



YEARS OF INDIA
THE JOURNEY I



AN EXCELLENCE:
S THE REWARD

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At 75, India today is at the cusp of making gigantic forward strides. It has proved its mettle in emerging technologies, innovation and R&D all across the globe. Its impressive growth trajectory over the last few years has enabled it to emerge as the world's fifth-largest economy. In the next few years, it will earn the feat of a US\$5 trillion economy. With sound economic fundamentals, and a series of transformative reforms for inclusive growth, India is confidently marching on the growth trajectory.

This 'New India' is not just an economic superpower. It is also a social superpower entailing good governance, people's participation and empowerment – particularly through the use of technology, and an inclusive and sustainable development model that brings benefits for all, not just a few, and ultimately achieving harmony between growth and the environment.

A self-reliant India or Aatma Nirbhar Bharat of Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a self-sustaining and resilient India. This self reliance is not attained by isolating itself from the world, but by enhancing capacities at home so that India can more effectively contribute to the world. With its size, capacity and ambitions, India is poised to be a major factor in the post-pandemic global revival.

India is fully aware of its growing role on the global stage and understands that the choices it makes to meet its developmental aspirations have great significance for the Asian region and the world. Its willingness to shoulder important responsibilities for the global good and its quest for shared peace, development and prosperity are embodied in its philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam,' that is, 'the whole world is one family' and the doctrine of SAGAR – Security And Growth for All in the Region. Today the world looks up to India for solutions related to global peace, prosperity and other global challenges. The 'New India' has arrived!

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SHRI NARENDRA MODI

HON'BLE PRIME MINISTER OF
THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

"Like the history of the freedom movement, the journey of 75 years after independence is a reflection of the hard work, innovation, enterprise of ordinary Indians. Whether in the country or abroad, we Indians have proved ourselves with our hard work. We are proud of our Constitution. We are proud of our democratic traditions. The mother of democracy, India is still moving forward by strengthening democracy. India, rich in knowledge and science, is leaving its mark from Mars to the moon. The Azadi Amrit Mahotsav means elixir of energy of independence; elixir of inspirations of the warriors of freedom struggle; elixir of new ideas and pledges; and elixir of Aatmanirbharta. Therefore, this Mahotsav is a festival of awakening of the nation; festival of fulfilling the dream of good governance; and the festival of global peace and development."

India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world, spanning a period of more than 4000 years, and witnessing the fusion of several customs and traditions, which are reflective of the nation's rich culture and heritage. The history of the nation gives a glimpse into the magnanimity of its evolution - from a country reeling under colonialism, to one of the leading economies in the global scenario. More than anything, the nationalistic fervour of the people is the contributing force behind the culmination of such a development. This transformation of the nation instils a sense of national pride in the heart of every Indian within the country and abroad.

The day India became independent, 15th August 1947, has been embossed in the golden history of the nation. It is the day when India got its freedom from the 200 years of British rule. It was a hard and a long high stakes struggle in which many freedom fighters and great men sacrificed their lives for our beloved motherland. Every year, India commends its Independence Day on 15th August as a public celebration with flag hoisting, marches, and social works. Schools, universities, workplaces, society buildings, government, and private associations celebrate this day with great vigour. On this day, the Prime Minister of India hoists the national flag at the Red Fort and addresses the country by a speech.

On this day in 1947, when India was freed from colonial rule, the Indian economy had been reduced to less than 3 per cent of global GDP after having contributed nearly a quarter of it just two centuries earlier. It was from this abyss of underdevelopment and impoverishment that India began its journey to become a modern, prosperous nation, governed by the world's most elaborate Constitution and supported by institutions that have stood the test of time. India's independence also inspired yearnings for freedom elsewhere as anti-colonial movements swept across swathes of Asia and Africa.

In its nation-building endeavours, India was guided by the ideals of self-reliance and the spirit of international

partnership, as the nation created centres of excellence in science and technology, set up industries and strove to attain food security in the early years. These efforts bore fruits and before the end of the twentieth century, India joined the ranks of leading countries in information technology, pharmacy, space science and civil nuclear energy, to name

HISTORY OF INDIA'S FREEDOM STRUGGLE

The Independence Day of India, which is celebrated religiously throughout the Country on the 15th of August every year, holds tremendous ground in the list of national days, since it reminds every Indian about the dawn of a new beginning, the beginning of an era of deliverance from the clutches of British colonialism of more than 200 years. It was on 15th August 1947 that India was declared independent from British colonialism, and the reins of control were handed over to the leaders of the Country. India's gaining of independence was a tryst with destiny, as the struggle for freedom was a long and tiresome one, witnessing the sacrifices of many freedom fighters, who laid down their lives on the line.

