

Message of Ambassador Sunil Jain on the 70th Independence Day of India (15 August 2016)

On the joyous occasion of our 70th Independence Day, I extend my heartiest warm greetings and best wishes to all Indian nationals in Kuwait. On this historic day we pay homage to our freedom fighters and remember with deep gratitude all those who have over the years sacrificed their lives for the safety and security of our Nation. We salute the courage and valour of our Defence and para-military forces guarding our frontiers. We also re-dedicate ourselves today to realize our vision of a modern vibrant India, where all our 1.25 billion citizens, in India or abroad, succeed in their endeavours.

Presently, there is an aura of rosy optimism and positive

business sentiments in our country following the numerous initiatives taken by the Government of India led by Hon'ble Prime Minister. India has now become the fastest growing economy in the world. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill is on the way to becoming a law. The "Make in India" campaign to make India an investment and manufacturing destination, the 'Digital India'



programme to transform India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy, 'Start-up India' programme to help the people who wish to start their own business and to make them job creators rather than job seekers, 'Smart Cities', 'Model Villages', 'Swachh Bharat' and the 'Clean Ganga' mission are transforming our nation and creating employment opportunities for our youth. We are the largest provider of



affordable generic medicines globally, major centre of IT services, emerging hub for manufacturing, key player in space and growing overseas investor.

Skill Development Initiatives have been introduced to assist youth in charting a new course for their future lives. The Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana has trained more than 1.9 million youth under various skill development courses. 7.6% during 2015-16. Due to the stable political environment, consistent rise in GDP, low inflation and relatively low fiscal deficit, and stable prices, the International Monetary Fund has highlighted India as a bright economic spot in the world. In spite of global slowdown, India has emerged as the number one destination in attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). During 2015-16, India received its highest ever FDI, which has given a big push to many key sectors including Railways,



Several youth have been given loans to begin their own businesses. Agricultural sector is still the largest source of livelihood provider in India and contributes significantly to our Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The government has placed emphasis on farmers' welfare and has taken various initiatives to modernize the agricultural sector. In spite of setback due to deficient rainfall and shortage of water in reservoirs, India's foodgrain production is estimated to be 252.23 million tonnes in 2015-16. Fortunately, the monsoon this year has brought plenty of rains all over the country.

India has taken important steps towards renewable energy with increasing installed capacity. Through the largest ever wind power capacity addition of 3,300 MW in 2015-16, India exceeded the target by 38% and became the world's clean energy capital. Similarly, the biggest ever solar power capacity addition of 3,018.80 MW exceeded the target by a stupendous 116%. Solar projects of 20,904 MW capacity were tendered in 2015-16, out of which 11,209 MW are already awarded and remaining are in process. Because of these impressive achievements, the International Solar Alliance (ISA) of 121 tropical countries to develop and promote solar energy will now be headquartered in India.

To realize the grand vision of a connected India, record construction of 6029 Km of highways was carried out in 2015-16. As per the plan, 65,000 eligible habitations are to be connected by constructing 223,000 Km of roads by 2019. In order to pick up speed, Indian Railways, with cooperation from Japan, will soon be getting its own Bullet Train. At present, India's fastest train is 'GATIMAN' Express, which reaches speeds of 160 Km/hr. The trial runs of 'Talgo' trains capable of running at 180 Km/hr on existing infrastructure have been successful.

In the last two years, India has emerged as the fastest growing large economy in the world with its GDP growing at

Defence, Insurance and Health. This year, India improved its position in the World Bank's 'Ease of Doing Business' rankings by 12 ranks. Initiatives like simplified one page Micro Small and Medium Enterprises registration form for Udyog Aadhaar, simplified forms for industrial licenses, online application process for environmental and forest clearances have made things exceptionally easy for the investors.

On 3 August 2016, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill, which is one of the most crucial indirect tax reforms in the history of India, was passed by Rajya Sabha, with the Bill having been passed earlier by Lok Sabha last year. The proposed GST would subsume various Central as well as State-level indirect taxes, thereby mitigating double taxation and creating one window for market operations. With the implementation of GST, the "Ease of Doing Business" index in India would be enhanced substantially. The indirect tax reform is also expected to add about 2% to India's GDP growth.

India has made significant progress in the field of Space Technology. After the success of India's Mars Mission, the Indian Space Research Organisation successfully launched a record 20 satellites in a single mission on 22 June 2016, carrying 17 satellites from foreign countries, including the USA, Canada, Germany and Indonesia.

On the foreign policy front, India continues to promote mutually beneficial relations with all countries and towards this end, is working with them on issues of common concern like terrorism and global economic crisis; energy, environment and food security through active bilateral, regional and international engagement. We are today witnessing a surge in violence and intolerance, radicalization and extremism and the threat of terrorism in many parts of the world. India not

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WORLD HISTORY FACTS ABOUT INDIA

Some of the following facts may be known to you. These facts were recently published in

a German magazine, which deals with WORLD HISTORY FACTS ABOUT INDIA.

- India never invaded any country in her last 1000 years of history.

- India invented the Number system. Zero was invented by Aryabhatta.

- The world's first University was established in Takshila in 700BC. More than 10,500 students from all over the world studied more than 60 subjects. The University of Nalanda built in the 4 th century BC was one of the greatest achievements of ancient India in the field of education.

-- Ayurveda is the earliest school of medicine known to humans.

-- Although western media portray modern images of India as poverty-stricken and underdeveloped through political corruption, India was once the richest empire on earth.

-- The art of navigation was born in the river Sindh 5000 years ago. The very word "Navigation" is derived from the Sanskrit word NAVGATIH.

-- The value of pi was first calculated by Budhayana, and he explained the concept of what is now known as the Pythagorean Theorem. British scholars have officially published that Budhayan's works dates to the 6 th Century which is long before the European mathematicians.



-- Algebra, trigonometry and calculus came from India. Quadratic equations were by Sridharacharya in the 11th Century; the largest numbers the Greeks and the Romans used were 106 whereas Indians used numbers as big as 1053.

-- According to the Gemmological Institute of America, up until 1896, India was the only source of diamonds to the world.

-- USA based IEEE has proved what has been a centuryold suspicion amongst academics that the pioneer of wireless communication was Professor Jagdeesh Bose and not Marconi.

-- The earliest reservoir and dam for irrigation was built in Saurashtra.

-- Chess was invented in India .

-- Sushruta is the father of surgery. 2600 years ago he and health scientists of his time conducted surgeries like cesareans, cataract, fractures and urinary stones. Usage of anaesthesia



On this happy occasion of India's 70th Independence Day, it gives me great pleasure to extend my warmest regards and heartfelt congratulations to all members of the Indian community in

Kuwait, and to wish them good health, peace, happiness and prosperity.

Independence Day on 15 August, 1947 was one of the most significant milestones in our country's history. On that day, 70 years ago, we finally broke off the imperialist chains that had shackled and subjugated us for over two hundred years. From that day on, we took over the helm of our destiny and charted the course of our country's growth and development overcoming significant challenges along the way.

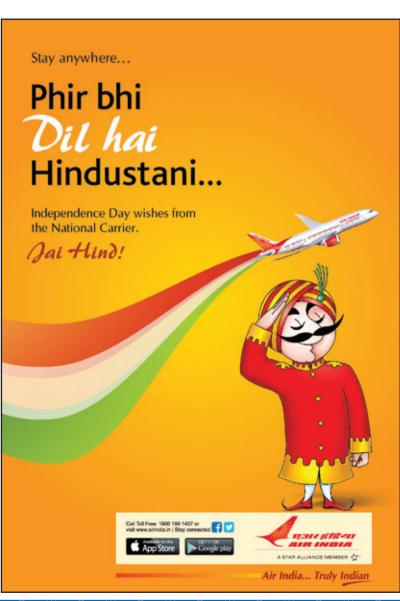
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was well known in ancient India.

--When many cultures in the world were only nomadic forestdwellers over 5000 years ago, Indians established Harappan culture in Sindhu Valley (Indus Valley Civilization).

--The place value system, the decimal system was developed in India in 100 BC.

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As we celebrate our nation's 70th Independence Day, I would like to extend my heartfelt greetings and heartiest congratulations to all readers of Frontliners

and through them to the Indian community in Kuwait.

On this joyous occasion, let us pay our respects to those brave martyrs who over the years made the ultimate sacrifice with their lives, so that today you and I can enjoy the happiness of liberty and breathe the fresh air of freedom.

