

Bapco attains major milestone as modernisation programme starts

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The Oil Minister, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bahrain Petroleum Company (Bapco) Shaikh Mohamed bin Khalifa bin Ahmed Al Khalifa has inaugurated the Bapco Modernisation Programme (BMP) groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the project.

Present at the event were senior officials of the oil and gas sector in the Kingdom.

On this occasion, the minister stressed that the oil sector of Bahrain adopts a clear strategy based on implementing key developmental projects, and that the National Oil and Gas Authority (NOGA) and companies under its umbrella exert utmost efforts in implementing vital projects which promote the national economy and bolster the sustainable growth of the Kingdom.

He further said that the progress attained in oil industry in the entire region has recently gone through recent technological trends and advanced applications in order to ensure the continued progress and improved results in the oil industry.

The minister expressed



Shaikh Mohamed inaugurates the programme in the presence of top Bapco executives and senior government officials.

thanks and appreciation to HM King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, HRH the Prime Minister Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, and HRH the Crown Prince, the Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister

Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa for their continued support and guidance to the oil and gas sector of Bahrain.

During the event, Bapco's Board Director and BMP Project Sponsor Dr Dawood Nassif

gave a brief speech in which he expressed pride at this important occasion which marks an important milestone in Bapco and Bahrain's history.

He stated that this was a journey that started 12 years ago and

now we are realising the efforts of many who contributed to this achievement over the years.

He reiterated the four critical pillars of successful Project Execution (safety, quality, budget and schedule), and the six fun-

damentals of refining, namely safety, training, maintenance, process engineering, reliability engineering and advanced process control.

Later, Bapco's Chief Executive, Dr Pete Bartlett gave a speech in which he expressed his privilege to be part of this major project and emphasised its importance to all employees.

Then, Mr Marco Villa gave a speech on behalf of TTSJV. He said: "We are pleased to see the progress of the project on land rather than on paper and expressed the contractors' commitment to the successful implementation of this project."

The BMP is designed to optimise the refinery configuration to place Bapco amongst the most competitive refineries beyond 2022.



The oil sector of Bahrain has adopted a clear strategy based on implementing key developmental projects.

SHAIKH MOHAMED

Appeals Court to hear fake prescription case

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An appeals court will hear the case of a Bahraini accused of forging a medical prescription to obtain Morphine from a pharma shop.

He was sentenced to one year in jail after being found guilty in the case. According to Public Prosecutors, the man went to Jidhafs Medical Centre on the pretext that he was suffering from a severe headache.

"He asked the doctor to prescribe Morphine. But the doctor denied as it was not required to treat headache.

"The accused himself wrote Morphine in the prescription chart and gave it to a pharma shop salesman.

"After being suspicious, the pharma shop salesman rang up the doctor to verify whether he had prescribed Morphine for the patient."

The doctor denied and instantly police was alerted, the prosecutors added.

"In between, the accused also made an attempt to attack the pharma shop salesman. However, a team of police arrived at the scene on time and the man was rescued."

Bahraini sentenced for forging maid recruitment application loses appeal

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The First High Criminal Appellate Court has upheld the sentence handed down to a 62-year-old Bahraini convicted of forging application to recruit housemaid. The convict was sentenced to three years in jail along with a fine of BD200.

According to Public Prosecution, the man had already recruited one maid and was ineligible to recruit another.

"The financial condition of the accused was also not in his favour as he had debts in the excess of BD40,000. He also had no proper sources of income."

The fraud was revealed when one of the officials at the concerned department became suspicious and verified the application.

"Upon proper verification, it was found that the accused had forged the application with the help of another Bahraini."

20 delegates from Bahrain attend PBD



Mr Thomas at the panel discussion chaired by India's Minister of State for External Affairs V K Singh.

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Harpreet Kaur

More than 20 delegates represented the Kingdom's Indian Community at the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas that was held at the Indian City of Benares.

Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) is celebrated to strengthen the engagement of the overseas Indian community with the Government of India and reconnect them with their roots.

The convention also honours Overseas Indians with the prestigious Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award to recognise their contributions to various fields both in India and abroad. Bahrain's Al Hilal Hospital Vice Chairman and leading businessman Dr V T Vinod was among those non-resident Indians who received the prestigious award.

The PBD convention this year was held under the banner of 'Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India'.

Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi inaugurated the plenary session of the 15th edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas at Deendayal Hastkala Sankul.

Speaking about the welfare of Indians overseas, Mr Modi said passport and visa rules have been simplified and e visa had made it much easier for them to travel.

All Pravasi Bharatiya is now being linked



Mr Vinod receives the award from Indian President Ram Nath Kovind.

to Passport Sewa and efforts are in to issue chip-based E-passport, he added.

Speaking to Tribune, one of the delegates, Sudheer Thirunlath said: "In terms of Bahrain, two main points were discussed, one of which is the long pending cases of individuals who are above 60 years old and how they need to be given legal support and secondly how to provide medical assistance to workers in Bahrain especially for cases

like brain haemorrhage."

Aruldas Thomas, chairman of ICRF, said: "The panel discussion was a continuation of previous panel discussions conducted in May 2018 at Delhi and most of the points suggested by panel members were incorporated and taken for actions. We hope the results of government actions based on our suggestions will result in for the betterment of distressed Indians abroad."