

# **Digital Newsletter- JULY & AUGUST 2022**



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## HM the King and HRH the CP and PM congratulated President of the Republic of India

Date- 26/07/2022



The King of Bahrain, HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Bahrain HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa sent a congratulatory cable to Hon'ble President Smt. Droupadi Murmu following her assuming the Presidency of India.

# HM the King and HRH the CP and PM congratulated Hon'ble President on the occasion of Independence Day

Date- 14/08/2022



The King of Bahrain, HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Bahrain HRH Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa congratulated Hon'ble Indian President Smt. Droupadi Murmu on the 76th Independence Day of India.

HM King and HRH Crown Prince and Prime Minister congratulated by Hon'ble PM on the occasion of Eid-Al-Adha

Date- 10/07/2022



His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa received cable of congratulations from the Hon'ble Prime Minister of the Republic of India, Shri Narendra Modi, on the occasion of Eid Al-Adha.

## Ambassador called on Minister for Information Affairs, Bahrain

Date- 18/08/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on HE Dr. Ramzan bin Abdulla Alnoaimi, Minister for Information Affairs, and discussed opportunities for increasing bilateral cooperation, especially in the fields of media and tourism.

## Ambassador called on Minister for Health, Bahrain

Date- 28/08/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on H. E. Dr. Jaleela bint Sayed Jawad Hasan, Minister of Health, Bahrain and discussed issues of common interest & ways to strengthen cooperation in the health, medical value travel and pharmaceutical sector.

## Ambassador called on Minister for Oil & Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, Bahrain

Date- 31/08/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava called on H. E. Dr. Mohammed bin Mubarak Bin Daina, Minister of Oil & Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, Govt of Bahrain and discussed issues of common interest & furthering bilateral collaboration in Petrochemical and environment sectors.

## **Ambassador met President, Bahrain Authority for Cultural Antiquities**

Date- 31/08/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met H. E. Shaikh Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, President Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities. They reviewed the deep historical cultural ties between Indian and Bahrain & agreed to strengthen the same, including diverse areas of India-Bahrain Cultural Exchange Program.

Virtual meeting of Ambassadors to follow up on the actions points of the 3rd High Joint Commission meeting

Date- 04/08/2022



Ambassador of India to Bahrain, H.E. Piyush Srivastava & Ambassador of Bahrain to India, H.E. Abdulrahman Al Gaoud co-chaired a virtual meeting to follow up on the action points of the 3rd High Joint Commission meeting. Representatives from Ministry of External Affairs India & Ministry of Foreign Affaris Bahrain also participated. All bilateral issues of mutual concern were discussed during the meeting. Both Ambassadors noted the progress made since the HJC meeting held in 2021.

## IndiGo starts operation of daily flights to Mumbai and Bahrain

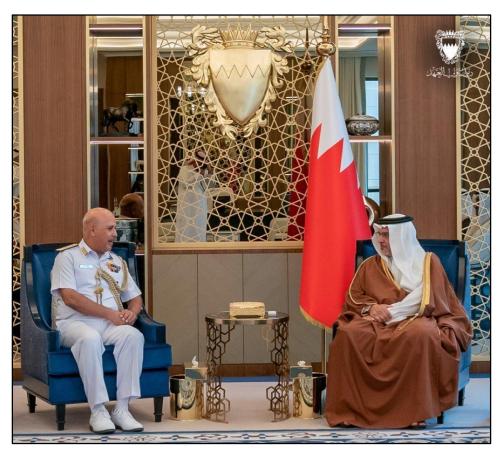
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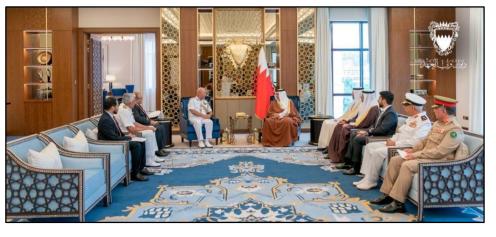


In a boost to enhanced connectivity between India and Bahrain Indigo commences daily flight between Mumbai & Bahrain with arrival of first flight from Mumbai to Bahrain on 02 Aug 2022. Indigo is the 3rd airlines after Air India & Gulf Air to operate on India-Bahrain sector.

# Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru visited Bahrain and called on HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister

Date- 28/07/2022

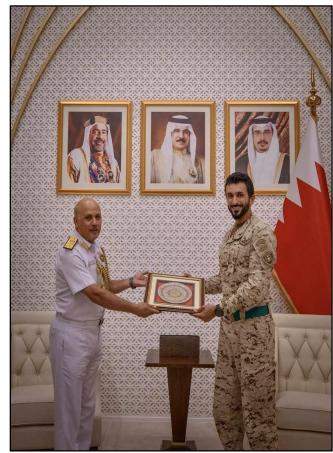




Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru called on HRH the CP, Deputy Supreme Commander and PM Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa and discussed the growing bilateral cooperation including in defence and maritime security domain between India and Bahrain.

# Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru visited Bahrain and called on National Security Advisor, Bahrain

Date- 28/07/2022







Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru called on HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, NSA of Kingdom of Bahrain and discussed ways to enhance bilateral defence and security cooperation.

#### Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, Indian Navy called on Chief of Staff, Bahrain Defence Force

Date- 27/07/2022



Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, Indian Navy, Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru called on Chief of Staff, Bahrain Defence Force, Lieutenant-General Theyab bin Saqr Al Nuaimi. Deputy CNS is on a visit to Bahrain from 26-29 July, 2022. INS Teg made a port call in Mina Salman port, Manama, Bahrain during the visit of Deputy Chief of Naval Staff, Indian Navy.

## **India joins Combined Maritime Forces as an Associate Partner**

Date- 28/07/2022









Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru met Vice Admiral Charles B Cooper, Commander US NAVCENT U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/U.S. 5th Fleet to discuss further cooperation, as India joins Combined Maritime Forces as an Associate Partner contributing to regional maritime security in the Gulf region.

## Ambassador and Deputy Chief of Indian Navy hosted a reception on board INS Teg

Date- 28/07/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava and Vice Admiral Sanjay Mahindru, Deputy Chief of Indian Navy hosted a reception on board the ship, INS Teg. The reception was attended by Hon'ble Members of Bahraini Parliament, Senior Officers of BDF, CMF Commander and Officers, Diplomats, Officers and Sailors of the Indian Navy, as well as members of Indian and Bahraini business community and media fraternity.

Embassy of India, Bahrain is illuminated in tricolor to mark 75 years of India's Independence

Date- 14/08/2022



Embassy of India, Bahrain is illuminated in tricolor to mark 75 years of India's Independence.

Ambassador Piyush Srivastava hoisted the National Flag on the occasion of 76th Independence Day

Date- 15/08/2022









On the occasion of 76th Independence Day of India, Ambassador Piyush Srivastava hoisted the National Flag & read out the Address to the Nation by Hon'ble President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu.



After a gap of more than two years, Flag Hoisting ceremony was open to all members of the Indian community. The ceremony was attended by more than 1000, including representatives of Indian community associations, Indian schools, Indian professionals, workers and students.



Following the Flag Hoisting ceremony, 3 winners from Bahrain of the virtual Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav quiz were awarded. The Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) Bulletin highlighting their activities of the past one year, was also released by the Ambassador.

#### Embassy of India, Bahrain hosted a Reception for 75th anniversary of India's Independence

Date- 15/08/2022



Embassy of India, Bahrain hosted a Reception for 75th anniversary of India's Independence. H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdulla bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Undersecretary of Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affiairs, Bahrain was the Chief Guest of the occasion.



The event was graced by HE Sh. Salman bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, President, Crown Prince Court, HE Sameer Abdulla Ahmed Nass, Chairman, Bahrain Chamber, HE Sh. Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, President, Bahrain Authority for Cultural Antiquities & HE Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa Al Khalifa, Secretary General, Higher Education Council Bahrain.



Over 300 dignitaries including Members of Parliament, Senior Officers & Heads of Authorities of the Government of Bahrain, Heads of Diplomatic Missions & Members of Diplomatic Corps and Indian & Bahraini Businessmen and community members attended the event.



Performances of Mohiniyattam and Bharatanatyam were held followed by a dinner reception showcasing a culinary journey through different parts of India. Promotional displays of Indian exports including defence exports and tourism were also showcased.

#### Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated Bahrain edition of India Utsav

Date- 16/08/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated Bahrain edition of India Utsav being celebrated by Lulu Group from 15-24 August across the GCC Countries on the occasion of 75th anniversary of India's independence. The India Utsav will be focusing on 3Cs-commerce, cuisines & culture.

#### Indian Diaspora in Bahrain started their celebrations of 75 years of India's independence

Date- 14/08/2022









Indian Diaspora in Bahrain started their celebrations of 75 years of India's independence in all its splendour. Indian Club under the patronage of Embassy of India held the event Jai Ho, with Painting, Photography and Patriotic song competitions for a week, across different categories. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava distributed awards to the winners.



