

In a first, shoot of Indian film in progress in Bahrain

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For the first time, the Kingdom of Bahrain is a location for an Indian film. The shooting of a Malayalam film, *Mohavalayam* (Ring of Desire) by the veteran director T.V. Chandran, is progressing well in the country.

Of late, Bahrain has become a favourite destination in the Middle East for filmmakers. There is an increase in the number of films and TV serials that have been announced or started filming in the Kingdom.

Mohavalayam is the first Indian film to get permission



Minister of Information Affairs Isa bin Abdulrahman Al Hammadi along with filmmaker T.V. Chandran (left) on the set of film *Mohavalayam* yesterday



Filmmaker T.V. Chandran shares a light moment with Minister of Information Affairs Isa bin Abdulrahman Al Hammadi

to shoot in the Kingdom. TV serial production Early this month, a Hollywood house had announced their



The crew of Malayalam film *Mohavalayam*

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shooting plans in Bahrain. *Mohavalayam*, is the 15th film by the award-winning director. He is donning the director's cap after a gap of three years. The film narrates the story of the life and aspirations of Malayalees, who reach Bahrain from Saudi Arabia crossing the King Causeway Bridge.

Anjal Sreenath, Noble Kavalam, Ashraff, Krishna Kumar, Ganesh and PA Samad are the producers of the film under the banner Causeway Productions.

Speaking to *DT News*, Samad said that the idea of the film was to showcase the happy and positive side of life in Bahrain.

"When we talk of expats' life, we only hear about sad stories. But we know that there is a positive side to their life here. Bahrain has an open and a lively culture. When director TV Chandran suggested the story, we decided to back the project as it tells a positive story of life in the Gulf," he explained.

This is the first feature film

project produced under the banner. Actress Mythili will play the lead role and the ensemble cast also includes Joy Mathew, Renji Panicker, Shine Tom Chacko, Siddique, Sudeesh, Indrans, Srinda, Gopika and Sajitha Madathil.

MJ Radhakrishnan, who had worked in films like *Birds with Large Wings*, *Sengadal*, *Papilio Buddha* and *Kaliyattam*, cranks the camera. M. Jayachandran is the music director to the lyrics penned by Rafeeq Ahamed and Anchal Sreenath.

Council holds meet

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The Council of Representatives yesterday held the second regular meeting of the second session of the Fourth Legislative Term, under the chairmanship of Speaker Ahmed Al Mulla.

The Council formed a committee to prepare the draft reply to the Royal speech. The reply to the Royal Speech Committee comprises MPs Ibrahim Al Hammadi, Osmat Al Khaja, Jalal Kadhim, Ali Al Otaish, Ali Bu Farsan, Ali Al Moqla, Fatima Al Asfoor, Dr. Abdul Majeed Al Asfoor, Rua Al Haiki, Mohammed Al Maarifi, Mohammed Al Jowdar and Abdula Hameed Al Najjar.

The Council also agreed to hold an extraordinary session today to discuss and elect members of its committees.

Eskan Bank wins GCC Best Employer Award

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The Eskan Bank has been granted the "GCC Best Employer Brand Award 2015", which is supported by the Asian Confederation of Businesses.

The prestigious award is in recognition of the role played by the bank in creating a work culture based on creativity, motivation and equality in employment, as well as its constant keenness on improving the human resources policies in order to meet the needs of employees and achieve their satisfaction.

The Eskan Bank Director-General Dr. Khalid Abdulla received the award during the ceremony held by Employer

"GCC Best Employer Brand Award 2015" is in recognition of the role played by the bank in creating a work culture based on creativity, motivation and equality in employment. Bank General Manager Dr. Khalid Abdulla received the award

Branding Institute and Stars of the Industry Group.

Dr. Abdulla expressed sincere thanks and appreciation to the Housing Minister and Eskan Bank's Board of Directors Chairman Basim bin Yacob Al Hamar

for his support and directives which, he said, contributed to upgrading the bank's operations and performance.

He voiced pride in the top award reflecting the quality of the bank's human resources' strategy.

Ministry of Works e-services turn a hit

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The Director of Information Technology at the Ministry of Works (MoW), Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Hisham Sater, said about 3,995 users accessed the ministry's 10 electronic services during the third quarter of 2015.

He added that the total number of users registered from the beginning of the year until September was 14,515 and that the services can be accessed through both the ministry's portal www.works.gov.bh, and the e-Government portal www.bahrain.bh.

According to Sater, the Ministry has recently upgraded the electronic services on the Ministry's portal to improve those services. The total



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number of e-Services launched by the MoW, in collaboration with the e-Government Authority (EGA), is 10 services; namely: sanitary maintenance request, sanitary connection request, traffic signals request, report road fault, abnormal load permission, contractor pre-qualification, materials testing results, traffic diversion request, the material/product assessment and building maintenance request.