



**AMBASSADOR OF INDIA  
KUWAIT**

**AMBASSADOR'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE-2022**

My fellow citizens of India in the friendly State of Kuwait,

My greetings and best wishes to you all for the New Year 2022.

Covid 19 pandemic has been a global challenge of a magnitude that humanity has not experienced in many a lifetime. For nearly two long years this virus has been throwing up many challenges to every country and every society. So many of us lost our dear ones, so many of us faced this deadly infection and experienced painful recoveries, so many lost their livelihoods, many could not visit their dear ones and many got stranded for several months without jobs. In 2020 and 2021, the challenges were too many for most of us and also for our dear children who could not go to schools or attend universities. It is still not over, when we welcome New Year 2022, we are now faced with the new challenges of a new variant.

Dear Friends,

During the last two years, we all worked together joining hands with our governments, local authorities, leadership, groups and associations in together fighting the pandemic and helping each other. Here in Kuwait and in India and all across the globe, we witnessed so many moments of extraordinary human courage, resilience, sacrifice, compassion; and collective efforts against all odds.

We also saw how countries helped each other in the fight against the pandemic, and India sending its emergency medical teams to so many countries including to Kuwait, India as the pharmacy of the world supplying Covid 19 vaccines to over 90 countries including to Kuwait. In this crucial hour of crisis for the humanity, India stood true to its civilizational ethos of Vasudaiva Kudumbakam. It continues to lead the global fight against COVID-19; its supply of medicines and vaccines and highly talented human resources formed the core of the global recovery efforts. Similarly, when we faced the second wave of the pandemic in India, Kuwait became one of the largest suppliers of medical oxygen to India, thanks to the leadership and our vibrant and resourceful Indian community in Kuwait.

I thank the leadership of the State of Kuwait, His Highness Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and Crown Prince His Highness Sheikh Mishaal Al- Ahmed Al Jaber Al Sabah for the continued support and care being extended to us here in Kuwait. We thank our leadership led by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji for our efforts in defeating the Covid 19 related challenges that our motherland faced and continues to face.

I thank the Indian Community Support Group (ICSG) and the many associations and groups, who individually and collectively, joined hands with the Embassy and have been important pillars in our collective struggle to help hundreds of thousands of our brothers and sisters in need. I thank our doctors, nurses and medical professionals who are our frontline warriors. Let's also remember and thank our scientists, our engineers and other professionals and our teachers who are among the unsung heroes in the fight against the pandemic. In 2022, we will continue to work with each of these groups and associations to ensure the welfare of the Indian community in Kuwait and to help them face the challenges of the new variant.

The safety our children and their upbringing are among the most important priorities for us. I thank our leadership in India and those who joined hands with us here in Kuwait to conduct JEE, NATA, NEET examinations for the first time in Kuwait, which helped our children immensely. In 2022, we will continue to work with our schools to ensure that our children will get full support in facing the challenges of pandemic. We will also work with the concerned authorities to further improve the quality of education and infrastructure in our CBSE affiliated schools in Kuwait and take steps to inculcate in our children the values of our civilizational ethos.

Dear Friends,

Despite the many challenges of Covid 19 pandemic, in 2021, India's management of not only the pandemic but also the macro-economic situation and the overall governance have been remarkable. India has already administered over one billion Covid vaccine doses and is continuing to develop newer indigenous Covid vaccines to prepare for the future. Our government continues to take proactive steps in introducing major structural reforms to boost the long-term outlook of the economy. India is rightfully being considered as the key driver of post covid-19 global growth recovery.

To tell this phenomenal story of India's progress even in the face of grave adversity and to celebrate our beautiful relationship with Kuwait, the Embassy organized many events during the current year, including the launch of the celebrations to mark the important anniversary of 75<sup>th</sup> year of India's independence and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries. In 2021, our leadership at the highest level continued to remain in constant engagement including the visit of Hon'ble Foreign Minister of Kuwait to India in March and the visit of Hon'ble External Affairs Minister to Kuwait in June.

We organized so many events to build our business engagement as part of our Aatmanirbhar Bharat campaign. India is at an inflection point, there are many opportunities for business, economic and technology collaboration. I encourage our friends from the business/investor/academic communities in Kuwait to forge mutually

beneficial alliances with their counterparts in India; my Embassy will continue to facilitate these engagements. In 2021, we have taken many steps to further strengthen our long standing dynamic partnership with Kuwait, we have also organized many events to deepen our traditional people to people connect and cultural linkages. In 2022, we will continue our efforts to further strengthen our engagement and to celebrate India in Kuwait every day.

Dear Friends,

The Covid 19 crisis is far from over. In 2022 we might face each of the challenges that we faced in 2020 and 2021. We should spread the message to all to follow Covid 19 related guidelines and protocol. Those who have not taken their vaccines should take vaccines including the booster shot immediately. I urge our medical professionals, teachers and office bearers of various professional and other associations to continue to generate awareness among the community and also to offer their voluntary services to the vulnerable segments of our community.

In the Embassy, we will follow all Covid 19 related protocol and guidelines. I will continue to meet our community in small groups. We will soon be having a new service provider and new premises for our consular services. Our endeavor is to provide the best possible consular and community welfare services. Our 24x7 WhatsApp numbers are always available for the community for direct contact with us. I look forward to your ideas and suggestions in further promoting our excellent bilateral relations with Kuwait and also in improving our consular services and community welfare efforts.

Let's join hands and work together to defeat the many challenges we will for sure face in 2022. Once again, my greetings and best wishes to all.

Thank you.

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**Kuwait**  
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