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68th Republic Day celebrated in Indonesia

The 68th Republic Day was celebrated at the Embassy of India in Jakarta, the Consulate General of India in Bali and the Consulate General of India in Medan with traditional gaiety and fervour. Mr. Manish, Deputy Chief of Mission, hoisted the National Flag at the Embassy premises as large gathering of Indian nationals and members of Indian diaspora watched with pride and joy. Similar ceremonies took place at the Indian Consulates in Bali and Medan.

The President's address to the nation on the eve of Republic Day was read out by the Deputy Chief of Mission in Jakarta and the Consuls General in Bali and Medan. President's address touched upon several issues such as inclusive innovation; rapidly evolving science and technology and need for education system to evolve with it; good performance of Indian economy; demonetization; aspirations of youth; employment generation; pluralism and tolerance; and public welfare. The President's address emphasized importance of strong democratic institutions in ensuring stability in India. It highlighted various flagship programs of government such as Swachh Bharat Mission, MGNREGA, Aadhaar, Digital India, Atal Innovation Mission and Skill India and noted that these programs have been designed to promote well-being of the society. President's speech exhorted people of India to work harder to overcome poverty, unemployment and terrorism and to ensure pluralist culture and tolerance.

Nearly 300 members of the Indian community, Persons of Indian Origin and Friends of India participated in the ceremony. About 80 school children from three Indian schools - Gandhi Memorial International School, the Rama International School and Texmaco DPS School - sang the National Anthem and patriotic songs. The students of Jawaharlal Nehru Cultural Centre (JNICC) also performed patriotic songs and a dance on the occasion.

Later, Deputy Chief of Mission interacted with members of Indian community to ascertain their welfare and gave a broad overview of various functions scheduled to be held in future by the Mission. A sumptuous feast of Indian food delicacies was served to the vast gathering.



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