

**High Commission Of India
Pretoria**

PRESS RELEASE

80th Independence Day Flag Hoisting Ceremony

The High Commission of India, Pretoria held a flag hoisting ceremony on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day of India at India House on 15 August 2026. Around 200 members of the Indian diaspora, friends of India and members of the community attended the celebrations.

2. The ceremony commenced with the singing of the National Song, Vande Mataram. H.E. Shri Prabhat Kumar, High Commissioner of India to South Africa, unfurled the National Flag, following which the National Anthem of India was played.

3. The High Commissioner thereafter read out the Address to the Nation by the Hon'ble President of India on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day.

4. A vibrant cultural programme showcasing India's rich cultural heritage followed. Children of Sanjana Gurukul presented patriotic songs, while Kala Kruti Dance Academy presented a Nritya Natika on Azad Bharat. The programme also featured a Bharatanatyam performance by Tarang Dance Company.

5. The High Commissioner H.E. Shri Prabhat Kumar felicitated the winners of four special Independence Day competitions organised by the High Commission of India, Pretoria - the Bharat Ko Janiye Quiz, Viksit Bharat Painting Competition, India Through My Lens Photography Competition, and My India My Story.

6. The High Commission of India, Pretoria extends its warm greetings to all Indians and friends of India on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day.

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