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“Freedom is not a gift preserved by history, but a responsibility renewed each day by our unity, courage and resolve to build a fairer and stronger India”

Dear Canpals,

On this sacred morning of **15th August 2025**, as our beloved tricolour unfurls across the nation, my heart swells with the same pride, reverence and gratitude that has motivated our people for 79 years. Today is not just a date on the calendar but the living heartbeat of every Indian, the memory of struggle, the promise of freedom and the resolve to keep that promise alive for generations to come.

Independence Day is a day to bow our heads in solemn homage to the freedom fighters and unsung heroes whose sacrifices built the foundation of the India we live in today. It is also a day to raise our heads high with the confidence that we as part of **Public Sector Bank** are carrying forward the dream of a wonderful and prosperous nation.

India is special and unique. I am extremely fortunate to travel across the length and breadth of our Mother Nation. The

experiences are diverse, exhilarating and calming. Be it people, food, natural phenomenon or our historical monuments, all are so diverse yet they depict the greatness of our nation, India.

Friends, banking sector has been at the heart of economic transformation. We, in the public sector banks became more than custodians of money; we became enablers of dreams. Whether it was funding the Green Revolution, supporting small industries, enabling women entrepreneurs or financing infrastructure, our work touched every aspect of our country's development. A banker's desk is as significant as a soldier's post in the border which is different in method, but equal in importance.

My dear Canpals, the challenges before us today are not small. The global economy faces uncertainty, technology is transforming banking at a pace never seen before and competition from private and foreign players is intensifying. Just as our forefathers faced the might of an empire with determination, we must face the challenges of today's economic landscape with unity, skill and commitment.

Our commitment to nation is second to none in this world. During the Covid-19 pandemic's worst days, bankers were among the few who went to work every day, ensuring cash flow for households and kept the economic heartbeat alive. Some fell ill, some lost family members, but our commitment never faltered. That, my dear Canpals, is the spirit of 1947 — service above self.

Our country is one of the fastest growing economies in this world. The January 2025 edition of the World Bank's Global Economic Prospects (GEP) report projects India's economy

to grow at a steady rate of 6.7% in both FY-2026 and FY-2027, significantly outpacing global and regional peers.

India is currently ranked as the **4th largest economy globally**, with a nominal GDP of **\$4.19 trillion in 2025**. Being the economic warriors of this prestigious nation, we should feel proud and fortunate to be a part of this great achievement. Friends, **our nation is our responsibility** and we should give our best efforts with pride to take our country to the top position in the Global Economic Arena.

CBOA is a microcosm of our Motherland, India. Despite having members with diverse backgrounds, qualifications, ideas and aspirations, our CBOA family is linked by common threads of **Canpal and Canarite**. I extend my thunderous applause to all my beloved Canpals for your solidarity, strength and unity at testing times. Our Mother Nation and Mother Bank has given us everything in our life. Let us pledge to pay back in whatever way we can for the safety, security, progress and prosperity of our Mother Bank and in turn our Mother Nation.

As per the Preamble of our Indian Constitution Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity are the hallmark of Indian Democracy. Let us universally adopt these principles to create a better environment for Mankind's peace. May we all weave a better future and embellish it with sky-scraping hopes, growth and positivity.

My dear Canpals, 79 years ago, freedom was won by those who believed that the impossible could be made possible through courage and unity. Today, in our banking arena, we carry that torch. We may not face bayonets, but we face global economic challenges. It is our responsibility to break the shackles of challenges that come across our country's growth with iron fists.

Our zeal, involvement, dedication and consequent efforts in building a strong and resilient Bank will be our contribution towards a Stronger and Glorious India. Let us work unitedly as economic soldiers of our country and protect our Mother Bank. Let us keep the tricolour not just flying over our buildings, but alive in our service and our solidarity.

I wish you all a very Happy Independence Day!

You care for the Bank and CBOA cares for you!

Flaw-Free Banking! Fraud-free Bank!

Discipline in CBOA! Development in Canara Bank!

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ravi Kumar K', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**RAVI KUMAR K
General Secretary**