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Listed as a vulnerable species, whale sharks are termed ‘docile fish’, which sometimes even allows swimmers to hitch a ride.

In Bahrain, two sailors say they experienced the same.

The shark, presumed dead, was spotted by two sailors in the North Sea waters of Bahrain, said an *Al Bilad* report citing social media accounts.

The sailors, however, got the surprise of their life, when the fish suddenly sprang to life as they approached to take a look.

The men said they even spent some time with the fish, locally known as ‘Deeba’, before informing the authorities.

The sailors hope the concerned authorities would do the needful to rescue the fish.

Preferring warm waters, whale sharks populate all tropical seas,

Picture courtesy of Albilad

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The whale shark, like the world’s second largest fish, the basking shark, is a filter feeder. In order to eat, the beast juts out its formidably sized jaws and passively filters everything in its path. The mechanism is theorized to be a technique called “cross-flow filtration,” similar to some bony fish and baleen whales.

Its back and sides are gray to brown with white spots among pale vertical and horizontal stripes, and its belly is white. Its two dorsal fins are set rearward on its body, which ends in a large dual-lobbed caudal fin (or tail).

Sailors saved a shark!

Drive-in cinema soon in Bahrain



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Mukta Cinemas will open doors to Bahrain’s first drive-in Cinema on July 20.

Akshay Bajaj Chief Executive Officer of Mukta Cinema told Al Ayam in a statement.

The project, he said, is being implemented in cooperation with Pico Exhibitions at Bahrain Bay.

The facility with a single screen, Bajaj told Al Ayam, is capable of accommodating up to 100 cars.

The movie will broadcast sound using an FM frequency to which the viewers will have to tune in using their car radio.

A lot of drive-ins use FM radio to deliver the movie sound these days.

Experts, however, warn it would simply drain your car’s battery. So, it is better to bring a battery-powered portable radio or a boom-box instead, in case you are not running your engine to use your car AC.

The Coordination Committee, headed by His Highness the Crown Prince, had earlier announced that drive-in cinemas would be allowed to operate following health requirements and the rules of social distancing, with the continued closure of cinemas.

The idea of drive-in cinemas first came to compensate for the closure of cinemas in line with the precautionary measures adopted in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

UAE is a front runner in this regard, with people there now enjoying drive-in at Dubai’s Mall of the Emirates.

A paralysed man’s dream to fly home just got realised

The Indian Club, Gulf Air and Al-Hilal hospital join hands to help expatriate Ajay Jonepally amid COVID-19 pandemic

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Never-ending bouts with mishaps.

Ajay Jonepally’s past four months in Bahrain can be summarised thus.

The last one caught him by surprise and plunged him into deep anguish.

The ailment that started with blood pressure and then a brain haemorrhage finally left him paralysed and bedridden.

He was preparing to get back to his home in India for further treatment, as advised by BDF hospital doctors, but then the Corona struck, paralysing the world along with his home dreams.

All this put him in a tight spot regarding medical bills, nursing and other expenses. If not for the generous support of his sponsor, who had come forward to shoulder the expenses, it would have been a total disaster.

Adversities were parading one after another in the life of Jonepally, who has been with Al Ameri Electrical Contracting Company for the past four years.

Amidst all this pain, he now at least have one reason to smile.

He will be soon back with his loved ones back home in Hyderabad to continue his life’s battle.

Given wings to his home dreams are some good minds at the Indian Club.

Joining hand with the club in this initiate is Gulf Air and



Ajay Jonepally is all set to fly back to Hyderabad, thanks to the help of Indian Club officials

Al-Hilal hospital.

Despite procuring all necessary medical clearance, what derailed his flying plan in the first attempt was the absence of a nurse to assist him in the travel.

That too is cleared now with Jijo John an NHRA nurse, who had come forward voluntarily to accompany him to Hyderabad.

Jijo John will return in the same flight after handing over Ajay to the medical team at Hyderabad airport.

Indian club has reserved nine seats to keep Ajay’s on his stretcher and another for his accompanying nurse.

This also is not the first time that Indian Club has taken up initiatives like this to help fellow citizens in the Kingdom.

Amid the pandemic outbreak, the club distributed food kits and medical aids to the needy and organised several repatriation flights.

The Club officials said had arranged five flights, including two Jumbo jets, to different Indian destinations including Calicut, Cochin, Bangalore and Hyderabad.

Second phase bookings are going on for flights to Delhi, Hyderabad, Mangalore, Kochi and Trivandrum.

The Indian club President Stalin Joseph and General Secretary Job MJ thanked all who coordinated and supported this noble cause.

140 expats set to fly back under Vande Bharat mission

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More than 140 Indians shall return today under the “Vande Bharat” repatriation mission announced by Government of India. The Air India flight is scheduled to depart at 1:05 pm for the capital city of Bhubaneswar in the eastern Indian state of Odisha.

Under the Vande Bharat Mission Phase- 4, 14 flights have been scheduled from Bahrain to various destination in India. Today’s flight is the second flight to Odisha, the first flight left for Bhubaneswar on 20th June carrying approximately 145 passengers.

The Indian Embassy at Bahrain facilitated the issuance of tickets to the stranded expatriates. To ensure that passengers returns without any health risks, necessary safety protocols have been implemented by Air India and Bahrain International Airport.

A second flight to Bhubaneswar has helped all those who, for some reason, could not undertake the journey earlier, said Bidush Nanda, Vice President of Bahrain Odia Samaj (BOS). Members and volunteers of BOS shall continue with the humanitarian efforts undertaken by the BOS and extend necessary help to the Odia diaspora, he added.

“We are grateful to Government of Bahrain, Government of India and the Indian Embassy at Bahrain for extending



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As many as 5,80,000 Indians have been evacuated from different countries under the Vande Bharat Mission. Under phase 4, 637 international flights have already been scheduled & these flights would service 29 airports in India

necessary help and ensuring the safe return of the Odia diaspora,” said Jaideep Jena, Joint Secretary, Bahrain Odia Samaj.