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India had their best ever run at Olympics in Tokyo. Here are the stars who brought glory to the nation.

BAJRANG PUNIA-{Mens-65-kg-category in wrestling!}BRONZE-

After losing in the semi-final, Bajrang Punia defeated Kazakhstan's Daulet Niyazbekov 8-0 to win the bronze. He is the 6th Indian wrestler to win a medal at the Olympics!

INDIAN MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM-BRONZE-

The Indian men's hockey team ended the 41-years long medal drought. After losing to Belgium, India faced Germany for the bronze. In a thriller, India saved a last-minute penalty corner to win the bronze!

LOVINA BORGHAIN-{Women's welterweight (64-69kg)}-BRONZE-

Lovlina Borgohain defeated Chinese Taipei's Nien-Chin Chen in the quarterfinal to assure herself of a medal. Unfortunately, she lost to the top seed Busenaz Surmeneli of Turkey in the semi-final and had to settle for a bronze.

PV SINDHU-{badminton}-BRONZE-

India's badminton star PV Sindhu became the second Indian athlete, after Sushil Kumar, to win two individual Olympic medals. Sindhu beat china's He Bing Jiao 21-13, 21-15 to win the bronze!

RAVI KUMAR DAHIYA-{freestyle wrestling (57-kg)} - SILVER-

Ravi Kumar Dahiya won silver in the 57 kg category at the Tokyo Olympics.

SAIKHOM MIRABAI CHANU-{women's weightlifting (49 kg)}- SILVER-

Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won the silver medal in the Women's 49 kg category.

NEERAJ CHOPRA-{men's javelin throw}-GOLD-

Neeraj Chopra's throw of 87.58 meters in his second attempt turned out to be the best in the final and earned Neeraj a Gold medal.

TOTAL MEDALS: 1-GOLD, 2-SILVER, 4-BRONZE

SPECIAL MENTION:-

ADITI ASHOK (golf) - She narrowly missed out on a medal.

INDIAN WOMEN'S HOCKEY TEAM - Missed out on the Bronze by a small margin.

INDIAN MEN'S RELAY TEAM- Broke Asian record!

C. A. BHAVANI DEVI(fencing)- Created history by becoming the first Indian to qualify for fencing.

NATIONAL

India At Olympics

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NATIONAL

Crimson And Yellow

By: Milee Dangayach
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The bangles clink as they are cautiously wrapped into parchment. These parcels are distributed in the disguise of holy offering to all the kings, big landowners, and traders of the Narmada region, in a furtive gathering in Jabalpur by one Rani Avanti Bai Lodhi. On the parchment is written a single sentence, 'Be ready to challenge and battle the British, or wear these bangles and sit at home.'

This is the first war of independence.

The anguish of protesters is heard on the streets of Bombay in 1942, and the British don't look likely to 'quit' anytime soon. A distant radio creaks to sudden life with the words, "This is the Congress radio calling on 42.34 meters from somewhere in India," uttered by Usha Mehta, echoing throughout the country. Fifteen days and she has managed to establish, with others like Nanka Motwani, (the owner of Chicago Radio) a radio station, which spreads words of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, and others throughout the nation, and the movement is revived.

A fresh issue of *The Inquilab*, 1944, is just in. The newspaper is hard to come by, given that it is banned. And for good reason, for a particular article seems to catch the fancy of several youths, enticing them. It asks them to quit philosophical arguments over violence and non-violence and simply throw themselves into the freedom struggle. The writer is the editor, a woman who is said to have defended Bhagat Singh despite Gandhiji's disapproval. She goes by Aruna Asaf Ali.

A little chili for the fire and a little turmeric to heal, and almost every dish in India was made a lovely saffron color. A lot of times, it leaks out and stains sarees, very close to the heart. And the stain never leaves easily.

NATIONAL

An Indian Ideal

By: - Sumedh
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On the 15th of August 1947, the founders of our nation swore a sacred oath along with their fellow compatriots to embark on a journey to our 'tryst with destiny. It marked the liberation of a nation long suppressed, that aimed onward and beyond. Grounded in democracy and upheld by freedom, India aimed to alleviate the woes of its citizens.

