

ALGHANIM INDUSTRIES HOLDS CANCER AWARENESS SEMINAR



Alghanim Industries (AI), one of the largest privately owned companies in the region, held an information session at its head office location in Shuwaikh, to raise employee awareness about breast cancer. The seminar was conducted by Dr Sameh Aziz, Director of AI Medical Services, and Dr Mona AbouTaam, an OBGYN specialist from the Royal Hayat Hospital. The seminar was part of the company's annual campaign, organized by AI Medical Services, along with other AI businesses and departments.

Custom made cookies were donated by Mais Alghanim restaurant, as well as cupcakes decorated with a pink ribbon to show support of the campaign. The confectionaries were distributed to all employees during their lunch break at the company's restaurant. Furthermore, Costa Coffee launched a campaign, pledging to donate 10% of all proceeds of sales from their "pink products", the Strawberry PavlovaFrostino and Strawberry Lemonade. The donations will go to the Kuwait Red Crescent Society to help those affected by breast cancer and to raise more awareness about the disease.

Commenting on the campaign, Chief Human Resources Officer, George Lambros, said: "One of Alghanim Industries' core values is the belief that our employees are our most valuable asset, so it's natural that we place a high priority on the well-being of our employees. Throughout the year, we hold various seminars and events to promote employee wellness and encourage healthy habits. Each October, during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we make a special effort to increase awareness and educate our employees regarding breast cancer and the importance of early detection. Under Dr Sameh's leadership, Alghanim Industries Medical Services has designed a wide range of activities this year that will engage our employees and draw attention to this important health issue."

Dr Sameh, also commenting on the campaign, said: "We organize the Breast Cancer Awareness campaign annually during the month of October because we know how widespread this disease is. One in eight women will develop breast cancer in their life time. This is why it is important for us to conduct these seminars in order to raise employee awareness about early detection methods and treatment. We hand out educational brochures and encourage them to wear pink on the day of the seminar to show their support for the cause. We wish all our employees and their families the best of health."



NAG EMPLOYEES DISTRIBUTE EID GIFTS TO STREET CLEANERS

National Agencies Group(NAG), the authorized distributor for KIA Motors in Kuwait and a subsidiary of Abdulaziz Al-Ali Al-Mutawa Group of Companies, put smiles on the faces of street cleaners working for Kuwait Municipality during Eid Al-Adha holidays, when its owners, employees and their children offered them gifts & money. The activity marks the second consecutive Eid gift distribution conducted by NAG, and falls under the company's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program aiming to sup-

port the various segments of society. "The gift distribution initiative is a small token of gratitude from National Agencies Group to Kuwait's street cleaners, who undergo tough conditions everyday to keep our streets clean," explained Ahmad Al-Mutawa, Chairman & CEO of Al-Mutawa Group. NAG regularly conducts similar activities throughout the year, out of the company's desire to foster strong relationships with various segments of the community and to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate.

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INDIA MP ATTENDS OICC ONAM-EID CELEBRATION



India's parliament member and former minister KC Venugopal attended Overseas Indian Cultural Congress (OICC-Kuwait)'s Onam and Eid celebrations on Friday at the Indian Community School (Senior) auditorium, Salmiya. The celebration started at 8 am with a floral carpet competition. Chief guests were received with thalappoli by ladies wing along with the entry of 'Mahabali', 'puliikkali' and 'Sinkarimelam'.

Former Indian minister KC Venugopal MP inaugurated the celebration by lighting the traditional lamp along with first lady, the wife of the Indian Ambassador Dr Gargi Jain, OICC Kuwait President Varghese Puthukulangara, General Convener OICC Vice-President Vijay Karayil, Global Committee Member M A Hiall, General Secretary B S Pillai, Program Convener Binu Chempalayam and other OICC National Committee officials and Vanitha chairperson on the dais. Puthukulangara chaired the meeting while General Secretary B S Pillai welcomed the audience.

In his presidential address Puthukulangara briefed about the socio-welfare activities OICC Kuwait has been carrying out for the betterment of the community. The latest one was involving 14 orphanages/old age homes in the 14 districts back in Kerala in the celebration, serving Ona Sadya, on the same day of OICC

Onam-Eid celebration day.

The Indian MP in his inaugural address appreciated OICC Kuwait for its unity in organizing such a wonderful event and its core socio-welfare services. Criticizing the India government at the centre for seeking to polarize the people over caste and religion, the MP said, India is passing through a critical phase with its secular principles being threatened. "It is unfortunate that a poor man was lynched to death in Uttar Pradesh because he reportedly consumed beef," he said. He also elaborated on the recent political developments in Kerala and its expected consequences, voicing his strong distress about bringing religion into politics.

Dr Gargi Jain also appreciated OICC for its efforts in serving the society and wished all success for its continued socio-welfare services. General Convener OICC Vice -President and Secretary of the Indian Community School Vijay Karayil and Global Committee Member M A Hiall felicitated the occasion. During the meeting, a number of medals/trophies/mementos were distributed for various activities. The first one was the farewell bid of OICC Global Committee Member M K Pothan, who will be leaving Kuwait for good, after leading an expat life of more than three decades. Chief Guest KC Venugopal honored him with a memento and a ponnada by Puthukulangara.



OICC Kuwait Alappuzha District President Christopher Daniel handed an amount of INR 25,000 to KC Venugopal, being the first installment of three lakh rupees of housing aid. This was followed by the prize distribution of 20/20 Cricket Tournament conducted by OICC Sports wing. The first place winner Spark XI and the second place winner Friday Court were honored with trophies and cash award by Venugopal.

Sport wing team members Dileep Bajju, Chandramohan, Deepak Krishnan, Shameer, Shiju Thankachan, Shibu Rajan and Anil Kallar

on behalf of Hareesh Thrippunithura, were also honored with medals by Puthukulangara, Vice-President Samuel Chacko and BS Pillai, sports wing officials Mathew Chennithala, Jose Chengannur, Nasser Chullikkara, OICC Global Committee Member Sherley Binu one after another, as a token of encouragement.

And as a token of appreciation for conducting such a wonderful cricket tournament, Sports wing officials Mathew Chennithala, Chairman, Jose Chengannur, General Convener and Cricket Tournament Convener Dileep Bajju were honored with mementos by

Venugopal on behalf of OICC Kuwait. Floral carpet winners first prize Kottayam District, second prize Kollam District and 3rd prize Kannur District were also honored with trophies and cash award by the chief guest. Consolation trophies were also given to all participated teams.

The most attractive part of the prize/memento distribution was honoring the chief guests. Chief Guest Venugopal was honored with a memento by President Puthukulangara and General Convener and OICC Vice-President Vijay Karayil jointly. Dr Gargi Jain was honored with a memento by General Secretary Pillai and program convener and OICC general secretary Binu Chempalayam jointly.

Program Committee Convener and OICC General Secretary Binu Chempalayam proposed vote of thanks. Binoy and Sradha Binu excellently compered the cultural meeting. Subsequently, the stage was filled with a variety of cultural programs such as Onappattu, Thiruvathira, Oppana, fusion dance, solo songs and group dances. Musical orchestra by Elanza troupe for the whole afternoon was quite extraordinary as each and every one present were totally enjoyed. In between, a sumptuous traditional onasadya was served to all attendees numbering around 1,500.