

# A 'tri-colour' day

Indian School Riffa campus students celebrate 73rd Republic Day to show 'love for country'

● Students and teachers mark glorious occasion a day in advance

● Children take part in various activities displaying sense of patriotism

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The Indian School Riffa campus students celebrated the 73rd Republic Day of India with great fervour. Students and teachers from LKG to class 3 celebrated the event on 25 January. Teachers had announced the 'tri-colour' day well in advance and children conceived the true spirit of the occasion. Huge responses poured in the form of drawings, placards and posters, all depicting patriotism in the minds of budding tots.

The highlight of the day was the virtual class assembly in which students of all the classes participated with great enthusiasm. Children as well as teachers dressed up in 'tri-colour' during the assembly.

Many children came up with thoughtful speeches on the Republic Day.

Patriotic poems were presented. Graceful dance performances were also presented along with the tunes of heart-warming patriotic songs. In fact, the class assemblies were splendid shows which would be a memorable experience for the little ones.

Students made sketches of their favourite leaders who led



Students display their skills in various competitions

the country to the glorious day of 26th January 1950.

Sketches and artwork expressed their vision of modern India and their dreams of the country as One Nation, One Vision, One Identity.

Another event worth mentioning was the 'Republic Day' quiz conducted during the Hindi class by the Grade-III to enlighten the students and to amplify their curiosity to explore more about their motherland.

Children participated in the competition with great eagerness and excitement.

Overall, the festivities

brought in the real flavour of the 'Republic Day' which the kids might possibly be missing out on staying away from their home country.

Teachers took the opportunity to share insights on celebrating national ethos, values, traditions and cultural heritage.

Hon. Chairman Prince S Natarajan, Hon. Secretary Saji Antony and Principal Pamela Xavier expressed gratitude to the parents for their support and teachers for their dedicated efforts in encouraging the students to think out of the box and bringing out the best in them.

# New Millennium School plays host to International 'NMMUN Conference'



Indian Ambassador Srivastava with participants during an online discussion

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The New Millennium School, Bahrain, opened its doors to the first International and 7th in-house 'NMMUN Conference', on 22 January.

A total of 180 enthusiastic delegates from India, Qatar, Oman and the UAE attended the event which was held virtually.

Present were the Chief Guest, Indian Ambassador to Bahrain, His Excellency Piyush Srivastava, and Guest of Honour, the Director of Knowledge Management Group, Ganesh Pillai.

The opening ceremony marked the beginning of the conference with the NMMUN

Coordinator, Meenakshi Mathur, welcoming the Chief Guest, Guest Honour, Principal and delegates.

The delegates and officials of the conference were delighted to hear from the Indian Ambassador, who shared valuable tips of diplomacy with the audience.

The conference hosted several important councils such as World Health Organization, UN Environment Programme, Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Affairs Committee, Economic and Financial Affairs Council, UN World Tourism Organization, Lok Sabha, United Nations Security Council,

Futuristic Committee. Some of the most significant resolutions were passed by the Councils.

The one-day conference consisted of heated discussions, debates and many new learning experiences for the participants. Several delegates were felicitated with various honorable awards such as Best Delegate, Best Position Paper, Highly Likely to end up in the UN and Verbal Mention.

Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai, Managing Director Geetha Pillai and Principal Arun Kumar Sharma appreciated the students and teachers for their whole-hearted involvement in such activities.

# Indian School Bahrain marks glorious occasion with patriotic fervour



Singing of the national anthem

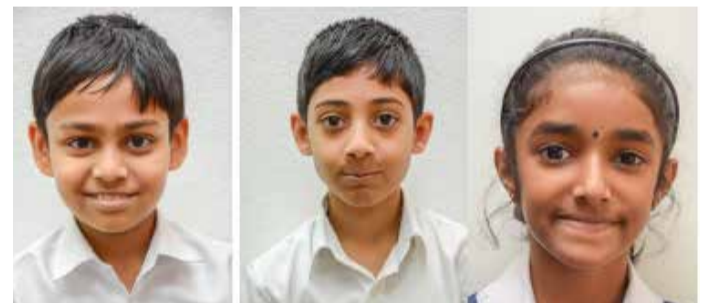
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The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) celebrated the 73rd Republic Day of India yesterday at the school campus in Isa Town with patriotic fervour adhering to COVID-19 guidelines.

The celebration commenced with ISB Hon. Chairman Prince S Natarajan hoisting the Indian national flag.

Executive Committee Members Rajesh MN, Mohammed Nayaz Ullah, Principal VR Palaniswamy, Riffa Campus Principal Pamela Xavier and Vice-Principals attended the ceremony. The flag hoisting was followed by the national anthem.

Natarajan highlighted the significance of the Republic Day, which is celebrated to mark the adoption of the Indian



Winners of the patriotic song online competition

Constitution, which came into effect on this day in 1950.

Quoting Indian President Ram Nath Kovind's Republic Day message, he said: "The diversity and vibrancy of our democracy is appreciated worldwide. It is this spirit of unity and of being one nation which is celebrated every year as Republic Day. This year's celebrations may be muted due to the pandemic, but the spirit is as

strong as ever." The Middle Section organised a competition in patriotic song online.

Following are the winners: Ritukeerth Vineesh Nisha (8E), Advaita Anilkumar (7D) and Shreya Susan Zacaria (6W). Hon. Chairman Prince S Natarajan, Hon. Secretary Saji Antony and Principal VR Palaniswamy congratulated the winners.

# Flag-hoisting ceremony is held at BKS

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A flag-hoisting ceremony was held at The Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam (BKS) marking the 73rd Republic Day of India yesterday.

BKS President PV Radhakrishna Pillai hoisted the Indian national flag at the BKS at 7.30 am in the presence of Varghese Karakkal, General Secretary of BKS, Pradeep Patheri, Entertainment Secretary, K T Salim, BKS Charity-Norka General Convener, Sathiesh G., Indian Club General Secretary, and other members.

# Foreign Minister receives US Embassy Charge D'Affaires



Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Abdullah bin Rashid Al Zayani received in his office at the ministry yesterday, the Charge D'Affaires of the US Embassy in Bahrain, Margaret Nardi. The meeting reviewed historical friendly relations between Bahrain and the US and the importance of enhancing bilateral relations. Issues of mutual interest were also addressed during the meeting. The Chief of American Affairs, Ambassador Shaikh Abdulla bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, was present at the meeting.

# Philippines' former Foreign Affairs Secretary passes away

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The Filipino community in the Kingdom of Bahrain is mourning the death of former Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Secretary Roberto R. Romulo who died last 23 January at the age of 84.

He became a DFA Secretary under the term of former Pres-



Romulo

ident Fidel V. Ramos.

Sec. Romulo was a visionary as he was an accomplished diplomat who had Philippine interests at heart while serving as Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, and the European Union Institutions (1989-1992), and later as Secretary of Foreign Affairs (1992-1995).

He will be remembered for

bringing forward Philippine Foreign Policy in a post-Cold War context, helping to shape how regional security would be discussed in the years to come through his support for the establishment of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) in 1994.

Sec. Romulo is also the father of institutional economic diplomacy at the DFA.

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