In 1947, on this day, India became independent by winning freedom from British rule after a tough struggle. On this day at the stroke of midnight, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, our first Prime Minister, unfurled the National Flag at the Red Fort for the first time. It marked the end of the 200 years old British reign in India. Every year on 15th August, the Independence day, the people of India remember the selfless sacrifices and unparalleled contributions of great men and women to achieve the independence of India. Leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Subhas Chandra Bose, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad, Sardar Patel, and Gopalbandhu Das are paid reverent homage by one and all in the country.

THE GREAT INDIAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS

India couldn't have acquired independence without the efforts of numerous extraordinary freedom



SMT. SAVITRI JINDAL
CHAIRPERSON EMERITUS,
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“Many Congratulations to Shri Rajat Shukal ji and the Team AsiaOne for organizing the 18th Edition of the Asia-Africa Business & Social Forum on the occasion of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsava’ by celebrating the 75th year of Independence of India on 25th August 2022 in Delhi. We appreciate your dedication to the people of Asia, the Middle East, and Africa in coordination with URS Media.

Your meticulous research campaign in alignment with United Research Services is valuable as you are continuously uniting the people across the globe, who adds value to our life. Our best wishes to your readers also on the occasion as they bridge the hearts across the continents.

My best wishes again to you and your team for your great services to humanity.”



SHRI SADHGURU,
FOUNDER, ISHA
FOUNDATION

“A New Paradigm of Success:

Bharat, a nation beyond all definitions, an antiquity beyond legends, has witnessed peaks of possibilities and poignant pains, through these many millennia of its existence. This Independence

Day is a special one for India, as it is the 75th one. This

precious gift of a free country comes to us as a result of utmost commitment and sacrifice from generations of people. In these 75 years of independence, the first few decades went in the pains of partition and the struggle for survival as a nation. However, in the last 25 years, the nation has been in a developmental mode.

Now, India stands on a threshold where it can transition to a more conscious, inclusive growth. The very basis of what we refer to as Bharat is this inclusiveness. It is time that we reap the benefits of this profound tradition in its full glory. Let us make it happen.”

fighters. Bhagat Singh, Rani of Jhansi, Chandra Shekhar Azad, Subhas Chandra Bose, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Ram Prasad Bismil, and Ashfaqulla Khan are some of the notable names. Several women leaders have played a significant part in the Indian freedom movement. Savitribai Phule, Mahadevi Verma, Capt Laxmi Sehgal, Rani Laxmibai, and Basanti Devi are some of the prominent leaders of India's struggle for independence. These women along with many others played a prominent role in leading India towards its independence.

A DAY MARKED WITH CELEBRATIONS GALORE

Independence Day is celebrated with great joy across the country. People hold meetings, fly the tricolour flag, and sing the National Anthem. There is great enthusiasm among all. In the national capital, Delhi, this day is celebrated with great pomp and show. All leaders and common people gather in large numbers into the parade ground in front of the Red Fort and eagerly wait for the arrival of the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister comes and hoists the National Flag and he makes a speech that focuses on the achievements of the government during the past year, mentions the issues that still need to be addressed, and calls upon for further developmental efforts. Foreign dignitaries are also invited to this occasion. Tributes are paid to the freedom fighters, who sacrificed their lives during the struggle. The Indian National Anthem – “Jana Gana Mana” is sung. The parade by the Indian Army and the Paramilitary forces is followed by the speech. All state capitals hold events on similar lines with the Chief Minister of the respective states unfurling the National Flag.

Independence Day is observed with great honour at all the government and private institutions, schools, and colleges. Students take part in parades, sing the National Anthem before hoisting the National Flag. Some historical buildings are specially decorated with lights depicting the independence theme. Special programs like planting trees are taken up on this

day. The young mind is infused with a sense of patriotism and nationalistic feelings. To celebrate this occasion, sports, and cultural competitions are conducted and prizes are awarded to the winners. Sweets are distributed among everyone. Patriotic songs can be heard at every street corner.

Another interesting feature of the celebration is the kite-flying event that is held all over the country with great zeal. The sky on this day is filled with kites of various colours, shapes, and sizes. Even television channels and radio programs are charged up with patriotism on this day. The channels telecast movies and documentaries based on patriotic themes in order to let the people and children know about various incidents of our freedom struggle and to inspire a love for our motherland. All the national newspapers also print special editions and cite inspirational stories and excerpts of the life of great men from the great books written on them.

