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India's rapid response team to Kuwait for combating COVID-19

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A team of 15 Indian doctors and health- care professionals reached Kuwait today, to supplement the efforts of the Government of the State of Kuwait in the collective fight against global Covid-19 pandemic. The medical team is expected to stay in Kuwait for a period of two weeks during which it will render medical assistance in testing and treatment of the afflicted persons and training their personnel. The rapid response team has been deputed at the request of the government of the State of Kuwait.

The deputation of Indian medical experts follows the recent phone call between Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, and the Prime Minister of the State of Kuwait H.H. Sheikh Sabah Al-Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, in which both the leaders agreed for a concerted and coordinated effort against the global pandemic. Subsequently, the External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar and his Kuwaiti counterpart held a telephone conversation to discuss the prevailing situation in Kuwait and explore ways to further strengthen cooperation during these challenging times .

India and Kuwait share a strong partnership based on historical, cultural, economic and people-to-people-contacts. Indians constitute the largest group of expatriates with an estimated population of about ten lakhs in the State of Kuwait. India is reaching out to Kuwait in the extended neighbourhood to further complement its efforts to fight the menace effectively.

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