



ACK in World Inter Universities Championship in Rome

The Australian College of Kuwait (ACK) participated in the Second "World Inter Universities Championship - EuroRoma 2016" held in Rome, Italy. The tournament witnessed participation from all over Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia, North and South American the four day championship with approximately 2,500 university students.

For the consecutive second year, ACK was the only university participating from Kuwait and it was represented by its male football team, female futsal team and the table tennis team. The male football team made it to the semi-finals and played against universities from Bratislava, Madrid, Rome and Ireland. The female team played against Roma Tre University and two universities from France, suc-

cessfully reaching the quarter-finals. As for the table tennis team, they played against Kazakhstan, China, United Arab Emirates and Italian representatives making it to the semi-finals. ACK congratulates all its athletes while encouraging them to participate in sports and health-related activities, which is sure to benefit them in their pursuit of achieving their academic and non-academic goals.

Invitation to attend the PSA Winter football Festival

The annual PSA Everton Winter Football Festival will take place at Bayan, Block 7, Street 302, next to Abdullah Al-Rujaib High School on Saturday 10th December 2016, 8.30am - 2.30pm. All players from the PSA Everton Centre of Excellence, Coaching Courses, Everton Girls, Hilton, Durrar Club, Riggae, Franco Program, French School are invited to participate along with other invited school and academy teams. All games will be either 5/6 or 7 a side. Over 1000 players and spectators will be attending the event during the day along with sponsors and contributors, for what is the largest annual youth football event in Kuwait.

PSA Coaches will organize the Festival fixture schedule on the day and officiate the games with the aim of full participation, fun, sportsmanship and enjoyment for all - every player will receive a Festival Award. There will be lots of stalls, refreshments, games and activities throughout the day for everyone to enjoy. We would like to invite you to join HE the British Ambassador between 10-11am

Timings for the football games are as follows:

- 08.30 to 10.30 Players aged 3-4 years (Group 1), 5-6 years (Group 2) and 7-8 years (Group 3)
- FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATIONS AT 10.30**
- 10.30 to 12.30 Players aged 9-11 years (Group 4) and Girls
- FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATIONS AT 12.30**
- 12.30 to 14.30 Players aged 12-16 years (Group 5)
- FOLLOWED BY PRESENTATIONS 14.30**



INDIAN SCHOOLS' 'MEGA ARTS FEST' A SPECTACULAR EVENT

The Indian Schools' Mega Arts Fest is a manifestation of master talents in Kuwait.

Never before in the history of Indian schools in Kuwait had such opportunities to express and expose the hidden talents of the young minds. So, for the first time, the Indian Community School Kuwait organized Mega Arts Fest, with more than 80 different types of items in various categories in two days, three venues, six stages from 8 am to 8 pm with participation of more than 2,000 students from all the Indian Schools in Kuwait. This was an epoch-making event in the Middle East.

The inauguration of Mega Arts Fest began with the recitation of the traditional Islamic prayer and prayer song followed by the rendering of the national anthem of Kuwait and Britain. Dr V Binumon, Principal and Senior Administrator of ICSK welcomed the guests followed by the lighting of the lamp. In the inaugural address by the Chief Guest, Matthew James Lodge, Ambassador of Britain to Kuwait, gave an inspiring speech. The address by guest of honour our Sudha Chandran, film actress and dancer was an eye-opener for the listeners. She was magnanimous enough to show few dance steps to our students. They did benefit from her expertise. The words of special guest Maryam Abdul Rahman Dashti, Dept of Middle & High School, Ministry of Private Education, Kuwait, too was an energizer. Representing the Organizing Committee, Agnello A S Fernandes,

Joint Secretary, Board of Trustees, ICSK addressed the gathering.

Although Gurupranam is not a new concept for Indians, in the Gulf region it was considered to be a novelty. From 21 schools 20 principals took part in the Gurupranam. They were honored with 'ponnada', covering the individual with linen cloth signifying high thinking and simple living. There were off-stage and on stage programs. Off-stage items were conducted well in advance and the results were kept ready. The two days of competitions were the highlights of the mega art fest.

During the valedictory ceremony, the welcome song was sung by the Swaranjali, the ICSK choir. The welcome address given by Dr V.

Binumon, Principal ICSK & Senior Administrator which was followed by the lighting of the lamp by Sunil Jain, Ambassador of India to Kuwait and Padmashri Dr Resul Pookutty, winner of Oscar Award and Golden Reel Award, the special guest of the day. Jain in his inaugural speech showered praises on ICSK for organizing the event in such magnitude. The words of wisdom from Pookutty made everyone to think and re-think the value of education.

