duty.

Let's spread the message which the tricolor gives. Let's spread peace, humanity, and prosperity among the people.

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Sunil Menon

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My India My Pride

The Indian Armed Forces, consisting of the Indian Army, the Indian Air Force, the Indian Navy and the Indian Coast Guard are India's shield and sword, which keep our interests safe, our enemies at bay and the people of our country secure and free.

Globally India is ranked number second in size. Indian army is well equipped with missiles and other Hardware's that can hit targets far away from its shores.

Missiles and nuclear weapons

India has nine types of operational missiles, including the Agni-5 with a range of 3,000km to 5,000km, according to the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington.

Army

India has a 1.2 million-strong army, supported by more than 3,565 battle tanks, 3,100 infantry fighting vehicles, 336 armoured personnel carriers and 9,719 pieces of artillery, according to IISS.



If I die in a war zone, Box me up & send Me Home,
Put My Medals on My Chest, Tell My Mom I did My Best,

Air Force

With 127,200 personnel and 814 combat aircraft, India's air force is substantially larger but there are concerns about its fighter jet fleet.

Navy

India's navy consists of one aircraft carrier, 16 submarines, 14 destroyers, 13 frigates, 106 patrol and coastal combatant vessels, and 75 combat-capable aircraft

Thanks to the men and women of the Indian Armed Forces, we are able to live our lives with freedom and great peace of mind. We thank them with all our heart.

Happy Independence Day!



JP. Bansal
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Protecting our Farmers

India extensively uses organophosphate-based pesticides in agriculture. Organophosphates, are a major class of pesticides with high potential to enter the body through the skin and cause suffocation, paralysis, muscle weakness, loss of endurance and in some instances - death. Our farmers are exposed to toxic pesticides through skin contact and inhalation, during the spraying of pesticides. Last year, 63 farmers died due to pesticide poisoning in Maharashtra alone and more than 1,000 were affected.

A team from the Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine (inStem) have formulated and patented a gel, which promises to be a lifesaver for our farmers. In laboratory tests, the gel showed a broad-spectrum of activity, detoxifying the majority of commonly used pesticides in India.



The inStem team is in the process of setting up a start-up company based on this technology, and aiming to conduct a human pilot study shortly, which will be a step closer to the commercialization of this technology.

Their mission is to protect every single farmer and farm worker in India from pesticide-induced toxicity and lead to major social impact in India and other developing countries.

Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Vigyan !

Happy Independence day!



Chinmya
GM, Kuwait India Exchange

Say No to Panic, Say Yes to Precautions.

As of 8 Aug, The coronavirus COVID-19 is affected 213 countries; more than 12,561,514 people had recovered, out of 19,564,888 people known to have been infected around the world. Out of 6,278,908 currently infected Patients, 64,998 (1%) people are in serious or critical others 6,213,910 (99%) are mild in condition.

The pandemic has created a massive economic contraction that will be followed by a financial crisis in many parts of the globe. Indeed, the World Bank estimates that as many as 60 million people globally will be pushed into extreme poverty because of the pandemic.

The world is slowly emerging from the coronavirus pandemic that has resulted in the most severe global economic contraction since at least the 1930's. While world open up we have to protect the vulnerable and ensure the known preventive measures.



There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). It is indeed a very difficult time for humanity. However, we can break the chain of spread and ensure safety of all by following Government health guidelines.

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus by maintaining social distancing and avoiding large gatherings.



Suresh K. P
Advertising & Media Marketing Business (Consultant);
Acting Chief Coordinator - Community-ICSG Kuwait
for Covid19 relief works

I salute our heroes who laid down their lives for you and me to enjoy liberty today. You can now walk with pride, and your head held up high as we enjoy the fruits of their hard work. Raise a glass in their honour and always remember to give back to the society.

Let us work together as a team to make our country a better place as we celebrate this day. The day we obtained the freedom to act, think, have faith, to love and to speak. Let us give to the poor, show mercy to the needy and feed the hungry. Let us all enjoy the beauty of freedom in unison..

Happy Independence Day!

Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, otherwise you could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick. Always throw used mask in the trash. Masks should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.



Frequently Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Using soap becomes far more effective in removing microbes, because washing hands with sanitizer helps kill the microbes but does not remove most of the virus and bacteria completely.

Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

On this Independence day, Let us pray to God and Science Community to protect and to pass this tough phase with good health and happiness!!!



Eng. Joseph Panicker, FIE, Int. PE
Former Chairman of IEL, Kuwait Chapter

Independence Day Celebration during Covid-19 Pandemic

On the occasion of the 74th anniversary of Indian Independence day which falls on 15th August every year, I extend my warm greetings to all Indians and at the same time pay tribute and remember all the freedom fighters who have contributed and fought for the independence of India and the soldiers who guard our country till today from all external aggressions.

During this celebration, our country is also in a war with Covid-19, the new Corona virus. This war is more intense since the enemy is invisible, having capability to spread fast, and many a times it turns out to be deadly for humans.

In order to win the war of Covid-19 epidemic, we need to maintain social distance, wear masks, follow proper sanitization, protect vulnerable persons and avoid large congregation of people. This will be our lifestyle until we find a vaccine. During Covid time, Technology is used widespread in its best possible manner in fields like communication, medical sector, education sector, online shopping of groceries and commodities, banking etc. Our Independence Day celebration too will become technology based which is befitting the occasion. These events could be webcasted in order to reach out people who are not able to participate. The usual pomp and splendor we used to witness in the Independence Day celebrations of the previous years will be vanished and instead we might listen to songs by selected groups and see selected number of dignitaries online. As we heard in the media, the celebration will be limited to unfurling of the



Armed Forces accompanied by playing of the National Anthem and firing of 21-gun shots.

Around the world, technical start-ups are pushing leading-edge innovations. Many use artificial intelligence (AI) and cloud computing to help organizations to process big data, giving new insights to help fight the virus. Robots are deployed to disinfect hospitals, drones are used to deliver medical supplies and AI is being used to spot and scan infections. Robots are delivering meals and medication to patients. Authorities are using cell phones and satellite technology for tracking potential carriers.

Grocery stores started receiving digital orders and provide delivery services to cope with the situation. Cashless transactions are used to remove the need of any physical exchange of cash or cheques, providing an extra layer of protection for a vulnerable person.

Who are the new heroes of India?

The real heroes are Covid-19 front line warriors like doctors, health workers, para medical staffs and sanitation workers for their noble services in fight against Corona virus and making India Covid-19 free. Covid warriors also include policy makers, Police and para military forces, people working in production and distribution of electricity and water, food and supply chain volunteers, Kudumbashree etc. (Kudumbashree Mission is the poverty eradication and women empowerment program implemented by the State Poverty Eradication Mission (SPEM) of the Government of Kerala.)

national flag by Prime Minister and his speech at the Red Fort in Delhi. The ceremony at Red Fort will consist of the presentation of a Guard of Honour by the



Mohammed Ghouse
Founder, Velldon Real Promoters

Today, we stand up so high. Shed those tears as we all remember all that died for me, you and our whole country, risking their precious lives each and every day. To our martyrs, here is our salute. Today is the day, that our nation sings aloud, this is the day, that our liberty bells rings aloud, this is the day we shall start to remember what we truly stands for and celebrate our independence.

Happy Independence Day!

India's armed forces have always kept the nation safe. Even in times of disasters, they are out there helping people. Our Prime Minister, on Sunday, 26 July 2020, paid tributes to armed forces to mark the 21st anniversary of India's victory over Pakistan in the Kargil war, saying their valor continues to inspire generations. Our army has once again proved their bravery and patriotism towards our nation during the recent conflict with China in Galwan Valley in the Ladakh region.

There are many unsung heroes around us, out of the list the foremost one is our farmers without whom grain and daily supply of milk cannot be distributed to people and food camps. These men and women have kept supplies going, even without being designated as Frontline Corona Warriors. Millions are hungry due to lack of work and with no money to sow the next crop, an enormous food crisis will emerge.

Also note that there are governments and NGOs who organize feeds for stray animals. For example, Kerala is now feeding stray animals and monkeys at few temples in the state.

