

## PRIYADARSHNI ACADEMY LITERARY AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



**Dr. Damodar Khadse receiving Hindi Literary Award from Javed Ahmad Addl. Director General of Police, Law & Order, Maharashtra State**

At the jam-packed Jai Hind College auditorium on March 20, Priyadarshni Academy celebrated its 29th Anniversary Literary Awards and Educational Scholarships program with Mr. Javed Ahmad, Addl. State DGP for Law & Order, serving as Chief Guest, and Dr. Bhim Singhal, eminent neurologist, serving as the Guest of Honor.

**Literary awards** for work in the Hindi, Sindhi and Gujarati languages were presented to **Dr. Damodar Khadse** (Hindi), **Dr. Jagdish Sobhraj Lachhani**

(Sindhi), and **Mr. Kundan Vyas** (Gujarati), respectively.

### **Marathi Literary Award:**

This year's **Shri Kisharam Lekhraj Rupani Memorial Hindi literary Award** of Priyadarshni Academy went to **Dr. Damodar Khadse** of Pune. Khadse has 4 novels, 7 short story collections, 2 travelogues, 4 Rajbhasha related books and 4 poetry collections to his credit. He has also translated as many as eleven Marathi books to Hindi. These include

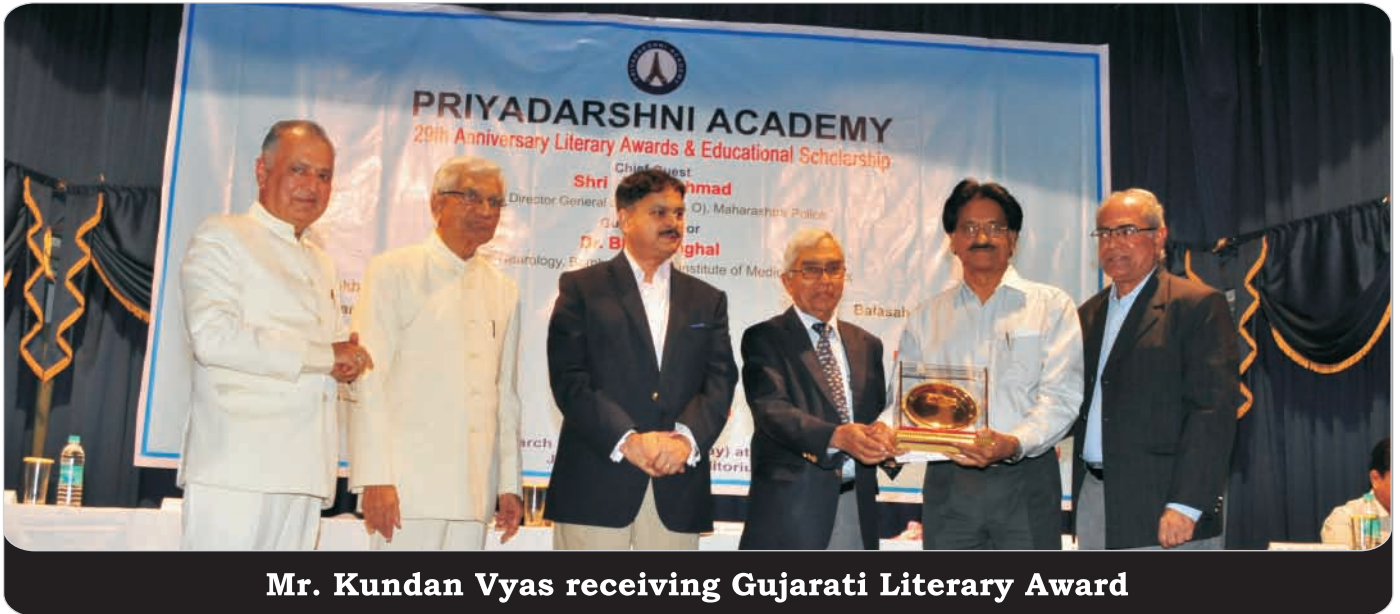


**Dr. Jagdish Lachhani receiving Sindhi Literary Award from Dr. Bhim Singhal, Director, Neurology, Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences**

some popular creations of renowned Marathi writers such as Shivaji Sawant, Daya Pawar, Jaywant Dalvi, Laxman Mane, and Arun Khore.

