

## Ithra summer programmes for youth successful



Fun and learning experience for youngsters

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AlMabarrah AlKhalifa Foundation (MKFBH) has announced the conclusion of its 2025 edition of the Ithra Summer Youth Programme series, which included Ithra Youth, Ithra Young Leaders, and Ithra Buds.

These programmes aim to offer a rewarding and holistic experience for a broader age group. The programmes targeted three age groups, 10 - 12, 13 - 14, and 15 - 16, and combined workshops, field visits, interactive challenges, training camps, sports activities, and artistic and community projects.

The curriculum focused on future skills, artificial intelligence, self-discipline, creativity, entrepreneurship, arts and financial literacy, preparing participants for technological and global developments.

This summer also marked the launch of Ithra for Youth for 15 - 16-year-olds, designed to build leadership and confidence while introducing concepts of artificial intelligence.

# Bahrain Health Milestone

Bahrain care reaches milestone

● Global-standard surgery in Bahrain

● Team-led cancer treatment success

● Patient stable after discharge

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Bahrain's healthcare sector has reached a new milestone after surgeons at King Hamad American Mission Hospital successfully performed the hospital's first laparoscopic total gastrectomy with D2 lymphadenectomy on a cancer patient.

The operation, which reflects the Kingdom's growing ability to deliver globally recognized advanced surgeries, was led by Dr. Hani Ali Alsaati, senior consultant in general, oncology, and advanced laparoscopic surgery. The patient, a man in his 40s, had been diagnosed with Stage 2 gastric adenocarcinoma.

The patient reported persistent abdominal pain, severe



Laparoscopic gastrectomy surgery in progress



Dr. Hani Ali Alsaati

weight loss, and low hemoglobin levels. After a series of laboratory, radiological, and invasive investigations, doctors confirmed the diagnosis. The case was presented before the National Tumor Board, which endorsed a multi-phase treatment plan.

The patient was first placed on neoadjuvant chemotherapy, then reassessed for surgical intervention. The surgical team proceeded with a laparoscopic total gastrectomy and D2 lymphadenectomy, a complex operation that was carried out smoothly without complications.

The patient has since been discharged in stable condition and remains under close follow-up.

The achievement reinforces Bahrain's standing as a regional hub for advanced medical care, highlighting how local expertise is meeting international surgical standards.

## Stage set for MEOS GEO in September

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Under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, the Kingdom of Bahrain will host the Middle East Oil, Gas and Geosciences Show (MEOS GEO) from September 16 - 18 under the theme "Energy for a Prosperous Future: Leading a Sustainable Tomorrow".

His Excellency Dr. Mohamed bin Mubarak bin Daina, Minister of Oil and Environment and Special Envoy for Climate Affairs, emphasised that Bahrain, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, is firmly committed to supporting and diversifying its energy sector.

**Commitment**

This commitment is anchored in advancing sustainable development goals and strengthening Bahrain's role as a regional hub for clean and renewable energy.



H.E. Dr. Mohamed bin Mubarak bin Daina

Dr. Bin Daina emphasised that MEOS GEO, which has been one of the region's foremost specialised oil, gas, and geosciences gatherings since its inception, represents a pivotal platform for regional and international cooperation in energy and Earth sciences.

Its continued success over the years underscores its prestige as a global platform for dialogue and the exchange of knowledge, insights, and experiences among specialists, engineers, and technicians from national, regional, and global operators.

## Blood Donation Camp



As part of its philanthropic activities and in commemoration of Indian Independence Day, the Thanal Bahrain Chapter organized a successful blood donation camp yesterday. The event, held in collaboration with the King Hamad University Hospital (KHUH) in Muharraq, commenced at 7:30 AM and saw a significant turnout. The camp was led by Najeeb Kadalai (Chapter President), U.K. Balan (Treasurer), Rasheed Mahi (Chief Coordinator), Ibrahim Hassan Purakkattiri (Camp Chairman), Faisal Pattandiyil (Convener), Riyas Ayancheri, Ramshad Abdul Khader, Hareendran, and Anil Kumar. Representatives from the Indian Embassy, Suren Lal and Thanmayi Swain, also visited the camp and participated in the blood donation drive, underscoring the importance of such community initiatives. Approximately 70 individuals successfully donated blood.

## KPF Bahrain organises blood donation camp

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Kozhikode District Pravasi Forum (KPF Bahrain) organised its 9th blood donation camp with the help of Salmaniya Central Blood Bank as part of the 79th Indian Independence Day with the motto "Give Blood, Give Life".

General Secretary Arun Prakash welcomed the camp, which was attended by more than 125 people. President Sudheer Thirunilath presided over the ceremony.

Dr. Hassan Eid Rashid Bukhannus, Member of Parliament Chairman of the Foreign Affairs, Defense and National Security Committee, formally inaugurated the event and spoke, praising the charitable activities of KPF and express-



A noble initiative aimed at saving lives

ing his support for all future activities.

**Patrons**

Representing Salmaniya Hospital, Sakna Saeed Al Ghanami participated, while Patrons KT Saleem, UK Balan and Treasurer

Sujith Soman expressed their best wishes and delivered a vote of thanks.

Charity Wing Convener Sajith Vellikulangara expressed his gratitude for the event.

The executive members and the women's wing led the camp.

Many people donate blood in the blood donation camp conducted by KPF every three months, and those who need blood in emergencies can contact KPF Charity Wing Convener Sajith Vellikulangara (+973 36270501)

## Outstanding young achievers

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In celebration of International Youth Day, the Al-Buhair Youth Empowerment Center organized a ceremony to honor 70 exceptional young people from the Third Southern District (Riffa - Al-Buhair).

The honorees included outstanding students, youth who have made significant contributions to serving the Al-Bu-

hair community, and several social media influencers from the district. The event was attended by Member of Parliament Mohammed Al-Rifai, Second Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives Ahmed Qarata, and prominent figures from civil society.

It was held at EPIX Cinema Hal and supported by Musaned Institute for Education and Derby Cafe.

# ICRF Bahrain organises refreshment drive in Riffa

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The Indian Community Welfare Association - ICRF Bahrain continues its annual summer awareness program - Thirst Quenchers 2025.

Aligning with the Ministry of Labour's initiative to ensure a safe working environment during the sweltering three months, ICRF Bahrain distributed water, juice, laban, orange, apple, banana, laddu, biscuits and cake at a site located in Riffa on Saturday, 16 August 2025.

This year, the event is supported by the Ministry of Interior,



Food and refreshments distributed at the work site

Ministry of Labour, Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and IOM.

Around 120 workers took part

in the event.

Hasan Al Aradi, Head of Occupational Safety & Health Inspection at the Ministry of

Labour, joined the distribution and spoke about the support extended to the workers by the Ministry.

**Officials**

ICRF Vice Chairmen Pankaj Nallur and Prakash Mohan, Gen-

eral Secretary Aneesh Sreedharan, Joint Secretary Javad Pasha, Thirst Quenchers Coordinators Faizal and Sivakumar, Rakesh Sharma, Muralikrishnan, Chemban Jalal, Clifford Correa, Kalpana Patil, Sandra Palanna, Althea D'Souza, Ruchi Chakraborty, Papia Guha, Raji Murali, Rayna Correa, Swapna, Hemalatha Singh, HSE Officer Rajesh Sada-nand and Rajendran along with enthusiastic volunteers and students have joined the distribution.

ICRF Women's Forum supported today's event.