Lessons Learned:-Crucial investments required

We pride ourselves being the world's fifth largest economy and largest democracy. It often takes a crisis to bring about fundamental change. The Covid-19 epidemic have underlined our deficiency, failures and weaknesses. We have witnessed thousands of migrant workers and their families, perplexed by the situation left by foot to reach their home





village, the safest haven they could think off. We have witnessed the surfacing of our frightful practices of age-old impression of caste, class and creed. There are still too many inequalities in our society which has to be addressed by the policy makers and government. Crucial investments are needed to uplift millions of our people who live in poverty.

To name a few other sectors where government should invest heavily are in the Health sector, Education sector, the eradication of poverty and woman empowerment etc.

India on the global stage

Depending on how we emerge from the Covid-19 crisis will determine India's role in the post pandemic world order. India being a universe in itself and home to one-sixth of humanity, we cannot be part of the problem, we have to be part of the solution in the world arena. We have to be stronger and united as a nation and we will have to work towards an inclusive India that holds all of us regardless of caste, class or creed. India needs to be part of international efforts to deal with the Covid-19 crisis - multilaterally, regionally or bilaterally.

• Supply of medicines

We are also major producers of medicine to other countries. It is also important to note that we are participating in international efforts towards finding a vaccine and should ramp up capacities to produce it in the quantities needed, both for our own people and for the world.

• Food security

We should be able to sustain in food production. We should utilize every inch of the land for producing food for

ourselves and surplus to export to other countries. Think of a worst case scenario of food crisis due to whatever reason, for e.g. failure of Monsoon. In such a case we need to import food which will drain our money reserve. Even though there was panic buying during Covid-19, there was no shortage of food stuffs. The credit for this partly goes to the government's food grain procurement and distribution system.

Way forward

India's success in many other fields including the space mission has secured a respected place among nations. India's vision is to set her own Space Station in space as well as to proceed with 'Aditya mission' to send a satellite to study the Sun and 'Venusian mission' to send an Orbiter to study Venus etc. India is poised for a giant leap from the rank of a Developing Country to a Developed Country which also will ultimately eliminate the suffering of our poor citizens.

The initiative of 'Aatma Nirbhar Bharat' is a fresh push to the theme of self-reliant India and would be appropriate if the theme is suitably spread and publicized among the people. The mantra is 'Make in India for India and the World'.



The pandemic has brought us to an inflection point. How we deal with it now will determine our place in the future world order.

India needs to be a global partner in leading the world to a next level in encountering global warming, fight against Pandemics like Covid-19, eradication of poverty, space exploration, education to all etc. as part of international efforts.

Yes, the world will have changed by the time the crisis recedes, but we, Indians, will continue to be what we have always been — Unity in Diversity.

Jai Hind



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World's largest telescope

India is one of the countries — along with USA, Canada, Japan and China — collaborating on this international project. India will spend a sum of Rs 1,300crore for the project across 10 years of construction.

India has a vital role in the Thirty Meter Telescope (TMT) project as the Segment Support Assembly (SSA), or the complex opto mechanical sub-assemblies, will be manufactured in the country.



The Segment Support Assemblies are meant to hold together and control the alignment of each of the 492 hexagonal mirrors to form the 30-metre primary mirror.

As many as 100 SSA segments and 80 mirrors, designed to be placed along the primary mirror's periphery, will be manufactured in India.

The scientific community is now hopeful of making the facility operational and see first light by 2029.

India on the Path to Become a Technology Superpower! So becoming a super power isn't possible without support of every single citizen of country. So let's we join and leads country from developing status to DEVELOPED !

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Through Thick & Thin

How thin can the thinnest material be? It can be as thin as 100,000 times thinner than a sheet of paper. You may not be able to imagine or see with naked eyes such a material, but IIT Gandhinagar students Harini Gunda, Saroj Kumar Das and Kabeer Jasuja have synthesized a two-dimensional material of just one-nanometer thickness

These nanosheets are made of boron atoms arranged in the shape of a honeycomb using a simple yet novel method. The study was funded under Fast Track Research Grant for Young Scientists given by Science and Engineering Research



Board (SERB), the INSPIRE Faculty Award Research Grant by Department of Science and Technology, and seed funding from IIT Gandhinagar.

This material of the future could find a range of potential applications – from next-generation batteries to ultraviolet absorbing films.

Happy Birthday India! Celebrating our independence, celebrating our freedom!



