



**Embassy of India
Bahrain

PRESS RELEASE

The Embassy of India organised the Open House in virtual format on 25 June 2021 between 10:00 hrs to 12:00 hrs, during which Ambassador Piyush Srivastava directly interacted with the Indian community members, particularly skilled and semi-skilled workers and distressed Indian nationals, for redressing their urgent/non-routine consular and labour issues.

Ambassador thanked the Leadership and Government of Kingdom of Bahrain for continuously taking care of welfare of the large Indian community in Bahrain. He expressed gratitude to the Bahraini authorities for providing free COVID vaccination to the expats and citizens alike.

Ambassador encouraged the community members to follow Kingdom's COVID advisory and protocols, as well as to get vaccinated to support Kingdom's efforts in fighting pandemic as well as for their own safety. Ambassador also called upon the community members, who are facing any kind of problems in registering for vaccination, to register with the Embassy at the following link:

<https://forms.gle/pMT3v1g3o4yVgnES8>

The link is also available at Embassy's website and social media handles.

Ambassador also briefed community members on improving COVID situation in India, including significant reduction in daily infection rates (to little over 50000 now) as well as Government of India's aggressive vaccination drive (in the range of 6-8 million daily).

Ambassador thanked all Indian associations in their support as well as community members for their active participation in various events organised for International Day of Yoga 2021 celebrations in the virtual mode.

With the Embassy's active intervention and the support of concern Indian associations, almost 1500 Indian nationals enroute Saudi Arabia, who were stuck in Bahrain, have now travelled to Saudi Arabia. Also six (6) Indian Seafarers who were stranded for more than 24 hours at Bahrain International Airport on their transit while travelling back from Karachi to Cochin were repatriated safely to their destination.

Ambassador re-assured the community members that the Embassy, in close coordination with Indian associations, is ensuring that the needy and distressed Indian nationals are provided with the basic amenities including food, accommodation and safe repatriation etc.

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.
