## High Commission of India Kuala Lumpur

## **Press Release – Constitution Day Celebrations 2022**

High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur celebrated the Constitution Day of India at the Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Indian Cultural Centre, (NSCBICC) Brickfields on 26 November 2022. Celebrations was part of AzadiKaAmritMahotsav which commemorates 75 years of India's Independence.

- 2. High Commissioner, Shri.B.N.Reddy presided over the event. Prof Dato' Dr.Rahmat bin Mohamad, Chairperson, Human Rights Commission (SUHAKAM), Malaysia was the Key Note speaker on the occasion.
- 3. In his inaugural address, the High Commissioner highlighted that India is the mother of democracy and also the largest democracy. He stressed on the role of the Constitution in India's socio-economic development and mentioned that democracy in India has thrived despitethe various challenges to it over the last 75 years. He also shared that the India-Malaysia relations are rooted in the democratic traditions anchored by the respective constitutions.
- 4. Speaking on the occasion, Prof Dato' Dr Rahmat Mohamad, drew similarities between the Constitution of India and Malaysia and also the importance of constitution in upholding human rights of people. He shared that judicial review plays an important role in preserving rights of individuals. He also mentioned that the society should come together in upholding the principles and ideals enshrined in our Constitution and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Prof Dato' applauded India's initiative of pioneering 'National Climate Policy' as a catalyst to protect the environment.
- 5. A two-minute animation video themed "India: Spirit of Freedom" commissioned by Ministry of External Affairs was screened on the occasion. The event was attended by persons from different walks of life, including members of the Bar Council and legal fraternity, members of the Malaysia-India Heritage Group, GOPIO Malaysia, Students from Indian International schools in Kuala Lumpur, members from the academia and community associations and members from the media.

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