

**Embassy of India
Djibouti**

Press Release

The Embassy of India in Djibouti in partnership with World Malayalee Federation's Djibouti branch and with support from States Division of Ministry of External Affairs of India and Tourism Department of State of Kerala, organized India Day on State of Kerala as part of State Facilitation Abroad initiative of Government of India on 07 February 2026, Saturday at the Embassy premises.

Ambassador Shri M.Keivom highlighted the rich culture, tourism & business opportunities in Kerala and invited friends of India and expatriates in Djibouti to visit Kerala during their next visit to India. Ms. Moumina-Isnino DOUALEH, Deputy Director (Bilateral), MoFA and Mr. Abbas Ibrahim, Deputy Director (Multilateral), MoFA graced the event. The event was well attended by around 200 people comprising members of the diplomatic community, host government officials, diaspora members, expatriates and friends of India in Djibouti who enjoyed the varieties of Indian cuisines offered by local Indian Restaurants.

The event comprised inaugural speech by Ambassador M. Keivom, followed by a PPT presentation by Shri Mihir Kumar Thakur, Second Secretary (Pol & Com) and Mr. Zakaria, Marketing Assistant on the State of Kerala with emphasis on One District One Product (ODOP) of the State of Kerala. The event overall showcased the rich cultural & cuisine heritage of Kerala and highlighted trade & tourism opportunities in Kerala. Members of the Malayali community performed enthralling cultural performances of song and dance which remained the main attraction for the attendees. A Tourism Information Desk along with Stalls of Kerala's Handicrafts and Cuisines were set up at the event, showcasing Kerala's rich culture & cuisine, ODOP (One District One Product), tourism, investment and trade opportunities. Scintillating performance of Kerala's folk dance and songs by members of Malayali community in Djibouti enlivened the night.

The event was aimed at promoting investment, trade and tourism related opportunities in Kerala through distribution of ODOP brochures & promotional tourism booklets among the local people and friends of India in Djibouti. The event brought together an extensive range of Indian cuisines, mainly comprising Kerala dishes like Idli, Dosa, Dal Vadas, Sweet Payasam etc. in addition to North Indian specialties like Biryani, Chaat, Tandoori chickens etc. that were prepared by members of the Diaspora and Indian Restaurants established in Djibouti. The event also showcased the vibrant colors and flavors of Kerala through traditional attire, music and dance performances.

The event was well received by the Indian Diaspora, representatives of the Diplomatic corps and local community, with many attendees expressing their appreciation for the rich cultural and cuisine heritage of Kerala. The event was a successful endeavour in promoting culture, cuisine, trade & tourism opportunities of State of Kerala.

The large participation of Malyalee/Indian communities, who have been living in Djibouti and engaged in key sectors like port and shipping, free trade zones, acted as a catalyst in the success of the event and strengthening cultural and people to people ties between the two countries.


