

Acclaimed Indian poet enthralled Jeddah audience

The Jeddah-based North Indian Fraternity Forum, a nonprofit community organization serving Indian expats in Saudi Arabia, lit up the city's cultural calendar recently with a grand poetic session featuring India's celebrated poet Dr. Nawaz Deobandi. The evening drew a large and enthusiastic gathering of poetry lovers from across the region, who came together to celebrate the timeless beauty of Urdu verse.

Deobandi shared the stage with a distinguished lineup of local poets, including Mahtab Qadar, Arshad Kidwai, Nasir Burney, Afsar Barabankawi, and Tashfeen Mujahid Syed. His soulful renditions and eloquent verses captivated the audience, evoking many rounds of applause and appreciation. Throughout the evening, the session beautifully wove together nostalgia, wit, and profound reflections on life.

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Indian poet Dr. Nawaz Deobandi, third from left, with members of the North Indian Fraternity Forum, at the poetic evening in Jeddah.

Nadwi, founder of Al-Falah DPS School, and Abdul Rahim Pattarkadavan, director of Raco Group. The forum is chaired by Azizurrah, director

of Abdullah Hashim (auto and equipment division), and is supported by an experienced team comprising Asim Zeeshan Khan, Rehan Khan, Mohammed

Shahzad, Zahoor Ansari, Ajay Singh, Surendra Pal Singh, Syed Ghazali, and Zakariya Biladi.

The successful session was further enlivened by the presence of local poets, whose contributions added warmth and richness to an unforgettable evening of Urdu poetry.

The event forms part of NIFF's ongoing mission to promote the Urdu language, poetry, and cultural heritage among the Indian diaspora, while fostering harmony and positive relations between the Indian and Saudi communities.

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