Independence Day is an important day in the life of every Indian citizen. Year after year, it reminds us of our great freedom fighters who sacrificed and struggled their lives in order to free our Motherland from British rule. It reminds us of the great paragons, which were the foundation of the dream of a free India, envisioned and realized by the founding fathers. It also reminds us that our forefathers have done their share of duty and now it lies in our hands how we can shape and form the future of our country. They have played their part and have played it really well. The country now looks up to us as to how we perform our part. The spirit patriotism gets renewed in every Indian on this day.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE: AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. This Mahotsav is dedicated to the people of India who have not only been instrumental in bringing India thus far in its evolutionary journey but also hold

within them the power and potential to enable Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of activating India 2.0, fuelled by the spirit of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. The official journey of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav commenced on 12th March 2021 which started a 75-week countdown to our 75th anniversary of independence and will end post a year on 15th August 2023. Following are the five themes of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.

COMMEMORATING MILESTONES IN HISTORY, ESPECIALLY THE UNSUNG HEROES

This theme anchors our commemoration initiatives under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. It helps bring alive stories of unsung heroes whose sacrifices have made freedom a reality for us and also revisits the milestones, freedom movements etc. in the historical journey to 15 August, 1947. Programmes under this theme include Birsa Munda Jayanti (Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas), Declaration of Provisional Government of Free India by Netaji, Shaheed Diwas and others.

CELEBRATING IDEAS AND IDEALS THAT HAVE SHAPED OUR NATION

This theme focuses on programmes and events inspired by ideas and ideals that have shaped us and will guide us as we navigate through this period of Amrit Kaal (25 years between India@75 and India@100). The world as we knew it is changing and a new world is unfolding. The strength of our convictions will determine the longevity of our ideas. Events and programmes under this theme include popular, participatory initiatives that help bring alive India's unique contribution to the world. These include events and initiatives such

as Kashi Utsav dedicated to Hindi literary luminaries from the land of Kashi, Post Cards to Prime Minister wherein more than 75 lakh children are writing their vision of India in 2047 and their impressions of unsung heroes of India's freedom struggle.

REINFORCING COMMITMENTS TO SPECIFIC GOALS AND TARGETS

This theme focuses on our collective resolve and determination to shape the destiny of our motherland. The journey to 2047 requires each one of us to rise up and play our part as individuals, groups, civil society, institutions of governance etc.

Only through our collective resolve, well laid out action plans and determined efforts will ideas translate into actions. Events and programmes under this theme include initiatives such as Constitution Day, Good Governance Week and so on so as to help bring alive our commitment towards the 'Planet and People' while being driven by a deep sense of Purpose.

Highlighting steps being taken to implement policies and actualise commitments. This theme focuses on all the efforts that are being undertaken to help India take its rightful position in the new world order emerging in a post COVID world by highlighting the steps being taken to implement policies and actualise commitments.

It is driven by Prime Minister Modi's clarion call of Sabka Saath. Sabka Vikas. Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas. It encompasses Government policies, schemes, action plans along with commitments from businesses, NGOs, civil society that helps actualise our ideas and help us collectively create a better tomorrow. Programmes under this theme include initiatives such as



SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA,
HON'BLE MINISTER
FOR FISHERIES, ANIMAL
HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING,
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

"I am very happy to know that AsiaOne Media Group and Shri Rajat Shukal are celebrating the auspicious occasion of 75 years of India's independence on 25th August at Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi in a grand manner on an international platform where the political, social & business leaders from across the world would be honoured for their significant contribution in various fields. I believe that this festival is also dedicated to the people of India who have contributed significantly to the development of the nation and who are helping transform it towards a self-reliant India under the dynamic leadership of our Hon'ble PM. I congratulate AsiaOne Media Group, Shri Rajat Shukal, all stakeholders as well as the awardees on this occasion and wish the celebrations of 75 years of India's independence a grand success."

"AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV FOCUSES ON ALL THE EFFORTS THAT ARE BEING UNDERTAKEN TO HELP INDIA TAKE ITS RIGHTFUL POSITION IN THE NEW WORLD ORDER EMERGING IN A POST COVID WORLD BY IMPLEMENTING POLICIES AND ACTUALISING COMMITMENTS"



SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE,
HON'BLE MINISTER OF
STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
AND EMPOWERMENT, THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

"AsiaOne Magazine has completed 8 years. It started on 23rd May 2014, and on 23rd May 2022 it has successfully completed 8 years. And I am happy to say that we are also completing our eight years of governance under the Modi regime.

