

**HM King names Islamic studies college board of trustee members**  
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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa issued Decree (49) of 2025 appointing members of the Board of Trustees of the Abdullah bin Khalid Al Khalifa College of Islamic Studies. Based on a proposal by the Minister of Education and approved by the Cabinet, the decree states:

Under Article I, the Board of Trustees of Abdullah bin Khalid College of Islamic Studies shall be chaired by the Minister of Education, with the following members:

Shaikh Dr. Abdullatif Mahmood Al Mahmood, representative of Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs; Shaikh Dr. Sulaiman bin Shaikh Mansour Al Sitri, representative of Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs; President of the University of Bahrain; Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education; Chairman of the Sunni Endowments Council; Chairman of the Jaafari Endowments Council; Assistant Secretary General of Higher Education Council; and Shaikh Dr. Farid Yaqoub Yousif Al Miftah, representative of the Supreme Judicial Council.

# India Utsav Connects Communities

Colours, cuisine, and culture

- Independence Day celebration
- Community stalls thrive
- Cultural-commercial showcase

**Mahir Haneef**  
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Lulu Hypermarket has brought a burst of colour, flavour, and festive cheer to Bahrain with its annual 'India Utsav' at Dana Mall, marking Indian Independence Day with a blend of culture, community, and commerce.

His Excellency Indian Ambassador Vinod K Jacob inaugurated the celebrations, which feature a host of attractions ranging from 25% discounts on fresh Indian buffalo meat and fish to ethnic fashion deals, including a 'Buy 2-Get 2' offer on men's suits, shirts, trousers, and jeans. Community stalls run by enterprising women and Indian foodpreneurs add a personal touch to the festivities, which run until August 16th.

Ambassador Jacob praised the



H.E. Indian Ambassador Vinod K Jacob with distinguished guests



vibrant energy of the event, calling it a testament to the strong friendship between India and Bahrain. Lulu Group's Director - Retail, Juzer Rupawala, said the hypermarket's immersive national festivals

have become a highpoint of the calendar, celebrating both heritage and commercial ties.

"With our vast network of suppliers, logistics, and warehousing across India, we are offering the best on all things Indian," Rupawala noted. He added that the festival also serves to welcome Bahrain's wider community to share in the love of India, with Indians and other



nationalities alike drawn to its colours and charm. The India Utsav continues to draw shoppers and well-wishers, strengthening cross-cultural connections through shared celebration.

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