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# **Digital Newsletter**

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# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Leaders of Bahrain sent cable of condolence to PM Modi, following the passing of his mother

Date-30/12/2022

### HM King condoles with Indian Prime Minister

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Manama, Dec. 30 (BNA): His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa today sent a cable of condolences to the Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, following the passing of his mother.

HM the King expressed deepest condolences and sympathy to the Indian Prime Minister, wishing him, as well as the family and relatives of the deceased patience and fortitude.

### HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister condoles with the Prime Minister of the Republic of India

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Manama, Dec. 30 (BNA): His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, today sent a cable of condolences to the Prime Minister of the Republic of India, HE Shri Narendra Modi, following the passing of his mother.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Bahrain sent cable of condolences to the Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, following the passing of his mother.

# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa visited Indian families on the occasion of Diwali

Date-28/09/2022



On behalf of HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Bahrain, HH Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa visited a number of families of Indian origin, who have been living in Bahrain for close to two centuries, to mark Diwali 2022. His Highness Shaikh Mohammed bin Salman Al Khalifa's visit to these families on the occasion of Diwali, is a unique tradition in Bahrain symbolizing the values of coexistence and harmony.



# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Embassy of Bahrain in India held Bahrain National Day Celebrations

Date-20/12/2022



Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs, Mr V. Muraleedharan attended Bahrain National Day Reception hosted by the Embassy of the Kingdom of Bahrain in New Delhi.



# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Ambassador called on Minister of Defence, Bahrain

Date-28/09/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on H.E. Lieutenant - General Abdullah bin Hassan Al Nuaimi, Minister of Defence Affairs, Bahrain and discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation including in defence and security domain.

## BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

### **Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on Minister of Social Development, Bahrain**

**Date-08/09/2022**



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on H. E. Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfoor, Minister of Social Development of Bahrain and discussed issues of mutual interest, including welfare of Indian community in Bahrain. Ambassador conveyed thanks and appreciation for the support extended to the Indian community organisations.

## BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

### **Ambassador met Secretary General of High Education Council, Bahrain**

**Date-26/09/2022**



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met H.E. Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa Al Khalifa, Secretary General High Education Council, and discussed matters of mutual interest in the area of higher education.



## BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

### **Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met President of the Court of the Crown Prince**

**Date-22/09/2022**



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Ahmed bin Salman Al Khalifa, President of the Court of the Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Bahrain and discussed issues of mutual interest for further strengthening bilateral ties.

## BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

### **Ambassador met Undersecretary, Consular & Administrative Affairs, MoFA**

**Date-23/09/2022**



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met Dr. Muhammad Ali Bahzad, Undersecretary, Consular and Administrative Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bahrain and discussed the bilateral issues of mutual interest including welfare and consular matters concerning Indian community.

## BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

### **Ambassador met Undersecretary, NPRA, Bahrain**

**Date-26/09/2022**



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met H. E. Shaikh Hesham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Undersecretary for Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs, Ministry of Interior, Bahrain and discussed issues concerning consular and welfare matters of Indian community.



# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Ambassador met Capital Governor of Bahrain

Date-27/09/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met H.E. Shaikh Rashid bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa, Capital Governor of Bahrain and discussed issues of mutual interest including welfare of Indian community and ways to increase cooperation between cities of the two countries.

# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Collaboration between SMEs of India-Bahrain

Date-05/09/2022



In a boost to collaboration between SMEs of India-Bahrain, a Bahraini business delegation led by Dr. Abdulhasan Al-Dairi, Chairman Bahrain Small and Medium Enterprises Society participated in the 8th India International MSME Startup Expo and Summit-2022 organized from 25-27 Aug, 2022 by MSME Development Forum, India. The delegation called on Narayan Rane, Hon'ble Minister of MSME, Govt of India. The delegation also visited Rapid Incubation Centre and Advanced Training Centre. An MoU was also signed between the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry and BHSMEs.



# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## FIEO in association with Bahrain EDB organised Interactive Session

Date-06/09/2022



FIEO in association with Economic Development Board Bahrain organised Interactive Session on “Opportunity for Indian Companies to Expand Business in MENA & GCC region via Bahrain” on Sept 6, 2022 at New Delhi. The Session provided opportunity to gain understanding of Bahrain’s economic climate and various investment opportunities available to Indian manufacturers looking to expand their businesses in the region. Dr Ajay Sahai, DG & CEO, FIEO mentioned that India & Bahrain have a historic connection that backs to the Indus Valley era and today the Indian investment in Bahrain is lured by the world class facilities and great value proposition provided by Bahrain in the GCC region. HE Abdul Rahman Gaoud, Ambassador of Bahrain to India mentioned that the strategic location of Bahrain makes it the best place to surface transport to the GCC region and invited Indian companies to explore Bahrain for their expansion.



# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## FIEO in association with Bahrain EDB organized a meeting

Date-08/09/2022



Mr Khalid M Khan, Vice President, FIEO addressed exporters in a meeting organised by FIEO in association with EDB Bahrain at Mumbai. He informed participants about existing bilateral trade between India-Bahrain and highlighted the future trade prospects.

# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## **Ambassador met CEO, LMRA Bahrain**

**Date-04/10/2022**



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met Mrs. Noof Abdulrahman Jamsheer, CEO, Labour Market Regulatory Authority and discussed issues of mutual interest including consular and welfare matters of Indian community.

# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Delegates of Bahrain Defence Force participated in Defexpo 2022 in India

Date-18/10/2022



In a sign of growing bilateral defence cooperation, a delegation led by RAdm Salah Mohamed Hijres, Dy Commander, BDF Bahrain visited India to participate in DefExpo 22. On the first day of Defexpo 2022 the delegation visited many exhibitors including Goa Shipyard Ltd.



# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Delegates of Bahrain Coast Guard participated in HACGAM in India

Date-19/10/2022



Indian Coast Guard hosted the 18th Meeting of Heads of Asian Coast Agencies (HACGAM) from 14-18 October 2022 in New Delhi. A delegation headed by Major Jasim Mohamed Al-Ghatam, the commander of the Bahrain Coast Guard participated in the event.

# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Deputy commander of BDF Bahrain interacted with India's top military command

Date-19/10/2022



RAdm Salah Mohamed Hijres, Dy Commander, BDF Bahrain interacted with top military command of India on the side lines of Defexpo 2022.



# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## **Ambassador called on Minister of Tourism, Bahrain**

**Date-27/10/2022**



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on H. E. Fatima bint Jaffer Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism, Bahrain and discussed various areas and ways to strengthen cooperation to boost two ways tourism and people to people contact.



## BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

### **Ambassador called on Minister of Transportation and Telecommunication, Bahrain**

**Date-28/10/2022**



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on H. E. Mohammed bin Thamer Al-Kaabi, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunication, Bahrain and discussed matters of mutual interest.

# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Ambassador inaugurated India Pavilion at BIAS 2022

Date-09/11/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava in presence of AVM S Srinivasan, Asst CAS (Transport & Helicopters), Mr Krishna Kumar Bhaskarla, Executive Director of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Embassy officials & Reps from Bharat Dynamics Limited & Bharat Electronics Limited inaugurated the India Pavilion at Bahrain International AirShow 2022 at Sakhir Air Base. During the Air Show HAL showcased the Light Combat Aircraft Tejas, Advanced Light Helicopter, Light Combat Helicopter and Light Utility Helicopter. BEL marketed Night Vision devices, Radars and Counter drone systems. BDL showcased Akash SAMs, Astra Air to Air Missiles, Counter Measure Dispensing Systems and Under Water Dispensing Systems.



# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## **Air Vice Marshal of Indian Air Force called on Commander of Royal Bahrain Air Force**

**Date-10/11/2022**



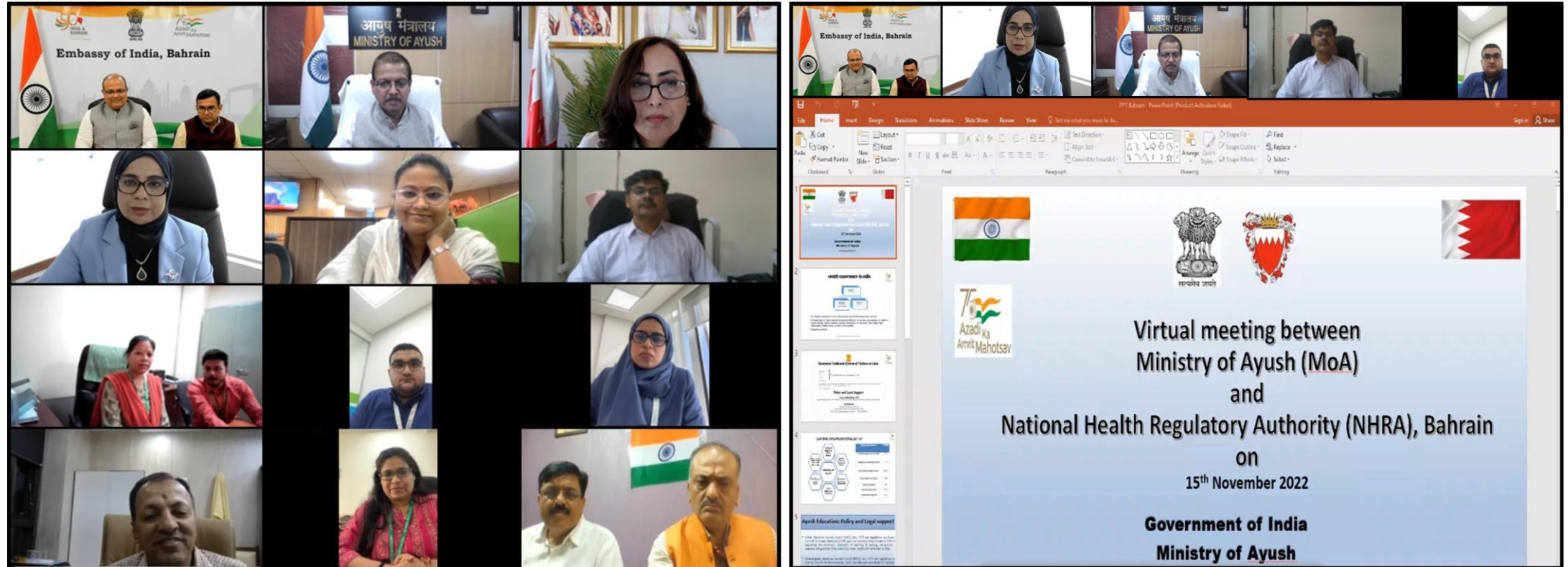
Air Vice Marshal S Srinivasan, ACAS, Indian Air Force called on Major General Sheikh Hamad bin Abdullah Al Khalifa, Commander, Royal Bahraini Air Force. They discussed topics of mutual interest & strengthening the bilateral relationship especially in field of Defence & Aviation. Commander of Royal Bahraini Air Force also visited India Pavilion and interacted with the Indian exhibitors from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bharat Dynamics Limited and Bharat Electronics Limited.



# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Ministry of AYUSH, India held virtual meeting with NHRA Bahrain

Date-15/11/2022



Various possibilities of cooperation in the field of complementary and alternative medicines including Yoga and Ayurveda were discussed in the virtual meeting held between Ministry of AYUSH, India and NHRA Bahrain. Dr. Manoj, Advisor, Ministry of Ayush and Dr Mariam Al Jalahma, CEO, NHRA led the Indian and Bahraini delegation respectively.

# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## **Ambassador met Minister of Electricity and Water Authority, Bahrain**

**Date-13/12/2022**



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met H.E. Yasser bin Ibrahim Humaidan, Minister of Electricity and Water Authority, Bahrain and discussed ways to enhance bilateral cooperation in the energy sector including in key area of renewable energy.



# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Ambassador met Minister of Information Affairs, Bahrain

Date-14/12/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met HE Dr. Ramzan bin Abdullah Al-Nuaimi, Minister of Information Affairs, Bahrain. They discussed historical & multifaceted bilateral relations between our two countries and issues of common interest, and ways to enhance bilateral coop., particularly in field of media, info and tourism.



# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## **Ambassador met Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bahrain**

**Date-23/12/2022**



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met H. E. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Abdullatif bin Rashid Al-Zayani, and discussed matters of mutual interest in bilateral, regional and multilateral affairs.

# BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

## Ambassador called on Chairman of Shura Council, Bahrain

Date-29/12/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on H.E. Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of Shura Council. Ambassador congratulated the Chairman for his re-appointment & discussed means to strengthen bilateral relations including parliamentary relations between two countries.

# EVENTS

## Embassy of India, Bahrain held Teachers Day celebration

Date- 05/09/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava commended and felicitated Indian schools, teachers & management for their outstanding service, dedication and commitment to ensure continuity of education during the difficult times of Covid on the occasion of Teachers Day in a ceremony organized Embassy of India, Bahrain. Ambassador also presented certificates of appreciation to all the Yoga teachers who partnered with the Embassy in successfully conducting 75 yoga sessions throughout the month of June 2022 to mark IDY 2022.



# EVENTS

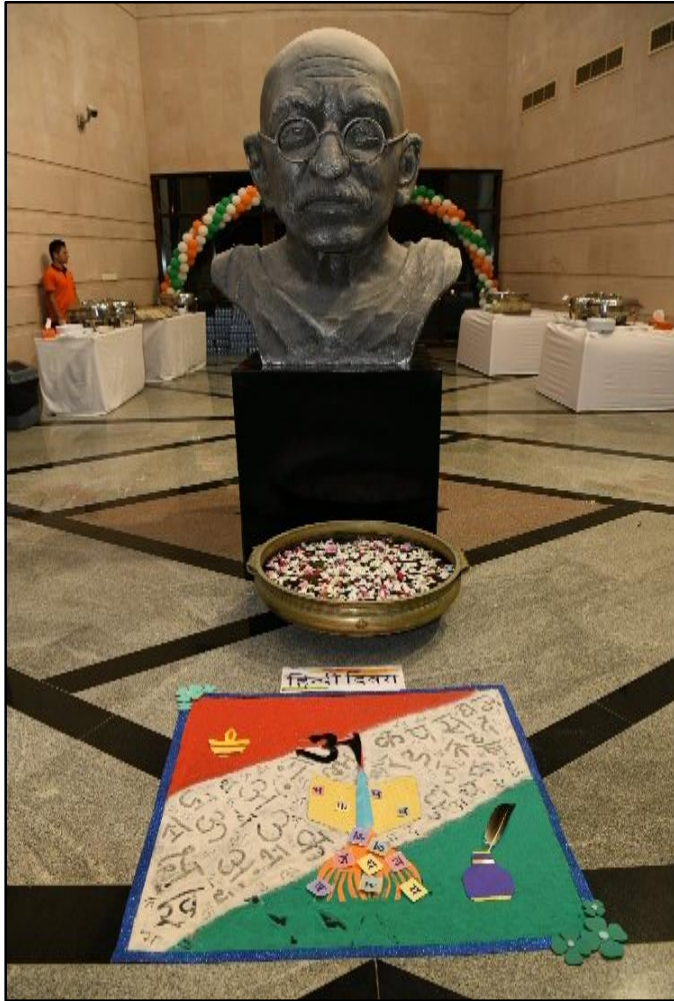
## Embassy of India, Bahrain held Hindi Day celebration

Date- 17/09/2022



Embassy of India in association with Pratham Hindi Toastmasters Club organized Hindi Diwas celebration in Bahrain. Famous Indian theatre Artists and Movie actors, Shri Rajendra Gupta and Shri Atul Tiwari joined Embassy for a Hindi Chaupal to discuss the role of Hindi in India and among Indian diaspora across the world, at the Embassy premise. The event saw participation of about 250 Indian & Bahraini Hindi connoisseurs.

# EVENTS



An exhibition featuring beautiful painting and amazing art works by different artists of Indian diaspora were also showcased as part of the event, including a rangoli to commemorate Hindi Divas2022.



# EVENTS

## Indian Ladies Association organized grand 'Dandiya Night'

Date- 25/09/2022



A grand "Dandiya Night" was organized by the Indian Ladies Association (ILA), Bahrain at the Crown Plaza Hotel. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava and Mrs. Monika Srivastava, the patron of ILA, joined the festivities along with more than 1500 dance and culture enthusiasts.