I would like to congratulate Mr. Rajat Shukul Ji who has organized World's Greatest Brands and Leaders Awards & felicitated leaders not only from India but also from all over the world. This year is also a year of 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.' Our nation is completing 75 years of Independence. There are many people who fought for freedom, and many people who died for it. Today, we have also become self-sufficient in various aspects. I am happy that the nation is moving ahead under our PM's call of 'Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayaas.'

GATISHAKTI – NATIONAL MASTER PLAN FOR MULTI-MODAL CONNECTIVITY

On 15th August 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in a momentous speech at the New Exhibition Complex, Pragati Maidan, spoke about his visionary idea that would transform the infrastructural face of India "PM GatiShakti" – India's National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity. The campaign for the master plan was launched on 13th October 2021 at the New Exhibition Complex, Pragati Maidan. On the auspicious day of Ashtami, the Prime Minister focused on 'Atma Nirbhar Bharat' and how this plan of multi-modal connectivity would act as a stimulus for infrastructural development in 21st century India.

PM GatiShakti plans to bring forth a monumental reform in connectivity and transportation's infrastructural sector. To achieve this, the Master Plan shall bring together sixteen Ministries, including Railways and Roads, to create a unified and streamlined network of connectivity. The vision is to eliminate departmentalization and encourage seamless communication and institutionalize all-inclusive project planning.

VISION OF PM GATI SHAKTI

PM Gati Shakti will incorporate the infrastructure schemes of various Ministries and State Governments like Bharatmala, Sagarmala, inland waterways, dry/land ports, UDAN etc. Economic Zones like textile clusters, pharmaceutical clusters, defence corridors, electronic parks, industrial corridors, fishing clusters, agri zones will be covered to improve connectivity & make Indian businesses more competitive. It will also leverage technology extensively including spatial planning tools with ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) imagery developed by BiSAG-N (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics).

WHY GATISHAKTI?

Traditionally, there was lack of coordination between different Departments, for example, once a road was constructed, other agencies dug up the constructed road again for activities like laying of underground cables, gas pipelines etc. This not only caused great inconvenience but was also a wasteful expenditure. To address this, efforts were made to increase coordination so that all cables, pipelines etc. could be laid simultaneously. Steps have also been taken to address other issues like time-taking approval process, multiplicity of regulatory clearances etc. In the last few years, the Government has ensured unprecedented focus on infrastructure through a holistic outlook. This helps to address the past issues through institutionalizing holistic planning for stakeholders for major infrastructure projects. Instead of planning & designing separately in silos, the projects will be designed and executed with a common vision.

SIX PILLARS OF GATISHAKTI FRAMEWORK

1. Comprehensiveness: one centralized portal that captures all existing and planned initiatives of various Ministries and Departments. This

shall increase inter-Departmental visibility and flow of information, making the planning of initiatives more streamlined.

2. Prioritization: inter-and intra-departmental communications would promote the prioritization of projects that are to be undertaken by respective Ministries.
3. Optimization: the plan would ensure efficient planning of projects while addressing critical gaps and opting for the most cost and time-efficient routes.
4. Synchronization: the main aim of the plan is to ensure coherence and coordination amongst cross-sectoral Ministries and Departments.
5. Analytical: ease of access to data is another salient pillar of the campaign. The data with GIS-enabled spatial analytical tools will be assimilated in one place ensuring better visibility to the executing agency.
6. Dynamic: all the departments working under the umbrella of GatiShakti will be able to review and analyze infrastructural progress through satellite imaging and GIS tools.

MARCHING TOWARDS AN ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT

PM GatiShakti's campaign resonates with the endeavors of PM Modi towards creating state-of-the-art, next-generation infrastructure to optimize connectivity of transportation for people, goods, and services and improve the transition from one mode of transport to another. The Prime Minister believes that it is this 'last mile connectivity of infrastructure that would result in the making of Atmanirbhar Bharat. This campaign would be a milestone towards creating an India of the 21st century. The plan would not only benefit the Ministries and Departments to efficiently collaborate on projects but also provide information and updates to the public, and people from business communities regarding ongoing or upcoming projects and enable investors to plan coherently. The campaign towards creating multi-modal connectivity would generate employment opportunities for the youth and cater to the country's economy.

Efficient reduction in costing logistics and enhancing the supply chain would significantly place Indian local products in the competitive market. With a mantra for progress, PM Modi in his address speech (at the launch of the master plan for GatiShakti) constantly emphasized the need for building such infrastructure that would enable India to forge on the path of development where people are self-reliant, capable, and aware.

