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### **PRESS RELEASE**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Joint Steering Committee (JSC) between India and Kingdom of Bahrain was held virtually on 07 October 2021. The Indian delegation was led by Mr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal, Joint Secretary, Internal Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs; while the Bahraini delegation led by H.E. Major-General Tariq Al Hassan, Chief of Public Security, Bahrain.

2. The meeting discussed matters pertaining to Security Cooperation between India and Kingdom of Bahrain including in sectors of cyber security and counter terrorism, among others. Both sides recalled the deep rooted historic bilateral ties and noted with satisfaction the continued close and multifaceted cooperation between the two countries. Indian side expressed appreciation and thanked the Government of Kingdom of Bahrain for providing support for welfare of the vast Indian community in Bahrain, particularly during the difficult times of COVID-19 pandemic. Both sides agreed to hold the next meeting of the JSC at the earliest.

3. JSC was set up under the Agreement between India and Kingdom of Bahrain for Cooperation in Combating International Terrorism, Transnational Organised Crime and Trafficking in Illicit Drugs, Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances and Precursors Chemicals signed in December 2015. The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of JSC was held in Bahrain during the visit of the then Home Minister of India in October 2016.

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