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# **BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS**

### Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met Undersecretary, NPRA

Date- 06/04/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met H. E. Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Undersecretary for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs Ministry of Interior, Bahrain and discussed issues concerning consular and welfare matters of Indian community. Ambassador conveyed Ramadan greetings and thanked Government of Bahrain for the excellent care of the Indian community.

# **BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS**

### Ambassador met CEO LMRA Bahrain

Date- 12/04/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met H.E. Mr. Jamal Abdulaziz Al Alawi, CEO LMRA Bahrain and discussed consular & welfare matters of Indian community. Ambassador thanked LMRA for always promptly helping Indian workers and for support & cooperation to the Embassy in these matters.

# **BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS**

### Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited UNIDO ITPO Bahrain & AICEI

Date- 14/04/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited UNIDO ITPO Bahrain & Arab International Center for Entrepreneurship & Investment (AICEI) and discussed matters related to mutual cooperation with its Head, Dr. Hashim Suleiman Hussein.





The AICEI was established through the joint efforts of UNIDO, Bahraini Government and Inter Regional Center for Entrepreneurship & Investment Training (IRC)- Govermentt of India. The AICEI works closely with EDII Ahmedabad and has Confederation of Indian Industry as international partner. Ambassador also interacted with Bahraini entrepreneurs from different sectors for exploring possible areas of cooperation towards creating linkages between Bahraini and Indian Entrepreneurs and start-up's, and skill development.

# **INS KOLKATA**

### INS Kolkata made a port call on Mina Salman Port, Bahrain

Date- 03/04/2022

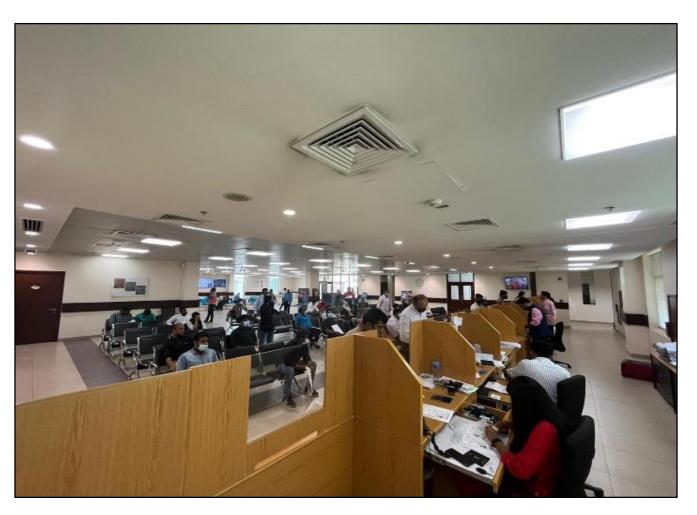


Commanding Officer called on Deputy Cdr, Combined Maritime Forces & Deputy Cdr, Royal Bahrain Naval Force & Ambassador. He also interacted with Task Force 59 U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. 5th Fleet on AI & Robotics.

# **SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICE**

### Embassy of India opened a special counter to ease burden to the public

Date- 14/04/2022



Embassy of India opened a special Counter on 14/04/2022 to ease burden to the public due to continuous holidays. More than 100 people availed the opportunity.

### Students watched Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022 streamed live at Embassy of India

Date- 01/04/2022



Students and faculty from schools in Bahrain watched PM Narendra Modi in Pariksha Pe Charcha 2022, streamed live at Embassy of India.

Minister Shri G R Anil inducted the 2022 - 2024 executive committee of Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam

Date- 02/04/2022



Minister for Food and Civil Supplies of the Government of Kerala, Shri G R Anil inducted the 2022 - 2024 executive committee of Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam. Shri Ihjas Aslam, Second Secretary, Embassy of India was also present. The Event also witnessed the performance "Punarjani" showcasing the fight of Health workers against COVID pandemic and a music night. An annex to the BKS facility, was also inaugurated by the Hon'ble Minister.

### Ambassador Piyush Srivastava joined Baisakhi celebrations

Date- 14/04/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava and Mrs Monika Srivastava joined the Baishaki celebrations at Budaiya Gurudwara in Bahrain.

### Ambassador attended Iftars organized by Indian community organisations

Date- 16/04/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended Iftars organized by Indian community organisations - Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam, Bharathi Association and Dawoodi Bohra Community. While conveying greetings on the holi month of Ramadan, Ambassador thanked Indian community organizations for organizing the Iftar and for showcasing the diverse Iftar traditions of India.

Ambedkar International Mission Bahrain organised an event to commemorate Ambedkar Jayanti

Date- 16/04/2022



Ambedkar International Mission Bahrain in association with Indian Embassy organised an event to commemorate Ambedkar Jayanti. The event witnessed a skit by children on the life of Dr. B. R Ambedkar.

### Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended Iftar meet with labourers

Date- 19/04/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended the Ifthar meet with labourers conducted by ICRF, at Sandy Excavation, Asker. More than 300 food kits were distributed to workers, sponsored by generous benefactors.

### Mohammed Azharuddin, interacted with the Bahrain women's and under-19 cricket teams

Date- 19/04/2022



Mohammed Azharuddin , a legendary cricketer and former Indian team captain, interacted with the Bahrain women's and under-19 cricket teams in a ceremony organized by the Bahrain Cricket Federation. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava was the guest of honour of the event.

