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## **City of South San Francisco Celebrates 70th Anniversary of India's Independence Day**

*As Part of the City's Ongoing Commitment to Diversity, City to Display India's Flag Today, Tuesday, August 15*

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Aug. 15, 2017** - The City of South San Francisco is honoring and celebrating the 70th anniversary of the [Independence Day of India](#) by flying its national flag on Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

"As a U.S. citizen of Eastern Indian descent and South San Francisco resident, I am especially honored and touched that the City of South San Francisco is recognizing and celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Independence Day of India," said Mayor Pradeep Gupta. "India shares many values and goals with the U.S., such as the right to equality, right to freedom, right against exploitation, right to freedom of religion, cultural and education rights, and right to constitutional remedies. Because of those who so courageously and selflessly fought for India's freedom, I was able to pursue my professional and personal goals, as well as dreams - one of which was to serve as Mayor of South San Francisco."

India, which is considered one of the oldest civilizations but still a very young nation, attained independence from colonial rule on August 15, 1947. During the last seven decades, India has secured a unique and respected place in the comity of nations. In fact, India is considered one of the largest democracies in

the world with more than 1 billion people.

Mayor Gupta has been invited to be a special guest at the 70th anniversary celebration of the Independence Day of India, which is hosted by the [Consul General of India, Ambassador Venkatesan Ashok](#), in San Francisco.

### ***About South San Francisco***

The City of South San Francisco proudly remains *The Industrial City*, a reflection of its steel mill and ship building past, redefined to reflect the innovative, entrepreneurial and industrious spirit which has made South San Francisco the Biotech Capital of the World, with 215 active biotech companies and growing. A vibrant community of 64,585 residents, South San Francisco enjoys a high quality of life with an extensive public parks system, active library and learning programming and a dynamic, engaged community making South San Francisco a great place to live, learn, work and play.

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