

**Speech by H.E. Mr. Piyush Srivastava,
Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain
Indo Bahrain Art Exhibition
[Venue : Dana Mall; 27.10.2022; 1630 hrs.]**

**Mr. Abbas Mohammed Mosawi, Member of the National Council of Art,
and a distinguished art personality in the Kingdom of Bahrain;**

Mr. Juzer Rupawala, Director, Lulu Group;

Ms. Aparna Shere;

Bahraini & Indian Artists who are participating in the Exhibition;

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Good evening!

Happy Diwali to all of you,

2. I am happy to be present here today for the Indo-Bahrain Art Exhibition where around 50 Bahraini and Indian artists have come together to showcase the depth and diverse facets of Indo-Bahrain relations through their art works. It is a fitting culmination of Golden Jubilee celebrations of Diplomatic Relations between India and Kingdom of Bahrain.

3. As you all know, the year-long celebrations of Golden Jubilee of establishment of Diplomatic Relations between India and Kingdom of Bahrain kickstarted in October 2021 in a grand manner. We have witnessed the historic moment of lighting of Bab Al Bahrain and Qutub Minar in each other's national colours and weeklong celebrations at "Little India" in Bahrain. This was followed a number of events spanning across the years including cultural performances, handicrafts, cuisine, seminars showcasing the rich heritage of our two countries as well as historical connect and contemporary bilateral relations.

4. The continued strong bonds of friendship between our peoples provides depth and resilience to our bilateral ties. The visionary Leadership of our two countries have guided our relations through regular dialogues and bilateral visits.

5. Our relationship has matured, diversified and strengthened. We have a shared history and are well poised to have a successful shared future together.

6. I am eagerly looking forward to witness the exhibition and the work of all the artists. I congratulate each one of you for participating in the event today and being a part of our celebrations and wish you all the very best.

Thank you.