

Independence Day Celebration During COVID-19

With 15th August right around the corner, India's COVID-19 cases are brimming as they breach the 40,000+ boundary, and the entirety of the nation seems drenched in an obsidian, melancholy shadow – much similar to 74 years ago, when our ancestors came together, albeit for a different cause, and fought for their land, their pride, and their nation.

Today, migrant workers struggle to cope with the financially crippling affliction of quarantine and students seem incapacitated with the perils of mental health that are only catalysed by the unsure, hesitant future. Today, we have forgotten what has driven us, as a nation, to be a “Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic Nation” free from a millennium of terror.

Under the guidance of the Honorable Prime Minister, Mr Modi, we aim to contribute to the growth of our country's younger generation – a generation that would bloom to be knowledgeable citizens of tomorrow – and the opportunity to celebrate Independence Day in these dark times must not be lost.

Without a doubt, there are a range of risks that must be adhered to: the most prevalent of them being social distancing and controlling the spread of a deadly virus. However, we thrive in a digital world, and the best way to honour and celebrate the spirit of patriotism is to incorporate our key core value: celebration! In order to honour our flourishing culture post this freedom, it is imperative for communities and educational institutes to host events that involve families who are invited to enjoy performances that pay homage to the customs and heritage of our wonderful nation.

There will be music; there will be dance; there will be joy.

Most importantly, there will be hope.

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