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**PRESS RELEASE**

**MESSAGES OF FELICITATION FROM PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF INDIA ON THE OCCASION OF MAURITIAN NATIONAL DAY**

President of the Republic of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, has conveyed a message of felicitation on behalf of the people and Government of India to President of the Republic of Mauritius, H E Dr Ameenah Gurib-Fakim, on the occasion of the National Day of Mauritius.

In his message, President Mukherjee said that “March 12 is significant in the history of the political struggle of both our countries. It symbolises our shared commitment to the democratic principles of liberty, equality and fraternity. India and Mauritius enjoy a longstanding and special relationship based on our historical ties of kinship and shared cultural heritage. 2015 was a landmark year in this friendship. The important commitments and decisions concluded during this period have re-energized our cooperation and strengthened our close friendship.” He also warmly recalled the visit of President Dr Gurib-Fakim to India in December 2015. The full text of the message is enclosed at *Page 2*.

Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Shri Narendra Modi, has also conveyed his greetings to Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, H E the Rt. Hon. Sir Anerood Jugnauth on this special occasion. In his message, Prime Minister Modi fondly recalled his visit here last year, when he joined the people of Mauritius in the celebrations. He said that our wide ranging bilateral interaction has deepened and diversified over the years, and that India remains “committed to continue the joint efforts to achieve our goal for sustainable development, peace and prosperity in the world and in particular, in the Indian Ocean region. We will continue to work closely in a mutually beneficial manner in the years ahead.” The full text of the message is enclosed at *Page 3*.

The High Commission of India wishes you and your organisation a very happy and joyous National Day.

**10 March 2016**

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**TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF INDIA ON**  
**MAURITIAN NATIONAL DAY**

Excellency,

On behalf of the Government, the people of India and on my own behalf, it is with great pleasure that I extend warm greetings and felicitations to you and to the friendly people of Mauritius on the occasion of the 48th anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Mauritius.

The date, March 12, is significant in the history of the political struggle of both our countries. It symbolises our shared commitment to the democratic principles of liberty, equality and fraternity.

India and Mauritius enjoy a longstanding and special relationship based on our historical ties of kinship and shared cultural heritage. 2015 was a landmark year in this friendship. The important commitments and decisions concluded during this period have re-energized our cooperation and strengthened our close friendship.

I warmly recall your visit to India in December 2015 and our frank and fruitful discussions which, too, have contributed to the enhancement of our extraordinary and unique bilateral relations. I am confident that these will continue to deepen in the years ahead to the mutual benefit of our two peoples.

Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your personal well-being and success, as well as for the progress and prosperity of the friendly people of the Republic of Mauritius.

With the assurances of my highest consideration,

**(Pranab Mukherjee)**

Her Excellency Dr. (Mrs.)Ameenah Gurib- Fakim  
Hon'ble President of the Republic of Mauritius  
Mauritius



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Prime Minister  
New Delhi: March 3, 2016

**Excellency,**

It is with great pleasure that I extend our warm felicitations and greetings to you and to the people and the Government of Mauritius on the occasion of the 48<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Mauritius.

The day of March 12 is significant to our shared cultural, historical and political linkages. While on this day in 1930, India began its arduous journey with the Salt March to break the bondages of colonial exploitation and slavery, Mauritius on March 12, 1968 embarked on a journey to realize itself as a modern, liberal and democratic nation.

I have vivid recollections of my visit to Mauritius on this very day last year when I joined the people of Mauritius in their celebrations.

The wide ranging bilateral interaction in economic, cultural, scientific and other areas has deepened and diversified over the years. Last year has been a landmark year with a number of high level visits and important commitments and decisions, which have re-energised our ties of deep friendship.

We remain committed to continue the joint efforts to achieve our goals for sustainable development, peace and prosperity in the world, and in particular, in the Indian Ocean region. We will continue to work closely in a mutually beneficial manner in the years ahead.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and my best wishes for your good health, success and happiness, as well as the continued progress and prosperity of the friendly people of the Republic of Mauritius.

(Narendra Modi)

**His Excellency Sir Anerood Jugnauth**  
Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius  
Port Louis, Mauritius