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## Press Release

## **Independence Day Celebration**

The High Commission of India, Lilongwe celebrated the 71<sup>st</sup> Independence Day of India in the morning on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017 in the premises of the High Commission. The programme began by hoisting of the Indian Flag by the High Commissioner which was followed by singing of National Anthem. The High Commissioner then addressed the large Indian community gathered on the occasion followed by reading of President of India's message to the Nation. Members of the community from Tamil and Telugu Diaspora sang a few patriotic songs on the occasion.

The Mission's continued outreach efforts and engagement with the Indian community was reflected in the presence of more than 300 members gathered for the Flag Hoisting ceremony. It was very satisfying to see cross sections of Indian community gathered on a working day.

The High Commissioner spoke at length on India@70 theme announced by the Government of India. He also conveyed to the gathering about the "Sankalp se Sidhi" theme from 2017 to 2022 when Indian celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's Independence Day. He expressed happiness to the Indian Community for its continued support and participation in various programmes of the Government of India.

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