

**Consulate General of India
Phuentsholing**

PRESS RELEASE

Celebrations of the 75th Republic Day of India at Phuentsholing, Bhutan

The 75th Republic Day of India was celebrated with patriotic fervour, pride and traditional enthusiasm at a ceremony held in the morning of 26 January, 2024 at the Consulate General of India, Phuentsholing (Chancery premises). The National Flag was unfurled by Consul General, followed by National Anthem. Consul General read out the President's Address to the Nation.

2. Dasho Uttar Kumar Rai, Thrompon, Phuentsholing, Dasho Karma Jurmi, Sr. Dungpa, Phuentsholing Dungkha, officers of Royal Government of Bhutan, DANTAK & IMTRAT, business leaders and prominent persons from Phuentsholing, friends of India and members of Indian community attended the function.

3. Enthusiastic children from Samir Dance Academy (a Jaigaon based dance academy), member of Indian community and Sunday Jam (a Jaigaon based musical band) presented a cultural programme consisting of classical/patriotic dances and patriotic songs. The programme was celebrated in a solemn and dignified demeanour befitting the occasion.

4. Republic Day Reception was held in the evening of January 26, 2024 at the courtyard of Hotel Druk, Phuentsholing in the splendid backdrop of tricolour lighting and decorations. The programme began with the traditional lighting of the lamp, playing of national anthems of Bhutan & India and followed by welcome speech by Consul General. A musical programme consisting of patriotic and bollywood songs by 'Sunday Jam Band' enthralled the audience.

5. Dasho Minjur Dorji, Dzongda, Samtse Dzongkhag, Dasho Uttar Kumar Rai, Thrompon, Phuentsholing, Dasho Karma Jurmi, Sr. Dungpa, Phuentsholing, officers of Royal Government of Bhutan, DANTAK & IMTRAT, business leaders and prominent persons from Phuentsholing and Jaigaon attended the reception.

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