

A successful celebration

Indian Club Onam Fest '22 marks fitting conclusion with grand Onasadhya Feast

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The Indian Club Onam Fest '22 came to a successful conclusion on 30 September with the Indian Club Onasadhya Feast.

Around 2,500 taste lovers, including patrons, members, invited guests and sponsors sat down together to enjoy a sumptuous banquet of 26 items. The feast was prepared by well-known celebrity sadhya specialist Mr Ajith Kumar, specially flown in from India to make this grand gala lunch.

The traditional Onasadhya Feast was inaugurated by H.E. Mr Piyush Shrivastava – Indian Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain – along with H.E. Mr Steven C. Bondy (Ambassador of the US), H.E. Ms Paola Amadei (Ambassador of the Republic of Italy), H.E. Mr Shazryll Zahiran (Ambassador of Malaysia), Mr Abdulnabi Al Sho'ala (Former Minister and Shura Council Member), Mr Yousif Lori (Director of Information and Follow up at the capital Governorate), Mr Khalil Daylami (Philantropist/Social Worker), Mr K.G. Baburajan (MD-QEL Holdings), Mr Pambavanan Nair (MD-AMAD Group), Mr Ajith Kumar (CEO – Dadabhai), Mr Soman Baby, Prince Natarajan (Chairman of Indian School), Mr Ijaz Ahmed (Indian Embassy) and past presidents of the Indian Club.

The feast started as planned with all the preparation and safety measures. A veritable army of Club Members and volunteers, all wearing traditional costumes; worked tirelessly to serve the guests and to keep the schedule on track.

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artist/playback singer Mr Abid Anwar, Thiruvathira Competition, Natyolsavam 2022, Payasa Mela, Onappattu Competition, Onapudava Competition, Ona Chanda, Pookalam Competition, Tug of War, Musical Night performed by reality show Artist/Play Back Singer Mr Sudeesh U. Sasikumar, Nadaswaram Fusion, Historic Mega Mohiniyattam performed by more than 100 ladies, Musical Night led by Playback Singer Mr. Rahul Sathyanadh, Ghoshayatra competition and Nadan pattu by renowned folk singer Praseetha Chalakudy.

On behalf of the members of the Indian Club, the president and the executive committee expressed their sincere grati-



Indian Ambassador Piyush Shrivastava joins the Indian community in various activities celebrating the traditional Onasadhya Feast

tude to all the sponsors with a special mention to the major sponsors of the event – BFC, Lulu & Bira.

Filipino expatriates in Bahrain hold charity work



The Federation of Professionals and Expatriates (FPEX), which is under the Association of Chiefs of Police of the Philippines, Police Community Relation, has donated clothes and toys for Rashid Al-Zayani Foundation on 28 September. It was received by Wesal Al Fadhel, Project Manager of the Reuse Campaign. The Rashid Al Zayani Charity Foundation was founded in 2009 whose mission is to extend help and services to groups and individuals in need. Various projects of the foundation are in line with the programs in education, healthcare, child welfare, infrastructure development, and religious institutions.

CBB holds third board meeting for 2022

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The Central Bank of Bahrain's (CBB) Board of Directors Chairman Hassan Khalifa Al Jalahma held its third meeting for the year 2022.

The board reviewed topics on the agenda in addition to CBB's performance report and developments in the financial sector for the third quarter of 2022.

They discussed CBB's financial performance report as of end of August.

The meeting followed up on the recommendations made during the previous

Board meeting and reviewed the work in progress with regards to the Financial Services Sector Development Strategy (2022-2026).

The board reviewed key monetary and banking developments, as the data showed an increase in liquidity whereby money supply in its broad sense, M3 totalled BD15.2 billion at the end of August, an increase of 3.7% compared to the end of August 2021.

As for retail banks, total private deposits increased to around BD13.5 billion at the end of August 2022, an increase of 6.1% compared to the end of August 2021.

Indian School swears in student leaders for new academic year

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The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) Prefectorial Council for the academic year 2022-2023 was formally inducted during an investiture ceremony held at the Jashanmal Auditorium on October 1.

Hon. Chairman Prince S. Natarajan, Vice-Chairman Jayafar Maidani, EC Members Mohammad Khurshed Alam, Binu Mannil Varughese, Rajesh Nambiar, Principal VR Palaniswamy, Staff Representative Johnson Devassy, Vice-Principals and Heads of Sections, teachers, and students were among those who attended the investiture ceremony. Aadersh Abhilash and Vigneshwari Natarajan from XII P were selected respectively as the Head Boy and Head Girl of the Prefectorial Council for Level A which consists of classes XI and XII.

Gopu Ajith (X N) and Aradhya Kanodathil (X C) were selected as Head Boy and Head Girl for Level B consisting of grades IX and X. Head Boy Joel Shaiju (VIII N) and Head Girl Agrima Yadav (VIII P) were selected from level C consisting of grades



Top school officials with the student council members at the investiture ceremony

VI-VIII. Ahmed Mostafa Hassan Said (V P) and Anika Ragahvendra (V U) are the Head Boy and Head Girl of Level D grades IV and V.

The council consists of students from classes IV to XII who were selected on the basis of their academic and leadership qualities.

Natarajan, who inaugurat-

ed the programme, urged the student council members to be promising leaders and fulfil the vision and mission of the school by excelling in their journey towards a holistic development.

He reminded the student leaders to take their responsibilities in the true spirit of teamwork which will help in bringing all students together.

The oath of office was administered by Principal VR Palaniswamy. The Principal congratulated the newly elected student council and emphasised that they should perform their duties as student leaders to the best of their ability.

Aryan Arora and Aiswarya Sinilal compered the programme. The ceremony started with na-

tional anthems, recitation from Holy Quran and school choir.

A march past of student leaders holding school flag was carried out in perfect synchronisation with the beat of the school band. The principal welcomed the gathering and administered the oath of office to the newly elected prefects.

Vice-Principals Anand Nair

(Senior Section) and Vinod S (Middle Section) read out the list of office bearers. The school officials pinned the badges and handed the flag to the head boy.

The Head Boy and Head Girl in their acceptance speech reaffirmed the diligence and dedication with which the new student council would function. Anand Nair prosed vote of thanks.