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## Ambassador of India's Message on 75th Republic day of India



**Shri. Adarsh Swaika**  
Ambassador of India to Kuwait



of India's many achievements. Equitable development has been the corner stone of socio-economic policies of India. Democracy, pluralism and unity in diversity are the traditional ethos of Indian society. India believes in its ancient philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family). This belief guides our foreign policy as well.

India today is a land of billion opportunities. Our collective resolve has ensured that the Indian economy is today the 5th largest economy in the world. And it is going to be the 3rd largest (5 trillion dollar economy) in the next couple of years. India is moving ahead with the spirit of 'Make in India, Make for the World'. The massive business friendly reforms and policies have contributed in unleashing the true potential of the country. The new India has made tremendous strides in science and technology; is one of the leading centers of innovation and Information Technology globally; is the 'Pharmacy of the World'; has world class production and manufacturing capabilities; is a leading global partner to address new age challenges facing the humanity, be it climate change or building resilient and reliable supply chains to ensure food and health security. Today, we are on the right track to build an Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India), which envisages a merger of the local with the global.

In the international arena, India has been playing a significant role in contributing to world peace, stability and prosperity. The past year is symbolic of India's global responsibilities as an emerging major power. Our successful and ambitious action-oriented G20 Presidency is a matter of immense pride. We were happy to welcome Kuwait in the SCO family as a Dialogue Partner during our SCO Presidency. India organized two editions of 'Voice of Global South

Summit' in 2023, in which over 125 countries participated, with the aim of mainstreaming priorities of developing countries in the international agenda, particularly the G-20. India championed the increased use of millets through various awareness programmes on the use of millets across the globe as part of the International Year of Millets 2023. India believes that dialogue and diplomacy remains the only way to resolve disputes and conflicts. India places an undeterred faith and belief in multilateral approach and has always taken the lead on issues of global importance such as fight against cross-border terrorism, climate change, energy security, food security, and the reform of multilateral institutions, including the UN Security Council.

On the bilateral front, we continue to make steady progress in our multi-faceted engagement with the State of Kuwait. We look forward to greater engagement with both Government and at people-to-people level in the coming times. The vibrant Indian community in Kuwait continues to be the living bridge of our bilateral ties with Kuwait.

The Embassy places highest priority to the welfare and well-being of the large Indian Community in Kuwait. I thank all the community associations, professional bodies, cultural groups and members of the Indian community for joining hands with the Embassy for not only contributing to the welfare of the community but also undertaking activities that contribute to the strengthening of bilateral relations with the State of Kuwait.

Once again, on this special and proud occasion of the 75th Republic Day of India, I convey my best wishes to every Indian in Kuwait and all friends of India in Kuwait for their continued success, happiness and good-health.

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Today, as we celebrate our Republic Day, we feel proud



**M.A. Asad Khan**  
GM-Managing Partner- KSCS, G5 Gen.Trad,  
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## Start plantation for future generation

Climate change is a real and undeniable threat to our entire civilization. The effects are already visible and will be catastrophic unless we act now. Climate change is impacting health in a myriad of ways - death and illness from increasingly frequent extreme weather events such as heat waves, storms and floods, increase in food, water and vector - borne diseases.

Greenhouse Gases (mainly CO<sub>2</sub>) trap the sun's heat and keep the Earth warm. Global warming is a slow and steady rise in Earth's surface temperature. Temperatures today are 0.74 °C (1.33 °F) higher than 150 years ago. There has been an increase of 35-60% in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions over the last 150 years.

India contributes 5% to global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions. Nearly 20 % of greenhouse gases enter the atmosphere as a result of deforestation. The world's forests store an estimated 300 billion tons of carbon, the equivalent of 40 times the world's annual greenhouse gas emissions.

Without a healthy Earth, we cannot achieve any of the Goals. It's time for Climate Action.

As trees grow, they help stop climate change. Trees absorb carbon dioxide and are vital carbon sinks. Trees offer cooling shade, block cold winter winds, attract birds and wildlife, purify our air, prevent soil erosion, clean our water, and add grace and beauty to our homes and communities.

It is time we recognize the importance of afforestation and act accordingly. Earth provides enough resources

to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed. If we don't think about the future generations, they will never forgive us.

This special day is also an occasion to perform our duty for our country as citizens. I request everyone to plant a tree and celebrate this joyous occasion that makes every Indian proud.

Happy Republic Day !

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**Ravi Varrier**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Al-Rashed International Shipping Co., Kuwait

Republic reminds us that we are not merely individuals, but we are part of a great community of people. It happens to be the biggest and the greatest community of its kind. It is the community of the citizens of the world's largest

democracy.

Our brave heroes waged a valiant struggle for years so that future generations could live their lives with freedom and dignity. This is a day to celebrate them and what they fought for. **Wishing you all a very Happy Republic Day!**

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On the 75th Republic Day of India, it gives me great pleasure and pride as an Indian citizen to convey my congratulations on this happy occasion to all compatriots in Kuwait, and in particular to the readers of Frontliners.

Feeling a sense of pride as India marks three-quarters of a century as a sovereign democratic republic is a valid sentiment for any Indian citizen, as Republic Day embodies the collective will of all Indian citizens, expressed through the promulgation of the Indian Constitution on 26 January 1950.

In a democracy like India, even the parliament at any given time is only representative of the majority of people, but not of all people. It is only the constitution that reflects the shared resolve of all citizens to build an independent country based on the principles of justice, liberty and equality.

It is the faith of all citizens in the principles enshrined in the constitution, and their endeavor to promote among them fraternity so as to ensure the dignity of the individual and the unity of the nation, that forms the bedrock of our democracy.

The constitution, which replaced the Government of India Act of 1935 that had governed India under the British Raj, is the only framework that represents the common desire of all citizens to an independent, democratic and sovereign republic.

The Indian constitution, which has served the nation splendidly over the past 75 years, is a testament to both, the structural integrity of its framework, as well as its versatility to overcome the myriad challenges democratic India has faced over the past decades.

Republic Day 2024 is of special significance as it celebrates

the spirit of India over the last seven and half decades — the spirit of a nation committed to democracy and to unity, amid the diversity of its cultures and traditions, its multitude of religions, languages and customs.

However, the constitution is not just a venerable parchment of paper, it is a guiding document to a way of life that people need to adhere to in a democracy. As we celebrate this Republic Day, let us take the time to reflect on our role as a citizen, and to introspect the rights, as well as the responsibilities conferred on each one of us by the constitution.

