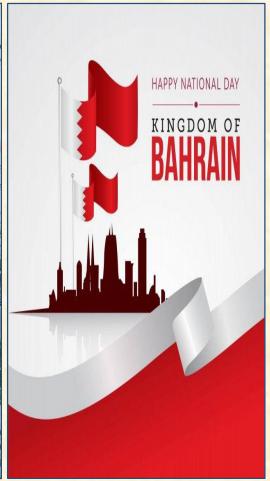


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#### Minister of Education, India held virtual meeting with Minister of Youth & Sports Affairs, Bahrain

Date- 23/12/2021



H.E. Mr Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Education & Skill Development & Entrepreneurship of India held a virtual meeting with H.E. Mr Aymen Tawfiq Almoayyed, Minister of Youth & Sports Affairs of Bahrain and discussed opportunities for further collaboration between India and Bahrain in the areas of Skill Development, Vocational training and Education.

#### **Ambassador met HM King's Advisor for Diplomatic Affairs**

Date- 26/12/2021



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met H.E. Shaikh Khalid bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, HM King's Advisor for Diplomatic Affairs. They discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation across various sectors as well as regional and multilateral issues of mutual concern.

#### **Ambassador called on Minister of Industry, Commerce & Tourism**

Date- 06/01/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on H.E. Zayed Rashid Alzayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce & Tourism & discussed ways for further intensifying bilateral economic cooperation. They expressed satisfaction at strong growth in bilateral trade & investment this year.

#### Ambassador called on President, BACA

Date- 24/01/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on Shaikha Mai bint Mohammed Al Khalifa, President, Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities to discuss cultural cooperation between India and Bahrain.

#### Ambassador called on Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Bahrain

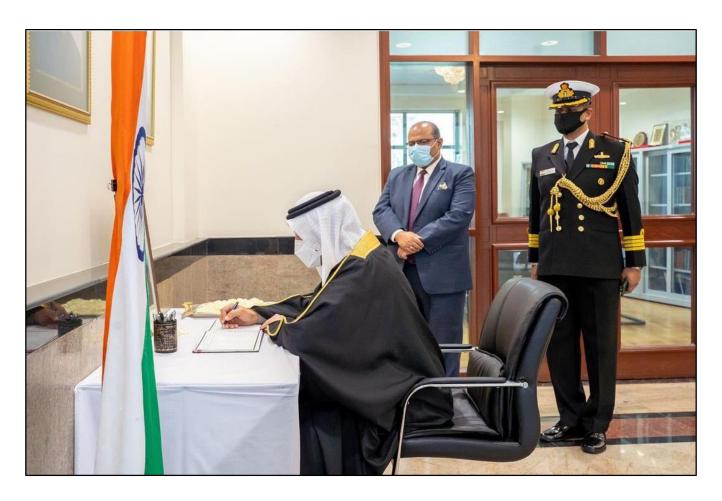
Date- 11/01/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on H.E Fawzia Zainal, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, Kingdom of Bahrain, and discussed bilateral issues of mutual interest including furthering Parliamentary cooperation between our two friendly countries.

#### **Undersecretary, MOFA Bahrain expressed condolences**

Date- 14/12/2021



H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary for Political Affairs, MOFA Bahrain, paid a visit to Embassy of India, Bahrain to express condolences on the sad demise of Indian Chief of Defence Staff Bipin Rawat.

#### DG (IDSA) participated at the Global Think-tank Summit 2021

Date- 07/12/2021



Director General of Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), Ambassador Sujan Chinoy participated at the Global Thinktank Summit 2021, Bahrain. He also met H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al-Khalifa, Undersecretary for Political Affairs on the side-lines of The Global Think Tank Summit 2021.

#### Ambassador met Chairman of Supreme Council of Health, Bahrain

Date- 26/12/2021



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met H. E. Lt. Gen. Dr. Mohamed Bin Abdullah Al-Khalifa, Chairman of Supreme Council of Health & discussed furthering bilateral collaboration in health sector.

#### **Ambassador met President of University of Bahrain**

Date- 06/01/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met Dr. Jawaher Shaheen Al Mudhahki, President of University of Bahrain, and discussed potential areas for furthering bilateral cooperation in education sector, particularly between University of Bahrain and Indian Universities.

#### Ambassador met CEO, Supreme Council of Environment & Special Envoy for Climate Affairs

Date- 12/01/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met CEO, Supreme Council of Environment & Special Envoy for Climate Affairs H.E. Dr. Mohamed Mubarak Bin Dinah and discussed ways of strengthening cooperation in environment and climate change areas between India and Bahrain.

#### Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited Poetry House dedicated to Ibrahim Al Arrayed

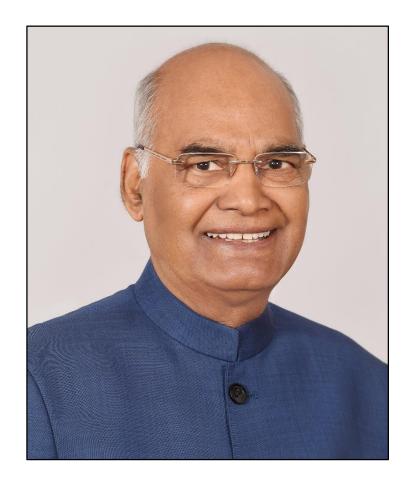
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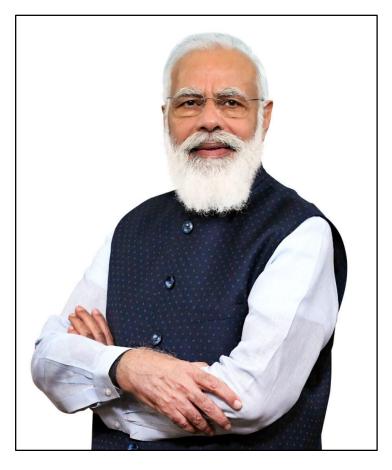


Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited Poetry House of BACA, dedicated to Bahrain's foremost poet and literary figure Ibrahim Al Arrayed, who was born in Mumbai, India.

# Indian leaders extend congratulatory messages to the King and Crown Prince & Prime Minister of Bahrain

Date- 16/12/2021





H. E. President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind and Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi of Republic of India congratulated HM King, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa on the occasion of Bahrain's National Day.

#### **Embassy extended greetings to the Kingdom on National Day**

Date- 16/12/2021



Embassy of India extended warm greetings and heartfelt congratulations on the occasion of 50th National Day of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

#### Ambassador Piyush Srivastava flagged off a bike rally by Pleasure Riders

Date- 16/12/2021







Ambassador Piyush Srivastava flagged off a bike rally by Pleasure Riders, Bahrain. Over 50 Indian bikers participated in the rally, riding from Sanabis to Zallaq, marking the 50th National Day of Kingdom of Bahrain.

#### Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated a patriotic song competition

Date- 16/12/2021







Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated a patriotic song competition held as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav at the St. Mary's Orthodox Syrian Church, Bahrain on National Day. The event witnessed patriotic songs, sung in different languages including Hindi and Malayalam.

#### Bahrain leaders extend congratulatory messages to the President & Prime Minister of India

Date- 26/01/2022





HM King, Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa congratulated H. E. President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind and Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi of Republic of India on the occasion of its 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day.

#### Embassy of India celebrated 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day of India

Date- 26/01/2022





On the occasion of 73<sup>rd</sup> Republic Day, Ambassador Piyush Srivastava hoisted the National Flag in Embassy complex & read the Address to the Nation by Hon'ble Rashtrapathiji, Shri Ram Nath Kovind.









The ceremony was attended by representatives of Indian community associations, Indian workers & Kids from Sneha Recreation Center.







Under the theme "Local goes Global", a Tribes India Atmanirbhar Corner was launched at Embassy premises, showcasing Indian tribal products, handcrafted by the tribal from across India, showcasing their culture, knowledge and traditional skills.

