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RCSI Medical University of Bahrain Sets Foundations for Stem Cell Clinical Trials with the Cell Therapy Centre in Jordan

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The Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) – Medical University of Bahrain visited the Cell Therapy Center (CTC) at the University of Jordan to strengthen research ties and explore collaborative opportunities in stem cell and regenerative medicine. The delegation comprised Professor Stephen Atkin, Head of the School of Postgraduate Studies & Research, Professor Alexandra Butler, Professor in Pathology, and Dr Manjula Nandakumar, Manager of the Stem Cell Unit.



The delegation was welcomed by Professor Abdalla Awidi Abadi, Founder and Director of the CTC, and senior colleagues, including Ms Hanan Jaffar, Assistant Director; Ms Nida Ababneh, Associate Researcher; Dr Walhan Ashaer, Specialist in Liposome-Mediated Drug and Gene Delivery; alongside the

Centre's Quality Control Manager and Genomics Expert. The team provided a tour of the centre's advanced laboratories and an overview of the centre's wide-ranging research activities, including treatments developed from specialised stem cells, the use of laboratory-grown stem cells to study diseases, advanced drug delivery techniques and molecular studies related to cancer and regenerative medicine. Discussions explored several promising areas of collaboration, including the potential development of a clinical trial examining exosome therapy for diabetic complications, joint optimisa-

tion of iPSC (Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells) differentiation protocols and cooperation on future animal studies to support therapeutic innovation. Professor Atkin highlighted: "The discussions between RCSI Medical University of Bahrain and the University of Jordan Cell Therapy Centre have demonstrated our shared commitment to progressing innovative therapies, particularly those with the potential to reach clinical application. We anticipate a productive partnership that will drive forward impactful research for the region and beyond."

Al Noor International School Student wins GOLD in the Shaikh Khalid Bin Hamad Chess Championship 2025



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Al Noor International School is delighted to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of Grade 3 students of the CBSE Section, Hridik Shetty and Gauri Pillai at the His Highness Shaikh Khalid Bin Hamad Chess Champion-

ship 2025. This prestigious tournament, organised by the Ministry of Education, took place on 24 and 25 November 2025 at the Shaikh Khalifa Stadium, Isa Town. Competing in the Under 06-08 (Boys & Girls) Sub-Junior category, both students displayed outstanding strategic skills, confidence, and perseverance. Hridik Shetty achieved an exceptional milestone by winning all his matches, earning the GOLD MEDAL—a testament to his impressive focus and mastery of the game. Gauri Pillai also delivered a strong performance and won the BRONZE MEDAL, further enhancing the school's presence at this national competition.

Mental health awareness workshop at NMS Bahrain



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New Millennium School Bahrain organized an impactful Mental Health Awareness Workshop which was conducted for the students of Grades 9 to12, by an esteemed alumna of the school, Ms Mannya V Sharma, from 2022-23 batch who is currently pursuing B.Sc. in Applied Psychology at Amity University, Noida. The session aimed to equip senior students with essential knowledge and strategies to maintain emotional well-being, manage

academic pressure, and foster resilience during one of the most crucial phases of their schooling years. The resource person Ms Mannya, drawing from her academic training and personal experiences, highlighted the rising need for open conversations around mental health. She explained the importance of recognising stress, understanding emotions, and seeking timely help. Interactive activities, real-life examples, and engaging discussions kept students involved throughout the session.

Annual Day Celebrations of BIS: A Night of Culture and Excellence



A scene from the dance drama on Classical Indian Literature Kannagi



A traditional Indian Folk dance in action



Lighting of the lamp by Chief Guest and School Management

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Bahrain Indian School (BIS) showcased its educational vision through its Annual Day, "SAMRAJYA," presented on Day 2 for the senior classes, a grand confluence of culture, artistic expression, and social awareness that underscored the school's commitment to shaping globally

minded learners. The 12th Annual Day Celebration on 11th December 2025 at the Bahrain Cultural Hall, marked a significant occasion for the school community and its senior students. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Mrs Ahlam Eid Saqer, Chief, Private Educational Institutions Develop-

ment & Follow-Up, Directorate of Licensing and Follow-up of Private Schools, Ministry of Education who served as the chief guest. BIS Directors Mr. Himanshu Verma & Mrs. Ritu Verma also graced the occasion and received the Chief Guest. The evening commenced with a warm welcome from the

Principal Mr. Saji Jacob who expressed gratitude to all attendees and highlighted the importance of cultural events in fostering unity and creativity within the school. The audience was then treated to a beautiful welcome song performed by the students, setting the tone for a night filled with artistic expression.

The cultural program featured a range of performances, including classical songs, vibrant dance routines, and an engaging skit based on the theme "Samrajaya" unfolded. Each act showcased the immense talent and hard work of the students, leaving the audience captivated and inspired.

The audience was then enthralled by a compelling dance drama on Kannagi, portraying strength, justice, and moral integrity drawn from classical Indian literature. The evening was further dazzled with a dynamic Fashion Show, showcasing creativity, confidence, and cultural diversity.