

Embassy of India Djibouti

Community Interaction Programme

The Mission organized a community interaction programme on 18 Jul 2021. The programme was organized under the aegis of **India@75, "Bharat Ka Amrut Mahotsav"**. This was the second community interaction programme organised by the Mission in 2021. Earlier a similar community interaction was organised on 15 February, 2021 in which Ambassador highlighted the successful control of Covid-19 pandemic, Government's vaccination drive and important aspects of Union Budget 2021-22 like Aatma Nirbhar Bharat, healthcare, rural and farm sectors and celebration of India@75. The former Honorary Consul of India Shri Nalin Kothari was specially invited to share his experiences of working as Honorary Consul when Djibouti was concurrently accredited with EoI, Addis Ababa.

Sh Barun Kumar Yadav FS (Cons) welcomed the participants of the programme and urged the community members to take initiative and actively participate in the events hosted by the Embassy. Shri Nalin Kothari, the former Honorary Counsel shared in brief the Operation *Rahat* conducted by the Government of India to evacuate Indians and foreign nationals from war torn Yemen in April 2015.

Ambassador apprised the audience of latest situation of COVID-19 pandemic in India. He highlighted the GoI's intensive monitoring mechanism, vaccination programme launched by the Government of India to contain the pandemic. He also outlined the success of COWIN App launched by the Government of India to monitor the world's largest vaccination programme which led to the demand for the COWIN App abroad by nearly 50 Countries. He mentioned about his meeting with the Minister of Health of Djibouti Dr. Ahmed Robleh Abdillahi and briefing him on the advantages of Co-WIN platform. He also informed the community members the measures taken by the Embassy for lifting the travel ban imposed by the Government of Djibouti on Indian travelers coming from India.

Ambassador requested the Indian community to come forward and support the Embassy in organising the events for celebrating 75 years of India's Independence which is spread over two years, till 15 Aug 2023. He also apprised the diaspora about the construction of a new Event Hall at the Chancery premises after much persuasion and efforts by Embassy staff and invited the community members to utilize the facility for organising their cultural events in the Hall. Ambassador also briefed them the advantages of registration on Global Pravasi Rishta Portal launched by the Government of India aiming to reach out for all the policies and programmes of Government of India benefitting the Indian diaspora under one platform. He urged the community to register on the portal to take maximum benefit of GoI's programmes. Salient features of Global Pravasi Rishta Portal were also explained to the participants.



A lively interactive session followed wherein the community members highlighted that the long spell of Corona pandemic in Djibouti has affected their active participation in the programmes of the Embassy. However, they showed enthusiasm to collaborate and organize cultural programmes now on in the newly built event. A calendar of events was also proposed to be drafted and forwarded to the Embassy in due course of time. There few suggestions with regard to the timings and days for the holding of online quiz contest by the Mission which were well taken by the Embassy.

A 5-minute film on Hon'ble Prime Minister of India addressing the 259 member committee constituted to celebrate India@75 highlighting the spirit behind such celebrations on a global scale was also screened.

The successful participants of quiz contest were also awarded during the event. .





Interactive Session with the Community



A power point presentation on the Pravasi Rishta portal with its salient features, registration, Login details etc was also given to the participants.



Hon'ble Prime Minister addressing the 259 member panel formed to Commemorate India@75



Felicitations of the winners of the Online Quiz Contest organized under the aegis of India @ 75