# 73<sup>rd</sup> REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA







Ambassador Piyush Srivastava also unveiled Embassy's new user friendly website <a href="http://eoibahrain.gov.in">http://eoibahrain.gov.in</a> which offers a better user interface and design.









Ambassador also launched Ayurveda Garden at the Embassy lawn, curated by Indian Ladies Association to promote awareness about Ayurveda & provide visitors a hands-on experience of different herbs that can be grown in Bahrain.

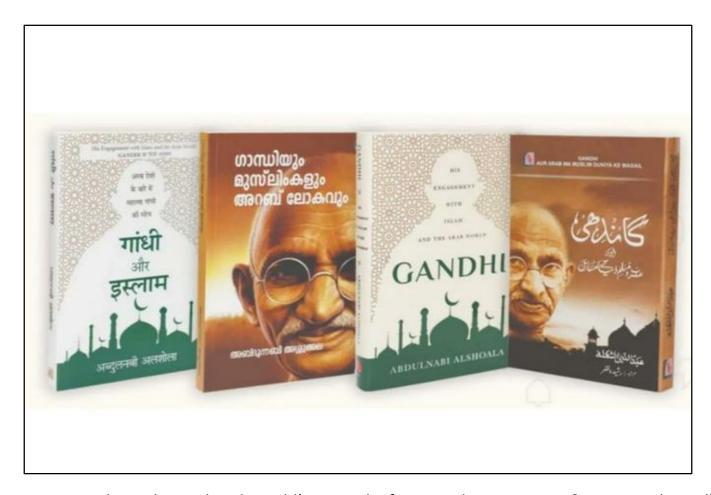
# 73<sup>rd</sup> REPUBLIC DAY OF INDIA



Ambassador also released the Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) Bulletin with the summary of the past one year of outreach programmes to the underprivileged community members.

#### **Book by former Labour Minister & renowned Gandhian in Bahrain launched**

Date- 26/01/2022



Book titled 'Gandhi: His Engagement with Muslim and Arab world' written by former Labour Minister & renowned Gandhian in Bahrain, H.E. Abdulnabi Al Shoala was launched on Republic Day 2022 in Hindi, Urdu, Malayalam & English. The original version in Arabic was released in 2018.





In the book launch ceremony organised by Bahrain India Society, H.E. Al Shoala handed over copies of books to Ambassador Piyush Srivastava. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Abdulrahman Juma, Gandhian Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna, prominent Bahraini and Indian Dignitaries.

#### **Embassy organised a Virtual Reception to mark Republic Day**

Date- 26/01/2022



Embassy organised a Virtual Reception to mark Republic Day which saw participation of Members of Parliament, cultural organisations & govt. bodies, senior govt. officials of Bahrain, Heads of Diplomatic missions, businessmen & members of Indian & Bahraini community.









The virtual event showcased patriotic & cultural performance by children and artists from Indian cultural and community organisations.

#### **BCICAI organised its 13th Annual International Conference**

Date- 06/12/2021





BCICAI organised its 13th Annual International Conference titled Pathways to Progress featuring sector experts and eminent speakers including Ashish Vidyarthi & Dr. Amar Patnaik. The Embassy was represented by Cd'a Sh. Ravi Kumar Jain. A video message by Ambassador Piyush Srivastava was streamed in the inaugural session.

#### **SNEHA Recreation Centre celebrated 34th Annual Day**

Date- 13/12/2021





Mrs Monika Srivastava, Patron of the Indian Ladies Association was Chief Guest at the 34th Annual Day of SNEHA Recreation Centre. The Centre, a flagship project of ILA, aims to provide a safe haven for children with special needs.





The evening was a celebration of the indomitable spirit of the children and the dedication of teachers and volunteers of the centre. Mrs Srivastava felicitated the children and commended the ILA on the occasion

#### Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated the first edition of Spectra International 2021

Date- 26/12/2021







Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated the first edition of Spectra International 2021 organised by ICRF. Spectra 2021 is an online art competition organised by ICRF. The inaugural edition witnessed participation of about 250 students of 16 countries including all GCC countries.

