



ILA starts new year by celebrating 74th Indian Republic Day

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After overcoming the difficult times of the pandemic, ILA is excited to kick-off its activities in high spirits and hopes to follow new plans and developments.

Indian Ladies Association is back with another celebration today to celebrate the 74th Indian Republic Day, including a patriotic live entertainment programme. The afternoon will be filled with festivities, such as quizzes, games, and prizes, for members and non-members at the Ramee Grand Hotel in Seef.

ILA, one of the oldest expatriate non-profit organisations in the Middle East, has worked on numerous projects to help children with special needs.

While speaking to the Tribune Shipra, Dhir Passi, President of The Indian Ladies Association, said, "This year, we aim to relocate Sneha recreation centre and the ILA office to a better premise.

Our building has two floors where some children have claustrophobia, especially when taking an elevator. We are looking for a single-floor spacious villa with more outdoor space."

"We provide children from families of humble backgrounds who could not send their children to school due to financial reasons. We train such children to become more independent and help them develop essential life skills like learning numeric and speech skills.

"We also organised workshops to train workers in handling sanitising equipment and

scientific hygiene measures during the pandemic with the support of the Ministry of Interior.

"During the pandemic, ILA helped workers by providing regular health check-ups and counselling. In addition, we donated 500 masks made by ILA members, dry ration, and sanitisation kits to labour camps.

"ILA is not just another social club or an association where members join to profit or socialise with one another. Our work is very demanding, and it takes enormous selfless volunteering and dedication to help those who need it most,

"We have high operational costs that amount to 25,000 BD a year. Therefore, the fundraisers and events are crucial to us. We would not survive without the enormous help from our com-



munity, including the support we receive from the sponsors and donors," she added

Sneha recreational centre provides free services intending to develop the children's confidence by teaching daily life skills to find a comfortable space in society. In addition, they aim to provide an environ-

ment where the children do not feel judged.

ILA also conducts many other charity initiatives for blue-collar workers through its worker's welfare sub-committee to provide basic needs such as medical assistance and provide home-cooked meals to expatriate workers.

Shipra thanked the Indian Embassy for its continuous support. She cherished the hospitality extended by the Indian Embassy officials to the children from Sneha on the children's day during the pandemic. ILA managed to conduct Dandiya Night, the most prominent Indian dance festival, with a participation of more than 1600 people.

The tickets are available for BD6 for ILA members, friends and their families.

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