

Remarks by HE Mr. Vinod K Jacob, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain at DEEPOTSAV organised by SAMSKRUTI at Indian Club premises on 30 November 2023

Ambassador Vinod K Jacob conveyed Diwali greetings to all members of the Indian community and the friendly people of the Kingdom of Bahrain. He expressed his hope that the light will dispel darkness in everyone's lives and there would be peace and harmony around the world. He appreciated the organising skills of SAMSKRITI under the leadership of its President Mr. Suresh Babu and encouraged the team to continue their good work for the benefit of India and Bahrain.

Ambassador Jacob observed that the Deepotsav was being held on the last day of the successful Indian Presidency of the G20 and on a day that Hon Prime Minister Narendra Modi was travelling to the Gulf region for COP 28. India's commitment to climate change and sustainable development is universally recognised. Part of the credit for this also goes to the energetic Indian Diaspora in Bahrain. Ambassador Jacob thanked the support of the Indian Diaspora to the Embassy in Bahrain. He recalled the support of organisations like Samskruti and ICRF in dealing with the problems of the community and their active participation in the monthly Open Houses.

In conclusion, Ambassador Vinod K Jacob thanked the leadership of the Kingdom of Bahrain for their steadfast guidance to the growth of India-Bahrain bilateral relationship across the entire spectrum of engagement. He also thanked the Bahraini side for their protection to the Indian community in the country.

Thank you.