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*Dear Shri Antony*

As you are aware, the nation observes December 07<sup>th</sup> as Flag Day every year - an occasion for citizens to express their gratitude and appreciation to serving and veteran military personnel of India.

Over the years, it has become a tradition to commemorate Flag Day to honour the Armed Forces personnel by collecting funds for the welfare of our soldiers. Since the inception of Flag Day in 1949, India has lost over 19,000 armed forces personnel who have sacrificed their lives for the nation. However, we still do not have a day reserved to remember and honour the noble sacrifices made by our Armed Forces martyrs, veterans and serving personnel.

Therefore, India must have a dedicated day to enable citizens to express their gratitude and honour the Armed Forces personnel.

For this, I suggest that the Armed Forces Flag Day be renamed as "Memorial Day" or "Veterans' Day", in line with other countries, such as the USA. The new name will help citizens understand the importance of the day and demonstrate the nation's commitment to the Armed forces veterans and their families.

Yours Sincerely,

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