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'HAPPY NATIONAL DAY' to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, here to many more years of growth and collaboration between our countries.

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HAPPY NATIONAL DAY: CONGRATS TO PEOPLE AND RULERS OF KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA Largest Indian workforce employed in Saudi Arabia

By Our Correspondent

hy does Sau-Arabia continue to be the most accessible place of employment for an Indian expat?

Soon after oil was discovered in 1938, Indian migrant workers from the British Raj started to arrive in modern-day Saudi Arabia in relatively small numbers. However, after the 1973 energy crisis and the ensuing oil boom, the number of Indian migrant workers increased exponentially. India has been impressing Saudi Arabia with its workforce for years. There were estimated to be 1.5 million Indian residents and workers in that area at the start of the twenty-first century. It has now increased to three million. They are employed as scientists, engineers, educators, IT specialists, physicians, nurses, chemists, and other professionals in a variety of fields. The number of Indian labourers moving to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in search of work has increased fivefold, making it the Gulf country with the largest labour force hires in 2022.

Availability of Indian expertise and resources for Saudi job sector:

India is one of the top destinations for hiring skilled, semi-skilled and unskilled workforces due to its remarkable demographic dividend and plentiful supply of qualified and competent talent. One of the main factors promoting business ties and establishing interpersonal relationships is the presence of around three million Indian workers in Saudi Arabia. The demand for services is further increased when business opportunities in non-oil



sectors are made available in the bilateral relationship between Saudi Arabia and India. Saudi businesses seeking to establish a physical presence in India or build a remote team are drawn to India due to the country's large pool of remote workers. The India-Saudi relationship has developed significantly over time, bolstered by shared interests and collaboration. The business communities of both India and Saudi Arabia can benefit greatly from the growing trade and investment ties between the two nations. Opportunities are ample, with lucrative packages and perks, especially for expats from India. In the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Indian success stories are commonplace due to their notable accomplishments in the technical and educational domains.

How is quality of life in Saudi for expats?

Saudi Arabia is ranked third in the world for the number of expatriates residing there. Why do they love Saudi Arabia so much? Income tax exempts. Their salary is theirs to enjoy alone. Saudi Arabia is a sophisticated nation that offers excellent wages. Gas prices with subsidies. When it comes to Safety, Saudi Arabia is ranked the safest country among the G20 countries — safer than the US, the UK, France, China and Russia. The prohibition of prostitution, alcohol and drugs makes the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia an ideal place to raise a family. The biggest annual entertainment events and festivals in the Middle East, including MDL Beast, Riyadh Season, WWE, Formula E, etc. are held in Riyadh. Population diversity: foreigners from various religious and ethnic backgrounds

make up 37pc of the total popula-

As for infrastructure, buildings, roads, hospitals and baservices are very good. Prices of goods and services are cheap. Food is great with many options. Fancy shopping malls are everywhere. And unlike India, laws firmimposed ly and punishments harsh. Women are allowed to work and they have some jobs reserved only for them (clothing items/cosmetics).Jobs

in Saudi Arabia have a more comfortable pace veloped countries in the compared with Dubai or the likes. Contrary to international work schedule, SYSTEM - 2024: Who there is weekend holiday on Friday and Saturday and Sunday is a normal working Day. Expatriates now enjoy a better quality of life in Saudi Arabia than few years ago as the country went through numerous liberal reforms. These exciting reforms include giving women their full legal rights and abolishing the male-guardianship law. Relaxing women's dress code (Hijab is no longer compulsory), Lifting of the ban on women's driving, opening up the country for foreign tourism and investment, allowing international entertainment events and concerts, the best infrastructure, road networks, free education and healthcare etc elevated the Kingdom

to one of the most deworld.

SAUDI HEALTHCARE stands to gain the most from it?

Saudi Arabia has also opened its doors to foreign healthcare professionals in order to fill specific labour shortages, resulting in a diversified and experienced workforce that can meet the country's population's healthcare needs. In addition to this strategic recruitment, the kingdom's healthcare system has policies in place to integrate these professionals and make sure they make a meaningful contribution to healthcare delivery.

