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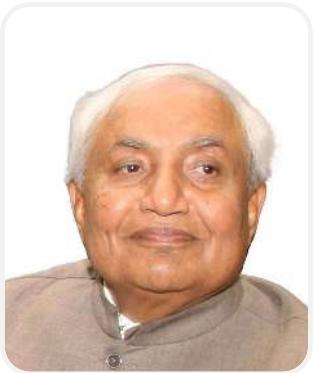
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MARCH, 8<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA Honors 6 Trailblazing Women in the US on International Women's Day

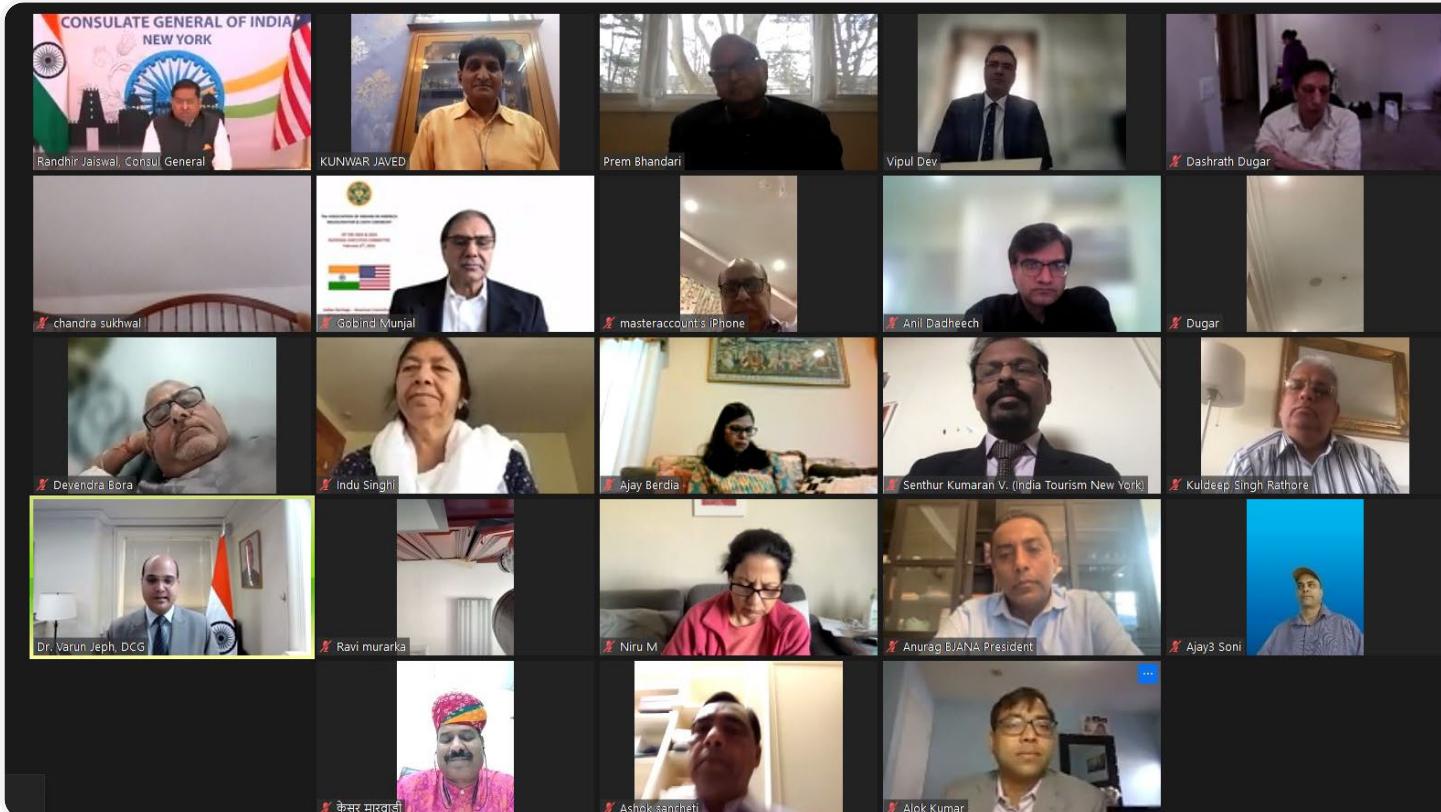


The FIA and the Indian Consulate celebrated International Women's Day by honoring 6 women, for their extraordinary contributions in different fields, at the Indian Consulate General in New York under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrating 75 years of Indian Independence. The awardees are Dipti Vaid Dedhia (Municipal Court Judge New Jersey), Sejal Lakhani Bhatt (CEO, TechWerxe), Seema Kumar (Community Activist), Chaya Pamula (Entrepreneur, Philanthropist), Allison Hauser (Trailblazer- Ex-Director of Girls on the Run NYC) and Priyanka Bhrambhat (Founder, Beehively Group).

