## Consulate General of India Jeddah (PIC Wing) \*\*\*

Date: 27 January 2025

## **Press Release:** Consulate General of India, Jeddah hosts 76<sup>th</sup> Republic Day Reception

Consulate General of India, Jeddah, hosted the 76th Republic Day Reception in Park Hyatt Jeddah on 26th January 2025. Director General (DG), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Makkah Al Mukarramah Region Branch, His Excellency Mr. Fareed bin Saad Al-Shehri graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. His Excellency the Deputy Minister for International Cooperation in the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah also attended the event as a Guest of Honour.

- 2. During his address, Consul General His Excellency Shri Fahad Ahmed Khan Suri, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to The Custodian of The Two Holy Mosques, King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and His Royal Highness Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince and Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for their continued support in advancing the deep and lasting partnership between India and Saudi Arabia.
- 3. Consul General congratulated the Kingdom for the successful Hajj and Umrah exhibitions in 2025 and expressed his deep gratitude to the Saudi Ministry of Hajj and Umrah for their excellent cooperation in preparation for Hajj 2025. He also extended thanks to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Jawazat, and other Saudi agencies, whose unwavering support has been instrumental in enhancing the welfare of the Indian community here.
- 4. Consul General, in his address, also highlighted the role of 2.5 million Indian diaspora members in acting as a living bridge between India and Saudi Arabia and in strengthening the bonds of friendship between the two countries.
- 5. Carrying forward the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi's flagship "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" programme, encouraging environmental

responsibility, a symbolic watering of Neem tree was carried out by Consul General, DG MoFA and other members of the diplomatic community.

6. Talented young Indian artists presented various cultural performances. The reception was well attended by distinguished members of the Diplomatic Corps, the Saudi business community, members of Indian Community and friends of India in the Western Region of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

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Photos- 7<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India Reception hosted by the Consulate General of India, Jeddah















