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Lulu Exchange announces winner of 'Greatest of All Time' giveaway



Lulu Exchange announced the winner of its "Greatest of All Time Giveaway" campaign. Mr. Dominic Chacko was officially named the recipient of the grand prize: an autographed Argentina national football team jersey. The giveaway was part of Lulu Exchange's ongoing engagement with its customers and its recent regional partnership with the Argentine **Football Association** (AFA) Lulu Exchange management thanked all participants for their involvement in the campaign, confirming its plans to continue running similar customer promotions and contests in the future.

BKS BOOK FAIR: REMYA MITHRAPURAM'S 'A NURSE'S DIARY NOTE' RELEASED



During the DC Books International Book Fair held at the Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS), the book titled 'Oru Nurse's Diary Kurip' (A Nurse's Diary Note), written by expatriate author Remya Mithrapuram, was officially launched. Remya hails from Adoor, Mithrapuram. The book was jointly released by author Nisha Rathnamma and BKS President P.V. Radhakrishna Pillai. Also present at the ceremony were BKS General Secretary Varghese Karakkal and Book Fair Convener Ashley.

KMCC Bahrain to Celebrate Bahrain National Day with Blood Drive and Cultural EventsKMCC Bahrain is set to grandly celebrate the 54th Bahrain National Day, titled 'Eid Al Watan', with a major blood donation drive and cultural programs. The celebrations kick off Tuesday, December 16, the National Day, with the 'Jeevasparsham' blood donation campaign at Salmaniya Medical Centre (SMC), aiming for 200 donors. This 42nd drive, in collaboration with Malabar Gold, will run from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bahraini officials and Indian Embassy representatives are expected to visit the camp. In the evening of December 16, cultural performances, including the Bahrain National Anthem, Arabic dance, and folk arts, will take place at the KMCC Auditorium from 8:00 PM onwards. The festivities continue on Thursday, December 18, with the "Speech of Celebration" event, "Bahrain in Our Hearts," where KMCC Speakers Forum members will share personal experiences of the country. The announcement was made during a press conference attended by KMCC Bahrain Acting President A. P. Faisal, General Secretary Shamsudheen Vellikkulangara and other office bearers.

Farewell Ceremony at Pak-Bahrain Unity Fest 2025



The Pak-Bahrain Unity Fest 2025 featured a farewell ceremony for Mr. Mohammad Aneel Zafar, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Pakistan in Bahrain. This event recognized his service and support to the Pakistani community. A commemorative shield was presented by Mr. Mohammad Afzal Bhatti, Chairman of the Pakistan Club Bahrain. The presentation took place in the presence of Mr. Sajid Sheikh, a prominent Pakistani community leader and businessman in Bahrain.

RVIS HOSTS THIRD INTER-SCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT



Riffa Views International School (RVIS) proudly hosted its Third Annual Inter-school Chess Tournament, a prestigious event underscoring the school's commitment to extracurricular excellence. The competition brought together talented players from 13 schools across Bahrain, including New Millennium School, St. Christopher's School, Bahrain Bayan School, and others. The atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm, showcasing an impressive level of skill and strategy among the participants. Ensuring fair play and adding to the event's prestige, the tournament was overseen by a distinguished and competitive team of organizers and arbiters. This panel included several internationally rated players, notably Basem Karim, Zeyad Janahi, Basil Karim, Mustafa Salah, and Coach Arjun, alongside Antony Pelayo and Jamal Abdulghaffar.



BAB Unveils 12 Strategic Committees to Drive Sector-wide Development



The Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB) has announced the approval of twelve new specialized committees, covering a broad range of core functional domains within banking and financial work. This initiative, which includes over 140 executives and professionals from member institutions, is a central part of BAB's strategy to keep pace with rapid industry developments and strengthen the financial sector The committees include: AML and Compliance (chaired by Mrs. Abeer Al Shihabi), Digitisation (Dr. Yousif Al Mas), Financial Supervision (Mr. Mahmood Taheri), Human Capital (Ms. Afnan Saleh), Investment Banking Services, Islamic Banking Standards, Legal, Retail Banking Services, Risk Management, SME Banking Services, Treasury, and Corporate Communications. BAB Chief Executive Officer, Mrs. Zeeba Askar, stated, "The formation of these committees marks a significant milestone in the Association's efforts to further strengthen the banking and financial ecosystem in the Kingdom."

'Niram 2025' preparations complete for Grand Cultural event

Preparations for "Niram 2025" have been successfully completed, organizers announced. The event is scheduled to take place today evening starting at 7:00 PM at the Crowne Plaza Convention Centre. The main attraction will be a musical concert led by the esteemed playback singer, Padmashri M.G. Sreekumar, featuring a live orchestra. The event will also see the participation of famous Malayalam cinema stars, including Kunchacko Boban and Ramesh Pisharody, singers Shikha & Rahman, and celebrity anchor Jewel Mary. Organizers stated that "Niram 2025" is expected to be one of the biggest cultural events of the year, with an anticipated attendance of over 1500 people from Bahrain and other GCC countries.

