The 70th Independence Day of India was celebrated with a variety of cultural performances by the Bandar Seri Begawan Indian Association (BSBIA) on Sunday, 21 August 2016. High Commissioner, Mrs Nagma M Mallick, inaugurated the celebration by lighting the ceremonial lamp along with Dr Sundrapandi, President of BSBIA; Mr N M Mubarak, General Secretary of BSBIA; Mr Pehin Mahdini, President of Brunei India Friendship Association (BIFA); and Mr Pierre Imhof, CEO of Baiduri Bank. Young members of the Indian community in Brunei put up a scintillating three hours cultural performance with popular and folk dances drawn from different parts of the country. High Commissioner, in her speech, spoke on the many achievements India has made which is a cause to be proud of on her 70th Independence Day. She then touched upon some of the important initiatives launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi over the last two years and how they were producing visible results for the people and the economy. Lastly, she touched upon Government of India’s initiatives for Indian citizens abroad and persons of Indian origin. She also expressed her appreciation for the efforts made by the BSBIA in organizing
activities integrated with the local community of Brunei. The ceremony was concluded by singing of the Indian National Anthem.
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