

# What's On



Group photo of the 20 years of service awardees.



Group photo of the 15 years of service awardees.



Group photo of the 10 years of service awardees.



Group photo of the 5 years of service awardees.

## Event celebrates the 5, 10, and 15 years of service awards

# AUK hosts Annual Dinner, marks its administrative achievements

KUWAIT CITY, June 15: The American University of Kuwait (AUK) hosted its Annual Dinner at the Regency Kuwait to celebrate the University's administrative achievements and accomplishments. The event—organized by the University's Human Resources Department—was attended by staff, faculty, and members of the president's cabinet.

The event marked the 5, 10, and 15 years of service awards that were presented to employees who completed the respective years at AUK. This year's annual dinner was significant as it also marked the inaugural celebration of the 20 years' service award.

AUK president, Dr. Rawda Awwad, conveyed her gratitude towards AUK employees in her opening state-



AUK president, Dr. Rawda Awwad giving her speech.

ment, "None of our accomplishments would be possible without the support



AUK executive vice president, Ms. Amal Al-Binali giving her speech.

and recognition for your tireless efforts. Therefore, I would like to take

a moment to acknowledge and celebrate the dedication and perseverance that you have exhibited throughout your journey. So, let us continue to support and uplift one another, daring ourselves to embrace new challenges and fully embody the uniqueness that defines AUK. Let us carry the memory of evenings such as this one, cherishing the community we are part of, the togetherness we share, and the care we have for each other as we continue to grow and leave our mark on the world."

AUK executive vice president, Ms. Amal Al-Binali, is one such awardee that served AUK for an impressive span of 20 years. Reflecting on this significant milestone, Ms. Al-Binali shared her profound sentiments, stating, "I am grateful for the past 20 years at AUK, where I

found not just a workplace but a second home. Together, we overcame challenges, celebrated triumphs, and formed lifelong connections. My heartfelt thanks to the exceptional teams at AUK who supported me throughout the journey. Let us continue striving for greatness and building on our success."

HR senior director, Paul Bassil, highlighted the theme of this year's annual dinner and its significance, "It is with great pleasure that I extend a warm welcome to you, gathered here today for this occasion where we will delve into the concept of 'we are a book.' In the same way that books hold captivating stories that touch our hearts and engage our minds, we, too, possess narratives that define us as individuals and as a collective. Each one of us represents

a page, eager to be opened, read, and shared. Our stories are distinct, filled with unique twists and turns, moments of joy and sorrow, and instances of triumph and defeat. However, by exchanging our stories with one another, we can discover common ground, foster empathy, and cultivate understanding. Through the sharing of these individual narratives, we collectively contribute to the tale of our institution, AUK."

The Annual Dinner also offered attendees enjoyable entertainment, including musical performances, magic shows, and a raffle draw to conclude the festivities.

AUK's strong culture of employee recognition is regularly expressed through events such as the annual dinner that highlight the contributions of faculty and staff.



A group photo from the event.

## Play brings legendary poet to life

# Future Eye Theatre presents 'Kathakalkkappuram' drama

KUWAIT CITY, June 15: Future Eye Theatre (FET) Kuwait, a well known theatre group in Kuwait, successfully performed their drama "Kathakalkkappuram - Mizhavu Paranja Katha" (Beyond Stories) on June 2, at Hawally Boy's Scout Hall. The play was based on the life of legendary poet "Kalakkath Kunjan Nambiar" who died a tragic death caused by rabies. The play is a mix of both fiction and real life, drawing inspiration from the events that took place in Nambiar's life. The play was written and directed by FET Patron Shemej Kumar K.K., his fourteenth directorial venture.

In the play Nambiar was portrayed as a social reformer and activist who was against the social norms of that time. The play progresses to show the love and affection Nambiar had for a lady who was an ardent admirer of his writings and art. She drew his attention to the fact that the usage of Sanskrit for classical arts made it inaccessible for the vast majority of common people. The play portrays how Nambiar used Malayalam to write his poems and the difficulties he had to overcome during this processes.

Many Indian classical art forms such as a "Koodiyattam", "Chakayar Koothu", Ottanthulal were used to convey the story. Jayakrishnan and Drishya played Koodiyattam and Theertha played Ottanthulal.

The main character of Kunjan Nambiar was played by Unni Kaimal, the role of Vasundhara, his lover was played by Remya Ratheesh and

that of Chakayar by Jyothish P. G.

