



The Bahraini athletes are going for gold

Bahrain ready to shine at Paris Olympics

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Bahrain is gearing up to make a significant impact on the global stage at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris.

With a strong delegation of athletes competing across various sports, the Kingdom's team is poised to demonstrate its sporting prowess and dedication to excellence.

Swimmers Saud Ghali and Amani Al Obaidli carried the Kingdom's flag during yesterday's parade of participating countries at the opening ceremony.

Bahrain is sending a delegation of 14 athletes to the Paris Olympics, consisting of eight females and six males.

The athletics team features eight runners, namely Birhanu Balew (5,000 and 10,000 meters), Salwa Eid Nasser (400 meters), Oluwakemi Adekoya (400 meters hurdles), Winfred



The Bahraini delegation wearing traditional Bahraini attire during yesterday's opening ceremony

Yavi (3,000 meters steeplechase), Nelly Jepkosgei (800 meters), Eunice Chumba (marathon), Rose Chelimo (marathon), and Tigist Gashaw (marathon).

Bahrain will also have representation in weightlifting with Gor Minasyan competing in the over 102kg category and Lesman Paredes Montano in the under 102kg category.

The swimming team includes Saud Ghali, who will participate in the 200-meter breaststroke, and

Amani Al Obaidli, who will compete in the 100-meter backstroke.

In judo, Askerbey Jerbekoff will represent Bahrain in the under 81kg weight class, while Ahmed Tajeddin will compete in wrestling in the under 97kg weight category.

For the record, Bahrain is taking part for the eleventh time in the Summer Olympic Games, which started in 1979.

Bahrain made its Olympic debut at the 1984 Los Angeles

Games and has participated in every edition since, including the most recent one in Tokyo 2020.

The Kingdom won a total of four medals during its participation in the most recent Olympic Games, winning two golds and two silvers.

Runner Maryam Jamal made history as the first Bahraini and the first woman from the GCC to win an Olympic medal for the Kingdom by clinching gold in the 1500-meter race.

Building business bonds

Indian delegation explores trade expansion with Bahrain

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A 27-member Indian delegation, comprising exporters of Basmati Rice, processed food, and animal products, visited Bahrain from July 24-25, 2024.

Led by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), the delegation aimed to explore avenues for expanding trade and investment between the two countries.

On July 25, the Embassy of India in Bahrain, in collaboration with the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce & Industry (BCCI) and the Bahrain India Society, organized a B2B meeting at the BCCI premises.

Over 100 Bahraini businessmen attended the event, which featured opening remarks from H.E. Mr. Sameer Abdulla Nass, Chairman of BCCI, H.E. Mr. Abdulnabi Alshoala, Founding Chairman of the Bahrain India Society, and H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to Bahrain.

Ambassador Jacob highlighted that Indian exports to Bahrain for the fiscal year 2023-2024



H.E. Mr. Sameer Abdulla Nass speaks at the event

totaled approximately \$900 million, with imports amounting to \$829 million. This resulted in a nearly balanced trade figure of \$1.73 billion.

The food and agriculture sector remains a significant area of bilateral trade, with India exporting rice worth \$67.68 million and frozen boneless meat

of bovine animals valued at \$22 million last year.

This aligns with India's broader global export profile, which reached \$48.76 billion in agricultural products in 2023-24.

Tasting campaign

As part of the visit, APEDA organized a tasting campaign featuring Biryani made from Indian Basmati Rice at Al Jazira and Lulu supermarkets.

The delegation also held discussions with the Public Health Directorate for Food Safety and the Ministry of Municipalities and Agriculture of Bahrain.

Traditionally, India has been a major supplier of rice, meat, sugar, spices, fruits, and vegetables



H.E. Indian Ambassador Vinod K. Jacob with H.E. Abdulnabi Alshoala, along with dignitaries, inaugurate a food festival at Lulu supermarket



A tasting campaign featuring Biryani made from Indian Basmati rice

to Bahrain.

Recently, Indian processed food products, organic items,

and dairy products have gained popularity in Bahrain due to their high quality and compet-

itive pricing.

To support this growth, the Government of India has established numerous laboratories across the country to provide testing services and ensure quality certification for exports.

The Quality Council of India (QCI) has been authorized to implement the "India Conformity Assessment Scheme (i-CAS)" for Halal products, with APEDA designated as the overall monitoring agency.

The visit of this delegation is expected to foster new opportunities for collaboration and growth in trade and investment between India and Bahrain.

Indian Ambassador chairs successful Open House

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The Embassy of India organized an Open House yesterday which was chaired by Ambassador H.E. Mr. Vinod Kurian Jacob.

The Embassy's Community Welfare team, along with the consular team and panel lawyers, were present.

More than 50 Indian nationals took part in the Open House, which was held in English, Hindi, Tamil and Malayalam languages.

The Ambassador briefed on the Roads Safety Awareness Campaign to be held at the Embassy premises on 2nd August, 2024 in co-ordination with



H.E. Ambassador Vinod Kurian Jacob addresses the needs of Indian nationals

Ministry of Works and General Directorate of Traffic.

He urged the community members specially drivers/motorcyclists to participate in the event, in large number.

Second Secretary (CW) / HOC along with the welfare officials visited Jau Jail to interact with the inmates and to ensure their welfare status.

The Embassy also paid a visit

to the Women's Detention Centre in Isa Town and distributed 15 support kits to the inmates present in the jail.

The Embassy provided air tickets to six distressed individuals who were affected by the recent fire incident occurred in Manama.

The Embassy also provided air tickets to a woman and children, who were left stranded after her husband was deported by the local authorities.

Ambassador Jacob commended the Indian community and organisations for their collaboration with the Embassy in effectively addressing several consular and welfare matters.

Factories inspection visit



The Minister of Industry and Commerce, His Excellency Mr. Abdullah bin Adel Fakhro, has conducted an inspection visit to several factories within the Mina Salman Industrial Area. Accompanied by a delegation of officials, the Minister aimed to closely examine the latest developments and future plans of these facilities as part of the Ministry's ongoing efforts to monitor industrial progress in the Kingdom of Bahrain and explore opportunities for enhanced cooperation to meet national objectives.