## Summary Remarks by H.E. Mr. Vinod K Jacob, Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain at the Carols Evening organized by YMCA Bahrain on 9 December 2023

Ambassador Vinod K Jacob thanked YMCA Bahrain for inviting him as Chief Guest and observed that this was the first Carol Evening as well as the first YMCA event that he was attending since coming to the friendly Kingdom of Bahrain in August 2023.

Ambassador Jacob expressed happiness that two Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awardees [PBSA], Mr. Soman Baby (in charge of YMCA, Bahrain and given PBSA in 2009) and Dr. Varghese Kurian (given PBSA in 2013) were instrumental in the organization of the Carol Evening. He also conveyed greetings on the occasion of the 52<sup>nd</sup> National Day of Kingdom of Bahrain and for the Christmas season to the audience. The choir had worked hard for months and their presentations reflected the efforts.

In conclusion, Ambassador Jacob thanked the Leadership, Government and people of Kingdom of Bahrain for their warm hospitality to the Indian community (which according to data as of October 2023 was nearly 340,000). He urged all Indians to live in accordance to the laws and rules of Bahrain and exhibit all the qualities of good guests and work towards the further economic prosperity of Bahrain.

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