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PRESS RELEASE

Celebration of the 79th Independence Day of India

High Commission of India proudly commemorated the 79th Independence Day of India in Wellington with a flag-hoisting ceremony on 15th August, 2025 at the Chancery Premises. The ceremony was attended by members of the Indian and Kiwi community, school children, Persons of Indian Origin, and friends of India who gathered to honour this significant day in India's history.

2. The High Commissioner of India Ms Neeta Bhushan, hoisted the tricolour followed by the singing of the National Anthem, "Jana Gana Mana," resonating with pride and unity. High Commissioner read the excerpts from the address of Hon'ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu. In her address, the High Commissioner also reaffirmed India's commitment to further strengthening India–New Zealand cooperation for the mutual benefit of the people of both countries. The High Commissioner also paid tribute to the sacrifices of the freedom fighters who paved the way for the nation's independence.

3. To celebrate and showcase India's rich cultural heritage and diversity, the Indian diaspora in Wellington organized a vibrant array of performances. Patriotic songs and cultural presentations by students from Wellington Hindi School and Khandallah School captivated the audience. Energetic and colorful Indian dance performances were also presented by the students of Shivam Dance Academy, Sri-Chakra School of Fine Arts and Wellington Marathi Association, highlighting the multicultural essence of the celebration. More than 400 people gathered in Wellington to celebrate the occasion.

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