A live wall painting by Indians in Bahrain, on the Har Ghar Tiranga theme lined the route to Indian Club. An art exhibition showcasing photographs, bead art and pin art was also held.

## **VISITS**

#### Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited production facility of Asian Paints/Berger in Bahrain

Date- 04/07/2022









Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited production facility of Asian Paints/Berger in Bahrain, an Indian investment by Asia's third largest paint company. The company has operations in 16 countries with 26 manufacturing facilities. Asian Paints has a strong manufacturing base in the Middle East, with dedicated plants in Dubai, Sohar, and Bahrain and create range of Middle East specific products. It is the largest paint company in Bahrain and also cater to Saudi Market.

# **VISITS**

## Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited labour camp of MCSC WLL, Bahrain

Date- 21/08/2022

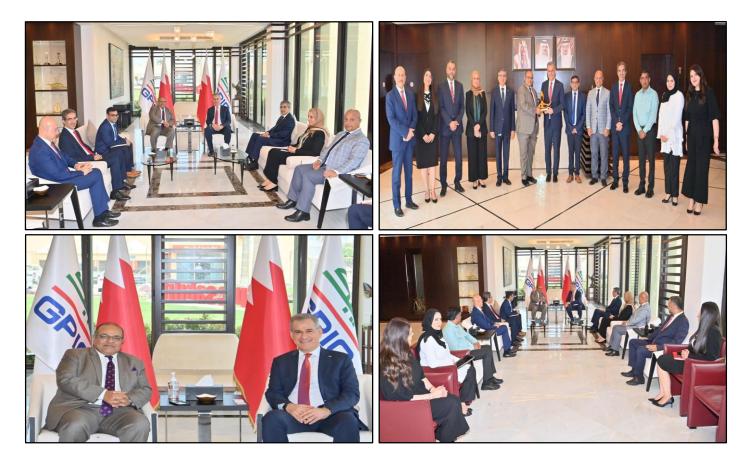


Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited labour camp of MCSC WLL, Bahrain. The camp has close to 1000 Indian workers. The visit was organised by Indian Community Relief Fund ("ICRF"), coinciding with 75th anniversary of India's Independence.

## **VISITS**

#### **Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company**

Date- 27/08/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava visited Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) and met its President Mr. Yasser Abdulrahim Alabbasi and the management team. They discussed ways to further enhance the company's trade and business collaboration with its Indian counterparts. GPIC is among the single largest trading entities of India-Bahrain bilateral trade with export of urea, ammonia and methanol.

## Brahmakumaris from Bahrain Meditation Center visited the Indian Embassy

Date- 13/08/2022





On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Brahmakumaris from Bahrain Meditation Center visited the Indian Embassy and tied Rakhi to Ambassador.

#### **Rath Yatra celebration**

Date- 02/07/2022



Bahrain Odia Samaj organized Rath Yatra celebration and cultural event as a part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. Speaking at the event Ambassador Piyush Srivastava conveyed greetings to the entire Odia community on the occasion of Rath Yathra.

## ICRF organized summer awareness camp in association with Embassy of India

Date- 03/07/2022



The Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) organized summer awareness camp in association with Embassy of India, Bahrain for Indian workers in Bahrain at Al Namal worksite in Jannusan. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava and Mr. Ahmed Jaffar Al-Hayki, Assistant Undersecretary for Labour Affairs, Ministry of Labour, Bahrain joined about 250 workers in the occasion. Ambassador also launched the Thirst Quencher 2022 program, which will run from July-August 2022.

#### Ambassador attended the 13th Global Biennial Conference of World Malayalee Council (WMC)

Date- 04/07/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended the 13th Global Biennial Conference of World Malayalee Council (WMC) as Chief Guest. Other dignitaries included Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri E T Mohammed Basheer, Minister of Forests & Wild Life Protection of State of Kerala Shri A K Shasheendran, Asst. Under Secretary Sh. Hamad bin Salman Al Khalifa. The conference saw participation of Indian community members from across the world as well as Bahraini guests.

#### **ICRF** organized 'Labour Awareness Event'

Date- 31/07/2022









Ambassador Piyush Srivastava attended as Chief Guest, the 'Labour Awareness Event' organized by ICRF at Indian Club. Ms. Shereen K. Alsaati, Head of Expat Protection Centre and Director, Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) Kingdom of Bahrain was the Guest of Honour. It was an interactive session in which LMRA informed members of Indian community about various laws and initiatives of Government of Bahrain relating to labour welfare and protecting their benefits, rights and entitlements. Various Indian associations, community members, volunteers and about 200 workers and labours benefited from the event.

