

Investing in knowledge

MP Al Dhaen: UNESCO–King Hamad bin Isa Prize embodies shift from education to empowerment

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MP Dr. Maryam Al Dhaen has affirmed that the 2025 edition of the UNESCO King Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa Prize for the Use of ICT in Education represents one of the most influential initiatives in the global educational landscape.

It not only honours innovative projects but also embodies a deep Bahraini philosophy that views education as a cornerstone for human development and empowerment for the future.

Dr. Al Dhaen noted that the award, which bears the name of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, has never been

merely symbolic.

Rather, it is a comprehensive strategic vision launched by Bahrain two decades ago to emphasise that investing in digital knowledge is the truest investment in humanity.

Technical goal

She added that integrating technology into education is not a technical goal, but a civilisational and human project that paves the way for knowledge justice.

The lawmaker highlighted that Bahrain's hosting of the award ceremony for the first time outside UNESCO's headquarters in Paris marks a moment of national pride and global recognition of the Kingdom's



leading role in advancing digital education and fostering academic innovation.

This milestone, she said, reflects a journey spanning over a

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Dr. Al Dhaen stated that the prize, in both essence and impact, reflects a transformation of education from its traditional concept to a dynamic system based on interaction, creativity, and critical thinking.

What distinguishes the prize, she added, is its ability to combine technology with values, and knowledge with humanity—aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030, which emphasize inclusive, equitable, and quality education for all.

She further noted that the supervision of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, over the award ceremony underscores Bahrain's

continued commitment to its civilisational mission—one that prioritizes empowering minds before structures and harnesses artificial intelligence and modern technologies in the service of humanity.

Intellectual model

Dr. Al Dhaen concluded that Bahrain presents an intellectual model redefining the relationship between education and development, and between technology and human values.

The continuation of this award, she said, reflects a royal vision that sees every learner as a potential leader and every piece of knowledge as a responsibility toward the future.

Bahrain's NCSC wins first place in GCC Digital Government Award

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The National Cybersecurity Centre (NCSC) has won first place in the Best Educational Digital Game category at the GCC Digital Government Award, held in the State of Kuwait in cooperation with the General Secretariat of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

The NCSC earned the award for its interactive educational project, the “Cyber Guardian” game, which aims to raise cybersecurity awareness, strengthen digital safety culture, and address growing online challenges through an innovative, engaging experience designed for young audiences.

H.E. Shaikh Salman bin Mo-



H.E. Dr. Shaikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, Minister of Transportation and Telecommunications, with members of the Bahrain delegation receiving the award from the Bahrain delegation, Chief Executive of the National Cybersecurity Centre, expressed pride

in this distinguished Gulf-level achievement, which he said reflects Bahrain's advancement

in digital security and national innovation.

He emphasised that the rec-

ognition comes as a result of the continued support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and the directives and close follow-up of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, to strengthen Bahrain's cybersecurity infrastructure and ensure a safe and reliable digital environment.

Shaikh Salman bin Mohammed noted that the award for Cyber Guardian highlights the Centre's commitment to developing innovative educational tools that keep pace with rapid technological advancements and enhance cybersecurity culture across the community, particularly among youth.

Concert extended

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The Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA) has announced an additional performance of the “Ali Bahar” concert on October 12, 2025, at the Bahrain National Theatre, following an overwhelming public response to the main event.

Tickets for the first concert, performed by the Bahrain Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Dr. Mubarak Najm, sold out in record time, prompting organisers to schedule a second evening to accommodate the high demand.

The concert, held as part of the 34th Bahrain International Music Festival, celebrates the legacy of the late Bahraini music icon Ali Bahar, one of the Gulf region's most influential artists.

The performance will feature orchestral renditions of his most beloved works, reimagined through contemporary arrangements while preserving the spirit of his timeless melodies.

A select group of distinguished Bahraini artists will join the orchestra in this musical tribute, creating a unique fusion of classical instrumentation and authentic Bahraini sound that honors Bahar's enduring contribution to the national cultural identity.

Bahrain Post's achievements 2025, innovations highlighted

Kingdom marks World Post Day

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On the occasion of World Post Day, observed annually on October 9, the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications highlighted Bahrain Post's achievements in 2025, reflecting its commitment to advancing the postal system and enhancing services through innovative solutions that improve efficiency and customer convenience across the Kingdom.

The ministry noted that Bahrain Post received seven gold awards this year under the Government Service Centres Evaluation Programme (Taqqeem), underscoring its dedication to service excellence, modernising its facilities, and strengthening its digital infrastructure in line with global postal and logistics best

practices.

Key initiatives launched this year include integrating e-postal services into the unified government app “MyGov”, allowing citizens and residents to track parcels, renew PO box subscriptions, and calculate shipping costs digitally without visiting postal offices.

Electronic subscription

Bahrain Post also introduced electronic subscription and renewal for PO boxes, enabling individuals and businesses to reserve boxes and pay fees online, enhancing convenience and supporting logistical efficiency.

In September, Bahrain Post launched electronic parcel lockers, offering a flexible and secure way to collect packages outside official working hours. Customers receive a unique code and locker location and can authorise others to collect on their behalf.

These lockers are placed in strategic locations.

Health awareness forum launched

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His Excellency Shaikh Khalid bin Humood Al Khalifa, Governor of the Capital Governorate, affirmed that enhancing health awareness and appreciating charitable and community efforts are two fundamental pillars in building a

cohesive society with a high quality of life.

He pointed out the Governorate's keenness to support initiatives that contribute to spreading awareness and consolidating a culture of humanitarian giving and social responsibility.

This came during the launch

of the “Inspiring Stories: From Awareness to Initiative” forum, organized by the Capital Governorate to mark World Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The Governor praised the charitable and humanitarian efforts made by institutions and individuals in supporting awareness and health.

Grand Diwali celebration



The Bharathi Association, in coordination with Starvision Events, is set to host a grand Diwali Celebration this year, featuring a renowned Tamil debate (Pattimandram) led by celebrated orator Dindigul I. Leoni. The press meet announcing the details of the celebration was held at the Bharathi Association premises in Um Al Hassam. Association President Vallam Basheer presided over the meeting and welcomed media personnel. General Secretary Abdul Qaiyum detailed the festive plans, which aim to gather Indian families and the wider community to mark the Festival of Lights—the triumph of good over evil. The Diwali Gala Celebration is scheduled for October 17 at the Golden Eagle Club Indoor Auditorium (formerly the Gulf Air Club) in Salmabad. The main highlight of the evening will be the Pattimandram, a traditional Tamil debate known for its cultural richness, sharp intellect, and humor.