Other characters, King Marthandad Varna was played by Krishna Kumar. Unnayi warrior, Naadu vazhi were played by Leo and Dr Abraham respectively. Dr Pramod and Noushad Mangalathope enacted the supporting roles. Characters of Nalan and Riituparnan were presented by Sarath and Girish. Bipin played the role of Chakayar interacting with the audience prior to the start of both the shows. The chorus for the play were supported by Chandra Mohan, Suresh, Sunil, Ravichandran, Jijuna, Dr. Prasanthi, Anupama, Shabla, Bindu, Divya Rajeev and, Aneesh. The technical crew included Priyan, Shaju, Rajesh and Naveen. The properties and make up were handled by Dr. Santhosh and Rajeev Devanandhanam.

The official function was inaugurated by Ms Alison Shan Price MBE from One World Actors Organization along with Peter Mulley, Deputy Principal Fahaheel English School. Ms Prabhitha was the anchor for the event which was held at Boys scout hall Hawally on June 2. Lighting design with projection was executed by Shymon Chelad from the school of drama.

Souvenir release was done by Peter Mulley along with the FET Treasurer Sarath Nair. Santhosh Kuttath delivered welcome speech along with the presidential address by Vattiyor Kaavu Krishna Kumar, president of Future Eye Theatre. Dr Pramod Menon delivered the vote of thanks.



Photo from the event.

## IFL-25 a thundering success

# Indian Frontliners celebrates its Silver Jubilee

KUWAIT CITY, June 15: Indian Frontliners (IFL), a service organization started with the motto of "United to Serve - United We Serve" is celebrating its 25th year Silver Jubilee and the special event held at Innova International School, Mahbouda-Kuwait on May 26, 2023. Thousands of Indians gathered to make this event a grand success.

S. Thirunavukkarasar M.P. (Former Union Minister), Dr. Fouzia Khan M.P. (Former Maharashtra Minister), H.E. Dr. Adarsh Swaika, Indian Ambassador to Kuwait, and Ms. Priyadarshini, Supreme Court Lawyer were present as special guests for the function.

It was celebrated as National Integration Cultural Show and the function started with the traditional lighting of Kuthuvilakku followed by National Anthem. IFL President Ramadoss presented the welcome address with brief of IFL Services.

The cultural feast with variety of dance programs by young children covering dances with various language mix, sequences, medley, cinematic etc., and many more adding traditional flavor to the show.

In this most spectacular show, the IFL released its 23rd volume of book on the theme of "Enticing India" - prepared by NCM-Subbu-Hari-Anand team, covering articles on special Touristic places in India.

IFL-23 book was released by Chief Guest Thirunavukkarasar and received by H.E. Dr. Adarsh Swaika. The Function Souvenir magazine was released by Dr. Fouzia Khan and received by Adv. Priyadarshini. Also a book written by famous Tamil writer Dinamalar "Anthumani" was released by Ambassador and received by Dr. S.M. Hyder Ali.

Mathi, the welfare secretary of IFL was felicitated by Thirunavukkarasar

MP for his continuous and tireless social services. Mementoes were presented to the well-wishers as a token of acknowledgement, love and honor for their all-time support.

Ambassador Dr. Adarsh Swaika's message extending congratulations and appreciations to IFL community was cheered by the crowd.

In her keynote address, Dr. Fouzia Khan praised the intellect and virtue of Indians and advised on the importance of education. She praised and congratulated the IFL organization for helping the needy. Priyadarshini spoke about women's rights and the responsibility of parents to their children.

Dr. S. M. Hythar Ali, touched the heart of each and every audience & guests present over there with his powerful and inspiring speech marking history of achievements and services rendered to the society.

Thirunavukkarasar addressed the audience by sharing his experience and knowledge. He praised the service of IFL and honored IFL Founder & Coordinator NC Mohandoss's continuous coordination of IFL for the past 25 years. Also, he had a Q&A session with audience and inspired the gathering with his answers.

It was joyous colorful and made the crowd enjoys every bit of it. The national integration was well exhibited throughout the 4 hours' event. Playback Singers Deepak Blue along with Soundarya gave a splendid musical night for the enthralled crowd.

The entire event was well organized with good performances by the artists. Good ambience of the hall added more flavor by making the evening an enjoyable and pleasant one. The program was compiled by Mrs. Rajalakshmi Balaji and Mrs. Rajeevi Raja.