

## Embassy of India

## Bahrain

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The Embassy of India organised the Open House on 29 January, 2021 between 1000-1200 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 held the 'Open House' in virtual mode.

Ambassador informed the community members about India's supply of 'Made in India' COVISHIELD-AstraZeneca vaccine to the Kingdom of Bahrain as part of the continued close collaboration between the two countries in fighting the pandemic. Ambassador encouraged the community members to get vaccinated to support Kingdom's efforts in fighting pandemic as well as for their own safety.

Ambassador thanked the leadership of Kingdom of Bahrain for their successful vaccination drive under which all citizens and residents of Bahrain including the Indian community are getting their free vaccination.

Ambassador also thanked the Indian associations as well as community members for virtual participation in the Republic Day celebrations as well as their efforts in reaching out to the needy Indian nationals of our community to whom about 1000 food kits and sanitisation kits were distributed on the occasion of Republic Day 2021.

Ambassador interacted with the Indian Community and briefed them about the general positive developments on urgent common issues being faced by Indian nationals and also listened/redressed specific consular/labour issues of our community members present at the open house.

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.

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.