### **Gujarati Literary Award:**

The recipient of **Smt. Chandaben Mohanbhai Patel** Gujarati Literary Award for this year was **Mr. Kundan**



**Mr. Kundan Vyas receiving Gujarati Literary Award**

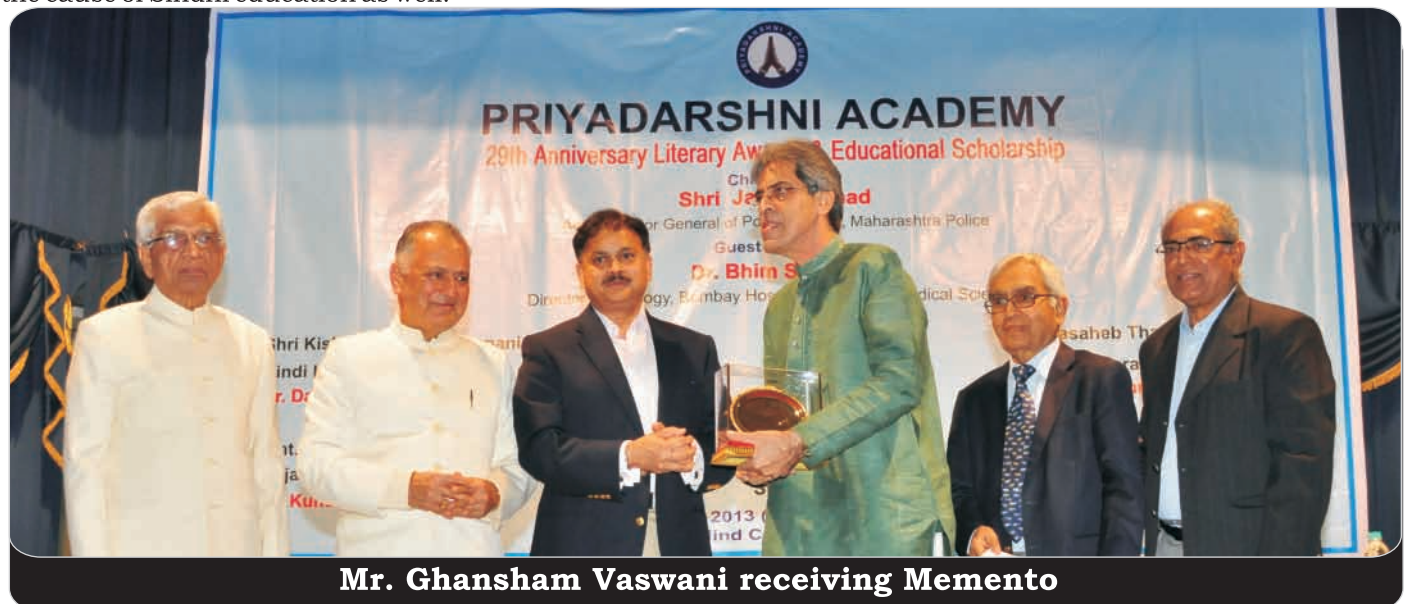
### **Sindhi Literary Award:**

This year's **Laxmi-Nari Pohani** Sindhi literary Award of Priyadarshni Academy went to **Dr. Jagdish Lachhani**. Dr. Jagdish Lachhani is an eminent writer, with thirty five books to his credit, on a wide variety of literary forms in Sindhi, Hindi and English. Jagdish's writings are noted for lucidity of language and clarity of expression. His subjects of special interest are literary criticism, tele plays and children's literature. His notable contribution to Sindhi literature is '**SAHITYA-JEEPARAKH**' (Evaluation of literature), a Book which makes a very healthy critical assessment of literature. He was honored with two awards for this outstanding work. Dr. Lachhani' has rendered a yeoman service to the cause of Sindhi education as well.

**Vyas**, the Chief of the *News Bureau of Janmabhoomi Group of Newspapers*. A graduate in Arts and Law from Bombay University, Mr. Vyas has been working as a journalist since 1961. He held several prestigious positions such as President of Indian Newspaper Society, Member of Press Council of India, President of Indian Languages Newspapers Association, to name a few.

**Mr. Vyas** was awarded the **DAG HAMMERSKJOLD** Fellowship of the United Nations in the year 1976. Mr. Vyas has covered the Indo-Pakistan war in 1971 as a war correspondent. He contributes regularly to the Indo-American Business Times published from Washington.

He has accompanied the Prime Minister and Finance Minister on their visits to several countries to cover bilateral talks and international conferences.



**Mr. Ghansham Vaswani receiving Memento**



View of the Audience

### **Felicitation of Vaswani:**

**Mr. Ghansham Vaswani** was felicitated for his outstanding contribution to Sindhi music. Gifted with a melodious voice, he came as a discovery from the Ghazal Maestro Jagjit Singh. He has many popular film songs to his credit, one of them being the popular song “**Itni Shakti Hamein Dena Data**” from the film Ankush. As a composer, he completed a ghazal album for **Shri Jagjit Singh**, titled “**FORGET ME NOT**” with songs sung by the ghazal Maestro. He has also composed for Sindhi films, dance ballets, and audio CDs, including a few Sindhi sufi albums. Ghansham has been regularly performing live not only in India but in all parts of the globe from Japan to the USA. He is a very versatile artiste singing Ghazals, Bhajans, Sufi and popular music with equal ease.

**Over 250 scholarships** to financially needy and deserving students pursuing different fields of study including to those from the National School for the Blind were presented. This included 20 Neurology Foundation Scholarships introduced this year.

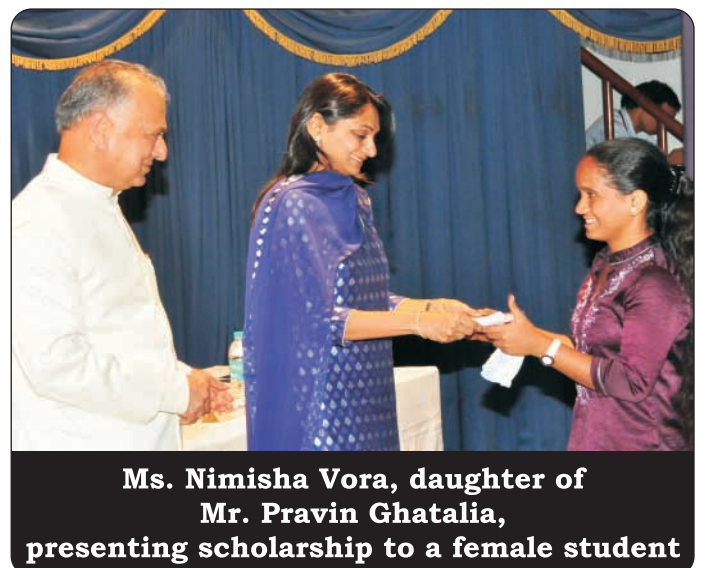


Visually impaired student receiving scholarship

**Mr. Javed Ahmad**, while congratulating the awardees and students, spoke about the need for citizens to perform their duties apart from fighting for their rights. He emphasized the need for value-based education focusing on the themes of contemporary society, such as empowering women.

**Dr. Singhal** spoke about the advances in the field of neurology and efforts that are being made to enlarge the number of doctors available to serve the needs of the large populace in India. All literary awardees spoke about the need for society to respect and advance its values through communication, its literature, and its languages.

**Mr. Nanik Rupani**, Founder-Chairman of the Academy, came in for special praise for his vision to introduce literary awards in the languages over half a century ago when English was the language sought after, and awards in the languages were rarely heard of. **The literary awards carried a trophy and a purse of Rs.25,000 each and many of the scholarships were for Rs.10,000 each.**



Ms. Nimisha Vora, daughter of Mr. Pravin Ghatalia, presenting scholarship to a female student

## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



**Mr. Nanik Rupani**

The 29th Literary Awards and Educational Scholarships program held on March 20 was an especially proud event for the Academy as the Academy distributed more money for scholarships than ever before in its history.

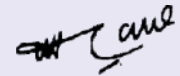
Thanks are due to the generous donations of people like Mr. Nihchal Israni, Chairman of Blue Cross Laboratories, who, as Chairman of the Scholarships Committee, wants the Academy to constantly reach new heights, particularly in meeting the financial needs of the poor and the deserving.

There has been a spurt of activities recently in fostering the identity of the Sindhi community. It is, no doubt, a good sign.

I have been fortunate in participating in a number of these activities. I hope this effort gains momentum in the coming years.

The Academy has supported a number of extremely useful activities of late. Some of the support has been direct and in various ways, and some others along with other organizations, just to see that our society is benefitting.

It has been our pleasure to support them. Some of the activities are covered in brief in this issue



**Nanik Rupani**

## Mumbai Development



**Mr. Niranjan Hiranandani, President, IMC, and Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman, Mumbai Development Committee, IMC,** participated in an Interactive meeting with **Mr. Jayantrao Patil,** Maharashtra State Minister for Finance and Planning, organized by IMC on December 6, 2012.

The meeting was part of a series of programs by IMC to contribute to the holistic and sustainable

development of the city. Mr. Patil presented the NCP perspective on the city's development at the meeting.

**Mr. Manohar Joshi,** Former Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Former Speaker of the Lok Sabha, presented the Shiv Sena perspective on Mumbai's development on January 21, 2013, where **Mr. Rupani** and **Mr. Hiranandani** were present.

