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**Press release**

**70th Independence Day celebrations in Kuwait**

Despite extremely hot summer, approximately 3,000 Indian nationals joyously participated in the 70th Independence Day celebrations at the Indian Embassy premises. The function started with the unfurling of the tri-colour National Flag by Ambassador Sunil Jain and the singing of the National Anthem. Thereafter, Ambassador read out Hon’ble President’s Address to the Nation. The Bohra Community band played a variety of marching tunes to the delight of the assembled gathering. The cultural programme concluded with the singing of patriotic songs which were sung by various Indian Cultural Academies and Indian Associations based in Kuwait.

2. Kuwait has about 9 lakh Indian nationals, working as businesspersons, doctors, engineers, chartered accountants, technicians in oil & gas sector, construction workers, nurses and domestic workers, etc. They participated in the Independence Day celebrations with great joy and enthusiasm, reflecting India’s rich ethnic, linguistic, religious and cultural diversity.

3. Ambassador emphasized that the relations between the two countries have been historically close, warm and friendly, and commended the contribution of the Indian community in Kuwait’s socio-economic development. On this auspicious occasion, he extended his warm greetings to the members of the Royal Family and to all members of the Indian community in Kuwait. The Ambassador highlighted several measures taken by the Embassy for the welfare of the community.

4. Hot chhole parathe, gulab jamuns, tea, juice and mineral water were served to all those present.

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