

Embassy of India Bahrain

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## Celebrations of 75 years of India's Independence Curtain Raiser Event

Embassy of India organized a curtain raiser event on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to launch the celebrations of 75 years of India's Independence. Due to Covid-19 situation, the event was organized in a smaller scale, following all the health guidelines and social distancing norms and was live streamed through the social media accounts of the Embassy.

2. H.E. Mr. Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala, former Minister, Government of Bahrain and a wellknown Gandhian scholar, was the Chief Guest of the event, and Mr. Yousuf Salahuddin, a prominent businessman and Chairman of Bahrain Chambers Committee for recording Bahrainis presence in India, was the Guest of Honour. The Presidents of the Indian Club Bahrain and the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) also participated in the event along with representatives of other Indian associations in Bahrain.

3. The event commenced with a floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and planting of NEEM sapling by the Chief Guest at the Embassy premises. The event also included virtual cultural performances by the children.

4. The Curtain Raiser event is part of celebrations of the 75 years of India's independence which will continue till 15 August 2023. Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Mr. Narendra Modi launched the inaugural event of "Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav" on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in Ahmedabad for commemorating and celebrating 75 years of progressive India and the glorious history of its people, culture and achievements. This event kick-started 75 weeks countdown to the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of India's independence on 15 August 2022, and will continue till another year.

5. The Embassy will be hosting a series of events over next two years for the India@75 celebrations in partnership with the Indian associations in Bahrain as well as the Government and concerned agencies in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

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