EDITOR'S SPEAK

Salute to this new morning of Independence!

Today, our independence is 61 years old. This day is the most important one in the life of every Indian. It was on this day, over six decades ago that we embarked on a journey of Independence and made new commitments to overcome the challenges spread across on the path of creating an India of our dreams. This is a day to pay tribute to the sacrifices made by those numerous patriots and martyrs who ignited the spirit of a free India. On this day we stepped out from the old to the new, when an age ended and the soul of a nation, long suppressed found utterance.

In these 61 years we have seen and construed a lot. We witnessed the partition, the wars, the riots and many such unfortunate experiences. Despite this, we tried and succeeded in moving forward. Today when we see our nation stand amongst the top, a quick look into our past is enough to help us to relate to our identity and familiarise us with our roots. But in our attempt to become a developed nation are we not sidelining our ability to relate ourselves with issues which matters the most and requires immediate attention?

We remember the national anthem but forget its true meaning. We remember our media by becoming the judge but we forget the law. We remember our constitutional rights but fail in implementing them. We remember the black day of our parliament but we forget to vote. We remember to celebrate women’s day but we forget our modesty had to walk naked on the streets of Rajkot to express her plight. Are the upward developments at the time of Independence now turning into downward sufferings?

As we watch the parade on television, hoist our national flag and sing our national anthem, this Independence Day, let us also give a thought to those great souls who laid down their lives so that we could see this day. Of what use is their sacrifice, when we continue to live imprisoned bound by the chains of communalism, corruption, inequality, poverty and illiteracy even today? Is this the Independent India that our leaders dreamt of? Today, let us promise to conceive the word freedom with its real meaning and work towards creating an India that our forefathers lived and died for...

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EDITORIAL PAGE

Create ice-cream of your choice...check out Hokey Pokey

What if you get a chance to create ice-cream of your choice? How would you react?

Well now you have an ice-cream parlour that gives you a choice to create ice-cream of your choice. Hokey Pokey as the name goes is slang for ice-cream in the 19th and early-to-mid 20th centuries. It specifically meant for ice-cream sold by street vendors who were then called Hokey Pokey men.

It offers you the same flavours that you will probably get in Mama Mia’s or Baskin Robins. But what you won’t get out there is a chance to create ice-cream of your choice. Once you have entered the shop you’ll find variety of options available to choose from. You have Gourmet which offers you French vanilla, Swiss Strawberry, Awesome Malai, Chocolate Temptation, Steaky Choc Chips and Boom Boom.

Each comes to you at regular, large and Knockout priced from Rs. 38 to Rs 78. Then you have Exotic which has Dutch chocolate dream, King Alphonso, Roasted Almond Ripple, Mocha Coffee cream and Alphen Butterscotch. Again they come to you in regular, large and Knockout priced from Rs. 42 to Rs. 82.

You also have health fix which comes in chocolate chips/pure vanilla only for people who prefer less sugar and low fats. Next you have extra mix-ins each priced at Rs. 8. You can choose any one from the long list to add on to your ice-cream. Some of them are gems, kit-kat, dairy milk, dark chocolate fudge, mint chips, buttered walnuts...the list just gets going.

Then you have stone creations wherein you can choose one of their creations and create your own. Available in regular, large and knockout size, you again have a number of flavours to choose from. But some of the combinations that you must try are full moon fantasy which comes in vanilla flavour with white chocolate buttons, perk and dark chocolate fudge. You also have wonderland magic especially for kids. Strawberry ice-cream with 5 star, gems and rainbow sprinkles is simply yummy and kids just love it.

Besides ice-creams, Hokey Pokey also offers you Swirling shakes and Bubbly icebergs. In swirling shakes you have fantastical fudge which is nothing but double toned chocolate shake topped with chocolate curls. ‘Monkey Business’ a shake that comes with iced cappuccino with peanut butter and melted chocolate is something that you will surely enjoy. Bubbly icebergs priced at Rs. 48 offers really refreshing drinks that you have never had before. So what are you waiting for? Rains are on...Hokey Pokey is just around the corner. Do visit them and grab one ice-cream for yourself today.

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