

# Art carnival to raise funds for expat workers' welfare

Over 5,000 students set to take part in 'Spectra 2018'

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A record number of children will be participating in the art carnival 'Spectra 2018' organised by the Indian Community Relief Fund (ICRF) under the patronage of the Indian Embassy.

'Faber Castell Spectra 2018', the largest art competition for students in the Kingdom, will be held on Friday December 14 at the Bahrain International Exhibition Centre.

This year as many as 5,000 children from various schools in Bahrain are expected to participate in the competition after being selected in the preliminary rounds organised in their respective schools.

The event is set to begin by 7.30 am and complete by 4.30 pm. The results will be announced the same day in a finale function starting at 5.00 pm just after the drawing competition at Bahrain International Exhibition Centre. Participants are divided into



Hundreds of students took part in the event last year.

four age groups: five to eight years, eight to eleven years, eleven to fourteen years and fourteen to eighteen years.

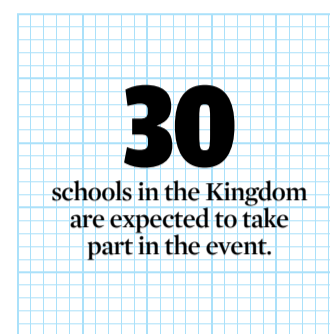
This year an adult category competition for participants above 18 years is included.

This year around 30 schools are participating including the Indian School, which will send 1,500 students.

The winning entries and other outstanding creations by the children will figure in the Wall

Calendars and Desk-Top Calendars designed for the year 2019. These Calendars will be launched this month at the Finale function by Indian Ambassador Alok Kumar Sinha.

Besides the ART Carnival, this



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year ICRF will also be conducting a "Tribute to Bahrain - Indian Heritage Carnival" on the same day and venue, to showcase the rich Indian culture and cuisine to the participants and the general public.

A varied programme highlighting the rich traditional dances, costumes and jewellery from the 29 states of Incredible India will be performed at the venue for the general public from 5pm - 8pm.

A specially-choreographed 15 minutes dance segment will be performed by Indian students

to pay "Tribute to Bahrain" and depict the close ties between the Kingdom and India, since the time of the Dilmun Civilisation.

The main expense of ICRF is the Family Welfare Fund which provides financial support to the families of those Indian workers who are earning less than BD 100 per month and who tragically lose their lives in the Kingdom.

After verification of documents, ICRF sends Indian rupees 100,000 (approximately BD 530) to the next of kin of the deceased worker.

This support is a financial lifeline for the extremely poor and needy families who in many cases have lost their sole bread winner.

For the smooth running of this mega event, an active organising committee has been formed headed by Rosaline Roy Charlie as General Convener, Anesh as the Joint Convener of the event.

For further information, please contact Aruldas Thomas, Chairman - ICRF on 39863008.

## Prestigious global award for Bahraini health professional

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Dr Naeema Hassan Al Gasseer, World Health Organisation representative in Sudan and public health professional, was awarded by London Arabia Organisation the Health Awareness Award, in recognition of her leadership role in standing for health development across the world.

Dr Al Gasseer received her award during the Arab Women of the Year Awards Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony, a prestigious event that showcased the capabilities of Arab women as leaders and brought together illustrious representatives of governments, businesses and civil society.

Dr Al Gasseer is the first Bahraini woman working with WHO. Dr Al Gasseer worked as representative of WHO in many countries such as Iraq and Egypt.

She was earlier senior consultant of Nursing Development Programme at WHO Headquar-



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ters in Geneva during the period (1999-2003).

"It is a great honour to get this prestigious award tonight and would like first of all to thank London Arabia Organisation for choosing me for the Health Awareness award, and appreciating the amazing achievements of Arab women in various significant fields. I dedicate this award to my mother, my family, and my late father who actually didn't discriminate between me and his eldest daughter and his son," Dr Al Gasseer said in her speech.

"Let us call for love, peace and humanitarian work, and avoid hatred and discrimination. I have been working in MENA region for 23 years and I know how it means to spread love and peace and make health development available for everyone.

"Today Bahrain is celebrating women success, and Arab region is starting to celebrate Women achievements with the support of everyone like leaders, policy makers, NGO's, civil society institutions, and the private sector," Dr Al Gasseer added.

## International Human Rights Day marked

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The National Institution for Human Rights (NIHR) joined the world in celebration of the International Human Rights Day which is observed on December 10 every year. The celebration marks the 70th anniversary of the UN General Assembly's endorsement of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights which aims to foster equality, justice and dignity regardless of ethnicity, colour, religion, race or any other. The ceremony was attended by senior officials from public institutions, non-government organisations, legal personalities, advocates of

human rights, Chairman and members of NIHR Board of Commissioners and NIHR Secretary General.

At the celebration held by NIHR in its headquarters at Seef District, NIHR President Maria Khouri welcomed the audience, stressing that the celebration emphasises Bahrain's unwavering approach in protecting human rights through national mechanisms put in place for this purpose. She pointed out tolerance and coexistence which have ever characterised the Bahraini community, describing Bahrain as the land of civilisation, peace and coexistence.

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**With Deepest Sympathy and Heartfelt Condolences to the Family of Dr. T.T. Thomas**

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(Kingdom of Bahrain)

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**Who Departed for his Heavenly Abode on 9th December 2018.**

Condolences will be accepted at the Residence on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 from 4 pm to 7 pm

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