Our nation was built on ideals of gravitas which envisioned an India relieved of its dogma and embrace of each citizen. Our constitution reflects these ideals, prompting us to strive for a nation in which all communities live in harmony and where the poorest have a voice. A place where all labor is dignified and toiling is revered.

Our constitution starts with the phrase "We The People" which encloses what our nation is built upon- the people of India. People are the center of what India is becoming and what it seeks to preserve. Against all odds, Indian through its journey of 75 years has remained united and ingrained in its diversity. It has rather drawn strength from this diversity to emerge as a vibrant parliamentary democracy.

The principles celebrated by us of truth, non-violence, and camaraderie have enabled India to form a rich and vibrant society. In spite of this country's darker periods, it has been proven again and again that the Indian spirit can not be hindered. It is with this inspiration from the past that we ought to look forward. We must in the conscience of our history and reverence of our ideals embrace and accept the challenge of the future.



NATIONAL

Tiranga

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When I see the color orange, I think of the glinting orange-gold jewelry that adorns the bodies of our people. I smell the fresh fragrance of the marigold garlands we decorate our idols and doors with. I taste the spicy orange curries and the sweet jalebis that bring water to my mouth as well as my eyes.

When I see the color white, I see the cows that roam our roads, annoying the drivers but loved and respected nonetheless. I taste the desiccated coconut and the creamy kheer that tastes so much of poojas and home. I feel the chalky dust of rangoli powder all over my hands, always after so much time spent drawing designs on the floor.

When I see the color green, I see the luscious green forests of our country, bathed in rain and bathing the mountains. I taste the spicy palak paneer, steam curling from the top of it, and the raw mango dusted with chili powder, the spicy sour taste coating my tongue. I hear the sharp cut of a sickle cutting the green coconut on a hot summer day.

Orange, white, and green - colors that our forefathers dreamt of seeing on a flagpole, swaying in the gentle wind. These colors not only signify courage, truth, and faith, but they also signify everything that makes our country so great.

India is a country filled with so many colors and so many cultures - it is an amalgamation of everything rich and vibrant. And this was born of decades of tears shed so that one day, we could enjoy the little things in life without having to worry about our freedom, our rights, or our lives.

So on this Independence Day, let us thank our forefathers for fighting for us to be able to smell marigold garlands, or make rangoli patterns, or sip coconut water because, without them, we would be a country without color.

India- At the tokyo Olympics

By: Gautham P
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The Indian contingent in the Tokyo Olympics has been the largest and most successful contingent in Indian Olympic history by breaking the record for the most medals by Indian athletes, bagging 7 medals.

The bronze medalists:

The Indian Hockey team led by Manpreet Singh got their first medal in 41 years, breaking the no medal streak. They won the bronze medal after delivering a heartbreaking 5-4 loss to Germany.

Lovlina Borgohain won a boxing bronze medal for India in the women's welterweight category after losing to the Turkish Busenaz Surmeneli in the semifinals.

Bajrang Punia won a bronze in the men's 65kg category in wrestling, winning India's sixth medal.

P.V. Sindhu became the first Indian woman to win consecutive medals after defeating He Bing Jiao in the bronze medal match to clinch an Olympic bronze medal.

The Silver medalists:

Mirabai Chanu won India's first medal by bringing home a silver medal in the 49kg women's weightlifting event. She is also the current world record holder in the category.

Ravi Kumar Dahiya won the silver medal after losing to Zaur Uguev in the men's 57kg wrestling event.

The gold medalist:

Neeraj Chopra won the men's Javelin throw gold, which is only the second Olympic gold medal India has ever won. The first was Abhinav Bindra's in the 2008 shooting. India's second gold medal was 13 years away from the first one. Neeraj's first throw, 87.03 meters was better than all the other throws, but he went on to get even better than that with a tremendous 87.58 meters. In his honor, August 7th was marked as the national 'Javelin Day'.

The Paralympics will start from August 24, 2021, to September 5th. It will be the first Paralympics to be held in Asia.



