

Embassy of India

Santiago

Remarks of Ambassador Abhilasha Joshi on the occasion of the “Viksit Bharat Run- Run to Serve the Nation” on 28th September, 2025

Hon’ble Mayor of Municipality of Providencia H.E.. Jaime Belloio Avaria,

Ms. Nathalie Guzmán, Director of Community Development, Municipality of Providencia

Distinguished representatives of the Municipality of Providencia,

My dear friends from Chile, members of the Indian diaspora, colleagues from the Embassy, and fellow runners,

Namaste and Buenos Días,

It is a privilege to stand before you on this bright morning at **Parque Inés de Suárez**, where Santiago joins over 150 cities across the globe to celebrate the **“Viksit Bharat Run- Run to Serve the Nation”**.

I would like to thank the **Municipality of Providencia** for their gracious partnership in hosting this event. This collaboration is a testament to our longstanding ties with the municipality of Providencia and the friendship between India and Chile, built on shared values of inclusivity, community spirit and cultural exchange.

This occasion falls within the **“Seva Pakhwada”**, a fortnight from **17th September to 02nd October**, celebrated all across India and abroad as **“Seva**

Parv”, as a celebration of service, responsibility, and collective effort that reflects the values at the heart of Indian civilization, that is the **Seva Bhav (Spirit to Serve)**.

Friends,

This year the event has a special resonance, as it coincides with the **75th birthday of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**, who has dedicated his life to the service of the nation. His clarion call for **Atmanirbhar Bharat**, that is, a self-reliant India has inspired people to embrace innovation, entrepreneurship and sustainability. His vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, a developed India by the centenary of our independence, is what brings us together across continents today. Under his leadership, transformative reforms in infrastructure, digital technology, healthcare, education and environmental sustainability have created new opportunities and strengthened India’s role as a global partner.

Friends,

I am especially delighted to see the participation of the Indian diaspora in Chile. You are the living bridge between our two nations, carrying India in your hearts while contributing to Chilean society with energy and commitment. Your presence today reaffirms the message that Viksit Bharat is not just an Indian project but is a global movement that invites everyone to join in building a future that is responsible, sustainable and inclusive.

Our programme today includes a **Yoga demonstration** led by the **Chilean Academy of Yoga**, followed by the **Viksit Bharat community run**, to reaffirm our commitment to serve the nation. We will also take an Atmanirbhar Pledge to remind ourselves about the significance of this day involving firm resolve to make our nation a developed country by 2047 and our responsibility towards future generations.

Friends,

On behalf of the Embassy of India, I extend heartfelt thanks to our partners and to each participant here today. May this Run to Serve the Nation inspire us all to carry forward the values of **Seva or Service** in our daily lives, and may it strengthen the bonds of friendship between India and Chile.

Muchas gracias.

Jai Hind.