

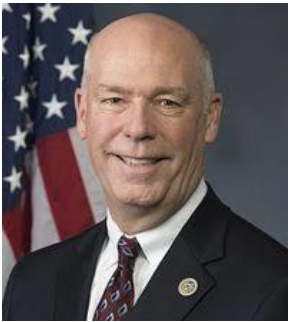
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Message from US Leaders on India's 80th Independence Day



Greg Gianforte
Hon'ble Governor of Montana

"Hi, Montana Governor Greg Gianforte here. Hello from Big Sky Country. Thank you for your invitation to share a few words at this celebration of India's 80th Independence Day. I'd like to extend greetings to the people of India on behalf of the people of Montana. In Montana, we deeply appreciate the contributions of the Indian and Indian American community to our state's cultural, educational, and economic life. Your commitment to innovation, learning, and community enriches all of us. As you commemorate India's 80th Independence Day. I wish you a healthy and prosperous year ahead. May the friendship between our people continue to grow stronger in the years to come. Thank you for the opportunity to address you. I hope you have a wonderful celebration."



Mike Dunleavy
Hon'ble Governor of Alaska

"Greetings from the great state of Alaska. Congratulations as you celebrate the 80th anniversary of India's independence. This is an important milestone that honors the courage and determination of those who fought for freedom and self-governance. Alaska is proud to be home to a vibrant Indian and Indian American community. Your contributions to our economy, our school, our healthcare system, our businesses, and our communities makes Alaska a stronger place. On behalf of the people of Alaska, I want to congratulate the Consulate General of India in Seattle and everyone celebrating this special occasion. We wish you a happy Independence Day, and look forward to continuing the strong relationship

between India and Alaska for many many years to come. Congratulations.”

Larry Rhoden

Hon'ble Governor of South Dakota



“Hi, I'm Governor Larry Roden. It's my honor to join you in celebrating the 80th Independence Day of India, a day that marks the freedom of India for more than a century of British rule. On behalf of the people of South Dakota, congratulations to the Consulate General of India in Seattle and everyone gathered today. May the friendship between our people continue to grow stronger in the years ahead.”

Dusty Johnson

United States Representative, South Dakota, District At Large



“Hey there, Congressman Dusty Johnson from South Dakota. I really just have four things I want to share. Number one, I have so enjoyed the relationship that I've been able to develop with the Consul General Gupta. What an impressive professional, and he just does an incredible job of talking about the importance of the relationship between our two countries. It's been great getting to know him better. Number two, I want to congratulate Prime Minister Modi on becoming the longest continuously serving Prime Minister in India's history. That is a big accomplishment. And then number three, I want to celebrate and acknowledge the 80th birthday of India, the world's largest democracy. Our world is stronger because India is a stable, forward-looking, growing, and increasingly prosperous country. Number four, I just want to acknowledge how much stronger America is because of the more than 5 million Indian Americans, and also how much stronger America is because of this great relationship we have with India. There is so much to celebrate with that friendship, and America is happier, more prosperous, and better positioned to tackle the problems of the future, both because of the relationship with India and because of the 5 million Indian Americans. So, looking forward to the growing friendship and the great days to come. Thanks for everything that you've done.”



Suzan Delbene

US Representative, Washington's 1st Congressional District

"Hi, everyone. Happy 80th Independence Day in India. I'm Congresswoman Susan Delbene from the 1st District of Washington State. And I want to thank the Consulate General of in Seattle for their incredible partnership for allowing me to join you a little bit today. The partnership between India and the United States is strong, especially in our region. So many Indian and Indian American communities that have contributed to our strong economy, to innovation in many sectors, and shared their rich culture throughout our region. So, I hope all of you have an incredible Celebration and a wonderful day."



Michael Baumgartner

US Representative, Washington's 5th Congressional District

"Hi everybody. This is Michael Baumgartner. I'm the congressman for the eastern part of Washington State. That's the Cougar part of Washington State, and I just want to say Namaste and a very warm celebratory greeting to all the Indian American communities celebrating 80 years of India's independence. You've got a wonderful consul general in Seattle with a wonderful staff, and it's been a delight to know them and get to work with them. Last year, I had the wonderful opportunity to make my first visit to India, and I tell everyone that as the world faces a very complex set of national security challenges, that I think the peace and stability of the world really rests in part on good, solid relations between America and India, as the world's two largest democracies and two countries with different diversities and multiple religions. So I want to wish all of you a very warm India National Day. Congratulations, and if I don't get a chance to see you over on the Cougar side of the state in Spokane, please come visit me in Washington D.C. All right, everyone! Congratulations, and have a great day."



