



Embassy of India
Bahrain

PRESS RELEASE

The Embassy of India organised the Virtual Open House on 25 February 2022 between 10:00 - 12:00 hrs.

Ambassador thanked the Government of Bahrain, Bahraini dignitaries, Heads of Diplomatic Missions and members of Indian community for their participation in 73rd Republic Day celebrations in a befitting manner which were held at the Embassy in hybrid manner.

With Covid cases coming down significantly in both India and Kingdom of Bahrain, both governments have further eased travel restrictions. Fully vaccinated people can now travel both ways without the requirement of RTPCR test as well as quarantine. Ambassador, however, cautioned members of Indian community to continue taking necessary precautions as per the local Covid protocols.

This month began with the very useful and productive telephonic conversation between Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, during which they reviewed various areas of our bilateral, regional and multilateral cooperation. Prime Minister Modi also thanked His Majesty the King and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Bahrain for Kingdom's decision of allotment of land for Swaminarayan temple in Bahrain.

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 renewable energy and health sectors. 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 as well as skilled workers. In this regard, Ambassador also briefed the community members about key features of India's Union Budget 2022-23 and signing of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement with UAE.

Ambassador thanked the community associations, volunteers as well as Indian and Bahraini businessmen including ICRF and World NRI Council for their constant support for the welfare of our labourers and workers. Ambassador also acknowledged the tireless efforts of Embassy panel lawyers.

This has led to resolution as well as positive movement in several individual cases of our workers. Shri Venkatesh, who has been Covid positive for over 6 months, has travelled to India in Air Ambulance. The case of four fishermen has also been successfully resolved. Similarly the cases of Ms. Shameen, Ms. Ginjala Bhavani, Mr. Sivalingam, Ms. K. Prashanthi who have approached the Mission during last open house have been successfully resolved. The pending case of Hari Krishnan and Kunjathan Ramanandan have made good progress.

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.

Ambassador thanked all community associations for their participation as well as providing their facilities to the community members to enable them to take part in the Open House.
