

Preparations begin for Kerala Chief Minister’s Bahrain visit

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Extensive preparations have begun ahead of the visit of Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan to Bahrain. A preparatory meeting to ensure the success of this high-profile visit, scheduled for October 16th, and to arrange a warm reception by the Bahrain Malayali

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community, will be held on October 6th at 8 PM at the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) Hall.

Considering the significance of the Chief Minister’s visit to Bahrain, a reception committee



Pinarayi Vijayan

is being formed under the leadership of prominent Malayali organizations and associations in the country. The committee will include members of the Loka Kerala Sabha, representatives associated with the Malayalam Mission Chapter in Bahrain, leading industrialists (prominent businesspersons), and various political, social, and religious leaders.

It is widely anticipated that the Chief Minister’s visit will further strengthen the relationship between the state of Kerala and the large expatriate community residing in Bahrain. Organizers have announced that the detailed blueprint and schedule of the reception programs will be finalized during the preparatory meeting on October 6th.

Change in motion



H.E. Osama Bin Saleh Al Alawi and H.E. Indian Ambassador Vinod K. Jacob with distinguished guests

Indian Club’s new Executive Committee

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The Indian Club in Bahrain formally inducted its new Executive Committee for the 2025-27 tenure in a grand ceremony held on October 2, 2025. The event, which was part of the ongoing ‘Aavani 2025’ Onam Festival, saw the attendance of hundreds of club members and members of the public. The official function was

marked by the presence of high-profile dignitaries. His Excellency Osama Bin Saleh Al Alawi, the Minister of Social Development, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, the Ambassador for India to Bahrain, attended as the Guest of Honour. The colorful ceremony was also attended by various other prominent personalities from the Kingdom. Following the induction ceremony, the evening transitioned into a spectacular entertainment segment featuring a Mega Musical Show.

Leading the show were renowned figures from India: Cine Actor Abid Anwar and popular playback Singer Divya Nair. The duo, along with their team, delivered a memorable musical treat, thoroughly entertaining the large crowd. The night concluded with an important reminder for the grand finale of the ‘Aavani 2025’ celebrations: the Grand Onasadhya scheduled for October 10, 2025. The traditional Onam feast will be prepared by the renowned culinary master, Mr. Jayan Sukumarapillai.

Breast Cancer Awareness campaign successful



Indian Community Welfare Association and American Mission Hospital representatives with guests and participants

The Indian Community Welfare Association (ICRF Bahrain) in association with the American Mission Hospital (AMH) conducted a Breast Cancer Awareness campaign on Friday, 3 October 2025 for female house-helpers. Around 70 house-helpers attended the program held at the American Mission Hospital in Manama. Chief Guest for the event was

Ms Nedal Abdulla AlAlawai from the Ministry of Interior. All participants underwent BP checkup followed by physical examination and doctor consultation. Dr Lakshmi Govind spoke about the importance of early screening and guided on self examination tips. AMH staff nurses Ms Mariamma Koshy and Shanthi Tresa Noronha were providing necessary support.

Further follow ups including ultra-sound/mammogram as required will be conducted by AMH at free of charge. ICRF Women’s Forum team members Shyamala, Anu Jose, Althea DSouza, Swapna Gowli, Kalpana Patil, Sandra Palanna, Deepshika, Ruchi Chakraborty, Raji Murali, Arti Agarwal, Brainy Tomar, Papia Guha and Rayna Correa were leading the event today. All participants were provided with gift hampers and snacks by ICRF Bahrain.

Promoting unity and fraternity among Pakistanis

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The Pakistan Club Bahrain, under the leadership of its Chairman Mr. Mohammad Afzal Bhatti, former member of the Overseas Pakistanis Advisory Council (OPAC), along with Mr. Samiur Rahman, General Secretary of the Pakistan Club, presented a commemorative shield to Honorable Syed Qamar Raza,

Chairman of the Overseas Pakistanis Federation (OPF), during his official visit to the Kingdom of Bahrain. The event, held in a spirit of unity and fraternity among the overseas Pakistani community, was graciously hosted by Mr. Dilawar Khan Tanoli, a renowned businessman in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The welcome dinner took



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place at the prestigious Gulf Hotel Convention Center, bringing together prominent figures of the Pakistani diaspora, distinguished guests, and community leaders. Cooperation In his address, Mr. Mohammad Afzal Bhatti underscored the importance of strengthening cooperation between Pakistani organizations abroad to better serve the community and enhance Pakistan’s presence worldwide. He highlighted the pivotal role of the Pakistan Club Bahrain in fostering cultural, social, and community-driven initiatives that unify overseas Pakistanis. Mr. Syed Qamar Raza thanked Mr. Dilawar Khan Tanoli and the overseas Pakistani community.

DLA8 2025 kicks off in Bahrain



The 8th edition of the Dermatology, Laser and Aesthetics Conference and Exhibition (DLA8 2025) has officially commenced in Bahrain, bringing together a wide range of doctors and specialists in dermatology and cosmetology from both within the Kingdom and abroad. This year’s conference features the participation of more than 85 distinguished international and regional speakers delivering over 70 lectures that highlight the latest innovations and technologies in therapeutic dermatology, non-surgical aesthetics, skin surgery, and laser treatments.