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REPUBLIC DAY MESSAGE – 2019

Let us Arise and build ...

We have been a unique republic. It is with great joy and a sense of satisfaction that we look forward to another year, and many more, organising ourselves as a people – different and diverse, rich in heritage and righteous in spirit, sincerely hoping that we will sustain the legacy of this great nation for generations to come.

The neo-liberal context with the associated profit and self-interest has greatly threatened the spirit of India. The hegemony of the market reflected in numbers yields to a majoritarian-dominant and divisive politics which threatens the secular and plural character of all what is 'India'.

In days past, Christians have contributed substantially to the building of this nation particularly in the field of education, health, social welfare, community development, community organisation and social action. It is time now to rise, alongside all citizens of different faith traditions and ideological persuasions, **to actively participate in the political processes of the country at all levels.**

At this juncture of celebrating the 70th Republic day of the Nation, the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI) encourages Christians represented by its Member Churches, and Ecumenical Councils, Organisations and Agencies, to continue the good work and where necessary stand up to the powers of oppression that impede good work. Let us arise and join fellow-citizens in building our nation

Jai Hind!

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