

Permanent Mission of India **Geneva**

The 67th Republic Day of India was celebrated by PMI, Geneva on 26th January 2016. Apart from a flag hoisting ceremony in the morning at India House, a grand Reception was organized in the evening at Hotel Intercontinental, Geneva. The Reception was jointly hosted by Ambassador/PR to the UN, Shri Ajit Kumar; Ambassador/PR to the WTO, Smt. Anjali Prasad; and Ambassador/PR to the CD, Shri D. B. Venkatesh Varma. Over 700 persons attended the Reception. The guests included Ambassadors and Permanent Representatives from various Permanent Missions based in Geneva; senior officials of the UN, its Specialized Agencies and other International Organizations; prominent members of the Indian community as well representatives of the local government authorities.

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the UN Shri Ajit Kumar delivered an address highlighting the country's recent socio-economic achievements with special focus on several new progressive initiatives of the government. Ambassador's address also contextualized the ongoing Indian development story that is a bright spot in a somewhat gloomy global economic scenario.

The event was highly successful with one of the largest attendance in any of the recent national day celebrations in Geneva. Apart from Indian classical music and a buffet dinner showcasing Indian cuisine, the Republic Day parade was replayed on a big screen for the viewing pleasure of the invitees. A gift bag containing tourism and yoga-related information on India, in both English and French, was also distributed amongst the guests.
