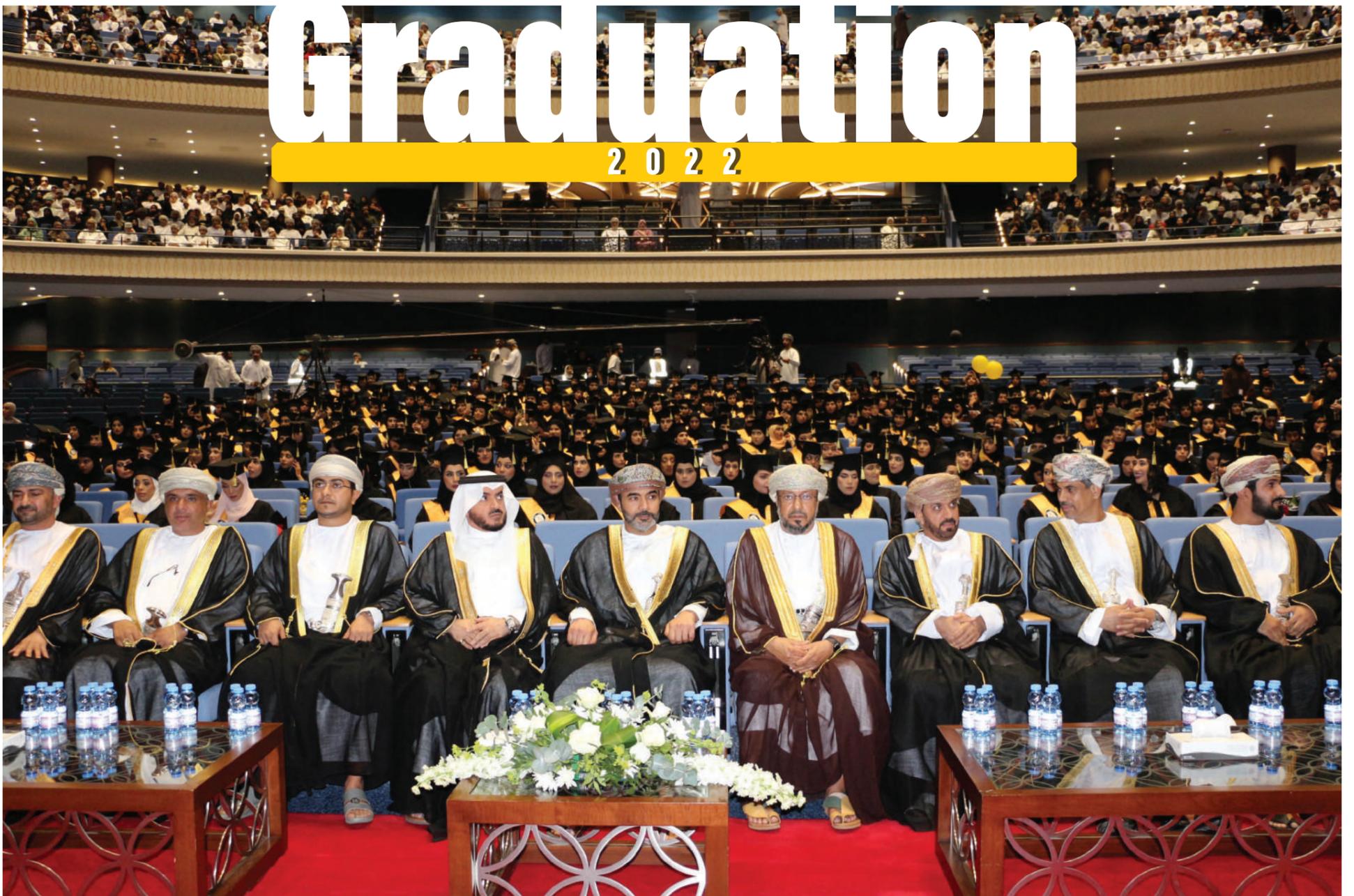




National Day celebrations



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Bayan College celebrated the graduation ceremony in a grand function held at the Oman Convention Centre on November 9, 2022.

More than 800 students, which included diploma graduates, were awarded degree certificates at a function attended by Founder, Chairman Dr Juma Saleh Al Ghailani and Board of Directors of the college.

In her speech, Dean of the College Dr Snjezana Milivojevic congratulated the graduates and encouraged them to use their skills gained from the courses for their professional career.

"Graduation is one of the most important events in life. It is a crowning of an extraordinary effort to complete educational journey.

