

**Embassy of India
Djibouti

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Press Release

Celebration of 78th Independence Day of India

The 78th Independence Day of India was celebrated at the Embassy of India, Djibouti with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervor by a assembly of about 150 people, including the growing Indian community in Djibouti, friends of India in Djibouti, media representatives and fifty officers from visiting Indian Naval Ship INS Imphal. Charge d’Affairs Mrs. Pushpa Kumar hoisted the National Flag followed by the singing of the National Anthem. Charge d’Affairs then read out the ‘Address to the Nation’ by Hon’ble President of India Smt. Droupadi Murmu’s delivered on the eve of the Independence Day.



2. In her keynote speech, Charge d’Affairs expressed her gratitude towards the freedom fighters, and stated that India has lead the world to embrace Vasudhaiv Kutumbkam(World is one family). She highlighted the strong bilateral relations shared by India -Djibouti since long. She emphasized on the fact that India has been a reliable and steady partner of Djibouti in Djibouti’s developmental journey of socio-economic growth guided by South-South cooperation. She added that India will continue to support Djibouti with Capacity building programs like ITEC & ICCR Scholarships for Djiboutian Students. 15 ICCR students selected for year 2024-25 were also invited in the Independence Day celebration. She also requested the Indian Diaspora and the friends of India in Djibouti to participate in Govt. of India’s campaign Ek ped maa ken am (Plant4mother).



3. Charge d’Affairs Mrs. Pushpa Kumar felicitated Mrs. Tanvi Joshi, a yoga practitioner and enthusiast, who partnered with the Embassy of India, Djibouti for various Yoga events in months of June-July 2024. Cd’A lauded her efforts for coming forward and volunteered for the Yoga events organized by the Embassy. Mrs. Tanvi Joshi conveyed her appreciation to Cd’A for supporting her.



4. Cd’A also felicitated the three formal and informal associations of the Indian Diaspora- Bhartiya Sanskritik Samagam (BSS), Djibouti International Women’s Association & World Malayalee Federation for their support in promoting the Indian Culture in Djibouti and working towards the social cause of Indian Diaspora. In her keynote speech, Cd’A expressed the wish that these associations will continue to promote Indian cultural in Djibouti with diverse programs.



5. The members of the Indian Diaspora in Djibouti showcased a diverse cultural program including singing of patriotic songs, and Hindi poem recitation. The officers from the visiting INS Imphal also showcased a culturally enriched performance with singing of patriotic songs.



5. “Har Ghar Tiranga” campaign by the Government of India was highlighted among the Diaspora Members. The program was covered by the major media outlets of Djibouti like La Nation, Djib-Live, and RTD. The program concluded with light refreshments.
