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MESSAGE

The word India represents many things simultaneously - a modern democratic republic, a diverse nation, an ancient civilisation and a cultural consciousness not limited by geography or time. The global Indian is an excellent example of how one can connect with India through many of these dimensions at the same time.

India is celebrating 75 years of freedom. This freedom was won in a unique way, championing the best of human values. India has, therefore, been a source of inspiration for anyone who loves the ideals of peace and freedom.

In a way, it is fitting that celebrations of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav have also been organised at the United States Capitol, in the presence of many dignitaries from both India and the United States of America. Among the many values that bind our two great nations, love for freedom and commitment to democratic values are the most important. A celebration of freedom by the world's largest and oldest democracies is a beautiful gesture.

Members of our diaspora have always been admirable ambassadors for our nation. They have spread the fragrance of Indian values by living them – respecting all cultures, mingling seamlessly and enriching societies with their unique contributions.

It is heartening to note that 75 Indian diaspora organisations have come together to showcase India's diverse culture and also to strengthen cultural ties between India and the United States of America.

As India aims high and pursues important goals in its Amrit Kaal, the coming 25 years, the United States of America will be a key partner in this journey. I am positive that this celebration will become an important milestone in the wonderful friendship between our two nations.

I send my best wishes to the organisers as well as all the participants in the festive occasion of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav at the United States Capitol.

(Narendra Modi)

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