

New mobile app for Indian consular services

● App provides appointments for attestation services, tatkal passports and visa services

● Embassy's holds Constitution Day celebrations

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Indian Embassy in Bahrain yesterday launched a mobile app, 'EoIBhCONNECT', for facilitating consular appointment service.

Appointments for attestation services, tatkal passports and visa services are available through this app.

In going forward, appointments at IVS, an outsourced agency for consular services, will be included.

"The new app aims at making consular services more friendly and convenient to our commu-



In pictures, Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava during app launch and Constitution Day celebrations

ity," said Piyush Srivastava, the Indian Ambassador.

The launch was part of the Embassy's Constitution Day cel-

ebrations led by Srivastava.

Constitution Day, also known

as National Law Day, is observed annually on 26 November to

commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India.

The Embassy also took part in a celebration held at the Central Hall of Indian Parliament led by Ram Nath Kovind, the President of India, via live streaming.

Initiatives to revamp the Embassy's website and the relocation of IVS Centre to Dana Mall, Bahrain, with improved facilities for providing consular services, were highlighted by Ambassador.

Srivastava also informed participants about initiatives and schemes of India available for the welfare of the Indian diaspora.

The Ambassador spoke about ICWF, E-migrate portal, Pravasi Bharatiya Bima Yojana, Pre-Departure Orientation training and Global Pravasi Rishta Portal, and encouraged Indian associations to create awareness about those among our community members in Bahrain.

The event was part of the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of India's independence.

Bahrain completes fourth WTO trade policy review: minister

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Bahrain had completed the fourth trade policy review of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) at its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, said Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism.

The presentation received a huge welcome from WTO member states during the three days, the minister said in a recent statement.

The report included procedures, programmes and legislations undertaken by the Kingdom covering all sectors since the last review in 2014.



Bahrain delegation included Ambassador Dr Yousef AbdulKarim Bucheeri, Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations, and representatives of the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, the Central Bank of Bahrain, the National Bureau of Revenue and the Economic Development Board.

Al Zayani expressed pride in this achievement of Bahrain, a founding member of WTO since 1995. "Bahrain, with its successes and ambitions, has today become a global model to be followed at all levels and has proven its accuracy of the pro-

cedures, legislation and sound steps," said Al Zayani thanking the wise leadership and all parties for overcoming the crises, especially the repercussions of the global pandemic, in one spirit under team Bahrain.

Atalia Molokomi Netsrana,

Head of the Commerce Policy Review Committee, praised the legislative developments and procedures achieved by the Kingdom of Bahrain since the previous assessment in 2014. She described the assessment result as very positive.



The Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism and Gulf Air's Chairman of the Board of Directors, Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani, met the Director-General of the International Air Transport Association, Willie Walsh, at the association's headquarters in Geneva. They discussed aviation-related issues and various revenue-generating fields such as tourism and investment. Walsh highlighted that Gulf Air remained one of the few airlines that kept operating and never stopped flying during the pandemic and wished the National Carrier success and prosperity.

Pakistan Navy committed to maritime security, curb terrorism, says top commander

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Commodore Rehan Ali Khan, Mission Commander of Pakistan Naval and Maritime Security ships currently at Bahrain, yesterday stressed their commitment to maintaining peace, security, and stability in the region and "curb terrorism in all its forms."

For this, Pakistan Navy has taken the initiative to deploy its units for Regional Maritime Security Patrol (RMSP), said Rehan Ali Khan.

He said they are fulfilling international obligations for maritime security and safeguarding national shipping while observing freedom of navigation across high seas.

"Pakistan Navy, as an instrument of Government policy, has a mission to safeguard freedom of seas and trade," he stressed.

Commodore Rehan Ali Khan also described their visit to Bahrain as a step towards opening "new vistas for future cooperation in the maritime arena".

The goodwill visit, he said, will contribute to making "all-out efforts for eradication of piracy and elimination of its underlying causes."

Ali Khan said this during a reception organised on-board PNS Behr Masah for Rear Admiral Mohammed Bin Yousif



In pictures, the reception held yesterday by Commodore Rehan Ali Khan, Mission Commander of Pakistan Naval and Maritime Security ships

Al Asam, Muhammad Ayub, the Ambassador of Pakistan, Royal Bahrain Defence force officers, ambassadors of Turkey, Bangladesh, Oman and other guests.

The ships arrived in Bahrain as part of celebrations of the 50

years of Pakistan-Bahrain diplomatic relations.

Docked at the Mina Salman port are PNS Dehshat, an indigenously built Missile Fitted Fast Attack Craft commanded by Commander Jalal Khan, PNS

Behr Masah, a survey vessel constructed by China and commanded by Captain Muhammad Shahzad, and PMSS Hingol, a Maritime Patrol Vessel also built at China and commanded by Lt Cdr (Ops) Akhtar Zaman Khan.

Trained 554 RBNF personnel

Rehan said Pakistan Navy has, so far, trained 554 RBNF personnel and currently has more than 57 officers and men at different training institutions of the Pakistan Navy.

Pakistan Navy, he said, had also deployed its units for Regional Maritime Security Patrol (RMSP) to safeguard freedom of seas and trade.

Focus on maritime security

Pakistan Ambassador to Bahrain, Muhammad Ayub, said a slew of events is planned throughout the year to celebrate the 50th anniversary. "This includes several cultural and sporting activities."

"Pakistan Navy and Bahrain Royal Naval Forces are working together to promote maritime security in the region," the ambassador said.

He also highlighted Pakistan's contribution to international security operations through participation in the multinational CME, particularly the Combined Task Force 150 and anti-piracy Combined Task Force 151.

He pointed out that the Pakistan Naval ships are holding missions across approximately 3.2 million sq miles of international waters, "encompassing some of the world's most important shipping lanes".

Pakistan Navy, he said, also has the rare distinction of commanding CTF-150 and CTF-151 eleven and nine times, respectively. "Pakistan also has created its own Regional Maritime Security Patrol."