MARCH, 30TH 2022



## Virtual Celebration of Rajasthan Diwas



The Consulate General of India, Rajasthan Association of North America (RANA) and Jaipur Foot USA have jointly organized a virtual celebration of Rajasthan Diwas on 30th March. Hon. Consul General Randhir Jaiswal, President of RANA and Chairman of the Jaipur Foot Association Prem Bhandari delivered the keynote address.

MAY, 12<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA Creates History, Enters Congressional Records



The FIA commemorated the 75 years of Indian Independence and honored the Asian Heritage month on May 12, 2022 at the Rayburn Building, Capitol Hill Complex, Washington-DC. FIA was recognized for the event in the US Congressional Record Vol. 168, No. 81. Lawmakers Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Frank Pallone, Tom Malinowski, Vicente Gonzalez, Hakeem Jefferies, Adriano Espaillat, Matthew Cartwright, David Cicilline, Jim McGovern and Congresswomen Mikie Sherrill, Sheila Jackson Lee, Abigail Spanberger, Susie Lee, Grace Meng, Deborah K. Ross and Cindy Axne were among the ones who graced the event.

MAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## 38th Edition of FIA's 'Dance Pe Chance 2022'



Returning to the iconic Patriots War Memorial Theatre in Trenton, NJ, after two years of COIVD-19 induced hiatus, the event saw over 300 participated, from 6 to 16 years of age groups distributed into various categories. A total of 16 performances showcased from the various community dance schools in the tri-state area, competing to showcase their talent, discipline, technique, and costumes.

APRIL, 19<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA-New England celebrated Patriot's Day



FIA-New England celebrated Patriot's Day and organized a meet and greet with the parliamentarian and former Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu, in Grafton-Boston, Massachusetts.

MAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> 2022



## FIA in association with CGI, NY celebrated Gujarat-Maharashtra Day



FIA in association with Consulate General of India, New York celebrated Gujarat-Maharashtra Day on May 1, 2022 with Kaajal Oza Vaidya and Archana Joglekar being the Guest of Honor.

MAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA Honors Bollywood Musician Pyarelal with Lifetime Achievement Award



FIA in association with Sai USA Inc. conferred the Lifetime Achievement Award to musician Pyarelal R. Sharma of the famed Indian composer duo Laxmikant-Pyarelal for his outstanding service to Indian Film Music.

JUNE, 1<sup>ST</sup> 2022



## FIA organized Press Conference at Press Club of India, Delhi



FIA held a press conference on June 1 at the Press Club of India (PCI) was marked by the presence of marquee personalities from various walks of life. Some of the noted personalities who graced the event include Sumit Das (from Khadi India), Piyush Chawla, Sameep Shastri, Kapil Gupta, Bipin Babu, Renu Hussain, Ajay Bansal, Chander Sharma, Rahul Dayal, Satnam Sambhy, Kamaljeet Kochhar, Ronit Agarwal, Ike Sinha, Manish Kumar and Sanjay Mallick.

## FIA meet and greet with Indian Lawmakers



The FIA met with Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, Parshottam Rupala, Union Cabinet Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Amitabh Kant, CEO Niti Aayog, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe President, ICCR and Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, Harivansh Narayan Singh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Sandeep Chakravorty, Joint Secretary (Europe West), Ministry of External Affairs, Shri Suresh Prabhu, Parliamentarian & Former Cabinet Minister, Dr. Chintan Vaishnav Mission Director, Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), Shri Brajesh Pathak, Deputy Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh

JUNE, 18<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA NY-NJ-CT-NE Proudly Supports Save Soil Movement & Walkathon



The Save Soil initiative is supported by the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) and the goal is to actively engage at least 3.5 billion people globally on the issue of soil health.