The launch of PM GatiShakti Master Plan in the year 2021 is marked as a special milestone in the ongoing Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM), celebrating 75 years of independence of India. Reverberating AKAM's initiative of bringing together the achievements of all the States, Ministries, Departments, and the people of India, PM's GatiShakti is set to eliminate cross-departmental miscommunications and work together under a unified aegis. India has come a long way since Independence. We have marveled in the fields of science and technology, medicine, healthcare, and agriculture. Infrastructural development is the last link joining all these sectors together and advancing India towards greater collective development.



SHRI AJAY BHATT,
HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE
FOR DEFENCE & TOURISM,
THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

"The idea of celebrating 'Amrit Mahotsav,' is a unique idea of Modi ji. Nobody has ever done that before. There are many things that will be featured in this. We also didn't have the knowledge while visiting different places when Modi Ji told us to visit and read about the places and their cultures. We showcased what are our achievements in these 8 years and what is our planning for the upcoming years. People around the world are watching us and thinking of doing the same thing for their countries. After this 'Azadi Mahotsav', for the remaining 25 yrs, after which we celebrate 100 years of Independence in the year 2047, we have started preparing the policies for the nation, how we will develop it, what would be our foreign policies, what would be our agriculture policies, defense policies, how we would move forward and how we would get ahead in the world?"



SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL
HON'BLE MINISTER OF
STATE FOR COMMERCE
AND INDUSTRY, THE
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

"India at 75 is a Declaration for a new India with new dreams, new energy, new commitment with a beacon of hope for the world, driven by ancient wisdom and energized by its youth. Guided by Hon'ble PM's mantra of "Sabka Sath Sabka Vikaas" our Government has, over the years, worked for development without discrimination and empowerment without appeasement for the marginalized, underprivileged and weaker sections of the society. I congratulate Mr. Rajat Shukal and his team on this grand celebration of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and urge everyone to take part in this festival of awakening of the nation; festival of fulfilling the dream of good governance; and the festival of global peace and development. I once again extend my best wishes to organizers for success of this event."

Gati Shakti – National Master Plan for Multi-modal Connectivity.

SHOWCASING EVOLUTION AND PROGRESS ACROSS DIFFERENT SECTORS

This theme focuses on marking the passage of time and all our milestones along the way. It is intended to grow into a public account of our collective achievements as a 75-year-old independent country with a legacy of 5000+ years of ancient history.

Events and programmes under this theme include initiatives such as Swarnim Vijay Varsh dedicated to the victory of 1971, launch of Shreshtha Yojana during Mahaparinirvan Diwas etc.

MISSION AMRIT SAROVAR: DEVELOPING & REJUVENATING WATER BODIES

The mission involves Construction of 75 Amrit Sarovars in each district to boost income generation and employment. Amrit Sarovar Mission was launched on 24th April 2022 with a view to conserve water for the future. The Mission is aimed at developing and rejuvenating 75 water bodies in each district of the country as a part of celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. In total, it would lead to the creation of 50,000 water bodies of a size of about an acre or more. The Mission encourages mobilisation of citizen and non-govt resources for supplementing these efforts. This Mission has been launched with a whole Government Approach with 6 Ministries/Department namely: Department of Rural Development, Department of land resources, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Department of Water resources, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Changes.

REFOCUSING WITH VARIOUS SCHEMES:

The Mission works through the States and Districts, through refocusing of various schemes such as Mahatma Gandhi NREGS, XV Finance Commission Grants, PMKSY sub schemes such as Watershed Development Component, Har Khet Ko Pani besides States' own

schemes. Mission Amrit Sarovar is to be completed by 15th August 2023 and around 50,000 Amrit Sarovars are to be constructed in the country. Each of these Amrit Sarovar will have approx. area of 1 acre with a water holding capacity of 10,000 cubic meters. People's participation in the Mission is the focal point. Local freedom fighters, their family members, Martyr's family members, Padma Awardee and citizens of the local area wherein an Amrit Sarovar is to be constructed, will be engaged at all stages. On every 15th August, National Flag hoisting will be organized on every Amrit Sarovar site.

Achievements: So far, 12,241 sites have been finalized for construction of Amrit Sarovars by States/Districts, out of which works has started on 4,856 Amrit Sarovars.

