

A wonder monument

Taj Mahal is considered to be the greatest architectural achievement



His Majesty during his visit to Taj Mahal.

The Taj Mahal is located on the right bank of the Yamuna River in a vast Mughal garden that encompasses nearly 17 hectares, in the Agra District in Uttar Pradesh.

It was built by Mughal Emperor Shah Jahan in memory of his wife Mumtaz Mahal with construction starting in 1632 AD and completed in 1648 AD, with the mosque, the guest house and the main gateway on the south, the outer courtyard and its cloisters were added subsequently and completed in 1653 AD.

The existence of several historical and inscriptions have facilitated setting the chronology of Taj Mahal. For its construction, masons, stone-cutters, inlayers, carvers, painters, calligraphers, dome builders and other artisans were requisitioned from the whole of the empire and also from the Central Asia and Iran.

Ustad-Ahmad Lahori was the main architect of the Taj Mahal.

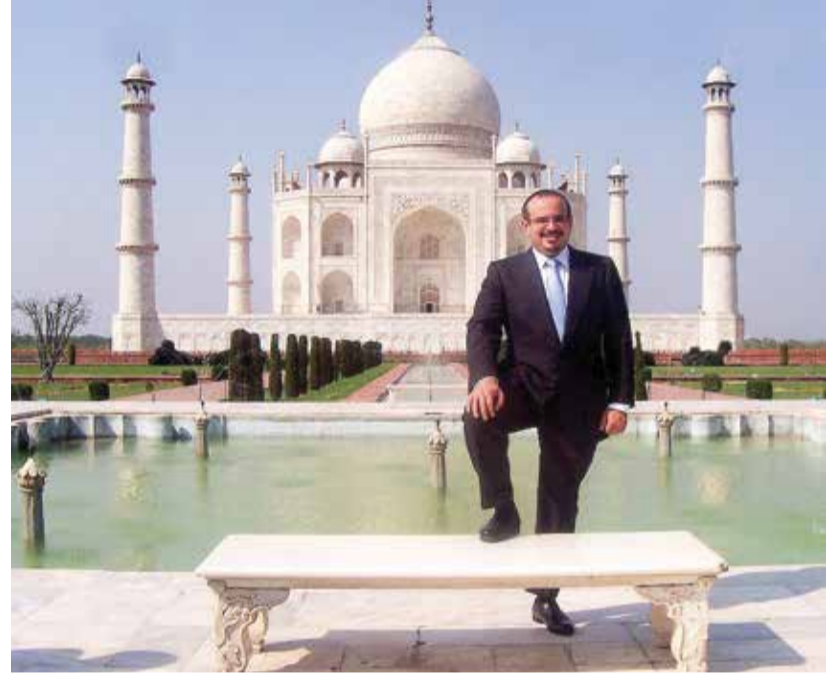
The Taj Mahal is considered to be the greatest architectural achievement in the

whole range of Indian architecture. Its recognised architectonic beauty has a rhythmic combination of solids and voids, concave and convex and light shadow; such as arches and domes further increases the aesthetic aspect.

