

Embassy of India

Djibouti

Press Release

Diwali Celebration at Ambassador's Residence with the Indian Community on 5th November 2021 in Djibouti

A Reception Dinner was hosted by Ambassador of India to Djibouti H.E. Shri R. Chandramouli to celebrate "Diwali – Festival of Lights" on Friday 5th November 2021 under the ambit of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The event was attended by members of Indian Diaspora, Friends of India and Media.

Speaking on the significance of Diwali, the Ambassador pointed out that the festivity signifies the victory of the good over the evil, Knowledge over ignorance and underlined the need for continuing this battle in our daily lives. While in Northern India Diwali is associated with Ram's return from exile to his kingdom in Ayodhya after defeating the demon king Ravana. In the south, however, the festival, also called Naraka Chaturdashi, is observed to celebrate Krishna's victory over Narakasura. The festival of Diwali provides us an opportunity to do good towards the betterment of society with our wealth and riches."

He further added that Diwali is also a time for prayers, introspection and contemplation, to reflect on our obligations to help our fellow human beings, particularly the less fortunate and to further our harmonious co-existence of India's multi-cultural and multi religious society as an example to emulate across the world and to celebrate the concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam — The world is one family,"



Ambassador with his spouse also lighted lamps which is a significant practice on Diwali to remember that even in the midst of darkness, light will ultimately prevail. Subsequently the invitees were also welcomed to light the lamp- Diyas.



The event also featured dance and music performances by children and adult members of the Indian Diaspora.