# EVENTS

## Shree Gujarati Samaj (SGS) held Navarathri Celebrations

Date- 28/09/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava joined the Navrathri celebration held by Shree Gujarati Samaj (SGS ) at the 200 year old Sreenathji temple in Manama. Ambassador wished everyone on the occasion of the holy Navarathri. Ambassador also commended Shree Gujarati Samaj for organising this wonderful event showcasing Indian cultural heritage and traditions.

# EVENTS

## Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated 'Kannada Bhavana'

Date- 24/09/2022



'Kannada Bhavana' the new building of Kannada Sangha, Bahrain was inaugurated by Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, in presence of dignitaries including Shri. K Jayaprakash Hegde, Chairman, Karnataka State Backward Classes Commission. CMO Karnataka also sent a video message for the function. Kannada Bhavana Bahrain is the first such facility outside India. Built with support from Govt. of Karnataka, it has facilities including a multi-purpose hall, classrooms, offices, a gym, a full fledged library, indoor sports facilities, a cafe lounge and meeting rooms.



# EVENTS

## TPCI India in association with Embassy organized India-Gulf Buyer Seller Meet

Date- 12/09/2022



Trade Promotion Council of India in association with Embassy of India, Bahrain organised India-Gulf Buyer Seller meet on food and beverage sector at Intercontinental Hotel, Bahrain. The event was inaugurated by Ambassador Piyush Srivastava. Mr. Abdul Rahman Juma, Chairman, Bahrain India Society was also present in the event. TPCI led a business delegation of 13 Indian food & beverage exporters which participated in the event. 45 leading retailers, importers, distributors and wholesalers of F&B products in Bahrain participated in the BSM.



# EVENTS

## ICRF concluded its Thirst-Quenchers 2022' programme

Date- 17/09/2022



Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) held the concluding event of its Thirst-Quenchers 2022' programme on 17 Sept, 2022 at the worksite in Marassi. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, Mr. Ahmed Jaffar Al-Hayki, Assistant Under Secretary from Ministry of Labour, Bahrain and ICRF Chairman, Dr Babu Ramachandran were present at the programme. Senior officials from MOL Bahrain, Indian community organizations including Bohra community, BCICAI & World NRI Council attended the event. Over 550 Indian workers benefited from the event. In 12 such events organised since July 2022, ICRF reached out to more than 3100 workers.

# EVENTS

## **P Gopichand, former All England Champion & Chief National Coach visited Bahrain**

**Date- 05/09/2022**



P Gopichand, former All England Champion & Chief National Coach, Indian National Badminton team inaugurated Bahrain branch of Gulf Badminton Academy in association with The Indian Club. The academy will run under mentorship of P Gopichand. He also visited Embassy of India, Bahrain and met Ambassador Piyush Srivastava. Ambassador hailed this initiative, saying that such endeavours promote cooperation in the field of sports and interaction between youths of India and Bahrain.



# EVENTS

## Bollywood actress Ameesha Patel visited Embassy of India

Date- 14/09/2022



Bollywood actress Ameesha Patel visited Embassy of India, Bahrain. She was in Bahrain for the Social Media Awards 2022.



# VISITS

## Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited UltraTech Cement Bahrain Company W.L.L

Date- 20/09/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited UltraTech Cement Bahrain Company W.L.L. , a subsidiary of Ultra Tech Cement with investment of USD 100 million since 2010. The company is part of Aditya Birla Group, a USD 60 billion multinational conglomerate. The Unit with annual production capacity of 1.2 million tons has played important role in infrastructure development of Bahrain and has the largest market share.

# VISITS

## Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited Jupiter Products Company WLL

Date- 26/09/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited Jupiter Products Company WLL, a subsidiary of Indian Parle-G, makers of the world's largest selling cookies Parle-G. Jupiter Products Company WLL (Parle) started production in Bahrain in 2021-22. The company with annual manufacturing capacity of 6000 MT is contributing significantly towards Export Bahrain by exporting biscuits from Bahrain to all GCC countries.



# EVENTS

## Celebrations held on Sharadotsav Festival

Date- 01/10/2022



Sharadotsav Festival, marking the start of Navaratri and month long Durga puja celebrations was organised by Bongiyto Samaj Bahrain at Adhari Park, Bahrain. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended the event as Chief Guest. Art works and 'Anandmela'- stalls selling home cooked food were highlights.



# EVENTS

## Embassy celebrated Gandhi Jayanti

Date- 02/10/2022



H.E. Abdulnabi Al Shoala, former Labour Minister of Bahrain and renowned Gandhian was the Chief Guest in the Gandhi Jayanti celebrations held in the Embassy. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, and H.E. Al Shoala offered floral tributes to the Father of the Nation. H.E. Al Shoala and Ambassador addressed more than 700 students, and talked on the life & ideologies of Gandhi ji in a virtual event, featuring a video session by Dr. Shobhana Radhakrishna titled "Mahatma Gandhi's Global Leadership for Peace, Non-Violence & Satyagraha."

# EVENTS

## President BACA and Ambassador Srivastava joined Navaratri celebrations

Date- 02/10/2022



H.E. Sheikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, President, Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities along with Ambassador Piyush Srivastava and Shri V N Vasavan, Minister for Cooperation, Registration and Culture, Govt of Kerala joined more than 500 people in a musical concert by Hariharan A, organised by Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam as part of the Navaratri celebrations.



