



PRESS RELEASE

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The Embassy of India in Bahrain organized the Indian Film Festival on 07 February 2026 at Epix Cinema, Sanabis. The festival featured the screening of two acclaimed Indian films — The Diplomat (Hindi) and Manjummel Boys (Malayalam).

2. The Indian Film Festival was organized as part of the promotion of Indian cinema under the DCDFC Scheme of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India, for the financial year 2026–27. The occasion was also used to highlight that 2026 marks the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Bahrain.
3. The festival was inaugurated by H.E. Mr. Vinod K. Jacob, Ambassador of India to Bahrain, along with Dr. Ali Hasan Follad, Advisor, Ministry of Tourism, and Mr. Yousuf Salahuddin, Chairman, Serendipity. The event was attended by nearly 300 guests, including members of the Bahraini community and the Indian diaspora.
4. The Indian Film Festival showcased the rich diversity of India's cinematic landscape and played a vital role in promoting Indian cinema to a wider audience. Screenings were held in two auditoriums, both of which witnessed full occupancy, reflecting the strong enthusiasm and positive response from viewers.
5. The successful organization of the festival reaffirmed the growing cultural connect between India and Bahrain and highlighted cinema as an effective medium for strengthening people-to-people ties.