It is an approval from one's teachers and peers that you are ready to start your professional life and that you embark on service to your community. And for achieving that you should be immensely proud," the Dean said.

"The honor to have 800 of you together today confirms how very special classes of 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 are. You have completed your studies under exceptionally difficult conditions during the world pandemic. You persevered, did not lose your motivation and discipline under circumstances unimaginable only days before they started. Keeping the graduation as your priority proves your ambition, respect for professional values and victorious mentality. And that is a great deal to celebrate."





EXCITEMENT, JUBILATION





Message from the Dean

It is always a special pleasure to welcome the new issue of Bayan Post.

Even in the age of new media it stays Bayan College's flagship medium of communication. It documents major news and events from the college life. But it also serves as an educational tool offering students a preview of their future careers in media and journalism even before graduation.

You are among the lucky ones whose future work will be in education, media or journalism. Education, language and information all build

bridges among people, nations and between cultures, something so needed in today's world.

But these careers are also rapidly changing.

In response to those changes Bayan College starts this semester with a new Digital Classroom on its website (<https://bayancollege.edu.com/bayan-college-opens-a-digital-classroom/>).

This new educational venue will provide students with online opportunities to search further and research deeper. The classroom is a virtual space where students can participate, reflect and

learn but is open to all who want to know more about the media world.

Its first course is Knowledge Minutes, series of short lectures by our distinguished faculty members who present ideas, concepts and major topics across media studies.

The College invites you all to use this safe and smart way to go digital.

I wish you all a warm welcome to the unlimited and creative world of digital learning!

**Professor
Dr. Snjezana Milivojevic
Dean**

Sharing Our Creativity



“Education is not the learning of facts but the training of the mind to think,” said Albert Einstein. We are very delighted to publish the latest issue of Bayan Post with a focus on the activities related to Bayan intellectuals.

The ultimate objective of this publication is to share our creativity and express our knowledge in an artistic format. In the Bayan College, our commitment is to quality education and knowledge-based student development.

I am pleased to state that the teachers and students are working hard to show that we are quality-based academic institutions that represent a high-class educational structure in the country. Our team is privileged to present this new edition of the Bayan Post. Bayan Post is an amalgamation of various information-based academic segments, including college events, student

write-ups, sublime works of art, and scientific research. Bayan College always believes in academic excellence where learning activities means expert interactions. Through such activities and events, students are able to gain a comprehensive understanding of the world of media and English literature and have the opportunity to clarify their questions with media experts. Remarkably, this issue covers all activities related to cultural events, academic interactions, and students' thoughts.

I hope that several voices from this platform will largely feel the presence of Bayan College's effort, the credit for its success belongs to everyone who helped make it possible. It's really great to have an optimistic approach and innovative assistance from all around us. I am very pleased with our initiative and your participation. Finally, I would like to sincerely thank the entire team, the teachers, and my dear students, who supported us in every possible way.”

Dr. Abhishek Singh
Head, Department of
Media Studies

Purdue University delegate visits Bayan College



A representative from Purdue University Northwest-USA, Professor Richard Rupp, paid a working visit to Bayan College during the month of November 2022.

The two days working visit was intended for Professor Rich-

ard to carry out an annual review of the academic and administrative activities of Bayan College in collaboration with the management team, heads of departments and staff members.

During the review process, Professor Richard was given an

overall current institutional status which included among others; the introduction of new Master's programs.

Other areas reported during the review process included the review of programs in Media Studies Department and English Studies Department as well as in the General Foundation Program (GFP).

As part of the activities of the working visit, Professor Richard conducted class observations in Media Studies Department and English Language Studies De-



Professor Richard Rupp interacting with students

partment and held meetings with the Research and Innovation Office (RIO).

Bayan College is affiliated with Purdue University Northwest USA.

The College offers programs in Media Studies, English Language Studies and Professional Writing.

MOHERI honors Bayan College women staff



The Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MOHERI), under the patronage of Minister HE Dr. Rahma bint Ibrahim Al Mahrouqi, honoured Bayan College staff at a function held on Omani Women's Day.

The event held on October 17, 2022 was to celebrate and appreciate the role of Omani women in the growth and development of the country. The celebration started with a speech by Her Excellency Dr. Rahma stressing the importance of the Omani Women's Day.

Her Excellency also pointed out the importance of Omani Women's Day during the era of the late Sultan Qaboos Bin Said to the current era of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tariq.

