

**Embassy of India  
Bahrain**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**CELEBRATIONS OF 73<sup>rd</sup> REPUBLIC DAY**

On the occasion of 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day of India, Embassy of India held a Flag Hoisting ceremony in the morning followed by a virtual Reception in the evening.

2. The Flag Hoisting ceremony in the morning was attended by a few representatives from Indian community Associations and Indian workers. Following the flag hoisting ceremony, Ambassador launched a new user-friendly website: [eoibahrain.gov.in](http://eoibahrain.gov.in). The Tribes India Atmanirbhar Bharat Corner and Ayurveda Garden was also launched in the Embassy premises as part of the celebrations. The Tribes India corner showcases tribal products based on Indian tribal culture, knowledge and traditional skills, handcrafted by tribals from across India, 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, was also released during the ceremony by the Ambassador. In addition to the above celebration, the Embassy in association with ICRF distributed sweet boxes. The Embassy was also illuminated with tricolour on the occasion.

3. The Embassy hosted National Day Reception virtually this year as well in the evening, due to continued increase in COVID infections and in the interest of everyone's health and safety. H.E. Ambassador Fatima Abdulla Fares Al Dhaen, Chief of Afro Asian Affairs represented, Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the event. The event was attended by more than 250 people including Members of Parliament, Heads of Cultural Organizations and Government bodies, senior government officials of Kingdom of Bahrain, Heads of Diplomatic missions, members of the Diplomatic community and members of Indian and Bahraini community attended the virtual event. The event was live streamed on Embassy's social media accounts. The event also featured cultural performances by children and artists from various Indian cultural

organizations, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of India. The event was extensively viewed online by more than 1000 Bahraini and Indian community members.

4. As part of the Republic Day celebrations, Bahrain India Society organized 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 presented copies of the book to Ambassador Piyush Srivastava.

5. Ambassador's speeches and messages on this occasion including messages to various media houses in Bahrain highlighted India's policies and reforms undertaken by the Government of India including start-up India and "Atma Nirbhar Bharat" and its pharmaceutical and vaccine prowess. Ambassador invited the Indian community members to be part of Embassy's celebration of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahostav, 125<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose and 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Jubilee celebration of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Bahrain. All events were well received, with an online viewership in excess of 3000.

6. Embassy of India thanks the Indian community and Friends of India in Bahrain for their enthusiastic participation in the 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day events of the Embassy.

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