

# 'Pillar of economic development'

Proposal calls for establishing maritime transportation with Saudi Arabia

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A proposal to reactivate maritime transportation between Bahrain and Saudi Arabia has been submitted to the Council of Representatives recently, TDT has learnt.

The proposal calls for establishing maritime transportation services between both kingdoms for passengers and cargo transportation, in a bid to reduce the existing pressure on King Fahad Causeway.

It was submitted by Council Speaker Fawziya Zainal, along with MPs Mohammed Buhammood, Mamdouh Al Saleh, Ahmed Al Aamer and Dr Hesham Al Asheeri.

According to Zainal, the proposal would be a pillar of economic development, as she said it would contribute to improving both countries' economies, create job opportunities for national manpower, reviving tourism and more.

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of the cities located on the coastlines through the establishment of marine projects. These advantages would increase simultaneously with the increase of the reliance on maritime transportation," the Speaker commented.

Stated further, Zainal said: "Land transportation through the causeway is no longer sufficient to cope with the increase in transport traffic between both brotherly countries and their development aspirations, especial-

ly with the remarkable increase in the movement of goods and passengers."

Stressing on the importance of maritime transportation of cargo and its benefits to the commercial movement, Zainal men-



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tioned that it comes with less costs and more disciplined shipping schedules when compared to land and air transportation.

She added: "Maritime transport is one of the ancient means of transportation used by humanity, especially in the countries neighbouring water surfaces, and it is one of the pillars of economic development in many countries of the world. It is also considered as the cheapest form of transportation of all, whether in terms of material costs, capabilities and shipping capacity."

It is worth mentioning that the 24km King Fahad Causeway is the only land link connecting Bahrain to other countries. Before its establishment in 1986, people in Bahrain relied on air and maritime transportation for travelling and shipping goods.

In 2017, it was announced that both kingdoms will be associated with a second causeway; the King Hamad Causeway, which will be 25km long and will accommodate vehicles as well as freight and passenger trains.

## Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary celebrated in style

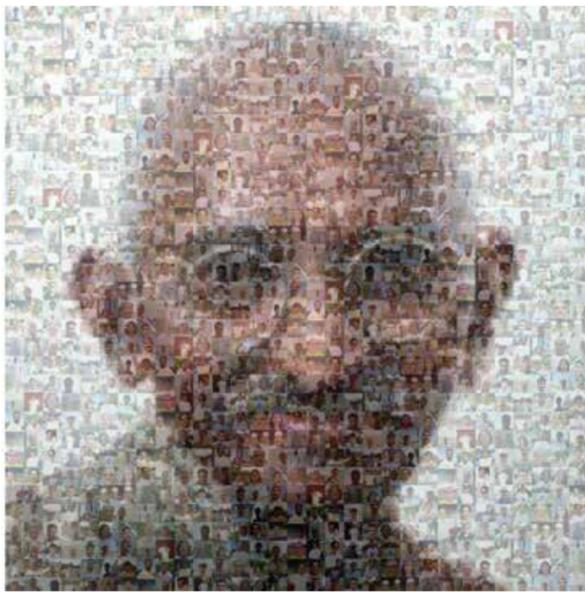
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The Bahrain Chapter of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) completed a month-long celebration commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi with a recreation of Dandi March where 81 members covered a total distance of 386 kilometres.

A unique tiled picture of Mahatma Gandhi was created with thumbnails of the participants to round off the activities.

BCICAI month-long celebration with the theme "Awaken the Mahatma in you" was inaugurated by Indian Ambassador Piyush Srivastava on 11 September.

The various activities that were conducted in the lead-up to Gandhi birth included talk on Gandhian economics; talk

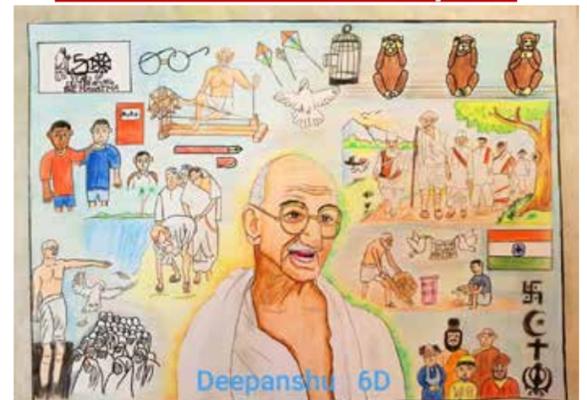


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on proper segregation of waste and recycling; virtual visit of Gandhi Ashram Sevagram; Gandhi-Shastri quiz; electricity saving competition; and a live arts session for children on drawing portrait of Gandhiji by Traftco Group CEO CA Sridhar Seethapathy.

ICAI Bahrain Chapter chairperson Ajay Kumar Chettuvelly said: "We thank the support of the Indian Embassy and the Indian Ambassador under whose guidance, the BCICAI could conduct so many unique events. This being the finale year of the three-year long commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, we wanted to conduct programmes which invoke the principles of Mahatma Gandhi which are now relevant more than ever before."

## Students depicts life of 'Babu' through artwork to mark Gandhi Jayanti



Gandhi Jayanti is an event celebrated in India to mark the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi. It is celebrated annually on 2 October, and it is one of the three national holidays of India. On this auspicious occasion, the students of The New Horizon School Bahrain presented an assembly depicting the life of Gandhi who lived on the principles of ahimsa and non-violence. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 were given many activities relating to the life of the great leader. They participated wholeheartedly in colouring and craft activities, creating and learning things which are very dear to "Bapu".

## Industry Minister hails FDPM Fellowship Programme initiatives

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Industry, Commerce and Tourism Minister Zayed bin Rashid Al Zayani has lauded the ambitious national competencies and remarkable initiatives of the First Deputy Prime Minister (FDPM) Fellowship Programme.

The Minister yesterday received Fatima Mohammed Abdul Redha and Sara Yusuf Al Hadi, following their selection as candidates of the sixth intake of the FDPM Fellowship Programme.



Industry Minister Al Zayani with the FDPM Fellowship Programme candidates

Al Zayani also lauded the programme members for their effective participation in various development and training programmes that qualify them to attain more achievements to the kingdom.

The minister praised the

distinguished objectives of the FDPM Fellowship Programme which reflect the vision of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister.

He underlined the Industry Ministry's keenness to encourage all initiatives aimed at refining the skills of employees, which, he said, would contribute to developing work in the kingdom.

## Finance Minister receives Indian ambassador



Finance and National Economy Minister Shaikh Salman bin Khalifa Al Khalifa received newly-appointed Indian Ambassador to Bahrain Piyush Srivastava, wishing him every success in his diplomatic duties. The minister stressed growing relations and co-operation between Bahrain and India mainly in the financial and business sector, and the need to continue strengthening bilateral relations. Both sides also reviewed economic partnership between both friendly countries and ways of bolstering it for more promising investment opportunities. They also discussed issues of common interest and the latest global economic developments