



# 244th Independence Day of USA

## Why in News

The **USA** celebrated the **244<sup>th</sup> anniversary of American Independence Day** on **4<sup>th</sup> July 2020**.

- Indian Prime Minister also congratulated the USA on the same occasion.

## Key Points

### ▪ Background:

- Throughout the **1760s and early 1770s**, the American colonies found themselves **increasingly at odds with British imperial policies** regarding taxation and frontier policy.
- When repeated protests failed to influence British policies the Continental Congress worked with local groups, originally intended to enforce the boycott, to coordinate resistance against the British.
- British officials throughout the colonies increasingly found their authority challenged by informal local governments, although loyalist sentiment remained strong in some areas.
- Finally, the United States was founded on an **ideal of democracy** on the **4<sup>th</sup> July 1776** by adopting the **Declaration of Independence** from the **13 colonies**.

### ▪ Declaration of Independence :

- The Declaration of Independence was a **one-page document**, but it laid the **foundation** for other documents that followed, including the **Constitution and the Bill of Rights**.
- It contains **three main ideas**:
  - All men are created equal.
  - All men have certain inalienable rights, which include life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
  - People have a civic duty to defend these rights for themselves and for others.

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