# EVENTS

## Embassy attended a special online session on Cyber Jagrookta Diwas

Date- 06/10/2022



On Cyber Jagrookta Diwas, Officers and Officials of the Embassy attended a special online session on 'Cyber Hygiene and Best Practices' conducted by the EG&IT Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

# EVENTS

## Ambassador inaugurated Diwali celebration of Lulu Hypermarket

Date- 11/10/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated Diwali Fest which was celebrated for two weeks in all Hypermarkets of LuLu group in Bahrain. The fest featured wide array of diwali products, food and colourful cultural programmes.



# EVENTS

## The website for 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was jointly launched

Date- 14/10/2022

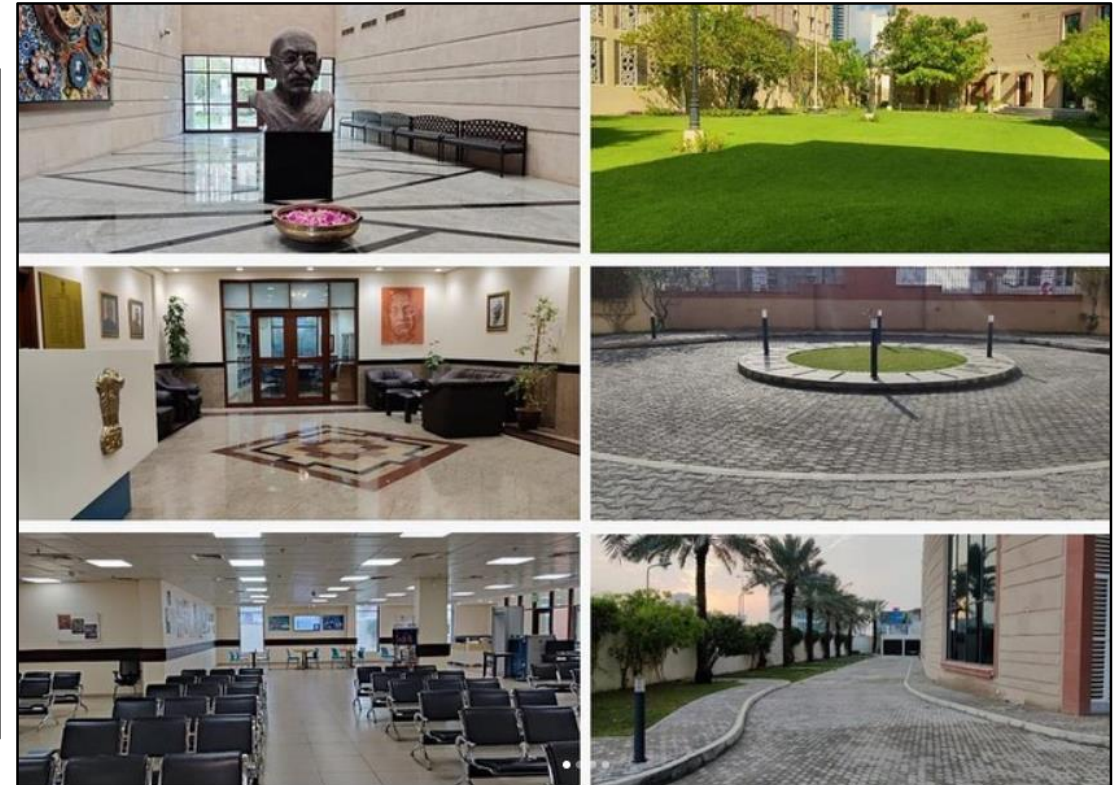


The website for 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas <https://pbdindia.gov.in> was jointly launched by EAM Dr S Jaishankar, MoS Shri V Muraleedharan and CM of Madhya Pradesh Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan in the presence of Indian Community members who had joined virtually from across the world. Indian community members from Bahrain including Pravasi Bharatiya Samman awardees, Heads of Indian associations, and businessmen attended the virtual launch from Embassy of India, Bahrain.

# EVENTS

## Embassy organized cleanliness campaign

Date- 14/10/2022



Embassy of India, Bahrain organized cleanliness campaigns on 2nd and 12th October, 2022 as part of Government of India's Special Campaign 2.



# EVENTS

## ‘Ayurveda Everyday, Ayurveda Everywhere’

Date- 20/10/2022



Under the patronage of Embassy, 7th Ayurveda Day was celebrated at the Embassy with Bahrain Ayurvedic centres: Santhagiri, Kottakkal Ayurveda, Vaidyaratnam Ayurvedic Centre, Gouranga Ayurvedic Centre & Indian Ayurvedic Medical Centre. Dr. Abdul Rahman Bu Ali, Former Undersecretary, Ministry of Health Bahrain, Ms. Namat Al Subaie, Advisor, NHRA Bahrain & Ms. Fatima Al Mansoori, Yoga Therapy Specialist & Lifestyle Coach joined around 100 Ayurveda followers for the event. Stalls by Bahrain based Ayurvedic centres showcased a wide range of Ayurvedic products. The event featured a presentation on Ayurvedic nutritional elements. Role of Millets as new age super food was also highlighted.



# EVENTS

## Golden Jubilee celebration of India-Bahrain diplomatic relation concludes with Art Exhibition

Date- 28/10/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava along with the renowned artist Mr. Abbas Mohammed Mosawi inaugurated the 'Indo-Bahrain Art Exhibition' organized as part of culmination of Golden Jubilee celebration of establishment Diplomatic Relations between India and Bahrain. More than 50 Indian and Bahraini artists united to showcase Indo-Bahrain relations through their unique pieces of art.



