

**Embassy of India**

**Thimphu**

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**Press Release**

**77th Republic Day of India in Bhutan**

The 77th Republic Day of India was celebrated with enthusiasm at a ceremony held at India House on 26 January 2026. Ambassador of India to Bhutan Shri Sandeep Arya unfurled the tricolor at the India House, which was followed by the National Anthem.

2. The Ambassador read out the President's Address to the Nation delivered on the eve of Republic Day, referring to India's achievements, progress and national initiatives towards the future. The address emphasised the uniqueness of our Constitution and motivated every citizen to reaffirm their commitment to strengthening democracy, upholding constitutional ideals and building a *Viksit Bharat*.

3. The ceremony was followed by a tribute to the timeless song *Vande Mataram*, through a cultural performance showcasing the songs and dance movements from the North, the South, the East, and the West of India represented by Bhangra, Bihu, classical fusion and Garba. It was followed by a musical performance by a visiting cultural group supported by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations, led by Dr. Jyotsna Srikanth, a renowned Carnatic Music violinist.

4. The ceremony was graced by distinguished representatives from the Royal Government of Bhutan, including Dasho Ugyen K Namgyel, Gyalpoi Zimpon to His Majesty, the King of Bhutan along with the Cabinet Secretary Aum Kesang Deki, Foreign Secretary Dasho Pema Lekup Dorji and the Chief of Protocol Ugen Chuzom, demonstrating the close ties between the two nations. Hundreds of Indian nationals also attended the colourful celebrations. The event witnessed participation from over 300 guests, including members of the Indian community and friends of India in Bhutan.

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Thimphu, 26 January 2026