



**Consulate General of India
Perth**

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Celebration of 70th Republic Day of India

A flag hoisting ceremony was held at the Consulate premises on 26 January 2019 to celebrate the 70th Republic Day of India. The celebration was attended by more than 200 members of the Indian community, including representatives of community and cultural associations.

2. Consul General Amit Kumar Mishra unfurled the national flag and read out Hon'ble President's address to the nation on the eve of Republic Day. In his remarks afterwards, Consul General extended a warm welcome and greetings to all attendees on Republic Day and Australia Day. Consul General spoke about India's remarkable journey as a nation over the last seven decades and its growth into an economic and technological power. He highlighted the enhanced pace of infrastructure and social development in last five years. Consul General also reiterated the importance of voting and encouraged NRIs to visit India to cast their vote in the forthcoming elections.

3. He expressed appreciation for the role played by the Indian Diaspora in uplifting the image of India abroad and exhorted upon them to contribute towards the economic growth of India and advancement of India-Australia relations. He mentioned the achievements of Indian community in Western Australia in the fields of politics, academia and business, and asked the community to work towards creating more partnerships between Western Australia and India, especially in the field of business and education & research cooperation.

4. The Consulate also organised a Khadi promotion exhibition at its premises, as part of ongoing celebration of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The exhibition of Khadi dresses and other products will be open to public till 26 February. The Republic Day celebration also included cultural performances, including rendering of patriotic songs by select group of Indian community members. An informal gathering over light refreshments at the Consulate's Culture & Exhibition hall followed the event.
