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**PRESS RELEASE**

A Reception was hosted by H. E. Mr. Sibi George, Ambassador of India to Japan to mark the celebration of the 75th Republic Day of India. H.E. Mr. Yoshifumi Tsuge, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor.

2. The august gathering was graced by the presence of H.E. Mr. Yoshihide Suga, former Prime Minister of Japan and Chairperson of the Japan-India Association; H.E. Mr. Kiyoto Tsuji, State Minister for Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Nagasaki Kotaro, Governor of Yamanashi, and other dignitaries including leaders of political parties, members of the National Diet, senior government functionaries, diplomatic corps, business community, eminent academicians, cultural personalities, scientific community, media and prominent members of the Indian diaspora in Japan. The Reception was attended by over 500 guests. Cultural performances by Japanese and Indian artists were also held on the occasion, alongside an exhibition on India Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership.

3. Ambassador Sibi George underlined the strengthening of India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership, and thanked the Indian diaspora for their contributions to the India Japan partnership. H.E. Mr. Yoshifumi Tsuge expressed his congratulations on the 75th anniversary of the Republic of India, and expressed gratitude for the condolences received from the Government and people of India in response to the Noto Peninsula earthquake that occurred on 01 January 2024. Regarding bilateral relations, State Minister Tsuge stated that Japan and India share fundamental values, as well as strategic interests, and that the Japanese business community has shown strong interest in expanding into India. He also remarked that he would like to actively promote people-to-people exchanges, which will serve as the foundation for strengthening Japan-India relations over the medium and long term.