

**Embassy of India
Djibouti

PRESS RELEASE

Indian Food Festival and Bollywood Karaoke Night - 2025

The Embassy of India in Djibouti organized an Indian Food Festival and Bollywood Karaoke Night under the Promotion of Cultural Ties with the Diaspora (PCTD) scheme of Government of India on 12 October 2025, Sunday, at the Chancery premises. Apart from around 150 members of the Indian Diaspora, Advisor to the Minister of Culture, Mrs Madina Saleh Ali, representatives from foreign diplomatic mission & UN Agency in Djibouti, representatives from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Relations including Djibouti Armed Forces, International Relations Department, Defence Attaches from France, Sudan & USA, and friends of India from Djibouti and food lovers attended the event. During his inaugural speech, H.E. Ambassador of India in Djibouti, Shri M. Keivom, highlighted the importance of festival to celebrate culinary connection between India and Djibouti which continues to be a living bridge and an abiding cultural link between the two nations.

2. The Food Festival was aimed at celebrating the culinary heritage of India, focusing on the rich and diverse flavors that reflect the cultural blend of India. The event was also aimed at promoting Indian culture, cuisine, traditions and music/ songs among the Indian Diaspora & local population in order to foster stronger ties between India and Djibouti. The food festival brought together the full spectrum of India's diverse culinary traditions, with an extensive range of dishes from all regions including popular North Indian specialties like Biryani, Samosas, Chaat, Cutlets, Tandoori chickens etc. as well as South Indian dishes such as Idli, Dosa, Dahi/Dal Vadas and delicacies from East and West of India (Momos and Sweets) that was prepared by members of the Diaspora and Indian Restaurants established in Djibouti.

3. The event also showcased the vibrant colors and flavors of Indian culture through traditional attire, music and dance performances. The main attraction of the Food Festival was Bollywood Karaoke Night performed by Diaspora & Embassy officials/families who sang old/new Bollywood songs during the event. Visitors had the opportunity to show their singing talent that mesmerized the audience. More than 150 visitors attended the Festival. The Food Festival and Bollywood Karaoke Night organized by Embassy of India was well received by the Indian Diaspora, representatives of Diplomatic corps and local community, with many attendees expressing their appreciation for the diverse flavors and aromas of Indian cuisine. The event was a successful endeavour in promoting Indian culture, music/songs and cuisine of India. It not only provided an opportunity for the community to experience the rich flavors of India but also contributed in strengthening the bilateral relations between the two countries.





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