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When the separation was undivided



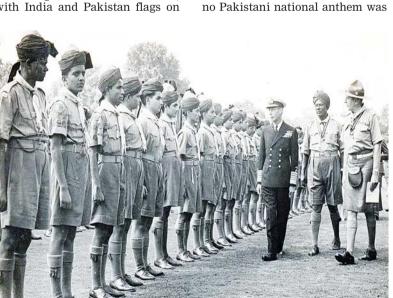
The Indian contingent had stayed in London for 12 days. There uring the meeting with the people from undivided India they came to know that both India and Pakistan would become separate nations on the night of August 14 - 15 and both the nations would raise their national flags in their respective countries

peace. A person from Kerala, Rai Bahadur GTJ Thaddeus, who was the secretary-general of the Indian Scouts & Guides Association, as well as the leader of the Indian delegation called me and told me that there is a big problem as to how the three flags -- Scout flags, Indian flag. and Pakistan flag -- can be hoisted on one flag post. As we were secular, he ordered me (as I was Mr Thaddeus's secretary) to

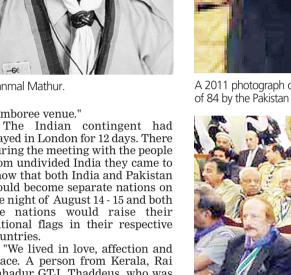
find a solution. There was another problem as when we had gone we were part of British India and were flying the Union Jack. But now both India and Pakistan were free countries, we had to fly our own national flags. VK Krishna Menon, who later became India's High Commissioner in London, had sent us the India tricolour. But the Pakistani flag was missing. Khurshid Abbas Gardezi, who was from Multan, and Jobal Qureshi, who was from Karachi that is in Pakistan now. were asked by Mr Thaddeus to stitch the Pakistani flag. Gardezi himself cut his white shirt and used the piece of cloth from the turban of Mushtaque Hussain to stitch the white and green Pakistani flag."

"We came up with the idea that there should be another post horizontal with the three flags. The Scout flag will be in the middle, with India and Pakistan flags on

chief Thaddeus, Dan Mal Mathur -- a teacher from Mayo College, Ajmer, who was also in the Indian delegation raised the Pakistani flag and the Indian flag was hoisted by Iqbal Kureshi of Karachi.' "All the boys sang Jana Gana Mana and Sare Jahan Se Acha. But



King George VI is being introduced to the Indian contingent by GTJ Thaddeus (in the middle) the leader of the Indian contingent.





Khurshid Gardezi is in the centre.

both ends. We gave a demonstration to Mr Thaddeus, he liked the idea but his face was grim. He said the representatives of areas falling under India and those states falling under Pakistan would fight to keep the flag poles straight. Timeless & Historical

'All the leaders from 165 nations were invited to witness the historic occasion and a special area was created for the flag hoisting cere-

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The Maharaja of Jaipur Sawai Man Singh presenting the award to Jasdev Singh.

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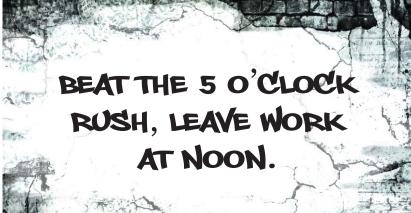


Ranbir Sinh, is now 93. Ranbir Sinh is one of the surviving members and lives in Jaipur, He still emembers the journey and some nistorical anecdotes associated with the World Jamboree.

Spirit of Brotherhood

"The members of the contingent were drawn from different parts of undivided India including Sindh and West Puniah province which is now a part of Pakistan. We spoke different languages and ate the same food, it took us some time to understand each other but soon we became a large family. We did not know the difference between various regions of the undivided India and language was no barrier. There was no difference based on caste, creed or religion. It was the brotherhood of United India and we all used to sing the patriotic song penned by Mohammed Iqbal -Saare Jahan Se Accha Hindostan *Hamara*. It was the first experience of a long sea journey and that also of an angry sea; a number of boys became seasick. Our first halt was Aden, then we entered the Suez Canal and visited Cairo to see the pyramid. Then we landed at the outhampton port in London and crossed the English Channel to reach France, and then to the

BABY BLUES



The Indian and Pakistani flag being hosted in Paris.