Syed Anwar
Marina Optics

India is the birthplace of Ayurveda, one of the five elements of alternative medicine AYUSH -- Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha and Homeopathy.

If I am giving an opportunity of being born into this world again, I will choose to live my life over and over again in this great country filled with happiness, love, and shared prosperity.

Happy Independence Day!



Ashfaque Ahmed Khan
President, Indian Cultural Society Kuwait

India, the only Country where the people's unity is indivisible and indestructible. The Country where diverse and rich cultures, traditions, regions and languages are all welcomed. Indian Cultural Society, the leading Socio Cultural & event Organization in Kuwait extends its unfeigned wishes to each and every citizen of the Nation on the special occasion of 74th Independence Day.

We are thankful & we congratulate IFL team for publishing this special edition. Today we salute the brave martyrs who have sacrificed their lives for our beloved Nation. This year, even though we are locked in our houses, let's remember to unlock our togetherness, love and gratitude.



Wishing you all a heart-warming and Happy Independence Day.

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Touch the sky with glory': How Rafale will be a Game Changer?

The Rafale jets, known globally as one the most potent strategic platforms with unmatched capability in carrying out a variety of roles. Rafale, built by the French company Dassault Aviation, is the first operational European combat aircraft to use an RBE2 Array electronic scanning radar, which can detect 40 targets at the same time in a range of over 100 Kms.



Rafale jet, to become part of the IAF's 'Golden Arrow' squadron, is the first Modern fighter aircraft to be inducted into the Air Force in 23 years after the Russian Sukhoi-30 fighters. According to Dassault Aviation, the aircraft has a whopping 30,000 flight hours in operations.

Rafale can able to carry out "Omni Role missions" like air superiority and air defence, close air support, in-depth strikes, reconnaissance, anti-ship strikes and nuclear deterrence at varied

speed limits of up to 1.8 Mach. The aircraft proved its unmatched capabilities in air combat missions in Afghanistan, Libya, Mali, Iraq and Syria in the last few years. India is the fourth country to have the strategic platform after France, Egypt and Qatar.

Ambala, Hasimara Rafale bases strategically selected. Rafale will need only around 8 minutes to reach Lahore from Ambala at top speed and 3 minutes from Hasimara Air Force Station in West Bengal to China border.

Rafale can carry payloads of more than 9t on 14 hardpoints and can fly at speeds of 1.8 mach (2,222.6km per hour) and it has a range of 3,700 km . This is more than the Sukhoi 30 MKi, which can carry loads of up to 8,000kg

The range of weapons includes: Mica, Magic, Sidewinder, ASRAAM and AMRAAM air-to-air missiles; Apache, AS30L, ALARM, HARM, Maverick and PGM100 air-to-ground missiles and Exocet /



Dr. Rumane Abdul Razzak
EX. Chairman, IEI Kuwait Chapter

Freedom is one of the most expensive commodities. No amount of money will be enough to buy freedom. It is the result of the sacrifices and struggles of many brave.

Let us reverence them today and always by fighting and defending the welfare of this country.

As we remember our national heroes today, let's renew our pledge to always uphold our national unity so that we can live together in peace and harmony.

Happy Independence Day!

AM39, Penguin 3 and Harpoon anti-ship missiles.

For a strategic mission the Rafale can deliver the MBDA (formerly Aerospatiale) ASMP stand-off nuclear missile.

It has Spectra, an integrated defence aid system which can jam or counter-jam enemy radar signals. Helmet mounted sights & targeting system to give the pilots lightning quick ability to shoot off weapons.

Rafale's M88-2 twin-shaft bypass turbofan engine principally suitable for low-altitude penetration and high-altitude interception missions. The aircraft is equipped for buddy-buddy refuelling with a flight refuelling hose reel and drogue pack.

In terms of its capability, Rafale can indeed be a game-changer for India. Add to that the operating mantra: if they dare, scare!



Indian Community Support Group - Kuwait

Indian Community Support Group (ICSG) was formed by the Embassy of India to help distressed members of the Indian community with food kits during the COVID 19 pandemic. ICSG is working with Indian associations to reach out to the community.

ICSG continues to distribute food ration kits

As we continue to serve the needy and distressed members of our community we continue to distribute food ration kits today to those in dire need. We salute our volunteers who are in the frontline of serving the community. They are our heroes giving a lifeline to people who have faced the worst impact of the pandemic.



