

DAY AFTER– THE INDEPENDENCE DAY

A Nation's culture resides in the Hearts and Soul of its people– Mahatama Gandhi
Freedom doesn't come for free... It costs lives and sacrifices...(unknown)

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1. 'Nation First–Always First' being the theme of India's 78th Independence Day, the country aims to organise a series of events that encompass the spirit of the nation's historic struggle for independence. Past year was marked as Azadi ka Amrit Mahotasava meaning elixir of energy of independence, elixir of inspirations of the freedom warriors, elixir of new ideas and pledges.

2. This is the year 2024 and we are proudly celebrating completion of 77 Glorious years of victory. Last 77 years have witnessed many ups & downs, goods & evils irrespective keeping the oneness of the nation alive.

3. The cultural tapestry of our nation is woven by threads from diverse indigenous communities. We are a diverse nation and we proudly say at any international forum that there is no other nation with such a mix of languages, caste, creed, religion and the list is endless. Out of so much diversity our National Flag still stands tall touching the sky. Reason is just one that no matter whatever sect, caste, religion, political party we belong to, the only one thing which holds us and binds us together is the **Tricolour**.



Har Ghar Tiranga

4. **August 15.** This is the date in our calendar the arrival of which every Indian right from top of the precedence up till the last man (irrespective of his origin) is seen standing for the same cause with both the toes joined, left hand fixed to the femur, right fist opened towards the Tricolour and enormous amount of energy flowing in the heart. The day is a mark of respect, pride and honour to each and every one of us.

5. With PM's heart touching actions like always, the **Har Ghar Tiranga** has also been a big hit. The very simple and yet effective style of Displaying Unity within the biggest democracies of the world is just phenomenal.

6. Today, almost every house, building, office has displayed the Tricolour to honour the 77 Glorious years which the nation has earned after uncountable sacrifices. Public offices, Army camps, civ societies and many others have come together to affix our Tiranga as high and tall as possible. Gathering a 140 mighty crore for a **One National Cause** in just 72 hours speaks volumes of our National Integrity and unity.

August 16

7. A food for thought is shared on what needs to be done immediately on August 16 to further continue display the respect for our nation.

8. **Disposal of National Flag.** The Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 and the Flag Code of India, 2002 (amended on 19 July 2022), has laid down rules for the disposal of National Flag.

9. The Tricolour after removal from the respective places on August 16, needs to be disposed-off in a dignified manner similar with what it was affixed. The procedure is described as under: -

(a) **Burial.** All the flags to be gathered, folded and put in a wooden box before being buried. After the box is buried a two-minutes silence to be observed.

(b) **Burning.** Choose a clean and safe location for burning. The retrieved flags are first to be folded and placed in the centre of the flame. It is illegal to burn flag without folding or to light it before setting it ablaze.

Indian Army: Honour Code

10. The above described act has regularly been practised by the Indian Army. However, the article has been circulated to share with people unaware about the disposal which is as sacred as hoisting the flag.

11. **Implementation.** The practise can very well be implemented right till the last village of the country. Required support can be extended by Public offices/ Army bases in vicinity. Representatives who were instrumental in the door-to-door delivery of Tiranga may again walk an extra mile for a similar **One National Cause**.

Pledge

12. On the occasion of completing '77th Independence Day', can India take a pledge to ensure the sacred disposal of our National Flags which is of equal importance as hoisting it.

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