



A group photo from the event.

### Indian Ambassador HE Sibi George graces Children's Day event

## Kala(Art) Kuwait honors 'Niram 2021' painting competition winners

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 4: Kala(Art) Kuwait "Niram 2021" Children's Day painting competition has concluded with the prize distribution to all winners at Indian Embassy on Tuesday, 28th December 2021 at 5 pm. H.E. Sibi George, the Ambassador of India to Kuwait, has presented mementos, medals, certificates and gifts to main prize winners.

The painting competition Niram - 2021 was conducted at Online Platform on 12th November 2021 on the occasion of the birthday of late Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of Independent India. It is worthwhile to note that students of different nationalities from all 24 Indian Schools in Kuwait with active participation of more than 2700 children in the competition. The competition was held in four groups in drawing, painting and clay sculpture.

H.E. presented mementos to the school representatives who won the Overall Championship, 1st Position to Learners Own Academy, Abbasiya received by Ms. Asha Sharma, Principal, 2nd Position - Smart Indian School, Abbasiya received by Mahesh Iyer, Principal, 3rd Position - IES- Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan, Abbasiya received by Ms. Bhavitha Bright and C. Bhaskaran Memorial Trophy to Learners Own Academy received by Dr. Sheeba Balraj, Vice Principal, the school from which maximum numbers of students were participated in this event, as a tribute to Late C Bhaskaran, one of the founder and advisory board member of Kala(Art) Kuwait.

The prizes distributed among, five first prizes in to each group, seven second prizes and eight third prizes. The first place winners of each group received a gold coin sponsored by Malabar Gold and gold medal, second place winner with silver medal and third place winner with bronze medal apart from memento, certificate and American Tourister sponsored bag.

Panel of judges artist Sasi Krishnan, artist M. V. John, and Artist Sunil Kulanada were honored by H.E. by giving mementos in recognition of their laudable contributions in the field of arts.

The event were coordinated and controlled by Kala(Art) Kuwait. President Mukesh V. P., General Secretary Siva Kumar, Program

General Convener Jaison Joseph, Treasurer Hassan Koya, Executive Members Sunil Kumar, Ragesh Parambath, Mustafa M. V. Jyothi Sivakumar and Namitha.

Kala(Art) Kuwait takes this opportunity to extend their heartfelt and sincere gratitude to H.E. as well as Embassy Officials. Also Kala(Art) Kuwait thanked all the participants, school managements, parents, art teachers, sponsors, All Indian Associations, Kuwait's English dailies, Web Portals and Malayalam Medias for their wholehearted support to make the event a grand success.

The prize winners as follows:  
**Group-A:** First Prize: Abigail Mariam Philip, 1st Std, Smart Indian School; Second Prize: Gayatri Laiju, 1st Std, Indian Community School Jr., Salmiya; Third Prize: Dhanishtha Ghosh, 1st Std, Integrated Indian School.

**Group-B:** First Prize: Sarah Jessica George, 4th Std., Smart Indian School; Second Prize: Hana Ancy, 3rd Std., Indian School of Excellence, Salmiya and Lakshmiika Shan-las, 2nd Std., Learners Own Academy; Third Prize: Abhirami Nithin, 2nd Std., Smart Indian School.

**Group-C:** First Prize: Sreyas Vemulavada, 6th Std., Learners Own Academy; Second Prize: Naveenkrish Sajesh, 6th Std, Learners Own Academy; Third Prize: Sivesh Senthilkumar, 8th Std., Fahaeel Al-Watanieh Indian private School and Jenna Mary Jobin, 8th Std, Learners Own Academy.

**Group-D:** First Prize: Asim Mujeeb Rahiman, 12th Std., Learners Own Academy; Second Prize: Ann Niya Jose, 9th Std., Indian Community School, Amman and Aneeta Sarah Shiju, 9th Std, India International School, Mangaf; Third Prize: Ann Sarah Shiju, 10th Std., India International School & Malav Mehulkumar Solanki, 11th Std., Learners Own Academy.

**Clay Sculpture:** First Prize: Sarangi Smitha Sunil, 12th Std., Indian Community School Sr., Salmiya; Second Prize: Ann Treesa Tony, 8th Std., Indian Community School, Khaitan; Third Prize: Harini Mahadevan, 11th Std., Indian Community School Sr., Salmiya and Jalaludeen Akbar, 7th Std. IES-Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan.



A photo from the event.

### Aslam Parvez elected as president of the association

## AMUOBA Kuwait conducts election for 2022-23 council

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 4: Aligarh Muslim University Old Boys' Association (AMUOBA) Kuwait Chapter although quite an old organization but its democratic setup is relatively new. First AMUOBA was elected in the year 2016-17 for two years from that time onwards AMUOBA is serving the Alig community in Kuwait and every year it is improvising. Every two-year elections are held and is the 4th term for which the elections were conducted by the outgoing team of AMUOBA. It was organized in Ahmadi Gate Restaurant on Friday, 24th December 2021.

To inculcate the feeling of brotherhood the members of the outgoing team cheers the contestants at the venue and wishes them good luck. This whole process of election was more of a get-together as Sahara Gate restaurant.

Based on the democratic setup of AMUOBA, the core committee is formed. The Alig fraternity joined hand and turned up in large number at the Election Venue with their families to cast their vote and chose the members of their association. The alumni of the association elected their Executive Council Members who will run the association for another two years 2022-23.

Elections were held for the positions of 14 executive council members of which 6 are the chair position holder and 8 EC members; Alumni put their faith in Aslam Parvez and elected him as a President of the association followed by Dr. Iram Chaudhry Vice President.