S.M. Arif Maricar

SOME INDIAN ACHIEVERS

Melita Tessa (16Yrs), Author of the Book "BATTLE OF THE SPHERES"

At the mere age of fifteen, when people of her age were busy understanding metaphors and characterization in a book, this young woman wrote a book itself. Melita's fantasy novel Battle of the Spheres is all about protecting the environment. It's about protecting the environment and making it livable for all creatures.



Melita Tessa is a Chennai born and brought up girl, who started writing at the age of thirteen for her debut novel and by fifteen, she gifted the universe her thoughts, spirit, and soul in the form of her debut novel, "Battle of the Spheres." It is a book that is full of adventure and gives out a message to be stronger. Melita is one of our creative, geeky and young achievers in India.

Shubham Banerjee (13 Yrs) - A teenager in Silicon Valley

In Silicon Valley, it's never too early to become an entrepreneur. Just ask 13-year-old Shubham Banerjee. The California eighth-grader has launched a company to develop low-cost machines to print Braille, the tactile writing system for the visually impaired.



Shubham built a Braille printer that works with Lego robotics kit. This was his science school project. What started out as an innocently inquisitive question to his parents about how the blind read, turned into an unbelievable invention. The Braille printer developed by this 13 year old weighs just a few pounds and costs \$350. What an idea boy!

Jaiveer Makkar (10yr) - a pint sized Jockey sensation

For 10-yr-old Jaiveer, sky is the limit. Most of them say age is just a number. And it could not be truer for 9-year-old Jaiveer Makkar who has shown enviable horse-riding talent for someone his age. Having already won over 40 Medals across various equestrian events in his



career, the class IV Student is set to be the star attraction on junior national equestrian championship. He is young, like really young. He is from everyone's favorite city, Chandigarh but excels exemplarily in a sport where only few can excel; Jockeying.

Ten-year-old Jaiveer Makkar brought laurels to the city by winning a rich haul of medals in the Delhi Horse Show, at the Army Polo and Race Course (APRC), organised by the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI).

Tejas- a jack of all trades concerning Football

The Young Boy Who Is Creating India's Best Under-19 Football Team With Underprivileged children. Tejasmission is to prepare India's best under-19 football team of underprivileged children. Tejas went ahead and laid the foundation of it, alone. In a first for India, Tejas is the one name responsible for forming India's first and only Football NGO, Sparky Football Team, that comprises of youngsters who will hopefully represent the Under-19 for India in future.



Today, Sparky Football's young team of 16 has played over 15 matches so far against several champions and experts. The youngest football player in his team is five years old who plays with national level players. "Football is not just a game, it is an art, and there is much more to it than just kicking the ball," he says. He works relentlessly hard with 16 talented kids from weaker sections of the society who could be made champions in the future. Salute to you boy!

Malhar Kalambe, UN Award Winner for Garbage Clean

We don't really hesitate to throw the waste on the floor but we blame the government for no reason. But The 21-year-old Malhar, a resident of Dadar, is the founder of 'Beach Please,' a campaign started to clear trash from Dadar beach in Mumbai through weekly cleanup drives.



Malhar Kalambe was recognised by United Nations with an award for cleaning the Dadar Beach and for making it a better place. It has been 87 weeks since the cleanup drive began and so far, close to 1000 tonnes of waste like plastic, stale food and religious offerings have been cleared from the beach. Malhar and the volunteers spend two hours every Saturday and Sunday to clean the Dadar beach and Mithiriver.

Indian Frontliners Kuwait helping Amnesty and Corona Lockdown sufferings

- an all-time big humanitarian service

Amnesty had been declared for one month from April 1st to 30th for undocumented foreigners in the country. As per the amnesty announced by the state of Kuwait, Indian nationals who are staying here without any valid documents can leave the country without any fine or paying for the air ticket.



Indian Embassy authorized 282 volunteers from various Indian Forums- including Indian Frontliners. Due to the corona virus problem and curfew as people could not come out, these volunteers with risk visited door to door all around Kuwait to collect the documents of the need, submitted to embassy and finished the job successfully.

