

**Embassy of India  
Bangkok**

**Press Release**

**Independence Day 2013 celebrations**

Independence Day was celebrated this morning in Bangkok with traditional enthusiasm. Ambassador Anil Wadhwa unfurled the national tricolour at the Embassy premises and the National Anthem and patriotic songs were sung. The Ambassador read out the President's Address to the Nation. Texts of the Address in Hindi and English were distributed. Various Indian associations and children from Indian schools collaborated to put up a cultural performance and ICCR sponsored 'Tawang Snow Lion Dance' Group also performed on the occasion. Around 500 people including members of the Indian community and the Mission together with their families and friends of India among Thai nationals attended the function.

2. The Indian Embassy in Bangkok in collaboration with Siam Paragon shopping mall is organizing "Incredible India Week" from 15-18 August 2013. The event will showcase the finest traditions of Indian arts, handicrafts, textiles, jewellery and accessories. A special 'Royal Fables' exhibition from the Royal families of Rajasthan will also be displayed. The 'Tawang Snow Lions' dance and Bharatnatyam performance by noted exponent Meenakshi Srinivasan, as well as fashion show by leading Indian designers Vikram Phadnis and Joy Mitra are main attraction of the week. Several local dignitaries, members of the diplomatic corps, media, and a wide cross-section of the Thai society and representatives of the Indian community are expected to attend the opening ceremony today evening.

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