

'Safe Education' drive launched as students ... return to schools

MoE cuts working hours of teachers, administrative staff

Spanish ambassador congratulates Amir on first anniversary of accession to throne

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 2, (KUNA): Spanish Ambassador in Kuwait Miguel Aguilar on Thursday congratulated His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah, His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables to the Chinese leader.

countries, pointing out bilateral political consultations and fruitful mutual visits of both countries' foreign ministers, in addition to the signing of new agreements.

The Spanish ambassador commended progress in Kuwait in spite of the obstacles caused by the novel coronavirus (Covid-19), which have been defeated thanks to the intensive efforts of the government and people.

Remembering the late Amir Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah in the first anniversary of his death, the ambassador spoke highly of his great contribution to manifesting Kuwait's image as a moderate and diplomatic country that commits to regional stability and the peaceful resolution of conflicts, which is an internationally recognized characteristic of Kuwait's foreign policy.

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KUWAIT CITY, Oct 2: The ministries of Education, Health, Interior and Information have launched a campaign under the title 'Safe Education' as about 520,373 students in public and private Arab schools will Sunday go to their classrooms after an absence of almost 18 months because schools had shut their doors following the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, reports Al-Rai daily.

The students, teachers, and visitors must abide by the health protocols and other procedures put in place by the concerned authorities. The campaign comes from the keenness of the concerned authorities about the safety of students, and an embodiment of cooperation, solidarity and coordination between the state ministries to provide a safe educational environment of the highest levels of prevention.

The campaign aims to confirm the commitment of students, parents, and the administrative and educational bodies to the precautionary and health requirements and procedures.

In this regard the Ministry of Education is working in cooperation with the relevant ministries to establish all means to ensure the safe conduct of the educational process.

It also aims to establish a comprehensive approach and system for prevention, by enhancing awareness, knowledge and culture among the target groups, through media messages, audio-visual media platforms, social networking sites, cinemas, and screens inside malls, gas stations so the message gets across to the largest segment.

Educate

The Undersecretary of the Ministry of Education, Dr Ali Al-Yaqoub, said in a press statement the campaign aims to educate the students and their parents about the importance of adhering to the instructions of the Ministry of Health and the application of health requirements, in addition to their cooperation with school administrations in implementing precautionary measures.

Al-Yacoub stressed that the campaign comes within the framework of the Ministry of Education's keenness on the safety of students and workers in the school administration and the educational authority.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Education has instructed the administrations of schools to reduce the working hours of teachers and administrative workers from two hours to one hour in various educational stages, except those in kindergartens who must work full time, reports Al-Anba daily.

The daily obtained a copy of the circular that the ministry issued to the educational districts regarding the provisions of Child Rights Law No. 21/2015, undersecretary's Circular No. 20/2018 and Civil Service Commission Circular No. 3/2016; stating the following:

First: Working hours are reduced from two hours to one hour only for teachers and administrative workers in the primary, intermediate and secondary stages.

Second: Kindergarten teachers and administrative workers do not benefit from the reduced official working hours as prescribed by law number 21/2015, because their official working hours are five hours.

Third: The reduction could be at the beginning or at the end of the working hours, taking into account the conditions of each educational stage in light of previous details.

HH Crown Prince, PM send greetings

HH Amir congratulates leaders of China, Botswana on national days

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 2, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah sent on Friday a congratulatory cable to Chinese President Xi Jinping on his country's National Day.

His Highness the Crown Prince Sheikh Meshal Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah and His Highness the Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah sent similar cables to the Chinese leader.

Meanwhile, His Highness the Amir on Friday sent a cable of congratulations to President Mokgweetsi Eric Masi, of Botswana, on his country's National Day.

His Highness the Amir wished President Masi good health and wellbeing, and friendly Botswana progress and prosperity.

His Highness the Crown Prince and His Highness the Prime Minister sent similar cables to President Masi.



Ambassador George pays floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi.

Let's heed his message of peace: envoy

Indian Embassy in Kuwait celebrates Gandhi Jayanti

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 2: On the occasion of the Gandhi Jayanti on Oct 2, the Ambassador of India to Kuwait HE Sibi George said "we are all proud that our Father of Nation Mahatma Gandhi makes every Indian proud every day."

His eternal words 'My Life is My Message' continue to inspire billions, irrespective of their age, gender, religion or region. He is respected and adored across the continents for his contribution to humanity. He was one of those who spoke his mind, and did what he said - one of those few on whom no shadow fell between word and deed.

Gandhi's talisman appears to be very simple in the complex world of today. But think about the power and depth of this eternal message. He was quoted as saying "Whenever you are in doubt, or when the self becomes too much with you, try the following. Recall the face of the poorest and the most helpless man or woman whom you may have seen and ask yourself, if the step you contemplate is going to be of any use to him/her. Will he be able to gain anything by it? Will it restore him to a control over his own life and destiny? Then you will find your doubts and yourself melting away."

Peace

The ambassador quoting the UN Secretary General said 'Hatred, division and conflict have had their day. It is time to usher in a new era of peace, trust and tolerance. On this International Day of Non-Violence - Gandhi's birthday - let's heed his message of peace, and commit to building a better future for all'.

