

Remarks of H.E. Mr. Vinod K Jacob, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain at the inauguration of the B2B meeting organized by Embassy of India, Bahrain, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bahrain India Society and APEDA on 25 July 2024

Your Excellencies Mr. Sameer Nass, Chairman of BCCI, Mr. Mohamed Al Kooheji, Deputy Chairman of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Mr. Abdul Nabi Al Shoala, founding Chairman of Bahrain India Society (BIS), Dr. Sudhanshu, Head of APEDA delegation and his team, Bahraini businessmen, Friends, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I thank the BCCI for their close cooperation with my Embassy and the efforts they have taken to strengthen the commercial engagement between India and Bahrain including through their MoU with FICCI.

I appreciate the efforts of APEDA to visit Bahrain and their plans for hosting biriyani festivals in two supermarkets here. I hope that APEDA will have fruitful and substantive meetings with relevant Bahrain Government counterparts.

BIS remains a close partner for us and I am happy that they are actively engaged in the current engagements.

Friends,

Our meeting is taking place in the backdrop of encouraging bilateral trade data. Indian exports to Bahrain in 2023 to 24 was USD 900 million and we imported goods worth USD 829 million, representing a near balanced trade of USD 1.73 billion.

Food and agro sector have been prominent areas of bilateral trade. Last year, we exported rice worth USD 67.68 million and frozen boneless meat of bovine animals worth USD 22 million. This is in keeping with India's global profile as can be seen from our exports worth USD 48.76 billion in 2023 to 24.

In conclusion, I thank you all and wish you success in your endeavors.
