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Quiz Logo launch

Organised by the

Gulf Madhyamam

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The Presidents and representatives of different Indian Associations and Organisations,

All Guests who have joined us online,

Good evening!!!

It gives me immense pleasure today to be a part of this virtual launch of the logo for 'India@75 quiz', organized by Gulf Madhyamam.

- 2. I am happy that the initiative of Gulf Madhayamam, one of the largest circulated Indian newspaper in the Middle East to organize 'India@75 Quiz' for the students in Bahrain. The objective of creating awareness among the children about the social, cultural and historical heritage, and the impressive scientific, technological and industrial advances of India is praiseworthy. An awareness about India's history and culture, and how it is intertwined with the history and culture of Bahrain, and in fact, of the region is particularly important as we celebrate both India@75 and 50 years of India-Bahrian diplomatic relations.
- 3. As you all know, this year we have already commenced celebrations for India@75. A number of events since the curtain raiser event in March this year have been organized in association with different Indian Associations in Bahrain.

- 4. 'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav' an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements is an essential part of these celebrations. It is an embodiment of India's socio-cultural, political and economic identity.
- 5. The Indian diaspora has been instrumental in it. The contribution of Indian Diaspora, in general, and in Bahrain, in particular, has been a key link in strengthening bilateral ties between India and Kingdom of Bahrain. I am particularly glad to see the cross section of Indian community Associations and organisations being present in this event.
- 6. Many congratulations to Gulf Madhyamam for organising this event. I hope that both Indian and Bahraini students will take part in this Quiz competition in overwhelming numbers. I wish the organisers all the success.

Thank You!
