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Embassy of India
Bahrain

PRESS RELEASE

1. The Embassy of India organized the first open house of the year 2025 on January 31, chaired by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod Kurian Jacob. The Embassy's Community Welfare team along with the Consular team and our panel lawyers were present. Approx 30 cases were received in the Open House which was conducted in English, Hindi, Tamil, and Malayalam.
2. Ambassador expressed happiness at the overwhelming participation of Indian community members at the Flag unfurling Ceremony and the evening Reception organized by the Embassy, to celebrate 76th Republic Day of India.
3. Ambassador urged community members to avoid securing loans from unlicensed providers in order to prevent any possible legal complications. The Embassy received reports regarding a group of workers who are interacting with individuals of the same nationality to secure loans with excessively high interest rates and also that these individuals are operating with funds obtained through various illicit activities. These lending operations may be indicative of money laundering.
4. Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India has recently revised annexures ('C' and 'D') required for passport application for minors. These changes were

also communicated to the community members for their understanding (<https://www.eoibahrain.gov.in/pdf/Annexure'C'.pdf>, <https://www.eoibahrain.gov.in/pdf/Annexure'D'.pdf>).

5. Ambassador thanked the local government authorities for their continued support and co-operation in taking care of its expatriate community. It was a fruitful 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.