AUGUST, 21<sup>ST</sup> 2022



## Spiritual Guru Unveiled FIA's India Day Celebration theme Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in USA



Indian Spiritual leader and Guru, His Holiness Junapeethadhishwar Acharya Mahamandleshwar Swami Avdheshanand Giri ji unveiled the theme for FIA's attempts at 2 Guinness World Records during the India Day Parade at Manhattan on 21 August, 2022. FIA Convener & Chairman of Jaipur Foot Prem Bhandari, FIA's Chairman Ankur Vaidya, Vice President Saurin Parikh, Former President Alok Kumar, Youth Chair Krish Vaidya, and PTI's Lalit Jha were present on the occasion.

JUNE, 18<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA Supported CGI-NY in Celebrating International Day of Yoga at Times Square



FIA supported the Consulate General of India in New York as it celebrated the International Day of Yoga as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Day coincides with the Summer Solstice – the longest day of the year and was aptly named Summer Solstice New York – Mind over Madness. His Holiness Junapeethadhiswhar Acharya Mandleshwar Swami Avdheshanand Giriji led the event, which was thronged by thousands.

JULY, 2<sup>ND</sup> 2022



## FIA-New England Enlists for Adopt a Highway Volunteer Programme



The Massachusetts Department of Transportation offers this program that allows volunteer teams to help beautify state highways.

AUGUST, 15<sup>TH</sup> 2022

Flag  
Hoisting at  
Times Square

## FIA Commemorates *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*, Hoists Indian Tri-color Flag at Times Square



Over 1,000 members of the community gathered as the FIA held its annual Indian tri-color hoisting on Times Square. The flag was hoisted by Hon. Consul General of India Randhir Jaiswal and in attendance were the famous rockstar from India Devi Sri Prasad (DSP), renowned composer and singer Shankar Mahadevan and Mayor of New York City Hon. Eric Adams, Deputy Mayor Meera Joshi and Assemblyman from New Jersey Raj Mukherji.

AUGUST, 15<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA-New England Historic India Independence Day flag Hoisting in Boston



Times are never actually repeated, and so are perhaps memorable events; that was the scene created in Boston, for celebrating India's 75th Independence Anniversary. It happened, and it happened really big, in a city that is well known not only for its culture and history but more importantly, for being the birthplace of Revolution to gain freedom from the same colonial power that India gained freedom 75 years ago.

AUGUST, 15<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA New-England Grand Marshal's Historic India Day Celebrations in Boston with Indian Cricket Star RP Singh



The Boston event attracted nearly a thousand participants. Indian Americans representing every region of India showing cultural programs of music and dance. India's tri-color, flying high in the sky, stole the hearts of the public at large.

AUGUST, 15<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## New York's Iconic Empire State Building Lit in India Tri Color To Celebrate India's Independence Day



The Iconic Empire State Building was lit up in the tri-color of the Indian National Flag - saffron, white and green. In attendance were Randhir Jaiswal, CGI-NY, Hon. Raja Chari - NASA astronaut, Shankar Mahadevan- Singer and Devi Sri Prasad - Singer

AUGUST, 15<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## 220' Khadi Tri-color Aerial Display over Hudson



A 220-ft Khadi tri-color was flown over the Hudson River - a spectacle photographed and shared on social media in the thousands within the first two hours of the Times Square building lighting.

AUGUST, 21<sup>ST</sup> 2022



## FIA Creates History at Madison Square New York, Enters Guinness World Records



FIA now holds 2 Guinness World Records for the number of Different Flags Flown Simultaneously and the Largest Ensemble of Damru (ancient musical instrument associated with Hinduism and Buddhism). The Guinness World Records official presented the awards to FIA members with singer Kailash Kher on the dais.

AUGUST, 21<sup>ST</sup> 2022

## FIA's Flagship event 40<sup>th</sup> India Day Parade in New York City with Pan-India Superstar Allu Arjun as the Grand Marshal



With Pan-India Superstar Allu Arjun at the helm as the Grand Marshal and over 1,00,000 people participating in the event, FIA's India Day Parade celebrated the diverse culture and heritage of India. The parade was a culmination of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav – more than a year long festivity earmarked to celebrate the historic occasion.

AUGUST, 21<sup>ST</sup> 2022



India Day Messages were on display at the biggest jumbotron at Times Square reserved by FIA for 24 hrs



SEPTEMBER, 11<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## Indian-American Community Commemorates 9/11 at Times Square



Indian American organizations along with FIA held a non-religious, non-political gathering on September 11 at Times Square in New York to lodge a community protest against the recent series of hate-crime episodes. They expressed deep concern over the recent brazen attacks on Mahatma Gandhi's statue in New York City and other US cities.