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ing his historic

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the great speeches of

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from

India celebrated Independence on

15th August in Paris. The boys had

gone to Paris for the World Scout

one was Jasdev Singh, who later

became a celebrated sports broad-

caster along with Hariharnath

Kaul, Manohar Lal Nigam and

Prithpal Singh, were sent by the

Maharaja Sawai Man Singh of

There were eight boys from the

Jaipur as part of the Indian con-

Mayo College Ajmer and one of

them was Ranvir Sinh, the famous

progressive writer, playright and

dramatist, who also served the

Mauritius government as their cul-

tural advisor. Ranvir Sinh, a scion

of the Dundlod Thakurs was study

ing in Mayo College and had

It's the platinum jubilee year of

our Independence. This was the

time in August 1947, when the

World Jamboree of scouts and

guides was being held in Meissen

in France, which was being attend-

ed by 70,000 boys and girls from all

over the world. The Jamboree was

held after World War II and a

strong contingent of 165 boys of an

undivided India including boys

from Karachi and Lahore had

sailed from Bombay (Mumbai) to

attend the Jamboree in an Italian

The delegation of undivided

India was led by a person from

Kerala, GTJ Thaddeus. He was one

of the people who as an active

member of the Indian Scouts and

Guides, worked tirelessly to ensure

that an Indian contingent should

take part in the World Jamboree

warship SS Electranta.

for the first time

THE WALL

excelled in sports and dramatics.

There were boys from Jaipur,

and Guide Jamboree.

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gone we were part of British India and were and Pakistan were free countries, we had to



Relaxation Day

ship SS Strathmore, Mr Thaddeus

called upon us and told us frankly that the situation was very grave.

There was a danger that someone might push someone into the sea. He said that boys will have to guard the deck in the night to ensure that

that this did not happen. The jour-

ney from Southampton to Bombay took 15 days, but nothing untoward

was a boy from Ajmer Aftab

Hussain and a boy from Indore

named Nassarullah Mustafa Khan.

Mustafa was the Nawab of Sachin

In the Indian contingent, there

elaxation Day is a vital day for everyone. We all need to have a break from time-to-time. We can't deny that life seems to be lived at a faster pace than ever before. We all have responsibilities. This could be work responsibilities, family responsibilities, financial responsibilities or a combination of them all. We can put so much stress and pressure on our bodies and minds, and this is why we all need to take time to recuperate so that we do not burn out.



A 2011 photograph of Khurshid Gardezi of Pakistan when he was honoured at the age



sung as it had not been written by

the time. We were greeted with

cakes and pastries and it was a joy-

ous end to a great celebration fa

Paris." said Ranbir Sinh

away from India on the outskirts of

This occasion was recorded by

"On our return journey from

London's Southampton port to

Bombay, what I witnessed was that

the atmosphere in the ship

changed. Following the partition,

the BBC and the French radio.

London's Guardian correspondent

who was covering the Jamboree wrote: "Squatting in an Indian tent one talked with a dozen boys Sikhs, Moslems, Hindus, Parsees, Christians and Jews – who found no trouble at all in living together with "As a gesture, initiated by the neither blows nor bitter argument."



By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott ZITS



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Tricolour Craft Ideas For Kids

n the occasion of Independence Day, it's crucial to teach children about its significance. The use of craft can be a great approach to inspire patriotism in kids. Let's welcome this Independence Day by making patriotic crafts in tricolour and celebrating it with our children with pride and delight **Tricolour Paper Flower**



Make this day more colourful and exciting with easy tricolour paper flower. All you need to make this is A4 coloured paper sheets (saffron, white, green), fevicol and scissors.

Step 1 - Take the coloured sheets and cut them into two equal pieces. After cutting grab the saffron sheet first and roll it firmly. Do the same with the other two sheets. After rolling it

Step 2 - With the help of the scissors cut thin standing stripes. Make sure to cut them firmly and equally, otherwise you can lose your pattern

Step 3- When you are done with stripes, just pull and twist the orange flower upside. Do it with patience as stripes may tear if you pull them forcefully

Tricolour Paper Crown



It is a wholistic craft activity as it includes cutting, pasting and colouring as well. For this activity you need to have a white A4 size sheet, Ribbon, straw, poster colour, paint brush, one bottle cap, scissors and fevicol.

