

to the Kingdom's society

there are always ongoing labour and consular problems, which are attended to by the Mission. These mainly revolve around a variety of problems with local sponsors, premature cancellation of contracts, illegal stay, change of contractual obligations etc. A generally recurring problem relates to those who abandon their sponsors and work illegally or are staying illegally due to various compulsions and circumstances.

The Indian community has 32 registered and 68 unregistered socio-cultural organisations and clubs. There are seven schools with facility to study under CBSE system. There are a number of Hindu religious centres including a 60-year-old Hindu temple, five churches and six Gurudwaras.

The Indian Club was set up in 1915 and the Bahrain Kerala Samajam was set up in 1947. Most of the associations have been brought under the umbrella of the Co-ordination Committee of Indian Associations (CCIA) with a view to centralising efforts on key occasions such as Independence and Republic Day etc.

The CCIA has played an active and helpful role recently in emergency situations like Light Style Garment Factory issue, Al Dana boat tragedy, Gudaibiya fire incident etc.

It also hosts receptions for visiting VIPs and Indian Naval Ships.

The Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) is a non-government, non-profit organisation established in 1999, working under the patronage of the Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain for the general welfare of the Indian workers in Bahrain. Our mission is to give a helping hand to the economically weaker section of the Indian community in Bahrain. This includes Legal Aid, Emergency Help, Community Welfare Services, Medical assistance and Counselling.

The ICRF is managed by the Managing Council, nominated by the Ambassador of India from among leaders in the Indian Public Sectors, Indian curriculum schools and business



Former Indian External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj inaugurates the Indian Embassy complex in Seef in the presence of Shaikh Khalid and Ambassador Mr Sinha.

community.

The Emergency Help Team offers a 24 hour helpline for reporting any complaints of maltreatment, abuse or assault or assistance for those seeking any legitimate advice. With 16 regional sub-committees Emergency team is well prepared to assist Indian nationals in emergencies like natural calamity, flood, fire etc.

The ICRF- Community Welfare Services organises medical camps as a part of their outreach activity, where Indian workers can avail medical facilities free of cost. So far we have conducted 98 such medical camps that has benefited more than 24,000 needy persons. ICRF's Community Welfare services include, Salmaniya Mortuary visit, prison visit, Immigration detention centre visit, Immigration Directorate visit etc.

The Legal Aid Team provides legal assistance for sorting out labor problems and provides assistance in claiming salary/indemnity dues and GOSI entitlements, as well as assistance for claiming the compensation from Insurance agencies in the cases of work and traffic accidents.

The Medical Aid Team makes regular visits to Salmaniya Hospital to ascertain the health condition of Indian patients and to provide possible medical assistance in continuing treatment in Bahrain or in India. It also arranges for patients to travel back to India in worst case scenarios.

The Counselling Team is a group of highly trained individuals who counsel families, students and the general labor force. They also run outreach programs, seminars and training for community workers.

cultural relations

2015.

The "Little India in Bahrain" project celebrates and documents the contribution of the Indian community to the history and progress of Bahrain, with almost 4,000 years of history shared between the two countries.

The vision behind the project is to beautify and showcase one of the richest of the historical areas in Bahrain, the Indian Part of Souk Manama, via this project.

Little India in Bahrain is tantamount to Bahrain's Cultural Tourism (and part of one of the "Seven Experiences" of the Island) and will feature a prominent project marked under the slogans "Our Year of Heritage" and 2016 "Bahrain, Your Destination".

The project will give back to the Indian community while promoting the area to tourists and locals through a series of site-specific interventions along Al Hadrami and Al Muatasim Avenues.

A large influx of tourists has been visiting Bahrain as a destination and in the coming years, Manama Souk and surrounding Little India area expected to flourish.

The project includes restoration and renovation works of some exterior buildings mainly located in Al Hamradi Avenue and Al Muatasim Avenue as well as the creation of a small public space in this area.

The public space also offers the possibility of a place for gatherings, relaxation and even trade (food, markets,

events, and Bollywood films).


This project gives an account of the arrival of the first Indians into the Kingdom of Bahrain, the role they played in its growth, and their continuing influence here.

The Indian community has contributed to Bahrain's economy, its infrastructure, as well as its social and cultural history. Vintage photographs of the area brings to life vital aspects of this historic account.


The project celebrates the great history and the enduring fruitful relationship between Bahrainis and Indians and show the continued commitment to strengthening these precious ties.

It also brings to light the plurality that Bahrain chooses to celebrate in the Kingdom.

Welcome to the Kingdom of Bahrain



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