

## Embassy of India Luanda

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## CELEBRATION OF THE 74<sup>th</sup> REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA

Embassy of India, Luanda celebrated the 74th Republic Day of India on January 26, 2023 with fervor and enthusiasm at Embassy premises. The Chancery building was illuminated with tri-colours on the eve of National Day.

To mark the occasion, H.E. Mrs. Pratibha Parkar, Ambassador hoisted the National Flag at Chancery Premises with the physical presence of India-based officers / officials with their family members, local staff, Indian nationals and friends of India. 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. She also took to the occasion to address the Indian nationals/NRIs/Indian diaspora and briefed them about the various initiatives/welfare schemes of the GOI. The celebration go further with cultural performances that showcased the Unity in Diversity with beautiful patriotic songs and speeches by Indian Diaspora. The programme ended with the distribution of the prize by the Ambassador to the winners of the 'Painting & Poem writing Competitions' held during Swachhata Pakhawada initiative by Embassy from 1st to 15th January 2023. Indian refreshment were also served to the guests.

In the evening, H.E. Ambassador Mrs. Pratibha Parkar hosted a reception on this occasion at Chancery premises. H.E. Ambassador Téte António, Foreign Minister of Angola graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and H.E. Ms. Palmira Leitão Barbosa, Minister of Youth and Sports of Republic of Angola graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor. Around 200 high dignitaries from the various Ministries of the Republic of Angola, Diplomatic Corps and distinguished members of the Indian diaspora attended and graced the occasion including Secretary Of State For Public Health HE Carlos Alberto Pinto De Sousa, Secretary Of State For Science, Technology And Innovation HE Alice De Fátima Pinto De Ceita E Almeida, Secretary Of State For Tourism HE Helder Jonas Leonardo Marcelino, Secretary Of

State For Labor And Social Security HE Pedro José Filipe.. The components of the event included lighting of lamp, speech by Ambassador and cultural performances.

Ambassador in her welcome address, presented an overview of our bilateral relations and highlighted the achievements of India in last 75 years of Independence in the context of Amrit Mahotsav. The distinguished guests were served Indian food in the end of the programme.

- 5. An article penned by Ambassador on the Republic day 2023 was published in the local media highlighting India's achievements in the last seventy five years. The article may kindly be accessed at <a href="https://www.angop.ao/noticias/economia/relacoes-comerciais-entre-angola-e-a-india-avaliadas-em-1.5-trilioes-kwanzas/">https://www.angop.ao/noticias/economia/relacoes-comerciais-entre-angola-e-a-india-avaliadas-em-1.5-trilioes-kwanzas/</a>.
- 6. The Embassy regularly update its social media platforms. You may visit to have info regarding upcoming events and glimpses of several event organized by Embassy.

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