Step 1- Take a straw and roll the paper around it. Apply fevicol while rolling and after making a paper straw, remove the straw **Step 2-** Make six paper straws like

that and cut them into half. Now you will have 18 small paper straws Jake a paper of equal size of

straw and paste all the straws one by one. Add a ribbon in the back side of the **Step 4-** Now your crown is ready

and it's time to make it tricolour. Apply colours and it is complete.

Tricolour Paper Flower Badge All you need to have for this activity is an A4 size sheet, sticky tape, fevicol, scissors,

Step 1- Cut the sheet into three equal sizes, then fold each sheet and give cuts to the folded side and apply glue on side of the paper

motion and make it like a loop. Do the same with other two sheets and add the one after another.

another now you have a beautiful tricolour flower with looped petals. **Step 4-** Paste in on a circular piece of



recipes too are being made in the tricolour theme and there is a festive cheer everywhere, why should you be left behind? The day is special and you want to feel special too! Every year, we incorporate tricolour in the dress code in

some or the other way. Some even opt for complete white. With a good traditional dress for Independence Day, you can easily buy a great Independence Day ethnic wear and flaunt your patriotism in style.

Glam Up With Whites

The most basic Independence Day ethnic wear choices include going for complete white ethnic wear. You can also glam up the look with saffron or green colours to add tricolour to your look. You can also go all-in with whites. Pair up a white Independence Day Kurti with white pants or palazzo, add a saffron or orange dupatta and complete the look with green footwear to include colours of the national flag in your traditional dress for Independence Day.

You can do a similar thing f you plan to wear a saree. Opt for a white saree with zari work or white embroidery and pair it with an orange blouse. You can accessorize with



Multi Colours Another way of wearing saffron, green, white or tricolour dupatta in an elegant way for the Independence Day spe

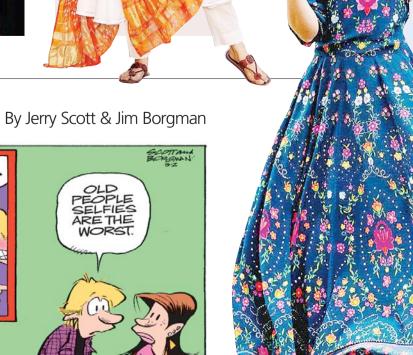
Patriotism in Style!

cial dress is to go for colourful clothes.

Ethnic Jackets For The Day

Nothing brightens an outfit and adds the 'desi' touch more than a multicolour embroidered ethnic iacket. The season's fashion is ethnic rayon and cotton jackets with traditional designs embroidered on them For an ethnic yet contemporary look, mix your white Independence Day kurti with an ethnic jacket and matching palazzo trousers. You can also go for an orange kurta







The Queen of Britain meeting the Indian contingent.

the tragedy had fallen, friendships created between Hindus and were broken and those who were Muslims," said Ranbir Sinh with close friends became strangers. It moist eyes was really heart-rending. On the writetoarbit@rashtradoot.com

Step 3- After adding one strip after

thick sheet and add a safety pin, and your tricolour badge is ready.



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scale, safety pin and a thick sheet

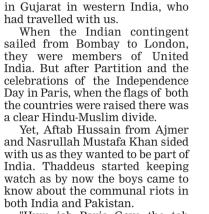


Step 2- Fold the sheet in circular









"Hum jab Paris Gave the toh gulam the, aur jab wapas laute toh Azad the." thus remembered the late Jasdev Singh, in an interview with this author, a few months before his death. who had attended the sixth world jamboree.

Jasdev Singh, the celebrity

ports broadcaster of India, who

Aftab should be allowed to go to

Ajmer where his parents lived.

After big arguments with the offi

cers we finally managed to take

Aftab along with us to Aimer. Aftab

became a very special and precious

commodity for us as it became our

solemn duty to save him from the

treacherous hands of the rioters.

First, during our train journey

from Bombay to Ajmer, we gave

him a Hindu name. We travelled in

a first-class compartment from

Bombay to Aimer and gave Aftab

security coverage from rioters who

would enter the railway compart

ment to look for the Muslims

When we reached Aimer, we hand

ed over Aftab to his parents. A tear-

ful adieu was given to Aftab, who

eventually migrated to Pakistan.

Thus ended our journey full of

experiences that was both happy

and sad. This was the first time l

r<mark>ealised how the gulf</mark> of hatred was

happily joined his parents and

known in Pakistan.

asked to go to Karachi.

Gulf of Detest

