



Urdu poetry collection launched

Bazm-e-Urdu Qatar (BUQ), established in 1950 to promote Urdu language and literature, hosted the launch of the poetry collection *Amro ka dila* by Doha-based poet Samreen Nadeem Samar.

This is her second poetry compilation. Pakistan ambassador Muhammad Asmer unveiled the book and addressed the audience with a reflection on the richness of Urdu literature.

He spoke of the deep cultural and emotional associations the Urdu language fosters and stressed the role of literature in shaping identity and values, and lauded BUQ's efforts in nurturing it.

Earlier, the programme commenced with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an by Fayaz Bukhari Kamal.

The proceedings were conducted by the noted writer, literary critic and BUQ chairman Dr Faisal Hanif.

He opened the event by reciting a poem by the Urdu maestro Jash Malliabad, describing the beauty of Urdu language while two of the legend's great granddaughters, daughter of well-known poet and writer Sheraz Ahmed Bakali, were in the audience.

One of the highlights was the



essays presented by noted literary figures Shabbir Ali, Rama Anwar Ali, Farzana Saifur, Zeenat Lakhani, Riyaz Ahmed Bakali and Sheraz Ahmed Bakali. Abdul Rahman

Nadeem, Prof Ghazanfar Ali and Irshad Ahmed were also present.

A poetic tribute by Manzoor Azmi and Munafar Nayab further drew the audiences towards the

fine characteristics of Samreen's work.

Dr Faisal Hanif commented on the beauty of poetry and its ability to inspire and uplift. He

emphasised the power of imagination in the context of art and specifically how imagination fuels poetry quoting examples of classic Urdu poets including Mir Taqi Mir, Ghalib, Aatish and many others, enabling poets to create vivid worlds and evoke powerful emotions and the process of engaging readers' imaginations through language and metaphors, making poetry a deeply personal experience. Dr Hanif commended Samreen's poetry, who in turn recited select poems from her book, and gave a brief account of her literary journey and her passion for literature that shaped her poetry.

The first segment of the book launch concluded with an address by Bazm's patron and literary en-

thusiast Abdul Rahman Nadeem whose support as a spouse has been central to Samreen's literary achievements.

In the mushaira that followed, noted poets Shaluzeb Shaluzeb, Shabbir Ali, Farzana Saifur, Samreen Nadeem Samar, Fayaz Bukhari Kamal, Rama Anwar Ali, Jamshed Ansari, Munafar Nayab, Mansoor Azmi, Younus Azeem, Zeenat Lakhani, Alek Kumar Srivastava Shaz Jehani, and Sheraz Ahmed Bakali presented their works.

At the end of the programme, Dr Hanif presented a note in English to thank the non-Urdu speaking relatives of the poet. He summarised the programme and offered reflections on the unique sensibilities of Urdu poetry in comparison to English poetry, particularly in its imaginative and emotive capacities.

The event drew a diverse audience from Doha's literary and cultural circles, including Shamsuddin Rahimi, Feroz Khan, Wassem Ahmed, and Afzar Asmi alongside distinguished guests like Mahmood Ahmed, Baber Malik, Haroon Rasheed, Naveed Ahmed, Liqat Mallick, and Mohammed Jami.

BUQ media secretary Irshad Ahmed proposed a vote of thanks.

Sustainable solutions in focus at BPS intra MUN conference

Birla Public School (BPS), hosted an intra Model United Nations (MUN) Conference 2025-26 bringing together 165 student delegates across six committees.

Each session reflected a deep engagement with contemporary global challenges and a commitment to finding sustainable solutions through dialogue.

The event with the theme 'Securing Tomorrow, Acting Today: Diplomacy for a Sustainable Future', had Georgetown University in Qatar's educational enrichment manager Jibin Koshy as the chief guest and keynote speaker. His address focused on the



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critical role of youth in shaping a more sustainable and equitable future and emphasised the value of diplomatic discourse in solving pressing international issues.

Principal Dr Anand R Nair and MUN director Dr Smitha Kodale also encouraged the students to approach global concerns with

critical thinking. The conference was helmed by secretary general Mohammed Rayan Sarwat (Class XII) and deputy secretaries Ach-

Arangaswamy Muthukumar (Class XI).

The closing ceremony featured presentation of awards for

Expat forum gets new governing committee



The 12th governing committee of Thrissur Jila Southkudavathi (TJSV) for the 2025-2027 term has been formed, comprising 10-member central committee, 15 sector committees, 14 sub-committees, an advisory committee, and four co-ordinators, along with around 500 councillors.

The key officials are Vishnu Jayaram Dev (president), Sharaf Muhammad (general secretary), and Thomas K O (treasurer). The initial session of the general assembly was presided by former president Abdul Ghaffoor. Former secretary Abdul Razak

welcomed the gathering, former general secretary Vishnu Jayaram Dev presented the activity report and former financial controller Jayanandan presented the financial report. General co-ordinator Muhammad Mustafa, family security scheme chairman Pramod, Karunya scheme chairman Srivastava and secretary Abdul Rasak were present. The election officers Abdul Jabbar, Jibish and Umar Kutty declared the elected members of the sector and central committees. Vishnu Jayaram Dev announced the 14 sub-

committees nominated by the president and the advisory committee members. The oath was administered by advisory committee chairman V S Narayanan, with the newly appointed members repeating the pledge. Indian Cultural Centre president A P Manikantan, TAC Qatar director Umrikishnan Katarikkal, NRI Society co-ordinator V K Saleem, TJSV founding president Hyderali Karuthakka, Women's Wing former chairperson Rajesara Salem, and legal adviser Jafar Khan were among those who felt the new committee. Earlier, the oath ceremony began with a welcome dance by students trained by TAC. Qatar classical teacher Wincy Fernandes. Secretary Pramod proposed a vote of thanks.

Annual get-together hosted

Toastmasters Division H recently hosted its annual get-together, under the leadership of director Zeenathun Nisha Sathar. The event comprised the launch of the Harmony 2024-25 souvenir, the division contest success party, and the acknowledgment of recognition as a President's Distinguished Division. The souvenir was unveiled by division adviser and immediate past president Ravishankar J. Special recognition was given to key figures including DTAC chair 2023-24 Hissa, head of Arabic for District 116 (2024-25) Saleh al Bakari, awards chair Raju Ramachandran, and club growth assistant director Sushil Garg. The event also marked the transition to new leadership for the upcoming year. Incoming director Raasam Sait and the newly appointed area directors for 2024-25 - Kesavarij Sunpathi Kumar (C9), Gajithar Karanam (C8), MUSAAB (C1), and Jithin Joseph (C2) - were formally introduced. The outgoing leadership team, including Leena Nar, Venkata Deep Nalli, Munny Raja, and Talal Shoukat, were recognised and thanked.



ICAI Doha joins blood donation drive



ICAI Doha chapter members joined hands for a noble cause at the 'Drops of Hope' blood donation drive, at Aster Medical Centre recently. Over 30 members participated in the initiative, reflecting the spirit of service and community responsibility.

Session on visual storytelling held



Around 50 members and their families attended the 'Beyond the Click: Storytelling Through Photography' session organised by ICAI Doha chapter. The session was led by renowned wildlife photographer Vishnu Gopal, who shared insights into the art of visual storytelling.