

In order to celebrate the strong bonds of friendship between Pakistan and Bahrain, the Pakistani Community under the patronage of Pakistan Embassy in Bahrain will be organizing a series of events to mark the National day of Bahrain and to show their solidarity with His Majesty and the people of Bahrain.

In his statement Pakistan's Ambassador in Bahrain said that "there is a large Pakistani community that lives, works and does business in Bahrain and they play a vital role in the society. They share very positive brotherly relations with their Bahraini brothers and sisters and join each

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soon be built in Bahrain for

the Kannada community,

a government official from

will cater to the Kannada

community will help bring

together over 50 official and

The details were revealed

to DT News by Dr. Arathi

Krishna, Deputy Chairman

of Non Resident Forum,

Government of Karnataka,

India, who was in Bahrain

unofficial Kannada groups.

The cultural centre, which

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Manama

India said.

other's celebrations."

This year, the Pakistani community has planned a series of events in which they will not only celebrate the National Day of Bahrain but also pay tribute to the strong social, cultural and brotherly relations between the two countries.

Ambassador Javed Malik said that the Pakistani community though these events shows its appreciation to His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister HRH Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa and HRH Crown Prince Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa and the government and people of Bahrain for the warmth and the

Indian cultural centre

to come up in Bahrain

affection with which they are always welcomed to live in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

The Events

The Pakistani Community has planned events across the Kingdom in order to allow maximum participation for all segments of society. The events would be held in Manama, Riffa, Muharraq, Juffair and other areas.

Community organizations like Pakistan Club Bahrain, Pakistan Bahrain Friendship Society, Pakistan School, in addition to Pakistani professionals, doctors, bankers, engineers. accountants, workers, as well as Pakistani women, and

Pakistani Youth in Bahrain have all been activated to participate in the Bahrain National Day celebrations.

Ambassador of Pakistan, Javed Malik would personally participate in most of the events as the Chief Guest along with distinguished personalities from Pakistani and Bahraini communities will be present.

Ambassador Javed Malik appreciated the dynamic and visionary leadership of His Majesty King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa, the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, and the Crown Prince Salman Bin Hamad Al Khalifa.

"Under the leadership of His Majesty, Bahrain has established itself as model

of tolerance. The positive and welcoming policies of His Majesty have made it possible for people from various cultures, faiths and backgrounds to live in this multicultural and inclusive society and on the National day of Bahrain, everyone stands united in celebrating Bahrain as a global village of peace and tolerance," he said.













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yesterday. However, community members are hoping to receive more funds from the

government of India. Dr. Krishna, who held with meetings several Kannada communities in the Kingdom, said that, "The members have shared many concerns, needs and wants. One of the things they would like see is a new community



Dr. Arathi Krishna

centre. Currently, there are many Kannada groups in the kingdom, but they would like to a place where they can all come together."

The previous government in Karnataka had given them about 1 crore Indian rupees but their estimate is that they will need 10 crores to build the centre. "During the meeting the community members requested me to help obtain a further 5 crore Indian rupees funding from the government. They want the works to be underway within the next year and are also collecting funds from the members as well," Dr. Krishna added.

She has requested help from the Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar Sinha to support the local efforts, which he has agreed to.

She said that there are around 20,000 people from Karnataka in Bahrain.

During the meeting the community members made a request to the Karnataka government to allot land in India where NRI's could purchase and build houses.

They also requested a cut in the huge fees charged by educational institutions where NRIs have to pay a lot more than citizens residing in the country. They also requested to allow NRI students to be eligible for local examinations at the institutes.

Dr. Krishna, who also received a similar concern from the community in Saudi, assured them that she would take the matter up with the education minister.

The community members have also complained about the number of flights from Bahrain to Mangalore and Bangalore and have also expressed their concern about being treated unfairly at the Mangalore airport.