



High Commission of India
Canberra

PRESS RELEASE

Recent incidents in Adelaide

The High Commissioner has expressed her concern to the Premier of South Australia, the Hon Mike Rann about the incident of burning of cars belonging to Indian students in Greenacres in Adelaide on 13 July 2010. She has requested that steps be taken to bring those responsible to book as well as measures put into place to safeguard the well being of Indian students in Adelaide.

Mr. Gautam Roy, Consul in the Consulate General of India, Sydney visited Adelaide on 16 July, 2010 to meet the affected Indian students as well as the South Australian authorities. He attended a meeting called by Lt. Governor of South Australia (SA) and Chairman, Multicultural SA, Hon. Hieu Van Le. The meeting was attended by Chairperson, Education Australia Board; Manager, Community and Government Relations, SA; representative of the Police Commissioner, SA and the President of the Indian Australian Association of SA. Mr. Roy also met Hon. Jack Snelling MP, Acting Minister of Police.

The South Australian authorities have conveyed that they have taken the matter very seriously. They have put measures in place to improve the safety and security of all Indian students and avoid recurrence of such incidents in the future. They have increased police patrolling and installed surveillance cameras in the area. They have assured that they would also be implementing other measures as well, aimed at addressing the concerns of affected Indian students and the Government of India.

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