



INDIAN ROSE FEDERATION

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Presidents Page

Dear Members,

It is my privilege and honour to present you with the first electronic bulletin of the Indian Rose Federation.

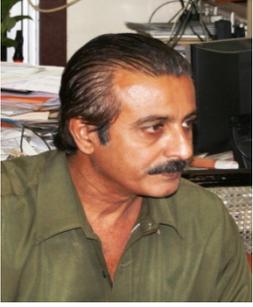
Time and again we deliberated on this concept, finally succeeded in updating the entire web site which is now before the entire world to peruse. We shall slowly, gradually, innovate this site, given the variety of inputs being received from all across India. We shall on a continuing basis be in touch with each other, exchanging views, providing comments on improvising the site to make it more educative and informative. My request to Rose Societies to give pertinent information about their areas, their events, ongoing research, or for that matter anything to do with roses.

As you know, very soon we shall be hosting the World Regional Conference at Hyderabad, which shall start on 29th November, 2014 culminate on 2nd December, 2014. We are applying our energies to make this event memorable - a grand success. The venue selected is one of the finest, 'The Hyderabad Convention Centre' where the 'Rose Show' and 'Technical Sessions' will take place. My fervent appeal therefore to all the members of the 'Rose Family' to gather in large numbers at the Conference.

A separate schedule is being prepared for the rose show, as I expect a lot of participants from all over the Country, in the cut flower section and roses grown in pots. I expect your total involvement and whole hearted support to the forth coming event. In conclusion, my regards and warm wishes to all our Rosarians.

Ahmed Alam Khan

EDITORIAL



Hello my dear friends, rose lovers indeed this is a great happening, ever since the abrupt shut down of "Rose News", being edited and brought out by our beloved friend, late Ramdas Hegde, it was a great loss to the entire rose family and IRF, I dedicate this first bulletin to all our departed veterans, who were great visionaries and were instrumental in the formation of IRF, may their souls rest in peace.

I had been pondering, from where to start, in the year 2010, I was elected as Secretary, to serve the IRF for a period of three years, during the first year we launched the website, sponsored by N. A. Joshi Polybag, a committee was set up to start the quarterly bulletin, but unfortunately we faced a lot of problems registering with the authorities and thus it was shelved, in 2013, a new Committee took over, under the President ship of Ahmed Alam Khan, as usual I started pestering him that we should bring out a quarterly magazine apart from the Annual which is being religiously printed and circulated every year, for which the credit goes to the Viraraghaven's for their relentless support, finally a green signal came from the President, the whole website was updated and yes you have the quarterly bulletin with you, my task does not ends here, you have to support me with write ups, news and events taking place in your areas, along with photographs and I will be eager to put them up, for people to enjoy reading, from quarterly we can bring out a monthly bulletin.

Let us come together and make our Organization a strong efficient and professional institution, we have to innovate with times.

Arshad Bhiwandiwala

Mumbai Rose Society Winter Show - 2014.

January and February are quite hectic with Rose Shows being organized in all parts of the country, with unfortunate date clashes, but then there is no other alternative except to carry on, as they say "the show must go on" the dates were finalized as 1st and 2nd of February - 2014. Venue being the Maharashtra Nature Park, the sprawling forest of 37 acres, in the city of Mumbai, which is often addressed as a "Jungle of Steel and Concrete", but inspite of it there are rose lovers and growers too.

A very well attended Rose Show indeed, thanks to the media which supported the event whole heartedly, a footfall of 22,000 visitors to view the beautiful roses laid out in different colors and shade, the fragrant one's proudly emitting their sweet fragrance, filling up the air. The participants, backbone of the show, it is through their sheer love and hard work which makes the show successful, we had Dr. Ramesh Hansoti an old rose grower and founder member of MRS, Ashish More the young man whom practically every one knows all around India, Mr. Appana of Tata Power, Mr. Walujkar of Godrej Agro, Mr. Sanjoy Mukherjee of Kolkatta, Mr. Deshpande from Raj Bhavan, Nagpur and Mr. Dhotkar of Larsen and Toubro, all with their lovely blooms of roses, though the number of competitors is less but the hall was full of their grown roses and we had to prepare another wing to accommodate the flowers.



