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A special day to share with family and friends

It is with great pleasure that I extend congratulations to the Indian community of the ACT on the 66th anniversary of Independence.

This auspicious occasion is an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the work of the Federation of Indian Associations in the ACT in uniting the community in the ACT region.

It is also an opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful work done by many Canberrans with an Indian background who actively promote various aspects of the Indian culture across Canberra.

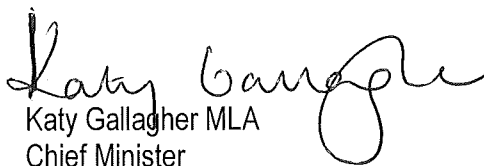
Many local Indian community groups host community cultural, sporting and special culinary activities throughout the year that enrich the cultural tapestry of our city life.

It is also uplifting to see the involvement of members of the local Indian community in arranging important celebrations such as the festival of lights, Diwali, as well as events including India in the City at the National Multicultural Festival.

These events and activities allow the wider community to experience the vibrant Indian culture, sharing and learning while enjoying the delightful and colourful elements that define the sub-continent without leaving our city.

I acknowledge the support from our city's Indian community in striving to achieve the vision of the *ACT Multicultural Strategy 2010 -2013*, helping to further cement the ACT as a leader in multicultural affairs and human rights.

Finally, may each of you, surrounded by family and friends, enjoy this year's very special 66th Independence Day celebrations in Canberra.


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