



Embassy of India

Bahrain

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PRESS RELEASE

The Embassy of India, Bahrain held 12<sup>th</sup> and last open house of the year 2022 on 30 December 2022 between 10:00 hrs to 12:00 hrs.

The Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, the Embassy Consular team & Panel Lawyers were present. About 50 distressed Indian nationals and 10 associations participated in the open house.

Ambassador conveyed greetings and best wishes to everyone on Christmas, New Year and upcoming Pongal, Lohri and Makar Sakranti.

He also commended Indian Community members and associations for their enthusiastic registration for Pravasi Bhartiya Diwas Convention and also thanked them for creating awareness for PBD which is to be held in Madhya Pradesh from 08-10 January 2023.

Ambassador also informed them about the recent decision of Government of Bahrain of opening of Labour Registration Programme Centres for the flexi visa holders which are now functional. He encouraged Indian community flexi visa holders to urgently register under the new system, as the deadline for the same is Feb, 2023

With the Mission's continued efforts, the illegal agents who arranged the travel of housemaids holding ECR passports, circumventing all the guidelines laid by the Ministry have also been reported to the concerned authorities and Mission has been successful in getting positive response from them as well.

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 of two housemaids who have been successfully repatriated to their hometown. The Embassy assisted in providing Emergency certificate and tickets to distressed people through ICWF.

Ambassador expressed his happiness and thanked of Indian community associations including ICRF, World NRI Council, Bharti, BKS, TKS, SPM, BICAS, Budaiya Gurudwara for their constant support which has led to helping hundreds of community member and resolving a large number of long pending cases. Ambassador expressed gratitude to Government of Bahrain authorities including LMRA, Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Interior for their continuous support and assistance.

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