

MAJOR INFRA BOOST FOR BAHRAIN POLYTECHNIC



A design of the multipurpose hall.



A design of the restaurant.

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In order to impart advanced level of education, Bahrain Polytechnic has begun to boost the infrastructural facilities in its campus. The completion of the total work would take two years, the sources added. The work includes expansion of laboratories, building additional floors and revamping the art buildings.

Speaking to *DT*, Building and Maintenance Manager of Bahrain Polytechnic

Hussain Alhamer said that the project which will definitely strengthen the institution.

"Many of our buildings will undergo a total facelift. Our faculties administration office will get two additional floors which will accommodate 20 computer labs, academic offices and an air conditioned lounge," he added. "Additional floor will be built on our Library Learning Centre, which will contain senior management offices along with four engineering labs," he informed.

"Similarly, we will install a

quality lounge for staff and students in one of our latest buildings," he continued.

Parking area will also be expanded to accommodate more than 500 vehicles within the Polytechnic. But this is subject to approval from Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning Ministry, Mr. Alhamer added.

Meanwhile, the institution will open a new 1500 square metre restaurant in its campus and it will also include a meeting and entertainment room which will be completed next month.

Additionally, two new

buildings are planned for academic and engineering purposes, including latest hardware, workshops and electronic smart boards. Construction of a multipurpose hall, which could accommodate 700 people, will also be completed next year.

"The management is aware of the growing amount of students who want to join the Polytechnic and we want to ensure them that we have enough infrastructure," stated Mr. Alhamer, assuring that the project would maintain high standards.

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3,000 marriages, 873 divorces in last 6 months

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Latest statistics issued by the Ministry of Justice, Islamic Affairs and Endowments recorded over 3,000 registered marriages that took place in Bahrain over the last six months.

A total 873 divorces have been recorded at the same time while 1980 immigration violations and 813 abuse cases were also registered.

The total number of legitimate cases amounted to 9,771 of which 395 were related to marriages alone. Of these, 357 were for Sunni marriages, 38 for Shia marriages and 40 were of marrying a second wife.

In divorces, 36 marriages were nullified while 8,863 were resolved in the civil courts and 7,058 were referred to the

criminal court. 427 were referred to the court of appeal.

1,980 immigration violations were recorded this year. This was followed by 813 reports of abuse and assault and a total of 625 cases of driving under the influence of alcohol. About 363 were caught using mobile phones while driving and 246 people were fined for illegal fishing.

The number of legitimate records for 2012 was

pegged at 9,771 with 6,337 marriage records and 1,629 divorces. Bahrain was ranked sixth in the Arab world in divorce rates in 2009. There were 4,815 marriages and 717 divorces recorded in 2009, 4,755 marriages and 608 divorces in 2010 and 5,784 marriages and 533 divorces in 2011.

