



**भारत का राजदूतावास, बहरीन**  
**Embassy of India, Bahrain**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Embassy of India, Bahrain celebrated 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India**

1. On the occasion of 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India on 26 January 2023, Embassy of India held Flag Hoisting ceremony in the morning followed by a Reception in the evening, which was graced by H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain as the Chief Guest.
2. The ceremony was attended by more than 1000 people including representatives of Indian community associations, Indian schools, Indian professionals, workers and students. Following the Flag Hoisting ceremony, Ambassador Piyush Srivastava read the address to the Nation by Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu. The students and band from the Indian school in Bahrain rendered the National Anthem during the solemn occasion. A Bulletin of The Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) highlighting their activities of the past one year was also released.
3. In the evening of 26 January, the Embassy hosted the Reception for 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India at Crowne Plaza, Manama. H.E. Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al Zayani, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bahrain was the Chief Guest at the function. H.E. the Minister highlighted longstanding ties binding the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of India, based on mutual respect and shared interests, stressing keenness on benefiting from India's economic and technological strides.
4. The event was graced by H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, H.E. Mr. Abdul Nabi Salman, First Deputy Speaker of the Council of Representatives, H.E. Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa Al Khalifa, Secretary General of the Higher Education Council, H.E. Mr. Sameer Abdulla Ahmed Nass, Chairman of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry, H.E. Mr. Ali Abdulhussein Al

Asfoor, Governor of the Northern Governorate and H.E. Ambassador Abdulrahman Mohammed Al-Gaoud, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to India, Members of Parliament, Senior Officers & Heads of Authorities of the Government of Bahrain, Heads of Diplomatic Missions & Members of Diplomatic Corps, Indian & Bahraini Businessmen and Media personnel. Over 400 people attended the reception.

5. The event featured Kuchipudi and Kathak dance performances by artists from Indian diaspora members along with the performance by the music band of Ministry of Interior, Bahrain. The Defence corner was also set up to showcase India's advances in Defence Sector. This was followed by a dinner reception which included a millet corner to mark International Year of Millets and Goa corner showcasing tourist and culinary specialities of the state.

6. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava issued a message on the celebration of 74<sup>th</sup> Republic Day of India and gave print interviews to various media houses about the significant milestone, strides India has made, and highlights of India-Bahrain bilateral relations.

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