

Remarks of Ambassador at the Press Conference

October 13, 2021

His Excellency Mr. Kamel Abdul Jalil, Secretary General, National Council of Culture, Arts and Letters (NCCAL) State of Kuwait;

Our friends from the media, Distinguished Dignitaries; Esteemed Guests; Ladies and Gentlemen,

A very Good Morning to all of you.

At the outset, I would like to thank His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Amir of the State of Kuwait and His Highness Sheikh Mishaal Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, Crown Prince, for hosting the large Indian community in Kuwait and for looking after our community during the Covid 19 pandemic.

As His Excellency stated in his remarks, today we meet here to announce the yearlong celebrations being organized jointly by Embassy and NCCAL to celebrate the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Kuwait.

As His Excellency mentioned a series of joint events are planned covering the entire spectrum of culture, art and letters. It has music activity days, cultural weeks covering Indian movies, culture performances, seminar on historic relations between two countries, seminar on wellness tourism opportunities, joint musical evenings, joint activities on antiquities and maritime trade routes, clothing exhibition, pottery exhibition, symposium on the connect between India and Kuwaiti cuisines, currency and jewelry exhibitions and so on.

We have shared some details today, but we will have more details in coming weeks on each of the events planned. Our objective is to

involve all our Kuwaiti friends and Indian community in these celebrations and make it memorable year in our relationship.

This anniversary year is an important milestone in the history of the vibrant and most dynamic partnership between our two friendly countries, India and Kuwait.

Our ties are time tested, they have been built over strong foundations by our peoples over centuries based on mutual trust and respect. Over time, nurtured by vibrant people to people connect and civilizational affinities, the partnership has blossomed into a forward looking dynamic partnership.

I am confident that this relationship will continue to prosper and evolve into a new age, New India-New Kuwait partnership connecting the visions of the leadership of our two friendly countries for mutual development and progress of the peoples of our two countries.

Our leadership has given a roadmap for us to rekindle our relationship and take it to a new level of dynamic partnership. Every step that we undertake including this joint collaborative yearlong celebrations by NCCAL and Embassy is part of this road map.

My special thanks to His Excellency Mr. Kamel Abdul Jalil, Secretary General, NCCAL who is in the forefront of taking our cultural relations to a new higher level of partnership. I thank his team in NCCAL who are extending full support to us to organize these events.

I would also like to personally invite all friends of India in Kuwait to join us in these yearlong celebrations.

Thank You.