As we celebrate our 75th Republic Day let us also solemnly acknowledge the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters for an independent India, and pay homage to all those who laid down their lives in protecting and preserving the Indian Republic.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate His Highness the Amir Sheikh Mishal Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah on his ascension as the 17th Amir of Kuwait, and to thank the leadership, the government and people of Kuwait for their graciousness in hosting the Indian community, and for allowing us to contribute towards the progress and prosperity of this nation.

Wishing everyone a happy Republic Day 2024.

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## Peeyush Jain

COO, ROC Ltd &  
President IIT-IIM Alumni Association

### Freedom comes from strength and self-reliance

India has one of the world's largest armed forces with strength of over 14.4 lakhs (1.44 million) active personnel, since it has the largest unsettled borders with two nuclear powered neighbours.

In recent conflicts, we have witnessed the importance of new defence equipments such as drones, anti-drone systems, missiles, air-defence systems, etc. Countries at war have struggled to get reliable supplies during tough times. Therefore, India can't afford to rely on the external supply of equipment and critical components. Thus, pushing for localisation of production is essential, which will generate large and sustainable opportunities for domestic players.

As the nation of 140 crore celebrates the Republic day after decade of Independence, we find the indigenous defence manufacturing scaling new heights. The success stories of India's Defence Production include ship building including aircraft carrier, BrahMos supersonic missiles, Tejas- multi role fighter aircraft, attack and utility combat helicopters, anti-satellite weapon systems and a wide array of radars, missiles, drones, unarmed combat vehicles and armaments.

Indian defence and aerospace Industry eco-system is on the cusp of a transformation to rightfully claim its place among global industries. The Indian defence Industry has already undergone several structural changes in its ecosystem, with a shift from a largely import-dependent to a globally competitive Industry.

While working towards the economic advancement of our country, let's take a moment's time to remember the many heroes who sacrificed for our nation.

Happy Republic Day !

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### S. Ramadoss

President - IFL  
MD, Global Technology Co.

### Empower women to empower the country.

Women's participation in nation-building is an important ingredient in achieving an equitable, peaceful and more prosperous society.

A woman is an architect of society. She establishes the institution of family life, builds the home, brings up the children and makes them good citizens. Her strength in totality contributes in the making of an ideal family, ideal society and an ideal state.

Women are leading the way in India - from G20's agenda for women-led development to ISRO's scientists behind the successful moon landing. Women's contributions to society as leaders are impeccable. They can be considered as representatives of 700 million women – nearly 50 percent of India's population.

But for women to effectively lead development, they need to be a part of decision making institutions and processes, including the parliament and the state legislative assemblies.

As the women are better half of the nation, they deserve better share in political power. After a decade India took a major step to establish gender equality. During a special session in Parliament last year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced a bill that reserves one-third of seats in the Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies for women.

This is a historic moment; this is a moment of pride for us. The bill received unanimous support from the Rajya Sabha. There were no abstentions and no negative votes.

“Gender equity and women's inclusion play a central role both as a litmus test and as an active variable shaping a more democratic, stabilized and developed society.” We must also raise our sons to respect girls and women, and make it clear that there is zero-tolerance for gender-based violence.

Let's all pledge together today to increase women's participation in building the nation. Let us realize that it will allow more scope for a higher level of growth and development.

Happy Republic Day !



### S.K. Wadhawan

Chairman, Samara Group of Co.

India's economic growth and its role in the world today are both products of its own strengths. These factors have given India greater influence on the global stage.

On this Republic Day, we must join with fellow citizens in paying grateful tribute to the known and unknown freedom fighters whose sacrifices have made it possible for India to regain its rightful place in the comity of nations.

Happy Republic Day!



### K.S. Lamba

MD, Almailem group of companies

### My duties towards my country as a citizen

The Constitution of India, the longest written constitution of any country, is considered the supreme law of the nation, and demarcates the structure, framework, powers, and duties of government institutions, and sets out fundamental rights, directive principles, and duties of citizens. Every year, Indians across the length and breadth of the nation pay their respects to the significant piece of document that lays down the entire framework of the fundamental political code of the country.


Citizenship is the common thread that connects all Indians. We are a nation bound not by race or religion, but by the shared values of freedom, liberty, and equality. Need to remember our fundamental duties as we remember our fundamental rights. Performing duties towards the nation is the respect of a citizen towards his/her nation.

Every citizen plays a key role in building a New India — a clean, healthy and prosperous nation. Everyone performing their duties, even mechanically, would pave the way for a better neighbourhood, better society, and ultimately, a better country. Let us together build a responsible India.

Let us all take pledge to perform our fundamental duties.

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'A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag, but the nation itself'. When the tricolour was hoisted, we felt an electrifying energy pass through us. With our hearts full of patriotic pride, we saluted the national flag and sang the national anthem.

My heartiest greetings to all of you on this Republic Day! It is a glorious and auspicious occasion for all of us. It is a matter of delight as well as pride for us to see how everyone are excited and preparing to celebrate this festival.

**Happy Republic Day!**



**Balasubramanian Valavan**  
Whole-Time Director, EDAC Engineering Ltd

## Powering Resilience in a Changing Climate

Climate change is reshaping human civilization. We have faced numerous extreme-weather events in recent years. Parts of India have faced extraordinary floods. At the same time, there are places facing drought. Extreme weather events affect all. But their impact is far more severe on the poor and the marginalized. Cities and hilly terrains especially need to be made more resilient.

The larger point here is that the culture of greed takes the world away from nature. We now realize the dire need to return to our roots. Therefore it is necessary to make efforts at the local, national and global levels for environment preservation.

Climate change poses a major threat to India's environment, economy, and people, and India's efforts on climate change are gradual and balanced, taking into account the specific needs and circumstances of its diverse population.

As a citizen, If you're concerned about the climate crisis this is the right time to learn about some tangible examples of Government solutions (and their Renewable Energy success stories) that are tackling climate change; then to share these stories with others to advance hope and optimism.

On this Republic day I pledge to take individual action to help protect the environment, by joining hands with the Government and my fellow citizens.

Happy Republic Day !

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**Lawrence D'Souza**  
(Managing Director/Partner)  
Caesars Group of Companies

Celebrating Republic Day with pride and joy! Today, we honor the spirit of democracy that unites us as a nation. Let's commemorate the achievements of our ancestors and cherish the values that make us who we are today. It's our responsibility to leave this planet in better shape for the future generations.

Happy Republic Day! Let's continue to uphold the principles that shape our beloved Republic India.

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## Soaring Higher Together

India's civil aviation industry is a source of national pride, connecting people across the nation and the world. It plays a pivotal role in unlocking India's economic potential, attracting global businesses and tourists alike.

While most Indians travel by road or rail, the country is engaged in a major expansion of its aviation industry to serve the needs of its middle class.