Let us also use this day to thank all our brave men and women in uniform who against all odds stand vigilant on our borders to protect our hard-won independence and freedom.



Ever since our tri-color flag first fluttered from the ramparts of the Red Fort on 15 August, 1947, India has proudly pursued a path of peaceful and secular democracy that emphasizes tolerance, equality and justice, not just for the privileged few but for all of its 1.2 billion plus citizens.

While enjoying this Independence, let us also keep in mind that freedom is something that is very precious; it needs protection and it requires constant vigilance to ensure its continuity. Just over 25 years ago, Kuwait, and all of us who were here at that time, realized how easily freedom can be snatched away from us. It is to this country's credit, and its standing among the international community, that it was soon able to recover its lost freedom and rebuild Kuwait, its infrastructure and economy.

As one of largest guest communities in Kuwait, let us use this Independence Day to thank our host country and its leadership for inviting us here and allowing us to contribute to the socio-economic development of this land.

Also, on this Independence Day, let us rededicate ourselves to upholding the traditions and values of democracy; of respect for the views and beliefs of others, of equality and justice for all and of building a pluralistic society that grows and develops together in peace and harmony.

Let us once again commit ourselves to carry forward the flame of freedom that our forebears handed to us, and promise to keep it burning bright for future generations.

Together, let us help create a nation where every citizen can lift their heads and proudly say, "I too am an Indian."

India has a glorious past, present and future



Every year this day fills our heart with pride. We remember the struggles through which our freedom fighters and great

leaders, achieved this Independence for us through a lot of sacrifices. For them only, we are free and fearless today. This is the day to show our gratitude to them as well. This is the date on which we renew our commitments to our Country every year. India has a glorious past, present and future. It is now one of the most important Countries of this world. In spite of various hurdles and difficulties, India is going from strength to strength. I like every Indian, dream of a great future ahead for our beloved Country.

I also take this opportunity to assure all Indian Expats here that, Oriental Insurance is always ready to serve you in the best possible ways. We are there for you always.

We also express our gratitude towards all Citizens of Kuwait and other Residents for giving us an opportunity to serve them. We thank from our heart.

To all fellow Indians in Kuwait, I wish a very Happy Independence day.

Jai Hind!



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India is land of unity in diversity



Dr. R. Seetharaman CEO, Doha Bank Group

On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of Indian Independence Day I extend my warm greetings and congratulations to all Indian nationals.

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. On this historic day, we pay homage to those who courageously fought for India's freedom. We also remember with deep gratitude the brave guardians of our frontiers who have over the years sacrificed their lives for the security of our nation. We re-dedicate ourselves to build a modern and vibrant India.

In the last six and half decades, 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's GDP is expected to grow by 7.4% in 2016-17 and the reforms and favorable monsoon is going to improve India's growth.

The passage of the Goods and Services tax (GST) Bill is a landmark reform for the country. It is expected to ease a cumbersome tax system, help goods move seamlessly across state border, curb tax evasion, improve compliance, raise revenues, spur growth, stimulate investment and make investing and doing business in India easier.GCC- India Bilateral trade is close to \$100bn for 2015-16 and there is significant potential on bilateral trade, finance and investment between the both blocs. India has a rich, close and multi-dimensional relationship with GCC.

It is home to a large Indian expatriate population, which constantly nurtures and renews the ties of friendship and



understanding between the two blocks. The dynamic and lively Indian community in GCC continues to play its part in the rapid evolution and up gradation of ties.

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.

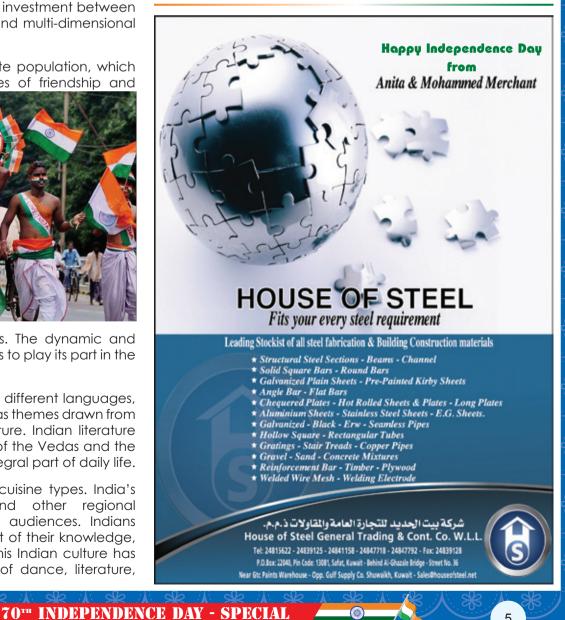
The world is home to 1.8 billion young people between the ages of 10 and 24 year, 9 in 10 of the world's young population live in less developed countries. Young people are the innovators, creators, builders and leaders of the future.

The record 1.8 billion young people present an enormous opportunity to transform the future. India is a very young nation and has the largest population of youth in the world with 66 per cent of the total population in the country is below the age of 35. Young people in India are growing up in a time of rapid societal change.

This provides a solid human resource base to power our development. India's demographic potential gives it an edge to improve its economic growth. Indian youth today feels an urge to speak up, to stand by itself and its beliefs and ideals. They believe in freedom of speech and expression.

The Indian youth have kept in mind that they are the future and they want to work from now to make India a better place tomorrow. The Indian youth moves ahead as a sensible and educated citizen. Better education, diminishing gender biases and a very fast and effective social networking is empowering today's Indian youth to take up leading role in the matters of national integration.

On this day we take pride as an Indian and celebrate the success of India across various fields in the Global arena. We salute those who are responsible for such success and will also encourage the persistent efforts of Indians who strive towards successon various fields for the benefit of our country.





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5 achievements by ISRO that India is proud of

Here are five achievements by ISRO which has made India proud:

Mars Orbiter Mission

It was a historic moment for India and space research worldwide as ISRO's Mars Orbiter Mission (MOM), dubbed as Mangalyaan, successfully entered the Martian orbit on September 2014 in its maiden attempt. India became the first country to successfully complete maiden Mars mission and also the fourth country to successfully venture into Mars. Since it penetrated the Martian orbit, Mangalyaan has sent several images of the red planet.

Mission PSLV-C28

ISRO is one of the most reliable names when it comes to commercial missions and the successful launch of the PSLV C28, the heaviest commercial mission undertaken by the Indian space agency, added to its credibility. PSLV C28 successfully launches five UK satellites weighing over 1440kg, fired up to the orbit carrying five British satellites on-board.

Chandrayaan

Chandrayaan is Indian Lunar Exploration Programme. The first mission Chandrayaan-1 was launched on October 2008 on board PSLV XL rocket. The Chandrayaan-1 mission carried Moon Impact Prob payload that made contact with the Moon and made the stunning discovery of water on Moon.

India's second lunar mission, Chandrayaan 2, is expected to be launched in 2017 aboard the heavy duty GSLV Mk II rocket.

GLSL MK3





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!

Jai Hind!!

Recently, ISRO tested the crew module aboard the GSLV MK3, which will by 2020 put India in a special group of space cruising nations capable of taking humans to space. Adding to this, ISRO is also working on a Reusable Launch Vehicle (RLV) to reduce satellite launch costs. Also, ISRO is thinking of taking GSLV to the next level with GSLV MK4 which will be able to lift 6.5 tons instead of 4 tons of GSLV MK3.

Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS)

IRNSS is an ingeniously built constellation of seven satellites which has been now given an operational name of NAVIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation). The satellites can provide accurate real-time positioning and timing services and extend its service to regions 1500 km. around India. IRNSS satellite constellation consists of 3 satellites in GEO orbit and 4 satellites in GSO orbit, that are 36,000 km. above earth surface. Even though seven satellites are enough for operating NAVIC, two more satellites will be kept as standby in the ground station. A network of 21 ranging stations located across the country will provide data for the orbital determination of the satellites and monitoring of the navigation signal.



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'If there is one place on the face of earth where all dreams of living men have found a home from the very earliest days when man began the dream of existence, it is India."



French scholar Romain Rolland.

Happy Independence day...!





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On the joyous occasion of India's 70th anniversary of the Independence Day on August 15, I extend my warm greetings to all members of the Indian community in Kuwait. I take pride and privileged to say that I love my country for giving me



this freedom and the whiff of fresh air that we breathe is only because of our freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives to give us a better future.

