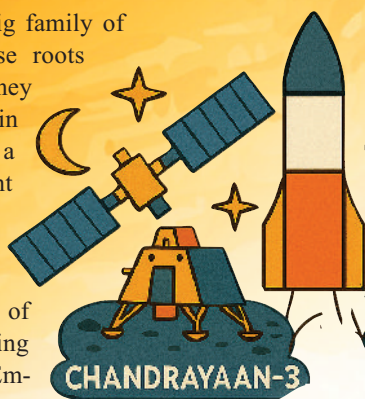


When children - the architects of tomorrow, dare to dream, they don't just imagine a future; they reinvent it. This Children's Day, as young minds reimagine India, a kaleidoscope of ideas, hope, and boundless creativity comes alive, painting the nation's tomorrow in hues only a child could dream of.

The pillars of Bharat

Bharat is one big family of cultures, whose roots are so different, they overlap but remain close. It was as a child that I learnt what would form the basis of my nationalism - the tri-colour, with people of all religions standing under it, saluting. Embracing pluralism is not westernization but celebrating our identity, past, and future. The second pillar of Bharat's identity formed in my later years, when I heard about our country's flaws, while also listening to its success stories. I learnt about



our culture of innovation, of perseverance, where people build empires out of nothing. But there is a third pillar too, perhaps the most important - hope. It keeps us standing strong. It is the reason why this ever-growing, ever-developing nation marches on fearlessly, thus, incorporating more integrity and inclusivity into our country.

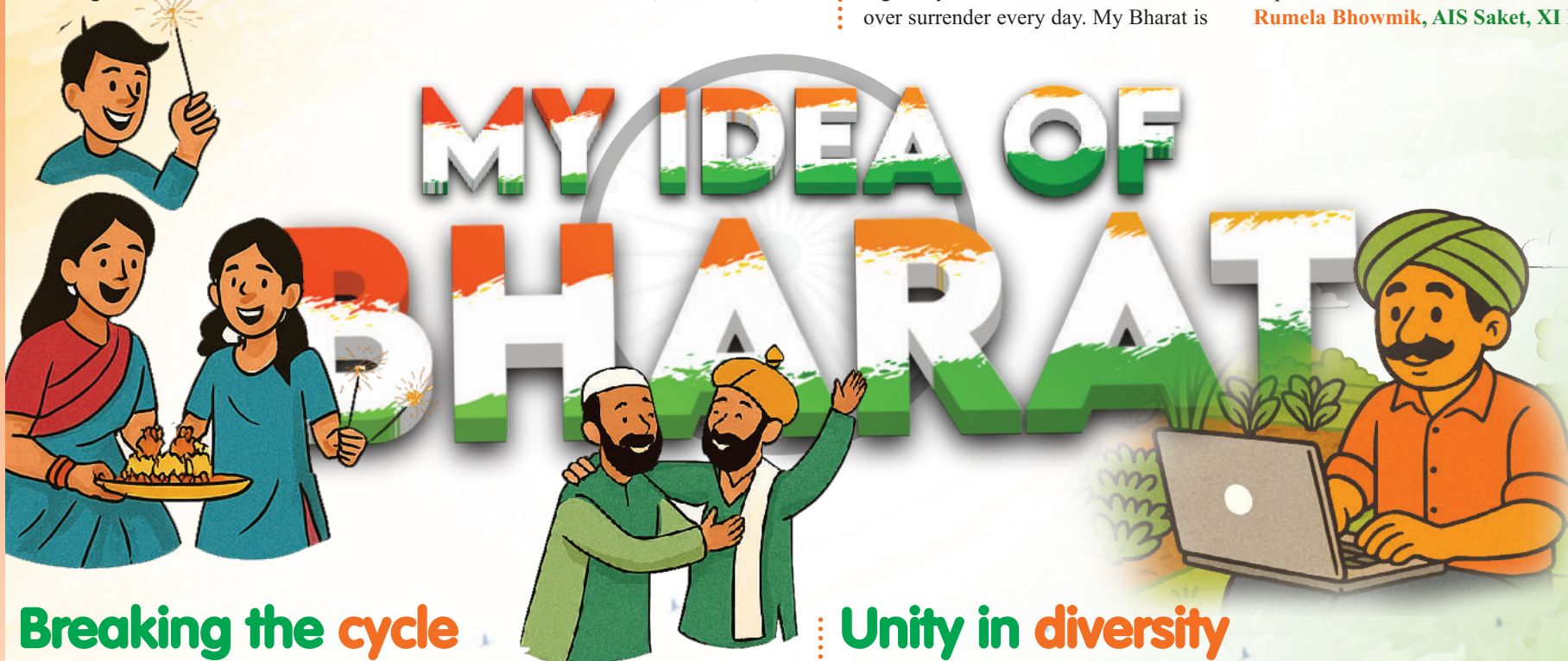
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More than magnificence

Bharat is more than maps or monuments; it is a living experience shaped by people, moments, and kindness. Its strength comes from unity in diversity - festivals celebrated together, cricket bonding strangers, temple bells blending with the mosque's *azaan*. This nation is not just its magnificent monuments and rich cuisines. It is also the wrinkled hand of my grandmother narrating stories of courage. My Bharat chooses to sacrifice over surrender every day. My Bharat is

not perfect - she has her cracks too. But perhaps that is exactly what makes her human. She falls and rises, just like her people do, time and again. Bharat's progress has meant that everyone played and studied together, despite their parents' professions. Where mothers and sisters go to work just like fathers and brothers. Our motherland will truly be free when all voices, big or small, are heard with dignity. That is the true potential I believe in.

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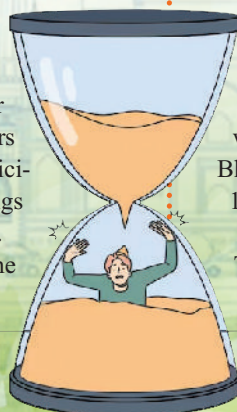


Breaking the cycle

I borrowed a minute from tomorrow to act today, because waiting is a habit, and habits can be broken. We've mastered postponement. Postponement of conversations, reforms, and responsibility. My idea of Bharat begins with interrupting that cycle. The cost of waiting is not visible in headlines. It is in roads that remain unbuilt, children whose questions go unanswered, and fields

left unplanted. Change doesn't need heroes, just small refusals to wait. A student tutoring a child or a neighbour organising a waste collection, these quiet acts matter. We fear mistakes and confuse hesitation with wisdom, but progress demands effort, not perfection. If I could change one thing about Bharat, it would be this habit of waiting. I would replace the promise of someday with the practice of today. The world will not pause for our hesitation. We can be observers or participants. I choose participation. Because beginnings never happen by waiting. They happen when someone finally decides, "It starts with me."

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Unity in diversity

Bharat embodies universal diversity, where every citizen contributes life and purpose. Its festivals, colours, and stories celebrate humanity over adversity. Strength comes from perseverance, shared culture, and constitutional values. Bharat is self-reliant, with innovation and infrastructure driving progress. Rural talent is recognised, youth curiosity is nurtured, and healthcare evolves to serve all equally. The Constitution, technology, and democratic spirit connect citizens to their roots while enabling modern growth. Bharat's journey continues since 1947, with each citizen contributing to collective success. The emerging Bharat is nurturing skilled talents who will drive the nation forward on their own

wheels of innovation. Versatility fuels the youth's curiosity and shapes the vibrant journey. Rural workers stand on the threshold of recognition for their masterpieces, soon to find their names etched in the pages of history. Healthcare, too, will advance to provide efficient and equal treatment for all. When everyone contributes, nation rejoices.

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