SEPTEMBER, 13<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA Felicitated for Grand Celebration of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*



FIA was felicitated on September 13, 2022 in New York in recognition of the celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Consul General of India in New York Randhir Jaiswal inaugurated the Jaipur foot camp, which will be held in the 1st week of January 2023 in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

OCTOBER, 10<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA Dedicates Guinness World Records to PM Narendra Modi



FIA dedicated the 2 Guinness World Records, successfully achieved as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations, to the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi. The ceremony was held at 'The Pierre', a Taj Hotel in New York.

OCTOBER, 16<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA Attends 3-Day Pravasi Gujarati Parv in India



FIA President Kenny Desai and Chairman Ankur Vaidya attended the 3-day Pravasi Gujarati Parv. The Union Home Minister of India Amit Shah inaugurated the event on October 15 in Ahmedabad. It was the first global gathering of Gujaratis from more than 20 countries, including India.

OCTOBER, 13<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA Hosted Meet and Greet with Indian Dignitaries



FIA organized a meet and greet event with the Ambassador of India to the United States, Tarunjit Singh Sandhu, and the Consul General of India in New York, Randhir Jaiswal.

OCTOBER, 17<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA Launched India Corner in Massachusetts



On the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, FIA launched an India Corner in the Northborough Library, MA. Congressman James P. McGovern also attended the event.

### White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health

Ending Hunger, Improving Nutrition and Physical Activity, and Reducing Diet-Related Diseases and Disparities



OCTOBER, 31<sup>ST</sup> 2022

## Indian Community Organizes 'March For Unity'



About 40 or more Indian community organizations in the US staged a "March for Unity" in Edison on October 31st. The 1.5-kilometer walk - drew over 400 participants - event was organized in collaboration with the Indian Consulate General.

OCT & NOV 2022



## FIA Organized its 3rd Edition of Diwali Soup Kitchen

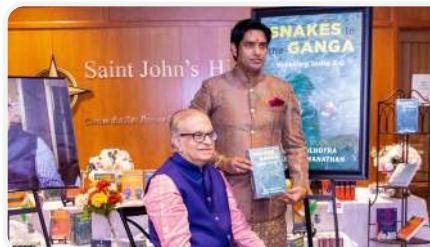
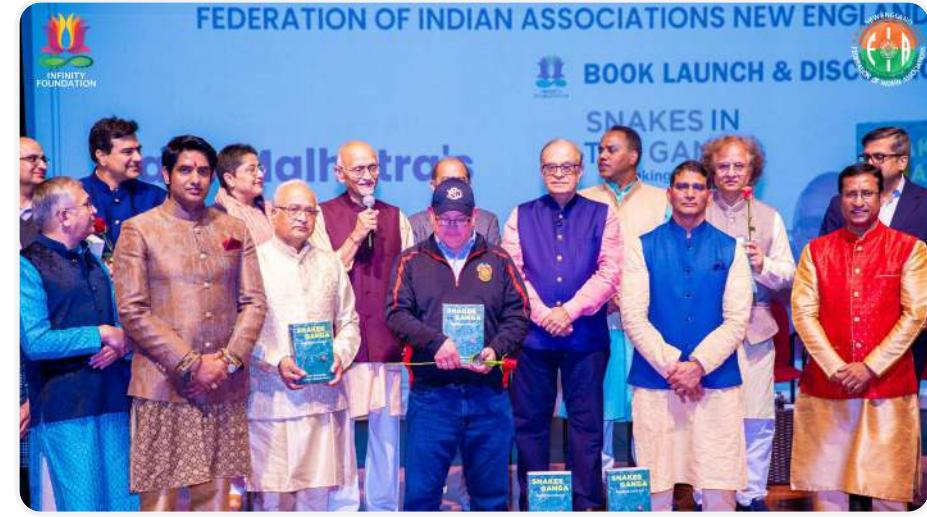


The FIA initiative - Diwali Soup Kitchen-Spreading Lights of Happiness - offers free meals to tri-state recognized soup kitchens, which serve meals to those in need. The FIA - through the Annual Soup Kitchen Drive - works towards the goal of serving 10,000 meals during the holiday season.

