

# Autumn Fair marks milestone

36th edition highlights Bahrain’s growing stature on global exhibitions and tourism map

- H.E. Al Sairafi opens global event in style
- 600 exhibitors from 24 countries display products

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The Autumn Fair is one of the most prominent events hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This was affirmed by Her Excellency Ms Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi, Minister of Tourism.

She notes that its continuity reflects the Kingdom’s well-established position on the regional and international exhibitions and conventions tourism map.

Support

H.E. Al Sairafi praised the significant support extended to the tourism sector by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the directives and close attention of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, towards developing and advancing the sector.

She noted that this support has contributed to creating an attractive environment for investment and tourism, while strengthening the role of major events as key economic drivers across various sectors.

This came during the Minis-



H.E. Ms Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi presides over the ribbon-cutting ceremony before touring stalls at the venue



ter’s inauguration of the 36th edition of the Autumn Fair 2026, which is being held at the Exhibition World Bahrain from January 22-31, 2026, with wide international participation comprising nearly 600 exhibitors from more than 24 countries around the world.

Platform

Her Excellency explained that

the exhibition represents one of the vital platforms that reflect the spirit of innovation and diversity, by attracting a broad spectrum of exhibitors and visitors from different countries, contributing to the stimulation of commercial activity, the retail and transport sectors, the support of SMEs, and increased occupancy rates at tourism facilities, thereby positively impact-



ing the national economy.

She underlined that supporting such events comes within the framework of enhancing cultural and commercial exchange objectives, and providing an ideal environment that helps showcase local products.

H.E. Al Sairafi reaffirmed the commitment to continuing co-operation with all partners to achieve further successes in this year’s edition, in a manner that

reflects the Kingdom’s leading position as a vibrant economic and tourism hub.

Journey

For his part, Mr Mohammed Ebrahim, General Manager of Informa Bahrain, the organiser of the exhibition, stated that the organisation of this edition represents an extension of a successful journey spanning more than three decades, dur-



The Autumn Fair is open daily from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm in Halls 2, 3, 5 and 6 at Exhibition World Bahrain. Entry is free of charge, subject to prior registration via the dedicated website: [www.theautumnfair.com](http://www.theautumnfair.com).

ing which the Autumn Fair has cemented its position as one of the oldest and most prominent marketing events in Bahrain, maintaining its annual presence and the trust of its audience.

He noted that the 36th edition marks an important milestone in the fair’s history and reflects ongoing development efforts to deliver an integrated event that meets the expectations of both visitors and exhibitors, adding that the scale of international participation and the diversity of activities further reinforce the fair’s status as a platform that brings together shopping, entertainment and commercial exchange under one roof.

## Buyer wins court ruling over BD55,500 property deal

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A buyer who says he paid BD55,500 in full for two residential flats has secured a High Civil Court ruling ordering the transfer of title after a property investment firm declined to notarise the sale contracts, leaving the units at risk of being swept into enforcement steps against the company.

The court ruled the two contracts valid and enforceable, and ordered the Survey and Land Registration Bureau to register the transactions, issue separate title deeds in the buyer’s name for each flat, and hand them over to him.

The buyer was ordered to pay court costs and a contribution towards legal fees.

Lawyer Sanad Buecheeri said his client brought urgent proceedings against the company and the Survey and Land Registration Bureau after the firm failed to complete the paperwork needed to document the contracts and transfer ownership, despite repeated requests and full payment.

The buyer said he later discovered enforcement files against the company that included requests to place notes against its properties.

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For the past decade, Manasa Bangalore Ramakrishnaiah has called Bahrain home, but her aspirations have always reached far beyond borders.

Hailing from Bangalore, India, Manasa has spent the last year proving that motherhood and a career are not finish lines, but platforms for growth.

In a whirlwind 2025, she competed in three major international pageants, securing prestigious titles and inspiring women across the region.

Supported by her husband Avik, son Avin, and parents Ramakrishnaiah and Suma, Manasa’s achievements include being the 1st Runner-Up for Mrs. India Worldwide 2025 Bahrain, winning the Passion Driven Excellence Award, and earning the



titles of Mrs. India Astral and Mrs. India Earth International.

Her most recent crowning achievement was being named the Mrs. Earth International Fire Winner.

The Daily Tribune sat down with the diva to discuss her journey, her secrets to success, and her plans for the future.

**Q: You manage a full-time job, a home, and motherhood, yet you still found time to win international pageants. How do you manage it all, and what is your secret for other women?**

Manasa: This is the question I am asked most often, and my response is simple: time is always with us to either do something or do nothing. Time management is the ultimate secret to achieving your goals. If your passion requires work beyond a standard 12-hour day, then you have to make that time apart from your regular career or routine. It is about prioritizing what truly matters to you and making those hours count.



Manasa Bangalore Ramakrishnaiah makes India and Bahrain proud

**Q: Competing in three major international pageants in a single year is a massive feat. What was the hardest part about competing globally, and how did this experience change you?**

Manasa: Exploring and challenging myself led me to aim for international dreams while grabbing opportunities to show my ability to compete among talented participants across the globe. The hardest part is the mental battle; when you start comparing yourself with other contestants, you can feel less skilled. At that point, you must

hold on strongly and tell yourself that you are good in your own ways. Each experience made me more confident and stronger as my sincere efforts were validated and acknowledged.

**Q: You won awards for talent, creativity, and interview skills. Which one are you most proud of, and how did you stand out?**

Manasa: I am so proud to be acknowledged in my interests by the judge panel. The most rewarding moment was winning the best in the Interview round while competing against differ-

ent countries. This round was purely on individual skill and verbal strength, which I believe is a very important quality for any individual to have in their life.

**Q: What is your message to girls and women who feel they are “too busy” or that it’s “too late” to chase their dreams?**

Manasa: The mind is the only organ which can make you feel busy or old. It is our mind that must be instructed to say that you are free and you are young enough to do anything at any stage of life. Women are a non-stop mechanism with the strength to multitask and fulfill dreams alongside a regular routine. So, never stop dreaming and fulfilling those aspirations.

**Q: After a successful 2025, what are your big plans for 2026?**

Manasa: Inspiration comes when you start experiencing it yourself. For me, it is not about fame but a goal to fulfill with hard work resulting in self-growth. 2025 was a big deal, registering back-to-back competitions and living with challenges every minute. In 2026, I want to reach out to as many people as possible as a motivational speaker. I want to say to everyone: “When I can do it, then everyone can definitely do it.” We can give excuses for not doing things, but once you start, you tend to do more.

## From Bahrain to Global Stages: Manasa’s Journey of Dreams and Resilience