

Speech by H.E. Mr. Piyush Srivastava
Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain
For Kerala Catholic Association Golden Jubilee finale
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Your Excellency Jameel Bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan
Minister of Labour & Social Development

Revered Father Bishop Dr. Abraham Mar Julios;

Adv. Sunny Joseph, Member of Kerala Legislative Assembly;

Mr. Roy C Antony, President, Kerala Catholic Association;

Representatives of Indian Community Associations;

Members of Executive Committee of KCA;

Ladies & Gentlemen,

Good evening!

First of all, let me extend my warm greetings to all of you on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebrations of Kerala Catholic Association.

2. I welcome His Excellency Mr. Jameel Bin Mohammed Ali Humaidan, Minister of Labour & Social Development on this occasion. We are honoured with your presence, Sir.

3. I congratulate the Kerala Catholic Association for achieving this milestone. Kerala Catholic Association, like other Indian community organisations in Bahrain, has been active in organising socio-cultural activities as well as community welfare activities for Indian community in Bahrain.

4. The celebrations come at a unique juncture of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Golden Jubilee of establishment of Diplomatic Relations between India and Kingdom of Bahrain. We are celebrating the strong people to people connect and bonds of friendship between India and Kingdom of Bahrain which dates back to thousands of years. Our bilateral relations have strengthened and diversified over the years.

5. The vibrant Indian community and community associations in Bahrain have played a very important role in cementing our bilateral ties and further strengthening the existing goodwill between our two countries.

6. The presence of His Excellency Mr. Jameel Humaidan in this milestone event is testimony to this fact. It is also reflective of the visionary policies of tolerance and peaceful coexistence of the Leadership of the Kingdom as well as the care and respect for our vast Indian community by the Government and people of Bahrain.

7. The events such as this, lead to further strengthening friendship between people of our two countries by celebrating our shared cultural heritage and achievements.

8. Before concluding, I once again congratulate the Kerala Catholic Association and extend my best wishes to all of you. Wish you all the success and we assure you of Embassy's full support in all your future endeavours.

Thank you