

Universities to Help Capital Test AI in Parks

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A push to bring artificial intelligence into parks, housing and municipal services is gaining ground, with the Capital Trustees Board seeking university help to test how AI cameras could track park use, spot safety risks and help decide when gates should open and close.

Capital Trustees Board chairman Saleh Tarradah told The Daily Tribune that the board wants to work with universities in the coming months on ways to use AI in municipal work.

One idea is to link cameras in public parks to software that can study visitor numbers, peak hours, age groups and how long people stay.

The move has won support in Parliament, where Mohammed Moosa, chairman of Parliament's Public Utilities and Environment Committee, called for greater use of AI, smart-city systems and electronic services in running public utilities.

He said AI could help speed up building and urban-planning procedures, as well as municipal and housing services, while cutting waiting times and making public bodies work better.

'We support all initiatives that



use modern technology and artificial intelligence to manage public utilities and improve municipal and housing services,' Mr Moosa said.

Tarradah said park cameras could show how long visitors spend walking, which parts of a park draw the heaviest use and which food outlets or services prove most popular.

'You could take a park and ask: what are the peak hours and who comes here?' he said.

'The cameras can analyse that through artificial intelligence and give you a management report. That helps you decide opening and closing times and tells you if the facilities are fit for purpose.'

The technology could also be used to pick out safety risks.

Steps, children's play equipment and other park features

could be watched for signs that a certain spot or piece of equipment is putting visitors at risk.

'If you analyse it through artificial intelligence, you can see if there is a safety problem in a certain part of the park,' Tarradah said.

Mr Moosa said the next stage should bring greater use of smart systems across public infrastructure, helping services keep pace with population growth and new building.

But Tarradah acknowledged that cameras and AI analysis in public spaces would raise questions over privacy.

'There is, of course, concern about privacy if this system is used,' he said. 'You have to balance the benefit you get from these systems with people's privacy.'

He said clear signs should tell



Saleh Tarradah, Chairman of the Capital Trustees Board



Mohammed Moosa, chairman of Parliament's Public Utilities and Environment Committee

park users when cameras and AI processing are in use and explain that the technology is there to improve public services.

Tarradah said the board did not want to fall behind as AI tools become easier to put to work.

'There are applications out there that we can make use of,' he said.

UNEECO Group conducts Blood Donation Drive



UNEECO Group, in association with the Royal Medical Services (King Hamad University Hospital), organized a blood donation drive. Company CEO Jayashankar Viswanathan and staff members actively participated in the initiative, demonstrating their commitment to social responsibility and community service.

Fight Against Human Trafficking



Bahrain is strengthening its national and regional approach to combating human trafficking, with greater emphasis on research, coordination and the exchange of international expertise. The National Committee to Combat Trafficking in Persons discussed these efforts during its regular meeting, held via videoconference and chaired by Nibras Mohammed Taleb, Chief Executive of the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA) and Chairman of the Committee. Taleb stressed the importance of building on the progress achieved through national efforts to combat trafficking in persons, while enhancing coordination among the authorities involved in prevention and protection. He also called for continued efforts to keep pace with developments in trafficking-related crimes and improve response mechanisms. Highlighting research's role in strengthening the fight against trafficking, Taleb pointed to the Ministry of Interior's launch of a Scientific Research Award dedicated to the field. He said the initiative would support specialised studies, contribute to developing national policies and encourage innovative solutions to address trafficking crimes. The Committee also reviewed the implementation of decisions and recommendations from its previous meeting including measures taken by relevant authorities to improve coordination and strengthen the overall national response.

Ethiopian New Year Celebrated in Bahrain

More than 500 guests gathered to celebrate culture, diversity and friendship

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The Consulate General of Ethiopia in Bahrain celebrated Ethiopian New Year 2019 with over 500 members of the Ethiopian community, Bahraini friends, members of the African Women Association and other guests.

Ethiopia will enter the year 2019 on Friday, September 11, according to the Gregorian calendar.

The event held under the national theme "Diversity: The Beauty of Ethiopia," the celebration highlighted Ethiopia's cultural diversity, traditions and spirit of peaceful coexistence.



