Celebration of 71st Republic day of India in Djibouti

The newly established Embassy of India hosted a reception in the evening of 25th January 2020 on the eve of 71st Republic Day of India at Hotel Sheraton in Djibouti.

H.E. Mr. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf Hon'ble Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation was the chief Guest. Over 125 people including Secretary General of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International cooperation, Ambassadors and members of diplomatic corps, representatives of international organisations, senior government and military officials, representatives of business community and officers of INS SUMEDHA along with members of Indian Community attended the reception.

Ambassador of India H.E. Mr. Ashok Kumar addressed the gathering and thanked the chief Guest and the other distinguished guests. Ambassador also thanked the Government of the Republic of Djibouti and facilitation of early establishment of the mission. H.E. Mahamoud Ali Youssouf congratulated on the first National day Celebration by the Embassy of India and hoped that bilateral relations between our two countries will further strengthen with the opening of the resident mission of India.

The Flag Hoisting Ceremony on the occasion of 71st Republic Day was organized by the Embassy in the Chancery at 9 A.M. Navy Officers of INS SUMEDHA, which was on a port call to Djibouti, performed Colours Guard Ceremony. The cadets of

INS SUMEDHA presented the Guard of Honour. Ambassador H.E. Mr. Ashok Kumar unfurled the National Flag and read the President's address to the gathering. Members of Indian Community recited patriotic poems and sang patriotic songs.

Visits to INS SUMEDHA were organized. Some prominent Djiboutian defence officials, media and members of India community visited the ship.

In the afternoon, the Embassy in collaboration with Ministry of Health and Peltier Hospital, organized a blood donation camp at the Peltier Hospital. About 50 cadets and Officers of INS SUMEDHA, Embassy officials and members of Indian Community donated blood, which was highly acknowledged by the Djiboutian side.