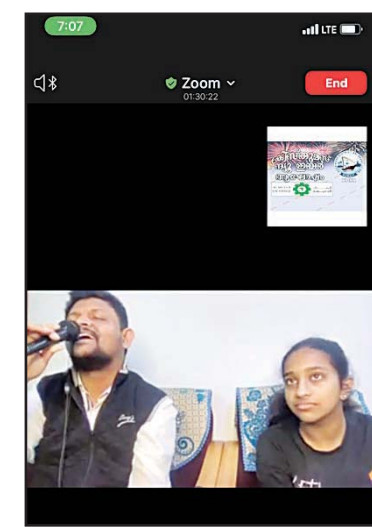
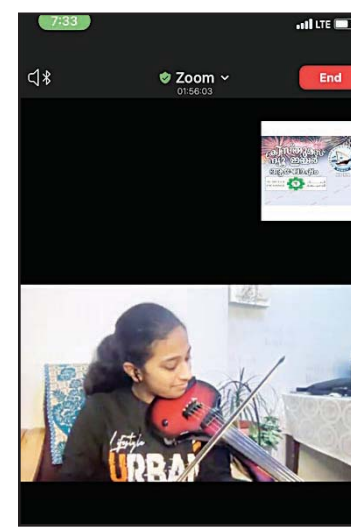
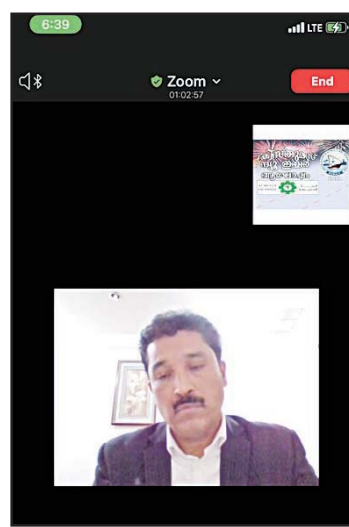
Alumni elected Syed Shadab Ashraf - General Secretary and Asif Eqbal - Joint Secretary, Ahtesham Ullah Khan-OSD and Mrs. Shazia Mansoor - Dy. OSD.

There were 8 EC members elected by the Alig fraternity namely: Adil Sa-reer, Ahmad Imroz Khan, Kashif Husain, Masroor Alam, Nadeem Ifikhar, Shahid Kalam, Syed Ameer Abbas, Taqui Hasan.

The Chief Election Commissioner and Election Commissioner were appointed from outside the AMU alumni to keep the process fair and transparent. The election was held in a very democratic manner. Alumni participated in it with great enthusiasm, there were multiple nominations for every position.

The success story of any event is not complete without the contribution of those who are involved in it. Some of them are in the forefront, others prefer to be at the backstage but they are the backbone for the success of any event and Elections is no exception to it.

It was the tremendous team effort of Jamil Akhtar (Chief-Election Commissioner), Shob Khan-(Election Com-



Some of the Zoom photos from the event.

### Program filled with creative presentations

## KDNA marks New Year online thru Zoom

KUWAIT CITY, Jan 4: KDNA conducted New Year and Christmas program through online Zoom with much warmth and respect. Looking forward with positivity and goodness, the event transmitted the kindness and humbleness and mutual respect the world is longing for.

The event started with National Anthems of India and Kuwait. It paid tributes to brothers and sisters who passed away during the recent times. In the function presided over by Association President Basheer Batha, the online event was inaugurated by John Simon, General Manager of Al Mulla Exchange Company. He praised the association activities in serving the community. Program Convener Firoz Nalakath delivered Christmas and New Year message.

The cultural part was filled with creative

presentations from within the organization talent and from outside. The highlight of the same was the violin fusion presented Kumari Irin Saju who enthralled the online viewers. Also, famous singers from Kuwait Joby Abraham, Rafi Kallai, Namitha Shivakumar, Sameer Vellayil sung their respective songs in addition to Malavika Vijesh, Anas Puthiyottil, Rajitha Thulaseedharan, Sameer K.T, Shahina Zubair and Jisha Suresh.

The program became versatile when the classic and other dance items presented including Tara Thulaseedharan, Chinny Shyam, Vaishnav Prathupnan, Anagha Krishnan Kadalundi, Brinda Krishnan, Chaithra Krishnan and Andre Mariya Jins.

Advisory Board members Ilyas Thottathil and Santhosh Punathil, Vice presidents Krishnan Kadalundi, Za-

heer Alakkal and Praju T.M, Women's Forum President Shahina Zubair, Secretaries Ubaid Chakkittakandi and Abdulrahman M.P, Area Office bearers Thulaseedharan Thottakkara, Raof Payyoli, Sameer K.T and Haris Badaneri made felicitation speeches.

Technical Support by Shaheer EP, General Secretary Zubair MM and Advisory Board member Suresh Mathur coordinated the online program through Zoom.

Altogether the event became a platform to see each other online and to exchange the respect and good wishes each other showcasing internal and external talents including children's.

Association General Secretary Zubair M.M welcomed the audience and Treasurer Shijith Kumar Chirakkal rendered vote of thanks.

The onus is on the newly elected AMUOBA-4 to carry out the functions of the association efficiently.

On this occasion President of AMUOBA-4 (Aslam Parvez) addressed the gathering and thanked them for their presence to make the democratic process a grand success with his further appeal to all Aligs in Kuwait to come forward and assist upcoming new elected team to work together for the sake of community betterment.

## We Need Your Help

Do you have an hour or so to volunteer to read a book to children?

DAI's Storytime needs volunteers.

Our Storytimes are held on  
Wednesdays at 4 PM at Yarmouk and  
Saturdays at 3:30 PM at Amricani.

If you'd like to help, please email  
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THANKS!

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