

## Breaking Free of Nehru: Let's Unleash India!

Well meaning Nehru set out to create socialism. But inevitably we got statism, which robbed us of some of the freedom we had won in 1947. Its License Raj damaged our moral character and made us one of the most corrupt societies on the earth. It shattered accountability so completely that even today the Indian state is unable to deliver minimal services to its citizens. As a result above-average people produce below-average results in our government. Now, a former member of the elite IAS has written a passionate call to action to reform our governance and restore integrity and high performance to our public life. It must be read by every Indian. — *Gurcharan Das*, author of *India Unbound*.

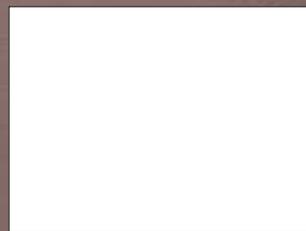
In this book, Sabhlok writes energetically and with great hope for India's future. He has a vision of a new India and wants to share that with us. He begins by asking, why India wanted independence in the first place — namely, to achieve individual freedom. Then he asks whether India is truly free today. He goes on to analyse the factors that are constricting India's freedom and finally delves deep to find the reasons behind the rampant corruption and blatant inefficiency in Indian governments. Nehruvian socialism becomes his prime suspect.

Assessing a range of disparate facts, Sabhlok confirms that socialism has indeed been the bane of India. He recommends that India should break free of Nehru's legacy of socialism, and at the same time should significantly strengthen Nehru's legacy of democracy. He postulates a set of policies of freedom whose proper implementation, he believes, will clean up India's corrupt politics; infuse efficiency and vigour in the Indian bureaucracy; and will eliminate India's abject poverty. Sabhlok's analysis, supported by research, makes use of a repertoire of knowledge and experience that includes working for 25 years in governments in India and Australia.

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