Pookutty kindly consented to give away about 600 prizes for Category 1, 2 and 3 (individual and group). Kala Prathiba and Kala Tilak (in each category) were given 4gm of gold and a crystal trophy. Cultural events presented on stage by ICSK students mesmerized the audi-



ence prior to the distribution of prizes for Category 4 and 5 (Individual and group) and the Kalathilak and Kalaparthiba, special awards for Categories 1,2,3,4,5 and the distribution of the overall trophy. Live concert by Stephen Devassy, a gold medalist from The London School of Music, picked up the momentum to give it a befitting finale to the Mega Arts Fest. With the vote of thanks proposed by Rajesh Nair, Principal, ICSK Amman Branch brought the Mega Art Fest 2016, to the close. The following winners in different categories were declared to be the Kala Prathiba and Kala Tilak of Mega Art Fest 2016.

In category-5 Muhammed Basil Habeeb of ICSK Senior and Parvathy Sudeer Nair of United Indian School declared to be the winners of Kalaparthiba and Kalathilak.

Under category-4 Abel Chris of ICSK -Senior

declared the Kalaparthiba while Aishwarya Shaji of FAIPS PVT.School became the Kalathilak.

Milan Abraham Mathew of ICSK -Khaitan and Batul Rokadiya of Salmiya Indian Model School declared to be the Kalaparthiba and Kalathilak respectively. The winners of Kalaparthiba in category -1&2 were Aibel Praveen Panampally, FAIPS Pvt. School and Aaron Varghese James, ICSK - Junior respectively.

Nakshatra Neeraja Binu, and Reine Mary John, both from Indian Educational School declared to be the winners of Kalathilak in category 1&2. School wise points position as follows: ICSK Senior secured 186 points under category 5 and FAIPS Private School 102 points under 4 category. In category 3 ICSK Amman scored 94 points and in category-2 Indian Educational School 56 points. In category -1 Indian Educational School secured 42 points.



Dr Sarabhai to visit Kuwait to attend Nandhanam event

Padma Bhushan Dr Mallika V Sarabhai, one of India's leading choreographers, dancers and activists, who has specialized in using arts for social change and transformation, will visit Kuwait as the guest of honor to attend the fourth 'Aranggram', event organized by Nandhanam Kuwait. She will deliver an inspirational speech to the art lovers on different aspects of Indian culture and the versatile role of Indian art forms at the event. Nandhanam Kuwait, a socio-cultural organization promoting India's rich culture and values in Kuwait, is conducting its fourth "Aranggram", a student's debut on-stage dance performance, at the American International School, Maidan Hawalli - Kuwait on Friday, December 30, 2016.

Bhavans achieves remarkable feat in the ICSK mega arts fest

When flairs flamboyantly flaunted at the six venues of ICSK Mega Fest, Indian Educational School, (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kuwait) emerged victorious bagging two 'Kalathilakam' (the acme of artistic talents) awards to its credit. The ICSK Mega Arts Fest was organized by the Indian Community School, Kuwait to encourage and applaud the amazingly talented students of Indian Schools in Kuwait.

More than 2000 contestants from as many as 21 Indian schools in Kuwait proudly partook in the biggest art fest of the academic year 2016-2017 in various contests. The contests comprised 80 categories of artistic, literary, oratory, dramatic, music, and performing arts events.

Bhavanites proved their might and mettle yet again with an astonishing array of achievements in almost all the realms of the Art Fest. More than 20 Bhavanites were crowned and accolades were bestowed upon them during the prize distribution ceremony held on December 2, 2016 which was indeed a spectacle to behold. The inspiring presence of the Oscar Award winner Razool Pookutty added luster to the occasion. The concluding segment of the Arts Fest was inaugurated by Mr Sunil Jain, the honorable Ambassador of India to Kuwait.

Reine Mary John and Nakshatra Neeraja Binu of Bhavans Kuwait bagged the 'Kalathilakam' awards of categories 1 and 2 respectively. The amazing duo amassed prizes in very many off and onstage events. Bhavanites also won many prizes in the literary contests like Extempore Speech, Poetry Writing, Essay Writing, Poetry Recitation, Story Writing, and also in artistic and cultural events like Water Coloring, Classical Music, Light Music as well as many others.