HAR GHAR TIRANGA CAMPAIGN: REIGNITING THE PATRIOTIC SPIRIT

'Har Ghar Tiranga' is a campaign under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav to encourage people to bring the Tiranga home and to hoist it to mark the 75th year of India's independence. Our relationship with the flag has always been more formal and institutional than personal. Bringing the flag home collectively as a nation in the 75th year of independence thus becomes symbolic of not only an act of personal connection to the Tiranga but also an embodiment of our commitment to nation-building. The idea behind the initiative is to invoke the feeling of patriotism in the hearts of the people and to promote awareness about the Indian National Flag. To mark this momentous occasion, the Indian citizens are encouraged to hoist the flag in their homes from 13th to 15th August 2022. Apart from this, they can also 'Pin a Flag' virtually at <https://harghartiranga.com>, along with posting a 'Selfie with Flag' on the site.

INDIA @100: MARCHING TOWARDS THE REALM OF GLORY

In its nation-building endeavours, India was guided by the ideals of self-reliance and the spirit of international partnership, as the nation created centres of excellence in science and technology, set up industries and

strove to attain food security in the early years. These efforts bore fruits and before the end of the twentieth century, India joined the ranks of leading countries in information technology, pharmacy, space science and civil nuclear energy, to name but a few. Referring to the next 25 years upto 2047 as 'Amrit Kaal', Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi had in 2021 said, "In the next 25 years, during 'Amrit Kaal, the nation will move forward towards attaining resolutions made for Aatmanirbhar Bharat". Therefore, Government of India has embarked the journey to set the course for India @ 100. The crucial journey of next 25 years has been termed as the Amrit Kaal, with an objective to enhance the lives of citizens, reducing the urban-rural divide and embracing technology towards infrastructural development. It is interesting to note the Budget 2022-23 seeks to lay the footprint and give a blueprint to drive Indian economy for Amrit Kaal. A paradigm change is envisioned for our cities with introduction of PM Gatishakti National Master Plan, AtmaNirbhar Bharat, National Infrastructure Pipeline and National Monetization Pipeline to boost infrastructural and economic development.

As India completes 75 years of Independence in 2022, it is positioning itself for global leadership with a long-term vision for India@100 in 2047. The vision for India@2047 is guided by greater aspirations like attaining new heights of prosperity; making best facilities available both in villages and cities; eliminating unnecessary interference by the Government in the lives of citizens; and building world's most modern infrastructure. According to the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji, India moving from the 75th year of independence to its centenary in 2047 cannot be a routine affair and it should be a watershed moment for the country. "Our Amrit Kaal is not just to laud the last seven decades. We may have gone from 70-75 (years of independence) in routine. We may gone from 60-70 (years of independence) in routine. But from 75 to 2047, India at 100, cannot be routine. Our Amrit Mahotsav should

be a watershed. The period of (the next) 25 years should be seen as single time unit and not as (different) pieces," he asserts.

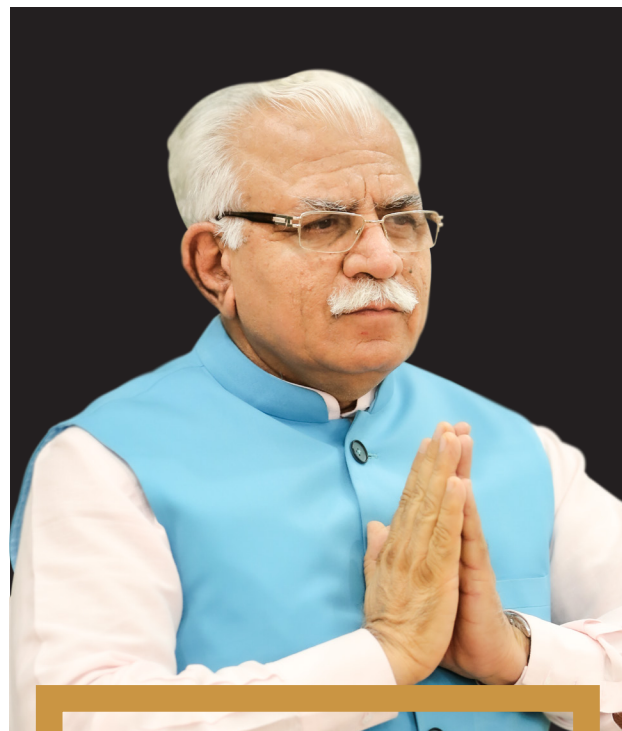
Last year, while addressing the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on India's 75th Independence Day, PM Modi unveiled a national blueprint with limited State interference in the everyday life of citizens; a focus on small farmers and rural economy; energy independence with the announcement of a National Hydrogen Mission; a boost to manufacturing, technology, infrastructure and start-ups; employment generation for the young with a INR100 lakh crore PM Gati Shakti master plan; equity for women and vulnerable sections of society; and balanced regional development with a focus on Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and the Northeast. Lauding the efforts of young entrepreneurs, he said India has seen 14 unicorns in the first quarter of 2022. During the last eight years, he said, many big changes have been implemented in the country which have "behavioural change" at their core. India @ 2047 is the journey of development of Urban India in the next 25 years. The nation's efforts of sustainable urbanization and economic developments are to be concerted across pillars of Economic, Social, Technological, Environmental Development:

Social: enriching 'Soul' of our cities by adopting principles of sustainable development, ensuring high standards for quality of life for citizens by meeting aspirations of livability of our cities; and fulfilling our social commitments towards balanced and equitable development

Economy: maintaining economic vitals of our cities; identifying innovative financing streams for infrastructure development; and sustaining infrastructure development through excellence in program management

Environment: development of focused approach for climate resilience; and exploring alternate mobility solutions

Technology: adopting new age technologies towards delivering citizen services and development of infrastructure.



SHRI MANOHAR LAL KHATTAR,
HON'BLE CHIEF MINISTER OF
HARYANA

"India of today is marching ahead like a Vishwa Guru. This is a new India of hope & possibilities. Today, the world looks up to us. Under the leadership of Modi ji, we are excelling in every field – whether it's earning the moniker of 'pharmacy of the world' or excelling in sports or any other field, we Indians are making our indelible mark. We have attained our freedom after a very long struggle and it's our responsibility to march hand-in-hand towards the path shown by Modi ji of inclusive development through his clarion call of "Sabka Sath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Viswas, aur Sabka Prayas. It fills me with great pride to state that Haryana has been bringing laurels to the nation and adding to its glory whether its excelling international games or shining in the sphere of business and economy, we are leaving no stone unturned in the nation's prosperity."



DR. HABIL KHORAKIWALA
FOUNDER CHAIRMAN & GROUP
CEO, WOCKHARDT LIMITED

“Indian independence triggered the launch of independence of countries in Asia, Africa and in Europe from the dominant European group. The foundation of founding fathers and governments have established us in global relevance through our policies of building Industrial, Scientific, Technological & Social institutions and following an independent policy and not getting aligned to any global policy. Our 75 years of history is a building block of India’s foundation. I believe the next 75 years will create a beautiful architecture of India’s eminence and relevance as a geopolitical leader and influencer in social engineering, science, technology and innovation. India will innovate in all spheres of life especially in education and healthcare. We dream of India without poverty, reduction in social inequalities, gender equality and harmonise social order which encompasses & emphasizes India’s rich heritage, culture and diversity.”

FACTS ABOUT THE

1. The Flag Code of India: The display and hoisting of the National Flag is guided by any overarching set of instructions known as the ‘Flag Code of India 2002’ and the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971. The Flag Code of India brings together all laws, conventions, practices, and instructions for the display of the National Flag. It governs the display of the National Flag by Private, Public, and Government Institutions. The Flag Code of India took effect on 26th January 2002.
2. Material for production of the National Flag: The Flag Code of India, 2002 was amended vide Order dated 30th December, 2021 and National Flag made of polyester or machine made Flag have been allowed. Now, the National Flag shall be made of handspun and handwoven or machine-made, cotton/polyester/wool/silk/khadi bunting.
3. The appropriate size and ratio of the National Flag: As per paragraph 1.3 & 1.4 of the Flag Code of India, the National Flag shall be rectangular in shape. The Flag can be of any size but the ratio of the length to the height (width) of the National Flag shall be 3:2.
4. Displaying the National Flag: As per paragraph 2.2 of the Flag Code of India, a member of the public, a private organization, or an educational institution may hoist/display the National Flag on all days or occasions in accordance with the dignity and honour of the National Flag.
5. Guidelines for flying the National Flag in the open/at the home: The Flag Code of India, 2002 was amended vide Order dated 20th July, 2022 and clause (xi) of paragraph 2.2 of Part-II of the Flag Code of India was replaced by the following clause: “where the Flag is displayed in open or displayed on the house of a member of public, it may be flown day and night.” Whenever the National Flag is on display, it should occupy the position of honor and should be distinctly placed. A damaged or disheveled National Flag should not be displayed. The National Flag shall not be displayed in an inverted manner; i.e.; the saffron band should not be the bottom band. A damaged or disheveled National Flag shall not be displayed. The National Flag shall not be dipped in salute to any person or thing. No other flag or bunting shall be placed higher than or above or side by side with the National Flag; nor shall any object including flowers or garlands, or emblem be placed on or above the flagmast from which the National Flag is flown. The National Flag shall not be used as a festoon, rosette, bunting, or in any other manner for decoration. The National Flag shall not be allowed to touch the ground or the floor or trail in the water. The National Flag shall not be displayed or fastened in any manner as may damage it. The National Flag should not be flown from a single masthead (top part of a flagpole) simultaneously with any other flag or flags. The National Flag shall not be used to cover a speaker’s desk, nor shall it be draped over a speaker’s platform. The National Flag shall not be used as a portion of costume or uniform or accessory of any description which is worn below the waist of any person nor shall it be embroidered or printed on cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins,

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undergarments or any dress material.

