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Dr. L.H. Hiranandani felicitated

H.E. Shri S.M. Krishna, Governor of Maharashtra and Shri Nanik Rupani, Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy, presenting a memento to Padma Bhushan Dr.L.H. Hiranandani, on the occasion of his 90th Birthday on September 16,2007. Also seen is Shri Niranjani Hiranandani, Vice Chairman of Priyadarshni Academy, and M.D., Hiranandani Constructions Pvt. Ltd.

Chairman's Message

Greetings from Priyadarshni Academy!



The Academy is surging forward on a number of fronts all of which should make its Silver Jubilee celebrations beginning on September 19, 2008 a truly memorable one and which should also elevate the Academy to new heights.

On the technological front, the Academy has achieved a couple of good leaps. Its Newsletter has become electronic and is getting more and more recognized by leaders from various disciplines. Please give a few minutes of your time to go to the website, www.priyadarshniacademy.com, and click on 'The Online Newsletter' to view the textual contents of the last issue. The Academy has also established a portal whereby it can receive donations directly through the website. Please click on the link <http://www.priyadarshniacademy.com/donations/> to view this facility. Your support is always welcome and appreciated.

On another front, the Academy has begun to tie up more and more, on a very selective basis, with other organizations, primarily NGOs, to enhance the value of its own programmes as well as that of the collaborating organizations. This initiative helps the Academy to establish its presence on a wider scale and help the collaborating organizations do the same. So many issues are challenging the society that this partnership is imperative for the Academy to be able to contribute to the resolution of those issues. You will see in this issue how this initiative has been taken forward. Aside from what is reported in this issue, a screening of "An

Inconvenient Truth: A Global Warning", a 96-minute must-see film documentary based on former US President Al Gore's book on global warming has been organized for October 3 in cooperation with CHETANA Foundation for Social Awareness Research and Documentation and the American Center at the Center's auditorium.

Lastly, we had another wonderful Global Awards Advisory Committee meeting under the Chairmanship of eminent scientist, Dr. R. A. Mashelkar. Some very important selections have been made relating to next year's global awards. Various approaches are being made to invite them and to give life to these selections. I am sure that the awards function will be worth going miles to see. It should enrich the awards programme further and add immensely to the Academy's prominence as an NGO doing important work in the society. We will of course, keep you posted about the developments in the forthcoming issues of the Newsletter.

By the time we reach the next Newsletter to you, some major holidays would have been celebrated, particularly Diwali, Dassera, Christmas and the New Year. I take this opportunity to wish you happy celebrations and the very best in the New Year. I am sure life will be even better in the years to come for all of us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Nonegenarian Dr. L. H. Hiranandani feted



It was celebration time for 90-year old Padma Bhushan Dr. Lakhumal Hiranand Hiranandani and his largish family. His entering the 90th year was celebrated with great élan and éclat not once but twice during the second week of September. Over 700 people greeted him at the Hiranandani Gardens event in Powai and nearly 3000 at the Taj. They came from all walks of life and from all places to applaud one of the proud sons of India.

Priyadarshni Academy had the honour of having a memento presented to him on its behalf by the Governor of Maharashtra, Shri S. M. Krishna. Dr. Hiranandani has been a supporter and well-wisher of the Academy right from the inception of the Academy. He actively participated in its events and was seen as recently as on September 19, 2006 at the Academy's Global awards event. Even more recently, he wrote appreciating the Academy's activities. For the Academy, he has been the guardian and grand old man, and it has always held him in great respect.

Dr. Hiranandani, an M.B.B.S., F.C.P.S. from Bombay and D.L.O. from London, was born in the year 1917 in Thatta (now in Pakistan). He came to Bombay as a poor boy in 1937 and completed medical studies in 1942 with the help of his relatives. Two of his professors and a colleague helped him receive an FRCS from England in 1946. Returning to India, he set up a private practice in Bombay and soon became one of India's leading ENT surgeons. He joined Topiwala National Medical Collage and B.Y.I Nair Hospital, Mumbai, as Honorary ENT Surgeon in 1947, and continued in that position till his retirement at the age of 58. Thereafter, he was appointed by Bombay Municipal Corporation as Professor Emeritus and Advisor to the Department of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck and worked in that position up to the age of 65.