Happy Independence Day!



SIRISH MD & Partner, Al Qabandi United company, Kuwait

Wishing all my fellow countrymen Happy Independence Day.

We should be extremely pleased to be created in this country, a country which delivered charming personalities like Mahatma Gandhi, Rabindranath Tagore, and Subhash Chandra Bose." Its our responsibility to pay respect to all those who have set down their life to create the country that sets an example of unity in diversity in this universe.





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These are the times when Indian sportsmen and sportswomen made headlines, across the globe:

In October 2015, India hosted the Paragliding World Cup for the first time. The event was held in Bir in Himachal Pradesh

In September 2015, Anirban Lahiri became the first Indian golfer to qualify for the Presidents Cup team which was played in October.

Bollywood actor and Indian athlete, Milind Soman successfully completed the toughest triathlon in the World. Milind Soman completed the Ironman Triathlon on July 19, which was held in Zurich, Switzerland.

India won the South Asian Basketball (SABA) Championship title on June 5, 2015. Winning the Championship for the third time, India retained the title. Finishing the match with 93-44, India won against Sri Lanka.

In June 2015, Master Blaster, Sachin Tendulkar was voted the best Test player of 21st century in an online poll conducted by Cricket Australia's (CA) website.

On April 12, 2015, Sania Mirza made history as she became the first female tennis player from India to rank World no. 1 in women's doubles. Sania Mirza won her title along with her partner, Martina Hingis at Women's Tennis Association



Independence is having the freedom of choice in whatever we may do, in whatever we may wish to do, and similarly, freedom with reference to our great heroes is the biggest gift that our forefathers could have ever given us. The very

thought that believed in making the future generations see the light of an independent India, was a great vision and expressed the freedom of the mind.

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(WTA) Family Circle Cup, in Charleston

In April 2015, Indian shooter, Apurvi Chandela won a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games. She bagged the 10m air rifle bronze medal in the ISSF World Cup in Changwon, Korea.

Virat Kohli became the first Indian batsman to score a century in a World Cup game against Pakistan on February 15, 2015.

Virat Kohli, on February 9, 2015, became the only Indian player named in the People's XI list for World Cup 2015. The 11-member team comprising of five batsmen, two allrounders, one wicket-keeper and three bowlers were selected by more than 34,000 people from across the world.

Indian tennis player, Sania Mirza won another doubles trophy at the Sydney International Tennis Tournament on January 16, 2015.



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Independence Day is an annual observance celebrated every year on

15th of August. It is a day of great significance for the people of India. At this day India got freedom from the British rule after long years of slavery. It has been declared as the National and Gazetted Holiday all across the India in order to independently commemorate the independence of country from British Empire on 15th of August in 1947.

It was not so easy for the India to get freedom from the Britishers however; various great people and freedom fighters of India made it a truth. They had sacrificed their lives in attaining the freedom for their future generations without worrying about their comfort, rest and freedom. They planned and acted upon various Independence Movements including violent and nonviolent resistance to get complete freedom. However, later independence Pakistan was partitioned from India which was accompanied by violent riots. That horrible riot was the reason of mass casualties and dislocation of people (more than 15 million) from their homes.

At this day, all the national, states and local government's offices, banks, post offices, markets, stores, businesses, organizations, etc become closed. However, public transport is totally unaffected. It is celebrated in the capital of India with big enthusiasm however it is also celebrated in the schools, colleges and other educational institutions including public community and society.





Indian Army

Sunil Menon

CEO Al Qabandi United Company, Kuwait

Indian Army is the powerful land force of the Indian Armed Forces.

It is a highly equipped military force. It consists of over a million brave soldiers. They are the pillars of the Indian army.

The glorious achievements of these fearless soldiers have made us proud. According to the latest record, Indian Armed Forces is the third largest troop after United States and China.



Param Vir Chakra, Maha Vir Chakra and Vir Chakra are some of the bravery awards given to the soldiers. There are many soldiers in the Indian Armed Forces who received those awards and have made us proud.

The bravery of the Indian soldiers is seen in the following conflicts from the past:

Jammu- Kashmir Operations - Naik Jadu Nath Singh, the great soldier was born on 21st November, 1916. He showed excessive courage in the Jammu & Kashmir Operations of 1947 and was awarded with the Param Vir Chakra.

Bangladesh Liberation War (1971) - Lt. General Jagjit Singh Aurora was born on 13th February, 1916. This great Indian commander belonged to a Sikh family. Just after the completion of his graduation he joined the Indian Army and during the Indo-China conflict he became the Brigadier.

□ Kargil War (1999) - Sanjay Kumar was the head scout of the Indian Army during this war. His contribution is really unforgettable. This great soldier was awarded with the Param Vir Chakra.

Indo-China Conflict (1962) - In this war many Indian heroes were killed. Lt. General Jagjit Singh Aurora had participated in this war also . He played the role of a Brigadier and fought bravely. This great fighter passed away on 3rd May,2005.

Major Somnath Sharma

The first recipient of India's highest war-time gallantry award, Param Vir Chakra, Major Somnath Sharma displayed exemplary courage and valour during the Pakistani invasion of Jammu & Kashmir.

Somnath Sharma was a part of the D Company of 4 Kumaon regiment. D Coyled by Major Sharma was undertaking reconnaissance tasks, when his company was subjected to indiscriminate firing from the Pakistani raiders. He held back the enemy for a long and crucial time, which helped to stem the enemy advance on Srinagar. He gave up his life on the battlefield, but did not yield an inch to the enemy, thus setting a rare example in Indian military lore.

Sam Hormusji Framji Jamshedji Manekshaw

One of the finest officers of the Indian Army, Field Marshal Sam Hormusji Framji Jamshedji Manekshaw, has had a long and illustrious career. Field Marshal Manekshaw became the Chief of Staff of the Indian Army in 1969 and under his command Indian forces achieved

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a splendid victory in the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971.

He is one of the two Indian military officers to hold the highest rank of Field Marshal. He served in the army for four decades and saw five wars, including World War II. He showed his strategic acumen during the 1947-48 Jammu & Kashmir Operations. During the Indo-Pakistani war of December 1971, Manekshaw presided over the complete rout of the Pakistani forces.

This legendary soldier received several awards and accolades. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1968, the Padma Vibhushan in 1972 and was conferred the rank of Field Marshal on 1 January 1973.

Captain Vikram Batra Pvc: Immortal Hero

Captain Batra aged 24, established an example for the whole of young India by fighting courageously, displaying leadership of the supreme order and sacrificing himself for the nation during the Kargil War of 1999.

The heroic occasion in Captain Batra's life came when his unit was assigned to recapture the most significant peak - Point 5140. Regardless of his injuries, Captain Batra regrouped his men to pave the way for Indian soldiers to advance further in the Kargil war which otherwise would have been impossible. In the unfortunate morning of July 7, 1999, It was while saving a Subedar - Captain Batra had told him to step aside as he had children and a wife to look after - that he was shot at fatally. He breathed his last breath saying "Jai Mata Di".

Along with the posthumous honour of Param Vir Chakra, Captain Batra's name is used by the Indian Army for various significant buildings and cantonments in his remembrance.

General Krishnaswamy Sundarji

General Krishnaswamy Sundarji was one of the most famous and competent generals of the Indian Army. He served as a Brigadier General in the Rangpur sector of Bangladesh during the 1971 Indo-Pak war. He led Operation Bluestar, designed to flush out Khalistani terrorists from the Golden Temple in Amritsar. In 1986, he took over as the Chief of Army Staff. Widely known as the "thinking General", General Sundarji.

During his tenure, the Indian government sent in troops sent the IPKF (Indian Peace Keeping Force) to Sri Lanka. He was a part of the



We, as proud citizens of India have arrived at another Glorious year of our Independence. We salute our Great Nation in the 70th year of our Independence Day of India.

JAI GANESH SMI. Kuwait

We remember this day to recall the hard struggles by which our Independence was achieved. I am especially overwhelmed to see the Great Progress that our beloved Nation has achieved in the past one year with a new assertiveness in National and International Forum.

Happy Independence Day

core team credited with shaping India's nuclear doctrine. Apart from being one of the finest soldiers the country has produced, he was a prolific writer. His book Blind men of Hindustan won rave reviews. He passed away in 1998.