# EVENTS

## Vaghad Samaj in association with Embassy organized Diwali celebrations

Date- 29/10/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava graced Diwali celebrations by Vaghad Samaj in Bahrain as Chief Guest. The event saw cultural performances by Indian community members.

# EVENTS

## NMS hosted 8th Inter school Model United Nations Conference

Date- 30/10/2022



New Millennium School Bahrain hosted its 8th Inter school Model United Nations Conference- NMMUN 2022. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended the event as Chief Guest. Over 350 students from various schools in Bahrain joined the conference.



# EVENTS

## Embassy organized Unity Walk to mark Unity Day

Date- 31/10/2022



Members of the Indian Community in Bahrain joined Indian Embassy staffs to form a Human Chain to mark Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2022 at Marina Beach Garden, Bahrain.

# EVENTS

## 40 member delegation led by FIEO India visited Bahrain

Date- 2-3/11/2022



A strong 40 member Indian delegation representing 21 food & agri business companies and 3 Farmer Producer Organizations led by FIEO visited Bahrain from 2-3 November 2022 to further strengthen bilateral trade and investment. Embassy with BIS organized a networking meet for delegation, attended by more than 100 participants from business community, senior officials from Bahrain EDB & MoH Bahrain and media. Bahrain Chamber organized a B2B meeting for the visiting delegation in their premises which was attended by more than 80 Bahraini companies. The delegation also visited Lulu Hypermarket, Aljazira Supermarket, Megamart and other major supermarkets and food manufacturers of Bahrain- to have an understanding of the local market.



# EVENTS

## Embassy celebrated Children's Day in association with Indian Ladies Association

Date- 14/11/2022



Children from Indian Ladies Association's Sneha Recreation Center celebrated Children's Day 2022 with art and craft activities in the Embassy of India. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava and Monika Srivastava, Patron ILA interacted with the children on the occasion. The event was organised in association with ILA.

# EVENTS

## Ambassador visited book fest organized by Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam

Date- 19/11/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited the BKS - DC book fest in Bahrain, held in association with DC Books. Books in various Indian languages and English were displayed in the 10 day book fest from 10 - 20 November 2022, along with a photography exhibition.



# EVENTS

## India Pavilion set up at Jewellery Arabia 2022 held in Bahrain

Date- 22/11/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited 19th edition of Indian Pavilion at Jewellery Arabia 2022 premier jewellery and watch event, held from 22-26 Nov 2022. Close to 80 companies including 67 exporters led by GJEPC India displayed their collection in the event. Spread in 1236 sqm in Hall 3, 5 & 6, India Pavilion displayed exquisite craftsmanship & jewellery collections comprising of high-end diamond jewellery, gold & platinum jewellery, fine jewellery, designer handmade, high-end diamond & bridal jewellery pieces.

# EVENTS

## Ambassador inaugurated Annual Mega Fair organized by Indian School Bahrain

Date- 25/11/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated Indian School Bahrain's annual Mega Fair. The event saw an overwhelming participation of students, parents & education fraternity of Bahrain which is a recognition of people's trust in Indian Schools' quality and cost-effective education.



# EVENTS

## Commemoration of Constitution Day

Date- 26/11/2022



Commemorating the day India adopted its Constitution, Ambassador Piyush Srivastava read out the Preamble to all officials of the Mission.

# EVENTS

## ICRF in association with Embassy organized medical camp for labourers

Date- 27/11/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava and Mr Ashraf Emam, Dy CEO LMRA Bahrain attended medical camp organised for about 750 workers by ICRF Bahrain at Al Namal Labour camp at Askar. Close to 3000 labourers and workers benefited from 12 camps organised under Mega Medical Camp program of ICRF with support from local hospitals. Ambassador commended Indian business community and volunteers for joining in this noble cause, and thanked LMRA and other Bahrain Govt authorities for continued support for welfare of labourers and workers.



# EVENTS

## Embassy held interaction with Indian community leaders regarding PBD 2023

Date- 26/11/2022



In a meeting with Indian community leaders in Bahrain, Ambassador Piyush Srivastava provided further update on the program and facilities provided during PBD 2023. Ambassador personally answered queries of Diaspora members & underlined initiatives to encourage participation.

# EVENTS

## Embassy in association with Science India Forum organized Sastra Prathibha Contest 2022

Date- 02/12/2022



Results of Sastra Prathibha Contest 2022, held by the Science India Forum in association with Embassy of India, Bahrain were announced at the Embassy on 29 Nov, 2022. 17 students were titled 'Sastra Prathibhas.' More than 12,000 children from various schools in Bahrain participated.



# EVENTS

## Embassy organized multilingual poetry meet in association with Khwabga

Date- 03/12/2022



8 poems of friendship in Hindi, Arabic, English, and Urdu were recited by poets from India and Bahrain in the Multilingual Poetry Meet 'Sadaqatu Dosti Ka' hosted at Embassy. The event organised in association with Khwabgaah, as part of Golden Jubilee of Diplomatic Relations, saw attendance of around 100 members of India and Bahrain community including poets, writers & authors. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava honoured the poets & congratulated them for their presentation.



# EVENTS

## Science India Forum in association with Embassy held Bahrain Student's Innovation Congress

Date- 06/12/2022



Science India Forum, Bahrain in association with Embassy organized the yearly Bahrain Student's Innovation Congress (BSIC) under the theme 'Understanding Ecosystem for Health and Well-being' at Indian School Bahrain. 22 Teams of students from 8 schools presented innovative exhibits and ideas on understanding our Ecosystem and contributing towards its preservation. The two winning teams participated in the National Children Science Congress held by Department of Science and Technology, India.



