

## HM King, HRH Prince Salman condole with Saudi Monarch

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His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, yesterday sent cables of condolences to the Custodian of the Two



HM the King



HRH Prince Salman



King Salman

Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud following the passing of His Royal Highness Prince Mamdouh bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

HM the King and HRH Prince Salman prayed to Allah the Almighty to rest the soul of the deceased in eternal peace,

and to bless the Saudi Royal Family with patience and consolation.

HRH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister sent a similar cable to His Royal Highness Prince Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

## Key partners in progress

Bahraini women hailed for outstanding achievements and contributions in nation building

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Bahraini women have made significant strides in elevating the international standing of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

This was emphasised by Tourism Minister, Her Excellency Fatima bint Jaafar Al Sairafi, as the Kingdom celebrated the Bahraini Women's Day yesterday.

Al Sairafi said their success has been made possible through the unwavering support of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa and the constant support of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

These accomplishments serve as a testament to the remarkable progress and empowerment of Bahraini women on the global



**The Bahraini women play a key role in the progress, development and revitalisation of the tourism industry in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and implementing the objectives of the tourism strategy of the Kingdom of Bahrain for the years 2022-2026**

HE FATIMA BINT JAAFAR AL SAIRAFI, TOURISM MINISTER

stage, she noted.

The Minister praised the efforts, plans and projects of the Supreme Council for Women, headed by Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of Her Majesty the King and its SCW President, in supporting the progress of women and enshrining the principle of equal opportunities to boost their contributions to the comprehensive development process.

### Success

Bahraini Women's Day is celebrated in honouring and celebrating women's achievements, progress and success in all economic, social, political, cultural and media fields as an active partner in the progress and prosperity of Bahraini society.

Her Excellency Amna bint

Ahmed Al Rumaithi, Minister of Housing and Urban Planning, affirmed the ability of Bahraini women to deliver achievements, which has enhanced their outstanding contributions at all levels and their role in supporting the comprehensive development process, with the continuous support they receive from HM the King and HRH Prince Salman.

She highlighted the leading role of the SCW in supporting Bahraini women and promoting their progress in various sectors.

During a ceremony organised by the ministry to celebrate Bahraini Women's Day, the Minister commended this year's theme focusing on the role of women in comprehensive development, which reflects the key role played by Bahraini women in supporting the comprehensive development process.

### For the benefit of Palestinians



In line with the directives of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and with the patronage of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, signed a series of development projects that would benefit the Palestinians in Gaza.

### Female drivers honoured



The General Directorate of Traffic, in cooperation with Jahez Bahrain Company, honours committed female drivers on the occasion of Bahraini Women's Day, in appreciation of their commitment to traffic regulations and rules.

## Indian Ambassador graces BCICAI's 15th Annual Conference opening ceremony



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The 15th Annual Conference organized by Bahrain Chapter of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (BCICAI) themed "ABOVE & BEYOND" kicked off yesterday at The Diplomat Radisson BLU Hotel, Residence & Spa.

The inaugural session was a star-studded one with the August presence of His Excellency Shri Vinod K Jacob, Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain, Mr. Hussain Rasool, Director of Communications at the Labour Market Regulatory Authority (LMRA), Mr. Abbas Radhi, Chairman Bahrain Accountant Association, Swami Nirbhayananda, Chinmaya Mission India, and Mr. Jassim Abdulal, Managing Partner Grant Thornton Abdulal.

The day commenced with a traditional Bharatanatyam dance by Ms. Yazhini Surendran, daughter of CA member Surendran Ramesh followed a Diya lighting session by all the distinguished dignitaries.

CA chairperson Sthanumurthy Viswanathan Meera delivered a welcome address, followed



by the keynote address by Indian Cabinet Minister Shri. CA Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Leather, Partner PwC Middle East Risk Services, Mr. Zain Khalid, Director PwC Middle East Risk Services, CA Atul Kumar Gupta, Past President of ICAI (2020-21), Shri. Parameswaran Iyer, World Bank Executive Director, Ex Niti Aayog and Ms. Ami Ganatra, author of bestselling books on Itihasa: Mahabharata Unraveled & Ramayana Unraveled.

The entire inaugural session



HE Ambassador Vinod K Jacob and Indian Cabinet Minister Shri. Piyush Goyal with current and former BCICAI officials and members, along with guests, at the event

was presented by past chairperson CA Kapil Batra and over 200 plus audience attended the session including the members, sponsors, guest and speakers.

### Two-day event

The conference is organized over a period of two days and today speakers include the Padma Bhushan Shri. Nambi

Narayanan, who will be talking about the topic Life under Public Scrutiny, Retired Air Marshal Shri. P V Iyer, who will be discussing the topic Health for Professionals – Age is not an excuse. Swami Nirbhayananda will be talking about Human Potential Unlimited and other notable speakers who will be tackling various interesting topics.

## 'Time-tested' India and Bahrain friendship hailed

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Hon. Minister of Commerce and Industry of India, HE Mr. Piyush Goyal, gave the keynote address to the 15th Annual Conference of the Bahrain Chapter of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India held in Bahrain yesterday.

He said that the theme of the conference, "ABOVE & BEYOND", demonstrates the self-confidence of Indians today. He remarked that the famed Bahraini pearls and Indian spices kept the connection between the two countries for thousands of years.

Mr. Goyal recalled his recent transit halt at Bahrain when HE Ambassador Vinod K Jacob briefed him about the Shrinathji temple in Manama, which stood as a testimony to the time tested friendship between India and Bahrain.

The visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Bahrain in 2019 when His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa bestowed the Bahrain Order – First Class on him was a major milestone in bilateral ties. Subsequently, the Kingdom assisted India during the Cov-



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HE MR. PIYUSH GOYAL, HON. MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF INDIA

id pandemic by supplying liquid medical oxygen.

Mr. Goyal said that the data for Q2 (July to September 2023), which has been recently released, shows that Indian economy had grown by 7.6 percent.

He encouraged Bahrain to benefit by greater engagement with India in areas like trade, commerce, investment, health, agriculture, food and food processing, supply chain and logistics, ICT and fintech, high-quality education and the like. Both countries can align their respective long-term economic plans, namely Bahrain's Vision 2030 and Viksit Bharat@2047.

### Bahraini Women's Day

In his remarks, Ambassador Jacob wished all Bahraini women a Happy Bahraini Women's Day and seeking their support for promotion of friendly relations between India and the Kingdom of Bahrain.

He said that the relations between India and Bahrain are strong.