

Garbage bag vending machines to be installed across the capital

New garbage bags will have eco-friendly and biodegradable make-up

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Residents of Manama will soon be able to receive garbage bags from vending machines, it emerged.

The Capital Municipality, in collaboration with the Ministry of Works, Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning, intends to install automated garbage bag vending machines to provide garbage bags for the residents of the governorate.

The municipality aims to replicate the success of the Southern Municipality that installed similar machines earlier this year.

According to municipal sources, the machine will store and provide black garbage bags to the residents, who need them.

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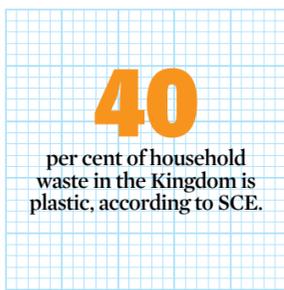


Works, Municipalities and Urban Planning Affairs Minister Essam Khalaf inaugurates 'Sahal' project in the Southern Governorate.

in English, the sources added.

These vending machines are meant to be user friendly, only requiring the users' ID number and EWA account number to check the eligibility of the user, who is receiving the bag.

The project was first launched in the Southern Governorate in April. Furthermore, the Ministry of Works, Municipal Affairs and Urban Planning is considering launching the machines across



all governorates.

The ministry hopes to cover all important locations in Bahrain with such machines.

The Director-General of the Capital Municipal Council, Shawqiya Humaidan stated that the municipality has conveyed to the garbage bag suppliers to incorporate new eco-friendly and biodegradable make up.

This comes in accordance with the Ministerial Resolu-

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tion No 11 of 2019 regarding the technical regulations for plastic products, which will enter into force from July 21, banning all single use plastics bags across the Kingdom.

A study conducted by the Supreme Council for Environment (SCE) revealed that the transition to eco-friendly and biodegradable garbage bags would not affect the plastic products manufacturing sector in the Kingdom.

“The SCE has implemented measures to expand the number of recycling businesses by increasing the total number of recycling bins, thereby reducing plastic-waste that ends up in landfills,” said Supreme Council for Environment Chief Executive Officer Dr Mohammed Bin Daina.

He highlighted that 40 per cent of household waste is plastic, which can only be effectively reduced through prohibition and regulation.

Lecture focuses on SDGs Manama

The Civil Service Bureau, in collaboration with the Office of the Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Kingdom, organised a lecture titled “the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals”.

The Director of Human Resources Development Directorate, Mohammed Saleh Al Dawood, stated that the lecture reviewed the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals at the global and Arab levels, as well as the 2030 Agenda and the goals, objectives and indicators of sustainable development and their inclusion in government programmes.

He also added that the lecture discussed the role of the government sector in approaching and linking the objectives of sustainable development and the government sector. Mr Ali Salman Saleh from the UNDP office said that in order for the government sector to reach sustainable development goals, all development process partners should be involved including the government sector as well as the private sector and civil society institutions.

He further explained that linking the objectives of sustainable development with national plans and strategies requires monitoring activities of various government sectors and touching on the goals, objectives and indicators of sustainable development by monitoring the national strategies and plans related to government plans that contain programmes, projects and initiatives.

Security programme for youth concludes

Manama

A security and social programme, held under the patronage of Southern Governor, HH Shaikh Khalifa bin Ali bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, in co-operation with the General Directorate of Traffic and the General Directorate of Anti-Corruption and Economic and Electronic Security, has concluded on a high note.

Held between June 20 and July 9, the programme attracted 60 participants aged between 14 and 25.

The programme contributed to developing Bahraini youth's capabilities and enhancing the level of their security awareness and culture through the workshops, training courses and field visits that shed light on the requirements of traffic safety and the need to avoid



Nearly 60 participants attended the programme.

wrong driving habits.

It also contributed to raising the participants' awareness on cyber security and ways to avoid misuse of social media networks.

The participants expressed satisfaction with the first-of-

its-kind programme for preparing them to face various future challenges, commending the efforts exerted by the governor, the Southern Governorate and the Interior Ministry's directorates for launching the constructive programme.

GFH to support 'Al Fares' project launched by RCO

Manama

The GFH Financial Group yesterday announced its support to the 'Al Fares' project launched by the Royal Charity Organisation (RCO) to provide insulin pumps to children with Type 1 Diabetes.

This came as Yousif Abdulla Al Yaqoob, RCO Assistant Secretary General for Planning and Charity Resources Development received in his office, Salah Abdulla Sharif, Chief Administration Officer of GFH, who presented GFH contributions.

Mr Sharif conveyed the greetings of GFH's Board of Directors and executive management and their appreciation for the efforts exerted by RCO in the charitable and humanitarian sector.

He also praised the support and vision of His Majesty King



Mr Yousif Al Yaqoob, Mr Sharif and Mr Karim with GFH and RCO officials.

Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and HH Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, representative of His Majesty the King for Charity Works and Youth Affairs and President of the Council of Trustees of RCO.

GFH remains committed to its social responsibility and continues to work to enhance in projects supporting community development including such

national programmes and initiatives providing social and humanitarian services.

Mr Yousif Al Yaqoob expressed his thanks and appreciation to GFH for their support, wishing the Group and its officials all success.

Hazem Abdul Karim, Head of Government Relations at GFH, and a number of RCO officials, also attended the meeting.

'2,695 enterprises benefitted from BDB services last year'

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The Bahrain Development Bank (BDB) has financed entrepreneurial ventures to the tune of BD592 million since it commenced operations in 1992, it was revealed.

Speaking at a luncheon seminar organised by the Bahrain India Society (BIS), BDB Chief Executive Officer Sanjeev Paul said that as many as 2,695 enterprises benefitted from the bank's development services last year.



Mr Paul with BIS board members at the seminar.

He said that the bank's contribution to funding small and me-

dium enterprises (SMEs) would help in creating more than 3,000

jobs since the start of 2018.

Mr Paul highlighted various

shifts taking over the market and how the kingdom could benefit

from capitalising on these changes.

He stated that Bahrain was ahead of the MENA average on most of the parameters. “Bahrain had already begun building an ecosystem to support entrepreneurs and that its institutions such as Tamkeen, EDB and BDB had played a critical role in furthering development and progress.”

BIS Chairman Raj Damani welcomed the speaker and the gathering and director Vijay Bolloor proposed a vote of thanks.