

**Embassy of India
Paramaribo**

Press Release

Makar Sankranti Festival Celebration

The Embassy of India in Paramaribo celebrated the Makar Sankranti festival at the official residence (Bharat Bhavan) of the Ambassador this morning (14 January 2022).

The programme began with a Pooja to Suryadev (Sun God), set in the midst of beautiful rangolis (a traditional decoration on floor). This was followed by a distribution of sweet Pongal (a rice preparation) as Prasad (offering to God), a vegetarian lunch and a Kite flying. Ambassador Shankar Balachandran then presented prizes to Mrs.Sharmila Jayakumar, Mrs Shweta Shetty and Ms.Wirisha Girirajsingh, the winners of an online competition on Rangoli.

Over 50 people from the Indian diaspora, the visiting HAL Team including the Embassy officials and family members attended the event.

A few photographs of the event is enclosed.

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