India has become the third-largest domestic aviation market in the world and is expected to overtake the UK to become the third-largest air passenger market by 2024. Domestic traffic contributes around 69% of the total airline traffic in South Asia.

No nation in the world is buying as many airplanes as India. Indian carriers have around 1,500 planes on order. In New Delhi, Indira Gandhi International Airport will be ready for 109 million passengers this year, as it prepares to become the world's second busiest, behind Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in the United States.

India is one of the fastest growing civil aviation markets in the world. Last year at the Paris Airshow, India's budget airline IndiGo placed an order of 500 A320 neo aircraft from Airbus, making the multibillion-dollar deal the largest by a single carrier in civil aviation history and the newly privatized Air India had placed an order of 470 narrow and widebody jets from both Boeing and Airbus.

The two airlines have a combined domestic market share of 81.3% in 2023 with IndiGo ferrying 56.2% of the country's passengers and Air India flying 25.1%.

India's aviation market has a "huge potential" waiting to be tapped. A rising proportion of middle-income households, healthy competition amongst Low-Cost Carriers, infrastructure build-up at leading airports and supportive policy framework have given a positive push to the aviation sector.

Indian carriers are expected to acquire more than 2200 aircrafts in the next 20 years. India is going to train 37,000 pilots and 38,000 mechanics over the next 20 years. This is one reason Boeing has announced that it will invest USD 100



**M. Mullick**  
G.M, Kulaib Inter. Trd. Cont.

India has succeeded as a democratic republic because so many creeds and so many languages have not divided us, they have only united us. Such a vast and diverse multitude of people coming together as one nation remains unprecedented. That is the essence of India.

Our Constitution is our guiding document. Its Preamble contains the ideals of our freedom struggle. Let us move forward with the spirit of harmony and brotherhood to realize the dreams of our nation-builders.

**Happy Republic Day!**

million to train pilots in India, including the infrastructure and curriculum.

The top official of Air India underlined that India is the third largest aviation market, but "our market size is a fraction of the US or China market, so the potential out there is huge".

The growth of the aviation sector will have a multiplier effect on the Indian economy as it would positively impact hospitality and tourism sectors, among others.

Wish you and your family a very Happy Republic Day. Let us make a pledge to our motherland that we will do everything that we can to rid it of all the evils.

Happy Republic Day !

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**Ravi Kohli**  
MD, AI -Sabah & Kohli Group

## The Jewel of Modern India

In the 21st century, India is an increasingly important country on the global stage, with a growing economy and population, and a vast array of resources and talent.

The aspirations of the new India have infinite dimensions. The Indian Space Research Organization keeps scaling new heights and setting higher benchmarks of excellence. Last year, ISRO launched Chandrayaan-3, and its lander named 'Vikram' and its rover named 'Pragyan' are landed on the moon's South pole.

India became the first country among the elite group to have its rover on the moon's South Pole region, which the Indian Space Research Organization believes could have traces of water. It will be a proud moment for all of us. But the mission to the moon is only a stepping stone for our future space programmes.

Here are some upcoming missions of ISRO, as stated officially on their website:

ISRO is set to surprise the world with India's first maiden voyage to the Sun. The launch of Aditya-L1, the first space-based Indian observatory to study the Sun.

India's first crewed space mission "Gagan" plans to launch a crew of three to an orbit of 400 km (250 miles) for a three-day mission before landing in Indian waters.

XPoSat (X-ray Polarimeter Satellite) Mission is India's first dedicated polarimetry mission to study cosmic X-ray sources and various dynamics of black holes, neutron stars, active galactic nuclei, and pulsar wind nebulae.

NASA-ISRO SAR (NISAR) Mission is a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) observatory that is being jointly developed by NASA and ISRO. The aim of NISAR is to map the entire globe in 12 days and aims to study Earth's ecosystems, cryosphere, solid earth science, and coastal ocean processes to address global environmental changes & natural hazards.

SPADEX or Space Docking Experiment will pave the way for future ISRO missions that require docking capabilities, such as the human spaceflight program and the in-space satellite servicing mission.

For their work in space and also on Earth, our scientists and technologists are bringing laurels to the country. An industry is built on the backs of a strong nation and a responsible industry facilitates its nation to grow. Let's keep working hard for the nation.

Happy Republic Day!

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**Er. P. Senthil Kumar** M.S.  
EQUATE Petrochemicals Company, Kuwait  
(Former Vice President, IFL)

## Heaven on Earth

India is one of the oldest civilizations in the world with a kaleidoscopic variety and rich cultural heritage. It has achieved all-round socio-economic progress since Independence. As the 7th largest country in the world, India stands apart from the rest of Asia, marked off as it is by mountains and the sea, which give the country a distinct geographical entity.

India has a multitude of natural diversity owing to its unique geographical location. One of the world's most geographically diverse countries, India spans six climate zones with landscapes ranging from snow-covered Himalayan valleys to rainforests and palm-fringed golden beaches.

India is probably the only country in the world having such a wide array of seasons. There are abundant rainfalls, chilling winters and scorching summers. All of them pioneer the beauty of India. Our country stands for beauty, diversity and unity.

India offers an abundance of natural wonders waiting to be explored. Whether it's the majestic Himalayas, the enchanting deserts of Rajasthan, or the stunning coastal regions, the best of India's natural beauty will mesmerize even the most seasoned travelers.

There are 42 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in India, which include 34 in the cultural category, seven in the natural category and one mixed property.