A display by Tata Powers

Sanjoy Mukherjee's collection of Indian Varieties.



A wall mural put up by Godrej Agro



King, Queen, Prince and Princess.

It was amusing to see the viewers mesmerized by the roses, roses have the olfactory power to make a sick smile, a sad heart to turn happy, one of the visitor, a DCP of the Police department, she was so engrossed and smiling away, after she finished viewing the show, we asked her how she felt, she was amused and said happy very happy, we suggested her that Mumbai Police has a huge Colony at Marol where Police personnel stay and putting up a rose garden, will help the Police officers de stress themselves, she assured us that the matter will be taken up and the suggestion no doubt was awesome.

King of the Show, variety First Prize, Prince of the show, variety Show Biz and Princess were bagged by Ashish More, Queen of the Show, variety Double Delight was bagged by Tata Powers, special displays were also laid by Raj Bhavan, Nagpur, Larsen & Toubro, Tata Powers, Godrej Agro Industries and Maharashtra Nature Park had put up their collection of medicinal plants on the entrance leading to the show. Last but not the least there were 28 entries in the section for rose arrangements, in all the three sections, Western Style, Ikebana and Free Style, Mrs. Rajkumari was kind enough to do the Judging of these with her team. The Prize distribution function was held on 2nd February - 2014, Chairman and Managing Director of Excel Industries was the Chief Guest of the function, a man of 93 and a great lover of nature, was thrilled to see the show, our sincere thanks to one and all.

Hon. Secretary
Mumbai Rose Society.

Annual Report of THE ROSE SOCIETY OF PUNE

For The Year 2013 – 14.

During the year 7 monthly meetings were held where the eminent speakers were, Dr. Yashwantrao Hande , Mr. Sharad Gatne , Mr. Arun Patil, Mr. Ashish More , Dr. Mrs. Aruna Atre , Mr. Ramrao Jagtap & Mr. B. S. Thipse, lectures were delivered on various topics like Rose Hybridisation, Preparing compost at home, Tissue Culture, Pruning & transportation to the venue, Pre plantation preparation, selection of varieties & Judging of roses in exhibitions. One monthly meeting was held at Mr. Ramrao Jagtap's nursery at Magarpatta, where the members could see the various tools required for gardening, planters, pots, no. of varieties of roses, lotus, chrysanthemums, indoor plants, foliage plants etc. Members also visited a makeshift Bamboo House erected at the nursery.

During the monthly meetings the response for rose parade - a mini exhibition , was overwhelming. The winners - Mr. Ganesh Shirke, Mr. Mancher Irani, Mrs. Jayashree Jabade - twice each & Smt. Bhagyashri Kiwalkar once each were awarded with Late Khodabanda B. Irani Medal. Hearty Congratulations ! Since January this year we have made 2 sections in the rose parade viz. participants with less than 50 pots & participants with more than 50 pots to encourage the new comers.

The Monsoon show was held on 31st August & 1st September - 2013. Dr. Deepak Tilak, Vice Chancellor , Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth was the Chief Guest. The show was inaugurated at the hands of renowned realtor Mr. Shashank Paranjape of Paranjape Builders. Mr. & Mrs. Paranjape were very much impressed witnessing no. of rose varieties, size, shape, fragrances, colours, small & large clusters. Year - 2013, " Vijay Pokarna Gold Medal of Honour" was presented to Mr. Viraraghavan at the hands of Chief Guest Dr. Deepak Tilak. Ex - President, Mr. Arun Patil sponsored " Progressive rose farmer" award was given to Mr. Sanjay Mahajan of Satara District. Mr. Patangrao Kadam, Minister for Forests & Rehabilitation , Government of Maharashtra, also visited the exhibition.