The ceremony featured honouring a number of outstanding women from various fields including several Bayan College staff, who provided valuable contributions during their tenure at the college.

Among the honorees were: Ms. Shahama Al Araiimi, Ms. Amani Al Siyabi, Ms. Zainab Al Amri, Ms. Wafa Al Nuumani and Ms. Hana Al Sulaimi.

The programme also included the screening of a film 'Bint Oman'.

Bayan College honoured the award winners from the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and Innovation (MOHERI).

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by the Ministry. They were honoured by the college at a grand function held at the college. Students held interviews with Ms. Wafa Al Nuumani. Students who won prizes at national level competition was also honoured during the function.

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Journey with Bayan College an ideal one: British Council

Mr Mohamed El Azab is Head of Business Development- Examinations and Acting Country Director of



British Council. Bayan Post had an opportunity to hear his views on the British Council's partnership with Bayan College.

How did British Council's association with Bayan College help students and job seekers?

It was a quiet helpful partnership because we got closer to job seekers and students from this area. Previously we were centralized in Muscat. Students, job seekers used to reach us from far-away places, even outside Muscat. Now it is very easy for students and job seekers from this region to come to Bayan College and write IELTS.

This partnership has shortened the distance between the British Council and students and job seekers. We got closer to our candidates through this partnership and this made the journey with Bayan College an ideal one.

The building of the Bayan College itself is a welcome sign. You have ample parking space. Once you get inside you find a huge reception and other facilities. This is not available everywhere. I am coming from a customer service background. I am very much interested in customer journey mapping. So when you think about it you get proper parking, proper reception and excellent facilities and friendly people to deal with.

Do you have any feedback from IELTS candidates about this exam centre?

The feedback is mainly about facilities. We are testing in various places, in around 15 locations. There are areas for improvement at other testing centre. But here the case is different.

When we thought of a partnership with Bayan College, we had three important things in our mind.

The parking, the facilities and the journey to the college.

Before initiating the tie-up with a college we go to the college and test all the three factors.

But here you are very near the main road which makes it easy to exit to the highway.

Some test centres are very difficult to reach.

But above all these what we really enjoyed is the people of Bayan College which makes things much easier. Special thanks to Mr. Kumar (Mr. Haneesh Kumar is HoD of General Foundation Programme). He makes everything easier for us. So the major points regarding the feedback are about the facilities and the staff and how both are giving a stress-free environment for the students.

There are many students from the college who would like to appear for the IELTS. How do you plan to support them?

We can do a lot for the students to obtain sufficient marks. We want them to achieve their dreams.

I consider myself as one of the success stories for IELTS. I took IELTS for a specific purpose. I wanted to travel to New Zealand

for my studies and I took a course with British Council and I had a teacher who delivered very positive contributions and I got inspired by the teacher.

Then I asked myself why don't I work in this place? And then I joined the Council as customer service assistant. Now I am Head of Exams and Acting Country Director of British Council. When I attended the interview they asked me to take an English proficiency test. Well I had an IELTS with me. This made things easier.

Back to the main question, how can you help the IELTS candidates. We offer three hours of free workshops for the IELTS aspirants. Those who have booked for IELTS at Bayan College and even Bayan college staff can attend these sessions. We also offer 30 hours of free online study materials if you register for IELTS.

There is an exclusive gift for Bayan College students. We have preparation courses which are charged RO142, but for the students from Bayan College we are ready to offer more than 50% discount. We are working on it and we will release the details soon.

Bayan College hosts Alumni Meet



Dean Dr Snjezana Milivojevic interacting with students during the Alumni meet

Bayan College hosted Alumni Meet 2022 on the college premises on August 9, 2022. Hundreds of former students attended the function in which major programmes were announced.

While delivering her address to the students, Dean Dr Snjezana Milivojevic welcomed the students and said that the College was happy to see them, especially during the Summer Semester. She mentioned the plans of the college to establish a new alumni club and a new website.

Dr Snjezana also announced the new Masters programme at the College and said that being best in the field of education is a matter of responsibility.

Dr. Abhishek Singh, Head of the Media Studies Department, said

Bayan College is the first college in the private sector to introduce Masters in Media Studies.

“Those who wish to join Masters programme should also have IELTS certification and should have the required bands,” Dr. Abhishek said.

Presenting the various courses offered as part of Masters programme in English, Dr. Shyma Pacha, Head of the Department of English, pointed out the importance of completing a Masters and said that it will definitely give the students an edge over others in the job market.

