

Spotlight on programs to safeguard children's rights

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Shura Council member Leena Habib Kassim directed a question to His Excellency Osama bin Ahmed Khalaf Al Asfor, Minister of Social Development, regarding children's rights and the National Commission for Childhood in the Kingdom.

This came within the framework of the commission's work in Bahrain to support children's rights and focus on their issues, promoting and implementing policies and programs that safeguard their rights and guarantee them full care.

Kassim inquired about the main goals which the commis-



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sion seeks to achieve, besides aspects of coordination and co-

operation between the commission and various governmental



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agencies and civil institutions to realise these goals and promote

children's rights.

She also asked about cooperation with specialised Arab and international bodies working in the field of childhood and means to benefit from their expertise.

Kassim inquired about the programs and initiatives that the commission adopts in support of children's rights in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the availability of awareness programs to educate parents on their duties towards children and the role they play in promoting their rights.

She furthermore inquired about the commission's role in conducting research and studies related to childhood issues in the Kingdom, and the most significant of these studies.

Mosque in Diyar Al Muharraq inaugurated

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Dr. Shaikh Rashid bin Mohammed Al Hajri, Chairman of the Sunni Endowments Council, inaugurated Saleh Al Fadhala Mosque in Diyar Al Muharraq, coinciding with the approaching of the holy month of Ramadan.

The chairman affirmed that the inauguration came in implementation of the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa to build and reconstruct places of worship in all governorates of the kingdom.

He praised the comprehensive plan launched by the government led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to implement projects that meet the needs of citizens to implement mosque projects.

Republic Day Fervour at NMS Bahrain



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The New Millennium School -Bahrain, celebrated the "75th Republic Day" of India with special assemblies arranged in the school campus on 21st and 22nd January, 2024.

The Special assemblies conducted by the junior and senior section of the school, witnessed the spirit of brotherhood of India and Bahrain through songs, dances, speeches and skits. Students were made to take a pledge to instill the need of preserving the culture and rich heritage of the motherland India as well of the kingdom. The whole campus was bedecked in the colours of the Tiranga and reverberated with patriotic fervour as the students read out the pream-

ble of India. Activities like self composed poem recitation on mother land, flag decoration, role plays and speeches on the Indian freedom fighters were conducted for the students.

Mr. Arun Kumar Sharma, Principal addressed the students and motivated them to imbibe the true meaning of patriotism. Drawing the attention of the students towards their duties and responsibilities, he advocated for them to be brave and face all the challenges with courage as they are the ones who can take the world to a glorious future ahead.

Dr. Ravi Pillai, Chairman & Mrs. Geetha Pillai, Managing Director extended their good wishes to one and all on the occasion of 75th Republic Day of India.

TASCA Pongal event



The Tamil Social and Cultural Association, or TASCA, held its customary Pongal event at the Wembley grounds in Adhari. Mr. A. Ponnuchamy, who founded the group, presided over the event. There was a Pongal feast provided at the ceremony, which attracted 400 members of the Tamil community. The vibrant celebration included games that were full of fun and cultural activities like "Uri Adi, Kolattam."

BCICAI hosts 'Bharat - The Next Superpower' technical session



BCICAI officers and members with Mr. M. K. Anand, along with guests

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The Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) organised its first technical session for the calendar year 2024 on January 23 at the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel.

The session was held under the theme "Bharat - The Next Superpower" and featured Mr. M. K. Anand, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, TIMES NETWORK as the keynote speaker and over 110 BCICAI members attended the session.

The session was inaugurated by CA. Sthanumurthy Viswanathan Meera, Chairper-

son of BCICAI, who welcomed the guests and highlighted the achievements and activities of the chapter. He also introduced the theme of the session and explained its relevance in the current global scenario.

Mr. M. K. Anand, the guest speaker, delivered an insightful and inspiring speech on the potential and prospects of Bharat as the next superpower. He shared his views on the economic, political, social, and cultural factors that make Bharat a unique and formidable force in the world.

He also discussed the challenges and opportunities that Bharat faces in its quest for

global leadership and influence. He emphasized the role and responsibility of the Indian diaspora, especially the professionals, in contributing to Bharat's growth and development.

The session was followed by an interactive Q&A session, where the participants raised various queries and comments on the topic. Mr. Anand answered them with clarity and conviction, drawing from his rich experience and expertise in the media and business sectors.

The session concluded with a vote of thanks by CA. Arunkumar Rajagopal, Executive committee member of BCICAI, who

expressed his gratitude to Mr. Anand for his enlightening and engaging speech.

He also thanked the sponsors, the Diplomat Radisson Blu Hotel, the media partners, and the members for their support and participation.

The Bahrain Chapter of ICAI is the largest body of professionals in the Kingdom of Bahrain, with over 450 members. It provides a forum for the members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) to develop professionally and personally. It also undertakes various initiatives to serve the society and promote the interests of Bharat in Bahrain.