

## **CELEBRATIONS OF THE 75<sup>th</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY OF INDIA**

The High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur celebrated the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day in the morning of 15 August 2021 (Sunday) with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour. The celebrations, held at India House, commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by the Charge d' Affairs, Dr. Varun Jeph, followed by singing of the National Anthem.

**2.** This year event was celebrated in compliance with the prescribed Movement Control Order (MCO) and SOPs due to prevailing COVID situation in Malaysia. Charge d' Affairs, thereafter, read out excerpts from the Hon'ble President of India's Address to the nation on the eve of the 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of India. In his address, Dr. Varun Jeph greeted the Indian community in Malaysia on this momentous occasion and wished them the best of health.

**3.** To mark the occasion, a brief cultural programme was organised virtually through online platform. The Carnatic Vocal Teacher of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre (NSCBICC) rendered mesmerizing 'Bharat Mata' song. The virtual performance also included a musical patriotic video presentation by the Vocal teacher and Kathak dance teacher and students of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre and followed by a Odissi dance performance by senior student of NSCBICC.

**4.** As a part of the celebration, Charge d' Affairs planted a sampling of (Ashoka tree) in the premises of India House.

**5.** The ceremony was attended by officials of the High Commission while observing the physical distancing norms. The Indian Community and friends of India in Malaysia joined the event virtually through the High Commission's website and social media platform in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.

**6.** The proceedings of the celebrations and cultural programmes are available on the official website of the Mission ([www.hcicl.gov.in](http://www.hcicl.gov.in)) and social media platforms of the High Commission.

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