

## **Embassy of India**

### **Djibouti**

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### **Press Release**

#### **Celebration of 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India**

The Mission celebrated the 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India at the Chancery. The programme included unfurling of National Flag by Ambassador Mr. R. Chandramouli.

Followed by chorus singing of National Anthem. Ambassador also read the Hon'ble President of India Shrimati Droupadi Murmu address to Nation delivered on the eve of the Republic Day. In her first address as India's President on the eve of Republic Day on Wednesday, President Droupadi Murmu has said that every Indian citizen has ample reason to be proud of the achievements of the country and what the world knows as the "Indian story". President Murmu said India had succeeded as a democratic republic because so many creeds and languages "have not divided us but have united us" throughout the nation's rich and chequered history.

On the eve of Republic Day, she reminded people that India has often been called the "mother of democracy" though as a modern Republic, India is still relatively young compared to other nations. She also invoked Mahatma Gandhi—the Father of the Nation and the struggle for India's Independence he led in a non-violent manner. She concluded her address by once again reminding citizens of the sovereign Republic of India about the vision that the founding members of the Drafting Committee of the Constitution had for the future of the nation.

The Indian diaspora children also presented a short performance on Mahatma Gandhi's Dandi March.

The members from DIWA presented patriotic songs.

170 Indians and friends of India attended the event. Representatives from the local media were also present at the event.