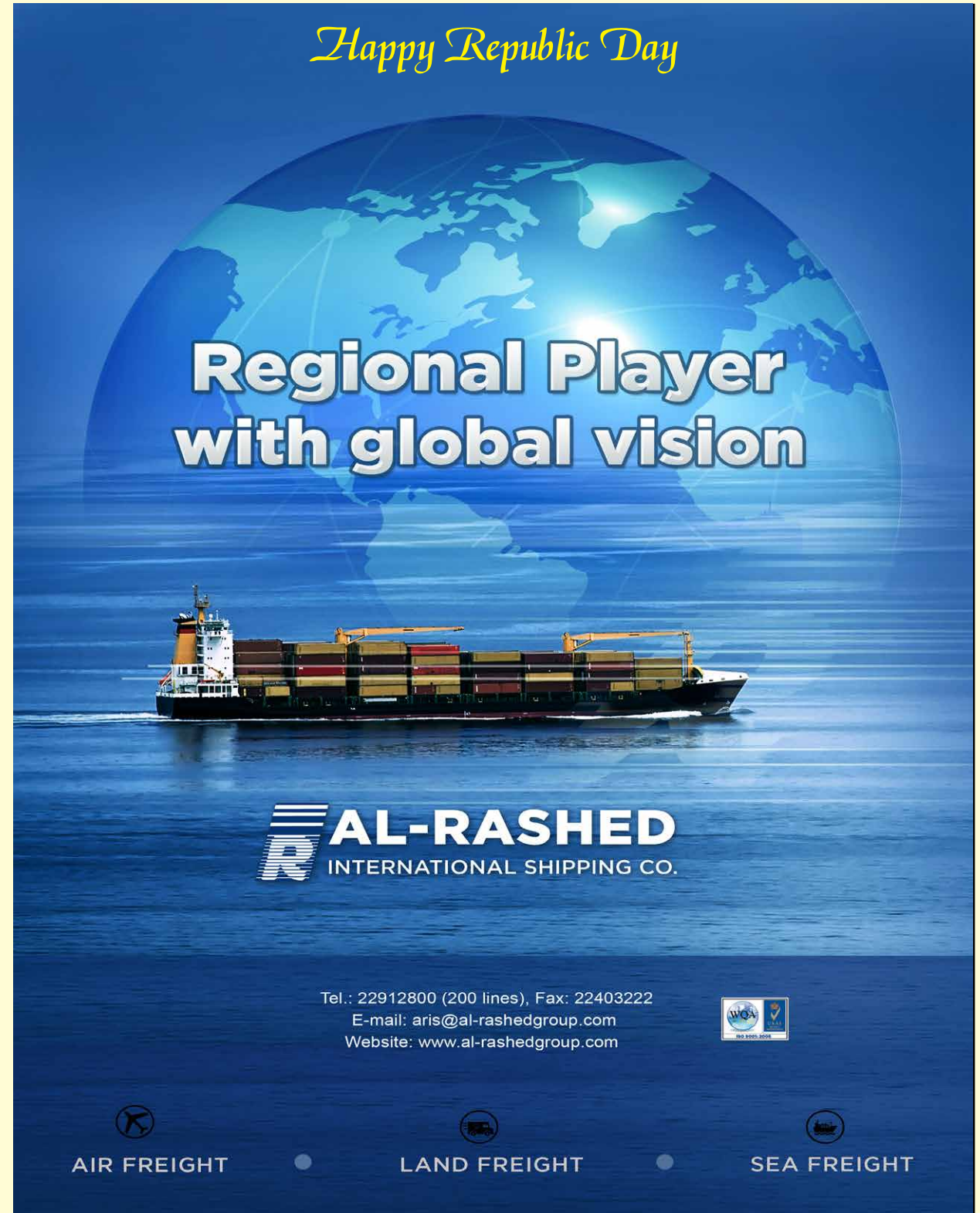
These are just some examples of how vibrant and brilliant India is. Every part; every region; indeed, every nook and corner of this country has something wonderful to add to the cumulative beauty. The Almighty has truly showered us with his choicest blessings with respect to natural beauty and offered a plethora of natural resources

Lastly, the beauty of a place lies not in its wealth, but in its health. Quoting Erin Reese "India reveals you to the places in your heart that must be purified." The beauty of our country has been admired and worshipped by great minds from all over the world. It's high time we bow down in front of the power of this beauty. This Republic Day, may we find the strength to respect this beauty and cherish it to the best of our capacities.

The diversity of our nation is one of its major strengths. Let us, on this Republic Day commit ourselves to pooling our diverse experiences in order to grow India.

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**AN. Natarajan**

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Greetings and best wishes on the occasion of the 75th Republic Day of the world's largest and most vibrant democracy. In this land of ours, enriched by diversity, with many festivals, our national festivals are celebrated by everyone with great patriotic fervor.

Let us take an oath to our mother India that we will do everything that we can for our country's prosperity.

**Happy Republic Day!**



**P.N.J. Kumar**

CEO, Caesars Travel Group

India's rich heritage and culture, which has shaped its present and future role in the international order, are evidence of resilience, innovation as well as leadership.

The economic role of India in the present world is significant. The country is currently the world's fastest-growing major economy. India is poised to be one of the fastest-growing economies with the IMF forecasting it to grow 6.8 percent in 2024. It has been the darling of the Davos crowd, sought after by investors because of its growing market, digital economy and digitization of payments, favorable demographics and a government determined to bring in foreign direct investment and move up the value chain manufacturing iPhones and semiconductors

India's economic progress is powered by the dreams of its people, particularly the young generation for whom limitless opportunities have opened up. From start-ups to sports, our youth have explored new horizons of excellence.

Continued progress and investment in people and society will enable India to play an important role in driving global progress and prosperity for years to come.

I wish all my fellow Indian citizens a very Happy Republic Day. Let us all work hand in hand to contribute to the nation's unity and prosperity.

Happy Republic Day !

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2024 marks the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Republic of India, and people across the country are celebrating the special occasion in various forms. Freedom has not come easy, it is because of the sacrifices of our freedom fighters, so never take it for granted.

This is a day to celebrate our late patriots and what they fought for. We celebrate the national festival of the Republic Day with enthusiasm and express our respect for the national flag, and our faith in the Constitution.

**Happy Republic Day!**

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### Proud to be Indian

Let us be proud of the wonderful land and culture that nurtured us as we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Republic of India. A cradle of human civilization, our motherland has an ancient heritage of greatness. The Indus Valley Civilization flourished in our subcontinent over 5,000 years ago.

There's a lot about being Indian that you can be proud of.

- India is the world's largest, oldest, continuous civilization.
- India has the second largest pool of Scientists and Engineers in the World.
- India is the largest producer of milk, cashew nuts, coconuts, tea, ginger, turmeric and black pepper, in the world. It also has the world's largest cattle population (281 million). It is the second largest producer of wheat, rice, sugar, groundnut and inland fish.
- Umling La in Ladakh at a height of 19,024 ft holds the record of being the highest motorable road in the world. It is a 52-km road that connects Chishumle to Demchok, which is right on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), and a friction point between India and China.
- The Mid-day Meal Scheme is the popular name for school meal programme in India, is the largest school lunch programme in the world, covering 12 million children.
- India contributes the largest number of troops for UN Peacekeeping Missions.
- India has a 70% share in the export of spices.

Rejoice in the glory of India and its freedom fighters on this republic day. Carried with care, coated with pride, dipped in love, fly in glory, moments of freedom in shade of joy.

Happy Republic Day !



**N.S. Shetty**  
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What we celebrate on Republic day is the fact that we are part of a great democracy. Each of us has many identities – apart from gender, caste, creed, language and region, we are also identified with our families and professions – but there is one identity that is above all.

That is our identity as citizens of India. Each one of us is an equal citizen; each one of us has an equal opportunity, equal rights and equal duties, in this land.

