

## **PM Modi announces 24X7 helpline for expats**

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**Riyadh:** Reaching out to expatriates, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tonight announced a 24X7 multi-lingual helpline for them and said a move to regularise migration was in the offing through an online programme.

Asserting that the expatriates could count on the Indian government in the times of crisis, he said they could use the avenues like the MADAD portal to reach the government for help.

Specifically for Indians in Saudi Arabia, he announced the setting up of worker resource centres in Riyadh and Jeddah to provide them with all necessary help.

Addressing a gathering of L&T workers who are constructing metro rail here, he said the country was proud of their contribution which has enhanced India's image abroad and opened doors for overseas employment opportunities for their compatriots.

“Whenever any good news regarding you people comes, I feel as happy as your family. When there is news of some concern regarding you, I feel the pain like your family would because you are my family,” Modi said, adding that he shared their happiness and sorrow.

“Govt has started a programme called e-migrate. In the coming days, we are working to regularise migration,” he said.

“In the coming days, we plan to establish worker resource centres in Riyadh and Jeddah to meet your needs and there will also be a 24X7 helpline. A call centre will be established whose facilities can be availed in different languages and through this helpline you can share your problems,” Modi said.

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