



Embassy of India, Bahrain

PRESS RELEASE

India-Bahrain cooperation in food and agriculture sectors emphasized.

The Embassy of India in Bahrain, in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) and Bahrain India Society (BIS), organised a Buyer-Seller Meet on the Food & Agri sectors today.

2. The opening ceremony was attended by H.E. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry & Commerce, Kingdom of Bahrain and H.E. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to Bahrain. Also present were H.E. Mohamed Al Kooheji, Second Vice Chairman of BCCI, and Mr. Abdul Rahman Juma, Chairman, Bahrain India Society (BIS).

3. In his remarks, Ambassador Jacob emphasised the crucial role that the food and agriculture sectors continue to play in strengthening India-Bahrain economic ties. He said that with both countries having long-standing trade and people to people ties, boosting these sectors can enhance economic cooperation, trade volumes and mutual prosperity.

4. Ambassador Jacob also highlighted India's recently introduced GST 2.0 reforms, which came into effect on 22 September 2025. He noted that the new framework has simplified the tax structure to just two main slabs of 5% and 18%, while significantly reducing or eliminating taxes on many essential and packaged food products. Following his speech, a short presentation on GST 2.0 was screened to showcase the benefits of these reforms for the food processing and agri-business sectors.

5. About 25 prominent Indian companies displayed diverse products such as spices, millets, ready-to-cook and frozen foods, organic produce, flours, rice, jaggery, beverages, processed foods and more. The delegation, led by Mr. Prashant Seth, Joint Deputy Director General of FIEO, will also be visiting major hypermarkets in Bahrain to explore business opportunities and deepen market exposure.

6. India-Bahrain bilateral trade reached USD 1.64 billion in 2024 to 2025 and two-way investments stood at above USD 2 billion in first quarter of 2025. In July 2025, India introduced electronic visas across nine categories for Bahraini nationals.

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#Araku Valley

Arabica Coffee

Araku valley, the region of hilly tracts of Andhra Pradesh & Odisha emphasizes organic approach of coffee cultivation as followed by tribal farmers. Being world's first terroir mapped coffee, this has garnered global attention. Grown at higher altitude, this Araku Arabica cup profile offers light to medium body, pleasant acidity with citrus note of grapefruit, and mild jaggery sweetness.