DEMAND FOR MEDI-**CAL PROFESSIONALS:** Currently, out of approximately 2,32 lakh

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medical professionals, 60pc of doctors (including dentists), 57pc of nurses,19pc of allied professionals health and 61pc of pharmacists are expatriates. According to a recent report, the nation will require an extra 1.75 lakh medical staff, which includes about 69,000 extra doctors, 64,000 extra nurses and 42,000 extra allied health professionals, by 2030 to address shortages and meet the healthcare needs of its expanding population. According to the report, the majority of these positions must be filled by Saudi nationals as part of the drive toward Saudization in the healthcare indus-Another report

bia's population, which is currently composed of 39pc foreigners and 61pc locals, is expected to reach 43.7 million by 2030. With 78,600 beds in 2020, one of the largest GCC and the region will need to grow to 98,000 beds by 2030, according to the report.

of strong leadership in specific programmes are Notable advances in digguaranteeing the effecagement of healthcare a facilities. professionals can stay healthcare system. A new tage of opportunities for healthcare continuous profession-

which involves ongoing education and training. This dedication to lifelong learning guarantees the continued competence, adaptability, and innovation of the healthhealthcare markets in the care workforce. The Saudi Arabian healthcare system is undergoing a transformation that is unparalleled in its focus Given the significance on innovation, accessibility, and excellence, as healthcare environments, outlined in Vision 2030. being created to fos- ital health, infrastructer leadership abilities, ture, and public health programmes highlight tive and efficient man- a critical step toward patient-centered, af-Healthcare fordable and accessible Arabia has changed. The working in the Kingup to date on the latest era in healthcare has beadvancements in their gun in the kingdom and fields by taking advan- throughout the global community

says that Saudi Ara- al development (CPD), journey is a testament best days in the history to visionary leadership, of this country and the strategic planning an unwavering pursuit pages would be required of excellence.

say that millions of foreigners have also found this country to be a blessing because of the worked in the Kingdom abundance of job opportunities that allow peo- mendable services they ple to support their own have done and are doing families while also contributing to the nation's Saudi. Every expatriate development. This in- and his family who have flow of foreign money, worked in the Kingdom particularly gulf money, of Saudi Arabia for was largely responsible years and established a for the development of secure future for themour country as well. We selves, every expatriate have all seen how Saudi and his family who are one that we saw there in dom and our great naour childhood is not even tion itself owes a debt wished to remember. But of gratitude to this holy let us firmly believe and country and to its most pray that the future of revered, honorable, and and this transformative this country will be the powerful leaders.

and Middle East. Countless to write down the bless-To sum up, we have to ings that this holy land has given to every expat. And every Indian expatriate who has can be proud of the comin building a modern



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Flourishing India-Saudi trade ties



'ndia and Saudi Arabia enjoy multifaceted relations reflecting the centuries old economic and socio-cultural ties. India and Saudi Arabia are old business partners --- their trade relations go back to several centuries. Today, the bilateral business ties are being steadily expanded and further strengthened by continuous interaction and co-operation, including regular exchange of business delegations. Besides being a major trade

est trade partner. During FY 2022-23, India's imports from Saudi Arabia reached US\$42. O3billion and exports to Saudi Arabia were worth US\$10.72 billion registering an increase of 22.48pc over last year (FY 2021-22). Total

with Saudi Arabia accounted 4.53pc for of India's total trade in FY 2022-23. Major commodities of export

trade

as a major pillar for its energy security and an important economic partner for investments, joint ventures and transfer of technology projects. Saudi Arabia numbers at more

partner, India sees the Kingdom

than 2.4 million and is a living bridge between the two countries. Indian diaspora is widely respected in the Kingdom for their contributions in the development of Saudi Arabia. The contributions made by the Indian community to the development of Saudi Arabia are well acknowledged.

Second largest trade partner

Saudi Arabia is India's fourth largest trade partner and India is Saudi Arabia's second larg-

from India to Saudi Arabia include engineering goods, rice, petroleum products, chemicals, textiles, food products, ceramic tiles etc. Whereas, major com-The Indian community in modities of import for India from Saudi Arabia are crude oil, LPG, fertilisers, chemicals, plastic and products.

Indian investments in the Kingdom have spiked in the recent years and have reached approximately US\$3 Billion (Aug 2023). These investments are dispersed in diverse sectors such as management and consultancy services, construction projects, telecom, information technology, financial services , software development, pharmaceuticals etc. Major Indian companies and corporate groups such as L&T, Tata, Wipro, TCS,



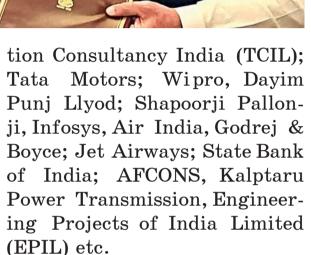
Jet etc. have established a ro-

bust presence in Saudi Arabia.

