## Independence Day

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India got its freedom from the British rule on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947. Hence, we celebrate it as Independence Day.

We all know that freedom is not free, it took years of efforts, non-violence and other movement by our national freedom fighter to attain freedom. Independence coincided with the partition of India, in which the British Indian Empire was divided along religious lines into the dominions of India and Pakistan. The partition was accompanied by violent riots and mass causalities and the displacement of nearly 15 million people due to sectarian violence.

On 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947 Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru the 1<sup>st</sup> Prime Minister of Independent India hoisted the tri-colour at the Red fort, Delhi. All this day, we commemorate all the great personalities who had played their important role in the independence of India. Independence Day is observed with great enthusiasm the children as well as the elder fly kites together.

The people irrespective of the diversity together remember the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the struggle of independence and pay homage to the great leaders who suffered a lot to win our freedom.

This day also inspires us to follow the teachings of peace and non-violence that was preached by Mahatma Gandhi. Independence day reminds us of our daily duty to the country.

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