KSNA Ad-Hoc Committee

A d-Hoc committee of the Kerala Sangeetha Natak Akademi’s (KSNA) Kuwait Chapter will be reconvened at a meeting at 4 pm on Thursday, April 10 at Indian Community School (Senior), Salmiya which will be presided over by KSNA Chairman Soorya Krishnamoorthy. Malayali associations in Kuwait are requested to depute one or two representatives of their associations to participate in the meeting.

IOC Arts Festival

Indo-Overseas Congress (IOC) will conduct Arts Festival 2014 on April 10, 11, 2014 at the United Indian School, Abbassiya. Preparations are on to host this mega event among the Indian expatriates in Kuwait. Entry forms are also available on request through email. Entry forms can be sent to fax no. 24331461. Filled entry forms can be emailed to: iocfest2014@gmail.com. Also, the final registration date has been extended till Saturday, 5 April 2014. All Indian children are invited to participate in the various competitions to be held on April 10, 11, 2014 at the United Indian School, Abbassiya.

Soorya India Festival on April 10

S oorya Kuwait Chapter will present ‘Soorya India Festival 2014’ at 7 pm on April 10 at the Indian Community School Auditorium, Senior, Salmiya. This time, Soorya is coming up with a mix of three oldest dance forms of India - a Bharatanatyam recital by well-known danseuse Dakshina Vaidyanathan, a Mohiniyattam recital by exponent Aiswarya Warrier and an Odissi performance by exponent Kumar Swain. In addition, a solo fusion by Mridangam maestro Kushal Mannam Ramakrishnan will also be presented. Indian Ambassador Sunil Jain will inaugurate the festival that aims to promote international integration through culture. Entry is free.

KISR publishes book on ‘Extreme Wind Atlas for Kuwait’

K uwait is building many high rise structures and towers. For cost effective design of such structures, extreme wind speed which is expected to act on it during its lifetime is to be known. As of date, Kuwait does not have extreme wind and gust speed information at different locations, directions and for different return periods covering the whole country. KISR has established the extreme wind speed and gust speed for a total of 39 stations both on the land and sea area for return periods of 10, 25, 50 and 100 years. For this work, the measured wind data available for many years, are collected from KISR Meteorology stations, stations under the control of Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Kuwait Environment Public Authority (KEPA). The book is titled as “Extreme Wind Speed for Kuwait” and is authored by Dr 5 Neelamani, L Al-Awadi, F Al-Shatti, M Abdulla, M Hussain, and A Al-Othman from Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research and Essa Ramadan and Hassan Al-Dashiti from the Meteorological Department, Directorate General Of Civil Aviation, Kuwait. The project was partially sponsored by Kuwait Foundation for the advancement of Sciences, Kuwait and by Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Kuwait.

The authors believe that the results in this book will be used by the industries involved in the infrastructure developments in Kuwait both for land based infrastructure and for marine projects. KISR is planning to organize a book release function for official release of this book to the stakeholders.

Copy of the book can also be collected from Dr S. Neelamani, nusbram@kisr.edu.kw and his mobile 99278411.

Munavvar Ali Shihab Thangal, Noushad Baqawi in Kuwait

T he world famous Islamic Daee, Orator, Scholar Shaikh Noushad Baqawi as well as Sayid Munavvar Ali Shihab Thangal, the youngest leader of Keralite community and Muslims arrived in Kuwait by the invitation of Kuwait-Kerala Sunni Muslim Council, a member of Federation of Indian Muslim Associations in Kuwait. Many other distinguished guests have already arrived from India.

Shaikh Koyakutty Ustad, President of Samastha Kerala Islamic Educational Board, Kerala, who runs more than 10,000 Madrassas under Samastha Kerala Islamic syllabus is visiting first time in Kuwait. Samastha Kerala Jama'iyathul Ulama was formed on June 26, 1926 but it was officially registered on November 14, 1934, as the government approved its bylaw, which was agreed upon after deep and wide scholarly discussions held in various Mushawara meets and in consultation with law experts. It promulgated the propagation of true Islam, impart of religious education and activities against superstitions and un-Islamic traditions as its primary and supreme objectives. Its bylaw also included encouragement for secular education compatible with religious beliefs, and calls for religious tolerance, interfaith friendship, peaceful existence and national progress. It is the largest Muslim (Mappila) faction in Kerala in terms of number of followers, who constitute 24.7 percent of the total population of the state, have their own characteristics and peculiarities that distinguish them from other Muslim communities in India. The event was scheduled at Abbasiya, Central Indian School on Thursday and yesterday.