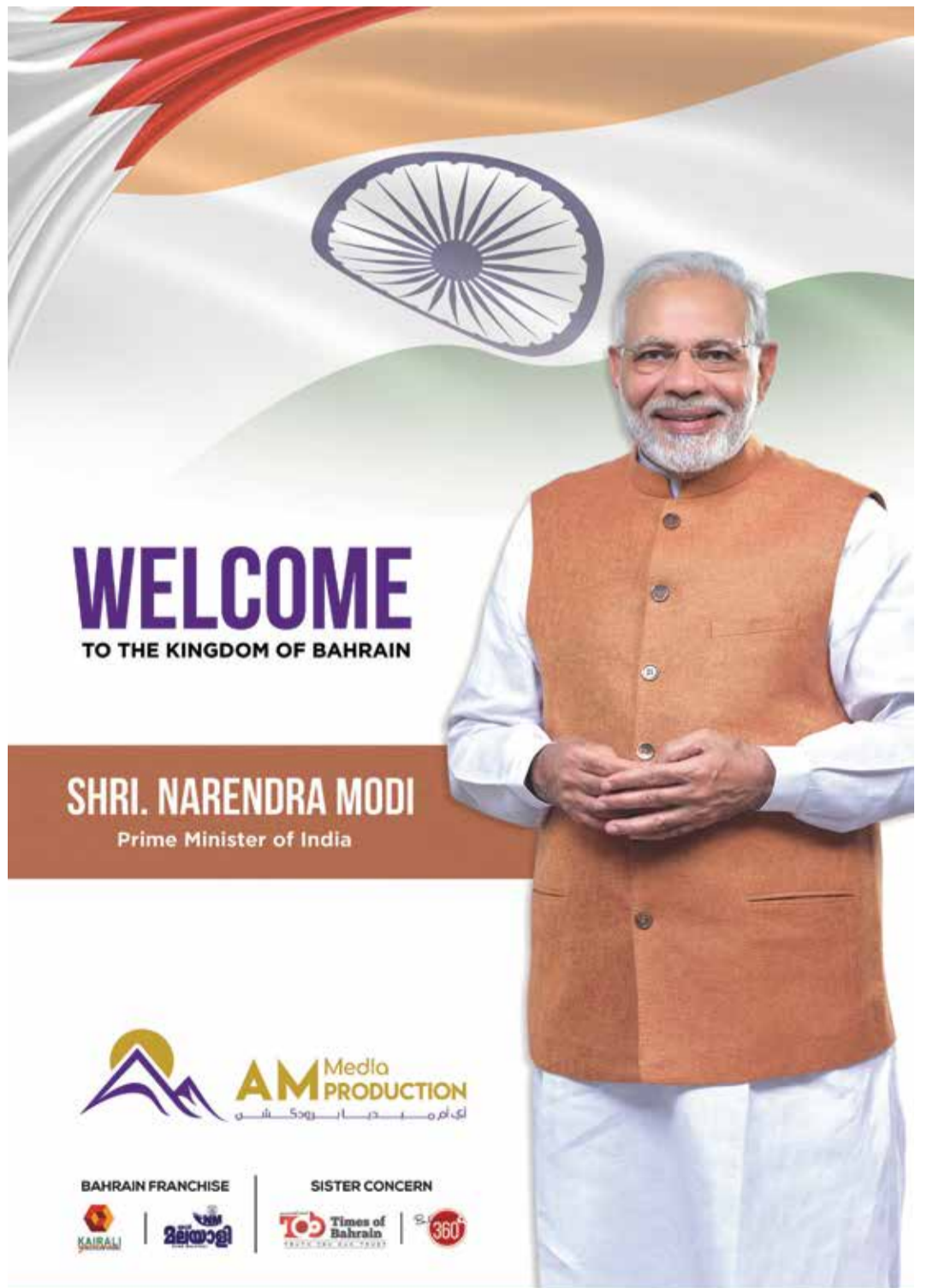
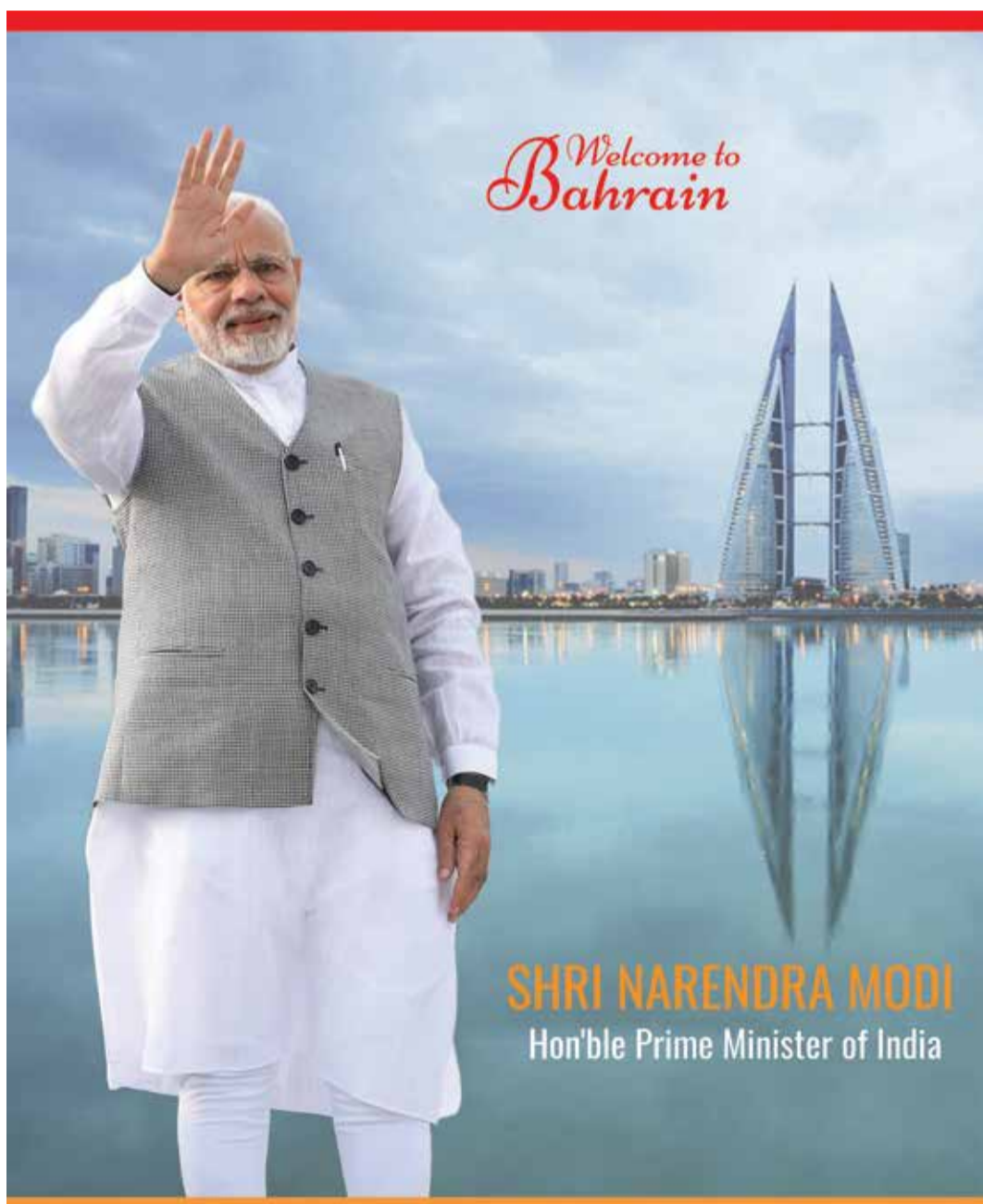
The colour combination of lush green scape reddish pathway and blue sky over it show cases the monument in ever changing tints and moods. The

relief work in marble and inlay with precious and semi precious stones make it a monument apart.

His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander and First Deputy Prime Minister, separately, visited the monument during their visit to India.



HRH the Crown Prince at Taj Mahal.



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