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Women at Indian Airforce are making history every day by contributing to groundbreaking missions and projects in the areas of space, science and aeronautics. Flying Officer Avani Chaturvedi has created history by becoming the first Indian woman fighter pilot to fly solo on Feb 2018. The IAF has pioneered in welcoming women as officers in flying and ground duty.

The Nation is proud of its men and women in blue and salutes the prowess of the IAF as it stands ready to face challenges and deter adversaries. My felicitations and best wishes to the air warriors and their families on the occasion of this special day.

On this Republic Day, let us promise to work for the betterment of our motherland. To strive for equality for all our brothers and sisters and to preserve the glorious heritage of our country.

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On Republic Day, we wish for peace and prosperity for all. Let's celebrate together.

**Happy Republic Day!**



## Dr. Narender Dhir

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Knowledge is power. India's rich knowledge capacity is evident in the Vedas and Upanishads, serving as vast sources of wisdom for centuries. With our ancient Indian universities such as

Nalanda and Takshashila, India has been an International Knowledge hub of the past.

With over 260 million school-going children and over 40 million students pursuing higher education, India's education system is one of the largest globally. After extensive discussions with stakeholders, including public, the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 was launched after a period of 34 years.

For the first time in India's history, Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is integrated into the formal schooling system, recognizing the evidence that over 80% of the child's cumulative brain development happens before the age of 8.

5000 Skill Hubs are being set up in schools to provide comprehensive skilling and vocational training program to students and dropouts. Furthermore, a unique National Credit Framework (NCRf) has been introduced that credits formal and informal learning, spanning school, higher, and skill education & training.

In the realm of internationalizing education, India's institutions are setting up campuses overseas. While IIT Madras is going global with its planned campus in Zanzibar-Tanzania, an MoU to set up IIT Delhi in the UAE was also signed.

India is on its way to becoming a de-facto leader of the 21st century. And NEP plays a vital role in connecting this transformation to the present reality.

Happy Republic Day !

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## Mathews Varughese

General Manager, BEC

Today, we are feeling the enthusiasm and pride of marking our Republic's 75th anniversary; the celebrations reaffirm our commitment towards our Constitution and revalidate our faith in the cherished ideals of liberty, equality, fraternity and justice for all.

Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country! On this joyous occasion, let us celebrate the achievements of our country and solemnly resolve to dedicate ourselves towards building a peaceful, harmonious and progressive India.

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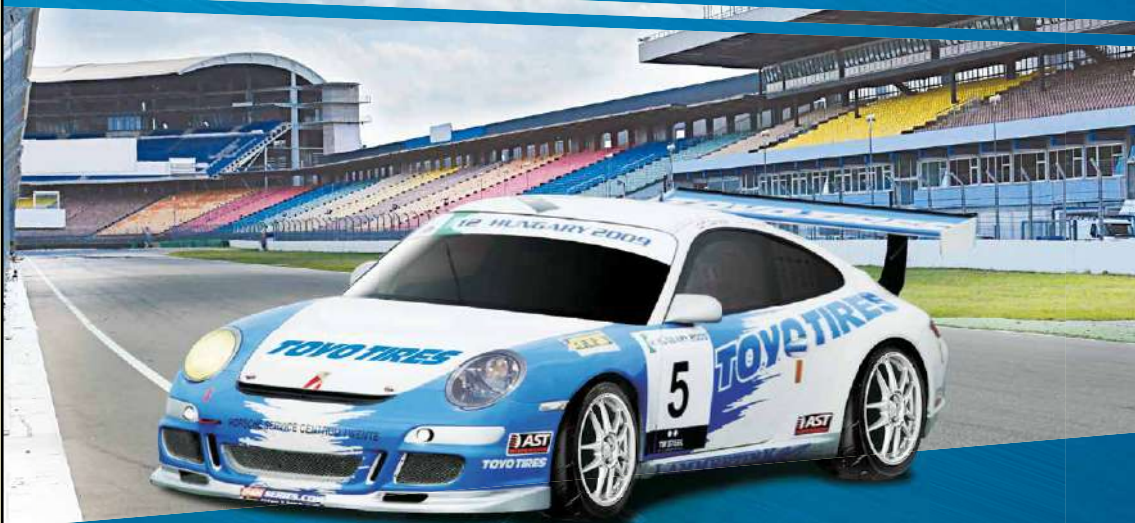
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### Ashish Jain

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Today is the day to cherish the great efforts and sacrifices made by our freedom fighters. A galaxy of great leaders and thinkers like Bal Gangadhar 'Tilak', Lala Lajpat Rai, Mahatma Gandhi and Subhas Chandra Bose inspired our freedom struggle. They had diverse dreams of a magnificent future of the motherland, but common to their aspirations were these values: Justice, Liberty, Equality, and Fraternity.

We should work hard to instil justice in our modern day society, thereby following the footsteps of our freedom fighters. These key principles should light our path to development. Let's spread the message which the tricolor gives. Let's spread peace, humanity, and prosperity among the people.

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### Krishnakumar Eacharath

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Today is the day to salute our democratic values. Every citizen of India is a pillar of our democratic system. Futuristic nation can only be built by youth with progressive thinking. More than 60% of our citizens are below age of 35 years. They are our greatest hope. We need to work for better education system to make our young generation capable to compete at global level.

We need to work for development of a better nation and sustainable development goals to eliminate poverty. Rejoice in the glory of the nation, and do not forget to thank the soldiers.

Happy Republic Day!



### Mrs. Ananthi Natarajan

Ex. IFL President

## Make every drop of water Count

Water is one of the most fundamental necessities of life. Water covers most of our planet and our body. Life would not be nearly possible without water.

The world population experiencing water scarcity is expected to increase in both absolute and relative numbers and possibly reach two-thirds of the total population in the next few decades. Although climate change is likely to play a crucial role, while growing population will aggravate water shortages.

The Planning Commission of India has repeatedly warned that water will become a more serious issue than land or energy for India in the years to come.

Considering the grim situation, it is necessary to use water in a thoughtful way. There is no one formula to deal with the water crisis across the country, it only makes sense that we must preserve and conserve this precious resource.

A step to conserve water is the step to secure the future. We have to start Rainwater harvesting in every house. Create awareness among people to conserve water. In order to grow economically and reduce its water footprint, India needs to revive its ancient wisdom.

Conserve water, conserve life. Happy Republic Day!

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### Mohamed RS Hameed

Director,  
Arabian Corrosions Gen. Trad. & Cont. Co.

Today is the day to show the love we have toward our nation. The Republic Day gives a scope to the countrymen to assess how much has been achieved and how much is still to be achieved. It also inspires the youth to work for the fulfillment of ideas for a progressive India.

May the brave leaders of our glorious nation guide us to peace and prosperity so that we can hold our heads high and be proud of our country. We salute the work they did for this country on this day.

