

## What's On

# Al Kout concludes celebrations with the arrival of 2018



**S**ouq Al Kout, part of the Al Kout project, Kuwait's largest waterfront retail and leisure destination, concluded its recent celebrations that marked the arrival of the new year amid a large number of visitors that included families and children who enjoyed live musical entertainment held under the theme of 'RHAPSODY' as well as a broad array of interactive activities that were held from the 29th to the 31st December 2017.

Souq Al Kout, for the 4th consecutive year, was the center of New Year celebrations across the State of Kuwait, with 'RHAPSODY' attracting a large number of visitors. The musical event was launched on the 31st December, where visitors enjoyed a nostalgic drive from past to present, in a fun filled environment that included a rich range of melodies and musical shows that were performed live by Afterthought band and Omar Afuni, as well as the Kuwaiti band 'Nujoom' and Suyouf Al-Sham Musical Group who presented a

unique Syrian folklore show. The event ended with a spectacular fire-works performance at midnight, welcoming 2018 in a fun filled and happy spirit.

Visitors also enjoyed other entertainment activities that were held throughout the day which included memorable portraits through a unique event themed 'Photo booth' as well as extensive arts activities that have been designed for families. In addition, on the 29th and 30th December, activities and a series of competitions were held to appeal to families, children including arts and crafts, face painting, musical statues, competitions and giveaways as well as pony rides.

Nermeen Bishady, Al Kout's Marketing Manager, expressed her sincere happiness with the successful rollout of the event in its 4th year running, especially with large turnout of visitors - from families, and children in different age groups, assuring that Al Kout is the prime and ideal destination for families to enjoy different occasions.



## AIP honors meritorious students

**A**ssociation of Indian Professionals (AIP), Kuwait organized a grand function on December 29, 2017, at the auditorium of Salmiya Indian Model School (SIMS), Salmiya in order to felicitate the meritorious Indian students of class XII. Awardees were selected based on the CBSE examination results declared for the academic year 2016 - 2017, from all Indian Schools in Kuwait which are affiliated to the CBSE system of education of India. Gold/silver medals and certificate of merit were presented to the students who scored highest and second highest aggregates in science and commerce streams. Silver medals with certificates were presented to the students who scored 100 percent marks in any subject. Bronze medals and certificates were dispersed to those awardees who scored an aggregate of 90 percent or above. Indian Embassy Second Secretary Yashwant Chatpalliwar was the chief guest while Harpreet Singh Sethi on behalf of Kuldeep Singh Lamba, S K Wadhawan, Rajpal Tyagi, Ashok Kumar Angural, Rajesh Nair — Principal of Indian Community School, Amman Branch; K Gangadhar Shirsath - Principal of Indian Community School Khaitan and Dr Rubina Ali Chougale, Obstetrics and Gynaecology Consultant and an IVF Specialist at Al-Seef Hospital were the guests of honor.

AIP General Secretary Dr Kamlesh Kumari welcomed the guests and audience. She highlighted that the AIP Awards have now become a symbol of excellence. Dr Kamlesh Kumari extended her appreciation and thanks to all principals of Indian Schools in Kuwait who provided official information which facilitated the final selection of meritorious awardees. AIP Chairman Umesh Sharma stressed the need of the education and motivation of the younger generation for the multidimensional development of the society. Education and only education can bring peace and prosperity to this



world, he stated. Chatpalliwar 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 students from all Indian schools in Kuwait are jointly honored at a single occasion. Chatpalliwar congratulated awardees and advised all students to pursue their career of their own choice.

A colorful souvenir which included awardees' photographs and depicting AIP's vision and mission was released by the Chief Guest, Guests of honor and executive committee members of AIP. Indian Educational School (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan) was adjudged as the winner of 'AIP Best Academic Performance Award' for class XII of year

2016-17 and Fahaheel Al-Watanieh Indian Private School-FAIPS (DPS) as the runners up. Best performing schools are selected on the weighted average method. Rolling trophies and mementos were presented to these schools by Chatpalliwar and Sharma.

Chatpalliwar, Harpreet Singh Sethi, Wadhawan, Rajpal Tyagi, Ashok Kumar Angural, Rajesh Nair, K. Gangadhar Shirsath, Dr Rubina Ali Chougale, Umesh Sharma, Dr Kamlesh Kumari, Sajeev K. Peter, and AR Subbaraman distributed medals, certificates, rolling trophies and mementos. Deepti Ravi Kumar, Leander George, Jessica Henry Serrao, Muqis Moiz, Riya George, Moses Reji Chandy, Clifton George Samuel, Rithikha Raghupathy, Simran Kaur, Jonathan Mahesh Najare, Afrah Rafi, Jitesh Seshan compered the awards distribution ceremony in an excellent manner. The gifts were presented to the anchors. Vote of thanks was delivered by Sajeev K Peter.



## Kuwait National English School Year 1 marks winter concert

**O**n 13th December 2017, the Year 1 pupils of Kuwait National English School celebrated their winter concert, titled 'Just Sing'. The theme of the concert was in keeping with the end of year festivities and celebrations. Pupils, dressed in vivid and colorful costumes, captivated the audience with their amazing performance of songs and dance. The number of parents that attended was incredible and they have been immensely supportive of the children. After the event, many parents commented that they could not believe how great the children were and how well they have progressed with their performances. They also commented positively on how well



choreographed the dances were and how beautifully their children sang and they looked forward to many more concerts in the future. Our school Director, Madame Chantal Al Gharabally, highlighted the importance of children in our lives as well as the need to treasure them and to guide them along the right path in life so that they can take their rightful place in society. The concert ended with children singing their hearts out to the two finale songs. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the performances.

