



Embassy of India

Bahrain

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The Embassy of India organised the Open House on 26 February 2021 between 10:00 Hrs to 12:00 Hrs, during which Ambassador Piyush Srivastava interacted with the Indian community directly for redressing their urgent/non-routine consular and labour issues. Due to continued restrictions in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, the Embassy has continued to hold the 'Open House' in virtual mode.

Ambassador lauded the way the Kingdom of Bahrain co-operated during the pandemic and for meeting the challenge with coordinated response. Ambassador encouraged the community members to follow Kingdom's COVID advisory and protocols, as well as to get vaccinated to support Kingdom's efforts in fighting pandemic as well as for their own safety.

Ambassador briefed the community about India's global contribution in fight against the pandemic. India is the key player in global fight against pandemic. So far India has supplied approx. 25 million of 'Made in India'

COVID vaccines to over 25 countries. Many more are on the way. Bahrain was among the first countries to receive vaccines.

Ambassador informed the community that in India, in the last one month, over 10 million health and frontline workers have already got vaccination. Government of India w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021 is entering into 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of vaccination of all people above 60 years as well as those above 45 years with comorbidities.

Ambassador encouraged all community members to regularly follow the Embassy's website and social media accounts for updates regarding pressing common issues such as COVID-19 related SOPs and travel related information which are recently announced by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India vide order dated 17 February 2021. For more information below mentioned link may be visited:

<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/pdf/Guidelinesforinternationalarrivals17022021.pdf>

It was a productive interactive session. While some of the grievances/issues being faced by the Indian Community have been resolved, on the other matters requiring documents/details, Embassy will follow up on the same with a view to resolve them at the earliest possible.

Ambassador thanked the Indian associations and distinguished volunteers present in the Session for their efforts in reaching out to the needy Indian nationals and facilitating their platform for them to appear and register their grievance during the open house.