

# **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**

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## **REMARKS**

**Ambassador Tanmaya Lal**

Namaskar,

Greetings from Stockholm to all of you.

It is good to engage with you again.

We are always encouraged by your enthusiasm and initiative to organise cultural activities.

This year is, of course, even more special as we celebrate India at 75.

As I often say, All of you are Ambassadors of India.

You represent India's diversity and heritage, India's youth and energy, India's talent and professionalism here in Sweden.

Your friends and colleagues here learn about India and form opinion especially about modern India through you.

I understand that most of you are working with IKEA, Volvo and other multinationals.

Both IKEA and Volvo are among the most well-known Swedish brands globally.

And we are happy to see that their presence in India is growing.

As international travel reopens, India Sweden engagement is intensifying further.

Earlier this month Prime Minister Modi had his first meeting with Prime Minister Magdalena

Andersson. The two leaders then met subsequently at the Second India Nordic Summit.

Since January this year alone, there have been five Ministerial meetings between India and Sweden.

India will be participating actively at the next week's Stockholm+50 Conference.

Many more engagements are coming up.

Research, Innovation, Technology and sustainability are among the main areas of our partnership.

All of you are also making important contribution to these ties.

Not only in a professional sense but also in building mutual understanding and building cultural bridges.

I complement your initiative to engage with Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav here in Sweden, thousands of miles away from India.

Embassy will continue to support all of you.

Best wishes to all your endeavours.

Thank you.

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