

**Consulate General of India
Phuentsholing**

**Press Release: Republic Day celebrations at India House, Phuentsholing
on January 26, 2019**

The 70th Republic Day of India was observed with a ceremonial function on January 26, 2019 at the premises of India House (Guest House of CGI), Phuentsholing. The National Flag was unfurled by Consul General, Shri Ashish Middha, followed by playing of the National Anthem. The Consul General read out the President's Address to the Nation. On the eve of Republic Day, a reception was hosted by Consul General at his residence in Kabreytar, Phuentsholing on January 25, 2019.

Dasho Tashi Penjore, Director (Law & Order) and Dasho Minjur Dorji, Dzongdag of Chhukha Dzongkhag represented the Royal Government of Bhutan apart from other prominent Bhutanese dignitaries, Office bearers and members of Bhutan-India Friendship Association (BIFA) including Mr. Thinley Dorji Gundu, Secretary General, were present at the ceremony.

The flag hoisting ceremony was attended by officers and family members of the Indian Consulate, officers and other ranks of the Indian Military Training Team, Project DANTAK, Indians on deputation with the Royal Bhutanese Government, representatives from Public Sector Units and other members of the Indian community based in Phuentsholing and across the border in Jaigaon. Over 400 members of the Indian community were present at the ceremony.

The flag hoisting ceremony was followed by a variety of cultural performances by children from Schools in Jaigaon and members of Phuentsholing Youth Center, befitting to the occasion.

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