Field Marshal Kodandera Madappa Cariappa

Cariappa was in active service with the 37 (Prince of Wales) Dogra in Mesopotamia (present-day Iraq) and then posted to the 2nd Rajput Light Infantry (Queen Victoria's Own). He went on to become the first Indian officer to undergo the course at Staff College, Quetta in 1933.

K.M Cariappa saw action in Iraq, Syria and Iran from 1941-1942 and then in Burma in 1943-1944 and became the first Indian Officer to be given command of a unit in 1942. In 1947, Cariappa became the first Indian to be selected to undergo a training course at Imperial Defence College, Camberly, UK. K.M Cariappa was appointed as the first Commander-in-Chief of an independent Indian Army on 15 January 1949. Post-retirement from Indian Army in 1953, he served as India's High Commissioner to Australia and New Zealand.

He was awarded the 'Order of the Chief Commander of the Legion of Merit' by American President, Harry S. Truman. The Government of India conferred the rank of Field Marshal on Cariappa in 1983.



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Independence Day Celebration

Independence Day is celebrated all over the India as a National holiday. It is

observed every year in all Indian states and union territories with great enthusiasm. President of India gives a speech every year in order to "Address to the Nation" on the evening of a day before the Independence Day. It is celebrated with big passion in the Capital of country on 15th of August where the prime minister of India hoists the Indian flag on the Red Fort, Delhi. After the flag hoisting, National Anthem song is sung and twenty-one gun shots are fired to salute and honour the Indian flag and solemn occasion.

The prime minister of India highlights over all the achievements of past year, important social issues and

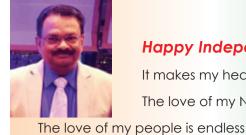


solutions, further development in the country, educational matters, etc during his speech on the Independence Day after paying tribute to the freedom fighter and leaders of the Indian independence movement who had sacrificed their lives. A grand march past takes place by the Indian Armed Forces and paramilitary forces. The celebration of independence day takes place in different states of diverse cultural traditions where Chief Ministers of individual states hoist the national flag flowed by various cultural activities by the participants.

Flag hoisting, National Anthem song play and parade ceremonies including other cultural programmes takes place in almost all the governmental and non-governmental institutions, educational institutions, some of the private institutions all through the country. In the schools and colleges the national flag is hoisted by the school or college Principal and parade and cultural events are carried out by the students. On this day, government offices, buildings, etc gets adorned with the electric lights, flowers and other decorative things. Different sizes of the national flags are used by the people to symbolize faithfulness and commitment to the country.

It is also celebrated by the people with family members, friends and neighbours by going at dinner, picnic, park, garden, mall for shopping or seeing film, etc. Some people do flying or sing patriotic songs. At this day, kids of the home take a small flag in their hand and go outside by saying "jai Hind", "Jai Jawan or Jai Kisan" and other popular saying.





And what I need for my country is happiness .

Let us celebrate & enjoy the Freedom to live Independently, hopefully, peacefully and with integrity by Remembering our National Heroes who gave us freedom after suffering pain & humiliation,

Happy Independence Day!

It makes my heart beat with pride !

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Albert Einstein.

Happy Independence day..!





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Happy 70th Independence Day

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Gulf NRI Forum, Kuwait On the auspicious occasion of India's Independence Day, I extend my sincere warm wishes and gratitude to HE Sunil Jain, Ambassador of India to Kuwait, the Government

and the people of India. Our independence is a great gift to us from our forefathers. Their sacrifice will not go down in vain, we have to cherish every moment and enjoy the freedom we gained because our great martyrs and freedom fighters laid down their lives so that we could breathe a whiff of fresh air. Let us all come together in unison and renew our pledge to our motherland India.

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Pure thoughts....

Just as a dash of pure light that strikes through the sky, thoughts on purity occupied my thoughts. The white colour on our flag reminds me once again about the purity that must rule our thoughts, rule our land, rule the world and finally rule the entire universe. To recollect - Do we breathe in pure air every day? - Do we drink

pure water every day? - Do we leave our dear ones pure space to live? The word 'pure' now has a meaning that has grown enormous and it leaves every nook and corner of a human mind with too many questions.

Purity in thoughts; Purity in deeds; Purity in words; Purity in dialogues; Purity in work place; Purity in living space; Purity in footsteps; Purity Purity has become a demanding need of the hour in páthways. for everywhere we go we are encountered with something impure. Love for a sophisticated and materialistic life has left us impure.

Though we don't do things wantedly, the end result glares at us - with our own deeds we have triggered the nature's alarm bell. It is time to wake up with broadened shoulders and thoughts to embrace and welcome purity everywhere. Let us not leave behind something impure to make us live pure.

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Independence Day of India

Indian subcontinent was outpost by some European traders during 17th century. It was again slaved by British East India Company

because of his big military strength. They established their local kingdoms and effective forces all through the India during 18th century. A great independence revolution was started by the people of India against the British rule in 1857. That Indian Rebellion is called as Great Rebellion, the Revolt of 1857, the Indian Mutiny, the Uprising of 1857 and the Sepoy Mutiny.

The Revolt of 1857 was effective rebellion after which various civic society were emerged all across the India. One of them was the Indian National Congress Party which formed in the year 1885. The period of dissatisfaction and unhappiness has raised non-violent movements all through the nation which was led by the Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi.

After World War II, in 1947 British government got ensured that it no longer could show its power on the India. Indian freedom fighters were continued fighting and then Britain decided to free India from the rule however Hindu Muslim violence took place after the independence of India which separated India and Pakistan. Muhammad Ali Jinnah became the first Governor General in Karachi Pakistan. However, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru became the first prime minister of independent India.

In the midnight of 15 August 1947, India was proclaimed as independent country by the Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru where he gave his speech over "Tryst with destiny". He said during





MOHAMED ALI HILAL

Business Director, Parts & Accessories Al Sayer Group

This day is to remember our great leaders for their endless resistance against the foreign powers to give us the freedom that we enjoy

today. We should be really proud to be born in India and Its our duty to pay homage to all those who have laid down their lives to make the country free from foreign dominance.

Feel the pride of being a part of such a glorious nation. Here's my warm patriotic wish to make this day truly memorable.

Happy Independence Day..!

his speech that "Long years ago we made a tryst with destiny, and now the time comes when we will redeem our pledge, not wholly or in full measure, but very substantially. At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes, but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance. We end today a period of ill fortune, and India discovers herself again."

After that, all the Assembly members took pledge of being loyal in offering their services to the country. Finally India became an independent country officially, and Nehru and the viceroy, Lord Mountbatten, became the first prime minister and first governor general respectively. Mahatma Gandhi was not involved in the celebration. He stayed in the Calcutta and marked the Independence Day with his 24 hours fast in order to encourage the peace between Hindu and Muslim.





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Manager, Jet Airways

India is the cradle of the human race, the birthplace of human speech, the mother of history, the grandmother of legend and the great grandmother of tradition.

Mark Twain.

Happy Independence day...!

Thousands laid down their lives so that our country can breath this day. Never forget their sacrifice, Let's honor the patriotism of the people who lost their lives to free India. Let's feel proud

to be part of our glorious nation and hoist the Tricolor high...

Let us celebrate & enjoy the freedom to live independently in our country cheerfully, helpfully, hopefully, peacefully by

remembering our national heroes who gave us freedom after

suffering years of pain & humiliation.

Devesh Kumar Residence Manager LIC Kuwait

On this day the 15th of August, a day engraved in our history, we celebrate our freedom. When we celebrate it by hoisting the flag, playing our National Anthem, distributing sweets, we need to sail back into

the past to remember and pay homage to the builders of our nation. We were the privileged to have been born in free India. We must remember those hard times and struggles that our national heroes fought for, so that we could live a better life.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY...!



DR. RUMANE ABDUL RAZZAK EX. Chairman, IEI Kuwait Chapter

On the occasion of 70th Independence Day, I wish my fellow citizens a Happy Independence Day.





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Indian Navy, Admiral Sureesh Mehta

Former Chief of the Indian Navy, Admiral Sureesh Mehta was born on 18 August 1947. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, he was commissioned in the Indian Navy in July 1967. A graduate of the prestigious Defence Services Staff College, Wellington, he attended the National Defence College in New Delhi.