# EVENTS

## Embassy held Indian University and ITEC Alumni meet

Date- 06/12/2022



Embassy of India, Bahrain held an Indian University & ITEC Alumni meet. Around 50 Bahraini dignitaries including former Ministers, current & former MPs, representatives from Govt., Businesses & other institutions, who have studied in Indian Universities & attended training courses in India participated. During the event, Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, HE Abdulnabi Al Shoala, former Labour Minister, Bahrain, Dr. Abdulhassan Al Dairi from the Indian University Alumni society & an ITEC Alumni addressed the participants. Presentations on Study in India and Maharashtra were shown.

# EVENTS

## BCICAI held their 14th Annual International Conference

Date- 11/12/2022



Hon'ble Minister of Road Transport & Highways, India, Shri Nitin Gadkari virtually participated and gave the inaugural address on 'India @ 100: Opportunities and Challenges' at the 14th Annual International Conference of Bahrain Chapter of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India held under the patronage of Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Bahrain. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava addressed inaugural session, which was attended by BCICAI Chairperson CA Sharmila Seth & members, Bahraini dignitaries HE Jamal Fakhro, Member of Shura Council, Mr Abbas Radhi, Chairman, Bahrain Accountants Association, Senior representatives of MOIC Bahrain and members of Indian community. The conference titled 'New Horizon Beckons' featured Talk shows by number of distinguished Indian dignitaries, motivational speakers & professionals.



# EVENTS

## Ambassador attended Christmas Carol organized by YMCA Bahrain

Date- 12/12/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended the Christmas Carol organized by YMCA Bahrain. The talented Carol Singers mesmerised the members of Indian community and Bahraini dignitaries with their melodious voice.

# EVENTS

## Ambassador and Patron of ILA attended Annual Day celebration of Sneha Kids

Date- 12/12/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava and Mrs. Monika Srivastava, Patron of Indian Ladies Association, witnessed the beautiful cultural performance by Divyang children of ILA Sneha Recreation Center as part of their Annual Day celebrations. Ambassador commended Indian Ladies Association and Sneha Team for their dedication and commitment.



# EVENTS

## Art exhibition held to mark Bahrain's National Day 2022

Date- 13/12/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava along with Mr. Mohammed Salahuddin, Chairman, MSCEB inaugurated the Art Exhibition 'Bahrain - Sailing Through Time' organized by In Art World to mark Bahrain National Day. Around 17 Indian and Bahraini painting artists participated in the exhibition which were displayed at the Bahrain Financial Harbour till 22 December, 2022.

# EVENTS

## Embassy put up 'India Pavilion' to mark Bahrain National Day

Date- 17/12/2022



India Stall at the exhibition "This is Bahrain" put up by The King Hamad Global Centre for Peaceful Coexistence on the occasion of 51st National Day of Bahrain showcased deep-rooted bonds of friendship between India and Bahrain. The stall also exhibited Indian Khadi items, tribal art products, tourist attractions & Kala design. Visitors were welcomed with GI Tag Indian Coffee and Millet, cookies, new age super food. The India Pavilion was visited by H.E. Osama Al Asfoor, Minister, Minister of Social Development, Bahrain Mrs. Betsy Mathieson Founder & Chairperson, This is Bahrain as well as several Ambassadors and Bahraini and Indian people.



# EVENTS

## Embassy held event to mark Veer Baal Diwas

Date- 26/12/2022



Embassy of India, Bahrain organized a digital exhibition at the Embassy marking Veer Baal Diwas. Several members of the community including more than 40 members of the Sikh community residing in Bahrain visited the Embassy to view the exhibition.



# EVENTS

## Ambassador felicitated the winners of Spectra 2022

Date- 31/12/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended 14th National and 2nd International Spectra 2022 Art Carnival, organised by ICRF Bahrain at Indian School. Around 250 students, parents, coordinators, teachers and principals attended the event. The event witnessed participation of nearly 1200 students from around 30 schools in Bahrain and other countries. Ambassador gave Trophies, Certificates and Medals to the winners in various categories. Ambassador commended ICRF Spectra team and volunteers for putting up such a wonderful program involving the youth of our countries.



# ONAM CELEBRATIONS

## Embassy of India, Bahrain

Date- 11/09/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava and Mrs. Monika Srivastava celebrated Onam with Embassy officials with a grand feast Onasadhya and floral display Pookkalam at Embassy of India, Bahrain.

# ONAM CELEBRATIONS

## Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam

Date- 11/09/2022



The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam launched its month long Onam celebration 'Sravanam 2022' in presence of H.E. Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfoor, Minister of Social Development of Bahrain; H.E. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava; and Mr Yusuf Ali, CMD, Lulu Group. The event was attended by senior officers of Govt of Bahrain, businessmen and members of Indian community. Renowned Indian playback singer K S Chithra, known as the nightingale of Kerala, dazzled the audience with her amazing voice and melodious songs during the event.



# ONAM CELEBRATIONS

## Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam

Date- 24/09/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava joined the Grand Onam Feast organized by Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam, where more than 5000 people feasted the traditional Onasadya prepared under the supervision of renowned Chef Pazhayidam Mohanan Namboothiri.

# ONAM CELEBRATIONS

## Indian Club

Date- 20/09/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated the Onam Fest 2022 organized by The Indian Club. Hon'ble MP Ramya Haridas and Hon'ble MLA Najeeb Kanthapuram joined the celebrations.



