

**Consulate General of India
Phuentsholing**

PRESS RELEASE

Celebrations of 77th Independence Day of India at Phuentsholing, Bhutan

The 77th Independence Day of India was celebrated at the Consulate General of India, Phuentsholing (Chancery premises) today with patriotic fervour, pride and traditional enthusiasm. The National Flag was hoisted by Consul General, followed by National Anthem. Consul General read out the President's Address to the Nation.

2. Flag hoisting ceremony was attended by Dasho Thinley Dorji, General Secretary, Bhutan-India Friendship Association (Phuntsholing Chapter) and member of Privy Council, Dasho Tenzin Chopel, Dzongdag, Chukha Dzongkhag, Dasho Uttar Kumar Rai, Thrompon, Phuentsholing Thromde; officers of Royal Government of Bhutan, Royal Bhutan Police, DANTAK& IMTRAT; friends of India and members of Indian Community. Around 200 people attended the function.

3. The highlight of the colourful cultural programme was patriotic dance drama and patriotic songs by Samir Dance Academy, Yogi Dance Studio and Sunday jam (Jaigaon-based dance studios and musical band). The programme was celebrated in a solemn and dignified demeanour biffiting the occasion.

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