After joining the Naval forces, he held various appointments, including the Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, Director General Coast Guard, Chief of Personnel, Controller of Personnel Services, Assistant Chief of Personnel (Human Resources Development) and Assistant Controller Carrier Projects. He has also commanded the frigate INS Beas, INS Godavari and one of the premier naval air stations of the Indian Navy, INS Garuda.

During his tenure as the Assistant Controller of Warship Production and Acquisition and Assistant Controller Carrier Projects, Admiral Mehta was the man behind the commencement of a host of important ships and aircraft acquisition programs. Working as the Director General Coast Guard, he established links with the maritime neighbouring countries of India. He has also led the Coast Guard operations towards adopting a pro-active approach in dealing with piracy in Indian and neighboring waters. Prior to taking charge of the Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Sureesh Mehta served the Eastern Naval Command of the Indian Navy from 30th September 2005 to 31st October 2006. It was during this period the Command hosted the first-ever Presidents Fleet Review.

For his exceptional services to the country, this philanthropist was honored with the "Ati Vishist Seva" medal in 1995 and "Param Vishist Seva" medal in 2005.



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While going through the early period of freedom struggle, it really creates a nostalgic feeling in our minds the commitment and unity shown by

the great men. As those people were so ambitious, we too should have a strong heart and committed mind to fulfill the national goals of our country. So on this very special occasion, I am forwarding a thought before you. Let us unite together for a common goal, to uphold the values and make our country the best in the world.

Happy independence day to all Freedom in the Mind, Faith in the words... Pride in our Souls... Let's salute the Nation on 70th Independence Day!

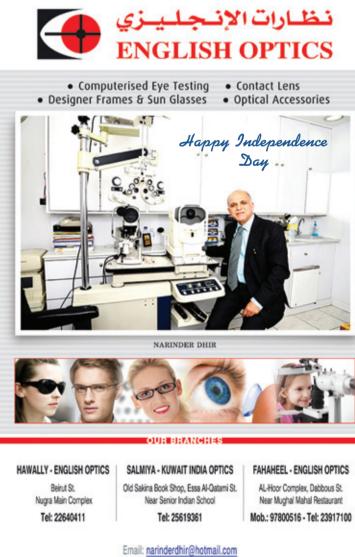
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Happy Independence Day! Come let us celebrate this independence Day with new hopes and aspirations. Lets adopt the motto, Tum Chalo to Hindustan Chale. Lets move forward together, lets motivate each other to achieve the impossible. When our elders could do it then and that too with non-violence, then why cant



we? We can and we will because, this is our Country, our source of joy and pride.

Happy Independence Day



70TH INDEPENDENCE DAY - SPECIAL

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only condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations but joins hands with the international community in its efforts to eradicate the scourge of terrorism completely. This year on 24 June India was formally admitted as a full member into the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), while on 27 June it became a member of the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR). India was quick in responding to relief and rescue measures in times of distress to friendly countries as well as in speedily evacuating our citizens in distress, along with several foreign nationals, from Iraq, Yemen, Libya and South Sudan. Please be assured that Mother India will always protect interests of her children abroad.

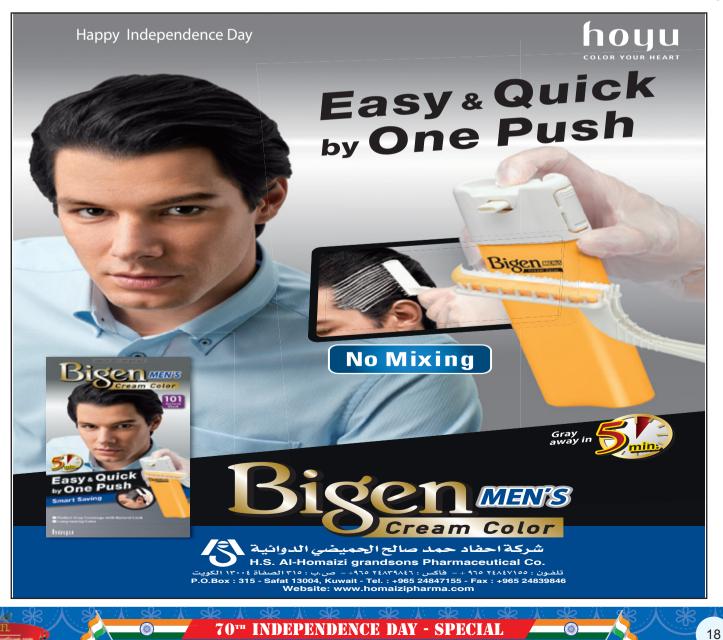
The Indian Government is committed to the well-being and interests of distressed Indian Diaspora in Gulf countries. We have been proactively engaging with all the stakeholders to address the concerns of our overseas community. The Gulf region is growing in significance from the perspective of our national interests; it is not only home to about 8 million Indians but is also crucial for our energy security, resources, and our national security. The Government of India pays highest attention to the Gulf region and seeks better understanding, closer cooperation and stronger partnership.

India and Kuwait enjoy excellent relations, reflecting the centuries old economic and socio-cultural interactions. The two countries have been engaged at the highest level and have established several institutional mechanisms of cooperation in various domains. To discuss and expand co-operation in the hydrocarbon sector, the 4th meeting of the India-Kuwait Joint Working Group on Hydrocarbon was held in New Delhi on 15-16 September 2015, while a two-member Youth Delegation from Kuwait visited India from 9-15 March 2016 under the Youth



Exchange Programme. A three-member Kuwaiti delegation from the National Council for Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) participated in the World Cultural Festival, organized by the Art of Living Foundation from 11-13 March 2016 in New Delhi. A 10-member Kuwaiti delegation led by Sheikh Youssef Al-Sabah, Director General, Kuwait Port Authority participated in the Maritime India Summit from 14-16 April 2016 in Mumbai. To streamline the recruitment of Indian nurses for work in Kuwait, Assistant Undersecretary Dr. Jamal Al Harbi and Dr Mahmoud Abdulhadi of Kuwaiti Health Ministry visited Kerala on 15 April 2016 and met the Kerala Chief Minister and NORKA Minister. A 7-member Kuwaiti delegation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs participated in the 55th Annual meeting of Africa-Asia Legal Consultative Organization from 16-20 May 2016 in New Delhi. A 4-member delegation from Kuwait attended the two day (International Conference on Yoga for Body and Beyond' organized by the Ministry of AYUSH from 22-23 June 2016 in New Delhi. To strengthen further the Defence cooperation between the two countries, three Indian Naval Ships: 'INS Delhi', 'INS

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India has consistently been among the top trading partners of Kuwait. Total bilateral trade with Kuwait during 2015-16 was US\$ 6.2 billion. During the last two years, Indian EPC companies viz. Larsen & Toubro, Shapoorji Pallonji, Dodsal, Punj Lloyd, Simplex Projects, Essar, Kalpataru etc. were awarded EPC contracts worth over US\$ 5 billion in Kuwait. As a sign of growing confidence in Indian economy, Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA) announced an investment of US\$ 300 million in GMR Infrastructure Ltd. in December last year. KIA also made some investment in the Interglobe Aviation's (Indigo Airlines) IPO in October 2015. A big-ticket investment from Kuwait into India is in advance stages of finalisation.

To protect the interests of Indian workers coming to Kuwait, the Mission introduced e-Migrate system for on-line attestation of work-contracts and till 30 June 2016, about 21,000 foreign employers in Kuwait have been registered with the e-Migrate system. To boost travel of Kuwaiti nationals and expatriates in Kuwait to India, the Embassy has been providing multi-entry business visas (5-year and 1-year), tourism visas (6-month), medical visas (1-year) and visas for study purposes. The Embassy issued over 13,250 visas in 2015.

The dynamic Indian community of about 9 lakh continues to play its part in the deepening and widening of ties between our two countries. The Embassy has taken several measures for the welfare of the Indian community in Kuwait. Our community can reach the Embassy on 24x7, in cases of emergency. The Embassy has the "Consular Open House" facility where any Indian national can meet a senior consular official without appointment. The Embassy's "Indian Workers Welfare Center" set up in September 2009 has been providing the much needed support system to our workers with its help desk, labour complaints desk, free accommodation and free initial legal advice. The Embassy is providing prompt consular, passport, attestations, and community welfare services to all. During the year 2015, a total of 206,466 services were given by the Embassy including 89,392 passports and 94,363 attestations in a most expeditious manner. To facilitate repatriation of distressed Indian nationals, 3,923 Emergency Certificates (travel document) were issued by the Embassy in 2015. Mortal remains of Indian nationals are being repatriated for final rites from Kuwait to India within 3-4 days in most cases.

