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***MigCall (Connecting Migrants in Distress)* a life- saving mobile app for Indians in GCC**

Indian Ambassador to Oman H.E. Indra Mani Pandey, today launched a mobile app *'MigCall'* for the benefit of Indian workers in Oman. The mobile app *'MigCall' is* the brain child of Mr. Rejimon K, an Indian journalist based in Oman, which has been turned into realty by Mr. Jose Chacko, an Indian businessman in Oman. Ambassador thanked them for their useful and timely initiative, which will help Indian workers in six Gulf countries to seek assistance whenever needed, particularly in emergency situation. Ambassador commented the role of Indian community and voluntary social workers in proving succour to workers in distress.

The mobile app *'MigCall'* [based on Android OS platform, file size 2.8 MB] is available at Google Playstore in various Indian languages such as Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Bengali and English.

The main feature of this mobile App is that once downloaded it can be used offline in absence of internet connection. Once downloaded, the App will automatically save 10 Helpline numbers in the call list. When a user registers his home country as India and host country as Oman, then, five main helpline numbers available in Oman will be saved in addition to five helpline numbers belonging to India. Similarly, if the user registers his home country as India and host country as UAE, then, five UAE helpline numbers will be saved in addition to five helpline numbers belonging to India.

At present *'MigCall'* provides helpline numbers of all six GCC countries. In addition to helpline numbers, the App also provides helpline numbers of passport services, counseling services, local police numbers and hospital numbers. Notably it also provides a facility to send an SOS message to an emergency number, chosen by the user, in an emergency situation. This App will also provide GPS location to its nearest Indian Embassy office.

Around 200 workers, who were present at the time of launch in the Embassy Auditorium, downloaded the App. Ambassador requested them to spread the information about MigCall App to other workers in their camps.

The App can be downloaded from

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.migcall

Social Network links:

Facebook page

https://www.facebook.com/Connecting-Migrants-559032610914253/?ref=hl

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