The ongoing Afghan crisis is a tragedy that has gripped newsstands all across the world. With the Taliban overthrowing Afghani forces and gaining control over the country, the havoc and despair that has seized the nation of Afghanistan can be said to be one of the world's most disastrous socio-political and religious dilemmas in history. In this situation, countries all over the world are trying their absolute best to support Afghan nationals and others who have been stranded in and around Kabul because of the continuous Taliban patrolling. Many foreign nationals aren't able to step out of the house for rations and fear for their lives as they are unable to leave the country as well.

One such Indian nurse is stuck in a village around 200 kilometers from Kabul. Even with passports and visas ready, she has not been able to do anything to save herself or her two children. India as a country has been a constructive ally for peace-making in Afghanistan in the past. Along with the United States of America, India has helped in training and infrastructure initiatives as well. When asked about the India - U.S cooperation during this tumultuous time, Pentagon press secretary John Kirby said, "That kind of work, that kind of effort to help Afghanistan maintain stability and good governance is always welcome."

However, even with the multiple efforts of the stranded woman's aged parents, the MEA has not been able to act on her return. Though on Monday 23rd August, 146 Indians were evacuated from Doha, there are still many Indians unable to leave under the strict Taliban regime.

Hopefully, action will be taken soon.

INTERNATIONAL

Foreign nationals and the Afghani crisis

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NATIONAL

The PM's speech on 15th August

By: Vidushi Shetty
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On 15th August, India celebrated "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav", marking its 75th Independence Day. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation from the Red Fort.

In the continuing pandemic, PM Modi highlighted the strength of Indians in fighting the battle against the virus and praised doctors, nurses, paramedics, and those involved in vaccine manufacturing and others for their fight against Covid-19.

Some of the key points in his speech were:

- **Glory in Tokyo:** PM Modi started this year's celebration by appreciating India's Olympics participants.
- **Sainik school for girls for the first time:** This is a historic decision.
- **Economy:** He also spoke about his vision for India's development, saying the subsequent 25 years will mark the country's growth story. "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas and Sabka Prayaas" was very important for the achievement of the nation's goals. The aim is to ensure that the benefits of the economy should trickle down to every village and town in India.
- **Partition:** Regarding the partition, PM Modi also announced that India will mark 14 August as "Partition Honour Remembrance Day". He said the choice was taken to honor those who died during the partition of India.
- **Farmers:** PM Modi's biggest challenge has been to tackle the growing discontent among India's farmers who are angry with a collection of recent laws geared toward reshaping the country's agriculture industry. He said, "Our mantra is 'Chhota Kisan bane Desh ki shaan'. It's our dream".
- **Climate change:** He spoke about the importance of handling temperature change, adding that India was committed to attaining its target of reducing its carbon footprints. Giving a clarion call to make India self-reliant in energy production, PM Modi said, "Today, we have to pledge to make India energy independent before completing 100 years of Independence".

He ends his speech with the hope that this year brings new energy and consciousness among the citizens of our country.



Thank you!

Indeed, the word 'thank you' is a drop in the ocean, just a minuscule expression of gratitude. When I ponder, I realise that words do not suffice to voice the depth of my gratitude. On the 75th Independence Day, I bow to express my thankfulness to all the soldiers safeguarding the country and to all the freedom fighters who gave up everything to make India a free country.

Dear freedom fighters, your selflessness and courage made a huge difference to the country. Today, we are living in a free and unified India because of your sincere penance and sacrifice. Each one of you put your best foot forward, aspiring to break the country from slavery by fighting a war and making any sacrifice needed at that moment. It is said that 'We gain freedom when we pay the full price.' You paid the price of freedom by sacrificing your lives, revolting against unjust laws and rules, accepting imprisonment, and even embracing gallows.

The freedom movement led by you all also brought together the country as a whole. We witnessed an overwhelming participation of people irrespective of state, religion, caste, or creed. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, Gujarat to Assam, innumerable citizens fought against British rule. This sense of solidarity and integrity has prevailed to date and molded India into a unique country.

On this occasion, I feel so blessed and so proud that the baton of patriotism has now been handed over to our able armed forces from freedom fighters. The army, navy and air force, our security forces and police - each has given its heart and soul to safeguard our country and its citizens.

