



ICS'S 'CHENNAI KINGS' A SUPER HIT

Producer of several hit shows, Indian Cultural Society, presented a rocking high voltage musical fusion & live concert featuring world renowned percussionist Anandan Sivamani, playback singer Haricharan Seshadri & melody queen of south film industry Suchitra K. Kumar on Friday 10th January. "Chennai Kings".

ICS tries to bridge cultures and keep the community happy by bringing together renowned artists on one stage. Apart from the renowned stars, the show featured local talents from Kuwait. It was a true "Bharat Darshan" from Kashmir to Kanyakumari". The chief guest of the evening was D. T. Phuntsog, Ambassador of Bhutan & 2nd secretary (Political wing) of Indian Embassy Dr. Sushil Kumar. The eminent guests who blessed the evening were Ashish Tandon (GM- KAICO Group) & Sharif Rangrez (MD- Eternity Tourism). They spoke of Indo Kuwait friendship & appreciated ICS efforts to promote art and culture in Kuwait. The show was anchored by the exemplary President of Indian Cultural Society Ashfaq A Khan in his customary style. Ashafque has completed 121 shows as anchor & emcee in a variety of events.

The main show kicked off with a romantic song by Qaisar Ali Khan on behalf of Sahara followed by dance performance by



young talents from The Dancing Divas, Shrishti Dance Academy & Heartz bits. The highlight of the show was the man who has been labeled the reflection of great music director A. R. Rahman, world renowned percussionist Anandan Sivamani, who made a surprise entry through the audience, to the accompaniment of video graphics. Sivamani presented an unforgettable non-stop one and a half hour session, in which he played more than 100 instruments to create some awe inspiring music. His performance was pre-

ceded by another livewire performance by playback singer Haricharan who sang hit numbers in Tamil, Malayalam and Hindi. He also sang a duet with upcoming singer Safa Khan who set the tone of the evening with her soulful song "Snehgi dhane...ragasiya/chinna chinna da", which was well received by the audience. Haricharan was followed by Suchitra who kept belting out hit numbers. The band which accompanied them created some wonderful music that kept the audience on their toes for almost 5 hours.

ADVISORY TO INDIAN NATIONALS IN KUWAIT

The Embassy of India has been receiving often reports from the members of Indian community residing in Kuwait regarding thefts, robberies assaults and damages to their property etc. All such incidents should be immediately reported to the local police station. In order to extend help the members of our community, please contact us with the following information so that the matter could also be taken up by the Embassy with Kuwaiti authorities:-

- (a) Brief details of the incident;
- (b) Civil ID of the affected member(s) and their passport details;
- (c) Contact telephone number and the proof of residence of the person(s) affected;
- (d) Copy of FIR along with address of the Police station.

2. Please contact either Hend, Ambassador's office at Telephone No. 22561276, Fax No. 22546958 (E-mail: amb.kuwait@mea.gov.in OR ambss@indembkwt.org)

or Balram Kumar Upadhyay, Counsellor (Consular and Chief Welfare Officer) on Telephone No. 22533125, Fax No.22573910 (E-mail: counsellor@indembkwt.org).



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EMBASSY OF AUSTRALIA

The Embassy of Australia has announced that Kuwait citizens can apply for and receive visit visas in 10 working days through www.immi.gov.au. All other processing of visas and Immigration matters are handled by the Australian Visa Application Centre located in Al Banwan Building, 4B, 1st Floor, Al Qibla Area, Ali Al Salem Street, Kuwait City. Visit: www.vfs-au-gcc.com for more info. The Embassy of Australia does not have a visa or immigration department. All processing of visas and immigration matters is conducted by the Australian Consulate-General in Dubai. Email: Info.ausdx@vfshelpline.com (VIS), immigration.dubai@dfat.gov.au (Visa Office), Tel: +971 4 205 5900 (VFS), Fax: + 971 4 355 0708 (Visa Office). Notary and passport services are available by appointment. Appointments can be made by calling the Embassy on 22322422.



EMBASSY OF INDIA

India and Kuwait have enjoyed historically close, warm and friendly ties. The visit of His Highness Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, Prime Minister of Kuwait to India in November 2013 has imparted a new thrust to the strengthening further of the bilateral ties. To facilitate travel of Kuwaiti nationals to India for business, tourism, medical and study purposes, the Embassy has adopted the following visa structure for Kuwaiti nationals with immediate effect:

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| Revised Indian Visa fee in KD(*) w.e.f 01.01.2014 | | | |
| (i) | Business | 5 Years | Multiple |
| (ii) | Business | 1 Year | Multiple |
| (iii) | Tourism | 6 months | Multiple |
| (iv) | Medical | 1 year | Multiple |
| (v) | Student | Period of study | As required |

(*) In addition, a service charge of KD 3 will also apply for each visa service provided w.e.f 17.12.2013.

Please apply Indian visa online at www.bls-international.com and deposit visa application, with applicable visa fee and service charge, at either M/s. BLS International Services, Emad Commercial Centre, Basement floor Ahmed Al-Jaber Street, Sharq, Kuwait city (Telephone: 22986607 - Fax: 22470006) or M/s. BLS International Services, Mujamma Unood, 4th floor, Office No. 25-26 Makka Street, Entrance 5, Fahaheel, Kuwait (Telephone: 22986607 - Fax: 22470006) For additional information, please contact Second Secretary (Consular) in the Embassy at sscons@indembkwt.org.

EMBASSY OF SOUTH AFRICA

South African citizens, who are out of the country who are not already registered and wish to apply for registration to vote in the upcoming general elections, are hereby invited to apply for registration.

Registration is open daily during working hours from 08h30 to 15h30 at the SA Embassy at Villa No 3, House No 91, Street 1, Block 10, Salwa. The last day for registration will be 7 February 2014.

In addition, special registration will take place on Friday, 24 January 2014, from 09h00 to 13h00, for those SA citizens who are not yet registered and cannot come to register during normal working hours.

