

**Embassy of India
Asuncion**

80th Independence Day of India

The 80th Independence Day of India was celebrated on 15 August 2026 in the premises of the Embassy of India in Asuncion. Around 150 Members of Indian Diaspora and Friends of India enthusiastically participated in-person.

2. The event commenced with the singing of national song Vande Mataram. H.E. Ambassador Dr. Piyush Singh hoisted the Tricolour which was followed by singing of national anthem. Thereafter, Ambassador delivered a speech reading out the Address to the Nation by the Hon'ble President of India.

3. A cultural programme was organized as part of the 80th Independence Day celebrations in which Director General of Bilateral Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs H.E. Amb. Raúl Mariano Martínez Villalba participated as the Chief Guest. Cultural performances included dance performances on Vande Mataram and other patriotic songs, recitation of poems, and singing of patriotic songs. During the event, certificates were given to winners and participants of 'India Through My Lens' Photo Contest, 'Viksit Bharat 2047' Painting Competition, and Special Independence Day Edition of 'Bharat Ko Janiye' Quiz. Certificates of Recognition were also presented to Yoga teachers for their contribution in the celebration of the 12th International Day of Yoga 2026 across Paraguay. A Tiranga Exhibition was displayed and a Tiranga selfie point was also set up.

4. The Library of Embassy of India, Asuncion was jointly inaugurated by Ambassador H.E. Dr. Piyush Singh and Chief Guest H.E. Amb. Raúl Mariano Martínez Villalba. It may be recalled that the celebrated book "The India Way", authored by the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs of India, Dr. S. Jaishankar was assigned the first Call Number of the Library of the Embassy of India, Asuncion, as part of the celebration of the 135th Birth Anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar in Paraguay on 14 April 2026.

5. The 80th Independence Day celebration was also broadcast live for Members of Indian Diaspora and Friends of India who could not join in-person. Following the event, photos/videos were shared on the Embassy's social media accounts.

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