### Annai Tamil Mandram celebrated Tamil New Year Puthandu & 2nd Anniversary

Date- 21/04/2022



Annai Tamil Mandram (ATM) celebrated Tamil New Year Puthandu & 2nd Anniversary of ATM. The poster of the upcoming event 'The Grand Tamil Debate Show' was also launched during the celebration.

#### **Ambassador inaugurated Bahar Jewellery**

Date- 21/04/2022



Bahar Jewellery established by Mr. Harshad Jani, an Indian national with the support of UNIDO Bahrain – AICEI and Arab International Center for Entrepreneurship & Investment (AICEI) was opened in the historic Manama souq. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, Dr. Hashim Suleiman Hussein, UNIDO Bahrain, Mr. Ahmed Saloom and many Indian & Bahraini dignitaries.



Art & Gold Fashion Show by Ms. Nadia Jar, Bahraini artist & entrepreneur was also organized. AICEI was established under the banner of South-South Cooperation with the support of Inter Regional Centre for Entrepreneurship & Investment Training, Govt. of India and they work very closely with EDII Ahmedabad and has Confederation of Indian Industry as international partner. Ambassador appreciated the expat and business friendly policies of Kingdom of Bahrain and said that such endeavours, besides promoting bilateral economic cooperation, also represents our shared cultural heritage and strong people to people connect.

Embassy organized a webinar on 'Artificial Intelligence in Sustainability and Renewable Energy'

Date- 29/04/2022



A Webinar on 'Artificial Intelligence in Sustainability and Renewable Energy' was organized by International Group of Artificial Intelligence, Bahrain in partnership with the Embassy. Speaking at the Conference, Ambassador stressed on the importance of AI in Sustainable Energy to make it commercially viable & need for making AI systems sustainable also. He highlighted the huge potential of India-Bahrain cooperation in terms of projects as well as capacity building. Dr. Jassim Haji, President (IGOAI), Chiranjiv Roy & Vineet Agarwal, SG Analytics Dr. Shahnawaz Khan & Sini Raj Pulari, Bahrain Polytechnic were the other speakers at the Conference. The event was attended by over 50 participants from India and Bahrain.

### PM Narendra Modi held a virtual meeting with President Joe Biden

Date- 11/04/2022



PM Narendra Modi and Joe Biden concluded a productive virtual meeting. They reviewed the bilateral cooperation, and discussed regional & global developments, including the situation in Ukraine.

### Health Minister interacted with Director General, WHO

Date- 19/04/2022



Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Minister of Health and Family Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers interacted with Director General of World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Tedros during their visit to the All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi. They talked about our commitment towards promoting Ayurveda to further global health and wellness.

#### PM Narendra Modi met Dr. Tedros of WHO

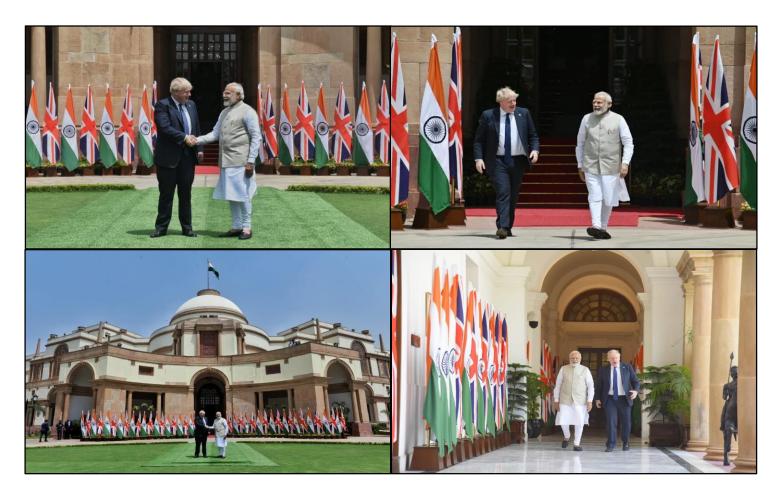
Date- 19/04/2022



PM Narendra Modi met Dr. Tedros of WHO after the ground-breaking ceremony of the Global Centre for Traditional Medicine. They discussed how the Global Centre would bring people & resources together to advance the acceptance & use of Traditional Medicine systems around the world.

### PM Narendra Modi held talks with PM Boris Johnson

Date- 22/04/2022



Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Boris Johnson held talks in New Delhi. They discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation between India and UK.

### PM Narendra Modi took part in Raisina Dialogue 2022

Date- 25/04/2022



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen took part in the inaugural session of the 7th Edition of Raisina Dialogue.

# **OPEN HOUSE**

### **Embassy organised the Open House on 29 April 2022**

Date- 29/04/2022



The Embassy of India hosted the open house on April 29, 2022 between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm where Ambassador Piyush Srivastava spoke directly to the Indian community at the Embassy to address their urgent and non-routine consular and employment issues. Ambassador expressed his happiness on holding physical open house after a long gap.

# **OPEN HOUSE**



Most of the cases which were raised in the last open house have been successfully resolved. These included some of the long pending and complicated cases. The case of two fishermen who were stuck in Bahrain has also been resolved through the Embassy's intervention. The case of Ms. Smitha (pregnant with 3 children and husband) who had been subject to several travel bans was also resolved. Travel ban case of Mr. Cyril Thomas is now closed. The Embassy assisted in providing Emergency certificate & tickets to distressed people through ICWF.