



**Embassy of India  
Bahrain**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

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The Embassy of India organized an Open House, chaired by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod Kurian Jacob, on 27th September, 2024. The Embassy's Community Welfare team along with the Consular team and our panel lawyers were present. Approx 50 Indian nationals attended the Open House conducted in English, Hindi, Tamil, and Malayalam.

Ambassador conveyed greetings to the community members for Onam. He also advised them to beware of spoofed calls soliciting personal information or demanding money transfer impersonating Embassy's 24x7 helpline mobile number: 39418071. He also clarified that the Embassy officials do not initiate calls from this number.

Ambassador expressed gratitude to His Majesty the King, His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as well as the Bahrain authorities, for the release of 16 Indian prisoners under the Royal pardon on 4th September, 2024 taking the total number of Indians released under Royal Pardon to 126 in the current year.

He also thanked Ministry of Labour for their prompt support and action concerning various labour related matters including a recent case involving more than fifty Indian workers facing delay in salaries.

The gathering was briefed about the cases that the Mission successfully addressed in August. This includes repatriation of a stranded family who attended the previous Open House, successful return of a tuberculosis patient who was unable to travel for a very long period, and also the repatriation of another Indian national to his home town who had been stranded in Bahrain for over 25 years.

It was a productive interactive session. The grievances/issues of the Indian community were successfully addressed; some resolved at the open house, while others will be taken up at the earliest possible. Ambassador thanked all the Indian associations and community members for their active participation in the open house.

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