While greeting my compatriots on our 70th Independence Day, I take this opportunity to convey best wishes from our leaders for the continued good health and well-being of His Highness the Amir, Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince, Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Prime Minister, Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah and the friendly people of the State of Kuwait.

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On August 15th comes a day which is of great significance and importance in every Indian's life. We celebrate this day to honor our nation, its people and the rich heritage and culture it has. We remember those who sacrificed their life for us and our nation, who didn't give up in the face of adversities and who set a principle for all future generations to come. This is Our Independence Day and a proud day for every Indian.

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India's past was glorious, present is a challenge and future is promising

Eng. Joseph Panicker Ex. Chairman The Institution of Engineers, India- Kuwait Chapter



On the auspicious occasion of the 70th anniversary of our Indian Independence, I take this opportunity to extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes to the Indian community, Kuwaiti friends and well-wishers.

India's past was glorious, The present is a challenge but our future is promising. Afterdeclaring our Independence in 1947, India is rapidly being transformed into a great country in many fields. Currently we are in the early stages of a remarkable technological explosion. Our success stories are being noticed and appreciated by the world in many frontiers and to name a few are, economic growth, electronics and communication, health care, Space exploration and many more.

The 'Moon and Mars' mission experiences have reinforced our belief that we Indians have the girth and capability to carry out world class space science explorations and deep penetrating interstellar communication. While we are embracing the science based, high technology manufacturing and agricultural revolution, we should also give importance for the issues challenging the existence of mankind and all living beings. Being one of the most populous and vibrant democracies in the world, Indians have a greater responsibility towards resolving the current pressing environmental problem haunting humanity; Global warming and extinction of species. In order to counter Global warming, we need to develop climate responsive technologies. Tolerance is the need of the hour for the inclusive growth of all sectors of our composite society. The world is watching us, and we as Indians need to be united and respect all with dignity and compassion. Our younger generation should rise above the narrow attitudes of the few and propel Indian growth and become a super power in all areas as dreamt by our great statesman, rocket scientist and Peoples' President Dr. A.P.J Kalam.

Energy is the lifeline of any country's economic growth. Developing and maintaining multiple sources of energy is an important strategy, which our Indian Engineers across the Diaspora should put in efforts and their knowhow so as to develop Alternate sustainable Energy sources. India has a large potential for solar, wind, hydel and biomass energies. We shall augur well to develop such means for quick exploration to meet the power demands. India's green energy strategies are first among equals. The conversion of electricity supply system towards the use of 100% renewable energy by 2050 is an ambitious goal and requires proper farsighted visionary governance and the will. The earlier we start with the decisive actions in containing global warming issues, the more time we will have to tackle the upcoming challenges of necessary technological and social adaptation.

India's past was glorious, present is a challenge to raise standard of living of common man, future is promising if we handle the present wisely, timely and efficiently.

Let the Indian Diaspora fly the success story flags high in distant lands and beyond.

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is the list of officers arranged hierarchically.

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The Highest post in the Air Force is that of the Marshal which is conferred only by the President Of India only to the officers of exceptional achievements. Arjan Singh is the only officer who has earned this prestigious position.

Indian Air Force has had in the past some of the most daring of the officers. Just after Independence Indian Air Force had some foreigners as its chief but in the year 1954 after 22 years of its formation the Indian Air Force had the first Indian as its chief, Subroto Mukherjee. There were other officers like Arjan Singh who was the first chief to lead the country into war. He took the country through the war process during the war in September 1965.

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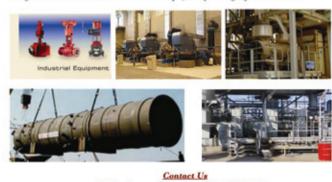
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4 Indian Women Achievers Who Stormed into the Forbes 'Most Powerful Women 2016' List

- Priya Sharma

In a list chiselled by a power packed jury, Forbes recently released a ranking of 'The 100 Most Powerful Women In the World'. The list acknowledges the inroads women are making in the business world despite gender inequalities. It includes four incredibly talented Indian women who command tremendous influence and authority right now and are among the most powerful women on the planet. They are: Arundhati Bhattacharya(30), Chairperson of SBI bank; Chanda Kochhar (40), MD and CEO of ICICI Bank; Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (77), Chairman and MD of Biocon; and ShobhanaBhartia (93), Chairperson and Editorial Director of HT Media Ltd.

Having reached the pinnacle in traditionally maledominated bastions of business in India, these women are making waves with their achievements. With their inherent talent and access to robust financial resources, they are powerful enough to impact their organisations and the economy in a big way. The significant power they wield derives



from a combination of influence and authority, success in delivering outcomes and real personal responsibility.

1. Ranked 25th on the list, Arundhati Bhattacharya joined the State Bank of India as a 21-year-old intern and today leads the 200-year-old bank !

She is not only an achiever as the first woman Chairperson to lead the Bank, but is also the youngest

woman Chairperson to lead the Bank, but is also the youngest person to reach this position. Few people know that Bhilai-born Arundhati's background does not have anything to do with banking or finance; she graduated from Jadavpur University as an English Honours student. She converted her first job into her passion, which swiftly led her up the corporate ladder. On the way, she became an icon for every banker in the country.

Under her, the SBI started an internal blog for its women employees, a platform where they can share their problems and suggestions, and the SBI In-Touch galleries, a digital banking outlet with all services under one roof. She also pioneered a two-year sabbatical policy for female employees in need of maternity leave or those wanting to provide extended care to their families in case of medical emergencies, etc. Today, while facing the twin challenges of SBI's mounting bad loans and obsolete image, she is working to help SBI emerge as the modern bank for every Indian.

2. Ranked 40th on the list, Chanda Kochhar, Chief Executive of ICICI Bank Ltd., India's largest private sector bank, is currently spearheading the Bank's push into retail lending.



Born in Jodhpur, Chanda Kochhar was a brilliant student who dreamt of becoming

an IAS officer. She received the Wockhardt Gold Medal for Excellence in Management Studies as well as the J. N. Bose Gold Medal in Cost Accountancy for highest marks in the same year. She met her husband, wind energy entrepreneur Deepak Kochhar, at the Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies in Mumbai and is today the proud mother of a son and a daughter. In her off time, the lady loves watching Hindi movies and shopping for saris with her daughter.

Kochhar has led a remarkable transformation at India's largest private sector bank, which experienced major setbacks after the 2008 financial crisis. Mobile banking is one of her pet projects and in a bid to retain female staff, she has launched "iWork@home", which allows employees to work from home for a year.

3. The self-made Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw has transformed a small industrial enzymes company into India's largest publicly traded biopharmaceutical company.

Bangalore-born Mazumdar Shaw started her professional



career as a trainee brewer in Carlton & United Beverages, before joining BioconBiochemicals Limited of Ireland as a trainee manager. She commenced her entrepreneurial journey from a rented garage in Bangalore, from where she started the Indian arm of the company.

Battling the initial hurdles of securing bank loans, research equipment, and workers with advanced scientific skills, she focussed on research and discovery, post which, there was no turning back.

Kiran Mazumdar Shaw's hard work has taken the company's operations to a new dimension. The first Indian biotech company to receive US funding for proprietary technology, today, Biocon is a pioneer in the field of biopharmaceuticals and clinical research and a company that distributes its products in over 85 countries. Mazumdar Shaw has also been involved with several philanthropic activities through her CSR wing, has established the Mazumdar Shaw Cancer Centre in Bangalore and supports the ArogyaRakshaYojana.

4. Ranked no 93, ShobhanaBhartia makes her debut on the Forbes list with her impressive work as the chairperson of Hindustan Times Media.



The daughter of renowned industrialist KK Birla and granddaughter of GD Birla, ShobhanaBhartia inherited a newspaper that was started with the intention of helping with the freedom struggle in pre-independence India. She spent time in each department of the publication to gain an appreciation of the different cogs of the business, before taking on the top job. One of India's most well-connected women, Bhartia is married to ShyamBhartia of the Jubilant Bhartia Group.