Dear soldiers, you always stride the extra mile with the utmost integrity to honor your commitment, to fulfill duties, or to uphold the oath. You stand tall and protect us while we sleep in peace.

I reside in an apartment where most of my neighbors are veterans. My chest swells with pride when I hear stories of the war front, the way soldiers selflessly give their lives to protect the dignity of their motherland.

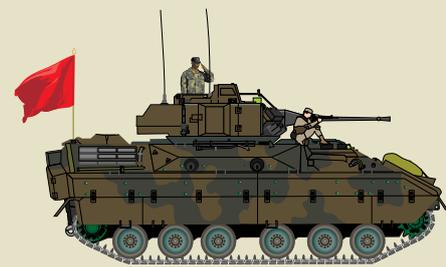
Even the pandemic could not dampen your spirits. You stood at the forefront during the disaster by bringing stranded people from around the world to their homes. Whenever states had emergencies, you contributed at every level to ensure the availability of masks, sanitizers, PPE kits, medical equipment, and hospitals in the country.

I am so proud of your selflessness that allows you to put your country and civilians above your personal life and even your own safety and longings. And in times like this pandemic, it becomes more imperative to take inspiration from you and forge ahead with more energy, enthusiasm and determination. We pledge that we shall all strive to make a difference to the country in whatever way we can.

Jai Hind!

The Sacred Oath

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HAITI SUFFERS THE POWER OF MOTHER NATURE!

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The massive 2021 earthquake in Haiti on 14th August was unexpected and frightful.

As the sun rose to give a new beginning, a huge earthquake with the magnitude of 7.2 lurched Haiti. Precisely, the quake hit the country at 4:55 am. The aftershock was followed by microseism of magnitudes 5.9 & 5.5 causing widespread spoliation in the whole of the Caribbean. It was a large-scale earthquake causing hospitals, churches, schools, and many big buildings to collapse.

It was hit on the West Indian island of Hispaniola. As Haiti occupied most parts of the west island, it was severely affected by the sudden shake of land. Les Cayes the most affected city, Port-Au-Prince the capital of Haiti, and other neighboring countries like Cuba, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico, were essentially leveled.

The quake occurred as the result of the oblique reverse motion of tectonic plates along the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden fault zone, 125km west of Port-au-Prince.

It is reported by the PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti [Haiti's Civil Protection Agency] that the death toll has grown to 2,207 with 350 people still missing, over half a million children affected, 12,268 people injured and almost 53,000 houses destroyed.

It is said that this earthquake has occurred along the same fault line as the ruinous tremor that had taken place 11 years back with 7.0 magnitude. This had come to the country on 12th January 2010, and when it left, the country was in ruins! This is a lot to bear along with the pre-existing problems of political, social, and economic setbacks, civil unrest, gang-related violence, and inequalities.

Tsunami warnings were briefly issued for the Haitian coast before the earthquake. The Haitian Civil Protection General Directorate(DGPC) has warned of a possible large crisis as a result of the temblor

Afghanistan Falls to the Taliban

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When the United States and its allies first invaded Afghanistan with forces mobilized by George W. Bush's joint resolution, they promised more than just freedom from terrorists. Bush promised to "Help build an Afghanistan that is free from this evil and is a better place in which to live."

This promise was dishonored when American troops were withdrawn from Afghanistan in what was supposed to be a phased manner. President Biden cited the commitment of the Trump administration and announced the withdrawal on 11th April, claiming that the United States had already accomplished its mission of denying terrorists a haven in Afghanistan.

A deadline was set for September 11, and the country that had once dreamt of a democratic and civil society akin to the Western allies' awaited its fate with bated breath.

The Taliban proceeded swiftly and seized approximately half of the country's districts by late July. Defense departments have admitted to severely underestimating the threat posed by the insurgents and remained largely unaware of how years of corruption within the Afghan government and their failure to pay soldiers and officers, accompanied by the desertion of posts due to mistreatment, would affect the armed forces.

After the Taliban rapidly advanced through major cities and surrounded Kabul, President Ashraf Ghani fled to neighboring Uzbekistan in "an attempt to avoid bloodshed", effectively handing over Afghanistan and ending democracy.

