

**High Commission of India
Abuja**

Celebration of the 70th Republic Day of India

Flag hoisting on 26 January 2019

The 70th Republic Day of India was celebrated with traditional gaiety and fervour in the premises of the High Commission, Abuja in the morning of 26 January 2019.

2. After the hoisting of the National Flag and singing of the National Anthem, High Commissioner Shri Abhay Thakur read out the address of the Hon'ble President of India to the Nation.
3. The solemn Flag-hoisting function also involved singing of patriotic songs by children and elders of the Indian Cultural Association (ICA) and Indian Women's Association (IWA) of Abuja.
4. The event was attended by more than 200 members of the Indian Community. All leading Indian Associations including ICA, IWA and State Associations were represented at the function. Members of Indian Business Community and Representatives of ASSOCHAM Chapter of Nigeria were also present on the occasion.

National Day reception on 25 January 2019.

5. The National Day reception was hosted by the High Commissioner on the evening of 25 January 2019. After the playing of the National Anthems of India and Nigeria, a short video on "Make in India" initiative of the Government of India was screened. A yoga performance on the "Common Yoga Protocol" was done by the Nigerian students of the Yoga classes, that are being conducted by the Mission.
6. High Commissioner Shri Abhay Thakur addressed the august gathering, followed by Mr. Nura Rimi, Director (Asia-Pacific Division), representative of the Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria.
7. Around 450 members of the diplomatic corps, prominent dignitaries of the Federal and State Governments of Nigeria including the Chief Justice of FCT, First Lady of Kaduna State and Indian community attended the National Day reception.

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A. Photographs of the National Day Reception 25 January 2019



Shri Abhay Thakur, High Commissioner receiving H.E. Mr. Nura Rimi, Director (Asia-Pacific division), representative of the Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria



Students of the Yoga classes that are being conducted by the High Commission, performing yoga during the National day reception.



High Commissioner Shri Abhay Thakur, Dr. Mrs. Surabhi Thakur, Deputy High Commissioner Shri Subhash Chand and his spouse, and Defence Adviser Col. Sachin Dubey receiving the guests.



High Commissioner Shri Abhay Thakur receiving the Director General of Defence Research Development Bureau (DRDB) of Nigeria AVM O.J. Osahor.



High Commissioner Shri Abhay Thakur addressing the distinguished gathering during the National Day reception.



H.E. Mr. Nura Rimi, Director (Asia-Pacific division), representative of the Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria addressing the distinguished gathering during the National day reception.

B. Photographs of the Flag Hoisting Ceremony on 26 January 2019



High Commissioner Shri Abhay Thakur unfurling the National Tricolour on the occasion of the 70th Republic day of India.



High Commissioner Shri Abhay Thakur reading out the address to the nation, by the Hon'ble President of India.



More than 200 members of the Indian community in Abuja, attended the flag hoisting ceremony in the High Commission, on the occasion of the 70th Republic Day of India.



Children and members of the Indian Cultural Association (ICA), Abuja singing patriotic songs on the occasion of the 70th Republic Day of India.



Members of the Indian Women's Association (IWA), Abuja singing patriotic songs on the occasion of the 70th Republic Day of India.
