



Proud to be an Indian

India is supposed to be a soft state, where the deserving get sidelined and the select few rise. But let me give some reasons why I am still proud to be an Indian and I am sure that by the time you finish reading this, you would have no choice but to agree. To begin with, we have the oldest society that everyone has tried to conquer and plunder but in the end has ended up getting absorbed in our culture. We are the country that has given this world four major religions and are still more secular than most of the countries. We gave the world ayurveda, yoga and ahimsa which even the so called developed nations are embracing with fervour. We have a presence in 180 nations out of 184 in this world. We tackle terrorism and insurgency from neighbouring nations and have gone to war many times but the common man still feels safe. We have ethnic and religious divide but at the roots still we are one. We fight, we bicker, we crib but when it comes to co-existence nobody can be better than us. These are not just lofty claims and statistics but the feelings of a common Indian. There are better places to live in this world and there are better circumstances to flourish but there is no potpourri as diverse and colourful as the one in which when you soak, the colours drench your soul. Being Indian is not about identity, it's about a way of life. So feel proud to be one.

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