Despite the extremists' continuous reassurance of safety and promise of change, the people remain irresolute. The Taliban's brief rule from 1996-2001 was draconian due to the adoption of a barbaric version of the Shariah - one that strayed from the Quran's teachings and was based on misogyny and oppression.

Women and girls fear for their future. In Herat, Taliban gunmen guarded the university's gates and disallowed female teachers and students from entering the campus. The claim of change strikes untrue as health care clinics are closed, and women are barred from traveling without male relatives.

At a time where billionaires race to space and technological advancements run rampant, a country falls to darkness and dismay. And the world watches.

A total of 180 raging wildfires erupted in the southern provinces of Turkey on 28th July 2021 and continue to brew mainly in the Mediterranean and Aegean regions of Turkey. According to the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Turkey, at least 8 people lost their lives due to wildfires as of 3rd August 2021. The wildfires in Turkey have been labeled 'the worst in its history' by President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The fires erupted in the southern provinces of Mersin, Osmaniye, Adana, Antalya, and Kahramanmaraş and 38 other different provinces in Turkey have been affected by these deadly ranges of forest fires. About 175,000 hectares have been burned so far this year, according to the European Forest Fire Information System. Several parts of Turkey have been immersed in burning flares, not just devastating forest covers but also demolishing people's homes and leaving animals in jeopardy as well. An 82-year-old man and a married couple died, more than 50 people were hospitalized and dozens of homes were incinerated. More than 25 neighborhoods or villages were evacuated. 12 wildfires are still continuing in the provinces of Antalya, Aydın, Denizli, Isparta, and Muğla as the country's northern coast is being flooded by unusually heavy rainfall.

These flames have been fuelled by a southern European heatwave supplied by heated air from North Africa. As drought and heat continue with rising greenhouse gas emissions, more wildfires are expected in years ahead, especially with 'fire seasons' getting longer. We have the power to break the cycle and get on track toward a more sustainable future. With hashtag #PrayforTurkey and #TurkeyisBurning, netizens in and outside the country have been trying to draw attention to the severity of the situation.

Turkish Wildfires: 8 deaths occur as Turkey witnesses one of the most fatal wildfires in its history.

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‘Code red’: UN Scientists warn of worsening climate change

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Earth is getting so hot that temperatures in about a decade will probably blow past a level of warming that world leaders have sought to prevent, according to a report that the United Nations called a “code red for humanity.”

Human-induced climate change are already affecting many weather and climate extremes in every region across the globe. Scientists are also observing changes across the whole of Earth’s climate system; in the atmosphere, in the oceans, ice floes, and on land

The scientists of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) say that Humans are "unequivocally" to blame; Rapid action to cut greenhouse gas emissions could limit some impacts, but others are now locked in. The deadly heat waves, gargantuan hurricanes and other weather extremes that are already happening will only become more severe.

According to the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, “The alarm bells are deafening, and the evidence is irrefutable: Greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel burning and deforestation are choking our planet and putting billions of people at immediate risk. Global heating is affecting every region on Earth, with many of the changes becoming irreversible. This report must sound a death knell for coal and fossil fuels before they destroy our planet.”

Drawing on more than 14,000 scientific studies, the UN report gives the most comprehensive and detailed picture yet of how climate change is altering the natural world - and what could still be ahead.

Unless immediate, rapid and large-scale action is taken to reduce emissions, the report says, the average global temperature is likely to reach or cross the 1.5-degree Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) warming threshold within 20 years. This is our wake up call, we have to raise the ambition level of mitigation and understand, that the expression of what the science says is exhibited before our very eyes.



When blessed with the privilege of freedom,
Think of the sacrifices that were made,
Our fighters and their patriotism,
And the courageous spirit they displayed.

When blessed with the privilege of freedom,
One may tend to underestimate it,
The power of free will, autonomy, and choice,
Goes by unnoticed, as if it's a myth.

When blessed with the privilege of freedom,
One must learn that it needs to be cherished,
Using freedom as anchorage to grasp,
Onto their dreams, on which hopes are lavished.

When blessed with the privilege of freedom,
One must think of it as a privilege to dream, hope, and accomplish.

CREATIVE

Freedom

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