

Embassy of India

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Press Release

Celebrations of the states of Gujarat and Odisha- 08 June 2025

The Embassy of India in Mexico City, in collaboration with the Indian Association of Mexico, organized a vibrant celebration of the State Days of Gujarat and Odisha on 8 June 2025 at the Embassy premises. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the Indian diaspora and Mexican friends.

2. Ambassador Pankaj Sharma, in his opening remarks, highlighted the rich cultural heritage and economic dynamism of both states. He lauded Odisha for its spiritual depth, classical arts like Odissi, and emerging status as an industrial gateway. While commending Gujarat for its entrepreneurial spirit and world-class infrastructure, he recalled the legacy of the great iconic leaders from Gujarat like Mahatma Gandhi and Sardar Patel.

3. He also took a moment to solemnly remember the victims of the recent Pahalgam terror attack, underlining the national unity and resilience, as well as solidarity of the Indian diaspora.

4. Mr. Jyoti Ranjan Rout, President of the Indian Association of Mexico (IAM) thanked the Embassy of India for supporting IAM and the Government of India for the special initiatives to promote links with Indian diaspora abroad. A cultural segment ensued, featuring classical Odissi and energetic Dandiya-Kathak fusion dances, performed by artists from the Gurudev Tagore Indian Cultural Centre (GTICC). A number of video clips showcased the cultural, tourism and economic potential of both Gujarat and Odisha.

5. The program also included the recognition of winners from a Drawing Competition held to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. In addition, awards were presented for the Best Traditional Attire competition, adding color and joy to the evening.

6. A special segment featuring author Ms. Sadia Salam, who shared a precept from her inspiring life journey from the book 'The Courage to Begin Again', added emotional resonance to the occasion. The festivities concluded with a delightful spread of Indian cuisine, including popular snacks from Gujarat and Odisha served at food stalls on the Embassy lawn. The event received a wide appreciation from the people present as well as on social media.

Photos from the event:



