



AL MULLA EXCHANGE WIDENS ITS NETWORK WITH THE 67TH BRANCH IN KUWAIT

Al Mulla Exchange, Kuwait's leading exchange company, opened its 67th branch in Kuwait on 27th January 2016, adding to its wide network to serve customers all across Kuwait. The new branch, located in

Mangaf, is the third outlet in the area, and like all the other branches of Al Mulla Exchange, it is well located with ample parking space to enable customers with fast and easy service. In his statement after the launch of the

branch, Al Mulla Exchange's General Manager, Rakesh Joshi, said that Mangaf is a strategic location for the exchange company, "as there are very few companies providing similar services in the area. This is our third branch in

Mangaf, and we are expanding in the area because we are aware of the demand for our services. Our aim is to get as close to our customers as possible, so our services become easily accessible to all."

Moreover, he noted that this year will see further expansion of Al Mulla Exchange, taking the company's leading position in the market even higher. The exact address of the new branch is block 4, street 30, building 34, Mangaf.



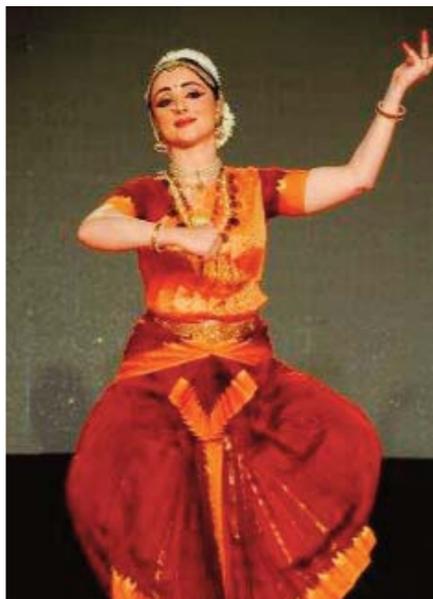
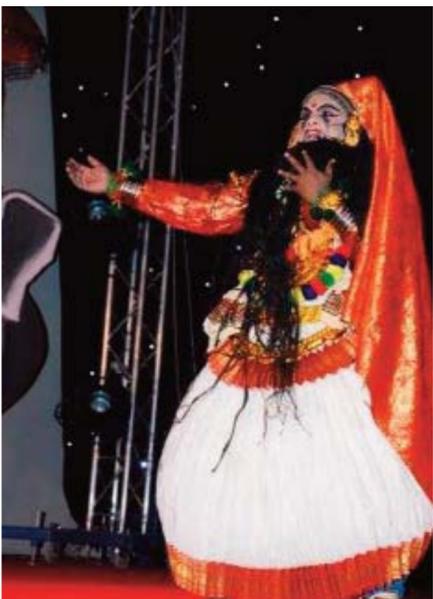
RANI RAAD APPOINTED PRESIDENT, CNN INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL

Rani R Raad has been appointed to the new role of President, CNN International Commercial. In this role, Raad will continue to be responsible for CNN's commercial functions outside the US. In addition, the development of Turner International's programmatic trading strategy will be facilitated under his leadership. Previously as Executive Vice-President and Chief Commercial Officer, CNN

International, Raad has led the CNN International Commercial group since it was created in 2013 to directly align all of CNN's international commercial activity into one organization. This activity spans core business activities such as advertising sales, content sales and partnerships, business development, marketing and research. Gerhard Zeiler, President, Turner International, to whom Raad reports, said: "Rani has a remarkable track record in

leading a diverse portfolio of commercial initiatives across international markets. He has built a new digital team that is the authority in this space and has transformed the commercial operation for CNN internationally, bringing in a new leadership team to deliver best-in-class and award-winning ad sales solutions as well as re-setting the licensing and content sales businesses to yield a suite of new branded initiatives around the globe."

Rani Raad said: "I'm excited and passionate about the role that CNN continues to play in today's fast-changing news and media landscape. As the world's news leader, our commitment to innovation underpins our commercial activities as well as the brand's editorial output. I look forward to being part of this change as we bring to market even more sophisticated, data-driven and creative solutions for our wide range of commercial partners."



NSS KUWAIT CELEBRATES MANNAM JAYANTHI 2016



The 139th birth anniversary of Bharath Kesari Mannathu Padmanabhan was celebrated by Nair Service Society (NSS) Kuwait on January 22 at Marina Hall, Touristic Park, Abbasiya from 5.30 pm onwards. The function was presided by NSS vice president Sreeekumar and was inaugurated by A K Sreevastava, Second Secretary, Indian Embassy, Kuwait by lighting the lamp. Renowned South Indian film director, producer, lyricist and music director Sreeekumar Thampi was the chief guest.

S Vijayakumar, General Secretary in his speech remembered the great efforts of Mannath Padmanabhan in the formation of NSS and welcomed everyone to the function. Vice President Sreeekumar gave his presidential address. Sunil Menon, NSS Patron and Deepa Pillai, Vanitha Samajam convener gave felicitation speeches. Sreeekumar Thampi was honored with a ponnada and a memento by NSS Kuwait. He delivered an inspirational speech about the life of Mannath Padmanabhan and urged everyone to stay together and work

hard to achieve their goals. Guna Prasad, Treasurer expressed vote of thanks. There were documentary shows on the life of Mannath Padmanabhan, Sreeekumar Thampi and the welfare activities of NSS Kuwait. The academic achievers awards were given by Sreeekumar Thampi to the children of NSS members for their outstanding performance in the 10th and 12th standard CBSE examinations. The cultural program was a great success and a memorable one. The main attraction of the evening was the

Bharathanatyam performance by Paris Laxmi. She won the hearts of all by her graceful movements, expressions and the ease of performance. Pallippuram Sunil performed "Poothanamoksham" and delighted everyone with his Kathakali skills. The musical entertainment by the trio Sachin Warriar, Malavika Anilkumar with Asianet fame Aneesh at keyboard mesmerized the audience with melodies and fast numbers. Kalabhavan Sathesheer entertained all with his comedy and mimicry skills.

MMF, KUWAIT HOLDS MEDIA CONFERENCE



The media has become a critically influential force in the contemporary society as it has the power even to determine the fortunes of political parties today, said C. Gouridasan Nair, a well-known Indian journalist and Associate Editor of The Hindu,

Trivandrum edition. Delivering a keynote speech on 'Media and Society' at the Malayali Media Forum, Kuwait's annual conference on January 28th at the Indian Community School, Khaitan, Nair said, in India, the media has demolished the conventional structures of



several political organizations by swaying the public opinion in favor or against them. With the mushrooming of television channels and social media, political decision-making has become virtually impossible without taking into account the views of the media be it posi-

tive or negative. Indian Embassy second secretary A K Srivastava inaugurated the three-day conference while MMF General Convener Abdulfattah Thayyil presided over the meeting. A souvenir, edited by Muhammad Riyaz, was released on the occasion. Convener

Muneer Ahamed welcomed the gathering while Anwar Sadath Thalassery proposed a vote of thanks. A cross section of the Indian community attended the conference which concluded yesterday. MMF, Kuwait is a forum of Malayali journalists working in Kuwait.