

Independence celebration in Lokpal of India

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On the occasion of 79th Independence Day, the National flag was hoisted by Hon'ble Shri Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar, Chairperson, Lokpal of India, in the august presence of Hon'ble Members: Shri Justice Lingappa Narayana Swamy, Shri Justice Sanjay Yadav, Shri Sushil Chandra, Shri Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi, Shri Pankaj Kumar and Shri Ajay Tirkey. He extended greetings of Independence Day to all Hon'ble Members, Senior Officers, Staff and Family Members.

He stated that this day is to reckon the valour, vision and sacrifice of all those who were instrumental in gifting us the freedom that we cherish. We must remember that not just leaders whose names are chronicled in the history books; but also multitude of people –the farmers, labourers, students, homemakers and tribal communities who unassumingly participated in the freedom struggle at the grass-root level and challenged the British Empire. They did so in every home, village, street where voices of resistance could be heard.

He further stated that all of us are familiar with the life sketch of towering leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Shaheed Bhagat Singh, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Lala Lajpat Rai, Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Bipin Chandra Pal and the first Home Minister of Independent Bharat, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. We need to and must bow our heads in gratitude and remembrance before them; and for all those who contributed during the freedom movement.

He expressed his gratitude to the children of Maa Bharati, who have always stood the ground in protecting our borders against the enemies; to rising victorious in the face of natural disasters, pandemics and global challenges. Their swift and effective responses in every challenging moment, have displayed the indomitable spirit of India.

He exhorted to honour the nation builders, the visionaries, scientists, doctors, engineers, advocates, teachers, artists, and countless professionals and work force, who have taken forward the torch of development after independence. Their efforts over the years have laid strong foundation of a modern India. We all are indebted to their vision, hard work and sincerity. He also underscored the need to take a collective pledge to fight not just external dangers, but also against those within, who pollute and undermine our national character - such as terrorism, nepotism, narrow regionalism, spreading mis-information and last but not the least corruption. These nefarious activities obstruct our progress, peace, and unity and inevitably challenge the democratic tenets. He underscored that through our collective determination in this regard and everyday individual actions, we can boast of being significant contributors to the journey of 'Viksit Bharat@2047'.



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