#### 13th Spectra 2021 Award Ceremony was organized by ICRF at the Embassy

Date- 03/01/2022



The 13th Spectra 2021 Award Ceremony was organized by ICRF at the Embassy on 2 Jan 2022. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava gave away prizes to the winners of art competition across different categories. Ambassador congratulated the winners and praised beautiful and creative artworks by children and other participants. Ambassador also commended ICRF for their tireless services towards welfare of Indian community in Bahrain.





Spectra is the largest art competition in Bahrain being organised by ICRF since 2008. This year's event saw participation of more than 300 children from Bahrain and 250 from 16 other countries including all GCC countries.

#### Minister, MOIC Bahrain inaugurated new manufacturing facility of Ascon Control W.L.L

Date- 05/01/2022





H.E. Zayed Rashid Alzayani, Minister of Industry, Commerce & Tourism inaugurated new manufacturing facility of Ascon Control W.L.L., an Indian investment, for the switch gear and panel boards. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava was the Special guest of the event.





Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Piyush Srivastava praised Kingdom's business friendly policies which have provided conducive environment to Indian businesses to flourish. Indian investments in Bahrain have also contributed towards "Made in Bahrain" of Export Bahrain & employment generation.

### Nav Bharat premiered the documentary film titled "The Golden Glimpse"

Date- 07/01/2022





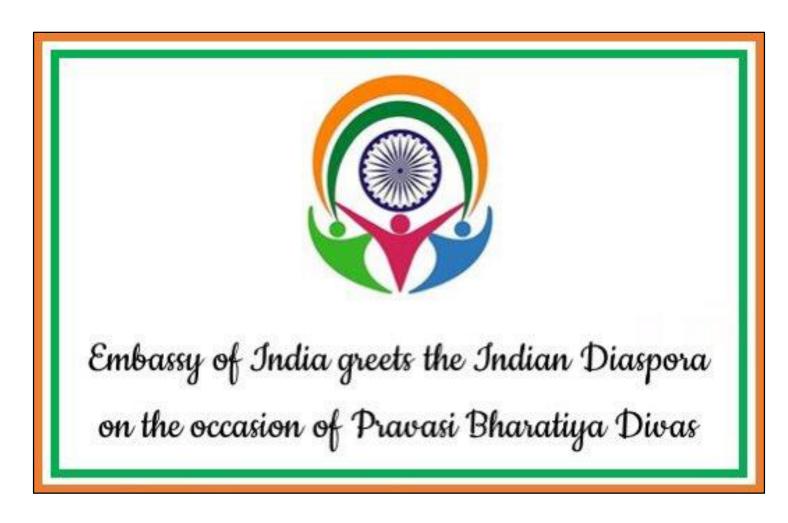




Indian community organisation, Nav Bharat premiered the documentary film titled "The Golden Glimpse" commemorating Golden Jubilee of Diplomatic Relations between India and Bahrain, in Cultural Hall. Amb Piyush Srivastava felicitated the Creative Head & Director of the movie during the premier. The premier was attended by Senior Officials of the Government of Bahrain, Businessmen and members of the Indian Community.

#### **Embassy extended its greetings on the occasion of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas**

Date- 09/01/2022



Embassy of India, Bahrain extended its greetings and best wishes to the Indian Diaspora in Bahrain on the occasion of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas.

