

## 'Minecraft' your world in upcoming mobile AR game

# Players can explore 'Outer Wilds' solar system this month

LOS ANGELES, May 22. (RTRS): Open world exploration game "Outer Wilds" is coming out at the end of this month, Annapurna Interactive announced Monday.

The final version of the game, which puts players in a repeating 20-minute loop in a time-stuck solar system, is coming on May 30.

In "Outer Wilds," the player is the newest recruit to a space program, Outer Wilds Ventures. Though the world resets, player knowledge built upon each loop allows new discoveries, and the world itself changes over time.

"The planets of Outer Wilds are packed with hidden locations that change with the passage of time," a fact sheet for the game stated. "Players can visit an underground city before it's swallowed by sand, or explore the surface of a planet as it crumbles beneath their feet."

The alpha of "Outer Wilds" won

the Seamus McNally Grand Prize and Excellence in Design in 2015, at the Independent Games Festival. Now, the true test is how the public perceives the final version of the game later this month.

"Outer Wilds" is coming to Xbox One and PC on May 30. The PC version of the game will be available exclusively on the Epic Games Store upon release, with other platforms coming "later," according to developer Mobius Digital.

"Minecraft Earth" will offer players an augmented reality mobile experience, as shown in an announcement trailer posted by the official Xbox YouTube account last week.

The AR game brings the "Minecraft" game to players' real worlds allowing them to collect mobs, collaborate on creations, and explore their neighborhoods while gathering

resources and taking on challenges. Just as in the game, there will be hostile mobs to look out for as well - but they'll be set against the backdrop of the real world.

"Minecraft" is the insanely popular game which allows players to build their own creations by collecting resources and is available for both mobile devices and consoles. Adding an AR game could bring the game to even more people, as seen with the popularity of "Pokemon Go," which came out in 2016 and brought attention to the potential of AR games.

The collecting element of "Minecraft Earth" seems similar to the popular AR mobile game "Pokemon Go."

"Minecraft Earth features many of the mobs you know and love, along with a bunch of new ones," according to the Minecraft Earth website. "Over time, you'll get the chance to breed unique variants, and use them to

populate your builds."

Google will shut down Jump, its cloud-based video stitching service, this summer. The company emailed creators Friday afternoon to tell them that Jump would be shuttered on June 28, and detailed plans for the shutdown on its website as well.

In its email, Google justified the closure of Jump with the emergence of new video formats and cameras for VR video. "As these new cameras, formats, and editing tools became available, we saw usage of Jump assembler decline," the email reads in part.

Users of Jump won't be able to upload new footage to the service after June 26, and will have until June 27 to download all of their files. Jump-compatible cameras will continue to work with third-party video editing software, the company said Friday.

Jump was part of an ambitious bet on VR video, which also included the development of dedicated VR cameras in partnership with companies like GoPro and Yi. Google first announced a partnership with GoPro in 2015, and then partnered with Yi in the following year. In 2017, Yi released a \$17,000 VR camera made in partnership with Google.

But while Google left the hardware production to others, it was very involved in the camera design as well as the development of the software. The idea behind Google's engagement in this space was to simplify the capture and production of 360-degree 3D video with the help of Google's cloud muscles.

Jump-compatible camera rigs would capture video with 16 or more individual action cameras, which would then be uploaded directly to Google's servers. There, Google's Jump software would

automatically stitch the source videos together to a 360-degree 3D video, doing away with the need of manual stitching.

In addition to its hardware partnerships and the development of the cloud-based Jump software, Google also used Jump as a way to kickstart VR content production for YouTube and beyond. To that end, the company outfitted its YouTube creator spaces with Jump cameras to help creators shoot 360-degree video.

The closure of Jump isn't Google's first departure from VR. The company had also planned to develop a high-end cinematic VR camera in partnership with Imax, but pulled the plug on that project in late 2017, as Variety was first to report.

Google is also said to have re-signing much of its Daydream VR team to work on augmented reality instead, and shuttered its Spotlight Stories VR studio in March.



A group photo from the event.

## Forum well equipped to deal with any legal, business consultations

# Indian Lawyers' Forum organises reception for Justice Chamaleshar

KUWAIT CITY, May 22: Indian Lawyers' Forum Kuwait, the Association of Indian law graduates and lawyers in Kuwait organized a reception for the visiting Senior Justice of Supreme Court of India, Chamaleshar.

The function was presided over by the President of Indian Lawyers' Forum, Adv Thomas Panicker.

General Secretary of the Forum welcomed the Chief Guest and all others to the function. Adv Suresh Pulickal presented the details of forthcoming activities of the Forum.

In his address the president welcomed Justice Chamaleshar and all guests and members to the function.

President said that Shri Jasti Chelameswar was a judge of the Supreme Court of India. He retired on June 22, 2018 as the second most senior Supreme court judge. Earlier, he was the Chief Justice of the High Court of Kerala and Guwahati High Court.

