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1. Kuwait Ambassador to India H.E. Jassem Al- Najem extended his gratitude and appreciation to the Indian government, for the facilities provided to evacuate the Kuwaiti citizens stranded in the Republic of India last Friday and Saturday through Kuwait airways airlines.
2. H.E. the Ambassador also thanked the Indian government for sending a 15 member medical team and providing two tonnes of medical equipments by special military aircraft which reached Kuwait on April 11, 2020 as a humanitarian gesture to help fight the spread of COVID-19 pandemic, where the Indian medical team in coordination with its Kuwaiti counterparts carried out its work for two weeks.
3. The Ambassador highly appreciated the Indian government gestures to continue supply of medicine ,including Paracetamol tablets and foods to Kuwait .
4. The Ambassador highlighted the government of the State of Kuwait's efforts to evacuate all illegal workers of different nationalities, including Indian nationals who were granted general amnesty by Kuwaiti government and offered to fetch them back to their respective countries free of cost and by its own civil airlines. Kuwait is looking forward to work with the Indian government to implement its massive evacuation plan to bring back the Indians who are willing to come back voluntarily to India after the complete lockdown ends on May 3, 2020, in the backdrop of Corona virus pandemic and extraordinary situations the world is witnessing.
5. Earlier ,the Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the Republic of India reiterated in a press statement made to the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) on April 27, 2020, lauded the historic relationship between Kuwait and India, and the two countries always seek to develop them in political and economic domains. Kuwait and India were cooperating and coordinating to step up the fight against the novel Corona virus (COVID-19). Both countries share many principles in their foreign policies, like respecting UN Charter, non- interference in other countries' affairs and respecting sovereignty of nations. The Ambassado added that the joint committee meeting was scheduled for the first quarter this year but the Corona virus, has forced postponement of the meeting. Kuwait and India, are working on a new date mutually acceptable.
6. It is worth mentioning here that, the honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a telephonic conversation to his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, the Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait. Similarly, Foreign Minister of Kuwait Sheikh Dr. Ahmed Nasser Al-Mohammed Al-Sabah made a telephonic conversation with his Indian counterpart Dr. S. Jaishankar to discuss the bilateral relations that bind the two countries in various fields. Kuwait and India traditionally enjoy friendly relations and both countries have had a healthy tradition of high level contacts and both are keen in enhancing these relations in all fields for the benefit of both friendly nations .