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■ The dancers with Ms Gani

Stage debut for Bharatanatyam dancers

SIX young Bharatanatyam dancers will be making their stage debut, known as arangetram, on Friday at Bahrain Keraleeya Samajam, starting at 7pm.

Bharatanatyam is one of the most popular ancient South Indian dance forms that uses subtle eye movements, hand gestures and graceful footwork, accompanied by soulful music to communicate a poetry or story in visual form.

Bharatanatyam is traditionally set to Carnatic music which combines raaga(m) and thaala(m).

Former Shura Council member and general

manager of Alfaker for Social Health Centre, Bahrain, Dr Fakhria Diari, will be the chief guest.

Asian School principal Molly Treasa Mammen will be the guest of honour.

The six dancers making their debuts are Ashel Mercin Castelino, Aishwarya Aravapalli, Amna Nouushad, Dharshini Selvakumar, Nikhitha Krishna Priya and Shiny Capistan.

They have undergone years of training under the guidance of their guru Nritya Kalaratna Hansul Gani.



■ Bahrain Polytechnic has honoured 15 employees for their performance at work. Ali Sayed, Hasan Hussain Jassim, Ali Abbas, Ali Alamer, Hussain Abdulkarim, Ghazi Abdulrasool Juma, Ali Marhoon, Z

Isa Town campus, to mark Labour Day. Above, polytechnic acting chief ex



■ A family business workshop was organised at the Royal University for Women, Riffa, in collaboration and leading examples of successful family businesses. Above, Royal University for

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Yagoub, Fadil Almadoob, Abbas Ebrahim, Mohsin Habib, Abdulhussain Alsitrawi, Jassim Abdullah, uhair Khamis and Majeed Hasan were recognised for their contributions during an event held at the executive Dr Mohammed Al Aseeri, ninth from right, with staff and officials.



with West Virginia University, US. The workshop covered topics such as family succession, transition Women president and professor Mazin Jumah, eighth from left, with participants.



■ Fishermen during the protest yesterday

Fishermen protest against six months shrimping ban

BAHRAINI fishermen gathered at the Bahraini Fishermen Society headquarters in Muharraq to renew calls to reject the new six-month shrimping ban.

The fishermen said that the new ban, which has been extended from four to six months, was

"unrealistic" and was not a viable option.

The ban imposed in Bahraini waters prior to this year was from March 15 to July 15, but will now last until September 15 following an order from the Works, Municipalities and Urban Planning Affairs Ministry.

King's message lauded

HIS Majesty King Hamad yesterday received a cable from Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty and Supreme Council for Women president. She lauded the noble values embedded in the King's keynote message marking World Press Freedom Day. She hailed the King's clear vision on the comprehensive march of the national media, whose strength stems from its openness and ability to deal with the requirements of the nation and the aspirations of the people responsibly.

Meanwhile, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry yesterday saluted the national Press' achievements over the past years. It paid tribute to His Majesty for his role in promoting the status of the fourth estate in Bahrain. Bahrain yesterday joined other nations in marking World Press Freedom Day, being held this year under the theme "Let Journalism Thrive! Towards Better Reporting, Gender Equality, and Media Safety in the Digital Age".

Budget allotted

A TOTAL OF BD20,000 has been allocated for maintenance work on King Faisal Corniche. Capital Trustees secretary general Mohammed bin Ahmed bin Sultan Al Khalifa announced the plan as he visited King Faisal Highway beachfront. He was accompanied by public properties and parks director Zouheir Al Dallal and other officials.

May Day marked

THE Indian Club hosted a May Day ceremony at its headquarters in Manama, under the patronage of Labour Minister Jameel Humaidan. He hailed the role of the Indian community and its contributions to Bahrain's development and progress. He congratulated all Indian

employees and their families on International Workers' Day. The minister affirmed Bahrain's resolve to protect migrant workers' rights in compliance with the labour law on the private sector. Indian Club president Anand Lobo addressed the event and described Bahrain as the second home for the Indian community, hailing Bahrainis' spirit of tolerance.

Education in focus

CULTURAL adviser at Bahrain Embassy in the UK Sabah Abdulrahman Al Zayani gave a presentation on education in Bahrain. It was held at the invitation of Bahrain's Ambassador to the UK Alice Samaan as a British women's delegation visited the embassy to learn about the kingdom. The presentation focused on services provided by the Education Ministry and its efforts and pioneering initiatives to advance education in Bahrain. The delegation lauded the high level of education in Bahrain, especially the number of public and private higher education institutions, and the ministry's support for them.

Workers honoured

NORTHERN governor Ali bin Al Shaikh Al Asfoor attended a ceremony hosted by Saar Shopping Mall marking May Day under the theme "All partners in peace". A number of mall workers were honoured along with non-governmental organisations and trade unions representing Bapco, Batelco and other firms.

Tolerance key

JAFFARI Endowments Council board chairman Shaikh Mohsen Al Asfoor received US Ambassador William Roebuck and stressed Bahrain's long-standing legacy of tolerance and peaceful co-existence.



■ Fifty children took part in the Indian Club Prince and Princess competition last Thursday. They were divided into two age groups – five to seven years and eight to 10 years, with each group further split into boys' and girls' categories. The winners in five to seven age category were: (Girls) Princess Hashica Karkera; runner-up Saakshi Sunil; (boys) Prince Dharmik S Lal and runner-up Ishan Prashant. Winners in the age eight to 10 category were: (girls) Princess Avani Sreekumar and runner-up B Vatusia and (boys) Prince Jaijith and runner-up Shivahari Prakash. Each of them was presented with a crown, sash and trophy. Above, the winners with club officials after the event.



■ More than 200 people attended the Young Goans Club Easter Dinner Dance at Seashell Hotel. The event was hosted by the club's new executive committee for 2015 headed by its president Noel Fernandes. Above, executive committee members at the event.