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Embassy organises 'Open House' to redress urgent/non-routine consular and labour issues of the members of Indian Community

The Embassy organised an Open House on Friday, 25 September 2020 from 1000 hrs - 1200 hrs, during which Ambassador Piyush Srivastava, along with the Consular team of the Embassy, interacted directly with the Indian community members for the redressal of their urgent/non-routine consular and labour issues. Due to restrictions in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, 'Open House' was held in virtual mode.

2. During the interaction with the Indian community, Ambassador briefed them about the positive developments on urgent common issues being faced by Indian nationals; and also listened/redressed specific consular/labour issues of Indian community members present in the open house.
3. 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, travel related information etc. Community members were also encouraged to make use of the current Amnesty being provided by the Government of Kingdom of Bahrain till 31 December 2020.
4. With the efforts of the Embassy, an Air bubble arrangement between India and the Kingdom of Bahrain has been operationalized w.e.f. 11 September, 2020 under which both the national carriers are operating specific number of flights from India to Bahrain and vice-versa, subject to the fulfilment of visa requirement and Covid-19 related SOPs. Passengers can now book their tickets directly through Airlines' websites or through travel agents. Till date, more than 27000 Indian nationals have travelled from Bahrain to India through various flights under Vande Bharat Mission (VBM) and over 3500 Indian nationals have returned from India to Bahrain.
5. During the interactive Open House, while some of the grievances/issues being faced by the Indian Community were resolved on the spot, for other matters requiring documents/details the Embassy shall follow-up on the same and revert to the concerned persons in due course.
