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Celebrations of 71st Independence Day of India

The 71st Independence Day of India was celebrated on 15 August 2017 at the premises of the Consulate General of India, Perth. Around 150 members of Indian community, including Persons of Indian Origin, and Friends of India attended the programme.

The programme started with unfurling of national flag by Consul General Mr Amit Kumar Mishra, who also read President's Address to the nation on this occasion. In his comments afterwards to the community, Consul General Amit Kumar Mishra said that focus of President's address was to urge all Indians to work with a sense of unity, purpose and selflessness to ensure that the benefits of government policies reach all sections of the society.

Consul General talked about the focus of Indian Government to strengthen connection with Indian community abroad, elaborating on some recent initiatives in this regard. He invited the Perth-based India community to contribute towards realising Prime Minister's vision of 'New India by 2022'. Consul General also spoke briefly on the Consulate's efforts to broaden and strengthen engagement with the Indian community in Perth.

The dignitaries attending the event included two Indian-origin members of Western Australia Parliament, Mr Yaz Mubarakai MLA and Mr Kevin J Michel MLA, and Mayor of Cockburn city, Logan K. Howlett. Both parliamentarians spoke at the event highlighting their journey from India to Western Australia Parliament and promised to work for the betterment of Indian community in Western Australia and to strengthen India-Western Australia engagement.

Indian organisations active in Perth presented a cultural performance with patriotic songs which was applauded by the audience. Refreshments were served to the people on the occasion.

Some photographs of the function celebrating 71st Independence Day of India at Consulate are attached herewith.

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