NOVEMBER, 8<sup>TH</sup> 2022



## FIA-New England Organizes '3-in-1' Grand Event Celebrations at Boston



FIA-New England and Infinity Foundation organized a book (Snakes in the Ganga - written by Rajiv Malhotra) launch event on November 8, 2022. The event was marked by the presence of Rajiv Malhotra, Shrewsbury Fire Chief Jim, Mrinalini Darswal, Deputy CEO of National Health Authority IPS Vipul Aggarwal, Amresh Mishra and Professor Bal Ram Singh and Sandeep Asija.

NOVEMBER, 30<sup>TH</sup> 2022

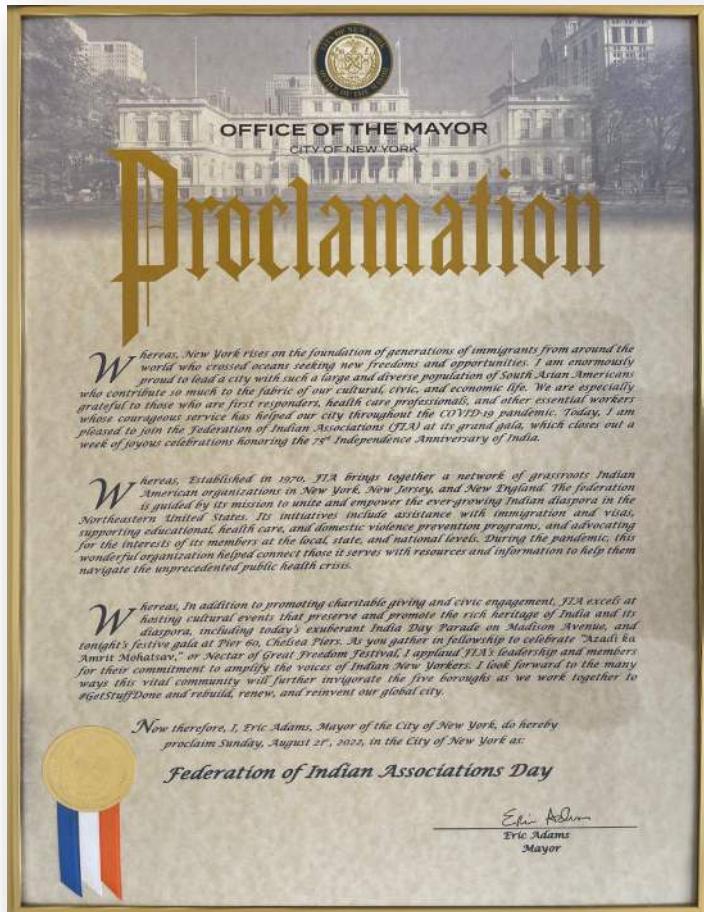
## Infinity foundation holds book launch of Snakes in the Ganga



FIA along with the Infinity Foundation on 30 November held a book launch event of “Snakes in the Ganga” at Akbar Restaurant, NJ. The esteemed guests present at the event were author Rajiv Malhotra, FIA Executive & President of IAAC Anil Bansal, FIA Chairman Ankur Vaidya, and Seema Singh – renowned attorney.



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August 15, 2022

Federation of Indian Associations

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Dear Friends,

I wish you a very happy 75th anniversary of India's Independence! This holiday marks a significant milestone in India's history, and I hope that you are all able to celebrate with your loved ones.

Today, we look back on India becoming a free and independent nation. This is an important opportunity to celebrate your culture and to commemorate the great acts of service in our community by the Federation of Indian Associations (FIA). I applaud all members of the FIA for your commitment to bettering the lives of the citizens you represent every day.

