

Permanent Mission of India  
New York  
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## **Press Release**

### Celebration of the 77<sup>th</sup> Republic Day in New York

The Permanent Mission of India organized a Republic Day Reception on 26 January 2026, commemorating the adoption of the Constitution of India and reaffirming enduring commitment to democracy, constitutional values, and inclusive progress.

2. Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni, Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations, addressed the gathering and reflected on the stature of the Constitution as the bedrock of India's democratic journey. He underscored that the values enshrined in the Constitution justice, equality, secularism, and the rule of law continue to guide India's domestic governance as well as its engagement with the international community. He also highlighted India's commitment to multilateralism and its constructive role in addressing global challenges.

3. Marking the 150th anniversary of the national song, "Vande Mataram", the reception featured a special rendition by Ms. Chandrika Tandon, Grammy Award winning singer, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. The cultural programme also featured Kazakh Bharatanatyam dancers, Ms. Tatyana Popova and Mr. Damir Tasmagambetov. These special performances highlighted India's rich and vibrant culture that builds bridges and strengthens the bonds of friendship between peoples.

4. The reception was attended by around 150 distinguished guests, including Permanent Representatives, Chargés d'Affaires, senior diplomats, UN officials, and members of the Indian diaspora, reflecting the strong goodwill and close engagement between India and the international community.

5. Earlier in the morning on 26 January 2026, Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni unfurled the National Flag of India and read excerpts from the address of the President of India.

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