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## CELEBRATION OF THE 75th INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA

Embassy of India, Luanda celebrated the 75th Independence Day of India on August 15, with fervor, pride and enthusiasm. To mark the occasion, H.E Ms. Pratibha Parkar, Ambassador hoisted the National Flag at the Embassy with the physical presence of Embassy officials and Indian Diaspora. The flag-hoisting ceremony was followed by playing of National Anthem and reading of Hon'ble Rashtrapati Ji's Address to the Nation by Ambassador. The Indian community in Angola actively participated in the celebration. The cultural performances by Indian diaspora were greatly appreciated. Indian refreshment were also served to the guests. Approximately, 250 people attended the Independence Day event.

In the run-up to the National Day celebrations, Mission took several initiatives as per the guidelines of the Ministry. The Chancery building was lighted up from August 13-15 in tri-colours. A week long online quiz on official facebook page of the Mission was organized from August 09, 2021, which received enthusiastic participation of the community residing in Angola. Similarly, Mehndi and Painting Competition were also held as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsava on 7 August 2021. The Covid-19 related protocols were scrupulously followed throughout the event.

The Mission launched the ICCR's global digital Painting and Poster Making Competition to mark "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav" (AKAM) on August 15 and the cultural gala performance with EAM's message was also screened during the event.

The flag-hoisting and cultural performances by Indian Diaspora were telecasted live on Embassy's Facebook page.

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