

**Remarks by H.E. Mr. Vinod K Jacob, Ambassador of India
at the Classical Dance Event “Manifestation”
organized by the Indian Fine Arts Society
in Bahrain on 4 November 2023**

H.E. Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed, Secretary General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation, Mrs. Nisha Rangarajan, President of the Indian Fine Arts Society, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am honoured to attend today’s classical dance event titled, “Manifestation” organized by the Indian Fine Arts Society. At the outset, let me appreciate this initiative and wish the IFAS all success. The Society’s staying presence since 1974 reflects the dedication of its members to promoting arts and culture and thereby bringing the people of India and Bahrain closer.

I would also like to appreciate the excellent work that the Royal Humanitarian Foundation is doing. Their commitment embodied in their vision of serving as an international leading organization in humanitarian and charity work is recognized around the world. I would like to compliment the commendable job that H.E. Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed, Secretary General of the Royal Humanitarian Foundation and wish him good health and prosperity.

Let me take this opportunity to emphasize the importance the Government of India attaches to people to people links with the friendly Kingdom of Bahrain.

India and Bahrain share long-standing brotherly ties and the bilateral cooperation is founded on close historical bonds, shared principles, mutual interests as well as common aspiration for international peace, stability and prosperity.

Such friendly ties were displayed in the efforts of the Government of Bahrain for ensuring the safety, security and welfare of the Indian community, especially during Covid-19 pandemic. I would like to specially thank the Bahraini side for its facilitation of repatriation flights under Vande Bharat Mission (VBM), for providing free Covid vaccination to all including Indian community in Bahrain and also for providing liquid medical oxygen to India during that period.

I would like to place on record the role of Indian community in Bahrain as an important link between the two countries and their vital contribution to the development of Bahrain. I sincerely commend the Kingdom’s liberal and tolerant policies and their welcoming society, which have made it a preferred destination for Indian professionals and workers. Let me also encourage the Indian community in Bahrain to live and work as good guests and follow the laws and regulations and norms of your host country.

I thank you all.