



## **Press Release**

### **Celebration of the 77th Republic Day of India in The Hague**

The 77th Republic Day of India was celebrated with great enthusiasm at India House on the morning of 26 January 2026. Ambassador Shri Kumar Tuhin unfurled the National Flag, followed by the rendition of the National Anthem and the reading of the Hon'ble President of India's Address to the Nation. More than 250 members of the Indian diaspora and friends of India attended the event.

The programme concluded with members of the Indian diaspora singing *Vande Mataram*, commemorating 150 years of this iconic national song.

A Republic Day Reception was also hosted on the evening of 26 January 2026. The Chief Guest for the evening was H.E. Mr. David van Weel, Minister of Foreign Affairs. The reception was attended by senior Dutch officials, diplomats, Members of Parliament, Heads of International Organizations, and members of the Indian community. The event featured India tourism displays as well as cultural dance performances of Bharatanatyam and Kathak.

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