

## **Sacred Freedom**

**The 75<sup>th</sup> Indian Independence Day is round the corner. We should be grateful to our freedom fighters for giving us our sacred freedom. In last seven decades, India achieved multi-faceted socio- economic progress. India and made great strides and moved forward displaying remarkable progress in the field of agriculture, industry, technology and overall economic development.**

**It is a hard- earned freedom what we Indians are enjoying right now; starting with Mangal Pandey's sepoymutiny in 1857, also known as India's first war of independence. The earliest harbinger of freedom movement could easily have compromised and could have settled for their personal benefits, but they didn't. They took action and sacrificed their lives. People of India, from different religions, states, communities, castes and socio- economic backgrounds put their heads together and compelled Firangis to leave the subcontinent. Their commitment to free, sovereign and independent India, devoid of personal gratification, is the only reason, that we are living in a free country and are able to achieve and live with our basic human rights.**

**Freedom fighters like Gandhiji, known as 'Father of the nation', showed us path to Ahimsa (non-violence) and Satyagraha, the weapons which are far greater than Himsa (violence). He became the driving force to India's independence movement. Like his other teachings, it was rooted in the ancient wisdom of India and yet has a resonance in the 21st century and in our daily lives. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel also revered as 'Iron man of India', convinced all princely states and united each part of subcontinent to form India and showed us the strength in unity. Sh. B. R. Ambedkar, also known as 'Father of Indian constitution' ended many differences in Indian society by striving for equal rights for all Indians. His fight made all equal before the law through constitutional provisions and supported the ideals of equality in society. Female Freedom Fighters like Rani Lakshmbai, Sarojini Naidu, Begum Hazrat Mahal, Ambabai signified that women are no less and can perform as good as men in every field. They led many major movements and spread awareness amongst all.**

**'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' by flagging off 'Dandi March' from Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad on 12th March, 2021. The celebrations started 75 weeks before our 75th anniversary of Independence and will end on 15th August, 2023.**

**Let's not forget the precious gift of Independence given to us by our fellow millions of Indians and celebrate this day with full zeal and make the event 'Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotasav' led by our Prime minister a great success and remember our Great freedom fighters.**