Ambassador's remarks during Flag-Hoisting ceremony

This was Hon'ble Rashtrapati ji's address to the nation on the eve of the 74th Republic Day of India.

I also want to take this opportunity of the large presence of Indian community to briefly mention a few things.

The first and foremost thing I want to convey is that the Embassy is always ready to render every possible assistance to those of you in any difficulty. We have 24x7 whatsapp helplines for dedicated issues through which you can contact us anytime. I am personally present in the Weekly Open House meetings on Wednesdays to look into unresolved complaints or grievances for possible resolution.

Main aap sabko yeh kehna chahunga ki agar koi dikkat aaye to aap bina kisi sankoch ke dootawaas se sampark kar sakte hain. Hum apni taraf se poori koshish karenge samasya ka hal nikalne ka.

I would be amiss if I do not give you a sense of our bilateral relationship with Kuwait. The relationship continues to be very good because the leadership of both countries attach a lot of importance to it. We have age-old ties with Kuwait which is reflected in our people to people contacts. There is a lot of potential for greater economic cooperation on which are working.

On the community front, the largest expatriate community in Kuwait is of Indians and rightly so as your hard-work and contribution to this country is well-acknowledged. A large number of our community organizations are doing charitable work as well as organizing cultural and sports events that are important in their own ways. I commend and complement them for their welfare activities for not only the community here but even people back home. I have already met almost all community organizations registered with the Embassy and we look forward to working with them.

I will not take more time and stand between you and the cultural programme and refreshments. But before that I would make one request that all of us must tell our friends, relatives and acquaintances who want to come to Kuwait for work to come through legal channels and not get into the clutches of illegal agents and touts.

I thank you once again for joining us in such large numbers despite being such a cold morning. Dhanyavaad