Saudi investments

Saudi Arabia is the 19th largest investor in India with investments amounting to \$3.22 billion. Major investments include PIF's investments in Reliance Jio Platforms (\$1.5 billion to acquire a 2.32pc stake) and Reliance Retail Ventures (\$1.3 billion to acquire a 2.04pc stake). Further, Saudi Agricultural & Livestock Investment Company (SALIC) has acquired a 33pc stake in Daawat Foods through its subsidiary United Farmers Investment Company, for a value of \$17.23 million. Additionally, in July 2021, PIF invested in India-based healthtech Healthifyme's \$75 million Series-C funding round, indicating a growing appetite for the Kingdom's sovereign wealth fund to invest in sunrise sectors. Apart from PIF, major investment groups from the Kingdom include ARAMCO, SABIC and ZAMIL. Soft Bank's "Vision Fund" has invested in several Indian Start-ups such as Delhivery, FirstCry, Grofers, Ola, OYO, Paytm and PolicyBazaar. SABIC has invested over \$100 million in its technology and innovation Centre in Bengaluru, one of the largest investments in India by a Saudi company.

Major Indian companies operating in Saudi include Larsen & Toubro, . Tata Consultancy Service(TCS); Telecommunica-



Economic Co-operation India is the second largest trade partner for Saudi Arabia whereas Saudi Arabia is India's fourth largest trading partner. During FY 2022-23 bilateral trade was valued at US\$52.76 billion. During this period, India's imports from Saudi Arabia grew by 23.47pc to reach US\$ 42.03 billion and exports to Saudi Arabia were worth US\$ 10.72 billion registering an increase of 22.48pc on yearon-year basis. Total trade with Saudi Arabia accounted for 4.53pc of India's total trade in (Cont. on page-7)













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94th National Day of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to
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King Salman bin Abdul Aziz
His Royal Highness The Crown Prince
Mohammed Bin Salman
His Excellency CDA of Saudi Arabia Embassy in India
Jadi Naif A. Alraqaas
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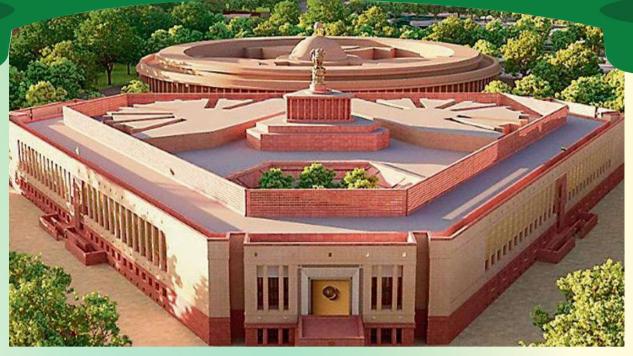
FY 2022-23.

There are around 2,783 Indian companies registered as joint ventures/100pc owned with investments entities worth approximately US\$3 billion in the Kingdom (August 2023). Major Indian companies and corporate groups such as L&T, TATA, Wipro, TCS, TCIL, Shapoorji & Pallonji etc. have established a strong presence

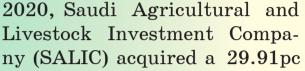
Investment in Jio

in Saudi Arabia.

In June 2020, Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) announced a US\$ 1.49 billion (2.32pc stake) investment in Reliance Industries' Jio Platforms and in Nov 2020, PIF announced another invest-



ment of US\$ 1.3 billion (2.04pc 2020, Saudi Agricultural and stake) in Reliance Retail Ven- Livestock Investment Compatures. In the food sector, in May ny (SALIC) acquired a 29.91pc



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ment of US\$ 17.23 million. In July 2021, PIF invested in India-based healthtech Healthifyme's US\$ 75 million Series-C funding round.

Other proposed major investments include the US\$ 44 billion "West Coast Refinery & Petrochemicals Project" in Maharashtra, which is being jointly built by Saudi Aramco, Abu Dhabi National Oil Company, and an Indian consortium, which includes Indian Oil Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation. In the renewable energy sector, Saudi Company Al-Fanar has invested in 600MW Wind Power projects in India.

















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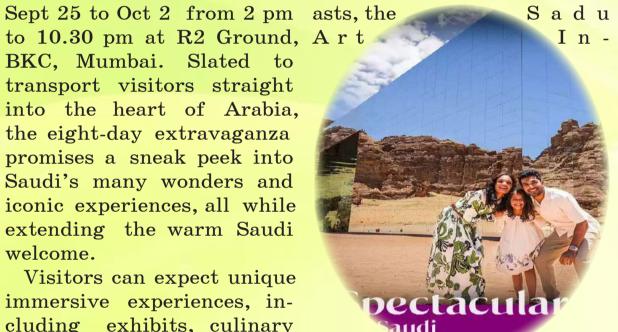
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bia", will host its first-ever immersive consumer event, lavender fields in Al Jouf. "Spectacular Saudi", from to 10.30 pm at R2 Ground, Art BKC, Mumbai. Slated to transport visitors straight into the heart of Arabia, the eight-day extravaganza promises a sneak peek into Saudi's many wonders and iconic experiences, all while extending the warm Saudi welcome.