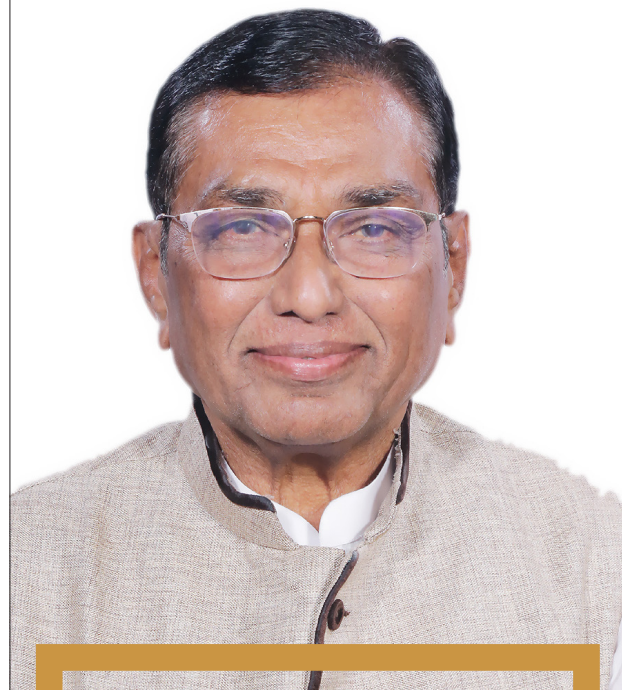
6. Rules for prevention of insult to the Indian National Flag: In accordance with explanation 4 to section 2 of “the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971”, the following should be observed:

- The National Flag shall not be used as a form of drapery in any form whatsoever, including private funerals
- The National Flag shall not be used as a portion of costume or uniform or accessory of any description which is worn below the waist of any person nor shall it be embroidered or printed on cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, undergarments or any dress material
- There shall be no lettering upon the National Flag
- The National Flag shall not be used to wrap, receive, or deliver things
- The National Flag shall not be used to cover the sides, back, and top of any vehicle.

7. Correct way to display the National Flag in the open/on public buildings: When the National Flag is displayed flat and horizontal on a wall, the saffron band shall be upper most and when displayed vertically, the saffron band shall be to the right in reference to the National Flag i.e., it should be to the left of a person facing it. When the National Flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a sill, balcony, or front of a building, the saffron band shall be at the farther end of the staff. The National Flag shall not be flown at half-mast except on occasions instructed by the Government of India. When flown at half-mast, the National Flag shall be hoisted first to the peak/top of the staff, then lowered to the half-mast position. Before lowering the National Flag for the day, it should be raised again to its peak.

8. Regarding Display of the National Flag on vehicles: The privilege of hosting the National Flag on motor cars is only limited to the following persons as per paragraph 3.44 of the Flag Code of India, 2002:

- President
- Vice-President
- Governors and Lieutenant Governors
- Heads of Indian Missions/Posts
- Prime Minister
- Cabinet Ministers, Minister of State, and Deputy Ministers of the Union
- Chief Minister and Cabinet Minister of a State or Union Territory
- Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha, Deputy Speaker of Lok Sabha, Chairman of Legislative Councils in States, Speakers of the Legislative Assemblies in States and Union Territories, Deputy Chairman of Legislative Council in States, Deputy Speakers of Legislative Assemblies in States and Union Territories
- Chief Justice of India
- Judges of Supreme Court
- Chief Justice of High Courts
- Judges of High Courts



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“We are at the milestone of 75 years of Independence and it is known as ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’. See so many people have sacrificed for getting the freedom. They have sacrificed their lives and we have not sacrificed our lives but at this milestone of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,’ our honorable Prime Minister routinely says we have to focus on next 25 years, i.e. up to 2047, how we can build our nation what is the plan, we have build our India form a developing country to developed country and this is the period of next 25 years we have to unite together to build our India at the century, i.e. in the year of 2047 this 25 years at the eve of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav,’ is very much important for each and every citizen of India to build the future nation, a strong nation, a Vishwaguru nation and it will be a developed India.”