



**High Commission of India
Windhoek**

Press Release

'India's Day with Windhoek'

The High Commission of India in Windhoek organised an event 'India's Day with Windhoek' in partnership with the City of Windhoek on Wednesday, 28 March 2018 from 1200 hrs to 2000 hrs at City Hall, Municipal Head Office, Windhoek.

2. A large number of dignitaries including His Excellency Mr. Kumar Tuhin, High Commissioner of India to Namibia, His Worship Hon. Muesee Kazapua, Mayor of the City of Windhoek, Senior officers of the City of Windhoek, senior Government functionaries, members of Diplomatic Corps, Press and members of Indian community attended the event.

3. The event started with the ribbon cutting and lighting of traditional Indian Lamp followed by the speeches by H.E. the High Commissioner of India and His Worship the Mayor. In his remarks, High Commissioner said that the aim behind organising this event was to increase awareness and promote understanding between the Governments and the peoples at State-City levels. All over the world, there is an increasing trend of devolution of power and decentralisation of decision-making. In India, the State Governments are playing an increasingly important role in interacting with foreign governments to attract investment and tourism. The State of Bihar was chosen for this event as this State contains some of the most ancient tourist sites in India, including Bodh Gaya where Lord Buddha attained enlightenment, Nalanda and Vikramashila - two ancient international universities where students from all corners of the globe came to study philosophy and religion, Vaishali – the place where seeds of democracy were first sown, and several other similar important places. He expressed hope that the event will provide a brief glimpse of culture, craft and cuisine from the State of Bihar which will lead to better understanding and cooperation at the local level between the two sides.

4. In his remarks, His Worship the Mayor of the City of Windhoek, Inter-alia conveyed his appreciation for the initiative taken by the High Commission of India in organising this event which will work to further cement the cordial relationship that exists between the two countries. According to him, the aim of the day was to promote awareness and cooperation at local government level between India and the City of Windhoek, through tourism, arts and culture. A dance performance by dancers from the College of Arts, Windhoek on Bollywood songs along with Namibian dance by local Namibian group, saree tying competition, Henna tattoos, Indian food and delicacies were the major attractions during the event.

A few photos of the events are enclosed.

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