



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic visit to Bahrain last year was a milestone that would help to further cement the excellent ties between India and the Kingdom of Bahrain. Prime Minister Modi was honoured with "The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance" as he held talks with His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa on various bilateral and regional issues. Narendra Modi also met His Royal Highness Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, and discussed ways to strengthen the friendship between India and Bahrain, with a focus on business relations and cultural exchange.

New vistas of cooperation

The Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava extended his warm greetings and congratulations to the members of Indian community in the Kingdom of Bahrain on the occasion of the Independence Day of India. 'Today, the world is facing unprecedented challenges due to COVID-19 pandemic. The global community has come together to fight this huge crisis. India and Bahrain have also cooperated and coordinated their efforts in this regard. I take this opportunity to thank the Leadership of the Kingdom of Bahrain for ensuring the welfare of the large Indian community in Bahrain during Covid-19 pandemic and for extending full cooperation to the Vande Bharat Mission of the Government of India for repatriation of Indian nationals,' Piyush Srivastava said.

The Ambassador continued: 'While

India continues to battle the Covid-19 crisis, persistent efforts are being made on the economic front to stabilize and speed up growth. The Government of India has undertaken several transformative reforms to respond to the economic adversities posed by the COVID 19 pandemic, as well as to fulfil the vision of making India a US \$5 trillion economy. These policy initiatives have placed the poor and vulnerable sections of the society at core of the growth agenda thus underlining equal importance of 'Ease of Living' and 'Ease of Business'.

Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in May 2020 announced the 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan', which focusses on making India self-reliant and contributing towards a more prosperous and resilient world. Agriculture is a key pillar of this Mission and the

Government of India has set up an INR 1 lakh crore (about USD 13.3 billion) 'Agriculture Infrastructure Fund' to provide impetus for development of post-harvest management infrastructure and community farming assets, besides promoting and encouraging agriculture entrepreneurs and start-ups. India continued to be a favored destination for foreign investment. Even during COVID 19 crisis, the country attracted more than USD 20 billion FDI (during April-July 2020). The Government has further liberalized FDI policy including in the crucial energy and defence sectors.

India is thus cementing its place as a land of opportunities. These policy initiatives and reforms have also opened up possibilities for greater economic engagement with Bahrain.

The historical and civilizational ties



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava

between India and Bahrain, characterized by trade and people-to-people contact, have been further strengthened in recent times with regular high-level political interaction and opening up of new vistas of cooperation in areas of maritime security, infrastructure and investment, high-tech areas, health, renewable energy and space technology.

The dynamic and vibrant Indian Community in Bahrain remains a significant anchor in our bilateral ties. Their contribution to the growth and development of both India and Bahrain

has been publicly acknowledged by the Leadership of the two countries.

As Ambassador of India to Bahrain, it would be my endeavor to further strengthen and diversify the age-old bonds of friendship and cooperation between our two countries, and to ensure the welfare of the large Indian Community in Bahrain.

I conclude by wishing growth, development and prosperity to the Kingdom of Bahrain and its friendly people.

Long live India-Bahrain friendship!

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On the occasion of the 74th Independence Day, LuLu International Exchange wishes India and its people, peace, prosperity and happiness.

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India's 74th Independence Day comes at an opportune time, as the country stands on the threshold of a major state of transition. The emergence of an entirely new generation of digital natives along with the world's rapid adoption of technology, will both be a boost as well as a test of India's resilience. Throughout its history, the country has shown that its people are its biggest strength, and the same holds true today.

NRIs have been a vital backbone of the country's growth story, bringing in investments and knowledge that have built upon the strengths of the existing local ecosystem. Bahrain has traditionally been a major source of remittances to India. This has naturally paved the way for financial services companies in the country to

introduce innovative and dependable solutions to serve the region's NRI community.

LuLu International Exchange, an ISO 9001:2015 certified organization, is today among the leading financial services outlet for expats in Bahrain, operating 13 branches in the country.

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The company's digital offering LuLu Money has been of great support to the expat community, who have been using it in recent weeks to conduct instant online transactions, as well as payment tracking in real time, rate alert setting and payment history, among others.

The organization also offers its customers the Gold Card, which allows them to obtain a host of benefits at LuLu Exchange bureaus, and discounts at various other partner outlets across Bahrain.

On the occasion of the 74th Independence Day of India, LuLu Exchange would like to salute and congratulate the great nation of India and its people.