Justice Jasti Chamaleshar said that going public about the issues crippling the apex court functioning was "the right thing" and he doesn't regret it.

He headed the Bench which, in March 2015, struck down as unconstitutional the draconian Section 66A of the Information Technology Act that led to the arrests of many people for posting content deemed to be "allegedly objectionable" on the Internet.

He was also the lone dissenting judge in the five-judge Constitution Bench verdict that scrapped the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) law and upheld the two-decades-old collegium system of judges appointing judges.

Justice Jasti Chamaleshar had written against the government's interference in the judiciary when the Centre, bypassing the collegium, directly asked the Karnataka Chief Justice to conduct an enquiry into a judge recommended by the collegium for elevation to the High Court.

President Thomas Panicker highlighted the activities of 'Indian Law-

yers' Forum' for the information of the chief guest and the guests.

President said the Forum was formed with seven members in 1988 and it has grown since the inception and now the total membership is 130 Indian Law Graduates and Lawyers.

He described all the legal aids the Forum has rendered in the recent past. He said the FORUM is very successful in providing a platform for the Indian Lawyers in Kuwait to meet and interact with each other.

He observed that the FORUM enjoys the membership of Indian lawyers who are working for high profile legal firms/corporations and holding key legal positions in various companies in Kuwait. Forum is well equipped to deal with any sort of legal and business consultations pertaining to Kuwait as well as India.

President also said that the Forum is ready to cooperate with any association in Kuwait which intends to conduct Legal Seminar for its Members/Public.

Adv Thomas Stephen, Advisor of the Forum made felicitation speech.

Justice Chamaleshar made his reply speech. He spoke extensively regarding the Law system in India, under the Permanent Indian Constitution. Recent development in Indian Supreme Court also was a subject of discussion. After the speech there was a question answer session. His learned speech was well appreciated by the Lawyers crowd.

Earlier the function was inaugurated by Justice Jasti Chamaleshar by lighting the traditional lamp.

Advocate Shubin Jose, the Honorary Treasurer of the Forum proposed vote of thanks.

Advocate Mohammed Bashir, General Convenor of the Forum ably compared the function.

Functions concluded with a sumptuous dinner.

Those who are interested with Forum activities may contact Tel. & Fax 23718748, Mob 97203939, 69398905 Email: advpanicker@gmail.com



A group photo from the event.

## Prominent dignitaries grace the event

# TMCA hosts traditional grand Iftar banquet

KUWAIT CITY, May 22: Tamilnadu Muslim Cultural Association (TMCA), an Indian Embassy registered active social organization, serving community since 1995 (24 years), hosted a large and traditional Grand Iftar Banquet (Ramadan 2019) which was held on May 17, in Kuwait Teachers Society, Dasma, Kuwait.

Narayanan, First Secretary, Community Welfare, Embassy of India, who participated on behalf of H.E The Ambassador of India to Kuwait was the Chief Guest of this grand event along with our Special Guest, Moulana Moulvi Abdul Azeez Baaqavi, Dy.Gen.Secy, Tamilnadu Jamaath Al-Ulema Council, well-known Islamic scholar and orator from Coimbatore and many more personalities from different communities adorned this program.

The program started with recitation of holy verses from noble Quran by young reciter, Master Abdul Basil Hidayathullah. Vittukatti Bro. Sheik Mastan, Executive Media Secretary, TMCA initiated the program and

staged master of ceremony. 'Ayyampet' Bro. Thambidurai, our Secretary-General welcomed our guests and all attendees to the event briefly pin-pointing activities of TMCA up-to-date, 'Karaikal' S.M. Arif Maricar, President, delivered presidential address, thanking everyone for marvelous support and cooperation to TMCA.

Our special guest, Moulana Moulvi Abdul Azeez Baaqavi delivered amazing address on topic 'Islam - a religion of tolerance and understanding' lasted for an hour highlighting the importance of preserving and maintaining social unity and solidarity among our Ummah citing historical events and teachings of Islam and Sunnah.

English part of this program has been well staged by 'Peruvalanallur' Bro. Hidayathullah, former TMCA Vice-President, proudly and currently, Vice-President of FIMA, with great pleasure welcoming all Invitees and Guests briefly elaborating various activities of TMCA (in English) well relevant to TMCA aims and objectives

encouraging the attendees to enroll as members of TMCA and actively involve in social services.

Bro. Karim Irfan, President, Federation of Indian Muslim Associations (FIMA), our strongest supporter since its inception enjoying strong social relationship more than two decades with TMCA gladly felicitated our program as our special Guest.

Narayanan, First Secretary, Community Affairs, Embassy of India, attended on behalf of our Indian Ambassador, was the Chief Guest of our program and delivered his esteemed oratory felicitating this grand Iftar program appreciating TMCA's activities to community welfare at large.