#### **Embassy celebrated World Hindi Day with Indian Schools in Bahrain**

Date- 10/01/2022





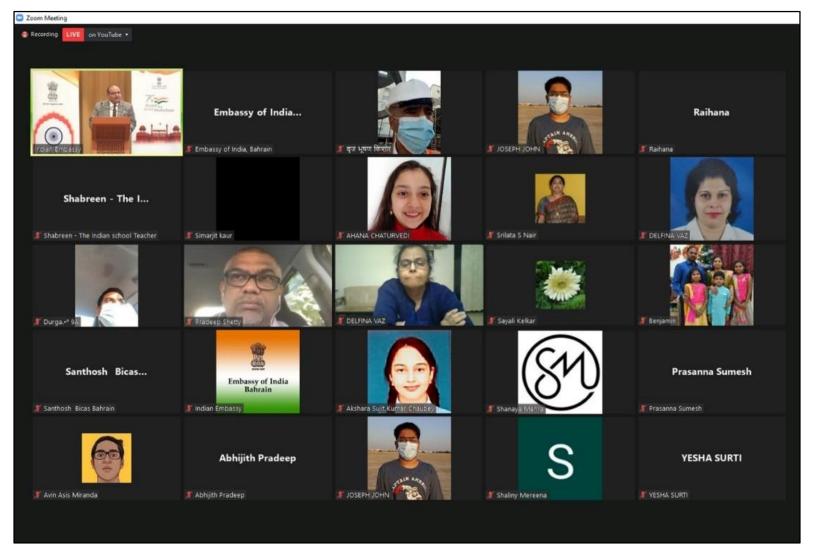
On the occasion of World Hindi Day, Indian schools in Bahrain organized Hindi singing, poetry reading and story reading competitions. Ambassador Shri Piyush Srivastava honored the winning children in the program organized on the occasion of Hindi Diwas at the Embassy of India. On this occasion, children also performed Hindi singing, poetry and story recitation.











Indian professors working in various Bahraini universities, headmasters and headmistresses of Indian schools, teachers and students participated in this program. About 250 people joined the program through online medium.

### **Embassy organised National Youth Day celebrations**

Date- 13/01/2022





Embassy of India, Bahrain in association with BICAS organised National Youth Day celebrations virtually as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, which saw a participation of more than 150. The event featured a skit on Swami Vivekananda's life streamed virtually along with speeches by dignitaries.

### Bharati association in collaboration with Embassy of India held Pongal celebrations

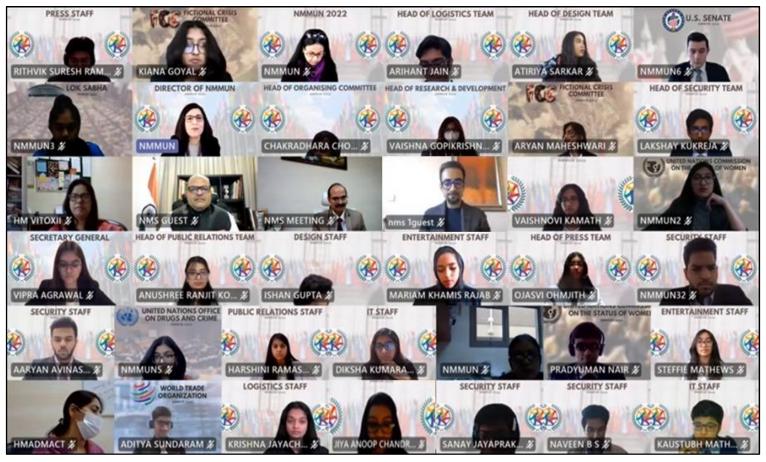
Date- 15/01/2022



Bharati association in collaboration with Embassy of India held Pongal celebrations in Bahrain, marked by pongal dish preparation, and cultural performances. The festivities were also marked by colourful Rangoli, drawn by members of the Indian community in Bahrain.

#### **Ambassador Piyush Srivastava addressed students in NMMUN**

Date- 22/01/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava addressed more than 170 participating students from Bahrain, India, UAE and Qatar in the the first ever New Millennium Model United Nations (NMMUN) Online Conference, organised by the New Millenium School, Bahrain.

