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Press Release

GREETINGS

On this auspicious occasion of the 72nd Independence Day, I convey my heartiest greetings and best wishes to all inhabitants of A&N Islands. I also pay my homage to all freedom fighters and countrymen who sacrificed their lives for the Independence of our Nation.

A&N Islands have played an important role in the Independence struggle. The Islands are witness to the struggles and sacrifices made by many of our freedom fighters since their arrival in 1858. The tri-color was hoisted for the first time on the soil of A&N Islands by Netaji Subash Chandra Bose on 30th December 1943.

On this pious day lets come forward and drawing inspiration from the sacrifices and struggles of our great leaders, pledge to usher these Islands towards happiness, prosperity and development.

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