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Better health is on the 'cards'



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The launch of the Sehati Health Card is a step in the right direction for Bahrain. Health is the cornerstone of any nation's progress – a healthy population translates into more productivity and less time and money lost to illness. It also makes for a happier and more fulfilled people.

Bahrain has always put health services first and we have a truly well-designed public and private healthcare system to take care of us. Now, the Sehati cards with help to digitize the management of healthcare and make free/subsidized healthcare a right that can be enjoyed by Bahraini and foreign resident alike. And it also takes into account the many advances in the healthcare scenario: for instance, Bahrain now has many private hospitals and specialized clinics and centres to augment public healthcare services. The Sehati card allows patients to toggle between public and private medical care seamlessly.

Above all, this move will help to rationalize the cost of medical care by making health insurance mandatory for one and all. Once again, Bahrain has tapped the advances in digital technology to strengthen services to the citizens and residents. We are seeing the foundation being laid for a future healthcare delivery system that is prepared and which will ensure effective care across the board.

Finally, a word about the compassion that underscores Bahrain's healthcare delivery system: while the government is rightfully asking for insurance cover from tourists, visitors and residents, unlike the more "advanced" and "developed" countries, nobody is denied medical attention in an emergency simply for lack of insurance cover. Bahrain's public healthcare system is invested in saving lives and it is always treatment first, questions about coverage later. In this matter also, as in many other things, Bahrain has much to teach the world.

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Police arrest three men for peddling drugs

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Police arrested three people for promoting narcotics in three separate cases registered yesterday. The General Department of Investigation and Criminal Evidence said the suspects are between 35 and 41 years of age.

Police made the arrests after investigating tip-offs received. The information



said certain people are peddling drugs in the Kingdom.

The ensuing investigation resulted in the identification and arrest of the suspects. Officers said they took necessary legal measures to refer the case to the Public Prosecution.



LMRA inspection campaign

Several workers were arrested yesterday during a campaign held jointly by the Labour Market Regulatory Authority and the Nationality, Passports and Residence Affairs in the Northern Governorate. The arrests were for violations related to LMRA-Law and Immigration authority in the Kingdom. LMRA stressed the pivotal role of society in supporting the government's efforts in preserving the economic, social, security and health stability. Additionally, the public has been urged to report any labour market violations and irregular migrant workers.



NMS bags 25 gold, 40 silver in WSC Dubai

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New Millennium School bagged 25 gold and 40 silver medals in the Global Round of the World Scholar's Cup held in Dubai from 24th to 28th June 2022.

The event witnessed the participation of 1,500 stu-

dents from 30 countries and 145 different (American, British and Indian) schools around the globe. From NMS, 18 scholars in six senior teams took part. All teams qualified for the Tournament of Champions 'Yale Round' to be held in the USA in November 2022.

NMS students qualified for

the Dubai event after winning the Champion Scholar in Senior Division in the regional round held in Bahrain

NMS school team members are Rohan Atul Singhvi, Anirudh Sachin Nair, Siddharth Ramesh, Kritika Gupta, Nikhil Nandi, Darsh Thareja, Niranjana Menon, Fayiz Rahman,

Shiven Thareja, Lakshmi Bijay, Tanishka Vishal Bhatia, Sanya Singh, Nayonika Nair, Vaidehi Pramod, Anne Margaret Devassy, Aadya Mahipal, Gautami Shetty, and Dhiyashree Dhinesh.

Students showcased their talent at the scholar's fair by setting up a stall represent-

ing Bahrain. They distributed souvenirs and dates and set up a henna station.

Principal Arun Kumar Sharma, Chairman Dr Ravi Pillai, Managing Director Geetha Pillai and Principal Arun Kumar congratulated students, teachers and parents on their success.



NHS students 'Beat the Heat'

The New Horizon School held its annual 'Beat the Heat' activity, where students prepared salads, punches, and juices using seasonal fruits and lemonades. Students highlighted the importance of eating fruits and drinking juice to overcome the extreme summer heat. Students' council members of the Health & Safety Department presented a drive on Beat the Heat. Students also shared ways to protect themselves by wearing caps, using umbrellas whenever stepping out during the day, and drinking enough water.

BTEA meeting mulls Manama Souq revival

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The revival of Manama Souq was the focus of a discussion held yesterday in a meeting held by the Bahrain Tourism and Exhibition Authority.

Dr Nasser Qaedi, the CEO of BTEA, stressed that the Authority plans the overall development of the Souq by collaborating with the members of the Market Development Committee, and other relevant public or private organisations.

"BTEA is keen to continue conducting several events in the Manama market, building on the success of the author-



Officials during the meeting

ity's recent market events, including Bab Al Bahrain fashion show, and the Manama Gold Festival, which featured more than 150 stores and generated sales of more than 1 million dinars among

other events," Dr Qaedi said.

Dr Qaedi addressed several initiatives that BTEA is putting into action, including Bahrain Design Week and tenders for the renovation of historic ca-

fes and public spaces.

Fouad Al-Shukr discussed the potential for expanding the successful events held by BTEA in the market to include additional locations within it, such as the old municip-

pal square and Tawaweesh Square.

Ibrahim Daoud Nuno said as work progresses, more tourists and visitors will come to the market, which will benefit not only traders but also Bahrain as a whole.

The MSDC comprises representatives from the Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning, Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities, Urban Planning and Development Authority, Bahrain's Economic Development Board, the Capital Governorate, and the Capital Municipal Council as well as several Manama Souq traders.