

**Embassy of India
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Press Release

The Embassy of India in Djibouti in partnership with the Indian Diaspora and with support from States Division of Ministry of External Affairs of India and Tourism Department of State of Tamil Nadu, organized India Day on State of Tamil Nadu as part of State Facilitation Abroad initiative of Government of India on 26 March 2026, Thursday at the India House.

Ambassador M.Keivom highlighted the rich culture, tourism & business opportunities in Tamil Nadu and invited friends of India and expatriates in Djibouti to visit Tamil Nadu during their next visit to India. Mrs. Madina Ali Saleh, Technical Advisor in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Government of Djibouti graced the event. The event was well attended by around 300 people comprising members of the diplomatic community, host government officials, yoga enthusiasts, diaspora members, expatriates and friends of India in Djibouti who enjoyed the varieties of Indian cuisines offered by local Indian Restaurants. Indian Navy Officers and Sailors from the visiting Indian Naval Ship 'Kolkata' also participated in the event.

The event included an 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 Tamil Nadu with emphasis on One District One Product (ODOP) of the State of Tamil Nadu. The event overall showcased the rich cultural & cuisine heritage of Tamil Nadu and highlighted trade & tourism opportunities in Tamil Nadu. A Tourism and Trade Information Desk on Tamil Nadu was set up at the event, showcasing Tamil Nadu's rich culture & cuisine, ODOP (One District One Product), tourism, investment and trade opportunities. A local band named 'Zafira' led by Mr. Ashique Mohammed enlivened the evening with Tamil and Bollywood songs.

The event was aimed at promoting investment, trade and tourism related opportunities in Tamil Nadu 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 Tamil Nadu 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 Indian Diaspora and Indian Restaurants established in Djibouti. The event also showcased the vibrant colors and flavors of Tamil Nadu through traditional attire and music 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 Tamil Nadu. The event was a successful endeavour in promoting culture, cuisine, trade & tourism opportunities of State of Tamil Nadu.

The large participation of 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.




