

**Embassy of India
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PRESS RELEASE

On January 26, India's 65th Republic Day, H.E. Ambassador of India in Tripoli, Mr. Anil Trigunayat hoisted the national flag at India House in the presence of a large number of Indian community members, local media persons and Embassy officials and read out the message of Hon'ble President of India which was followed by the patriotic songs sung by the students of Indian Community School in Tripoli.

Later in the evening, Ambassador hosted a reception at Corinthia Hotel which was attended by a large number of Libyans including local dignitaries, diplomats, media persons and the prominent members of Indian community based in Tripoli. Prominent among the Libyan dignitaries who attended the function, were HE, Mr. Osama Abdurauf Siala, Minister of Communications and Informatics, HE, Abdul Razaq Al-Garady and HE, Mrs. Wafa Bugaighis Dy. Ministers of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. As the Chief Guest in the event Mr. Al- Garady highlighted the strengthening of bilateral relations and appreciated India's role in the development of New Libya.

Speaking on the occasion Ambassador explained the relevance of this day when the Indian Constitution came into force in 1950 describing it as a model and dynamic constitution drawn from the best in the world and assured that India is ready to extend whatever assistance required by its Libyan friends for further strengthening democracy in Libya.

Regarding bilateral relations Ambassador said that India and Libya shared rich heritage and a historical and civilization relationship both at the political and commercial as well as people to people level. India had engaged with the NTC from the very beginning and extended material support and funding bilaterally and through the UN agencies. Since human resource development and capacity building is India's strength it would be happy to give more scholarships and establish Vocational Training Centers and Centers of Excellence both in the bilateral and Pan-African context. Ambassador indicated that in order to further explore the potentials in the two countries some ministerial and official level visits are expected to be made from the Libyan side in near future and a number of Indian business delegations are likely to visit Libya in the next few months.