



AIP HONORS MERITORIOUS STUDENTS

Association of Indian Professionals (AIP), Kuwait organized a grand function on December 28, 2014 at the Indian Community Senior School, Salmiya, in order to felicitate the meritorious Indian students of Class XII. Out of a total of 178 awardees, more than 120 of them along with their parents attended the function. Awardees were selected based on the CBSE examination results declared for the academic year 2013 - 2014, from all Indian Schools in Kuwait which are affiliated to the CBSE, India. Along with gold/silver medals and certificates, cash awards were also distributed among the gold and silver medalists. Bronze medals and certificates were dis-

persed among those awardees who scored an aggregate of 90 percent or above. Indian Ambassador Sunil Jain was the chief guest whereas Abhay Chaturvedi on behalf of Kuldeep Singh Lamba (a prominent businessman), S K Wadhawan (Managing Partner and CEO of Samara Group), F M Bashir Ahmed (Principal of India International School, Mangaf) and Ashok Angural (Regional Director of TCIL) were the guests of honor.

The event was organized as two sessions; 'Meet Your Seniors' program which was followed by the second session of AIP Meritorious Awards distribution. 'Meet Your Seniors' program was conducted by Dr T S Srikumar. Seventeen senior students who are

currently pursuing their higher education either in Kuwait, US, Canada, UK, UAE or in India were present to share their academic, social and cultural experiences of their current career span in their respective institutions. This program provided an excellent opportunity for junior students and their parents to interact with the senior students and rendered very useful information about careers and institution options.

AIP General Secretary Umesh Sharma welcomed the guests and the audience. He highlighted that the AIP Awards have now become the symbol of excellence. Sharma extended his appreciation and thanked all principals of Indian schools in Kuwait who

provided official information which facilitated the final selection of meritorious awardees. A colorful souvenir which included awardees' photographs and depicting AIP's vision and mission was released by the chief guest.

Sunil Jain, while sharing some of his past memorable studentship experiences, appreciated the efforts of AIP for promoting Indian students through motivation, exposure and career guidance programs. He specifically mentioned that although, meritorious students in Kuwait are usually separately honored on different community and on school level basis, AIP award function is the one and only event where meritorious Indian stu-

dents from all Indian schools in Kuwait are jointly honored at a single occasion. The Ambassador congratulated the awardees and advised all students to pursue their career of their own choice. His gracious presence from the beginning to the end of the award distribution ceremony reflected his interest and sincerity towards the academic wellbeing of Indian students in Kuwait.

Fahaheel Al-Watanieh Indian Private School-FAIPS (DPS) was adjudged as the winner of 'AIP Best Academic Performance Award' for class XII of year 2013-14, and India International School as the runners up. Best performing schools were selected on the weighted average

method. Rolling trophies and mementos were presented to these schools by the ambassador.

Sunil Jain, Chaturvedi, Wadhawan, Ahmad, Angural, Sharma, Sajeev K Peter, Umesh Shahani, and Jagdish Joshi distributed cash awards, rolling trophies, mementos, medals and certificates. Joanne Claris John, Shaik Mathar, Swithin Roy Suresh, Sneha Sridharan, Juliana Mariam George, Neil Emmanuel L, Aysha Nadir, Yash Dhananjay Thakkar, Sukanya Subramaniyan, and Shruti Sridhar anchored the awards distribution ceremony. Sangeeta Joshi and Shilpa Sajeev managed awards distribution flawlessly. Vote of thanks was presented by Umesh Sharma.

New Year Greetings



Abdur Rahim, poet and writers and General Secretary Porbhabshi Sahtya Porishad, Chief adviser Barisal Division Expatiate's welfare council in Kuwait.

I wish everyone a happy New Year and may Almighty Allah bring peace and joy to all poets, writers, literature, journalists, singers, politicians, artists, and all readers of Jagoran Magazines and all dearest friends in Kuwait and Bangladesh in coming New Year 2015

May Allah bless you all with best wishes and prosperity in life. With best regards from

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Gulf Bank's management and staff take this opportunity to wish everyone a Prosperous 2015.

INDIAN EMBASSY

As a special gesture, the Embassy will function on Thursday, 1 January 2015 to render Consular, Labour, Visa and Attestation services for the benefit of all.

However, the Embassy shall remain closed on Friday, 2 January 2015 and Saturday, 3 January 2015 on account of Milad-un-Nabi (Birthday of Prophet Mohammed). Sunday, 4 January 2015 will be as usual a regular working day in the Embassy. Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year 2015.

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AMMAN BRANCH STUDENTS EXCEL IN ICSK MEGA ARTS FEST

The students of the Indian Community School Kuwait Amman Branch performed par excellence and bagged overall championship trophies in several categories at the recently concluded Mega Arts Fest conducted at ICSK Senior branch. The Mega Arts Fest was conducted on 20th

and 21st of December and featured several arts competitions for all the categories. The participants were from Class K.G. to XII. The students of ICSK Amman performed the best and bagged the overall trophies for the categories 2, 3 and 4.

Master Misbah Zeus Arakkal of Class I C

won the 'Kalaprathiba' title in category I and Master Kevin Baiju Parakal of Class IV B won the 'Kalaprathiba' title in category II. Miss Afrah Rafi of Class VII G and Miss Ashifa Sayed Furkhan Ali won the 'Kalathilakam' title in the Category III and IV respectively. This proud accomplishment

is the result of the hard work and dedication of the participants of Amman branch with the guidance, motivation and support of the Principal, teachers and parents. It is undeniably a glorious moment for ICSK Amman as this is their second consecutive achievement at the Mega Arts Fest.