

Far From Home, Close In Spirit

Families and friends across Bahrain keep Eid traditions alive far from their homelands

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Across Bahrain, expatriate communities are pouring in Eid Al-Adha wishes filled with unity, gratitude and togetherness, turning distance from home into moments of shared celebration. Away from their families and long-standing traditions, many recreate the spirit of Eid through friendships, neighbourhood bonds and community gatherings that mirror the warmth of home.

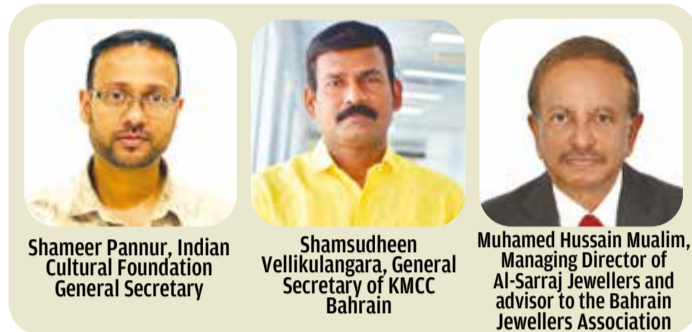
the festival is also expressed through deeply rooted cultural practices.

Speaking to The Daily Tribune about the Tamil Muslim community's Eid traditions in Bahrain, Muhamed Hussain Mualim, Managing Director of Al-Sarraj Jewellers and advisor to the Bahrain Jewellers Association, said families mark the occasion with open-ground prayers and elaborate homemade breakfasts featuring baked sweets, savouries and mutton curry. "The Eid break-



A flashback to last year's Eid celebrations by the Indian Cultural Foundation

across Bahrain prepare for the occasion through gatherings, henna competitions, Takbeer chants, wearing new clothes, Eid prayers, and spending time calling loved ones back home.



Extending Eid wishes, Indian Cultural Foundation General Secretary Shameer Pannur said the occasion should inspire peace, compassion, mutual respect and support for those in need. His message reflects a wider sentiment among expatriate groups, where Eid is seen not only as a celebration but also as an opportunity to reinforce social values.

fast will be a huge spread," he said, adding that the day is also spent exchanging food and visiting friends and relatives across the Kingdom.

Adding to these reflections, Shamsudheen Vellikulangara, General Secretary of KMCC Bahrain, echoed the same sentiment, noting that "Eid Al-Adha is a remembrance of one of history's greatest acts of sacrifice," as expatriate communities

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Ten schools compete with real-world health prototypes



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School, Quality Education School, and New Horizon School.

Students from across Bahrain presented artificial intelligence-driven healthcare solutions at an entrepreneurship challenge hosted by Al Hilal Healthcare Group, highlighting youth engagement in public health innovation.

The Asian School, Bahrain won first place, receiving a BD 100 prize, a trophy, and gift hampers. Its student team developed an AI-powered platform using large language models, featuring modules for patient self-management, remote health monitoring and physician dashboards.

The inaugural Inter-School Social Entrepreneurship Challenge was held at the group's Muharraq branch, coinciding with World Hypertension Day, and focused on developing practical solutions to address hypertension, a major global health concern.

New Horizon School, Bahrain secured second place and received a BD 50 prize along with a trophy and gifts.

Ten schools participated: Bahrain Indian School, New Millennium School, Creativity Private School, Pakistan School, The Indian School, The Asian School, The New Indian School, Bangladesh

Al Hilal Healthcare Group CEO Dr Sharath Chandran said the standard of innovation demonstrated by students was "exemplary," adding that the organisation aims to integrate advanced AI systems into its healthcare delivery model. He also said the competition would become a permanent annual event.





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