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## Ramdas Nair

Head of Sales & Marketing, BEC

India is known as the land of culture and tradition and is one of the oldest civilizations in the world. Indian culture is rich and unique in its own ways. India is a secular country where many culture and religions are flourishing with peace and prosperity. The Indian culture and tradition are deeply rooted within the minds and hearts of people.

Be proud that you live in a country that has such a rich history and heritage. Our nation is the greatest in the world, but let us strive to make it even better.

Happy Republic Day!



## Sunil Menon

CEO Al Qabandi United Company, Kuwait

### Culture of Peace

We can witness the foundations of the 5000 year old river valley civilization, one of the oldest civilizations of the world, in India. It's a culture that believes in an underlying unity of all creation. It is a vision of great compassion. The Indus Valley is one of the oldest civilizations in the world, alongside Mesopotamia. The name Indus Valley Civilization, however, has remained.

India is the land where Buddha spoke of silence and led the liberation from anguish and suffering. Buddhism spread all over Asia without shedding a drop of blood. In our own times, Gandhi, the Mahatma, made experiments with truth and non-violence. He was the first in human history to extend the principle of non-violence from individual to social and political planes.

One of India's significant global contributions has been the exercise of its soft power, drawing on its ancient cultural and civilizational roots. 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' was among the first precursors of Global Citizenship as it is understood today – the concept that all individuals are collectively responsible towards each other and their shared future. It forms the basis of UNESCO's ongoing dialogue with cultures, religions and civilizations.

India's values of secularism, tolerance, inclusiveness and cross fertilization of cultures, which are an intrinsic part of our civilization, are more relevant than ever before in the uncertain international scenario of today.

Our founding document is inspired by the humanistic philosophy of the oldest living civilization in the world as well as new ideas that emerged in more recent past.

Happy Republic Day !

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## Ajay Goel

Chief Operating Officer, City Centre

India has the wealth of knowledge to lead the world in the 21st century. India is a country of 800 million strong population of youths below 30 years of age and this is a wealth pool equaled by no other country in the world. Knowledge and wisdom alone can resolve our economic and national problems.

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## Gowrishankar

Chief Operating Officer  
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As the country waves flags and celebrates the 75th anniversary of India's Republic day, it is also time to take stock. One of the most remarkable and profound achievements of independent India is its constitution and the limitless possibilities it holds for India as a democracy.

We have come a long way since Independence even as we face multiple challenges in health sector. A decrease in death rates is considered one of the major achievements that came India's way in this sector. Similar improvement was noticed in maternal mortality rate also. Government's efforts yielded further result as the number of tuberculosis and HIV cases are also witnessing a declining trend as per WHO.

Life expectancy was around 37 years in 1951 and today it has almost doubled. We have also managed to get rid of small pox in 1975, polio in 2014, and maternal and neonatal tetanus in 2015. Moreover, India has pledged to eradicate TB by 2025.

My country is my pride and my inspiration. It is a moment of celebration and, at the same time, an occasion to remember all those known and unknown who laid down their lives during a long struggle to make India free from the brutal colonial rule.

Happy Republic Day !

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## Eng. Afsar Ali. Z

Risk Management Specialist  
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Always keep the spirit of Patriotism glowing within you. "The change you want to see in the country is going to begin with you". Let us perform our duty as citizens by paying taxes to our Government. Let us not destroy public assets.

This republic day lets us work towards building a strong and developed nation. Let's make our nation proud with integrity and togetherness.

Happy Republic Day!



## Remesh Ananda Das

Chief Operating Officer, Oncost

"Every nation has a message to deliver, a mission to fulfil, a destiny to reach. The mission of India has been to guide humanity". Because of our uniqueness, we have been created. This is not just today. We have always been like this. This is a far bigger challenge – to maintain the diversity of who we are and still be able to move in one direction.

"Let a new India arise out of peasants' cottages, grasping the plough, out of huts, cobbler, and sweeper." It's a great feeling to be Indian. Let's spread the cheer all over! I Love India. Vande Mataram!

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Let's take time to remember the glory of the country and feel proud of its rich heritage.

Happy Republic Day!



**Ayyob Kachery**  
Regional Director  
Grand Hyper, Kuwait

On this 75th Indian Republic Day, most of us are excited to witness the annual parade. It is a moment of pride for all the Indians. We salute the tri-color flag and people, citizens, and army who safeguard the flag and pride of our Nation. This country will remain the home of the liberated only, as long as we make it the land of the brave.

May the tricolour flag fly high and our country prosper in every field.

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Lakshadweep is the only place in the country where tourists can visit the colourful world of Lagoons along with seeing the beauty of the earth. Even if you can't swim, you can see the unique

world underwater. If one can swim, scuba diving can be an adventurous sport for spending some time in the foothills of the ocean, experiencing corals, reefs, turtles, octopuses and other water organisms.



Lakshadweep is a bouquet of coral islands in the Arabian Sea. The golden coast, dense forest of coconut, magical lagoons, and fewer populations, often untouched by

tourists are the characteristics of this place.

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### Motto

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**Happy Republic Day!**



**Dr. Anis Ahmad**  
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As we Indians celebrate our Republic Day on the 26th of January, I wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt wishes to all the Indians. This day holds immense significance, marking the strength of unity, diversity, and the vibrant spirit of our beloved country INDIA.

May this Republic Day inspire us all to uphold the values of liberty, equality, and fraternity that form the cornerstone of our democracy. Let's cherish the rich heritage and the strides India has taken while embracing the aspirations for a brighter, inclusive future.

Wishing you all a joyous and proud Republic Day filled with hope, prosperity, and patriotic fervor!

Happy Republic Day !



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**Mustafa Hamza**

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Rich in cultural history, united in diversity, a salute to my country India. As we gather to celebrate Republic Day, let us not only reflect upon our past achievements but

also embrace the present moment with gratitude and look forward to a future brimming with hope and promise.

Let us not forget the rich heritage of our country and feel proud to be a part of this nation.

**Happy Republic Day!**



**Eng. Joseph Panicker, FIE, Int. PE**

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There is no such thing as building a great nation. We just have to build great human beings. If we build great human beings, then there is a great nation and a great world.

Republic day is the day when the constitution came into effect and we must be aware of the fundamental rights and duties. On the glorious occasion of Republic Day, let us all promise ourselves to always be responsible and promising citizens of our nation.

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Country Manager, Air India, Kuwait

As we gather here to celebrate the marvel that is India's modern republic, we must learn the lessons of history. A free people and a free economy have transformed India into the vibrant, peaceful and increasingly prosperous place it is today.