Revolutionising the business, Bhartia started several news supplements, including ones on lifestyle, fashion and food. She also received the first ever foreign direct investment in the Indian newspaper industry. Today, HT Media is the 13th largest media company in India in terms of market capitalisation, with interests ranging from newspapers and radio stations to online job portals and education.



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2016 Ramon Magsaysay Award Winners

Bezwada Wilson

Fifty-year-old Bezwada Wilson, national convenor of the Safai Karmachari Andolan (SKA), was declared one of the six recipients of the 2016 Ramon Magsaysay Award by the Philippines-based award foundation, in Manila recently.



The award citation recognises Mr. Wilson's work in "asserting the inalienable right to a life of human dignity". Of the estimated 600,000 scavengers in India, SKA has liberated around 300,000, the citation notes.

"In electing Bezwada Wilson to receive the 2016 Ramon Magsaysay Award, the board of trustees recognizes his moral energy and prodigious skill in leading a grassroots movement to eradicate the degrading servitude of manual scavenging in India, reclaiming for the dalits the human dignity that is their natural birthright," his citation read.

"Fifty years old, Bezwada Wilson has spent 32 years on his crusade, leading not only with a sense of moral outrage but also with remarkable skills in mass organizing, and working within India's complex legal system. SKA has grown into a network of 7,000 members in 500 districts across the country. Of the estimated 600,000 scavengers in India, SKA has liberated around 300,000," it read.

Hailing from a Dalit family in Kolar, Karnataka, Mr. Wilson said his first brush with the local authorities over the abominable practice was in 1986-87, when he saw poor Dalit women cleaning human waste in the public latrines of Kolar Gold Fields. His own family members had been manual scavengers for generations.



It was a big town, yet the town lacked public toilets with running water. Moved by the plight of the women who had to clean them every day, Mr. Wilson decided to petition the local town municipality to improve facilities. In 1986, he sent a complaint about dry latrines to the authorities and, when it was ignored, he sent the complaint to the Prime Minister, threatening legal action, the award citation notes. As a result, the town's dry latrines were converted into water-seal latrines and the scavengers transferred to non-scavenging jobs.

Mr. Wilson formed the SKA as a network of activists in 1993. A PIL he filed in the Supreme Court, naming all the States,

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An interpretation.....

Look at the familiar doll of three wise monkeys. What do they tell us? Don't speak unclean words, don't see unclean situations, don't hear unclean dialogues. Cleaniness is the need of the hour. Every

one of us strive our level best to keep ourselves clean, to wear clean clothes, and to live in a clean space. Yet, knowingly or unknowingly we leave the space around us unclean. That is something 100% true.

In today's context, the doll of three wise monkeys impart more significance. Living away from the motherland, we bringin financial benefits to our families and to our country. The sophisticated life style that we all enjoy prevents us to spare some seconds to think about the future.

For a secure future, we insure our lives. Do we tend to insure and ensure a clean space for our future generation to live a healthy life? Sophisticated machines and technology may make our life comfortable and happy. Yet, think about this – will they assure us and our children a healthy space with pure air to breathe, pure water to drink, and pure food to eat? Unlike loads of money to spend, let us take an oathe to give our children a cleaner world to play, live and be happy.

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Union Territories, and relevant government departments as violators of the 1993 Manual Scavenging Prohibition Act, produced positive results. In 2014, the SC ruled in his favour demanding that all States ban manual scavenging and even fixed a compensation of Rs. 10 lakh for families of scavengers who had died on the job.

T.M. Krishna

40-year-old Krishna, who was born in Chennai, has been conferred the Ramon Magsaysay 2016 Award for 'ensuring social inclusiveness in culture.' The award committee hailed him for "showing that music can indeed be a deeply transformative force in personal lives and society itself."



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Krishna was born in Chennai and was trained right from the tender age of six in the refined Carnatic music. "Though he earned a degree in economics, Krishna chose to be an artist and quickly rose to become a highly admired concert performer of Carnatic classical music.

"In electing Thodur Madabusi Krishna to receive the 2016 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership, the board of trustees recognizes his forceful commitment as artist and advocate to art's power to heal India's deep social divisions, breaking barriers of caste and class to unleash what music has to offer not just for some but for all," his citation read.

Krishna was trained in aristocratic Karnatic music that has become almost exclusive to the elite. But he has worked since the 1990s to bring Karnatic music to the youth and public schools, identify gifted rural youth to be trained in Chennai under well-known artists, and to bring together students from diverse social backgrounds to interact with renowned artists and learn about different art forms. Dr.NARENDER DHIR English opticals



India's Tourism Sector: Achievements

Government Initiatives in 2014-2015

• The Government of India has set aside Rs. 500 crore for the first phase of the National Heritage City Development and Augmentation Yojana (HRIDAY). The cities covered in the first phase Varanasi, Amritsar, Ajmer, Mathura, Gaya, Kanchipuram, Velankanni, Badami, Amaravati, Warangal, Puri and Dwarka.

• The Government has launched 'Project Mausam' which proposes to establish cross cultural linkages and to revive historic cultural and economic ties with 39 Indian Ocean countries.

• There will be a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between India and Oman for strengthening cooperation in tourism.

• Rs. 100 crore has been allocated for National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenations and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD).

• Rs.100 Cr allocated for reconstruction of damaged tourism infrastructure in J&K by the tourism ministry.

• The National Guidelines for safety and security of tourists has been formulated.

• Ministry of Tourism has tied-up with Ecole Hotelier de Lausanne, Switzerland, the first phase of which has already started, for improving quality of Hospitality Education.

• In August 2014, a Comprehensive Sustainable Tourism Criteria for India has been launched in India for three important sectors – Accommodation, Tour Operators and Beaches, Backwaters, Lakes & Rivers.

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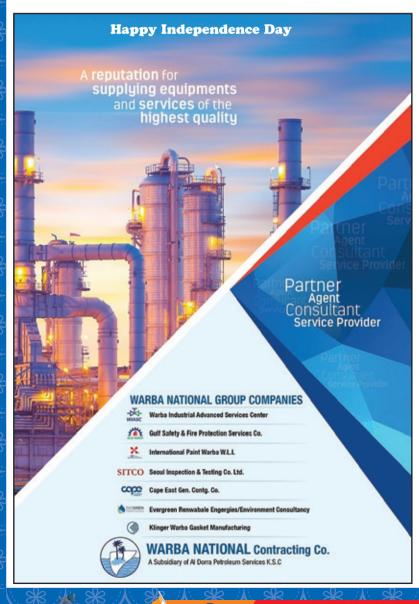


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Wish you all happy Independence Day.!!!



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Arif Durrani Managing Director Vital International WLL

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"Those who won our independence believed liberty to be the secret of happiness and courage to be the secret of liberty"..... Proud to be an

The Growing India - Indian real estate is going through a rapid change and exponential growth leading to surge in smart cities across India (Lucknow was top of the list last month). The advantage of Indian Real Estate is through; Growing demand - All this is happening through Increased Urbanization (2011 - 31% projected 2050 - 60%), rising household income and arowing economy driving demand for commercial and retail spaces. Increasing investments – FDI has contributed to Indian Real Estate by USD 22.67 billion from April 2000 and August 2013. The later part April 2012 to January 2013 saw 8.8% of the total FDI investment in Real Estate. Policy support – There has been high allocation of US\$2.8 billion for rural housing for FY14 budget. The government has allowed 100% FDI to develop townships and settlements. Attractive opportunities – there are growing requirements in spaces from sectors like Healthcare and Education. Increase in tourism is providing opportunities in the hospitality sector.

70% of the Indian population is young, which creates a need for first time home buyers and investors. Real Estate contributes to 5% of Indian GDP. This sector is expected to be at USD 180 billion by 2020.

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A Legendary Life with a Divine Mission

ACHYUTA SAMANTA

Proud Indian

Proving everybody wrong once again that one needs to be opulent in order to be able to help others, the prolific social architect Achyuta Samanta's life affirms that one needs a good heart only to help others. If one is sincere, dedicated, makes sacrifices and stays committed one would overcome any obstacle in life to achieve impossible goals. Achyuta Samanta, who has neither any self-interest nor any personal agenda, has made his mark in leveraging education for poverty eradication, elimination of social alienation, rural development (Smart Village Development), socio-economic transformation, and world peace.

