

Embassy of India Djibouti

The Embassy of India in Djibouti organized an Indian Food Festival under the Promotion of Cultural Ties with the Diaspora (PCTD) scheme of Government of India on Thursday 8th February 2024 at the Chancery premises. Apart from more than 150 members of the Indian Diaspora, Heads/representatives of other Foreign Missions (Japan, Egypt, Germany & UK), Representatives of UNICEF and some friends of India from Djibouti attended the event. It was the first ever such Food Festival organized by this Mission to showcase the rich and diverse culinary heritage of the country. The event was aimed to promote Indian culture, cuisine and traditions among the Indian Diaspora & local population in order to foster stronger ties between India and Djibouti.

The event featured a variety of authentic Indian vegetarian and non-vegetarian dishes prepared by members of the Diaspora and some Indian Restaurants. The menu included popular Indian dishes such as Biryani, Fish curry, Samosas, Chaat, Cutlets, Pani-puri, Indian desserts like Gulab Jamun & Jalebi etc. Apart from this, Embassy of India Ladies Club consisting of spouses of the India based officials, also actively participated in the event and organised a stall of various Indian snacks prepared by them notably Idli-Sambhar, Litti Choukha, Besan Laddus, Shakar para, Namak para etc.

The event also showcased the vibrant colors and flavors of Indian culture through traditional attire, music and dance performances. A Djibouti based Bollywood Dance Group performed during the event. Visitors had the opportunity to learn about the various regional cuisines of India and the unique ingredients and cooking techniques used in each dishes. "India Corner" was established where Incredible India material was publicised for the visitors. Diaspora members set up stalls of Indian Arts & Crafts and Indian Jewellery at the India Corner.

More than 200 visitors attended the Festival. The Food Festival of India was well-received by the Indian Diaspora and local community, with many attendees expressing their appreciation for the diverse flavours and aromas of Indian cuisine.

The Food Festival of India organized by the Embassy of India in Djibouti was a successful endeavour in promoting Indian culture and cuisine. It not only provided an opportunity for the community to experience the rich flavours of India but also contributed to strengthening the bilateral relations between the two countries.
