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The Embassy of India organised open house on June 27, 2025 chaired by Ambassador, H.E. Mr. Vinod Kurian Jacob. The Embassy's Welfare and consular teams and panel of lawyers were also present. More than 40 Indian nationals participated in the Open House conducted in English, Hindi, Tamil and Malayalam languages.

2. Ambassador appreciated the conduct of Indian community during the recent situation and urged them to follow the necessary advisories issued by the authorities of Kingdom of Bahrain. Ambassador also expressed gratitude to the Bahraini government authorities for their ongoing support and collaboration in assisting the Indian community during this unexpected situation,

3. Ambassador thanked the Indian community members for their active participation in the 11<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga celebration held on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2025. A delegation from Bahrain Yogasana team which recently visited India and participated in the second Asian Yogasana Sports Championship also attended.

4. On the occasion of Eid Al Adha, 20 Indian nationals were released under Royal Pardon. With this, since December 2023, a total of 250 Indian nationals have been released on Royal Parson.

5. Embassy officials made separate visits to Ladies jail and Jau jail this month to meet the inmates in person. The inmates of ladies jail were provided with the support kits through Indian Community Welfare Fund.

6. Many cases of alledged fraud by tour and travel companies offering membership package have been reported by Indian nationals to the Embassy. The Embassy advises all Indian nationals to carefully verify credentials of companies before subscribing for such packages and making payment.

7. A new Outsource Service Provider has been identified to provide Passport, Visa and Consular services commencing from 01 August 2025. Meanwhile, these service will be provided at the Embassy's premises from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.

8 Ambassador thanked the Embassy's panel lawyers for their consistent participation in the open house and for their unwavering support in reviewing the cases presented during the open house. He thanked the Bahraini government authorities for their continued support and co-operation in taking care of the Indian community.

9. 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.

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