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From The President's Desk

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Dear Friends and Family,

THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY special provides an opportunity to remember our freedom struggle and to highlight our age old tradition of "bharatiyata", based on our ethical and moral values. Our residents have contributed to make this Independence Day come alive for our youth. This is required as India faces multiple challenges including growing violence against women.

There have been many community activities which have brought us closer. The tree plantation drive on 30th July at the C-Block Park saw an enthusiastic response with a 90-year old resident braving the rain to plant a tree. Similarly, based on the principle that donating blood save lives, a voluntary blood donation camp was organized, on 31st July, 2016. 42 residents generously donated blood. In order to involve children in our quest to help the poor and under privileged, "Do Mutthi Aahaar" was organized with the full support of NGO "Parvaah" on 7th August. The response was heartwarming. The community has also been involved in many social causes including addressing growing violence against women. Rashtapatiji Shri Pranab Mukerjee has reminded us "*The sanctity of a woman is a directive principle of the larger edifice called Indian civilization. When we brutalize a woman, we wound the soul of our civilization.*"

Last year Prime Minister had noted that one mantra during Vedic period of particular relevance is "*Sangachchhdhvam Samvadadhvam sam wo manansi jaanataam*" i.e. *we walk together, we think together and together we take this country forward.* **Let us do the same for our beautiful colony.**



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Thoughts for Independence Day 2016

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AS OUR PRESS and the media focus daily on the arising dissonance in public life across India and, for that matter, across the world, Independence Day brings the thought "What are we celebrating?" The public figures, and the integrity and values that they practised in 1947, seem to belong to a different planet.

And yet, as a grandfather, looking at the two generations below mine, I feel a surge of optimism and pride in the intelligence and sincerity that they display. In August 1947, I was in Junior school in the US, and so could not really understand what my parents were so excited about. What Independence did do was to inspire my idealistic father to come back to India to teach all that he had learned at the Mayo Clinic. Looking back, it is wonderful to see how his teaching has taken seed and grown many branches. For me

personally, growing up in an expanding economy has brought exciting career opportunities and a fulfilled life. In short, our family has much to celebrate, and that is what we intend to do.

Adding to these feelings is the clear evidence that India and Indians have arrived on the world stage with a bang. There is universal respect for our intelligence; wherever we get a clear field of work with the right incentives, we excel at disciplined performance. After many years of economic and social decline, we are finding our way back towards past greatness.