

What's On

Condolence ceremony held for Imam Hussein



The representative of Sultan Al-Bohra in Kuwait Sheikh Hussein Imran Ali Bhopal Wala, at the Burhani Center of the Islamic Bohra community in Kuwait located in Ardiyah area, held a condolence ceremony in the memory of Imam Hussein yesterday morning. The ceremony was attended by a large number of Bohra community members residing in Kuwait where he initiated the ceremony with saying praise to Allah and peace and blessings upon His honorable prophet, his esteemed family members and honorable companions. He then proceeded to mention the Prophet's noble features, virtuous biography, noble morals and grace on the entire humanity.

His Eminence then mentioned the great sacrifices of Imam Hussein and the family of the Allah's prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, in order to uphold the word of truth, and that he sacrificed soul and precious property, and sacrificed his virtuous family and noble companions in order to preserve the Sharia of his grandfather the last prophet, Allah's peace and blessings be upon him.

He also indicated the efforts exerted by the late Sultan of Bohra, Dr Muhammad Burhanuddin to enhance the social, educational and economic status of the Bohra community in the world. It is worth mentioning that current Sultan of Bohra, Dr Syedana Mufddal Saifuddin T.U.S, is holding the memorial services this year in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. The deputy representative of Sultan Al-Bohra Sheikh Hussein also urged the members of Bohra community to adhere to the Islamic Sharia and maintain good morals, in particular, to respect the laws of the State of Kuwait and participate with their Kuwaiti brothers in serving the beloved State of Kuwait in all spheres.

He expressed grateful thanks, recognition and acknowledgment to His Highness the Amir of the State

of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, High Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Jaber Al-Mubarak Al-Hamad Al-Sabah, His Excellency Minister of the Amiri Diwan Affairs Sheikh Nasser Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, His Excellency Minister of Interior Sheikh Khalid Al-Jarrah Al-Sabah, may Allah protect them, and to His Excellency Undersecretary, Ministry of the Interior, Lieutenant General Mahmoud Al-Dousari, His Excellency Sheikh Mohammad Yusuf Al-Sabah, the Assistant Undersecretaries in the Ministry of the Interior, the esteemed government, the Ministry of Interior, the security agencies, and particularly the Kuwaiti people for providing facilities and assistance to hold the religious rituals in the memory of martyrdom of Imam Hussein in the month of Muharram.

Furthermore, the representative of Sultan Al-Bohra in Kuwait presented to express sincere condolence and support to His Excellency Sheikh Khalid Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah and to Al-Sabah family on the death of Sheikh Sarah Al-Ahbi Al-Sabah. He expressed sincere condolence to His Excellency Undersecretary, Ministry of the Interior, Lieutenant General Mahmoud Al-Dousari on the death of First Lieutenant Ahmed Mohamed Al-Dousari, praying to Allah to grant His mercy to both decedents and inspire their family with patience and solace.

He concluded the ceremony by invoking Allah the Almighty to grant His Highness the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah the long life, health and well-being and bestow Kuwait and the people of Kuwait security, safety, prosperity and progress.

He also invoked Allah to grant the Sultan of Al-Bohra His Eminence Dr Syedana Mufddal Saifuddin the long life to serve Islam, Muslims and mankind.



Ayanam Open Forum sweeps KANA theatre awards; 'Kazhcha' shines

Ayanam Open Forum's 'Oru Sadacharakala Pranayam' swept most of the laurels followed by Kazhcha Kuwait with its drama 'Kazhcha' at the 'Thoppil Bhasi Theatre Festival 2017' which was organized by Kerala Arts and Nataka Academy (KANA Kuwait) at the Indian Community School auditorium, Khaitan on Friday.

At a colorful event titled 'Thoppil Bhasi Theatre Festival 2017', four amateur troupes competed for the awards. Ayanam Open Forum bagged the 'Thoppil Bhasi Award 2017' for the best drama. The best second play award went to 'Kazhcha' staged by Kazhcha Kuwait while its protagonist - Prisoner- played by Wilson Chirayath was adjudged the best actor of the festival.

Bergman Thomas bagged the best director award for

Devi of the same play was adjudged the second best actress. Alan Rejoy was chosen the best child artist for his distinct style of acting in the drama 'Nam Enthucheyyanam.' Special Jury Award was given to Merin Wilson for her role in 'Kazhcha'. Cash awards were also given to the winning plays. The awards were given away during a glittering ceremony following the competition.

The festival was inaugurated by Chief Guest of the session, Sibi US, Second Secretary, Indian Embassy in the presence of the theatre director and playwright Thoppil Soman, theatre actor V J Antony and KANA Kuwait office-bearers. KANA Kuwait General Secretary Jiju Kalayil welcomed the gathering and president Kumar Thrithala delivered the presidential speech. Kalashri Babu Chakola, paying homage to late Thoppil Bhasi, recalled his emotional meeting with Bhasi's wife Amminiamma at her home in Kerala. Thoppil Soman spoke about how the Malayalam theatre had distanced itself from people over the years.

General Convener of Thoppil Bhasi Theatre Festival 2017 and KANA Advisor Sajeev K Peter briefly spoke about the Late Bhasi and how his social dramas transformed the cultural arena in Kerala in 1950s and 1960s. Advisor K P Balakrishnan and drama festival jury member V J Antony also spoke on the occasion. KANA Kuwait Vice President Punnose Anchery proposed a vote of thanks. Technical Advisor Idiculla Mathews and Reji Mathew were also present during the inaugural ceremony. Manju Mathew and Shilpa Sajeev anchored the inaugural session. A large number of theatre enthusiasts and Indian community members were present during the three-hour festival.

KANA Kuwait is a non-profit socio-cultural organization formed on World Theatre Day (March 27, 2017) in Kuwait by a group of theatre activists with a view to promoting theatre and generating a positive theatre culture among the Indian community in the country.



Thoppil Bhasi Theatre Festival 2017

his brilliant work 'Oru Sadacharakala Pranayam' while best script award went to Wilson Chirayath for the play 'Kazhcha'. Treesa Wilson won the best actress award for her stellar performance in 'Orusadacharakala Pranayam'. The second best script award went to Subi George for her play 'Nam Enthu Cheyyanam' which was presented by Marina Moving Arts.

Second best actor award was bagged by Rafeeq Thayath (Orusadacharakala Pranayam), while Sharanya



Indian Embassy announcement

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