Meanwhile, at the closing ceremony of Namaste Kuwait at the Kuwait Arts Association (KAA) last Thursday - 'Glimpses of Timeless India', the 11-day Art Exhibition of 35 works by Ms Sibi George, spouse of Ambassador Sibi George, the Indian envoy said the India-Kuwait Cultural Festival rekindled the timeless journey towards a dynamic partnership between India and Kuwait, the majestic India connecting cultures and peoples of "our two friendly countries" concluded.

"On this occasion, I am happy to announce that the embassy is today formally launching the Indian Women Network (IWN). I have seen the talent and contribution of our women during the last ten days. In fact, they have been in the forefront of community support during the Covid-19 crisis. I have seen some of our women taking the initiative of working with hospitals and also helping our special needs children.

He made a special mention of Madam Joice Sibi whose paintings have helped Kuwaiti friends to explore more about India. It was so gratifying experience to see so many of our Kuwaiti friends and friends of India in Kuwait visiting this painting exhibition. She has promised to organize another exhibition exclusively of paintings made in Kuwait. I look forward to that, he said.

Explore

I would also like to personally invite all friends of India in Kuwait to visit India and explore more of Indian diverse culture. India offers everything that a tourist is looking for. Let's continue this partnership, let's continue this friendly relationship.

Ambassador George, joined by representatives of Indian women from all walks of life in Kuwait, formally launched the Indian Women's Network (IWN).

The event was attended by distinguished dignitaries from diplomatic and business communities and friends of India in Kuwait; during the finale of the Namaste Kuwait-Glimpses of Timeless India Art Exhibition by Mrs Joice Sibi held at the Kuwait Arts Association.

In this regard, all Indian women in Kuwait are encouraged to register at the link below and become a member of the IWN. The link for registration is: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4TFndUhAbyoaz2TJW5gHtnzm_Ly3HZzA5f-azAWQMfveVAQ/viewform

For more information regarding the registration drive, please write to us at com1.kuwait@mea.gov.in.

PAFN launches electronic service for health licenses renewal: Al-Othman

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 2: The Public Authority for Food and Nutrition (PAFN) has launched an electronic service to renew health licenses for food establishments in the inspection and control affairs sector, reports Al-Rai daily.

The authority's official spokesman, Wajid Al-Othman, said in a press statement, according to what has been reported by the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), that this step aims to develop the performance of the inspection and control sector, comes in line with the directives issued by the Council of Ministers to work towards digital trans-

formation of government services for fast completion of transactions and save time, money and effort.

Al-Othman added these services are available for everyone on authority's website www.pafn.gov.kw. The authority said it is keen to develop business and tighten food control to ensure food safety and the health of citizens.

The PAFN sources pointed out the authority's inspection and control centers in all governorates of the country continue to receive requests for issuing and renewing licenses for those who wish - on a temporary basis.

Campaigns to impound illegally rented bicycles, ATVs, scooters

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 2: Director of the Department of Public Hygiene and Road Works in Capital Municipality Meshal Al-Azmi revealed recently that the department has set a timetable for carrying out organized field campaigns to impound all bicycles, buggies (ATVs), and scooters of all kinds that are rented out on the sidewalks of the coastal strip (seafront), reports Al-Rai daily.

He said, "Whatever is impounded during these campaigns will not be released until after the fines incurred by the violators are paid."

Al-Azmi indicated that the value of the violation could reach up to KD 500, revealing that there will be no reconciliation, especially since the department deals with the violators as hawkers.

He stressed that these games are dangerous and cause inconvenience to families, sea-goers, and walking and running enthusiasts, and they are also against the law.

Al-Azmi revealed that the department impounded the bicycles, but not the games that are licensed by Kuwait Municipality.

He said, "The activity of renting unlicensed games falls under the violation clause of hawking, and accordingly the applicable regulations and fines are applied in case of any violator carrying on his activity without a license."

Al-Azmi explained that the practice of cycling is not prohibited as some claim. Its follow-up is not within the competence of Kuwait Municipality. What is prohibited is renting it to the public. Here is where the department has to play its role in preventing this phenomenon, especially since any craft conducted without obtaining a license is considered a violation of the regulations and the law is applied to it.

He said, "Whoever has a license will not be considered a violator. He will be allowed to practice his activity. However, anything else other than that licensed activity is prohibited, and we will take legal measures against him."

Meanwhile, Director of the Department of Public Hygiene and Roads Works in Hawally Municipality Muhammad Al-Jaba' affirmed that the department is constantly monitoring the coastal strip, and following up on street vendors who rent bicycles and cause inconveniences to sea-goers who cannot practice their hobbies comfortably due to obstruction of their path within the places designated for them.

He indicated that the makeshift football, basketball and volleyball grounds on state properties, specifically on the coastal strip, are prohibited and in violation of the law, adding that if any of them are detected, they will be removed immediately.

Joyalukkas Reopens Its Newly Renovated Showroom In Round East, Thrissur




The grandly renovated Joyalukkas Showroom in Thrissur (Round East) was inaugurated by Mrs. Mary Jacob, sister of Joy Alukkas, and her husband, Mr. Jacob Kattukaran, in the presence of Mr. Joy Alukkas (CMD, Joyalukkas Group) and his sisters.

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