## IACC's US Ambassador Event



**US Ambassador Nancy Powell** addressed members of the Indo-American Chamber of Commerce, West India Council, Namaste America, and Indo-American Society at a highly successful meeting on April 15 at The Orchid Hotel.

The event was attended by over a hundred members, mostly senior businessmen. Nancy Powell, who is the first US woman ambassador to

India, addressed the captive audience on **"Indo-U.S. Relations"**. In the picture above, from left to right, are : US Consul General in Mumbai, Peter Haas, **Mr. Atul Nishar, President, Namaste America**, US Ambassador Powell, **Mr. Rupani**, President of IACC-WIC, and **Mr. Dilip Dalal**, President, Indo-American Society.



## FOSTERING IDENTITY OF THE SINDHI COMMUNITY

Friends of International Sindhis, whose **Chairman Mr. Murli Adnani** is also Priyadarshni Academy's Co-Chairman, organized a dance drama by children entitled **"Gaurav Gaan"** and a play, **"Sindhi Boliji Atamkatha"** at St. Andrew's Auditorium on January 17. Leading figures from the Sindhi community were responsible for the staging of the play. Priyadarshni Chairman, Mr. Nanik Rupani, was the Chief Guest at the event.

**Mr. Rupani** was the Guest of Honor at the National Seminar on **"Creating Spaces: From Displacement to Global Presence – a Historical Transition of the Sindhi Community"** which was organized by Jai Hind College and sponsored by the University Grants Commission ICHR from November 29 to December 1 at Jai Hind College. Scholars of repute from India and abroad presented research papers in the seminar which surveyed the Hindu Sindhi community in its entirety, especially from the beginning of colonial rule till today.

Mr. Rupani was the Guest of Honor at the National Seminar on Practical Use of Sindhi Language held on June 3, 2012 at the Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration in Pune, organized by the National Council for Promotion of Sindhi Language, Ministry of HRD, Government of India, in association with Puj Ubauro Panchayat Trust.

## ACADEMY SUPPORT TO MAJOR INITIATIVES

### ONE WORLD FOR CHILDREN



**Mr. Nanik Rupani** was the Guest of Honor at the 12th International Children's Festival of Performing Arts 2013 organized by **Ryan International Group of Institutions** on January 7, 2013 at Shanmukhananda Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi Auditorium, Mumbai. More than **15,000 children from India, Bangladesh, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Indonesia, Singapore, Iran, Israel, Italy, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Romania, Russia, Sri Lanka, Turkey, and Zambia** participated in the event for which the theme was **"One World for Children"**. The children presented their thoughts and aspirations of the future. The event provided an opportunity to discover new intellectual and cultural facets of other countries and created an amalgamation of cultures and values through the young cultural ambassadors for the children, who are harbingers of love and unity.

## OTHER EVENTS

- The IMC and Priyadarshni Academy organized a **discourse by Dada J. P. Vaswani**, Head, Sadhu Vaswani Mansion, at the IMC on October 30, 2012.
- **Priyadarshni Academy lent financial support to the National Society for Equal Opportunities for the Handicapped (NASEOH)** to help it participate in Mumbai Marathon 2013, the hugely popular international event. NASEOH's participation helped it to spread awareness and impact about the disability issues among the key stakeholders and the common people.
- **Priyadarshni Academy supported the brilliant music concert by Shri Kummar Chatterjee** at The Nehru Center Auditorium on November 9, 2012. Shri Chatterjee sang bhajans in Hindi, Gujarati, Bengali and Ghazals in Urdu. Shri Chatterjee has performances to his credit in the White House in front of President Barack Obama, the Sloan Cancer Institute, New York, and in the United Nations Church Center, New York.
- **Priyadarshni Academy contributed for planting trees** under Pangea EcoNet Assets Pvt. Ltd. Project at Chintamani, Karnataka.
- **The Academy Supported The International Conference on "Enhancing Health, Wellbeing and Sustainability: Opportunities, Challenges and Future Directions"**, on January 10-12 in Mumbai. The conference was a great success with 290 delegates from India and from 7 countries abroad participating. The Conference was organized by Nirmala Niketan College of home science.

## OPENING OF THE JAI HIND COLLEGE COMPUTER LAB



**Mr. Nanik Rupani opening the Computer Lab at Jai Hind college**

Priyadarshni Academy financed the entire Computer Laboratory in the new annexure building of the Jai Hind College in order to help promote the technological work of the students. This long lasting donation will be great benefit to the current and future groups of students enrolling in this prestigious Institution.



**Kanti Kumar R. Podar and family with the Hon'ble President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee. Seen in the picture are: wife Snehalata, son Rajiv, an active member and supporter of the academy, grand children Vedica and Vedant.**



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