August 15, 2016

Dr. Ausaf Sayeed
Consul General
Consulate of India
455 N. Cityfront Plaza Drive, Suite 850
Chicago, IL 60611

Dear Consul General Sayeed:

It is an honor to offer my best wishes to Chicagoland’s Indian community and Indians everywhere for the celebration of India Independence Day.

On this day 69 years ago, India achieved independence as Great Britain relinquished control of the South Asia subcontinent. In the partition, great violence occurred. But India ended millennia of existence as a land too often controlled by foreigners and set off on a course of self-determination.

The results are most dramatic, and would be gratifying to all who devoted themselves from those early days to seeing that the world’s largest democracy achieved progress for all its people. India’s achievements in science, education, business and culture are admired worldwide.

The Republic of India has become a significant nation in South Asia and the world, and it is a pleasure to join our Indian neighbors in honoring this holiday that marks the birth of the land of their heritage.

Sincerely,

Maria Pappas
Cook County Treasurer

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