The 71st anniversary of India’s Independence was celebrated at the India House, at Canberra on August 15, 2018 with flag-hoisting ceremony at 0800 hrs, followed by recitation of the National Anthem and a patriotic song by Canberra Mandir School Students. The President’s Address to the Nation on the eve of the Independence Day was read out by Dr. A. M. Gondane, High Commissioner. About 150 guests including members of Indian community and Australian Friends of India attended the function.

A reception was also hosted in the afternoon at India House from 1230 hrs to 1400hrs. About 250 people including, parliamentarian, senior officials from Department of Foreign Affairs and other departments of Australian Government, Members of the Legislative Assembly of ACT, members of the Diplomatic Corps leading members of Indian diaspora in Canberra, participated the Reception.

In his address High Commissioner talked on development of India, the ascent of Indian economy and the trajectory It is on for the next 30 years. He also mentioned about expansion of Australia India engagement across the spectrum. He specifically highlighted about special mention of India in the Australian Foreign Policy White Paper as also the Indian Economic Strategy released recently by H.E Malcolm Turnbull Minister of commonwealth of Australia.

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