



**Embassy of India
Bahrain**

PRESS RELEASE

Celebrations of 73rd Republic Day of India

The Embassy of India in Bahrain celebrated the momentous occasion of the 73rd Republic Day of India on 26 January 2022.

2. The Republic Day celebration commenced with offering of flowers to Mahatma Gandhi, followed by the Flag Hoisting ceremony and playing of national anthem. H.E. Ambassador Piyush Srivatava read the message of Hon'ble President of India given on the eve of Republic Day. Due to continued increase in COVID infections and in the interest of everyone's health and safety, physical participation at the flag hoisting ceremony was restricted to representatives of few Indian community associations and Indian workers. The event was screened live at the Embassy's social media accounts.

3. On this occasion, Embassy also launched a new user friendly website - eoibahrain.gov.in - which gives updates and quick alerts on finger tips. In addition, a Tribes India Atmanirbhar Corner and Ayurveda Garden was also inaugurated at the Embassy premises. The Tribes India corner showcases the tribal products based on Indian tribal culture, knowledge and traditional skills and handcrafted by the tribals from across India, and aims to promote tribal art and craft in the International market. The Ayurveda garden, curated by Indian Ladies Association with support of Lulu Group, will promote awareness about our vast and ancient science of Ayurveda and use of herbs in promoting wellness. As Ayurveda, the traditional Indian medicine, is becoming increasingly popular, particularly during Covid times, the garden provides visitors a hands-on experience of different herbs that can be grown in Bahrain. The Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) Bulletin highlighting their activities of the past one year especially on the outreach programmes to the underprivileged community members, was also released during the ceremony by the Ambassador.

4. In the afternoon, Bahrain India Society will organise an event to launch the book 'Gandhi: His engagement with Islam and the Arab World' written by H.E. Abdulnabi Al Shoala in English, Hindi, Urdu and Malayalam languages. During the ceremony, H.E. Abdulnabi Al Shoala will present copies of the book to Ambassador Piyush Srivastava.

5. In the evening of 26 January 2022 the Embassy will host a virtual reception for the 73rd Republic Day of India, which will feature documentaries and cultural performances showcasing India's rich heritage and diversity. More than 250 people including Members of Parliament, Representatives from the Government of Bahrain, distinguished Bahraini dignitaries, Diplomats, businessmen and Indian community is expected to

attend the virtual event. The event will also be live streamed on Embassy's social media handles.

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