

**Embassy of India
Thimphu

Press Release

Celebrations of the 79th Independence Day of India in Bhutan

1. The 79th Independence Day of India was celebrated with patriotic fervour at a ceremony held at India House on 15 August 2025. Ambassador of India to Bhutan Shri Sudhakar Dalela led the Indian community to unfurl the tricolour at the India House followed by singing of the National Anthem.
2. The Ambassador read out the President's Address to the nation on the eve of Independence Day, highlighting that the all-round economic growth complemented by social sector initiatives has placed India well on the path of becoming a developed economy by 2047.
3. Addressing the gathering, Ambassador Sudhakar Dalela shared that India and Bhutan enjoy long-standing close and unique ties of friendship and cooperation, anchored in spiritual and cultural linkages, mutual trust and understanding, and strong people to people ties. He emphasised that India is committed to working together with the Government and people of Bhutan to harness the full potential of bilateral partnership, and exploring newer avenues of cooperation that align with the vision of His Majesty, The King of Bhutan and the priorities of the Royal Government.
4. From the Royal Government of Bhutan, Dasho Ugyen K Namgyel, Gyalpoi Zimpon to His Majesty, the King of Bhutan along with the Cabinet Secretary Aum Kesang Deki and Foreign Secretary Aum Pema Choden graced the celebrations.
5. Ambassador Shri Sudhakar Dalela, along with distinguished dignitaries from Bhutan, inaugurated the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' exhibition. This exhibition portrays the essence of Tiranga, its evolution, and its significance.
6. The ceremony was followed by a melodious rendition of patriotic songs by artists from Bhutan and students from the Nehru-Wangchuck Culture Center, Thimphu. The ceremony was attended by over 1000 members of the Indian community, and friends from Bhutan.

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