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### **Sadhguru's Independence Day Message: "Time to go Full Throttle towards Development and Well-Being"**

**14 August 2020, Coimbatore:** “We must take the nation towards that possibility that every human being has equal opportunity and possibility and finds full expression to their lives in this country. In the making of Bhavya Bharat, everyone has a role, particularly the youth of this nation – I beseech you that you must stand up and do the right things,” said Sadhguru, Founder, Isha Foundation in an inspiring Independence Day video message that exhorted Indians to celebrate our differences and retain the uniqueness of Bharat. “We have formed this Nation, not on the basis of sameness but on the basis of variety of who we are. In every way, we are the most colourful Nation. And it’s very important we stay this way,” he asserted.

Sadhguru spoke about the opportunity offered by the post pandemic world for focused nation building to “create a level playing field” for India which he said has been left behind by at least 25 years in development in comparison to other Asian countries. He urged people, however, not to dwell on mistakes of the past but focus on “the tremendous possibility” of the times.

“For the Nation that we are, for the intellect, the knowledge, the history and the cultural strength we have, we have not found a firm footing in the comity of nations. This is the time to go full throttle towards development and wellbeing,” he emphasized.

Sadhguru had a special message for Indian youth, a demography with whom he is tremendously popular. Addressing them, he said “Youth of this country must

understand that the future of this nation rests on your skills, on your ability, on your determination, on you functioning in an inspired manner in this country.”

India is celebrating a low-key 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day in the midst of a raging pandemic. The traditional celebrations at the Red Fort is open to only a quarter of the people that it normally witnesses. Schools will also not celebrate the occasion and the government has requested people to observe the day at home and avoid large gatherings.

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