

69th Republic Day celebration at Consulate General of India, Jeddah

The 69th Republic Day of India was celebrated by the Consulate General of India, Jeddah on 26th January, 2018. Md. Noor Rahman Sheikh, Consul General of India hoisted the Indian National Flag. He read out the Hon'ble President of India's address to the nation.

In his address to the audience, he referred to the excerpts of the President's address to the Nation on the eve of Republic Day. He also urged them to uphold the values and principles enshrined in the Constitution of India.

Saudi Yogacharinie **Ms. Nouf Marwaai** who was awarded Padma Shri (announced on 25th January 2018) as "The face of Yoga revolution in Saudi Arabia" was also present on the occasion. The Consul General also praised her outstanding efforts in getting Yoga recognized in Saudi Arabia.

The flag hoisting ceremony was attended by about 700 members of Indian diaspora and friends of India.

Consul General of India, Jeddah – Md. Noor Rahman Sheikh, also hosted a Reception at Park Hyatt Hotel, Jeddah on the occasion of 69th Republic Day of India in the evening of 27 January, 2018. H.E. Ambassador Jamal Bakar Balkhayoor, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Makkah Mukarramah Region, Jeddah was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Padma Shri Yogacharinie Ms. Nouf Marwaai from Jeddah was also present. The Reception was attended by Senior Saudi officials, Consuls General of several countries including Bahrain, Bangladesh, China, Egypt, France, Germany, Iraq, Lebanon, Malaysia, Nepal, Palestine, Thailand, UK, USA, Yemen, etc, Foreign Diplomats and Members of Indian Community. Manipuri Thang-Ta (Sword and Spear) Dance Troupe gave an enthralling performance.