

Towards a knowledge society

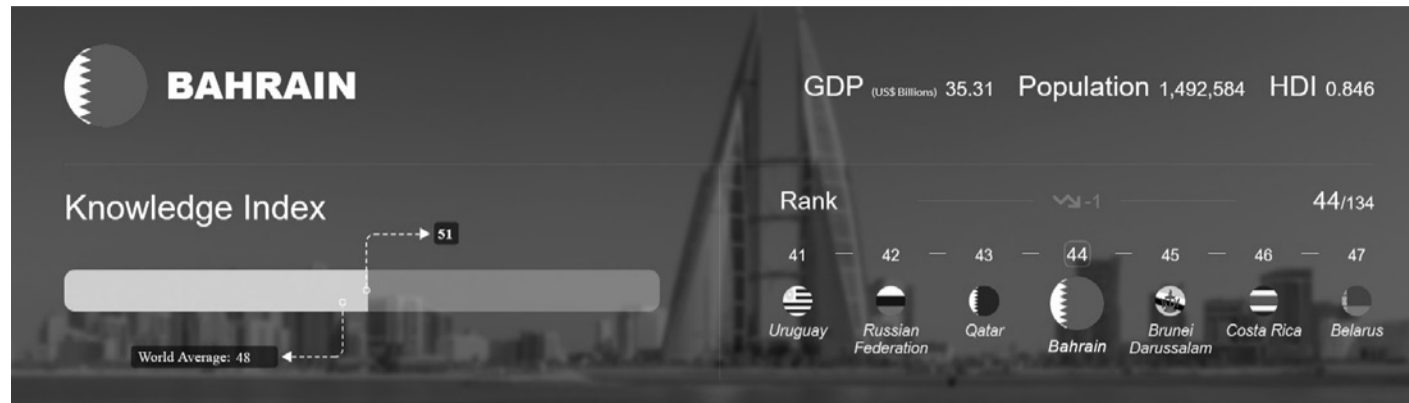
Global Knowledge Index places Bahrain fourth in Middle East

● Bahrain scored highest in economy and Information and Communications Technology indices scoring 24th and 34th ranks respectively.

● Switzerland, Singapore and Finland took the top three spots in the index.

TDT | Manama
Mohammed Zafran

This year's Global Knowledge Index (GKI) has placed Bahrain in the fourth spot in the Middle East region.



Coming behind the UAE (19th), Israel (20th) and Qatar (43rd), Bahrain was placed 44th in the global report overall.

The index comprises seven indicators: Pre-University Education and Training, Higher Education, Research, Development

and Innovation, Information and Communications Technology, Economy and General Enabling Environment.

The Global Knowledge Index serves as a roadmap for the sustainable development of societies. It helps countries in the region and globally to formulate a

forward-thinking strategy to support knowledge and promote it as a main component in building a stronger knowledge economy while ensuring sustainable development.

Bahrain scored highest in economy and Information and Communications Technology in-



The 2018 edition of the Global Knowledge Index is a testimony of our efforts in paving the way for pioneering projects and initiatives that catalyse our societies' effort towards producing, disseminating and localising knowledge in the world.

MR HUWAIREB

dices scoring 24th and 34th ranks respectively.

