

**High Commission of India
Windhoek**

Press Release

75th Republic Day of India celebrated with Dignitaries & Guests in Namibia

The National Day Reception to mark India's 75th Republic Day hosted by the High Commission of India in Windhoek on 26 January 2024 had witnessed an impressive attendance with guests from all walks of life.

2. Honorable Jenelly Matundu, Deputy Minister for International Relations and Cooperation graced the occasion as the Chief Guest representing the Government of the Republic of Namibia. The distinguished honored guests included Honorable Prof. Peter Katjavivi, Speaker of the National Assembly. Their Worship Mayors of different cities, Executive Directors and Senior Authorities from several Ministries and organizations, Members of Diplomatic corps, Members of industry, academics, think tanks, media and Indian community were among those who joined the Reception.

3. Hon. Jenelly Matundu and Mrs. Hema Mandarapu inaugurated the event by lighting a traditional lamp as a symbol of enduring friendship and cooperation. Welcoming the gathering, His Excellency Mandarapu Subbarayudu, High Commissioner of India highlighted the significance of Republic Day, rapid strides made by India in its more than seven decades of journey as a modern nation and republic, and certain recent milestones of bilateral partnership with Namibia. Founded on shared democratic tradition and values as also mutual support and solidarity, the ties between India and Namibia have been getting stronger in various sectors of focus, including trade & business, capacity building & skill development, people-to- people contacts & culture etc.

4. In her address, the Chief Guest Honorable Jenelly Matundu extended warm greetings to the people and Government of India on behalf of the people and Government of Namibia, and underlined the strong and vibrant partnership the two countries enjoy. She highlighted how India has been instrumental in promoting reforms in the global political and economic order.

5. The guests were treated to a scintillating cultural programme showcasing the rich cultural heritage, tradition, touristic attractions of the Incredible India.

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