

Bahrain Leaders Commend India

Parliamentary goodwill underlined

● Independence Day greetings exchanged

● E-visa facility for Bahrainis

● 55 years of ties ahead

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Bahrain's top parliamentary leaders extended warm congratulations to India on its 79th Independence Day, underscoring the strength of bilateral relations and pointing to new avenues of cooperation.

Shura Council Chairman H.E. Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh and Speaker of the Council of Representatives H.E. Ahmed bin Salman Al-Musallam both sent congratulatory cables to India's Ambassador to Bahrain, H.E. Vinod Kurian Jacob, marking the occasion with formal messages of goodwill.

Parliamentary cooperation

In his responses, H.E. Ambassador Jacob expressed gratitude for the greetings and called for continued guidance in strengthening bilateral relations. He highlighted parliamentary cooperation as a vital area for growth between the two countries.

H.E. the ambassador also not-



His Excellency Ali bin Saleh Al Saleh, Chairman of Shura Council, received Indian Ambassador H.E. Vinod Kurian Jacob in November 2023 and reaffirmed the deeply rooted strategic partnership between Bahrain and India.



His Excellency Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam, Speaker of Council of Representatives, welcomed Indian Ambassador H.E. Vinod K. Jacob in December 2023 and reaffirmed the growing parliamentary and diplomatic partnership between Bahrain and India.

India introduced its first electronic visa system in 2014, initially for citizens of 43 countries, and has since expanded it to over 170 nations.

ed a practical step forward, reporting that India had launched an electronic visa system for Bahraini nationals in July 2025, further easing people-to-people links.

Milestone ahead

The embassy further pointed out that India and Bahrain will complete 55 years of diplomatic

relations in October 2026, an anniversary expected to provide fresh momentum to the long-standing partnership.

The exchange of greetings, combined with the focus on parliamentary links and new visa access, underscores the steady evolution of India-Bahrain ties beyond ceremony into actionable cooperation.

Licence waiver on small animal and meat imports for travellers approved

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Two ministerial decisions have waived import-licensing and veterinary-certification requirements for small, personal-use consignments of animal feed, pet food, supplements and meat carried by travellers or sent by post.

Issued by the Minister of Municipalities Affairs and Agriculture, His Excellency Wael bin Nasser Al Mubarak, the measures were published on the latest edition of the Official Gazette.

Under Decision 107 of 2025, consignments accompanying travellers or sent as postal parcels for personal use are exempt from the import licence, veterinary health certificate and certificate of origin.

Monthly limits

The monthly limits are up to 50 kilogrammes of animal feed, 10 kilogrammes of dog and cat food, three kilogrammes of solid supplements and one litre of liquid supplements.

These items must be free from toxins, epidemic pathogens and controlled substances, and be fit for animal consumption.

Decision 108 of 2025 covers meat brought in by travellers per vehicle for personal use, exempting it from the import licence and veterinary health certificate.

Ceiling

The ceiling is two carcasses of sheep or goats, or 40 kilogrammes of cut meat per month per vehicle.

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The Undersecretary for Agriculture and Animal Resources and the relevant bodies are tasked with enforcement from the day after publication in the Official Gazette.

Al Shaiji re-election hailed

● Board of Director members lauded on new BJA formation

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His Excellency Isa bin Abdulrahman Al Hammadi, Media Affairs Advisor at the Crown Prince's Court, has extended congratulations to Isa Al Shaiji on his election as President of the Bahrain Journalists Association (BJA) for a new term.

He also congratulated the members of the Board of Directors on the new formation of the association.

Al Hammadi highlighted the vital role of the BJA in supporting local journalism, describing it as a key partner in showcasing the Kingdom of Bahrain's achievements and successes within the comprehensive development process led by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and guided by the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

He praised Al Shaiji's extensive experience in journalism



H.E. Isa bin Abdulrahman Al Hammadi

and the trust he enjoys within the press community, noting his dedication to serving Bahraini journalism and his commitment to building on past achievements while enhancing the association's performance to meet the aspirations of its members.

The Media Affairs Advisor also conveyed his best wishes to the new president and the Board of Directors for continued success in advancing the association's mission of promoting journalistic work, developing the profession, and strengthening its active role in the media sector.

Bahraini women's crucial role in media highlighted

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The election of three female journalists to the board of the Bahrain Journalists Association (BJA) for the 2025-2027 term reflects the growing role of Bahraini women in the media and highlights their progress in leadership positions.

This was emphasised by Her Excellency Lulwa Saleh Al Awadhi, Secretary General of the Supreme Council for Women (SCW) as she noted this achievement reflects national efforts to empower women and ensure their active participation across sectors. Al Awadhi added that the result shows the strong confidence placed in Bahraini women's abilities, pointing out that female journalists are not only participating in the media field but also contributing to decision-making and shaping future directions.

Al Awadhi congratulated Isa Al Shaiji on his re-election as Chairman of the BJA, emphasising the Council's commitment to continued cooperation with media institutions and associations to support development, promote the Kingdom of Bahrain's achievements in



H.E. Lulwa Saleh Al Awadhi

women's advancement, and consolidate gender balance and women's empowerment.

She also highlighted the impact of the decision by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, Consort of HM the King and President of the SCW, to establish the Women in Media Committee.

She said the committee will help enhance cooperation with media bodies, highlight women's achievements locally and internationally, and promote a positive image of women, in line with the national plan for women's advancement and Bahrain's role in supporting and empowering women regionally and globally.

Young summer camp stars light up Indian Club stage



Participants take centre stage

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With parents, friends, guests and Indian Club members all proudly looking on, the young stars of The Indian Club Summer Camp 2025 made it a night to remember on Friday 15th August 2025 evening as they performed in The Grand Finale and set the seal on what had been an exciting and enjoyable six weeks for the young Summer Campers.

The Indian Club Summer Camp 2025 provided a wide variety of activities for the children, whose ages ranged from 4yrs to 15yrs - Yoga, Art & Craft, Music & Dance, Karate, Badminton, Cricket and Sports Day; most of the action took place at The Indian Club, but there were also weekly

swimming trips to cool off in the pool and some field trips also.

The young stars entertained the audience with a number of exciting, impressive and beautifully costumed dance routines.

Support

The Indian Club officials sincerely thanked the Summer Camp teachers, volunteers, Nour Sports & Staff for their support in conducting this event.

On behalf of the members of the Indian Club, The President & the Executive committee expressed their sincere gratitude to all the sponsors - Awal Dairy, Al Aujan and P. Haridas & Sons for their generous support towards this event.