## Embassy of India Djibouti

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## Press Release

## **Celebration of 74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of the Republic of India**

The Embassy of India, Djibouti celebrated the  $74^{th}$  Independence Day on  $15^{th}$  August 2020 with the zeal and enthusiasm.

Ambassador Shri Ashok Kumar unfurled the National Flag and followed with singing of National Anthem. The Ambassador also read the address of the Hon'ble President of India Shri Ramnath Kovind, which he delivered to the Nation on the eve of Independence Day. About 40 persons attended the flag hoisting ceremony.



Ambassador accompanied by Ms. Hayat Moussa Okieh from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Government of Djibouti planted the saplings of local trees to mark their participation of Government of Djibouti's "Green Djibouti" drive.



The Mission also focused on utilization of social media platforms for a wider reach of the celebrations. An Online Quiz Contest was organised on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2020. Few members of the Indian as well as Djiboutian community were invited to share their experiences regarding India – Djibouti bilateral relation and the video bytes of their experiences were uploaded on Mission's social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube etc. <u>https://www.eoidjibouti.gov.in/etourist-visa.php</u>

An Indian Navy ship "INS Trikand" also made a port call on 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> August at Djibouti Port. Representatives from radio and T.V. channels, RTD, Djib-Liv along with newspaper covered the celebration.





While celebrating the National Day, the Mission adhered to the safety measures and protocols, keeping in view of worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

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