Dr Shyma also reminded the students the need to get the IELTS certification to join the Masters programme.

Bayan College signed an MoU with British Council in April this

year and is now British Council’s IELTS examination and training centre in the western region of Muscat. “IELTS opens the pathway to success,” said Mr. Haneesh Kumar, Head of the Department of GFP and IELTS coordinator at the college.

He stressed on the importance of IELTS in students’ career. Mr. Kumar clarified that the IELTS examination was conducted by the British Council and the students will get a British Council IELTS certificate. The college also announced scholarship for a student in Masters programme and a student was given an opportunity to write the IELTS test for free.

Former students also spoke in detail about their experience in the college. They talked about the var-

ious courses and the way in which they enjoyed their life in the college. The activities, the different clubs and the college council helped them a lot, said a former student.

“The courses offered at the college gave ample knowledge to get a job and training to get along with the job,” a student said.

Rehab Al-Hashmi, an English Literature student, who graduated in 2019 said she was happy to know about the IELTS and the Masters programme at the college.

“If I get a chance I will definitely join the Masters programme at the college,” said the former Students Council member. Rehab is pursuing her studies in UAE. She showed keen interest in the IELTS exams and said that it will be her first option.

Bayan College’s Arts clubs inaugurated



Bayan College conducts Orientation Week



Bayan College organized an Orientation Week for students of 2022-2023 Fall semester batch from October 10 to 12, 2022.

While delivering her address to the students, Dean Dr. Snjezana Milivojevic welcomed the new students and stressed the importance of using the college time to discover their potentials and talents while becoming a part of the knowledge community on Welcome Day.

“Today is a special day for each of you and for the whole of Oman.

So many of you here and across the country, joining a new generation of future professionals that will work and enjoy life together,” she said.

Mr. Haneesh Kumar, Head of General Foundation Program, welcomed the gathering.

“Your new life begins here at Bayan College. The GFP and the entire college community is with you to achieve your goals and dreams. We at General Foundation Programme will be equipping you with the required skills and standards to

meet the academic programme.”

On the first day of the Orientation Week, students were oriented about the entry into academic programmes. Mr. Kumar explained the process to the students. All students will be required to take a placement test in English, Math and IT and their results will decide the entry to the academic programmes and different levels of foundation programmes.

Other teachers also explained the process of taking the Cam-

bridge online English placement test which is benchmarked with international standards of CEFR and IELTS.

After the orientation, the placement test process was completed on day one. On the second day orientation was provided by all academic and non-academic departments and support services.

After the Orientation session, a college tour was conducted for students to get familiarized with the various facilities at the college.



Bayan College participates in literary congress

Dr. Shyma Pachha, Head of the Department of English Studies, Bayan College participated in the XXI-II Congress of the International Comparative Literature Association, held at Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, in Tbilisi, Georgia between July 24-29, 2022.

Dr. Shyma presented a paper entitled – Ambedkar in/on Films and Possibilities of Reconstituting the Cinematic - in the group session 024 –Transnationalism and the Languages / Literatures of Global South and South Asian Perspectives.

B.R. Ambedkar was a law and justice minister in the first cabinet of independent India and he was one of the key architects

behind the framing of the Constitution of India. He was a Dalit social reformer, a political leader, jurist and an economist. He was in the forefront of the fight against casteism in India.

The presentation traced the forms of engagement between Ambedkar and cinema as pertinent to the understanding of Dalit cinema in particular and avarna (avarana refers to non-upper caste communities in India) cinema in general in India.

The Dalits are considered untouchables and are identified as an avarna community in India.

What does the visualization of Dalit caste (s) in cinema entail, apropos the cinematic in India is the concern Dr. Shyma discussed in the presentation.



The term avarna cinema is used to refer to the production of forms of visuality that reconstitute a perception of reality constructed by Brahminical (upper caste) world order.

The possibilities that the cinematic holds for avarna communities in general as a medium capable of rethinking tradition notwithstanding, avarna cinema may be understood as

a genre that has laid out an objective of representing the lives of the panchamas (members of the lower caste communities in India).

Dalit cinema has evolved as inevitable to this trajectory of cinema through its disparate-realist and non-realist visualizations of the caste question.

Dr. Shyma talked about the multiple ways in which Ambedkar has been represented in the films of Pa Ranjith (a film director from the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu) in particular and how his memory capacitated the production of a cinematic space that reconstitutes the Dalit as a transnational entity who escapes containment from the Brahminical nationalist framework.



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