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The history of independent India began when the country became an independent nation within the British Commonwealth on 15 August 1947. Direct administration by the British, which began in 1858, effected a political and economic unification of the subcontinent. When British rule came to an end in 1947.

Indian National Congress leader Jawaharlal Nehru became the first Prime Minister of India, but the leader most associated with the independence struggle, Mahatma Gandhi, accepted no office. The Constitution adopted in 1950 made India a democratic country, and this democracy has been sustained since then. India's sustained democratic freedoms are unique among the world's newly independent states.

Independent India's first years were marked with turbulent events – a massive exchange of population with Pakistan, the Indo-Pakistani War of 1947 and the integration of over 500 princely states to form a united nation. Credit for the political integration of India is largely attributed to Vallabhbhai Patel (deputy Prime Minister of India at the time), who post-independence and before the death of Mahatma Gandhi teamed up with Jawaharlal Nehru and the Mahatma to ensure that the constitution of independent India would be secular.

There are many achievements we had in last 70 years which make us unique and I found myself proud, Here are few which I would like to state

1. Just after re-birth, we executed the world's largest merger and acquisition activity, when 560 small princely states joined (merged) into the Union of India; neither any blood drop was spilled nor was any bullet fired.
2. We are the only nation in the world, which gave every adult the right to vote from its first day. In the US, the world's second largest democracy this right was given more than 150 years after their independence.
3. Despite having such diversity in terms of religions and cultures, and many elements working round the clock to create disturbance among them, our nation remains by far the largest one to have people living peacefully with each other, something worth appreciating.
4. Despite such a vast diversity we are a single nation and this feeling of unity is increasing with each passing day.

- 5 We have the most number of languages spoken in any one nation; 29 languages are spoken in India, by more than one million people each. Canada almost broke up into two in 1960's because of tension between English and French.

Apart from our democratic values and secularity there are other achievements

1. Right after independence, India majorly imported food grains and depended upon international food aid up to mid-1960s. Today India has self-sufficiency in food production and exports various food grains. We are largest producers of fresh fruits, milk, pulses and oil seeds, sunflower seeds and second largest producers of wheat, rice, sugarcane, potato, tea, cotton etc., in the world.
2. Having almost nil self-reliance on defense technology and space technology, today we are one of the most advance nations in this field. Indians have been able to develop one of the most envious space programs in the world started in the year 1969 after their independence .To this day, we launched various space programs including Lunar and Mars mission, and on way to commercially launch satellites of developed nations at very low cost, all thanks to Indian Space Research Organization
3. Since independence, India has been developing its technical education sector steadfastly. This resulted into our green revolution, resulting in increase of our food grain production more than four times, our independent space programs, eradication of epidemics and our envious IT sector.
4. India is one of four largest military powers in the world today, and has got one of most sophisticated missile programs in the world
5. We have successfully eradicated various epidemics and Polio from our nation. Life expectancy grew up to be 68.89 years, which was only 32 years at the time of independence. This is one of the major achievement taking into account that we comprise 17% of world population.
6. So let us celebrate this year Independent with oath that we are going to sustain, straighten the morality, ethics and values which our For fathers have given us.

Wish you very happy Independence Day

Jai Hind Jai Bharat.

