<u>IMPORTANT NOTICE – 15 AUGUST FLAG-HOISTING CEREMONY</u>

Due to ongoing Covid-19 safety measures in place, the Togolese authorities have authorized the participation of only 50 persons at the Flag-Hoisting ceremony to celebrate the 75th Independence Day of India on 15 August 2021 at 9 a.m. This authorization has been given with following guidelines:

i.   Individuals with "fully vaccine passports" will be allowed entry to participate. Unvaccinated individuals must have and carry a negative RT-PCR test done within 72 hours prior to the event. The Covid control team at entrance will check the vaccine passports or negative RT-PCR test report before allowing entry.

ii. All individuals must bring and use masks at the event; they must use hand sanitizer, maintain social distance, and follow all safety measures.

2.   Each member of the Indian community, including those who have already registered with the Embassy, is requested to confirm on email ma.lome@mea.gov.in positively by 12 noon on 13 August that they have either the vaccine passport or will bring a negative RT-PCR test.

3.   First 50 such eligible members will receive a confirmation email from the Embassy confirming their entrance to the event. The remaining members, who would not be accommodated to the event due to capacity limits, will also receive an email from the Embassy so that they are well aware of the status of their participation.

4.   All other remaining members of the Indian community are requested to appreciate the "capacity limits" meant for our collective safety due to Covid-19 safety measures.

5.   As conveyed earlier, the event will be screened live on Embassy's Facebook page (India in Togo) and YouTube Channel (India in Lomé).

Jai Hind!

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