

Young Minds Behind Bahrain’s Next Big Ideas

From handmade creations to homegrown brands, the Young Traders market at Youth City 2030 serves as a launchpad for entrepreneurs.

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A 10-year-old calculating profit margins, a young book lover rescuing forgotten books from dusty shelves, aspiring bakers perfecting homemade cookies, and a talented autistic artist proudly displaying his paintings - these are just some of the inspiring stories unfolding at the Young Traders market at Youth City 2030.

Far more than a shopping destination, the bustling market has become a training ground where Bahrain’s young entrepreneurs learn the fundamentals of business while turning their passions into practical ventures.

From handcrafted products and baked treats to artwork, toys and innovative ideas, every stall reflects creativity, confidence and determination.

For 10-year-old Yara, the experience is already teaching lessons that cannot be learned in a classroom.



Young traders booth, Youth city 2030

Selling toys, games, jelly and brownies alongside her brother, she explained that the idea came after visiting Youth City last year.

“We came here last year and saw the Young Traders booth, and my brother and I wanted to join,” she told The Daily Tribune.

More importantly, she says she is learning how business works.

“We bought these for 200 fils and we’re selling them for 500 fils, so we make 300 fils profit,” she said proudly.

“It’s teaching me how to manage my money.”

Business with a purpose

Not every young trader is focused on earning money.

For Yahia Bin Ebrahim Alshai-kh, his stall is driven by a mission to encourage reading.

Using books from his grandfather’s extensive personal library that were destined to be discarded, Yahia decided to give them a second life.

“I’m not trying to make a profit,” he told TDT.

“I’m trying to help people learn and benefit from these books.”

Having also participated last year, he said the response exceeded his expectations.



10 year old Yara learns the basics of business while selling toys, games and homemade treats at Youth City 2030.

“A lot of people came back to buy more books after reading their first one. Seeing people read and improve is all I want from this generation. Hopefully we can become stronger and better together.”

Turning hobbies into businesses

Elsewhere in the market, young bakers - Fathima, Sayed Ali and Zainab - were attracting visitors with freshly made chocolate and Kinder cookies.

“We bake them ourselves,” the young entrepreneurs said, ex-



Young trader Yahia Bin Ebrahim Alshaikh promotes reading by giving old books a new life.

plaining that their love of baking inspired them to start selling their creations.

The market also provides a platform for artistic talent.

Young autistic artist Muhammad Saeed Al-Khlaidi proudly showcased his collection of acrylic and oil paintings, sharing his passion for art with visitors. He also created hand-made keychains featuring his artwork, turning his creativity into unique keepsakes while demonstrating that talent knows no barriers.



Young autistic artist Muhammad Saeed Al-Khlaidi showcases his acrylic and oil paintings.

As visitors browse the colourful stalls, young business owners at the Young Traders booth are learning how to price products, communicate with customers, manage sales and build confidence - skills that could shape their future careers.

Since its launch in 2010, Youth City 2030 has supported Bahrain Economic Vision 2030 by equipping young people with practical skills, encouraging innovation and preparing them for future opportunities.

Bahrain-Based Industrialist Drives Housing Initiative in Kerala

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Demonstrating the Gulf diaspora’s enduring commitment to social welfare, Bahrain-based prominent businessman Pambavasani Nair oversaw the handover of 13 newly constructed homes to underprivileged families in Kerala, India, under the CMN (Chandramma-Madhavan Nair) Trust.

The landmark key handover ceremony for the trust’s flagship initiative, ‘A Home of Your Own’, was inaugurated in Ottapalam by Kerala Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan, in the presence of state ministers, parliamentarians, and community leaders.

Launched on August 25, 2024, by Pambavasani Nair, Chairman of the CMN Trust, the social initiative originally aimed to construct 50 homes over a five-year period. Demonstrating extraordinary execution, the trust has completed 48 homes well ahead of schedule, with memorandums of understanding signed for an additional 10 homes during the event.



Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan commended Mr. Nair’s contributions, noting that the practice of treating the sorrows of others as one’s own is exemplary, and that the active participation of overseas-based trusts and CSR initiatives provides critical support in housing and healthcare that complements public welfare efforts.

In addition to individual house construction, work is currently underway on the ‘Anugraha Homes’ project, where six dedicated houses are being built for landless, destitute families on 30

cents of land personally donated by Mr. Nair in Moonnoorkode. Beyond housing, the CMN Trust maintains a comprehensive social safety net, providing medical relief, educational scholarships, marriage aid, and monthly pensions to over 125 vulnerable families.