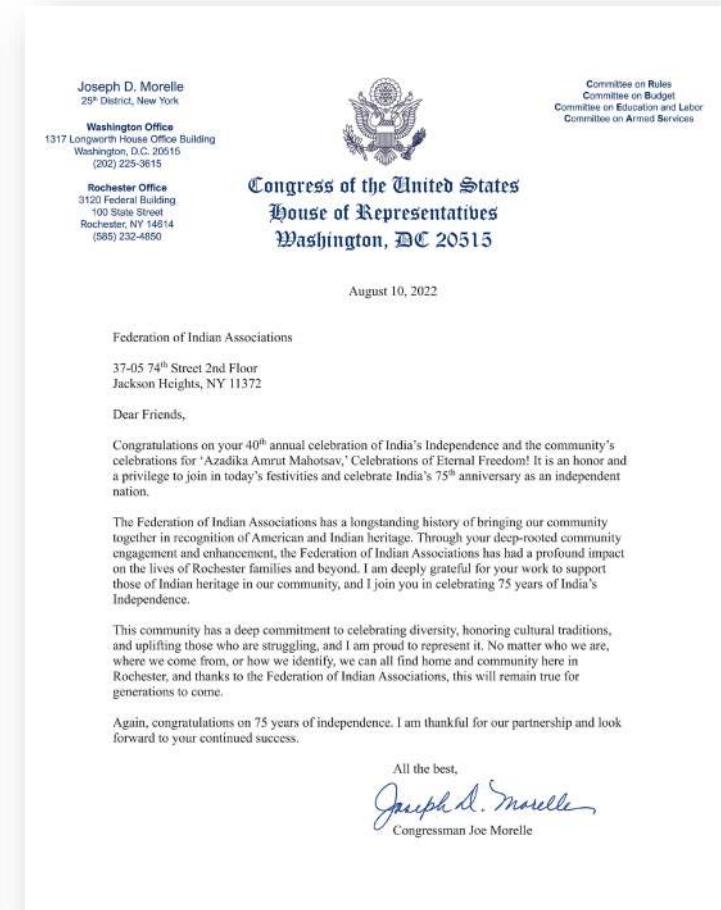
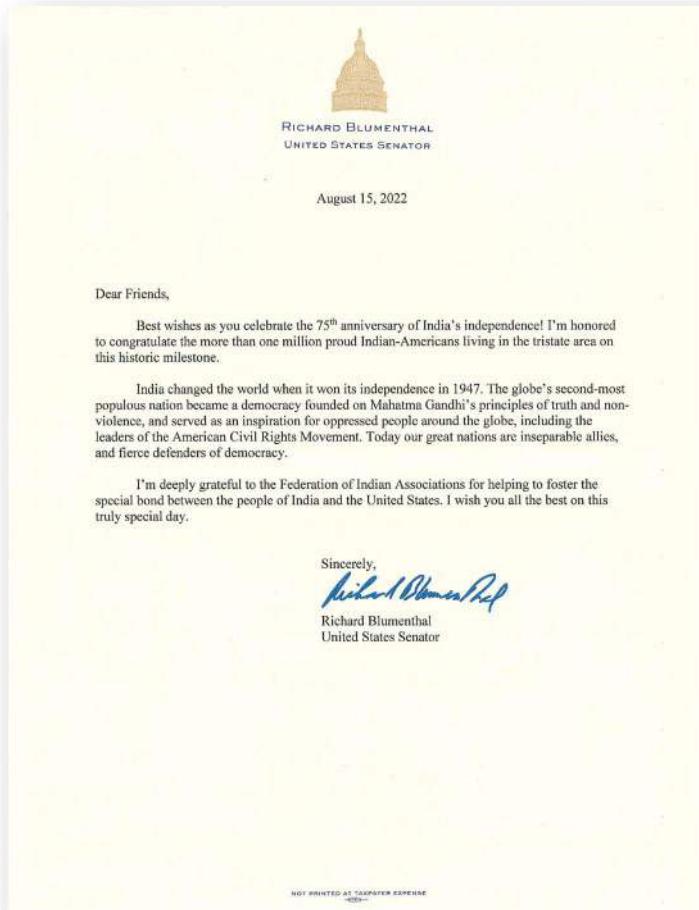
On behalf of New Hampshire's Second Congressional District, I thank you for keeping these rich traditions alive.