The story of Achyuta Samanta is also a tale of overcoming heart-rending struggles in rising from the abyss of poverty to becoming a social architect and a messiah for millions of people. He chose the path of self-sacrifice and social service early in life and embarked in 1992 on a social development strategy that has been vindicated today, two and half decades later, by global leaders' strategy for global development- the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Achyuta Samanta was born in an economically struggling family and lost his father at the age of four which plunged the whole family into poverty and starvation. Enduring profound grief of seven young siblings and a widowed mother as together they struggled for survival, the child Achyuta helped his widow mother while she worked as a menial worker, collected garden litter, pounded parboiled rice and did other menial jobs, did errands for the fellow villagers, tilled lands and grew vegetables and sold them in faraway markets but took every opportunity to educate him that transformed his life later. His story is nothing less than log-cabin-to-the-white house saga of Abraham Lincoln.

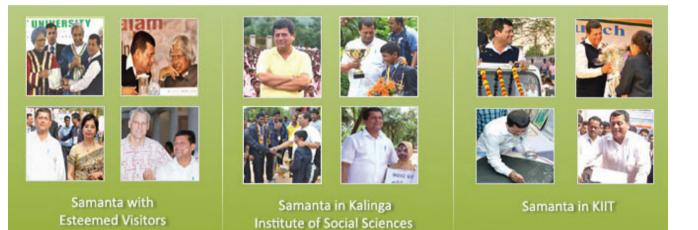
Inspired by his life's struggle for survival that led to his realization- "Poverty creates illiteracy and literacy eradicates poverty", Achyuta Samanta committed to live a life of self-sacrifice and to act as the medium to eradicate the ills faced by the deprived children using education as the vehicle of social transformation. Achyuta Samanta, after a brief stint as an academic following completion of his Masters in Chemistry

to KIIT & KISS



(1987), started in a very modest scale the two institutions: KIIT and KISS with a paltry sum of 100USD which he had saved penny by penny for the purpose.

KIIT, starting initially in a rented building, now stands over 400 acres with 13 million sq. ft. of aesthetically built up area. It has



become the most promising university in India with "A" category status granted by the Ministry of Human Resources, Government of India. With visibility that has spread across the globe, the university today enjoys the trust of over 27000 scholars from around the world. KIIT today has also created indirect and subsidiary employment opportunities for a million of people besides direct employment to ten thousand people apart from supporting the philanthropic initiative, KISS.

(KISS)

Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) was started as a protégé of KIIT in 1992-93. KISS with over 25000 students today has become the world's largest residential institute for the indigenous (Scheduled Tribe) children providing free education from Kindergarten to post-graduation along with livelihood sustaining vocational and life skills, with free lodging, boarding, comprehensive healthcare, and all other amenities that has been facilitating their wholesome growth and complete transformation from social liabilities to social assets, thereby fulfilling SDGs in letter and spirit. KISS has been kindling peace and progressive spirit in the tribal hinterland of Odisha beleaguered by Naxalite insurgence. KISS has created two Guinness World Records recently. Earlier KIIT and KISS have attained 4 Limca Book Records.

KISS, which has been recently granted "Special Consultative Status" by the United Nations, is being replicated elsewhere in collaboration with various governments and Corporate. A clone of KISS, KISS-Delhi, established in collaboration with the Government of Delhi, has been operating successfully. Achyuta Samanta's "New Mind New Dream" aims at establishing one KISS clone each in 20 districts of Odisha and other state capitals of India. A branch of KISS has been operating successfully in New Delhi.

Achyuta Samanta's vision encompasses rural development. With single hand initiative he transformed his native village

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Qimpro Foundation, Mumbai conferred prestigious Qimpro Platinum Standard 2011 Award to Dr. A. Samanta, Founder, KIIT & KISS at a glittering award ceremony held in Mumbai on 1st February 2012.

Kalarabanka, which became a Model Village in 2005. The village has all city amenities: Schools (Primary to High School in regional and English medium), library, post-office,

ruta Samanta Founder of KIII & KIS July 15, 2000 Hanseo University, Korea

HON. DOCTORATE FROM HANSEO UNIVERSITY, SOUTH KOREA Prof. Kee Sun Ham, Founder President, Hanseo University. South Korea presenting the Honorary Doctora Degree to Dr. A. Samanta, Founder KIIT & KISS at a ceremony in Hanseo University on 15th July 2010

banking facilities, hospital, telephone booth with internet facility, community spiritual centres, self-help groups, police outpost, all weather road connectivity, street-lighting, etc. Development of this village has also triggered developments of the entire cluster of neighboring villages and this cluster of villages- Manapur Panchayat is well on its way to be a Smart Panchayat.

Achyuta Samanta has also been promoting growth of arts, culture, literature, films and media, and spiritualism in his bid to bring about a holistic change in the human society. A good heart indeed touches every sphere of human living.

50-year old Achyuta Samanta, an icon of simplicity, modesty and transparency, absorbed in his profound epiphany- Art of Giving and Art of Appreciation, and campaigns like India against Negativity and KOMPASSIONS, has been relentlessly spreading the message of peace and universal brotherhood.

Undaunted by 45 years of struggle-full life, Achyuta Samanta, who has been widely decorated world-wide with coveted awards and Honorary Degrees, remains a classic saga of "Domestic help boy next door to a Gusi Laureate", and continues his legendary messianic march for a world sans hunger and deprivation with indomitable effort, incessant hard work, unlimited patience and endowed with abundant divine blessings.

His Achievements: Prof. Achyuta Samanta, Ph.D. Professor in Chemistry Gusi Laureate - 2014 Founder: Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology (KIIT University) Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences (KISS) KISS Foundation, India KISS Foundation, UK KISS Foundation, USA

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Some Achievers

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15-Year-Old Sushma Verma, Daughter of a Sanitation Worker, Is India's Youngest PhD Student

In a country where more than 35 per cent of girls are discouraged from studying and going to school, young prodigy Sushma Verma from Lucknow has a different story to tell! At the age of 7, Sushma had already completed her 10th. At the young age of 13, she had enrolled herself in college and was getting her Master's Degree in Microbiology from Lucknow University.

And now, at the age of 15, she has achieved yet another milestone by becoming the youngest Indian to have been enrolled as a PhD student at Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar University (BBAU) in Lucknow - a course where her classmates are probably eight to nine years older than her, at least!





Born without Arms, Artist Swapna Augustine has achieved the Unimaginable

If you believe that unfavorable circumstances have been keeping you from achieving your goals, then Swapna augustine will definitely convince you that an indomitable spirit can overcome every challenge that life throws at you.Fortyyears-old Swapna Augustine was born with no arms.

However, this resident of Ernakulam stands out with her phenomenal achievements. Even as a child, she had made a habit of performing all tasks by herself. Swapna has since then cultivated unimaginable talents, including painting and drawing with her feet. Her confidence is awe-inspiring too.

Actively involved in social activities, Swapna frequently exhibits her work among students and interacts with them. Her paintings have also been published in many students' newsletters and youth magazines whom she continues to inspire.



US Patent is granted for the Scientific Invention of Dr. S. Neelamani and his team

Dr. S. Neelamani, Senior Research Scientist in the Coastal Management Program, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and his colleague Dr. K. Al-Banaa were granted a US patent (Patent No. US 9,340,940 B2 dated 17 May 2016) for inventing a novel floating breakwater.



This new invention can be used for cost effective protection of coasts from wave erosion, protecting offshore oil terminal facility from direct wave activity, and to create relatively calm marine area to facilitate extended marine construction activity during a year etc.

For countries with less resource of good quality stone (like Kuwait), alternative coastal protection structure is needed. With this point in mind, the KISR team has worked on new type of floating breakwaters for a span of three years. They have tested 30 different floating breakwaters in the wave flume facility to understand its wave transmission characteristics. For Kuwait type marine environment, a floating pontoon type breakwater with 15 to 17 m width will reduce about 70% of waves acting on the beach. However, based on the scientific investigation, KISR has proved that a floating pontoon breakwater with 7 to 8 m width and 5 skirt walls of about 2 m depth at the bottom will be equal to or better than 17 to 18 m wide pontoon type floating breakwater. This new invention will save 30% to 40% of the cost of conventional pontoon type floating breakwater.

The proposed floating breakwater looks elegant, easy to construct and install, reorientation in the field is easy, will not damage corals at the seabed, will not pollute the water body and is very suitable for Kuwait as well as for Gulf type marine conditions.





On the auspicious occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Indian Independence, I take this opportunity to extend my heartiest greetings and good wishes to the

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