

**Embassy of India
Athens**

PRESS RELEASE

The 80th Independence Day of India was celebrated in Athens with a flag-hoisting ceremony on 15 August, 2026 in the Embassy premises. The ceremony was attended by a number of Indian diaspora members including students and friends of India.

2. The Ambassador of India to Greece, Shri Ravi Shankar, addressed the assembled gathering. On this auspicious occasion, the message delivered to the nation by the Honorable President of India on the eve of Independence Day was formally read aloud to the gathering.

3. To mark this momentous occasion, renowned Greek vocalist Mr. Konstantinos Kalaitzis performed a special rendition of "Vande Mataram," serving as a profound gesture of goodwill and enduring friendship toward the nation and people of India. Furthermore, certificates of appreciation were formally conferred upon the winners of the "Bharat Ko Janiye" Quiz.

4. A special "Vande Mataram & Incredible India" exhibition was also put on display, during the event.

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