

Embassy of India, Phnom Penh Press Release

Embassy of India Celebrates 77th Republic Day in Phnom Penh

The Embassy of India in Phnom Penh celebrated the 77th Republic Day of India with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour on 26 January 2026 at the Chancery premises.

The celebrations commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by H.E. Vanlalvawna Bawitlung the Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Kingdom of Cambodia, followed by the singing of the National Anthem of India. The Ambassador thereafter read out excerpts from the address of the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, to the nation on the eve of Republic Day.

In her address, the Hon'ble President reflected on the significance of Republic Day as an occasion to reaffirm India's constitutional ideals and democratic values. She noted that since the enforcement of the Constitution on 26 January 1950, India has steadily progressed as the world's largest democracy, guided by the principles of justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity enshrined in its founding document. Recalling the legacy of the freedom movement and the contributions of national leaders such as Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, the President underlined the enduring spirit of unity, patriotism, and national pride that binds the people of India together. She also paid tribute to the valiant members of the armed forces and security personnel, as well as to farmers, workers, scientists, teachers, healthcare workers, and other citizens whose collective efforts continue to strengthen the Republic.

The President further emphasized India's inclusive and people-centric development journey and its growing stature on the global stage. She highlighted the increasing participation of women in governance, the economy, science, sports, and the armed forces, describing women-led development as central to the vision of *Viksit Bharat*. The President also drew attention to India's sustained economic growth despite global uncertainties, supported by investments in world-class infrastructure, key economic reforms, and the guiding principles of self-reliance and *Atmanirbharta*. Acknowledging the country's youthful population, she underscored the transformative role of innovation, entrepreneurship, and start-ups in shaping India's future. The President appreciated the contributions of Overseas Indians in enhancing India's image abroad and reaffirmed India's commitment to peace, environmental sustainability

through the *Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE)* initiative, and the message of harmony rooted in India's civilizational ethos.

The event also featured vibrant cultural performances, including dances and the singing of patriotic songs by members of the Indian diaspora.

In his concluding remarks, the Ambassador expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the members of the Indian community, and friends of India who joined the celebrations in large numbers. The event concluded with guests enjoying traditional Indian refreshments.

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