

# Leaders Begin Global Journey

With royal backing, seventeen future leaders embark on life-changing global paths

- Seventeen students selected
- Global destinations include US, UK
- Full academic freedom offered

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Seventeen of Bahrain’s brightest students are preparing to begin a new chapter of academic life abroad, following an orientation hosted by the Crown Prince’s International Scholarship Program

(CPISP) for its 2025 recipients. Held for the selected students and their parents, the session detailed the programme’s academic requirements, cultural expectations, and support systems in place throughout their studies. The event served as a formal send-off, marking the transition from homegrown excellence to international opportunity.

Royal commitment

The CPISP team highlighted the unwavering support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, in advancing the education of Bahraini youth. They reaffirmed his dedication to investing in students by facili-



Ireland has consistently ranked among the top 10 countries for quality of education, according to the Global Competitiveness Index.

tating access to the world’s top institutions. In keeping with that vision,



HRH Prince Salman

the programme offers recipients the freedom to pursue their desired academic fields

and supports them through undergraduate, postgraduate, and even doctoral studies.

Diverse destinations

Among the 2025 cohort, three students - Haydi Mohammed Othman Al Khidir, Mariam Ahmed Ragab Ebrahim Ahmed, and Mariam Ali Ahmed Habib Abbas - will begin their journey in the United Kingdom, enrolling in A-level boarding schools. Another group - Hussain Ahmed Mansoor Shaban, Hussain Salman Abdulla Al Nashaba, and Mohamed Abdulmajeed A. Jalil Dailami - will attend preparatory schools in the United States. Eight other scholars will be heading directly to universities in the UK, while three will pursue

degrees in Ireland. A final trio - Anas Eyad Mohamed Saleh Rafei, Nasser Eyad Deeb Hasan Obaid, and Sh. Noor bint Khalifa bin Duaij Al Khalifa - will begin undergraduate programmes in the United States. During the meeting, the CPISP team congratulated the students and wished them success as they take their first steps into global academia. The programme, they said, remains committed to creating world-class opportunities for Bahrain’s youth through structured, long-term academic support. The 2025 cohort’s departure signals not only personal milestones for the students but also a broader national investment in future leadership and international representation.

# Forum Honours Indian Historian

- Event highlights Gandhi legacy
- Indian researcher honoured
- Forum promotes cultural ties

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An Indian researcher dedicated to chronicling the lives of freedom fighters was honoured in Bahrain for his contributions to history and cultural education. P. Harindranath, a writer, teacher, and historical researcher, was the guest of honour at a special event organised under the banner of the Bahrain Mahatma Gandhi Cultural Forum, in collaboration with the Bah-



P. Harindranath with prominent figures from Bahrain's Indian community

rain Malayali Forum (BMF). The event took place in Segaya and brought together prominent figures from Bahrain’s Indian community. **Freedom Legacy Remembered** Delivering the keynote address, Harindranath explored the legacy of Dadabhai Naoroji and Mahatma Gandhi, delving

into their pivotal roles in India’s freedom struggle. The session provided an educational reflection on how their leadership and sacrifices shaped modern India. Babu Kunhiraman, President of the Mahatma Gandhi Cultural Forum, presided over the event and formally honoured Harindranath with a gift. BMF

Secretary Suresh Veerachery welcomed the guests. **Community Participation** The event saw participation from a wide cross-section of Bahrain’s residents, including Deepa Jayachandran, Abraham John, Gafoor Kaippamangalam, and S.V. Basheer, among others. The evening’s proceedings

were coordinated by Babina Sunil and hosted by Saji Samuel, Suresh Pundoor, Sajith Vellikulangara, Abdul Salam, Mujeeb Rahman, and Baiju Arad. By honouring Harindranath’s research, the community underscored the continuing relevance of historical understanding in bridging cultures and preserving shared legacies abroad.

## Free Ashura transportation service launched

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The Jaafari Endowments Directorate has announced the launch of a free transportation service for mourners during the Ashura season of 1447 AH (2025 AD). The initiative includes a network of six main routes transporting participants to the Revival Center in the capital, Manama, and will operate from the night of the seventh until the night of the tenth of Muharram, daily from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. A trial run of the service began on the night of the fifth of Muharram at selected stations, as part of the Directorate’s broader efforts to expand its services and facilitate the participation of mourners in commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Hussein (peace be upon him).

Pickup stations

The designated pickup stations are strategically located across key areas, including: Jidhafs – Al-Daih and Jidhafs intersection; Al-Bilad Al-Qadeem – Al-Khamis intersection; Al-Burhama – near Siam Garage; Salmaniya – near Hayat Plaza Mall; Al-Qafool – near Imam Al-Sadiq Mosque (peace be upon him); and Central Manama – near Abu Bakr Al-Siddiq School and Isa Al-Kabeer Street. In addition to buses, the initiative includes the use of golf carts to transport elderly individuals, people with disabilities, the sick, and children within the procession routes and to and from the Manama ports. The service is being implemented in cooperation with Al Sadiq Transport. His Excellency Engineer Sayed Mohammed Jaafar Al Hussaini, a senior official with the Jaafari Endowments, highlighted the project’s dual focus: easing traffic congestion in Manama and providing safe, accessible transportation.

## Apartment fire



Civil Defense teams swiftly evacuated a multi-story residential building in Bahrain Bay after a fire broke out in one of the apartments. The blaze was contained and extinguished without any reported injuries. The National Ambulance was present at the scene and took all necessary precautionary measures to ensure public safety. Authorities confirmed that investigations are currently underway to determine the cause of the fire.

## Strategic trade and economic ties



His Excellency Abdulla bin Adel Fakhro, Minister of Industry and Commerce, received H.E. Steven C. Bondy, the US Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain. The meeting discussed several topics of mutual interest. Fakhro highlighted the deep-rooted bilateral and strategic ties between the two countries, particularly in the trade and economic sectors. He commended the joint commitment to strengthening cooperation that contributes to achieving mutual interests and support sustainable development.

## Mar Coorilos Metropolitan Visits Indian Ambassador in Bahrain



His Grace Geevarghese Mar Coorilos Metropolitan, the Senior Metropolitan of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church and Diocesan Metropolitan of Bombay, paid a visit to the Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, H.E. Vinod K. Jacob. The meeting took place following the Metropolitan’s arrival at the St. Mary’s Indian Orthodox Cathedral in Bahrain. Accompanying His Grace during the visit were the Cathedral Vicar, Rev. Fr. Jacob Thomas Karackal, Assistant Vicar Rev. Fr. P. N. Thomas Kutty, Rev. Fr. Rinil Peter, Parish Trustee Saji George, Secretary Binu Mathew Eapen, and members of the Managing Committee. Parish officials also announced that the finale of the ongoing “Orthodox Vacation Bible School” will be held on July 4 at the Bahrain Kerala Samajam Auditorium, with Mar Coorilos Metropolitan gracing the event as the chief guest.