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## **CELEBRATION OF THE 75th REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA**

Embassy of India, Luanda celebrated the 75th Republic Day of India on January 26, 2024 with patriotic fervor and enthusiasm at Embassy premises. The Chancery building was illuminated on the eve of National Day.

To mark the occasion, Charge d' Affaires Shri Aditya Vats unfurled the National Flag at Chancery Premises in the presence of India-based officers / officials with their family members, local staff, Indian citizens in Angola and friends of India. The flag-unfurling ceremony was followed by playing of National Anthem and reading of excerpts from Hon'ble Rashtrapati Ji's Address to the Nation by Cd'A. The Indian community joined in the celebrations with cultural performances showcasing the Unity and Diversity with beautiful patriotic songs, poems & dance and speeches by Indian Diaspora. The programme ended with the distribution of the consolation prize by the Cd'A to the Indian Diaspora children who participated in the cultural event. Indian refreshment were also served to the guests. The event was attended by around 150 members.

In the evening, Embassy of India, Luanda hosted a grand reception to celebrate the 75th Republic Day of India. The event was graced by the Chief Guest Foreign Minister H.E. Tete Antonio, Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources H.E. Carmen do Sacramento Neto, 3rd Vice-President of the National Assembly, H.E. Raul Augusto Lima, H. E. António Jose da Silva, Rep - Secretary of State for Fisheries and Marine Resources, H. E Eugénio Adolfo Alves da Silva - Secretary of State for Higher Education, H. E Alice de Fátima Pinto de Ceita e Almeida - Secretary of State for Science, Technology & Innovation, H. E. Manuel André da Costa Canguezeze - Secretary of State for Urban and Housing, H. E Alcina Lopes da Cunha Kindanda - Secretary of State for Family & Promotion of Women, H.E Teresa Luís José Fernandes Quivienguele- Secretary of State for Territorial Administration, senior Angolan government officials including MiREX, Ambassadors and Diplomatic corps accredited to Angola, business persons, Media, prominent members of the Indian and Angolan community and friends of

India. Charge d' Affaires delivered the welcome address highlighting India's journey of progress, transformational development in the last decade 2014-2024 and our close bilateral ties with Angola. The event was attended by around 225 attendees.

The event included the lighting of lamp and cultural performances initiated with the Classical Kathak performed in the praise of Lord Rama by Mrs. Nandana Shivakumar, Embassy's dance teacher, followed by Classical Malayali Dance Thiruvadira kali (by a group of ladies from the Indian Community), traditional folk dance of Karnataka - Kolata (by Angolan students from the Embassy dance class), Rythmic Yoga performance (by Mr. Alberto Villar Lima, Embassy Yoga instructor and his students) and Bollywood fusion (performed by a group of Ladies from Indian community) showcasing India's rich cultural heritage and diversity. Indian delicacies were served at the event.

The Reception was covered in the local media as well as the local MoFA carried it on the social media pages of MIREX as per links given below:

https://www.jornaldeangola.ao/ao/noticias/tete-antonio-marca-presenca-nas-celebracoes-do-dia-da-india/

https://www.facebook.com/mirex.angola.oficial/posts/270087402762626

Some glimpses of the 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Celebrations are attached through the link below:

Facebook- https://www.facebook.com/indiainangola2019/posts/809950690938278 https://www.facebook.com/indiainangola2019/posts/810111744255506 Twitter- https://twitter.com/IndiainAngola/status/1751159315119968725 https://twitter.com/IndiainAngola/status/1751247587691155833

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