### Ambassador inaugurated the Webinar on 'Living with Covid-19: Are we winning the battle?'

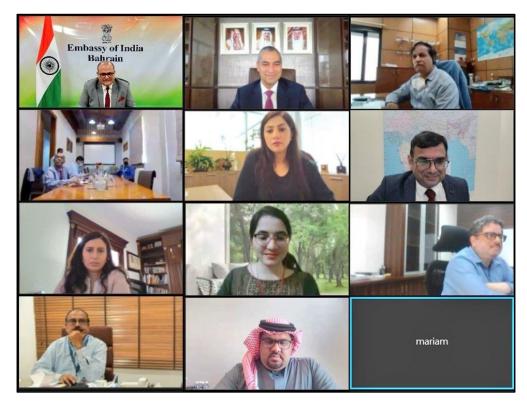
Date- 23/01/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated the Webinar on 'Living with Covid-19: Are we winning the battle?' on 22 January 2022. It was the first Webinar in 2022 organised by ICRF as part of its awareness campaign among the Indian community members in Bahrain. Distinguished medical experts and doctors from Bahrain, Qatar and Canada participated in the Webinar.

### Pharmexcil in cooperation with Embassy of India & NHRA Bahrain organized a Webinar

Date- 24/01/2022



Pharmexcil in cooperation with Embassy of India & NHRA Bahrain organized a Webinar between Indian vaccine manufacturers and Bahrain authorities and companies to promote partnership/joint ventures and tap investment opportunities for production of vaccine/ pharmaceuticals. H.E. Piyush Srivastava, Ambassador, H.E. Khalid Humaidan, Chief Executive, Bahrain EDB and H.E. Mariam Al Jalahma, CEO, NHRA Bahrain spoke in the Webinar. Representatives of EDB and Mumtalakat made detailed presentation on investment opportunities. The Webinar was attended by leading Indian vaccine manufacturers. This was the 3rd Webinar and B2B interaction in last one year to promote bilateral cooperation in the field of health, pharmaceuticals and traditional medicine.

### The results of Bahrain Students Innovation Congress-2021 announced

Date- 29/01/2022



The results of Bahrain Students Innovation Congress-2021, held by the Science India Forum in collaboration with the Indian Embassy in Bahrain, were announced at Embassy on 27 January 2022. Children from five schools participated in the contest & one winning team with innovative projects was declared winner in each Junior and Senior categories.

#### Russian President Vladimir Putin joined for the 21st India-Russia Annual Summit

Date-06/12/2021







PM Narendra Modi welcomed Russian President Vladimir Putin for the 21st India-Russia Annual Summit. Hon'ble Prime Minister thanked President Putin for his visit to India. They exchanged very useful ideas for expanding strategic, trade & investment, energy, connectivity, defence, science & technology and cultural cooperation. They also shared views on important global and regional issues.

### PM delivered special address at World Economic Forum's Davos Agenda

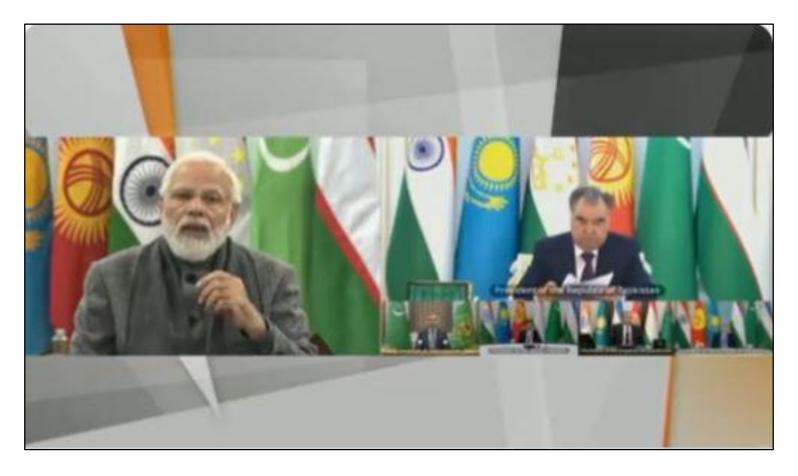
Date- 17/01/2022



Prime Minister Naredra Modi delivered a 'State of the World' special address, virtually at the World Economic Forum's Davos Agenda on January 17, 2022.

