



**Embassy of India  
Bahrain**

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H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain participated as the Guest of Honor at the Inauguration of the event titled, “Digital Transformation” organized by the Bahrain Chamber of Chartered Accountants of India [BCICAI] on 26 September 2024.

Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Jacob recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had outlined India’s approach at the recent Summit of the Future at UN Headquarters in New York which also discussed the future of the Global Digital Compact. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that there is a need for balanced regulation for the safe and responsible use of technology. Prime Minister added, “We need global digital governance, which ensures that national sovereignty and integrity are upheld. Digital Public Infrastructure should be a Bridge, not a Barrier! For Global Good, India is ready to share its digital public infrastructure with the entire world.”

Ambassador Jacob also said that the Indian Embassy in the Kingdom of Bahrain had also encouraged and pursued digital services for the benefit of both Bahraini friends and Indian nationals. He stated that the Embassy’s revamped consular service appointment application ‘EoIBh CONNECT’ which had been functioning since March 2023 had facilitated a total of 70,398 appointments till date, thereby averaging 200 appointments per day. Further, in February 2024, a new digital fee collection kiosk at the Indian Embassy premises in Seef which was a collaborative effort of ICICI Bank and Sadad had not only streamlined the fee collection process but also paved the way for a digital-centric approach towards all transactions. The third include initiatives like DEKHO APNA DESH and “Focus State/Union Territory” initiative which facilitates public participation through digital platforms for promoting two-way tourism as well as promotion of

“One District, One Product” campaign. Use of digital platforms serve to build bridges between the people of India and Bahrain.

During his speech, Ambassador Jacob congratulated the leap by the Kingdom of Bahrain of 36 positions to the 18th place in the latest UN E-Government Survey 2024.

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