

No efforts ongoing to employ persons suffering from autism

Autism Society head raps both public and private sector for not taking any sincere efforts to employ autism patients

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Special skill-training programmes are needed to make people suffering from autism capable of performing jobs.

The Kingdom's authorities and the private sector have failed to employ nearly 100 citizens suffering from autism, who have the capacity to perform jobs.

Until now there have been no honest efforts to employ individuals suffering from autism, Zakaria Hashim, head of the Autism Society told Tribune. "Centres and schools accept autistic children up to the age

of 16. After this age, there is no place for them to go. The government should come up with a plan to employ individuals suffering from autism as a majority of them have capabilities to perform jobs. "They can perform many tasks

including office jobs. It seems the government has no plans to employ them, while the private sector refrains from hiring them." Meanwhile, the Ministry of Labour and Social Development said that 33 persons with disabili-



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ties (26 males and 7 females) were employed through the Services Centre for the Disabled.

The ministry pointed out that the Centre registered 66 new cases in 2017 which include persons suffering from different disabilities. "They were evaluated and a resume was created for each new registrar. Also, a large group of companies were approached to schedule appointments and search for vacancies."

The companies were approached to support the people with disabilities. The Centre

has conducted field visits to 25 companies and institutions, and 20 vacancies were reported, the ministry said.

"There were around 160 job seekers suffering from various disabilities. An employment statement for the physically challenged was issued to 32 people."

The ministry said that the Centre is concerned with providing pastoral, rehabilitative and professional services to people with disabilities.

The Centre also provides a range of services that meet their daily and living needs, such as finding them jobs that suit their abilities and providing them with appropriate training, in coordination with institutes, companies and organisations, it added.

The ministry stressed that the 'Tamkeen Programme for Career Empowerment', is one of the most prominent programmes on which the Centre depends to address the jobs issue faced by disabled individuals.

"The idea is to strengthen the employment of people with disabilities, by training them to develop their abilities, acquire different skills and help them find suitable employment opportunities."

BIPA with UNDP launch Public Administration Innovation Labs

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The Bahrain Institute of Public Administration (BIPA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has signed a project document at the UN House here.

The project aims to establish Innovation Labs which will support the strategic path of the government's actions towards achieving inclusive sustainable development.

The Innovation Labs will aim to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of government performance through developing an innovative agenda that will highlight the proposed solutions

for government agencies.

The signing ceremony was headed by Dr Raed Mohammed bin Shams, Director General of BIPA together with Amin El Sharkawi, United Nations Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme Resident Representative.

The Innovation Labs are in line with the Institute's four strategic objectives for enhancing services aligned with the developmental aspirations, providing optimal resource management and leadership enabling service provision, enhanced and supportive policies for the processes of sustainable development, and providing a culture of continuous change and innovation for development.

Is 2018 turning out to be a year of suicides?

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Two more expatriates in the Kingdom have committed suicide, taking this year's suicide toll among the residents to 30.

The victims were a 28-year-old woman and a man, both Indian nationals.

The woman, Shamli Panthayil, was found hanging in her apartment room in Gudaibiya, yesterday.

Sources said Shamli was employed as a nurse with a private clinic and was living with her husband Lithin Sukumaran, who worked for the Manama Tower Hotel.

"Shamli's husband is in Kerala to visit his family. The family has been trying to contact her since morning. After trying for hours, they asked some of their relatives here to check on her.

"They came to the apartment and broke open the door since it was locked from inside. Upon finding Shamli hanging from the ceiling, they alerted the police, who rushed to the scene,"



Shamli



Swamy

the sources said.

"It is a shocking a news. In our knowledge, she did not have any financial difficulties," the sources added.

A social worker told Tribune that the body of the deceased is being kept at the SMC morgue and steps are being taken to fly the body home.

In another incident, an Asian expatriate ended his life by hanging himself on Monday.

The deceased was identified as Swamy Kandi, who hailed from the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh.

He was working for a contracting company. Social workers told Tribune that efforts are on to fly the body home.

Six cases of expat suicide have been reported in the past two weeks.

Many social organisations in the Kingdom have initiated many programmes to tackle the rising number of suicides among the expatriate community.

These include setting up a help desk, providing financial support as well as offering counselling services.



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