The event featured Ethiopian music, traditions and hospitality, providing an opportunity for the Ethiopian community and Bahraini guests to celebrate together and strengthen ties between the two communities.

The celebration also emphasized messages of peace, unity, dialogue and national renewal,

while highlighting the importance of cooperation and mutual respect in addressing differences.

The Consulate General reaffirmed its commitment to supporting Ethiopian citizens in Bahrain and improving consular services through technology, transparency and streamlined procedures.

Pakistan Club marks Defence Day with patriotic fervour

Pakistan Club Bahrain Chairman Mr. Afzal Bhatti led the celebrations marking Pakistan Defence Day on September 6, with senior members of the club joining the occasion in a spirit of patriotism and solidarity.

The gathering was organised to commemorate the courage and sacrifices of the armed forces and the people of Pakistan who stood together in defence of the country.

Mr. Afzal Bhatti, along with senior members of the Pakistan Club, participated in the cake-cutting ceremony held to mark the occasion. The celebration reflected the strong sense of national pride and unity among members



of the Pakistani community in Bahrain.

The participants paid tribute to the martyrs and heroes of Pakistan and remembered their sacrifices with respect and gratitude.

The event also highlighted the longstanding bonds of friendship between Pakistan and Bahrain,

while members expressed their prayers for peace, prosperity and continued progress for Pakistan.

The celebrations concluded with a renewed commitment to preserving national unity and the spirit of patriotism among the Pakistani community in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

BIS Honours Its Educators with a Joyful Teachers' Day Celebration

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Bhavans Bahrain Indian School (BIS) celebrated Teachers' Day with warmth, exuberance and heartfelt appreciation, paying tribute to the educators whose dedication, passion and perseverance continue to shape young minds and inspire the next generation.

The celebration commenced with an inspiring address by the Principal, Mr Saji Jacob, who eloquently highlighted the profound and transformative role of teachers in shaping not merely academic achievers, but responsible, compassionate and confident citizens. Applauding the teachers for their unwavering commitment to academic excellence and holistic development, he encouraged them to continue nurturing every learner with compassion, creativity, purpose and conviction.

The spirit of the occasion was further enriched by thoughtful reflections from the Heads of De-



partments, who spoke about the dignity, responsibility and privilege of being an educator. Their messages celebrated teachers as mentors who guide, motivators who inspire and lifelong learners who continually evolve—leaving an impact that reaches far beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

Adding a vibrant and celebratory dimension to the event, executives from Malabar Gold & Diamonds joined the BIS fraternity and engaged the teachers in an exciting array of fun-filled activities and games. Laughter,

enthusiasm and friendly competition filled the venue as teachers enthusiastically participated in the celebrations. Winners were felicitated and rewarded, adding to the excitement of the occasion.

A special cake-cutting ceremony added a festive touch, symbolising the joy of togetherness and the shared spirit of the BIS family. The celebrations also featured a Teachers' Oath led by the Principal, reaffirming the educators' collective commitment to their noble responsibility—to inspire, empower, nurture and prepare

young learners to become confident contributors to the future.

The Directors, Mr Himanshu Verma and Mrs Ritu Verma, addressed the gathering with words of wisdom, encouragement and appreciation. Recognising the teachers as the driving force behind the school's culture of excellence, they expressed their gratitude for the educators' resilience, dedication and wholehearted contribution to the growth of the institution. Their message reaffirmed the school management's deep respect for

the teaching fraternity and its continued commitment to fostering an environment that supports both the professional growth and personal well-being of its educators.

As a heartfelt expression of gratitude, the Directors presented every teacher with a token of love and appreciation, acknowledging the countless efforts that often extend beyond the classroom and far beyond the school day.

The celebration concluded on a joyful and deeply meaningful

note, leaving the educators feeling valued, appreciated and inspired.

The Teachers' Day celebration at BIS was more than an occasion of recognition—it was a celebration of the people behind every lesson, every achievement and every transformed life. It beautifully reflected the school's enduring belief that when teachers are inspired, students flourish; when teachers are valued, institutions thrive; and when teachers lead with purpose, they shape the future.

