

ICAO Council President Certificate



Husain Ahmed Al Shuail, Undersecretary for Civil Aviation Affairs at the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications, with the ICAO Council President Certificate, one of the most prestigious international distinctions in civil aviation, in recognition of Bahrain's progress in advancing aviation safety and security. The award was presented during the opening session of the 42nd Assembly of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Canada. Commenting on the achievement, Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, said the recognition reflects the vision of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the government's ongoing support under the leadership of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, Crown Prince and Prime Minister. He emphasized that the award underscores Bahrain's commitment to strengthening civil aviation, enhancing safety and security standards, and aligning with international best practices.

Unlawful dismissal:  
Five employees  
compensated

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Five former employees have won compensation after the High Labour Court ruled their dismissal lacked a lawful cause following the closure of their employer's Bahrain branch.

The court ordered the company to pay outstanding termination sums, accrued leave, end-of-service gratuities, statutory interest, and legal costs.

The awards included balances ranging from BD1,443 to BD7,224 for unfair dismissal and termination compensation, with additional sums for annual leave and end-of-ser-

vice benefits.

Lawyer Maryam Al Shaikh said her clients had been employed on open-ended contracts and were notified in late 2024 that their services would end due to the branch closure. They argued the wider business remained active and their dues were unpaid, prompting the legal case.

The court found the company failed to provide a legitimate reason for the terminations, citing Article 101 of the Labour Law, which places the burden of proof on the employer. As a result, the dismissals were deemed unlawful, and compensation was awarded.

Indian Embassy holds Open House, highlights  
community outreach and welfare efforts

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The Embassy of India in the Kingdom of Bahrain successfully hosted its regular Open House session yesterday, chaired by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod Kurian Jacob. The session, held to directly address the concerns and grievances of Indian nationals, saw the participation of over 50 community members.

The interactive meeting, conducted in English, Hindi, and Malayalam to ensure broad accessibility, brought together teams from the Embassy's Community Welfare and Consular wings, along with its panel lawyers. Participants were able to raise their concerns and receive prompt advice, with several issues being resolved on the spot.

Ambassador Jacob noted the progress made on previously raised issues, confirming that most cases from the last Open House have been successfully resolved, demonstrating the efficiency and commitment of the Embassy's follow-up mechanism. The Open House also



served as a platform for the Ambassador to brief the community on recent Embassy-led initiatives.

He briefed that Mr Rajiv Kumar Mishra, Counsellor (CW) / Head of Chancery, along with welfare officials, recently conducted essential visits to Jau Jail and the Women's Detention Centre in Isa Town to interact with Indian inmates and assess their welfare status.

He highlighted the successful inauguration of the Andhra Pradesh & Telangana Tourism and One District One Product (ODOP) walls at the Consular Hall on September 15, 2025. The event was marked by vibrant cultural performances showcasing the rich traditions of both Indian states.

The Embassy continues to utilize the Government of India's Indian Community Welfare Fund (ICWF) to provide crucial means-tested assistance. This support includes providing boarding and lodging for distressed nationals, issuing Emergency Certificates, funding air tickets, and assisting with the transportation of mortal remains.

Earlier on the day of the Open House, the Embassy successfully organized the Viksit Bharat Run 2025 at the Marina Beach Park area in Juffair. Held from 6:00 AM to 8:30 AM, the event saw the enthusiastic participation of around 200 people of all ages, promoting fitness and community spirit.

Concluding the productive session, Ambassador Jacob extended his sincere gratitude to the Bahrain Government authorities, including the Ministry of Labour, LMRA, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior,

and Immigration authorities, for their swift support and prompt action on consular and community welfare issues.

He also acknowledged the invaluable collaboration from the Indian community and associated organizations in various activities. The Ambassador reiterated the Embassy's promise to take up and resolve all remaining grievances at the earliest possible opportunity.

The Indian Club Onam Fiesta 2025'



Six teams competed in the traditional Onapattu (Onam songs) competition, held on the third day of 'Aavani - The Indian Club Onam Fiesta 2025'. Onam, a harvest festival celebrated mainly in the Indian state of Kerala, is marked by music, dance, feasts, and cultural performances, and the Onapattu competition is a cherished tradition showcasing the rich musical heritage of the festival. In this year's contest, Swaralaya K.C.A. won the 1st prize, Onathumbikal secured 2nd, and Bahrain Prathiba Swaralaya A took 3rd place. The competition was followed by a lively musical performance by Pink Bang, adding to the festive atmosphere.