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Over a thousand people were injured in worksite accidents last year, it emerged.

The statistics revealed by the Social Insurance Organisation (SIO) says 1,037 people were injured in worksite accidents, which includes 613 Bahrainis and 424 expatriates.

In the public sector last year, 221 cases of worksite accidents



Labour Ministry has been urging all workers and site supervisors to adhere to safety rules and norms.

were recorded, 198 involved Bahrainis while expatriates were the victims in 23 accidents.

However, Bahrain is on the right track when it comes to curbing the number of serious worksite accidents as the number of accidents that led to serious injuries or fatalities



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has reduced by more than 30 per cent in recent years, the SIO observed.

The reduction has been partly attributed to the rigorous awareness campaigns done by the Labour Ministry to bring awareness about the need to follow safety procedures when

10,000

inspection visits were carried out by different Labour Ministry teams to ensure workers' safety.

performing hazardous work.

"Various awareness campaigns have been made in recent years to reduce the number of worksite accidents and save lives. The campaigns have borne fruit as the number of such accidents have reduced in recent years," a Labour Ministry representative said.

According to the latest statistics, the ministry has carried out more than 10,000 inspection visits over the past few years.

"The inspection campaigns play a great role in bringing adherence to the rules. The labour force is an important component of the nation and it is vital

for us to ensure their safety.

"We urge workers to follow safety protocols so that they are protected at all times. We will continue the awareness programmes and inspection campaigns to further reduce the number of worksite accidents.

"Workshops, seminars and conferences will also be held as part of the efforts," the representative added.

This year has seen a few fatal worksite accidents. Earlier this month, a man was run over by a truck.

The deceased was identified as Indian national Raju, who was in his late 30s. He worked as a mason with a construction firm.

Another construction worker who died last month in a worksite accident was a Bangladeshi national.

According to sources, he fell to his death from the 11th floor of a building in Juffair.

The victim was later identified as 29 years old Sahadot who hailed from Pabna district in Bangladesh.

Goan delegation on visit to boost trade ties with Bahrain

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The growth potential for investment and trade relations between Bahrain and the Indian state of Goa is huge, according to delegates from Goa who are on a visit to Bahrain.

This came as the Embassy of India in Bahrain in association with Vibrant Goa Foundation organised a roadshow on the embassy premises yesterday.

The delegation are in Bahrain to invite Bahraini businesses and officials to Vibrant Goa Global Expo and Summit 2019, which will be held from 17 to 19 October in Goa.

Speaking to Tribune on the sidelines of the event, delegates Anmol Modi and Arman Bakley revealed that they are in talks with Bahraini businesses and government entities to



Mr Modi speaking at the event.

further Bahrain's collaboration efforts with Goa.

"There are many areas that Bahrain and Goa can collaborate such as construction, shipbuilding, renewable energy industry and more. There is tremendous potential here.

"There are many similarities

between Goa and Bahrain. For example, both places are big on tourism. This is an area we want to collaborate in. As a matter of fact, we are going to be in discussions with the tourism authorities here to explore opportunities."

Vibrant Goa 2019 will bring

together global business leaders, investors, corporations, thought leaders, policy and opinion makers to understand and explore business opportunities in Goa.

The event aims to provide an ideal platform to meet, interact, network and discuss business possibilities for importers, exporters, investors, customers, experts and all those who matter in business and trade.

Key sectors under the spotlight in the Vibrant Goa 2019 will be Agro and Food Processing, Emerging Technologies, Construction Equipment, IT (Information Technology),

Tourism, Pharma and Biotech, Startups and Start-up Institutions, Ship Building, Education, Building Materials, construction and Real Estate, Film and Entertainment, Tour-



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ism and Wellness, and Services. Indian Ambassador Alok Ku-

mar Sinha addressed the gathering during which he highlighted that the initiatives taken by the Government of India in past three years had created an enabling environment for investments and that India had jumped in the 'Doing Business in India Index' by record number in the past two years from 130 to 77 on the back of policy and investment reforms.

The ambassador highlighted the importance of exchange of business delegations between the two countries and participation in specialised trade fairs to seize the emerging opportunities.

The event was attended by representatives of prominent businessmen in Bahrain from diverse sectors including investments, food processing, manufacturing, retail and hospitality.

Italian Republic Day marked



The Italian Ambassador to Bahrain, Domenico Bellato hosted a reception marking the 73rd anniversary of the Italian Republic at the Gulf Hotel. It was attended by dignitaries including the Minister of Oil, Shaikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Khalifa, the Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs, Shaikha Rana bint Isa Al Khalifa, and the Governor of Manama, Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa.