

**Embassy of India
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PRESS RELEASE

74th Republic Day of India

The 74th Republic Day of India was celebrated in the Embassy of India, Bangkok, on 26 January 2023, with usual fervour. The National Flag was unfurled by the Ambassador of India to Thailand, Sh. Nagesh Singh, followed by the Indian National Anthem. Ambassador addressed the gathering at the Embassy premises and read out the Hon'ble President's Address to the Nation, which among other things, highlighted the Government of India's initiative of ensuring food security for poor families in wake of the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic; the 'Gaganyaan' programme; India's Presidency of the Group of 20 nations; and India's emphasis on solar energy and electric vehicles with a view to popularising alternative sources of energy.

In his remarks, Ambassador highlighted the growth story of India which is inclusive with strong democracy. He underscored India's growing stature on the world stage and transformation of image in the recent years and its manifestation in India's Presidency of the G-20 and SCO. India has greater responsibility and role to play in the contemporary world. He also mentioned about the human experiment that India is going through in light of its 1.4 billion strong and diverse population and other peculiarities of the country.

Around 400 members of the Indian diaspora, various associations representing different parts of India, and friends of India, enthusiastically participated in the Republic Day celebration. A short cultural programme, curated by the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre of the Embassy of India, was also showcased during the event.

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