The ceremony drew cross-party attendance from prominent figures, including state ministers N. Shamsudheen and K.A. Thulasi, recognizing the impactful contribution of Bahrain’s expatriate leadership toward community development.

“We Will Not Surrender to the Pain”

The Lyric That Moved a Generation

● **Nineties Generation Gets Its Night**

● **Rasha Rizk Brings Spacetoon Magic to Bahrain**

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The loudest voices inside the Bahrain Summer Toy Festival were not those of the children, but of the adults who grew up with Spacetoon.

As Syrian singer Rasha Rizk took to the stage at the Bahrain International Exhibition World over two sold-out nights, hundreds of fans from the 1990s generation relived their childhood by singing every word of the iconic Arabic theme songs that defined an era.

Best known as the voice behind some of the Arab world’s most beloved animated series, Rizk performed classics including Hunter x Hunter, Black Cat, and Magical DoReMi, with families and



The drawing of Rasha Rizk by Ahmed

children joining the celebration alongside parents who had waited years to hear the songs performed live.

One of the evening’s most emotional moments came during the opening theme of Ana wa Akhi (My Brother and I), when Rizk sang the unforgettable line: “We will not surrender to the pain.” The audience erupted, with many singing the lyrics in unison.

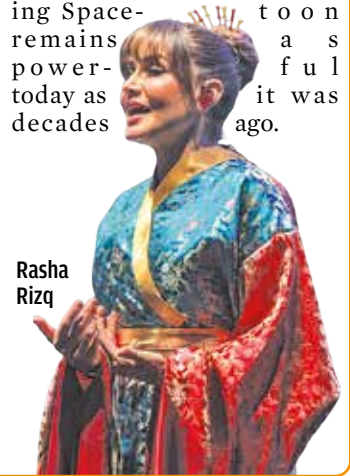
Among them was a lawyer Ahmed who said the line had become a personal source of inspiration throughout the challenges he faced on his journey to professional success.

For Ahmed, one of the audience members, the performance was more than a concert—it was a return to childhood. He said the songs

instantly brought back memories of growing up with Spacetoon and inspired his passion for drawing the animated characters from the shows.

His latest artwork, however, was not of a cartoon hero but of Rizk herself—the voice behind many of the soundtracks that shaped his childhood.

Ahmed said the characters and songs continue to hold a special place in the hearts of those who grew up during the 1980s and 1990s, proving that the nostalgia surrounding Spacetoon remains as powerful today as it was decades ago.



Rasha Rizk

Medical Entrance Success For NMS Students

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New Millennium School proudly celebrates the outstanding performance of its students in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET UG) 2026, India’s most prestigious and competitive medical entrance examination conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), India.

Demonstrating exceptional academic excellence, perseverance, and determination, the following students secured remarkable 90 percentile and above scores:

Chairman Padma Shri Dr Ravi Pillai, Vice-Chairman Mr. Ga-



Akshadha Satheesh - 99.42 %

nesh Pillai Managing Director Mrs Geetha Pillai, and Principal Dr. Arun Kuumar Sharma extended their heartfelt congratulations to the students, their families, and the faculty on this remarkable achievement. They reiterated the institution’s commitment to providing a nurturing learning environment that empowers stu-



Krish Das - 99.36 %

dents to excel in academics and competitive examinations while preparing them to become compassionate healthcare professionals and responsible global citizens.

New Millennium School continues to uphold its legacy of academic excellence by equipping students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence required



Safa Farooque Mapari - 91.32 %

to succeed in highly competitive national examinations. The school’s consistent achievements are a reflection of its learner-centred approach, dedicated faculty, and unwavering commitment to nurturing future doctors, innovators, and leaders. The school looks forward to many more such milestones in the years ahead.



Mercy Shyla Jabanayagam - 90.85 %

Labour Rights Talks with Nepal Envoy



Labour and Minister of Legal Affairs, His Excellency Yousif bin Abdulhussain Khalaf, received Nepal’s Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, His Excellency Tirtha Raj Wagle, in a meeting to review bilateral relations and cooperation in labour-related fields. During the meeting, Minister Khalaf highlighted the strong ties between Bahrain and Nepal, praising Ambassador Wagle’s efforts throughout his diplomatic tenure in the Kingdom and his contribution to strengthening cooperation between the two friendly nations. The minister wished the ambassador continued success in his future assignments and expressed appreciation for his role in enhancing bilateral relations.