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<u>Celebrations of the 71st Republic Day of India at the Embassy of India,</u> <u>Tashkent</u>

The 71st Republic Day of India was celebrated in presence of large gathering of Indian community and friends of India including Uzbek nationals on 26 January at the Embassy of India in Tashkent.

Celebrations started by hoisting of the National Flag by Ambassador Santosh Jha, followed by singing of the National Anthem. Ambassador of India addressed the gathering and read out the address of the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind to the Nation.

Cultural performances, including Indian classical dance and music were presented by the Uzbek students of Lal Bahadur Shastri Centre for Indian Culture in Tashkent.

The celebration was attended by around 300 Uzbekistan based Non-Resident Indians, Uzbek Indologists and friends of India including the Embassy's staff and their family members.
