

Embassy of India Bahrain \*\*\*\*

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The Embassy of India organised the Open House on 27 May 2022 at the Embassy during which Ambassador Piyush Srivastava interacted with the Indian community directly for redressing their urgent/non-routine consular and labour issues. Ambassador expressed happiness that finally after about two years, the Open House has been held in physical mode.

Ambassador expressed his gratitude to the local government authorities including Labour Market Regularity Authority (LMRA) and Immigration authorities for all support and co-operation in resolving various labour related matters. Ambassador also thanked the Indian associations including ICRF, BKS, Bharathi Association, TASCA and World NRI Council for their efforts in reaching out to the needy Indian nationals. Ambassador also acknowledged the tireless efforts of Embassy panel lawyers.

This month began with the several socio-cultural events organised by the Indian Associations to mark the Golden Jubilee of establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Bahrain, as well as Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebration of 75 Years of India's Independence.

Ambassador also briefed community members about significant bilateral level official meetings that took place during the month to further strengthen collaboration between our two countries in commerce sector. These initiatives are in line with Government of India's constant efforts to increase trade and economic cooperation with Bahrain and other GCC countries, thereby opening up more opportunities for Indian professionals and skilled & semi skilled workers. Most of the cases of last open house have been successfully resolved. Six deserted Indian housemaids were sheltered in the month of May and were also successfully repatriated. The pending case of Shri Ramchandran and Mr. Mukun made good progress.

Ambassador also congratulated all 18 candidates from Bahrain who have been granted scholarship under Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) of the government of India for the academic year 2021-22 for pursuing their higher studies in India and called upon community members to utilize this as well as several other GOI schemes for welfare of Indian Diaspora.

Ambassador interacted with the Indian community members for redressing their urgent/non-routine consular and labour issues. 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.

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