

Fostering cultural openness

The Kingdom of Bahrain which is home to many religious communities, has always maintained its long-standing support to fostering religious and cultural tolerance. The clubs and associations in the Kingdom welcome Bahrain's cultural openness and long-standing support for religious freedom. There are many social and sports clubs in Bahrain that expats use in order to meet new friends, socialize and sharing experiences. Most of the clubs involve themselves in various social activities, charity fairs and a variety of popular sporting events, which attract huge crowds to their premises. The Indian club is the oldest, largest and the most active club in this island, situated in the heart of Manama.



BKS

The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS), established in the year 1947 by a group of visionaries, is today one of the largest leading socio-cultural organizations on the island. The BKS proudly represents the Malayalee community which numbers over 300,000 living in Bahrain. As the torch bearer of Kerala culture, the BKS proudly

conducts well structured Malayalam classes for over 1000 children who are then evaluated according to Kerala government criteria. BKS meets its financial obligations through generous donations and contributions from members, donors and sponsors. Well-known business houses, banks, hypermarkets, educational institutions on the Island

have been greatly instrumental in helping BKS serve society. Renowned and Accomplished Entrepreneurs like Padmashri Dr. Ravi Pillai, Padmashri Mr. Yusuf-fali M.A., Padmashri Adv.C.K. Menon, Dr. Mohamed Ali, Padmashri Dr. B.R. Shetty, DrVarghese Kurian to name a few continue to support BKS in undertaking various community projects and charity works.



BCICAI

The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) was conceived in 1985 and held its first official program in April 1986. Over the years the BCICAI has grown from strength to strength and now has a membership of over 450 members and is now the largest organized professional body of Indians in Bahrain. According to BCICAI Chairperson Maheshkumar Narayan



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Bahrain has been a long outstanding re-

partners with India. With his visit to Bahrain, Mr. Modi will have covered all the GCC countries. The Indian Chartered Accountants who have made Bahrain their second home are elated to witness this first ever historic visit of an Indian Prime Minister to the Kingdom and are looking forward to attending the public event in large numbers. We are confident that this visit will reinforce the bilateral ties between the two nations who share a long history of mutual cooperation and friendship, Maheshkumar says.



BIS

Bahrain India Society was formed in 2008 by a group of leading Bahrain and Indian businessmen with a view to contributing to the development and strengthening of the centuries-old friendly relationship between the Kingdom of Bahrain and the Republic of India in a non-discriminatory, non-political and non-profit making manner. The Society seeks to take advantage of the development in civil society to actively work to strengthen ties between the two countries, not only business links, but in politics, social affairs, science and culture.