# Ambassador interacted with the leading businessmen & entrepreneurs in the "THMC Connect' event

Date- 01/08/2022



Ambassador Piyush Srivastava interacted with the leading businessmen & entrepreneurs in the "THMC Connect' event. Thattai Hindu Merchants Community Thattai Hindu Merchants Community (THMC) one of the oldest expatriate business associations in Bahrain and an important anchor of India-Bahrain trade and economic relations.

# Samskruthi Bahrain held a speech contest on Aatma Nirbhar Bharat under the patronage of Embassy

Date- 01/08/2022



Under the patronage of Embassy of India Bahrain, Samskruthi Bahrain held a speech contest on Aatma Nirbhar Bharat for more than 600 students across GCC & India. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava presented awards to the winners of the contest in a ceremony held in Indian Club.

### Educational cooperation between India-Bahrain takes a qualitative leap

Date- 17/08/2022



Educational cooperation between India-Bahrain takes a qualitative leap with opening of examination centre at Laurels Centre for Global Education in Bahrain for BS Course in Data Science by prestigious IIT Madras. Ambassador presided the virtual inauguration ceremony attended by approx 1500 participants.

### Embassy of India held workshops for children on Painting of Indian Art Themes and Art of Recycling

Date- 12/07/2022







Embassy of India, Bahrain held workshops for children on Painting of Indian Art Themes and Art of Recycling as a part of Bahrain Summer Festival organized by Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA). The workshop was visited by H.E. Shaikha Mai Bint Mohammed Al-Khalifa, President, BACA, members of Diplomatic corps in Bahrain and children and parents of different nationalities in Bahrain.

### Hon'ble Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar is elected and sworn as the 14th Vice President of India

Date- 11/08/2022









Hon'ble Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar is elected as the 14th Vice President of India and sworn in as the 14th Vice President of India by the President, Smt. Droupadi Murmu at a swearing-in ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

#### Hon'ble Smt. Droupadi Murmu takes oath as the 15th President of India

Date- 25/07/2022









Hon'ble Smt. Droupadi Murmu takes oath as the 15th President of India. The entire nation watched with pride as Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji took oath as the President of India. Her assuming the Presidency is a watershed moment for India especially for the poor, marginalised and downtrodden.

### PM unveiled the National Emblem on New Parliament Building.

Date- 11/07/2022



Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the National Emblem cast on the roof of the New Parliament Building.

### **External Affairs Minister met Foreign Minister of UAE**

Date- 07/07/2022



EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar met HE Adullah bin Zayed, Foreign Minister, UAE. Hon'ble Minister expressed his satisfaction at the transformation of our ties and mentioned that the recent meeting of our leaders has given guidance for higher growth.

### **External Affairs Minister met Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia**

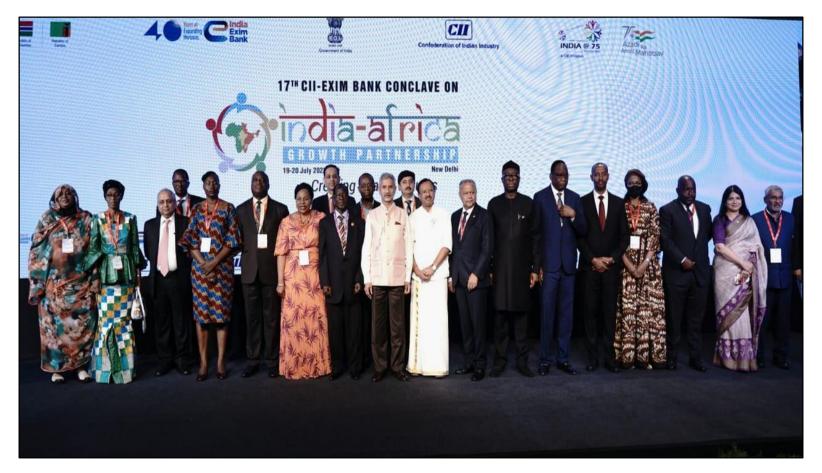
Date- 07/07/2022



Hon'ble External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar met HE Faisal bin Farhan, Foreign Minister, Saudi Arabia and exchanged views about the G20 agenda and shared interests between India and Saudi Arabia.

#### EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar addressed the Special Plenary of the 17th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave

Date- 19/07/2022



EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar addressed the Special Plenary of the 17th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Growth Partnership. The India-Africa agenda will focus increasingly on health, digital and green growth. These are as much business opportunities as they are public policies.

### EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar took part in the SCO Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Date- 29/07/2022



EAM Dr. S. Jaishankar took part in the SCO Foreign Ministers' Meeting at Tashkent and highlighted that world faces an energy and food crisis due to disruptions from the Covid pandemic and Ukraine conflict.

### India supplied the tenth batch of medical assistance to Afghanistan

Date- 21/08/2022



India supplied the tenth batch of medical assistance to Afghanistan. These have been handed over to the World Health Organization and Indira Gandhi Children Hospital, Kabul.

#### U-15 Women Wrestlers clinched the Asia Title held in Bahrain

Date- 04/07/2022



Team India U-15 Women Wrestlers clinched the Asia Title after bagging 6 GOLD & 3 SILVER medals at the Asian Wrestling Championship, Bahrain.

### Indian women wrestlers outstanding performance continued

Date- 10/07/2022



Indian women wrestlers outstanding performance continued as the team secured 2nd position in U-20 Asian Wrestling Championship held in Bahrain. India claimed three gold medals out of 10 weight categories.

### India finished 2nd overall in Asian Wrestling Championship (U 20 and U 15)

Date- 11/07/2022



Congratulations Team India for finishing 2nd overall in Asian Wrestling Championship (U 20 and U 15) held in Bahrain, with a tally of 1 gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze medals across various categories.

### India played Japan in the opening match of the 17th Asian Men's Junior Handball Championship

Date- 16/07/2022





India played Japan in the opening match of the 17th Asian Men's Junior Handball Championship, at the Khalifa Sports City stadium Bahrain. The players and the officials posed with the tiranga at the end of the game.

### Stunning performance by PV Sindhu to clinch her first ever Singapore Open title

Date- 17/07/2022



A stunning performance by PV Sindhu to clinch her first ever Singapore Open title with a 21-9, 11-21, 21-15 defeat of Wang Zhi. This was her third title in 2022.

### **Neeraj Chopra scripted history with Silver Medal**

Date- 24/07/2022



Neeraj Chopra scripted history with Silver Medal in Men's Javelin Throw at World Athletics Championships Oregon22. He becomes the 1st Indian Male to win a medal at the World Championships.

#### **Indian athletes shine in the Commonwealth Games 2022**









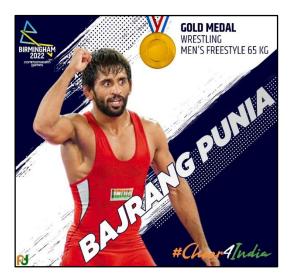




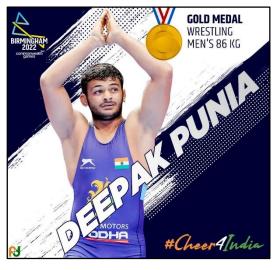


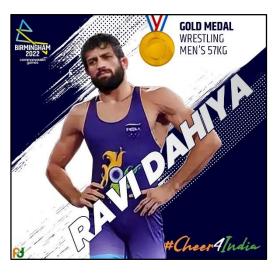


#### **Indian athletes shine in the Commonwealth Games 2022**

















### Team India won the silver medal in Asian U20 Volleyball championship

Date- 29/08/2022



Team India won the silver medal in Asian U20 Volleyball championship held in Bahrain and for securing a spot in U20 Volleyball World Cup.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

#### **Embassy organised the Open House on 29 July 2022**

Date- 29/07/2022





Embassy of India organized open house on 29 July, 2022, which was chaired by Ambassador. The Embassy's consular team and panel of lawyers were also present. About 60 Indian nationals participated regarding their redressal of grievance. Ambassador praised the Indian community, organisations including ICRF, TASCA, World NRI Council and volunteers for working with the Embassy in successful resolution in a number of consular and labour matters. Ambassador thanked LMRA and Government of Bahrain authorities for their support and facilitation.

### **OPEN HOUSE**

#### **Embassy organised the Open House on 26 August 2022**

Date- 26/08/2022





The Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, along with the Embassy Consular Team and our panel lawyers interacted around 50 Indian community members regarding their urgent/long pending consular and labour grievances at the Open House organised by the Embassy on 26 August 2022. Ambassador expressed his gratitude to the local government authorities including Ministry of Labour, LMRA & Immigration authorities for their support, which led to resolution of a number of cases including 21 workers of ALISON and Magnum Ship Care Company and 16 jail inmates. Ambassador appreciated Indian associations and volunteers from ICRF, World NRI Council, BKS, IHRC and Budaiya Gurudwara for their continued support and assistance in resolving a number of issues concerning our community members.