Sincerely,  
*Ann McLane Kuster*

Ann McLane Kuster  
Member of Congress

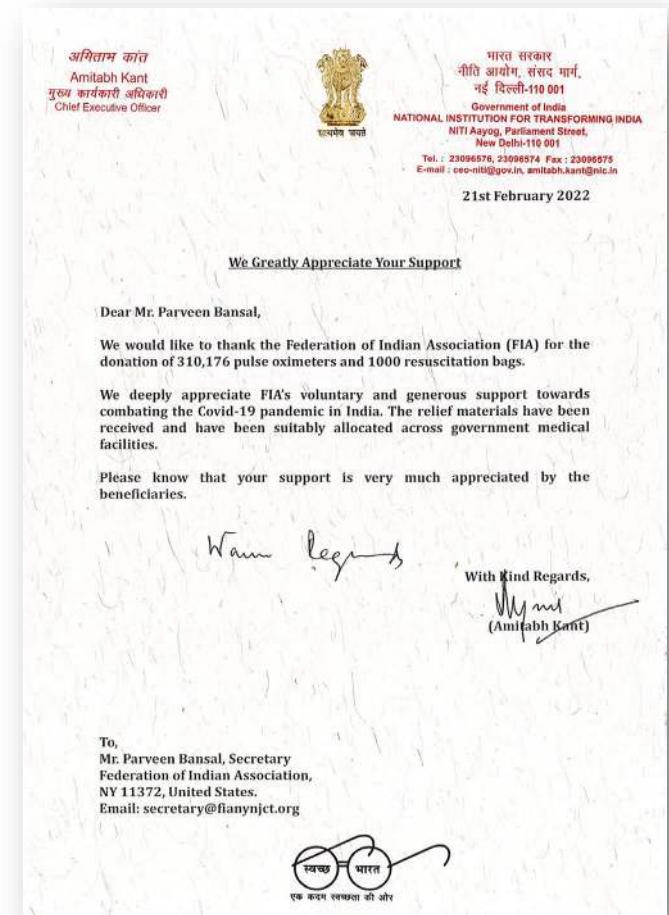
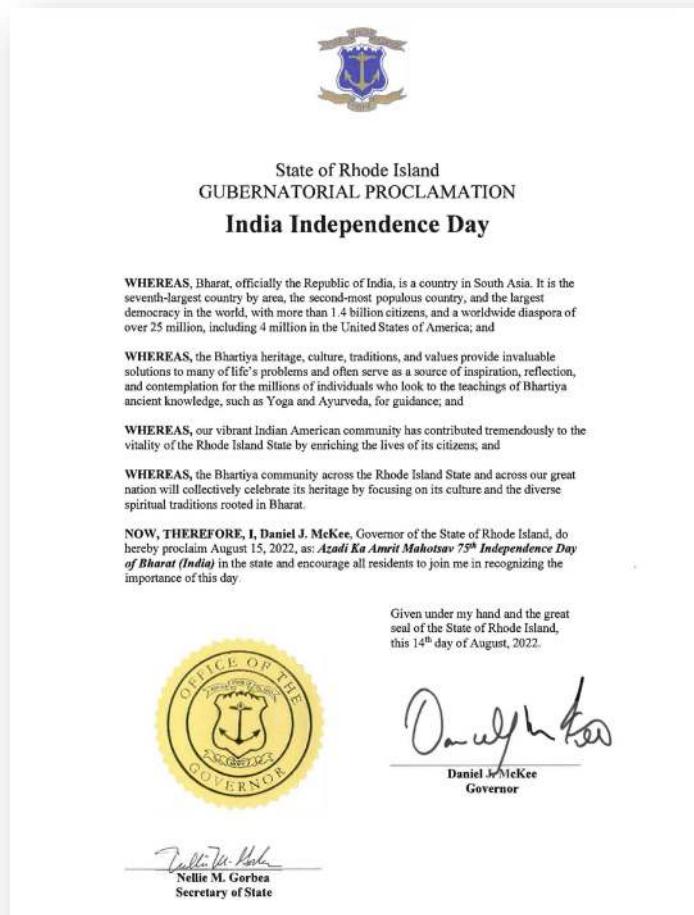


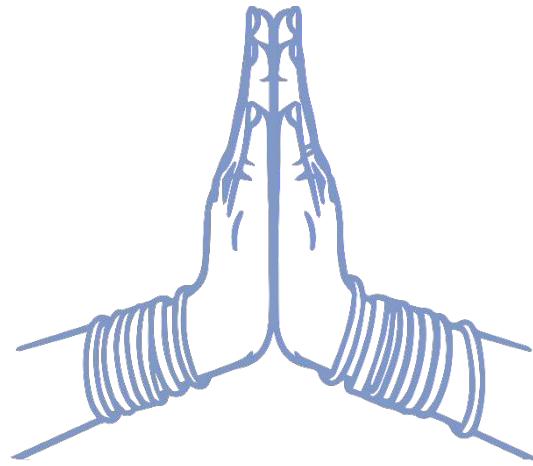
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