

Hindi Day celebrated in style

More than 150 members of Indian community attend annual event at Embassy premises in Seef

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An event to mark the Hindi Day was held at the Embassy premises in Seef which was attended by more than 150 members of the Indian community. Hindi Day is observed on 14 September every year to commemorate the adoption of Hindi as one of the official languages in India.

Ceremony

His Excellency Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, presided over the ceremony and in his speech emphasized the importance and utility of Hindi; highlighted the initiatives taken by Government of India for propagation of Hindi; Honorable Prime Minister Narendra Modi's campaign of 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'; strengthening of e-tools for Hindi; and initiative by ICCR to conduct Hindi classes for international students under Visitors Programme amongst other efforts.

Ambassador Jacob also mentioned that to increase Hindi's visibility in international forums, leaders are increasingly making statements in Hindi, including in particular the address of Honorable Prime Minister Modi at the United Nations.

UNESCO also celebrates Hindi



H.E. Indian Ambassador Vinod K. Jacob addresses the crowd



The Indian Ambassador with visitors and participants while touring the exhibition booths



A Diaspora Info Desk with brochures promoting Government of India initiatives

a short presentation from members of Pratham Hindi Toastmasters – a major diaspora grouping dedicated to promoting Hindi in Bahrain.

In addition, a fort-night long celebration, as part of "Viksit Bharat" campaign initiated by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, kicked off with the celebration of Hindi Day.

Campaign

As part of this campaign, a Diaspora Info Desk with brochures promoting Government of India initiatives like Know India Programme (KIP), Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC), Pravasi Bhartiya Bima Yojana (PBBY) and OCI benefits were distributed to the visitors



A short presentation on stage as part of the celebration

to create awareness about the schemes.

Also, as part of the "Swadeshi Mela", 'Made in India, Made for the World' initiative, an exhibition on India's Defence Capabilities which is ongoing was also open for viewing at the Embassy.

Health worker appeals jail term in forgery cases

● Fined BD1,000

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A Ministry of Health employee has appealed a one-year jail term and a BD1,000 fine for forging an official certificate used to recommend a man's retirement.

The High Criminal Court of Appeal is due to give its ruling on 29 September 2025.

Case papers state that in March this year the defendant, a medical services assistant with the ministry's medical commissions, made a false certificate in the style of those commissions and attributed it to them.

Retirement

The document asserted that the man had been examined, was medically incapacitated and was entitled to be referred to retirement, which was untrue.

According to the file, she completed a beneficiary form saying the medical-incapacity provisions applied to his case and that he was retired after he stopped attending work.

She then printed a genuine certificate, lifted the physicians' signatures from it, placed them on the false one, photographed the forgery on her phone and used it in full knowledge of its falsity.

The papers add that she uploaded the forged certificate through the ministry's electronic system, sent it from her phone to her email address, and forwarded it to the Social Insurance Organisation with a note stating that the medical commission decision was attached.

Wrong data

By doing so, she entered wrong data into the ministry's system in a way that made it appear correct.

The Public Prosecution received a report from the Ministry of Health alleging that a staff member had forged a certificate for a reviewer, entered it into the ministry's system and sent it to the Social Insurance Organisation for retirement approval and pension payment.

Handwriting

Statements were taken from employees at the ministry and the Social Insurance Organisation, and a forgery expert at the Forensic Evidence Directorate examined the certificate and compared it with the defendant's handwriting.

The expert found the document to be forged and attributed the act to her.

When questioned, she admitted forging the certificate. She was remanded in custody pending investigation.

The appeal verdict is listed for 29 September 2025.

Bahrain, India look to future with AI-focused collaboration

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His Excellency Mr. Vinod K Jacob, Ambassador of India to Bahrain, welcomed Indian companies and business groups to enhance their cooperation with the Kingdom including in the important area of Artificial Intelligence.

Speaking at an event organised by Bahrain India Society in collaboration with Almoayyed Computers Middle East in Bahrain on 14 September 2025, the Ambassador expressed hope that Bahraini stakeholders would participate in the upcoming INDIA AI IMPACT SUMMIT scheduled to take place in New Delhi in February 2026.

Developments

Ambassador Jacob also highlighted recent developments in India-Bahrain bilateral relations including the launch of electronic visa system for Bahraini nationals to visit India, opening of new Indian Consular Application Center in Bahrain Mall, across the board reduction of 5 to 6 percent on service fees for Consular services provided by Indian Embassy, contribution of Indian Naval Ship Tarakash to regional security in collaboration with CMF in April this year which led to interdiction of almost 2500 kg of narcotics seizures as well as planned business delegation visits to Bahrain.

Fake e-funds data

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The First High Criminal Court has handed down prison sentences and heavy fines against 10 defendants convicted in a major fraud case involving more than BD230,000 in unlawfully obtained social insurance and Tamkeen funds.

Two of the accused were sentenced to 10 years in prison and fined BD100,000 each, while eight others received one-year prison terms and fines of BD500 apiece.

The court also suspended the three-year prison sentence of the seventh defendant on the condition that the stolen funds are repaid to the Social Insurance Organization (SIO).

Suspects

According to the Financial Crimes and Money Laundering Prosecution, the group — three men and seven women — forged documents and entered false data into the electronic systems of the SIO and Tamkeen to create fictitious employment periods.

These falsifications allowed



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them to unlawfully claim retirement pensions, end-of-service benefits, and lump-sum compensations.

Ten defendants jailed in BD230,000 fraud case targeting SIO and Tamkeen

They also fraudulently secured more than BD141,000 in Tamkeen wage support funds.

Irregularities

The scheme came to light after irregularities were reported by both the SIO and Tamkeen.

Authorities launched a joint investigation, freezing the defendants' assets and imposing travel bans.

The Anti-Corruption and Economic Security Directorate confirmed the organized fraud, while the National Financial Intelligence Center tracked suspicious financial activity.

Employment contracts

Forensic experts later authenticated the forged employment contracts.

The Public Prosecution charged the defendants with falsifying electronic records, forging private documents, and unlawfully obtaining public funds.

Officials said the ruling underscores the seriousness of financial crimes targeting state-run social and labor support programs, warning that such offenses carry severe penalties.