

**Embassy of India
Monrovia**

Press Release

**Embassy of India in Liberia Celebrates 77th Republic Day of India
with Large Participation**

Embassy of India, Monrovia celebrated the 77th Republic Day of India in the morning of 26 January 2026 at the Embassy premises, with a large gathering of members of the Indian community, their families and Liberian friends of India.

The celebrations commenced with the unfurling of the Indian National Flag by the Ambassador of India to Liberia, H.E. Manoj Bihari Verma, followed by the reading out of the Address to the Nation by the Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu, by the Ambassador.

Addressing the gathering, the Ambassador expressed his happiness over the strong participation and stated, "I am very happy to see such a large turnout today, reflecting the close bonds between the people of India and Liberia. Republic Day is a moment to reaffirm our commitment to the values of democracy, unity, and progress."

The Ambassador further highlighted the growing cultural engagement between the two countries, noting that "the presence of a Liberian cultural group performing today, and later traveling to India for the Surajkund International Arts and Crafts Mela, is a proud symbol of our deepening people-to-people ties."

One of the highlights of the celebration was a representative cultural presentation by a 15-member Liberian troupe, led by the Art and Culture Ambassador of Liberia, Mr. Kekura M. Kamara, popularly known as *Malawala Balawala*. The performance highlighted Liberian cultural heritage and offered a preview of the larger showcase that will take place at the Surajkund International Arts and Crafts Mela in India.

Mr. Kamara is widely recognized as the lead character of a popular television series from the 1980s, which became a household name in Liberia and several countries in the region. The troupe will be traveling to India later this week to participate in the annual Surajkund International

Arts and Crafts Mela in Surajkund, Haryana, scheduled from 31 January to 15 February 2026.

A special collective rendition of India's national song *Vande Mataram*, led by students, marked the occasion, as India is commemorating 150 years of this iconic national song. The programme also featured patriotic songs by students, dance performances, poetry recitations by students and members of the Indian community and other cultural presentations.

The event concluded in a warm and festive atmosphere, showcasing the spirit of friendship, cultural exchange, and mutual respect between India and Liberia.

Republic Day is celebrated annually on 26 January to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India in 1950, marking India's transition into a sovereign democratic republic. The day symbolizes the country's commitment to justice, liberty, equality, and fraternity; and is observed with pride by Indians across the world.

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