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American University of Bahrain Celebrates the Kingdom's National Day



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The American University of Bahrain held its annual celebration marking the Kingdom of Bahrain's National Day and anniversary of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's Accession to the Throne. The event was hosted at the University's campus in Riffa, with the attendance of faculty, students and staff.

On this distinguished national occasion, the American University of Bahrain conveys its warmest congratulations and best wishes to His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and to His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, as well as to the Government and people of Bahrain.

The University affirms its pride in joining the nation in commemorating the establishment of the modern Bahraini state as a Muslim Arab state by its founder Ahmed Al Fateh in 1783, and the anniversary of the accession of His Majesty the King to the throne.

Marking the occasion, Dr. Wafa Almansoori, Interim President and Provost of the American University of Bahrain, underscored the celebration's importance within the University's annual calendar, noting its deep significance for the people of Bahrain as a source of shared national pride and as a moment to reaffirm the values of belonging, unity and loyalty that embody the spirit of the Kingdom.



The Indian School Bahrain marks platinum jubilee with landmark cultural celebrations



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The Indian School Bahrain (ISB), one of the Kingdom's most respected educational institutions, is celebrating a historic milestone, 75 years of dedicated service in education. Established in 1950, the school's Platinum Jubilee year is being commemorated through a series of thoughtfully planned programmes that honour its legacy, celebrate its present achievements, and reaffirm its commitment to the future.

The highlight of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations will be the ISB Annual Cultural Fair, Platinum Jubilee Year 2025, scheduled for 15 and 16 January 2026. Recognised as one of the school's most anticipated community events, the fair has evolved into a vibrant platform for artistic expression, cultural exchange, and social engagement.

The festivities will begin on Thursday, 15 January, with a

musical concert by acclaimed Indian musician Stephen Devassy and his team. On 16 January, students will present cultural performances, followed by an energetic musical show led by playback singer Rupali Jagga, accompanied by Abhishek Soni and their ensemble.

Presented by Star Vision Events, the fair promises two evenings of cultural richness, entertainment, and family-friendly activities, running from 6:00 pm to 10:30 pm. Visitors can expect a wide array of student performances, reflecting the diverse artistic talents nurtured at ISB.

A major attraction will be the fair's extensive food and recreation zones. Licensed outdoor catering establishments will offer a selection of delicacies, featuring regional specialties from Bahrain alongside popular cuisines from various Indian states. Numerous games, entertainment stalls, and recreational

activities will engage children, youth, and families, transforming the school grounds into a lively and festive space.

Adding further excitement, Zayani Motors has generously sponsored an MG ZS car as part of the lucky draw, scheduled for 18 January 2026 at 11:00 AM. Other prizes include gold coins and additional valuable items. The school is optimistic that the draw will help raise substantial funds, which will be directed towards much-needed infrastructure improvements, in addition to supporting student financial aid and staff welfare initiatives.

The large-scale Platinum Jubilee events are being organised through meticulous planning and strong collaboration. A dedicated committee, led by the principals and vice-principals and supported by teachers from multiple departments, has been formed. Complementing this is a 501-member parent organising committee, led by General

Convener R. Ramesh of Santy Constructions WLL and Platinum Jubilee General Convener Prince S. Natarajan.

Reflecting on the significance of the Jubilee celebrations, ISB Hon. Chairman Adv. Binu Mannil Varughese expressed heartfelt appreciation for the enthusiasm shown by students, staff, parents, and volunteers, noting that their collective efforts strengthen both the scale and quality of the celebrations as well as the school's commitment to excellence and community bonding.

With an entry fee of BD 2, all proceeds from the fair will support ISB's educational and welfare programmes. Shuttle bus services from the national stadium will ensure convenient access and parking for visitors. With over 12,000 students and 700 staff members actively involved in preparations, the celebrations reflect the unity, diversity, and vibrancy of the ISB community.

ISB to mark Bahrain National Day with record-breaking human flag

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As part of its Platinum Jubilee celebrations, The Indian School, Bahrain (ISB) will mark Bahrain National Day with a grand and meaningful programme at its Riffa campus at 9am on Monday, 15 December 2025.

The event is being organised as a tribute to the Kingdom of Bahrain and an expression of gratitude for the unwavering support and encouragement extended to the institution over the past seven and a half decades. The centrepiece of the celebration will be a large-scale human flag formation involving more than 3,500 students, visually depicting the national flag of Bahrain and aimed at securing a place in the Golden Book of World Records.

The celebration will also feature an ambitious attempt by ISB to achieve three record-breaking feats in a single day: the largest human formation of a national flag, the highest number of people saluting the national flag simultaneously, and the largest number of participants chanting a national slogan in three languages.

A unique and symbolic feature of the initiative is that the human flag will be formed mainly by primary students, supported by staff members, reflecting ISB's commitment to instilling national pride, civ-



ic awareness and respect for the host country from an early age. The mass formation and record attempts will serve as a powerful expression of patriotism and unity, celebrating Bahrain's rich cultural heritage and fostering a strong sense of identity among students.

Commenting on the initiative, Adv. Binu Mannil Varughese, Hon. Chairman of Indian School Bahrain, said: "We're aiming for over 3,500 participants, and with the support of our students and the local community, we hope to set a new benchmark in both student participation and national pride."

The Bahrain National Day celebrations form a key highlight of ISB's Platinum Jubilee year and also reflect the school's long-standing connection with the Kingdom of Bahrain, which has been home to the institution for more than 75 years.