Visitors can expect unique immersive experiences, including exhibits, culinary

's national tourism brand, coffee, traditional scents and press. Surrounded by colos- at the event, with options Each experience will offer display delves an interactive element, start- in to ing with traditional coffee. dates and bakhour. Next.visitors will be guided through the "mountains and mirrors" display, evocative of the iconic Maraya Hall in AlUla. With many Instagram-worthy moments, visitors can start at the "360 Selfie Corner" and choose from a selection of backdrops showcasing the many seasons and natural wonders Saudi has to offer, such as the wild

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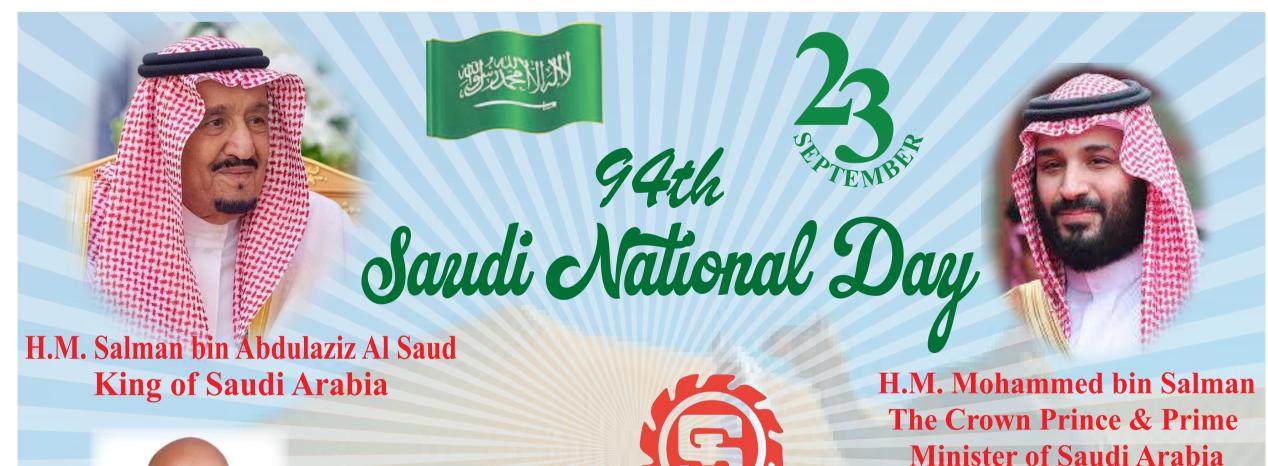
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Featuring exclusive giveaways and discounts, "Spectacular Saudi" will also offer deals tailored for Indian travellers. Eight dedicated Tasheer in daily giveaways for free kiosks will ensure that interested travellers can seamless-

cient craft, preserved tercard. On the travel front, Saudia Airlines is offerpackages start at Rs 99,999 for five nights, with cash back offers and discounts available. Attendees will also have the chance to participate flight tickets for two to Sau-





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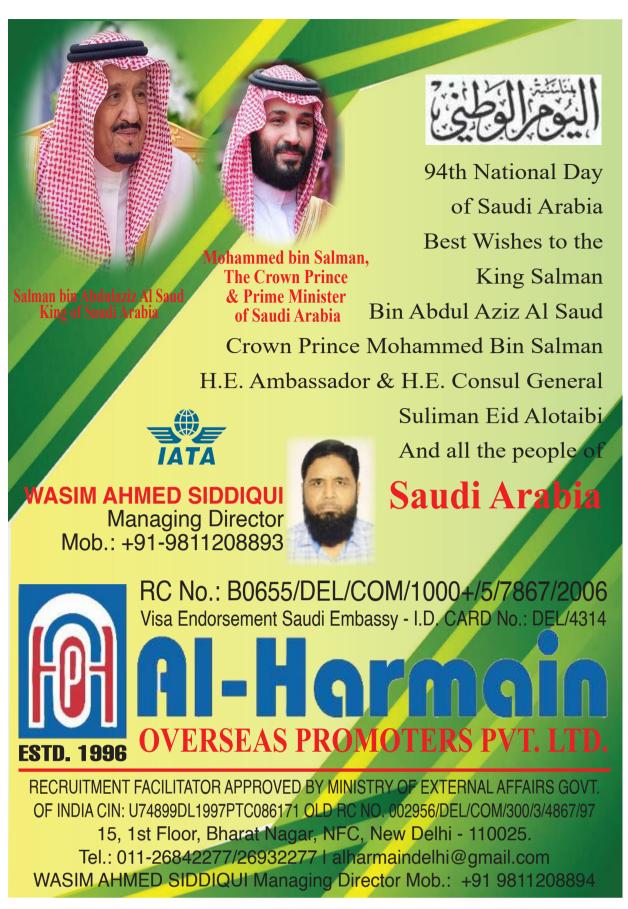
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