We overcame every obstacle and traversed every hurdle, because we consciously and firmly believed in India - our Motherland, a nation with great civilizational strength, an underlying unity and a promising future. Be proud that you live in a country that has such a rich history and heritage.

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Republic Day is an occasion to reconnect with our history. It is also an occasion to assess our present and think about how we can move forward.

Looking at the present, we see that India has not only regained its rightful place on the world stage, but it has also enhanced its standing in the international order.

With the world's third largest military expenditure, second largest armed force, fifth largest economy by GDP nominal rates and third largest economy in terms of purchasing power parity, India is a prominent regional power and a rising superpower.

India is a powerful country with a rich culture and heritage. It is important to understand the role of India in the present world, especially given its growing influence across continents. India has risen to prominence as a global player.

Let us not forget the rich heritage of our country and feel proud to be a part of this nation. May this 26th January give you an opportunity to serve your country in every possible way.

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On this national festival I convey my special greetings, to the members of our Armed Forces and Paramilitary Forces, who guard our frontiers on the land, the sea and the air and also provide invaluable assistance during natural calamities.

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On the 75th Republic day on January 26, 2024, we pay our homage to the countless sacrifices done by our freedom fighters and vow to give our best to make this the best, strongest and the most powerful nation on the earth.

The Republic Day of India can be considered as a people's day. Let us make a promise that we would not let the hard sacrifices of our brave freedom fighters go in vain. We would work hard to make our country the best in the world.

Happy Republic Day!



### Dr. V. Binumon

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On the eve of 75th Republic Day, I extend my heartiest greetings to every Indian, in India and Kuwait.

Leading the world with examples, our country is taking impressive strides in field of science, medicine, technology, space research, education, business and tourism. I salute the armed and paramilitary forces of India for sacrificing their personal life and valiantly protecting the border of India. Heartfelt gratitude to the millions of farmers who toil the lands to bring in harvest and scientists for their unwavering determination and dedication to take India to new glory. Sincere thanks to the founding fathers who formulated and drafted an exemplary constitution of India that has steered India towards progress and development.

In our journey to achieve the zenith of success and take India to the leading position, let us all remember that our rich culture and tradition is our identity. It is highly inevitable for all of us to uphold our rich tradition and cherish our culture. Let's be connected to our roots and pass on our rich tradition and our values to the next generation. Let's spread the message of love, compassion, brotherhood and tolerance to the world through our words and deeds.

Freedom in mind, power in words, truth in utterance and nostalgic memories of sacrifices made by our freedom fighters, let's salute the tricolor and promise to safeguard the unity and integrity of our motherland. Let's unite in the spirit of patriotism and work towards a brighter and more inclusive India.

Jai Hind!

Happy Republic Day !

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India is a Land of colours where the past meets the future. Every nook and corner of the nation glimmers with rich colours of heritage. This is particularly true in the north-western states of the country, with multiple cities with colour references in their names - Jaipur, the Pink City; Jodhpur, the Blue City; and Jaisalmer, the Golden City.

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unique.

On this special day, Let's promise our motherland that We will do everything to enrich and preserve our heritage, our ethos and our treasure.

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The diversity of our nation is one of its major strengths. This Republic Day, let us commit to pooling our diverse experience for the growth of India.

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**Raja Ganapathy**  
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"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. Our most valuable and most instructive materials in the history of man are treasured up in India only."

These are not our words. These are the words of the great Mark Twain.

As we celebrate the birth of our republic, let us also remember those who have fought and continue to fight for the rights and freedoms of all citizens. They did a wonderful job getting us to where we are today. Now it is our turn to continue from where they stopped.

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Let's remember all our many great achievements to motivate ourselves to reach for greater heights. If we all come together and work together, then we are surely capable of even greater wonders in the days to come.

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freedom and hope around the world. The journey has been long, but we have traveled far.

East or West, India is the best; let us strive to make it even better. We must preserve and protect our rich cultural heritage and its values of compassion and harmonious living.

Happy Republic Day!



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On this 75th Republic day let us celebrate India's unique 'Unity in diversity' - a time-honoured Indian tradition that continues to remain the mainstay of our nation's strength.

On this day, let us revive our pledge to work together as one, to promote the variety of our profound social and cultural traditions, the multiplicity of our languages, the plurality of beliefs and faiths, because it is this 'coming together of differences' that makes us above all else, who we are - Indians.

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In all sincerity, India is moving forward to become a major engine of the global economy, and we are on the verge of a transformational opportunity to become a global leader. The country is experiencing a digital revolution that is stimulating transformative developments in areas like

e-payments, digital literacy, financial inclusion, geographic mapping, rural development, and much more.

The Digital Revolution is all about improving tomorrow. Digital India has considerably reduced the distance between Government and citizens. It has also helped in delivery of substantial services directly to the beneficiary in a transparent and corruption free manner. In the process, India has emerged as one of the pre-eminent nations of the world to use technology to transform the lives of its citizens.

From time to time, the government of India launches apps for citizens to promote its Digital India initiative. The campaign includes various projects designed to build technological infrastructure, increase internet connectivity, improve e-literacy and promote the use of technologies for the delivery of services.

It focuses on nine pillars: broadband highways, universal access to mobile connectivity, public internet access programme, e-governance project, the electronic delivery of services (e-Kranti), information for all, electronics manufacturing, IT for jobs and early harvest programmes. The initiative aims to leverage technology to empower crores of Indian citizens and foster inclusive development across the country.

Some of the key initiatives drafted under Digital India programme are as follows:

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Cyber Security: By implementing the Information Technology Act of 2000 which contains essential data privacy and data security provisions, the Government took necessary measures in order to address issues relating to Data Protection and Data Security. In the Global Cyber Safety Index 2020, launched by the International Telecommunication Union in June 29, 2021, India is ranked 10th, moving up 37 places to become a top ten country worldwide for key cyber safety parameters.

India's moving in the direction of digital conversion. Its benefits in leveraging digital technologies for changing governance and the lives of every Indian.

Only digital India will be progressive India and empower every Indian. Digital equality will ensure overall equality. India goes digital, let's join hands and go global. On this day think of our past and Try to build a better future for all of us. It is a duty of all of us. I am proud to be an Indian.

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Women's empowerment in India is crucial for achieving gender equality and driving progress. Women empowerment is not only crucial for achieving gender equality but is also a catalyst for India's progress and development as it unlocks the full potential of women and fosters a more inclusive and prosperous society. With people's participation in 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign, women's representation is rising in every sphere.

Together, let's work towards a future where women are empowered to stand tall, strong, and free from limitations.

Happy Republic Day!



