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Meeting of Ambassador with representatives of the Indian and Emirati airlines

Ambassador of India to the UAE, H.E. Dr. Deepak Mittal, along with the Consul General of India in Dubai, Shri Satish Sivan had a meeting with the representatives of the Indian and Emirati airlines today to review the efforts to address the concerns of the Indians stranded in the UAE due to disruption in regular flights on account of exceptional circumstances prevailing in the region.

2. The Airlines briefed about the efforts being made by the airlines to resume limited, non scheduled flight operations. It was shared that travel of nearly 7000 stranded Indians, especially the transit and those on short term visits, have been facilitated and returned to India over the past three days. Airlines are focussed on gradually increasing these non-scheduled flights from different airports in the UAE depending on airspace safety and operational clearances by the authorities. More flights are planned over the next 48 hours from Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Ras Al Khaima, Sharjah, Fujairah Airports. The stranded Indian nationals can rebook or book on these flights directly with the airlines or through the local agents. The airlines call centres were operational and extending guidance to the stranded passengers.

3. Ambassador appreciated the efforts of carriers in facilitating safe return of stranded Indian nationals. He encouraged the Airlines to ensure that the priority is accorded to facilitate travel of the stranded tourists and visitors to the UAE, and those with family exigencies. He assured full support and coordination with the local authorities by the Indian Embassy and the Consulate.

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