

Coordination committee meeting



His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister chairs the 355th Coordination Committee meeting held remotely on Thursday. The meeting discussed a project to develop the educational sector and reviewed a presentation on the Youth Summit 2020, the results of the Arab Government Excellence award and a proposal to strengthen government action mechanisms. Latest developments in dealing with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic in the Kingdom also reviewed.



Indian Embassy holds open house



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The Embassy of India yesterday organised a virtual Open House during which Ambassador Piyush Srivastava interacted with the Indian community members.

The Ambassador briefed the session about the visit of Minister of External Affairs, Dr S. Jaishankar to Bahrain from 24-25 November 2020.

Talks focused on the general positive developments on urgent common issues faced by Indian nationals and specific consular and labour issues.

The community members

were encouraged to make use of the current Amnesty provided by Bahrain till 31 December 2020.

Ambassador encouraged all to regularly follow the Embassy's website and social media accounts for updates on COVID-19 related procedures and travel information.

The issue of delay in appointments brought up during the last open house were resolved within two working days.

During yesterday's interaction, some of the grievances were resolved, while held certain others for collecting additional documents.

Overcoming antibiotic resistance crisis

Bahrain's model lands top award, great results

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Thanks to the Health Ministry's award-winning project, Bahrain has started successfully reducing the "inappropriate" usage of antibiotics and "unnecessary" patient stay in the hospitals.



Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh

The achievement was announced by Faeqa bint Saeed Al Saleh, the Health Minister, as she congratulated the project team headed by Dr Jamila Al-Salman.

The project developed by the team to ensure the optimal use of antibiotics won the Best Arab government project to develop the health sector.

The project, the Minister said, achieved a 50 to 60 per cent reduction in side effects of using antibiotics.

"It has contributed greatly in reducing the inappropriate use of antibiotics and slashing the associated costs", the Minister stressed.

She pointed out that there was a considerable reduction in microbial resistance to drugs and unnecessary patient stay in the hospital after the implementation of the scheme.

"For which we worked to

raising awareness among doctors and medical workers in the Salmaniya Medical Complex, primary care and health centres."

First implemented in several wards of the Salmaniya Medical Complex (SMC), the scheme, based on positive results, was expanded to cover Salmaniya Hospital Primary Health Care.

"Plans are now progressing to include all health facilities and institutions in the Kingdom of Bahrain in future, the Minister said.

The Arab Government Excellence Award is organised by the Arab League's Arab Administrative Development Organisation (ARADO), in cooperation with the UAE government.

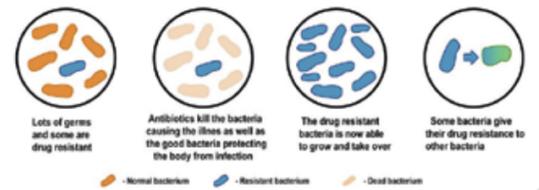
Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, announced the winners.

Amongst other awards, Hala Al Saeed, the Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Egypt, was selected as the best Minister in the Arab world and the Saudi Ministry of Trade the best ministry in the Arab world.

Antibiotic resistance happens when germs like bacteria and fungi develop the ability to defeat the drugs designed to kill them. That means the germs are not killed and continue to grow. Infections caused by antibiotic-resistant germs are difficult, and sometimes impossible, to treat.



HOW ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE HAPPENS



Antibiotic resistance does not mean the body is becoming resistant to antibiotics; it is that bacteria have become resistant to the antibiotics designed to kill them.

2.8 million

Each year in the US, at least 2.8 million people are infected with antibiotic-resistant bacteria or fungi, and more than 35,000 people die as a result

Penicillin, the first commercialized antibiotic, was discovered in 1928 by Alexander Fleming.

There are many ways that drug-resistant infections can be prevented: immunization, safe food preparation, handwashing, and using antibiotics as directed and only when necessary. In addition, preventing infections also prevents the spread of resistant bacteria.

"Awareness on Wheels"



The Indian Community Relief Fund partnered with Bahrain's leading motorcycle riding group, Pleasure Riders, for organising an event "Awareness on Wheels" yesterday, to help curb the rising suicide rate among expatriates in Bahrain due to job losses, health problems and other personal reasons. The ride, led by Captain Umesh Babu along with other admin representatives Arun, Ajith, Ranjith, Prasad, Nitin, Aneesh and Vinsu, controlled the ride that started from the Indian Club in Bahrain. The ICRF (Indian Community Relief Fund) Chairman, Aruldas flagged off the ride. The Vice President of ICRF, Dr Babu Ramachandran, General Secretary John Philip, Joint General Secretary Pankaj Nallur and other dignitaries including Indian Club President Stalin Joseph were also present. The Group conducted rides to various labour camps and distributed pamphlets to expatriate workers living there on overcoming suicidal tendencies amidst pressure and stress. The pamphlet also included phone numbers for help. Members of the Group distributed daily necessities collected by ICRF at the camp.

F1 stars enjoy virtual autograph sessions with Bahrain super fans



Renault drivers

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A selection of lucky Formula 1 super fans from the Kingdom were able to enjoy a series of video calls yesterday with a number of the sport's star drivers.

As Bahrain International Circuit (BIC) is not able to welcome all F1 fans in Bahrain for the



AlphaTauri drivers

Kingdom's F1 double-header, the F1 drivers took the time to meet some of their biggest supporters through live video calls.

Among those who took part were Red Bull Racing's Max Verstappen and Alexander Albon, Renault's Daniel Ricciardo and Esteban Ocon, Alfa Romeo's Kimi Raikkonen and Antonio

Giovinazzi, and AlphaTauri's Daniil Kvyat and Pierre Gasly.

They were able to interact with the delighted fans online and answer questions posed to them.

BIC thanked the F1 drivers who participated in the video calls for giving their local supporters another memorable occasion.



Alfa Romeo drivers



Fans interacting with drivers during virtual sessions