2,00,000<sup>th</sup> 5G site of India activated at Gangotri



PM Modi installs Sengol in New Parliament



North-East gets its first Vande Bharat Train



PLI for IT Hardware gets Cabinet nod



## Mohammed Ghouse

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On the happy occasion of our 75th Republic Day, I convey my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all our compatriots, and friends in Kuwait.

A thoughtful mind, when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag, but the nation itself. We in India are very proud of our eternal and diverse culture. We also attach great value to our intangible cultural heritage. .

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### Ashfaque Ahmed Khan

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The transition of India from a British colony to a sovereign, secular, and democratic nation was indeed historical.

The pages of Indian history are filled with the names of great people who not only helped us get victory from the British, but also made the outsiders aware of this amazing country. India is a mother to so many stunning personalities who made us proud citizens today. Saluting all great men who contributed in building a successful constitution.

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The leading causes of Blindness are Age Related Macular Degeneration, Cataract, Diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma is a Silent thief of Sight.

We take a pledge at this juncture that we will hand over a harmonious world to our next generation by teaching them a Self-Reliant Living, we strongly recommend the following tips for the prevention of many Eye ailments

### LEAD A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

- Eat organic food products between the dawn and the dusk. Add natural sources of Vitamin A and Omega 3 Fatty Acid in to your diet.
- Do regular Exercises to tone your Body & Eyes and practice Yoga for your mind
- For kids' entertainment activities, we suggest kids to spend outdoors for a minimum of two hours to relax their eyes, thus control the progression of Myopia.
- Fix your Circadian Rhythm, which helps you to be active during the day and sleep peacefully at night, which means you need more natural light exposure when you are awakened, least light exposure before bedtime and no light exposure while sleeping. We advise you to use two layers of curtains. Former one is a translucent curtain for day hours and the latter one is the solid dark colored curtains while sleeping.
- Have your eyes checked periodically with Ophthalmologists and Optometrists.

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## GAGANYAAN

- Hari Lakshman

India is just stepping into a new age of space exploration. The excitement of space exploration swells in India with the initiation of the Gaganyaan Mission. This mission seeks to elevate Indian astronauts, referred to as Gagannauts, into the cosmos, marking a monumental step in India's space



journey, which aims to send humans into space on a Low Earth Orbit of 400 km and bring them safely back to the Earth.

As preparations ensue, the Indian space agency propels test flights into action. These trials serve as the foundational steps for the awaited manned space journey set for 2025.

If this mission succeeds, India will join an exclusive group of countries that have put humans into space. We'll be just the fourth behind Russia, the US, and China.

The Gaganyaan mission, while a milestone in our spacefaring history, is obviously not the endgame for ISRO. What we want to do, is gaining comfort and experience launching humans to space, so we can one day get them to the Moon, Mars, and who knows how much further. To that end, it might even be possible for us to catch up to others doing the same.

On this special day, Let's promise our motherland that We will do everything to enrich and preserve our heritage, our ethos and our treasure.

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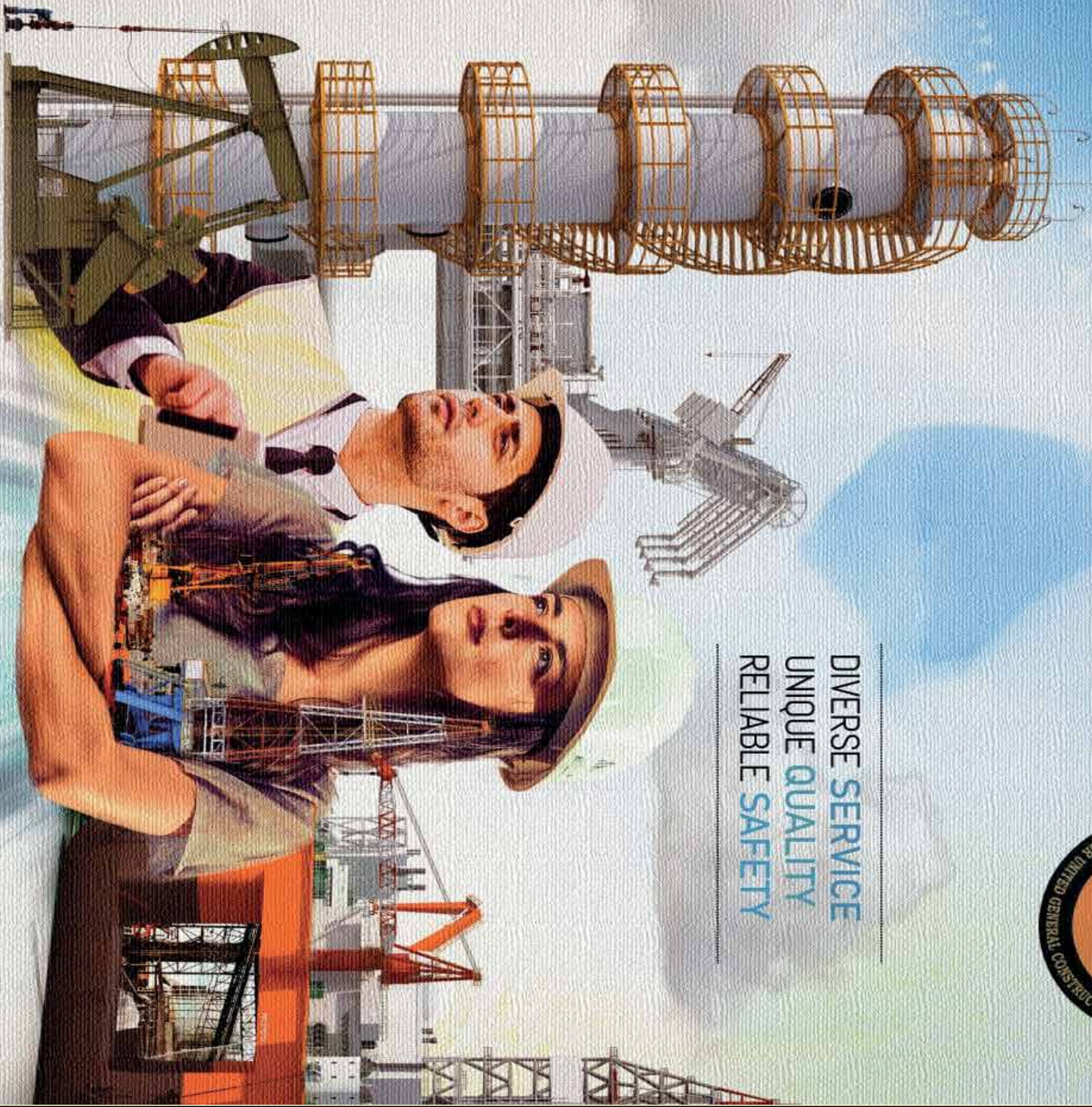
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