#### PM hosted the first ever India-Central Asia Summit

Date- 27/01/2022



Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted the first ever India-Central Asia Summit, in a virtual format on 27 January, 2022. The Summit was attended by Presidents of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, The leaders agreed to India-Central Asia relations to new heights, through the institutionalisation of the summit mechanism.

### The first ever 2+2 meeting between India and Russia held in New Delhi

Date- 07/12/2021





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#### **Third India-Central Asia Dialogue of Foreign Ministers**

Date- 19/12/2021



Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar participated in the third India-Central Asia Dialogue of Foreign Ministers begins in New Delhi, a collaboration based on national ownership, mutual benefit, regional good and development priorities of partners.

### EAM met with UK Secretary; also participated in discussion with French Minister





EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar met the UK Secretary of State for International Trade in New Delhi on January 13 and also participated in a discussion with the French Minister of for Europe and Foreign Affairs on "EU-India Partnership in the Indo-Pacific" on 27 January, 2022.

### MOS delivered keynote address at Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (YPBD) Conference

Date- 09/01/2022



Minister of State V Muraleedharan delivered keynote address at Youth Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (YPBD) Conference on 9 January, 2022 on the topic "Role of Diaspora in Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav".

#### **Another Indian achievement in UNESCO**

Date- 15/12/2021



Another recognition to Indian Cultural Heritage. Durga Puja in Kolkata has been added to the UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

#### **Covovax gets approval from WHO**

Date- 18/12/2021



World Health Organisation (WHO) approves the emergency use of the COVID-19 vaccine, Covovax produced by Serum Institute of India.

### Embassy paid homage to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on his 125<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary

Date- 18/12/2021



Embassy paid homage to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose on his 125th birth anniversary. A hologram statues of Netaji was unveiled on the same day at India Gate.

### India supplied the fourth batch of medical assistance to Afghanistan

Date- 01/01/2022





India supplied the fourth batch of medical assistance, consisting of 3 tons of essential life saving medicines to Afghanistan. Earlier, we had supplied three shipments of medical assistance, consisting of 500,000 doses of COVID vaccine and essential life saving medicines to Afghanistan.

## **Sports**

### Charge de Affairs Ravi Kumar Jain visited the Indian Contingent of Asian Youth Paralympics 2021

Date- 03/12/2021



Charge de Affairs Ravi Kumar Jain visited the Indian Contingent of Asian Youth Paralympics 2021 during the opening ceremony and wished them success for the event. The tournament was held in Bahrain from 2-6 December, 2021.

## **Sports**

#### India won 41 medals in Asian Youth Para Games 2021

Date- 07/12/2021



India's Medal Tally on Final Day of Asian Youth Para Games 2021. Gold :12, Silver: 15, Bronze. India claimed a total of 41 medals throughout the competitions.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

#### **Embassy organised the Virtual Open House on 31 December 2021**

Date- 31/12/2021



Embassy of India, Bahrain organised the Virtual Open House on 31 December 2021. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava interacted with the local Indian community members as well as the associations directly regarding consular & labour issues. Ambassador expressed his gratitude to the local Government authorities including LMRA & Immigration, & appreciated Indian associations Particularly ICRF, World NRI Council & Budaiya Gurudwara for their support in resolving a number of issues concerning our community members. 7 fisherman stranded in Bahrain for more than 2 months travelled back to India this week. Travel ban cases of Mr. Mani Komban, Sasidharan Pullot, Ms Arsh Preet Kaur, Uma Marimuthu have been resolved & travelled back to India.

## **OPEN HOUSE**

### **Embassy organised the Virtual Open House on 28 January, 2022**

Date- 28/01/2022



Embassy organised the Virtual Open House on 28 January 2022. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava interacted with the local Indian community members as well as the associations directly regarding consular and labour issues.

## **OPEN HOUSE**





Ambassador particularly thanked ICRF and World NRI Council for reaching out to our workers, celebrating Republic day with them and distributing over 350 sweets/food packets with support of Embassy and Bahraini business community, which was commendable in present circumstances.