



Embassy of India, Bahrain

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On 17 October 2025, Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod K Jacob attended the opening ceremony of Model UN organised by Bahrain Indian School. Speaking on the occasion, he shared his observations on a few aspects of contemporary diplomacy and multilateralism.

2. Ambassador Jacob said that when he joined the Foreign Service twenty five years ago, one important question was whether a diplomat is more suited for bilateral work or multilateral work. Over the course of his career, which began at a time when Indian economy was less than a trillion dollars to the current stage when India is the fourth largest economy with GDP of USD 4.2 trillion, Indian diplomacy and multilateral involvement also increased exponentially. He therefore said that Indian diplomats need to be prepared for handling both types of work simultaneously.

3. Second, Ambassador Jacob expressed the hope that the Model UN will also address the current crisis of funding and relevance facing the United Nations. There are many reasons for the current state of affairs. One relevant dimension is the fact that the UN still reflects the realities of 1945, while the rest of the world has moved on.

4. Finally, Ambassador Jacob said that India and Bahrain have a high degree of convergence on UN and multilateral issues. He expressed happiness that Bahrain would be serving as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the two year 2026 to 2027 term. India will support Bahrain during its term.

5. Ambassador Jacob wished the MUN and its delegates all the very best. He appreciated the organizing committee and BIS for their contributions to education sector in Bahrain.
