

Celebrating 60 years of Indian Independence Let's be proud of it



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At stroke of midnight, on 15 August 1947, India became an independent nation. This landmark event was preceded by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's famous speech titled Tryst with destiny.

“At the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance..... We end today a period of ill fortune, and India discovers herself again.” Our country is celebrating the 60th year of its Independence this 15 August 2007 . Independence from its imperialistic rulers—a sweet fruit of the bitter toil by our ancestors and freedom fighters. “They gave up their today to give us our tomorrow,” a sacrifice that can never be repaid by this generation. The young generation, the future of India has taken their freedom for granted and seem to have become complacent of their present status which had been passed on to them by their patriotic ancestors. The freedom struggle has only become a lesson in the school curriculum that has to be mugged up correctly in order to spill out in an examination paper. Apart from the beauracrats and a few others 15th August has become just another holiday for us to sit back and recoup from our busy lives. These days how many of us actually pay respect to the national anthem? It is the duty of every Indian to stand up as soon as one hears the national anthem whenever wherever he or she may be. But sadly very few of us practice this in our daily lives. However, it would be wrong to say that the youth are

totally devoid of nationalistic feelings, their way of expression may differ but deep down the sentiments are the same—love for their motherland. Many of us participate in the flag hoisting ceremonies that take place in their respective alma maters or localities while many hoist the tri colour in their own homes and vehicles. Patriotic SMSs are exchanged and the ubiquitous accessory of today's youth—the cell phone tinkles with patriotic songs in the form of ring tones or hello tunes. Some express their solidarity by wearing tri coloured caps and the less adventurous prefer to catch the Independence Day celebrations that are telecast in the television. Sadly our hard earned freedom seems to have lost its glory in the quagmire of the new age “imperialism” that the country is facing in the form of religious riots, ethnic clashes, regionalism and terrorism. Many parts of India are burning in the pyre of hatred emanating from the above causes. Probably, its time, for us to once again take steps, for the people to unite and stand up for their rights and fight against these internal demons to protect the nation's honour and unity. Our country is a gift to us by our ancestors let us not let their sacrifice go in vain. And the young generation needs to lead the way. Jai Hind!

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