

**Embassy of India  
Thimphu**

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**Press Release**

**Celebrations of the 76th Republic Day of India in Bhutan**

The 76th Republic Day of India was celebrated with great patriotic fervour and enthusiasm at a ceremony held at India House on 26 January 2025. Ambassador of India to Bhutan Shri Sudhakar Dalela unfurled the tricolor at the India House, which was followed by singing of the National Anthem.

The Ambassador read out the President's Address to the nation delivered on the eve of Republic Day, celebrating the Constitution which has guided India's remarkable journey over 75 years.

In his address to the gathering, Ambassador Dalela highlighted the unique ties of friendship and cooperation between India and Bhutan, characterized by mutual understanding, goodwill, trust and exceptional cooperation at all levels. He underscored the expanding partnership between the two countries, including in areas of trade and economic connectivity, clean energy, education, health, sports, youth exchanges, space technology, environment conservation, and people-to-people contacts. The Ambassador emphasized India's firm commitment to working together to deepen the partnership between the two countries as per the vision of His Majesty The King of Bhutan, and the priorities of the Royal Government of Bhutan.

The ceremony was graced by distinguished representatives from the Royal Government of Bhutan, including Dasho Ugyen K Namgyel, Gyalpoi Zimpon to His Majesty The King of Bhutan, Cabinet Secretary Aum Kesang Deki, Foreign Secretary Aum Pema Choden and the officiating Chief of Protocol Sangay Chewang, demonstrating the close ties between the two nations.

The ceremony was followed by a melodious rendition of patriotic songs by Bhutanese and Indian artists from the Nehru-Wangchuck Culture Center and Traditional Performing Arts and Music Division (TPAMD), Thimphu. An ICCR dance troupe from India led by Ms. Jaya Pathak performed Kathak, one of the nine major forms of Indian classical dance, and showcased the rich diversity of Indian performing arts.

The event witnessed participation from over 600 guests, including members of the Indian community and friends of India in Bhutan, making it a memorable celebration of India's democratic values, and its special relationship with Bhutan.

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