The prizes were distributed at the hands of Mrs. Girija Viraraghavan. All the prize winners were excited after knowing that she is the granddaughter of India's first President , Dr. Sarvapally Radhakrishnan. Mr. Ganesh Shirke won both King & Queen

trophies while Prince of the show was received by Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth & Princess of the show by Mr. Mancher Irani. Hearty Congratulations to all the winners ! The prominent varieties getting rewards in the show were – Moonstone, White Success, Cary Grant, Blue Sky, Rhapsody in Blue, Red Triumph, Touch of Class, Marylene Munroe, Rina Hugo & JRD Tata.



Mr. Ravindra Bhide, a guest, Chief Guest, Mr. Paranjpe and VC Dr. Deepak Tilak, viewing the rose, Mr. Ravindra Bhide, President of Pune Rose Society, Mrs. Girija Viraraghavan, Mr. Viraraghavan, Mr. Paranjpe, Dr. Deepak Tilak and Mr. Madhkar Kavade at The Gold Medal award ceremony.



Ganesh Shirke receiving the trophy from Mrs. Girija Viraraghavan

A view of the Audience at the Monsoon Show

The Winter rose show was held on 11th & 12th January - 2014. Chief Guest was Dr. Deepak Tilak. Every year the rose society honors one of the members for his / her work towards the field of roses as well as the rose society with "Late Laxmibai Anant Naik" silver medal. This year's recipient was Mrs. Usha Jamma. The "Progressive Rose Farmer" award was given to Mrs. Laxmibai Parvekar from Savana village of Yawatmal District.

The prizes were distributed at the hands of well known big screen artist Ms. Resham Tipnis, she was delighted to see the roses. Later she told that she had not seen these much roses at a single place at any given time. The display with 200 roses of Double Delight fascinated her. Mr. Ashish More bagged King & Prince while Mr. Mancher Irani & Pune Municipal Corpn, bagged Queen & Princess respectively. The prize winning varieties were Mount Shasta, Fountain Bleu, Diana Princess of Wales, Orange Splash, Softy, Aparna, Blue Ocean etc.



(Mrs. Usha Jamma receiving the award at the hands of Dr. Deepak Tilak)



(Ashish More receiving the Trophy at the hands of Ms. Resham Tipnis)

Mrs. Bhagyashree Takle
Hon. Secretary.

Trial Ground Opens in Pune

The Test cum Trial Ground facility was inaugurated at the hands of Mr. Viraraghavan , Mr. B. S. Thipse & Mr. Ramrao Jagtap. Other dignitaries present were Mr. G. Kasturi Rangan, Mrs. Girija Viraraghavan, Mr. Suresh Pingale, Smt. Nalini Khasnis, Mr. Arun Patil, Mr. Sharad Gatne, Mrs. Anupama Barwe, Mr. M. N. Kawade etc.



Mrs. Girija Viraraghavan planting a sapling at Trial Ground



Mr. Viraraghavan planting a sapling assisted by Mr. B. S. Thipse at the trial Ground



Members of the Pune Rose Society with Guests at the Trial Ground.

News from Pune

Hearty Congratulations to all the winners !

Our members received the honours elsewhere also.

Life Member of the rose society Mr. Brahmadeo Ram Pandit received "Padmashree" at the hands of Hon. President of India H. Excellency, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee in a grand function.

Joint Secretary of the rose society Smt. Bhagyashree Kiwalkar received Vishwa Foundation's "Adarsh Mata" prize.

Prof. Shridhar D. Mahajan, renowned Botanist & Environmentalist & Hon. Member of the rose society was felicitated by Pune Municipal Corporation on the occasion of World Environment Day at the hands of Mrs. Vandana Chavan, MP from Pune.

During the Bhopal IRF Convention, Ex president of the rose society & Ex Treasurer of IRF, Smt. Nalinitai Khasnis was awarded "Gurubaksha Singh" Gold Medal at the hands of H. Excellency, Mr. Ram Naresh Yadav, Hon. Governor of Madhya Pradesh.

In the elections for the post of "Member of the Governing Council" during the AGM, Mrs. Anupama Barwe got elected.

Our Condolences

During the year our following members – Ex. Vice President Mr. Haribhau Rahatekar, Manager of Tilak Smarak Mandir, Mr. Sadashivrao Gupte, our donor Smt. Nalinitai Gupchup, Mrs. Hemlata Mehendale, Smt. Malati Joglekar, Mrs. Sunetra Chimbalkar, mother of Mr. P. D. Sathe, Smt. Prabhavati Sathe & Mr. Suresh alias Bhai Jagtap left for their heavenly abode. May the Almighty keep their souls in eternal peace !

Every year the elections are held for 5 posts of the Managing Committee. This year two candidates withdrew their nominations so as to make the elections unopposed. Thanks to them, Mr. Mancher Irani was elected for the post of Vice President, while Mrs. Jayashree Jabade, Mrs. Geetali Tilak Mone, Mr. Pundlik Nimhan & Mr. Sangram Jagtap were elected for the post of Member. Hearty Congratulations to all !

The Managing Committee of the rose society is as follows –

President : Mr. Ravindra Bhide

Vice Presidents : Mrs. Chandralekha Jagtap, Mr. Mancher Irani

Hon. Treasurer & Vice President : Mrs. Meera Ghorpade

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. Bhagyashree Takle

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Hon. Jt. Secretary : Smt. Bhagyashree Kiwalkar

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Mrs. Usha Jamma, Mr. D. S. Moholkar, Mr. Pundlik Nimhan, Mrs. Jayashree Yadav,
Mrs. Geetali Tilak Mone.

The Rose Society is thankful to.

1. Mr. Vijay Pokarna for the donation of Rs. 1,00,000/-
2. Mr. Mancher Irani for sponsoring the " Late Khodabanda B. Irani " medals"
3. Mr. Mancher Irani & Mrs. & Mr. Suresh Pingale for cash prizes to the winners in flower arrangement section in both the shows.
4. Mr. Arun Patil for sponsoring "Progressive Rose Farmer" award.
5. Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust for the donation of Rs.1,25,000/-
6. M/s Amit Caterers for the donation of Rs. 67,500/-
7. M/s N. A. Joshi Polybag Promotion Centre for the donation of Rs,3,90,000/-

The Rose Society of Pune is also thankful to

1. All the participants, judges , donors of the trophies, media & the rose lovers who attended the shows.
2. The volunteers of Apte Prashala & their guide Mrs. Shirke.
3. Mr. Agarwal of M/s. Balaji Agencies for providing soft drink bottles for both the shows.
4. All stall holders & advertisers of Gulab Mitra.
5. Kesari Mharatta Sanstha for printing of Gulab Mitra & M/s. Shree J Printers for printing Gulab Mitra covers.
6. Mr. Ganesh Shirke, Miss. Akanksha Kumbhojkar & Mrs. & Mr. Subrato Ghosh for the beautiful photographs of roses for Gulab Mitra cover.
7. Mr. Vijay Pokarna & Mr. Ashish Naik for sponsoring Gold & silver Medals.
8. Auditor Mr. Mahendra Shah, Manager & staff of Tilak Smarak Mandir.
9. All the past Presidents for their kind cooperation.

Mrs. Bhagyashree Takle
Hon. Secretary.

Bengal Rose Society 26th Annual Rose Show - 2014

Like all other rose societies our Bengal Rose Society always maintains its exception regarding the programme to promote rose growing habit throughout Bengal and creation of new growers too, as through this show we can gather all the famous and new growers to come with their new creations as well as collection. The main motto of this show is to educate the public about growing roses.

Our winter Rose show was held on 11th & 12th January - 2014, at the Dalhousie Athletic Club, Kolkatta, on a grand scale and we invited the rosarians from all over the country for this show, the show was inaugurated by the President of Indian Rose Federation, Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan, valuable presence of secretary of Indian Rose Federation, Mr. Vijay Kant, Mr. Arshad Bhiwandiwalla, other valued presence of Mr. Satyabrata Mukherjee (former President of BRS), Mr. Meghbaran Guin (Secretary of BRS), Mr. Ashok Ghosh of Mumbai Rose Society), Mrs. Merille A. Ghazali of Malaysia, Mr. Anish Giniwale (Member of Ratnagiri Rose Society).

More than 2500 of cut flower were put up for the competition and 120 - 125 numbers of potted rose showed with great numbers of blooms. Among the cut flower variety, on display were, Parole, New Zealand, High Esteem, Golden Medallion, Blue Ocean, Lady's Choice, Bahurupi, Moonstone, etc. Among the floribundas Saint Boniface, Banjara, Hemangini, etc. In the Potted roses "Sadabahar" with more than 250 flowers stole the show, Sunset celebration with more than 90 flowers in 3" pot, Moonstone, Teneke, Tournament of Rose, etc.

In the cut flowers Section Mr. Gourisankar Mondal of Jakhpur took away the honors, the best rose of the exhibition was Golden Medallion, while the best Indian variety was Pranabanandaji, both the entries were put by HIDCO, Government of West Bengal, Eco Tourism Park, the rose garden at the park is maintained by Mr. Sanjoy Mukherjee. In Potted Roses : Sadabahar by Mr. Sanjoy Mukherjee & associates took the honors while Mr. Hironmoy Nandi & Associates too bagged in potted roses, our panel of judges were Mr. Subrato Ghosh, Mrs. Merille Ghazali, Mr. Amitava Mukherjee, Captain Subimal Chandra Dey, Mr. Shekar Datta, Mr. Pranabir Maity and Mr. Arshad Bhiwandiwalla. The Prize distribution ceremony was held under presence of Mr. Debashish Kumar on Behalf of Govt. of West Bengal, he belongs to CIC, Mayor Parishad of Garden Govt. of WB, and Mr. Arshad Bhiwandiwalla, member Governing Council IRF.

The Chief Guest Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan, Mr. Arshad Bhiwandiwalla, Mr. Vijay Kant, Mrs. Merille, Mr. Ashok Ghosh were taken to the Eco Tourism Park, project of HIDCO, Govt. of West Bengal, which is supervised by Mr. Sanjoy Mukherjee, the visitors were overwhelmed by the collection and maintenance of the garden varieties such as Maria Callas, Jouvencille, Miss. Harp, White Master Piece, Vino Delicado, Toro, Veterans Honour, Bottero, etc. The Bengal Rose Society thanks all participants and rosarians for joining in making the event a success

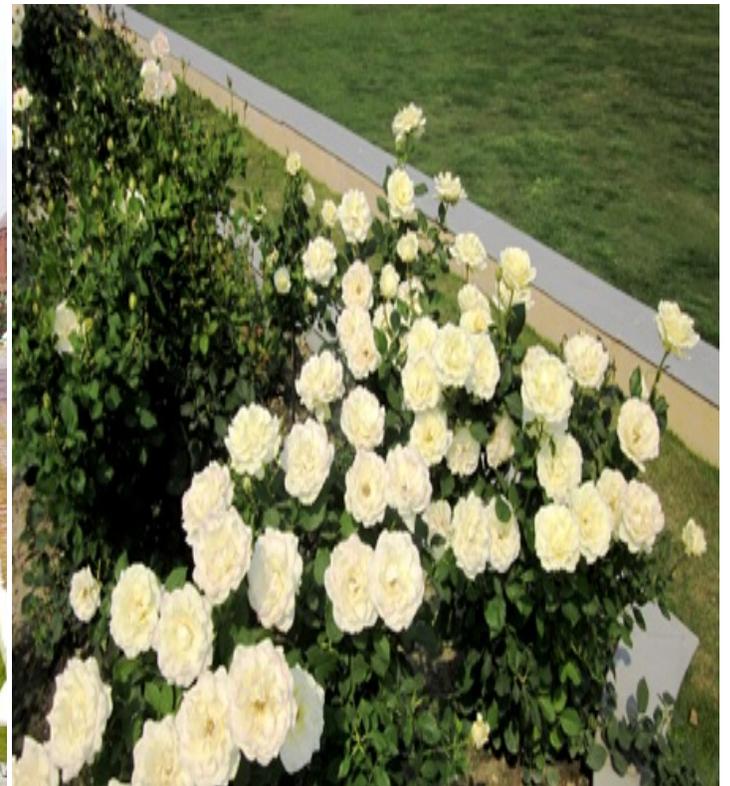
Dr. Budhaditya Saha and Sanjoy Mukherjee



Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan inaugurating the show and standing besides the best pot of the show "sadabahr" grown by Sanjoy Mukherjee.



At the Eco Tourism Park a view of the Rose Garden



32nd All India Rose Convention

The 32nd All India Rose Convention of The Indian Rose Federation, organized by the M. P. Rose Society, Bhopal, was held on 4th and 5th January - 2014 at the Rose Garden, this was the third time that the All India Convention took place in Bhopal, there was an overwhelming response from the exhibitors of Bhopal and other parts of India, apart from roses, Bonsai and seasonal were also put up for display, giving the whole event a colorful touch, the outer lawn was full of potted roses bought for competition by the local exhibitors, one could see the smiles and serenity on the faces of the viewers, the exhibition area was packed with roses of different colors, the reds, pinks, yellows, whites, mauves, bi - colors, blends and stripes, the fragrant ones filling up the area with their sweet, strong fragrance. Exhibitors started arriving early morning to set up their entries for the competition, it was enthralling to see them pampering their blooms, taking utmost care, by 11.30 am the blooms were laid out for the Judges to do their part.

The technical session was inaugurated immediately after lunch, courtesy Mr. Laxmendra Maheshwari, Treasurer of M. P. Rose Society, with the lighting of the lamp by the Indian Rose Federation President, Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan, paving the way for the first session to begin, Mr. Vijay Kant, Hon. Secretary of IRF gave a presentation on the forth coming World Regional Conference of WFRS to be held at Hyderabad from 29th November to 2nd December - 2014, followed by Ms. Ingrid Verdegam of Belgium on the "Myth of Black Roses", the third lecture was by Mr. Hans Van Hage of Netherlands, apprising the audience on his subject matter "Growing Roses the Organic Way - A Bug's Life", Mr. T. Jankiram, head of Floriculture Division, IARI, New Delhi detailed with "Rose Research at IARI". The Rose Show was inaugurated by Honorable Shri. Babulal Gaur, Home Minister, Government of Madhya Pradesh, thereafter the delegates left for dinner hosted by the President of M. P. Rose Society, Mr. Sushil Prakash at the Jehan Numa Palace, where the guests were entertained to Indian music.

Day two started with visits to Rose gardens, a visit to the Vidhan Sabha Rose Garden, followed by BHEL Rose Garden and finally at Mr. Sushil Prakash's rose garden at his Solar Plant, there after the delegates were taken to Irshad Farms for lunch, courtesy Mr. Shahid Khan who is a life member of M. P. Rose Society and IRF, returning back to the venue of Convention, where the second technical session started with Dr. A. P. Singh giving a lecture on "Roses of Dr. B. P. Pal, IARI, Mr. Arun Patil spoke on "Commercial

cultivation of Roses” and Mr. Sushil Prakash spoke about the WFRS Regional Conference in New Zealand, which was followed by high tea and a brief question and answer session, Prize distribution and the Gold Medal Award Ceremony took place simultaneously, then the AGM of IRF took place and by the time it completed, it was time for the farewell dinner, which was hosted at Motel Shiraz by Oshnic Agrovisions Pvt Ltd. Thus ended the gathering of rose lovers and the rose family, promising each other to meet at the next Convention.

Mr. S. S. Gadre

Hon. Secretary, M. P. Rose Society.



At the Inauguration, Mr. Hans, Ms. Ingrid, Mrs. Dipa Prakash and IRF President Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan.

A view of the Exhibition Hall



The Winners



Blooms of all Colors



What are your views ?

Ashish More taking the Champions Trophy from His Excellency, Governor of Madhya Pradesh



Vidhan Sabha Rose Garden



Sushil Prakash's Factory Garden

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