In the educational sphere, during 1960-62, he was instrumental in setting up Seth AJB Municipal Hospital, ENTHospital, Speech and Audiology School at B.Y.L. Nair Hospital, and Vestibular Research Unit at Topiwala Medical College.

He initiated in India the concept that Department of Head and Neck should be a part of ENT Department and established the first Head and Neck Department in B.Y.L. Nair Hospital in 1972. In appreciation of his services, the Department of Head and Neck at B.Y.L. Nair Hospital was named as "Dr.

Hiranadani's Department of Otolaryngology and Head & Neck".

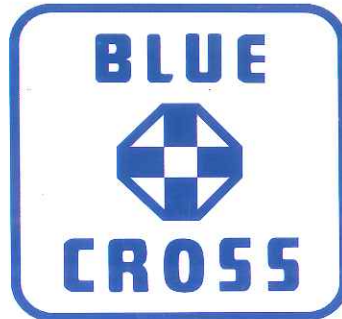
He was instrumental in raising the retirement age of medical teachers from 58 to 65 years.

He is a member of the Executive Council of Hyderabad (Sind) National Collegiate Board which runs 14 educational institutions, with over 35,000 students in various faculties. He was an active driving force for starting 14 private medical colleges in Maharashtra.

As the Chairman of Hiranandani Foundation, he contributed Rs. 2.5 crores to start a primary and secondary ICSE school in 1990 in Powai. He also contributed all his personal savings of 45 years to this school. The Foundation has started another school in Thane and a third school in Mulund in the year 2001. In 1991, he was elected Executive Member of Bombay University and continued in that capacity for 8 years. He initiated 20 orations and awards in the field of ENT by contributing Rs. 3 lakhs. He wrote a book "Ear Pathology" and contributed extensively to national and international medical journals.

Dr. Hiranandani has contributed significantly to social and charitable activities. He left private practice in 1973 and stayed for 8 months in several draught-affected rural areas of Maharashtra as Honorary Medical Director of Government of Maharashtra to supervise medical aid. The government duly recognized this service. In 1973, he organised medical aid for the flood-affected people of Bihar and Orissa. He was actively involved in passing the Human Organs Transplantation Bill by the Lok Sabha in 1994 which declared the buying of kidney a crime. He has been a keen activist against capital punishment and euthnesia. As a result, death penalties have gone down by 90% and the Euthansia Bill in Parliament and Maharashtra Assembly has been withdrawn.

In 1970, Dr. Hiranandani was elected by American Society of Head and Neck Surgery as its first member from India. He is a Founder Member of the Association of Otolaryngologists of India (AOI), served as its National Secretary for several years and was elected in 1973 as President. In 1978, he was appointed Advisor to Maharashtra Public Services Commission and Union Public Service Commission. In 1987, he received the Golden Award from International Federation of Otolaryngology and Head and Neck Societies



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and became the fifth in the world and the first in India to receive this award.

In 1990, he was nominated by the Government of Maharashtra as Member of the Medical Council of India (MCI), and was elected as the Member of its Executive Council for the next five years. He has been invited as guest speaker at several international conferences held in Canada, Indonesia, Japan, S. Korea, and USA. In 1996, he was elected Member of the Governing Body of ICMR and Chairman of its Expert Committee.

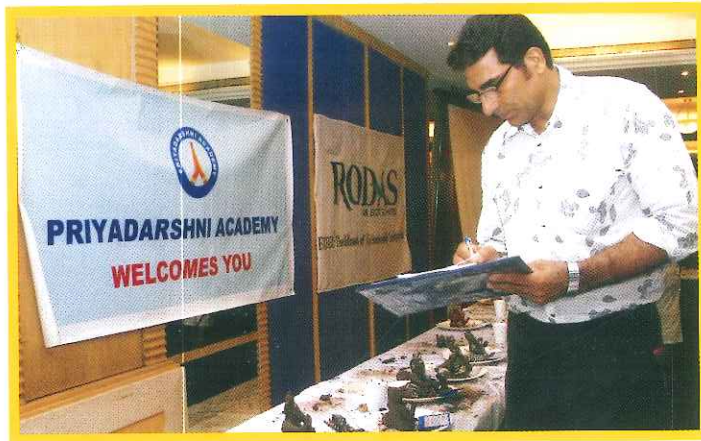
In 2000, he was awarded "The ENT and Head and Neck Surgeon of The Millennium" title by AOI. In 2000, he was bestowed the "Doctor of the Millennium" award by SAARC countries at Katmandu, Nepal at the hands of the late Queen

of Nepal. He developed several operating techniques which are recognised and known as "Dr. Hiranadani's Operations" the world over.

During 1972-1977, he was Vice President of the Bombay Pradesh Congress Committee. In 1972, he was awarded "Padma Bhushan" by the President of India. In 1988, he was conferred the "Dhanvantari Award", the first time in the field of ENT, for his notable contribution to the science of medicine. He was presented the "Maulana Azad Award" by Indian National Congress in recognition of exemplary work during the 1993 communal riots in Mumbai.

All India Radio has recorded his life for preserving in its archives for posterity.

The Environment Awards Function



Mr. Mukesh Rishi, Cine actor is seen judging the Ganesh Idols made by students, at the workshop on eco-friendly 'Ganesh-Idols' organized by MANCH N.E. Citizen's Forum.

Priyadarshni Academy participated in the 'Environment Awards for Generation Next' programme organised by MANCH North East Citizens Forum and Rodas Ecotel Hotel, Powai. The programme comprised two workshops, one focusing on creating, from eco-friendly silts from the Powai Lake, Ganesh Idols; and the other on photography. There was also a photography exhibition on Powai Lake on display. The workshops were aimed at educating participants on how to protect the environment by using paper bags instead of plastic materials and making Ganesh Idols out of clay.

Around 150 students from schools in Mumbai participated in the workshops. Mr. Mukesh Khanna, Television and Film actor, inaugurated. Mr. Hariharan, Playback Singer; Mr. Sunjay Monga, Naturalist and Wildlife Photographer,

Mrs. Nandita Puri, Script Writer and Columnist, Ms. Neenu Khanna, Fitness Expert; Mr. Puneet Tejwani, Film Actor, Mr. Murtuza Bootwalla, Formula Karting Champion, Mr. Mukesh Trivedi and Mr. Swapan Mukerjee, Photographers, addressed the gathering.

Mr. Mark D'Souza, Chairman, MANCH North East Citizens Forum, Ms. Elsee Gabriel, Secretary-Public Relations, and Mr. V. N. Gopalakrishnan, Senior Executive Officer, Priyadarshini Academy, also spoke on the occasion.

Priyadarshini Academy's participation helped enhance awareness about environmental issues among a section of the youth.

Priyadarshni Academy Sponsors a Room

The Academy donated Rs. 1 lakh to Dharmachakra Trust towards establishing a room in the name of Priyadarshni Academy in the Shree Ramchandrapura Math in Hosangara, Shimoga Dist. The donation was made on the eve of the "Vishwa Gou Sammelan" organized on April 21-29, 2007 under the ageis and guidance of H.H. Shri Raghaveshwara Bharati Mahaswamiji. The sammelan's aim was to achieve its objectives of protecting and propogating the Indian breed cattle through conservation and research besides finding ways to make cow an economically viable proposition for each farmer.

Not just business as usual.

Awards and Accolades

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Memorial Prayer Service for Dadi Prakaash



Mr. Nanik Rupani (Second from Right) is seen with Jaywantiben Mehta at the memorial prayer service for Dadi Prakashmani organized by the Brahmakumaris, Gamdevi Unit.

World renowned promoter and idol of peace, love, encouragement, benevolence, headmistress of Prajapita Brahmakumari Ishwariya Vishwadyalaya, Rajyogini Dadi Prakashmani died on 25th August 2007 at 10.05 am at her Abode located in Shantivan premises. 87- year old Dadi was not keeping well for a few months.

The news of her death sent emotional waves across the world. In order to pay their condolences, people and devotees from all states, districts and the world flocked to Shantivan for a glimpse of the great preacher. Silent and emotional homage was paid by all present. Everybody present felt that it was only for a small moment that Dadi was silent.

Mr. Anil Deshmukh, Hon'ble Minister for Public Works (Public Undertakings), Government of Maharashtra also paid rich tributes to the late Dadi Prakashmani at the memorial prayer service.



Mr. Nanik Rupani attended a get-together hosted by H. E. Mr. Dong Yem Kim, Consul General of the Republic of Korea, on July 19, 2007. The meeting helped foster friendly ties between India and Korea. Seen in the picture are (L to R): The Consul General, Mrs. Kim, Mrs. Gita Rupani and Mr. Rupani. The smiles on everyone's face reflect the joviality and closeness that the guests experienced.

Quotes from "Chanakya Neeti"

- ✍ Strange is the character of noble souls. They don't give much weight to the importance of riches yet when riches come to them the weight of the money bends them down into more humility.
- ✍ Man! If you want to win this world with just one act, then don't let your tongue speak ill of any other person. That is it.
- ✍ A man loses woman, friends, relatives and servants when he loses money. When the money is regained, they all come back. Hence, money is a man's real relative.
- ✍ This world is a tree that bears different kinds of evil and bitter fruits. It produces only two sweet fruits. Polite words and the company of the saintly people.
- ✍ A snake's venom is in its fangs. A bee's poison is in its sting. A scorpion's poison is in its tail. But, there is poison in every part of the body of an evil person.

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K C College Workshop on "Women in Management"

The K. C. College of Management organized a two-day Workshop on "Women in Management" in collaboration with Talk Shop at the Management Hall on August 4 and 5, 2007. Priyadarshni Academy was well represented in the Workshop.

The workshop, organized for senior women managers, discussed in great detail a number of problems faced by women in the work place and tried to find solutions to them. Specific ideas discussed included: flexible hours for women, doing part of the office work from home, reducing late evening and week-end work, etc. All participants believed that if offices promoted such initiatives, these would serve as extremely effective incentives and lead to better productivity

and culture. It was felt that these issues are important as there are more and more women getting into work and becoming increasingly career-oriented and, therefore, making a significant contribution to home incomes and life styles. Related issues discussed included: husbands sharing work at home to reduce stress among women so that the latter do not face or fear career disruptions. Creating a women cell in offices to resolve problems relating to sexual harassment and gender discrimination and other issues was also discussed. Finally, it was felt extremely important to sensitize men about women's problems through awareness programmes as women have dual responsibilities, both in the office and at home. Such awareness programmes could result in a healthy work-life balance.

Priyadarshni Academy Participates in Protest Against Destruction of Mangroves:

Officials of Priyadarshni Academy, Mr. V. N. Gopalakrishnan and Ms. Minal Joshi, participated actively in the Human Chain Formation at the Kanjurmarg Mangroves area on June 3, 2007. The activity was to protest against the destruction of mangroves and salt pan lands and against the general apathy of Indian law-makers and law-enforcers towards conservation of our environment and natural resources. The protest was organized on the eve of World Environment Day and was spearheaded by Mangroves Society of India (Mumbai Chapter). A number of like-minded NGOs participated in the action. Media representatives and senior correspondents were present and reported on the initiative. It was decided to continue the movement by:

1. Keeping a vigil on mangroves and salt-pan lands for encroachments and illegal constructions; if such illegal activities occurred, to immediately report to the concerned DCP of the area.
2. Writing letters to all concerned authorities against de-reservation of salt-pan lands for housing and other 'developmental' activities.
3. Spreading awareness among more and more people about the importance of mangroves and salt-pan lands and the dire need to conserve all our natural resources.

4. Preparing a CD explaining the importance of salt-pan lands and mangroves and sending a copy to all for propagating the message.
5. Organising meetings with the Collector, the Police Commissioner, the Municipal Commissioner, the Chief Secretary, and Director of CZMA (Coastal Zone management Authority), to lodge a collective protest urging them to take action against violators and against the de-reservation of salt-pan lands for construction purposes.

All agreed that the above actions would help save our city and its environment. Everyone was also of the opinion that we can make a difference, if we care.



Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy addressing the 33rd Anniversary Celebrations & Award Function of Giants International held on 17th September, 2007. Also seen in the picture (L to R) are: Mr. Mahavirprasad Saraf, Chairman and Managing Director, Supertex Group; Dr. (Mrs.) Indu Shahani, Principal, HR College of Commerce and Economics; Mr. Narayan Verma, Deputy Vice President, Giants International Award Committee.

Mr. Nanik Rupani honoured on the Centenary day Celebrations of the Indian Merchants' Chamber



Mr. Rupani honoured with a memento by Honourable Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Shri Vilasrao Deshmukh, for his services as President, Indian Merchants Chamber. In the picture are Mr. Nanik Rupani, Mr. Suresh Kotak, Past President of IMC, Mr. M.N. Chaini, Vice President; Mr. Vilasrao Deshmukh, Hon. Chief Minister of Maharashtra, and Mr. Niraj Bajaj, President.

Mr Vilasrao Deshmukh, Chief Minister of Maharashtra, honoured Past Presidents of Indian Merchants' Chamber at a glittering function held at Y B Chavan Auditorium on September 7, 2007, as part of IMC's Centenary celebrations.

The Chief Minister complimented IMC's young President Mr Niraj Bajaj for honouring the Past Presidents of the Chamber who had rendered yeoman service to the business community and brought the Chamber to its present exalted status.

Mr Deshmukh also responded positively to a plea made by Mr Niraj Bajaj in his welcome address and vowed to abolish Octroi and Urban land Ceiling soon.

Chamber's century-long history had three distinct phases : the first between 1907 and 1947; second between 1947 and 1991; and the third between 1991 and 2007. Under the last phase, Mr. Rupani 's contribution was complimented. During all these phases, the Chamber played a major proactive role for giving a healthy and wholesome direction to the development of the country's political economy.

Mr. M N Chaini, IMC Vice-President who proposed a Vote of Thanks said that the Chamber would continue to live up to the noble legacy of the past presidents, drawing inspiration from its lofty traditions and would move on to a new glorious century.

Priyadarshni Academy Lends Support to Neurology Foundation

Priyadarshni Academy has made a significant monetary contribution to the Neurology Foundation to help it organize "Neurology Update 2008" from February 15 to 17, 2008 at the Taj Lands End, Bandra, Mumbai. The Update is for physicians and neurologists and will focus on recent advances in neurology. There will also be a session for education of patients and caregivers. Ten Internationally renowned neurologists from the UK, USA, Canada, Italy, Netherlands, and Germany have been invited to address the Update. The meeting has been held regularly since 1996. About 350-400 delegates from all over India participate in the programme. Common neurological illnesses including epilepsy, movement disorders, stroke, headache, and paediatric neurology will be covered at the assembly. The Update will have a significant impact on the practice of the treating physicians.

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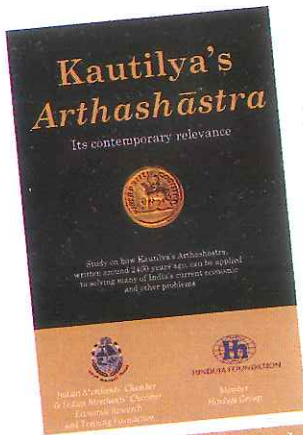
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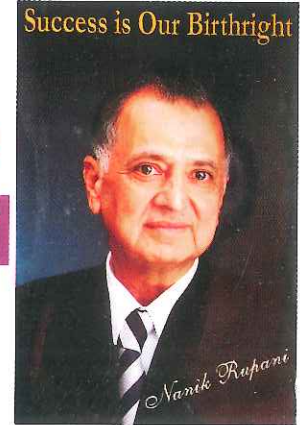
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