



International Women's Group members pose with Mrs Joice Sibi, wife of the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait.

### International Women's Group attends Indian paintings exhibition

Mrs. Joice Sibi, wife of the Indian Ambassador to Kuwait, welcomed the members of the International Women's Group to her exhibition of painting which is being held at the Kuwait Society for Fine Arts and under the patronage of the President of the Society, Abdul Rasoul Salman.

IWG members praised the exhibition of painting as highly professional

and an expression of Nature, Heritage and Culture.

Mrs. Sibi's invitation to the members of IWG to attend the special show also included two Indian culture dances derived from classical and popular Indian folklore, which showcased its customs and traditions, and were characterized by artistic performance along with music.

The members enjoyed this special evening, and Mrs. Cristiana Baldocci, wife of the Italian Ambassador to Kuwait and President of the International Women's Group, presented a commemorative shield to Mrs. Joice Sibi, and said, on behalf of herself and all the members, she thanked Mrs. Joice for her kind invitation to attend the event.

What will replace *Mirrored Nature: The Full Circle* at the Amricani Cultural Centre (ACC)?



What will fill this empty space?

We don't know what, but we do know WHO:  
Participants in CS26's Children's Art Workshop!

Starting Saturday, 23 October, at 9:30 AM, at ACC, children ages 7 - 11 (in October 2021) will spend Saturdays planning and executing an exhibition of objects from The al-Sabah Collection.

If you want your child to have this probably once in a lifetime opportunity, email: [education@darmuseum.org.kw](mailto:education@darmuseum.org.kw)

NOTE: Spaces are limited, so social distancing requirements can be met. Also, participants will be required to wear a mask throughout the programme.

A flyer of the event.



A screen shot from the virtual event.

### IMA conducts public program on women's rights and roles in Islam

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 3: Indian Muslim Association (IMA), Kuwait conducted a public program on Sept 23, on the topic "Women's rights /roles in Islam and Enter into Islam Completely" (UdkhulooFis-silmikaaffa). The objective of the program was to upsurge awareness and importance of "Entering into Islam Completely" as commanded by God in the Quran.

Shamvil Pervez, President IMA Kuwait, in his speech emphasized that Islam is not confined to mere practicing few acts of worship and following certain customs and traditions.

It doesn't recommend only to turn towards God and neglect his personal, social and business commitments but to build a righteous home, pious society, a virtuous nation and an atmosphere of truth, honesty, justice and love for humanity on this earth.

It is possible only through reading, understanding, propagating the message of the Holy Quran and the sayings of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH), and following and practicing them in our daily life. He further emphasized that one has to follow the footsteps of Prophet Mohammad (PBUH) for fulfilling the command-

ments of God as He has demonstrated by practicing them in His life.

A question-and-answer session was followed after the president speech on topic "Women's rights & roles in Islam". Various questions from audience were answered by Umar Falahi in light of Holy Quran, Hadith and Islamic Fiqh.

The program was commenced with recitation of Holy Quran by Sara Maryam and effectively conducted by Advocate Mohammed Faheem Ahmed. The program was attended and appreciated by overwhelming attendees.

IMA Kuwait is an Indian socio-religious organization in Kuwait which carries out its various activities under the patronage of "Ministry of Awqaf" and "Islamic Affairs", Kuwait and Indian Embassy. IMA always focuses to provide platform for enhancement of expatriates living in Kuwait for their spiritual and social aspect through various programs & webinars.

It looks forward for organizing various beneficial programs in future, considering the occasions and requirements of expatriates in general and specifically Indian commu-

### Dr Al-Shammari, Al-Askari explore themes of identity, disability

## GUST faculty, alumni publish paper in int'l journal

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 3: Gulf University for Science and Technology's (GUST) Alumna Yasmeeen Al-Askari and Assistant Professor of English Literature at GUST, Dr. Shahd Al-Shammari, co-authored a paper titled *Exile and the Disabled Body in RandaJarrar's "The Life, Loves, and Adventures of Zelwa the Halfie"*, which has been published in the International Academic Forum: Journal for Arts and Humanities (IAFOR). IAFOR Journal of Arts & Humanities is an internationally reviewed and editorially independent interdisciplinary journal associated with IAFOR's international conferences on the arts and humanities.

The paper dissected the themes of exile, diaspora, disability, identity, and language using Edward Said's work as a platform for their argument and research. Dr. Al-Shammari and Ms. Al-Askari used Said's suggestion of a mind/body split, giving room to consider the sense of self as already in-between, as the exiled 'I' attempts to find a home within a new land and a new body. The authors conclude with how Arabic literature considers notions of exile and disability in various ways and how contemporary Anglophone literature deals with concepts of diaspora and exile, similar to trends in Disability Studies as a field.

Assistant Professor of English Literature, Dr. Shahd Al-Shammari said, "co-authoring a paper with a GUST alumna has been a great learning experience for me and has offered a great experience in the academic field for Yasmeeen Al-Askari, one of our top literature graduates from the English Department. I am happy to co-author this paper with her and hope she continues her graduate studies. Furthermore, at GUST, we will continue to show our constant support and celebrate her future achievements as a product of this prestigious institution."

Yasmeeen Al-Askari has graduated from GUST's English Department and is now working as a full-time teacher. She wishes to earn her Master's degree in English Literature, publishing papers to strengthen her application. Dr. Shahd Al-Shammari is an Assistant Professor in the English Department and has been vital in helping students develop their skills by organizing key events such as "Poetry in the Time of COVID." She has published several peer reviewed articles and has also written two chapters for two separate books that have been published and has also appeared at several conferences such as TESOL and Film and Visual Media in the Gulf. Dr. Al-Shammari's upcoming memoir is set to appear in 2021, titled *Head Above Water* in which she highlights the role of education and mentors.



Dr. Shahd Al-Shammari



Yasmeeen Al-Askari



A group photo from the meeting.



Community Welfare Attaché Farrukh Amir being felicitated by PEFK and PSA.

### PEFK & PSA teams meet with community welfare attaché

KUWAIT CITY, Oct 3: Executive Teams of Pakistan Employment Forum Kuwait (PEFK) and Pakistan Sports Association Kuwait (PSA) met with incoming Community Welfare Attaché Farrukh Amir last week at his office in Embassy of Pakistan.

Introductory presentations of PEFK and PSA services towards community were given respectively. Farrukh Amir appreciated PEFK and PSA services to the society and assured all cooperation from Embassy of Pakistan.

The meeting was held in very

pleasantly environment and various relevant topics and issues has been discussed.

Teams conveyed their best wishes to CWA and assure all the possible cooperation in community affairs.

PEFK team led by Muhammad Irfan Adil, President of the forum, whereas PSA Team led by Maqbool Ahmed, President of the association. The participating members were Muhammad Younas Shahid, Muhammad Usman, and Muhammad Irfan.