Indian nationals desiring to benefit from the Amnesty were requested to approach the centers at Farwaniya and in Abasiya for final process.

Volunteers guided and helped the Indians to fill the required papers along with the Indian Embassy to formalize



the travel needs. This was a great help for many of these Indians as they cannot read/write and also understand the requirements.

Within this period, 6000 Indians without Passport or Civil ID have been shifted to the repatriation centers. Apart from this, there are also more than 6000 Indians who applied for emergency documents from the Indian embassy.

It is NOT a small number. As many as 13,000 Indians who have been granted amnesty by Kuwait were returned to India. Majority Indians had been sheltered in repatriation centers and they were provided with free food. All the expenses were being taken care of by the Kuwait Government.

In addition to help the Indians to fly back home, Indian



Frontliners team Mr. Durai, Ramesh, Alavudeen & NCM took care of the tireless-dedicated volunteers by providing them food, snacks, drinks etc.

Amnesty Indians were repatriated by Kuwait Airways and Jazeera flights to India free of cost. In the beginning there was a delay because of the readiness of India to accept these many people in the Corona atmosphere and quarantine places.

Soon after the amnesty works, Corona fear has reached and many jobs were stopped and partial curfew was implemented. This made lot of Indians losing their jobs and salaries. It came to a stage that people cannot pay their house rents or eat food properly.





Many of our community workers didn't have any savings at hand and it was almost impossible to find food and money. IFL decided to help the needy Indians in Fahaheel, Mangaf, Abu-Halifa, Salmiya, Hawali and other far areas. IFL Vice President Mr. P.Senthilkumar immediately formed a team to gear up this volunteer service.

The COVID 19 pandemic has affected all sections of the community and the need of the hour is to come together collectively to identify and address sections which require immediate help to alleviate their suffering.

With the available and mobilised funds from IFL, it started buying groceries and distributing the needed provisions for a month by maintaining social distancing and to complete within the allowable time before the curfew. IFL have collected the needy personnel list in April as many as 1200 Indians.

As the requirements increase for many, under the guidance of the Embassy of India Kuwait when the committee ICSG formed to respond to the basic and essential needs of the Indian Community, IFL joined with them. After ICSG started making online registration, IFL spot out thousands of needy people for the food kit to be supplied and made the registration.

In addition to the ICSG food kits, IFL did its best to supply with the needed provisions for all of one thousand plus people at least one time. Tamil Karpur Kuzhumam, Malabar Gold and few like-minded people also joined with IFL to spare provisions to the needy people.

In addition to this, IFL supported the families of some of the diseased and victims due to corona. Also IFL joined with Mughal Mahal's "Help the needy" project to distribute Food



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Let us salute this great Nation on this auspicious day! At the stroke of midnight, when the world slept, India woke up to life and freedom and today, our Nation has discovered itself again! Let all brothers and sisters of India pour their zeal on the celebration of Independence Day!

Happy Independence Day!

boxes all over Kuwait.

IFL not only helped our community in Kuwait but also in India! It is note worth that IFL is the first one from Kuwait to send Rs 1,00,000 to PM relief fund.

Our funds have been widely utilized for the poor people through many NGOs in India like Palam, Exnora, World Women Chennai Trust, Annai Trust, Ninalam trust, Head India Kangaroo etc. to supply, food, groceries and safety kits.

Also with another initiative from IFL members we mobilized from Kuwait, Canada and Qatar almost INR 4,00,000 to 20 blind families in India for their living of 8 months till December-2020.

ICSG appreciates the good work and efforts of IFL for extending our help to the weaker sections. It was our pleasure to have ICSG on board to work for the collective welfare of our community.

There were lot of thankful messages from many of the people who received food kits help from IFL or ICSG. It was tough to distribute during the curfew and Ramadan hours. We thank Indian Embassy and ICSG for the needed help to protect our fellow Indians.

We pray and hope to come out from this Virus soon, so that people can resume their work and make their own living.



M.A. Rangarajan
Country Manager, NCC, Kuwait

The change you want to see in the country is going to begin with you. This year, let's pledge to keep the country clean and people safe. It's all of our responsibility to leave this planet in better shape for the future generations.

Let's make a strong decision, to value our nation and never forget the sacrifices from those who gave us freedom.

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