Look up at the stars and not down at your feet. Try to make sense of what you see, and wonder about what makes the universe exist. Be curious. -Stephen Hawkina



## Green Wave Campaign in schools

The Gulf Petrochemical The Gulf Petrochemical Company (GPIC) has started the third part of its green drive in support of the Green Wave initiative of the United Nations Environment Programme.

The project, which runs in co-operation with the Ministry of Education, takes place as student agricultural campaigns in Bahrain's public schools.

During the campaign, the company supplies schools with tree saplings to be planted in the school yard, as its contribution towards supporting the development of the environment and increasing the green area in all facilities and institutions.

GPIC's Agri-Nutrients Committee has been visiting the schools and planting fruit trees in cooperation with the students. The Committee members also train the students on the correct steps and supervise the greening of the school gardens.

Company President Dr. Abdulrahman Jawahery said the project promotes a culture of biodiversity and awareness of the importance of agriculture and afforestation, especially among young people.

He said GPIC has always supported this annual event in cooperation with the Ministry of Education since





schools are the ideal place for young people to familiarize themselves with the need and the importance of caring for the environment, and how to plant trees as well as generate an interest in increasing green

area in Bahrain.

Dr. Jawahery thanked the ministry for its co-operation and said the Ministry had assisted in choosing the schools where saplings are planted and made all the

necessary arrangements. He said the company had this year provided 2,000 seedlings of Bahraini fruit trees to 50 schools.

He also thanked the Chairman and members

Agri-Nutrients Committee for their efforts in providing the saplings and in implementation of the project. He said such environmental initiatives would contribute to raising people on the importance of respecting and preserving the environment.

He said the GPIC Board of Directors is keen to support sustainable development issues and encourages partnerships in a number of programmes and events that support the development of the agricultural sector.

The President the company regards environmental support as one of its main programmes of work. He added the GPIC is committed to protecting the environment while playing a leading role in working on the sustainability of its surroundings and implementing several environmental projects within its industrial complex.

The Green Wave project is aimed at promoting the environment by planting as many trees as possible by involving young people of all

The campaign attracts a number of specialists in agricultural sciences who introduce students to the importance of agriculture and concentrate on increasing local crop production to contribute to the development of the national economy, reducing air pollution and raising the environmental balance.

## ISB Parent App released

Ahandy new app has been released for parents and students in the Indian School Bahrain. The Indian School Bahrain Parent App is now available for downloading on iPhones or Android mobile phones. The App provides the parents with announcements, news, circulars, emails and SMS with notification when received.

The ISB parents can log in with the same username (Membership ID which is available on the fee receipt) and password as you login to the desktop version of the Parent Portal from the website. If they don't have the password the parent has to login to the parent portal from the

website (www.indianschool. bh) and click on the get/forget password link to follow the instructions and an email will be sent to the registered email with the school by the parent earlier.

The mobile version of the parent portal has most of the features of the desktop version of the portal.

"Our new ISB app has been developed with a focus on delivering even more effective communications with our key stakeholders," said ISB Chairman Prince S Natarajan.

"This is the latest method we can offer parents and students to keep right up-todate on school information. As we continue work on our

strategic goals of parental and community engagement, along with innovative use of technology, this will be a terrific asset for our communications," he said.

The Indian School Bahrain Parent App is directly linked to school portal, so once content is published in the parent portal it automatically is pushed to the mobile app as well. "This creates a more efficient method for our staff to deliver messages and information out to parents, and students," said Saji Antony, EC Member IT.

The new app is easily downloadable to iPhones and Androids by searching on either for "Indian School Bahrain".

Parents have hectic lives as well, and the ISB phone app helps keep parents up-to-date about their child's development at the push of a button. Here are some features of the Indian School Bahrain Parent App.

The first would be the student profile with the basic

School Calendar with list of events during that month

- Progress Card of the child right from when the child joined the school

Fee payment related information will be available to help you keep track of any dues

Communication with the class teacher (Presently in testing mode).

- Photo Gallery with photos



from different events including award ceremonies etc.

- A link to the school website Many more options are on the way on the mobile like daily attendance, study materials (now available on the desktop



version of parent portal) etc.

For further information please email indianschool.bh

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