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## Advisory regarding launch of Emergency Consular and Visa Services in Switzerland

In view of the outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19), Embassy of India, Berne has launched 24 x 7 emergency service facility for all emergency Consular and Visa Services. Routine public dealing at the Consular Section in the Embassy in Berne and Fortnightly Consular Services at Zurich have been discontinued with immediate effect until further notice.

All are advised to send their documents for routine Consular Services (such as Passport, OCI, Attestation and Misc. Consular services applications) by post to the Embassy of India, Kirchenfeldstrasse 28, CH-3005, Berne followed by intimation through e-mail to <a href="mailto:cons1.berne@mea.gov.in">cons1.berne@mea.gov.in</a> and <a href="mailto:cons1.berne@mea.gov.in">cons1.berne@mea.gov.in</a> .

The online registration of regular visa application has been disabled. Visa applicants who are required to visit India for compelling reasons may contact the Embassy by sending an e-mail to <a href="mailto:cons1.berne@mea.gov.in">cons1.berne@mea.gov.in</a> and <a href="mailto:cons1.berne@mea.gov.in">cons.berne@mea.gov.in</a>.

Prior appointments for Emergency Consular and Visa Services may be sought via e-mail or through the following emergency numbers:

- +41 31 350 1130 (0900-1730 hrs),
- +41 76 776 3688 (after office hours)
- +41 76 497 9164 (after office hours)

All are advised to avoid non-essential travel.

Please keep checking Embassy's website, twitter handle (@IndiainSwiss) and Facebook for updates.

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