# ONAM CELEBRATIONS

## Syro Malabar Society

Date- 10/09/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended the Onam Mahasadhya 2022 organized by Syro Malabar Society at Indian School Bahrain. Ambassador wished everyone on the special occasion and lauded the efforts of Indian community in promoting rich Indian culture and traditions in Bahrain.

# ONAM CELEBRATIONS

## Kerala Catholic Association

Date- 16/09/2022



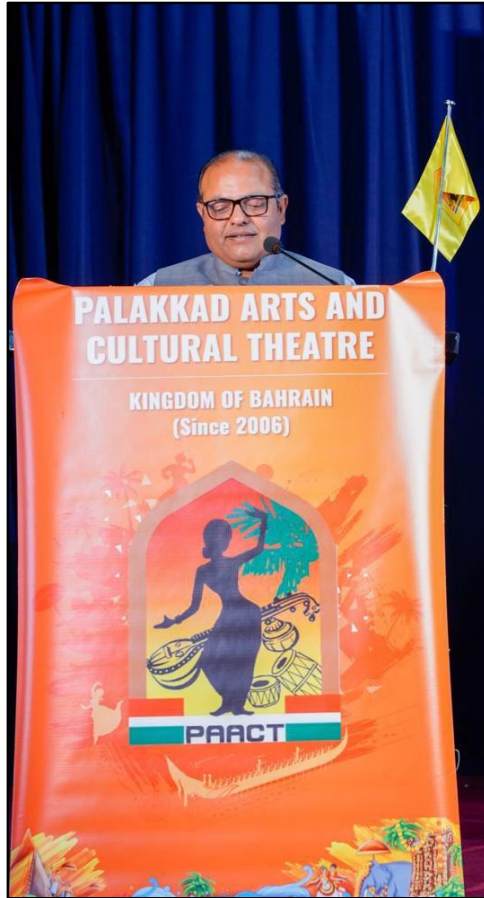
Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended the Onam Ponnonam 2022 celebration held by Kerala Catholic Association as Chief Guest. Ms. Hana Al Saffar Director of Communications, Labour Market Regulation Authority, Bahrain joined Ambassador in the cultural festivities.



# ONAM CELEBRATIONS

## Palakkad Arts and Cultural Theatre

Date- 17/09/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended the 'Onapoothalam' event organised by Palakkad Arts and Cultural Theatre, as Chief Guest, along with Hon'ble MP Ramya Haridas. The program was part of the ongoing Onam celebrations in Bahrain.



# SPORTS

## India's Para Boccia team represented India in Boccia World Cup 2022

Date- 12/11/2022



The Indian Para Boccia team participated in the Boccia World Cup 2022 in Bahrain. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava interacted with the team & appreciated their performance, and wished the team good luck for their future tournaments.



# OPEN HOUSE

## Embassy organised the Open House on 30 September 2022

Date- 30/09/2022



The Embassy of India organised the Open House on 30 September 2022, during which Ambassador Piyush Srivastava interacted with the Indian community for redressing their urgent/ non-routine consular and labour issues. Ambassador expressed gratitude to local Govt authorities including LMRA & Immigration and appreciated Indian associations including ICRF, World NRI Council, Budaiya Gurudwara & Gujarati Samaj for their support in resolving issues concerning the community members. Ambassador also briefed the community members about forward movement in other consular matters in collaboration with Govt of Bahrain authorities, as well as about inclusion of IVS in the Embassy's consular appointment App - EoIBh CONNECT, which will be launched next week.

# OPEN HOUSE

## Embassy organised the Open House on 28 October 2022

Date- 28/10/2022



The Embassy of India organized Open House on 28 Oct, 2022, which was chaired by Ambassador. The Embassy's consular team & panel lawyers were also present. About 50 Indian nationals participated regarding their redressal of grievance. Ambassador urged the community members to follow the new guidelines of work permit released by LMRA replacing the existing flexi visa scheme. Ambassador also briefed about the scheme introduced by the LMRA as a labour market reform to protect rights of employee and employer. Ambassador thanked local government authorities including LMRA and Salmaniya hospital as well as community organisations for all support and assistance which led to successful resolution of various welfare cases.



# OPEN HOUSE

## Embassy organised the Open House on 25 November 2022

Date- 25/11/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, along with the Embassy Consular Team and our panel lawyers, interacted with around 60 Indian community members regarding their urgent/long pending consular and labour grievances at the Open House organised by the Embassy on 25 Nov 2022. Heads and Representatives of Indian associations including ICRF, World NRI Council, BKS, TKS and GOPIO were also present. Mission continued supporting the needy members of community including financially through ICWF in the month of Nov 2022 with the help of local authorities and associations. Ambassador expressed gratitude to the Govt of Bahrain authorities for their prompt support & co-operation.

# OPEN HOUSE

## Embassy organised the Open House on 30 December 2022

Date- 30/12/2022



The Embassy of India, Bahrain held last open house of the year 2022 on 30 December 2022. 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 also informed them about the opening of Labour Registration Programme Centres for flexi visa holders. He encouraged Indian community flexi visa holders to urgently register under the new system, as the deadline for the same is Feb, 2023. Ambassador expressed his happiness and thanked Indian community associations including ICRF, World NRI Council, Bharti, BKS, TKS, SPM, BICAS, Budaiya Gurudwara for constant support which has led to helping community member and resolving a large number of long pending cases. Ambassador expressed gratitude to the Government of Bahrain authorities including LMRA, Ministry of Labour and Ministry of Interior for their continuous support and assistance.