Kim Schrier

US Representative, Washington's 8th Congressional District

"Hi everyone, I am Congresswoman Kim Schrier and I represent Washington states 8th Congressional district. I am so sorry I can't be with you in person today to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Indian Independence. I wanna thank specifically Consul General Gupta and his office for the incredible personal and warm invitation to you. I am sorry I can't be with you in person and I wanna congratulate all of you on your 3rd official Seattle celebration. It is my honour to join you virtually not only in celebrating India's 80th Independence Day and democracy but also the 80th year of great diplomatic relations between our country and your's. I hope today you can all celebrate this amazing milestone with delicious Indian food and music and art and family and by reflecting not only on the accomplishments that had been made by India but that have been made in our country by Indian Americans. Washington's Indian American community is central to our educational, cultural, economic life and your commitment to innovation and learning and family and community really enriches all of us and all of our communities. So, I wanna extend a heartfelt happy Independence Day to all of you and I wish I were there in person."



Marilyn Strickland

US Representative, Washington's 10th Congressional District

"Namaste and warm greetings. I'm Representative Marilyn Strickland from the 10th Congressional District of Washington State. I want to thank the Consulate General of India in Seattle for its outreach and congratulate them on their third year in Seattle. It is my distinct honor to join you all in celebrating the 80th Independence Day of India, a day that marks the freedom of your democracy from more than a century of British rule. We deeply appreciate your country's commitment to innovation, to learning, and community, which continues to enrich American culture today. I also want to congratulate Prime Minister Modi for becoming the longest continually serving Prime Minister of India earlier this year, on behalf of the South Sound, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Consulate General of India in Seattle and to everyone gathered today. May the friendship between our nation and people continue to grow stronger in the years ahead."



Maria Cantwell
US Senator, Washington

“Dear Friends, Please accept my warmest greetings and best wishes as you celebrate the 80th Independence Day of India and Flag Hoisting Ceremony. Today marks 80 years since India gained independence from British colonial rule, a moment that continues to symbolize the enduring strength of the Indian people, their rich national identity, and their commitment to democratic principles. This year is also especially meaningful as India and the United States celebrate 80 years of diplomatic relations. Over the past eight decades, the partnership between the world’s two largest democracies has continued to grow and flourish, reflecting our shared democratic values and our commitment to prosperity, innovation, and opportunity. Over the past eight decades, India has grown into one of the world’s largest and most vibrant democracies, while making remarkable contributions to science, technology, education, culture, and the global economy. The achievements of India and the Indian people continue to inspire communities around the world. So, on this special occasion, I extend my sincere appreciation to the Consulate General of India in Seattle, the Indian-American community, and everyone participating in today’s celebration.”



Adam Smith
US Representative, Washington’s 9th Congressional District

“Namaste. I’m Adam Smith. I’m the congressman who represents the Ninth District of the state of Washington, and I want to congratulate the Consul General here in Seattle for India on his third Independence Day as the Consulate General in Seattle, and congratulate the entire Indian community on the 80th Independence Day for India. 80 years ago today, India broke free from the British Empire and went on to become the world’s largest democracy. It’s also the 80th anniversary of U.S.-India relations, a relationship that has gone stronger with each passing year and is incredibly important right now. Two of the most important countries in the world, working together to try to create a more peaceful, prosperous, and stable society. And I really want to thank the Indian community in the Puget Sound region. They contribute so much to all of us in education, in government, in business, in innovation, and

technology. They are making our community a stronger place to live every single day. So again, congratulations to the consulate general. I've enjoyed working with him during these three years. He is doing a fabulous job, and I want to thank again the Indian community. And I look forward to the future, to building on this 80-year relationship, to make our friendship stronger with each passing year. Happy 80th Independence Day to all of the Indian community.”