Memento of Appreciation has been presented to Moulana Moulvi Abdul Azeez Baaqavi, special guest to the event by Narayanan in the presence of all guests and Executive Committee members for his meritorious services to public in general and our Ummah in particular.

Abdul Aziz Al-Roumi, Kuwaiti

guest, is felicitated by EC members in the presence of guests presenting shawl for his gracious presence.

TMCA Executive Committee had a great moment presenting memento to our Co-ordination Council (CC) members - Poolangal Rowther Gani, social activist, and Perambalur Bro. Alauden for their exceptional services and support to TMCA in the presence of TMCA Executive Committee and our special guests.

Finally, 'Vittukatti' Bro. Sheik Mastan delivered Vote of thanks expressing his sincere gratitude to all guests, well-wishers and not but least, to all TMCA CC members who have contributed their might, executing arrangements with invocation by himself.

Iftar Banquet and Dinner were served to everyone and this program was once again a most professional and memorable one and ALL left the venue with fond remembrance and with prayers for TMCA to achieve more and more heights and serve diligently, in-sha Allah.

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General

From October 2018, ICAO will accept only machine readable travel documents, hence, existing PIO Cards, which are handwritten will therefore, become invalid. Thus it will be necessary upon PIO Cardholders to obtain machine readable OCI Cards in lieu of existing hand written PIO Cards before October 2018 to avoid any inconvenience.

**Q8BBall Season 13:** Q8BBall is beginning our 13th season with Boys U13 (ages 10-13) and U17 (ages 14-17). We train three times a week and play regular games throughout the year with schools and clubs. Contact Coach T 97128884 for information.

**Invitation to Grand Mosque:** The Visits Department is pleased to invite you to visit the Grand Mosque, which is one of Kuwait's most treasured religious and cultural landmarks to discover the beauty of Islamic arts and architecture.

Free guided tours are available all year round on official working days between (9-11 am) and (5-7 pm), within a special tour program designed to cater to the needs of different age groups. The program is as follows:

Reception; Auditorium show; (according to age group); Touring the Mosque; Q & A; Art workshops; (according to age group - between 5 and 18 years old); Snack break; Distribution of the Grand Mosque publications and souvenirs; End of tour.

According to these age groups:  
Age group: 5 to 9 years old: Morning: 60 visitors max; Evening: 20; 10 to 15 years: Morning: 100 visitors max; Evening: 45; 16 and above: Morning: 140 visitors max, Evening: 105.

Tour language: Arabic-English-French; Arabic (English upon prior request); Arabic-English-French; Arabic (English upon prior request); Arabic-English-French; Arabic (English upon prior request)

Rules and Regulations:  
Please arrive in time for your visit.  
All visitors are kindly required to abide by the mosque's dress code. Male visitors should wear long pants. Shorts and sleeveless shirts are not allowed. Female visitors: should wear head cover and long loose clothing (available at the mosque).  
Foods and drinks are not allowed inside the prayer halls.

For school visits, teachers are responsible for their students and are required to cooperate with the staff members of the Grand Mosque.

Photography is allowed inside the Grand Mosque (please note that disrespectful poses are strictly prohibited).

If you would like to book a tour, please contact us:  
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Email: gmvisits@gmail.com  
Fax: 22473708

**Share your story with Amricani:** Do you or any of your family members, acquaintances or friends happen to have a story with the American Missionary hospital in Kuwait (Mustashfa Lemrai-

cani) during the years from 1914-1967, the official period of offering medical services in Kuwait? Please share with us your story or your memory during those old days by writing the event and sending it to the following email address: Mystory@damuseum.org.kw

Notes: 1. Please send your story only to the above mentioned email. Story shared in Instagram, Facebook or Twitter will not be considered.

2. Please write your story or memory and sign it with your full name, and your contact number.

3. It will be great if you send us your personal photos or those of the place related to the story (optional).

Your story will be part of a new book to be published by DAI.

I am confident that your contributions will be an essential part of the history of Amricani. Share with us!

**NYF offers free yoga classes:**

NYF Kuwait offers free yoga, breathing, meditation and reiki classes by a well-experienced female yoga teacher for all age groups. Classes are given on the basis of different health problems, stress and other problems by different techniques. Contact: 99315825.

**Leadership Excellence Course:** The Leadership Excellence Course (LEC) is a course modeled on the Seerah of Rasoolullah who is the best model of lead-

ership for all mankind. The LEC focuses on the lessons that we can learn from the Seerah of Rasoolullah and see how we can apply them in our lives to become winners in this world and the next.

The objectives of the course are 1. Understand what leadership is from the Seerah of Rasoolullah and how to apply it in our lives today 2. Understand the purpose of our lives and learn to live that purpose with confidence 3. Understand the importance of connecting to Allah and learn how to do it 4. Understand how to leverage your strengths and overcome weaknesses 5. Understand how to articulate your life goal and create a road map to achieve it.

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