

Embassy of India
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Press Release: Embassy of India, Bratislava Celebrates 80th Independence Day of India

Bratislava, 15 August 2026: The Embassy of India in Bratislava celebrated the 80th Independence Day of India with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm, bringing together more than 200 members of the Indian community, friends of India and Embassy officials for a vibrant celebration of India's national day.

The celebrations commenced with a soulful **rendition of "Vande Mataram"**, setting a patriotic tone for the occasion. This was followed by the hoisting of the National Flag by Mr. Santanu Kumar Singh, Charge d'Affaires a.i. of the Embassy of India, Bratislava and the singing of the National Anthem.

Mr. Santanu Kumar Singh, Charge d'Affaires a.i. addressed the gathering thereafter and read out the President of India's address to the nation.

The programme featured a colourful cultural performance on an Indian patriotic song, showcasing India's rich cultural heritage and the spirit of national pride. The performance was warmly appreciated by the gathering and added to the festive atmosphere of the celebrations.

An important part of the programme was the felicitation of participants and winners of various competitions organised by the Embassy on the occasion of Independence Day. Appreciation certificates and gifts were presented to the winners and participants of the **"India through My Lens" Photography**

Competition, the Painting Competition for children, and the “Bharat Ko Janiye” Quiz. The competitions provided an opportunity for participants, particularly children and members of the Indian community, to express their creativity and deepen their engagement with India’s history, culture and heritage.

The celebrations witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large gathering of members of the Indian community and friends of India in Slovakia. The presence of children and families added a special warmth to the occasion, reflecting the strong bonds between the Indian community and the Embassy.

The event concluded on a celebratory note, with participants joining together to commemorate India’s journey as a proud, vibrant and diverse nation and to reaffirm their connection with the values and ideals embodied by the Indian tricolour.

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