Embassy of India

Mexico City

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<u>Celebration of India's 78th Independence Day</u>

- Mexico City, 15th August, 2024

The Embassy of India celebrated the 78th Independence Day of India with great fervor and enthusiasm. The celebration was attended by a large number of Indian diaspora members and friends from Mexico, reflecting the deep and growing ties between India and Mexico.

2.   Ambassador Pankaj Sharma commenced the official ceremony by hoisting the national flag, followed by singing of the national anthem and reading of the Hon'ble President of India's address to the nation.

3.   Ambassador Sharma, separately highlighted the importance of 'Plant4Mother' campaign launched by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi, and urged all the members of Indian diaspora and friends from Mexico to be a part of this initiative and plant a tree dedicated to their mothers. Ambassador, later, planted a tree on the Embassy premises, which would serve as a living reminder to our commitment to the environment and the enduring bond that we share with Mother Earth.

4.   The tree planting ceremony was followed by a cultural performance which beautifully showcased India's rich diversity and heritage. The celebrations served as a platform for fostering closer ties between the Indian and Mexican communities, reinforcing the values of freedom, democracy and mutual respect.

5.   In the evening, several iconic monuments in Mexico City including Angel de la Independencia, Government buildings in Zocalo, Monumento a la Revolucion and Fuente de Petroleos were illuminated in the Indian tricolor by the Government of Mexico city, symbolizing the enduring friendship between India and Mexico.