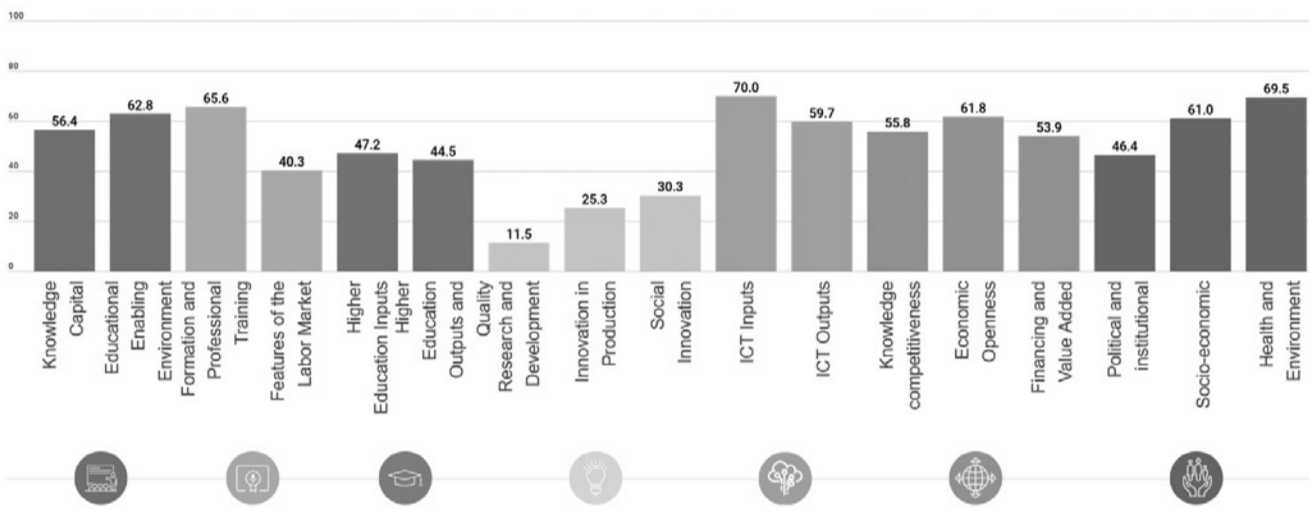
Elsewhere, Bahrain was ranked 55 in Pre-University Education, 36 in Technical Vocational Education and Training, 42 in higher education, 98 in Research, Development and Innovation, and 81 in General Enabling Environment.

The report was published by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in collaboration the Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Foundation (MBRF).

"The 2018 edition of the Global Knowledge Index is a testimony of our efforts in paving the way for pioneering projects and initiatives that catalyse our societies' effort towards producing, disseminating and localising knowledge in the world," said Jamal bin Huwaireb, MBRF's Chief Executive.

Khaled Abdel Shafi, Director, Regional Hub for Arab States, UNDP said that "knowledge is our strong ally. Its application develops capabilities and expands opportunities in multiple sectors of our lives, from education to economy to technology".

Dr Hany Torky, Chief Technical Adviser of the Arab Knowledge Project, said, "Data can help the Arab region speed up development in the right direction, embracing the technology of the future, where the Global Knowledge Index also plays an important role in encouraging the countries to make their data available." Switzerland, Singapore and Finland took the top three spots in the index.



Bahrain-based educationalist and entrepreneur Dr Girish Chandran was yesterday honoured by Capital Governor Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa at a special event held in the presence of dignitaries.



The members of Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin (GOPIO) Bahrain Chapter held a meeting at K-Hotel to discuss the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas function at Benares in India next month. Global President Of GOPIO Sunny Kulathakal, Bahrain Chapter President Dr George Cherian, P J James, Kishore Mathur, Samuel Paul and other committee members attended the meeting.

'Fraudster' brothers face trial

TDT | Manama
Ali Tarif

Two brothers face trial for illegally collecting over BD one million dinars under the pretext of investing in forex trading.

The First Major Criminal Court has decided to adjourn the case of Bahraini brothers aged 43 and 39, who are accused of deceiving nearly 38 from Bahrain and other Gulf countries.

According to prosecutors, the brothers took money from their victims without obtaining a proper licence from the Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB).

Many approached the brothers after seeing an advertisement on social media and other online networks, the prosecutors added.

Enthusiastic response for ISB Mega Fair 2018

TDT | Manama

The Indian School Bahrain (ISB) Mega Fair 2018 is getting enthusiastic response from people from all walks of life, according to organisers.

The Mega Fair will be conducted at the school campus in Isa Town on December 20 and 21, they said.

The main attractions of the event are

the musical programmes led by Indian playback singer Vidhu Prathap, Gayathri and Sanjith Salam on Thursday and popular singer Priyanka Negi and team on Friday. Entry fee for the Mega Fair will be BD2.

The programme will be held from 6pm to 11pm on both days. Teachers, students, parents and community members are actively collaborating with Indian School

management in order to make the fair a massive event.

A 300-member organising committee led by General Convener S Inayadullah has been tirelessly working to make the Mega Fair a grand success, organisers said.

This year sports tournaments, dance competitions and photography contest are arranged in connection with the Mega

Fair. The competitions in Cinematic Dance and Folk Dance in which any age group can participate will be held today and tomorrow. Photography contest is open for all nationalities residing in Bahrain. All entries must be received on or before December 19 by 8pm to the email ID IsbPclub@indianSchool.bh. The winners will be announced on December 21 evening during the Mega Fair finale.