

High Commission of India

Abuja

Celebrations of 72nd Republic Day on 26 January 2021

High Commission of India, Abuja celebrated the 72nd Republic Day on 26 January 2021.

Flag Hoisting ceremony

2. High Commissioner Shri Abhay Thakur unfurled the national flag at HCI Abuja and read out Hon'ble President's address to the nation. Indian and local nationals graced the occasion with beautiful cultural performances. On the occasion, High Commissioner felicitated winners of the competitions organized during World Hindi Day 2021. In addition to Abuja and Lagos, Republic Day was also celebrated across Benin, Chad and Nigerian cities by Indian nationals and local friends.

3. Despite prevalence of Covid-19 pandemic, there was physical presence of around 100 members of the Indian Community and media in addition to the High Commission officials. Representatives from leading Indian Associations and members of Indian business community were present on the occasion. The event was attended virtually by large number of participants from Indian diaspora and friends of India in Nigeria, Benin & Chad. The event was held following strict Covid protocol norms including social distancing measures.

National Day Reception on 26 January 2021

4. The National Day Reception was hosted by the High Commissioner on the evening of 26 January 2021.

5. Presidency of Nigeria, Senate President, Defence Minister, Minister of Industry, Trade & Investment, Foreign Minister, Information & Culture Minister and FCT Minister sent their official representatives in the event. Besides, Ambassadors/High Commissioners, members of diplomatic corps and Indian community attended the event. The total number of guests were about 250. Held under the blessing of the Nigerian authorities, the successful, hassle-free reception was rare, approved, local gathering with in-person attendance, widely greeted by all. The event was also live streamed over Mission's Facebook page. In addition to finger food which was circulated, packed meal and calendar on our defence industry capability were handed over to each guest.

6. High Commissioner Shri Abhay Thakur and Ms. Aisha Dewa, Head (Asia and Pacific Division), Federal Ministry of Foreign Ministry addressed the august gathering. The video of PMI New York on #VaccineMaitri and a talk titled "Mahatma Gandhi's Tryst with Peace" by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna were telecasted during the event.

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