



INDIAN ROSE FEDERATION

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Presidents Page

Dear Members,

It was a huge magnanimous task, but we have shown the World that we Indians can do it and in a much better way, we have surpassed all records with such a huge gathering and for that I thank you all for being there with me to support our Country and show our might to the World, that we do not lag behind but we are in the fore front in the rose World.

My sincere thanks to all the participants who had taken pains from far off places on bringing those lovely blooms, grown with so much of love and affection, the delegates for their participation, invitees, rose societies representatives in large numbers, the speakers for sharing their papers, the Judges for their wise decisions, the moderators, the Mumbai Rose Society team for their support and work, Thank You once again.

At the garden site which was an enormous task completed in a record time of four and half months, my THANKS goes to your Secretary, Vijaybhai, as we call him affectionately, he ensured that the garden would be completed in time and would be in the best form when you all arrive, but then I should thank the three musketeers too, Ganesh Shirke, Sanjoy Mukherjee and Ashish More for their advises and taking the responsibility of pruning and feeding programme's, Sriram Kasturi for taking the responsibility of Sajeevni Park and Indira Park and Pranbir Maity for supplying the plants at my garden and taking care of them.

With your overwhelming support, we should now look into the future of holding the World Rose Convention in 2021. I very much regret any inconvenience caused to any of the delegates Thank you. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with bountiful Rose Growing,

Regards,

Ahmed Alam Khan



A Message for

Nawab Shah Alam Khan

Sir,

The 'Strength of Character, Nobility, Honour and Ethics' that your persona embodies, have served to support and guide the Indian Rose Federation for over three decades.

Your Love, Affection and Passion for 'Roses' knows no bounds, your fondness and friendliness for 'Rosarians', the 'Rose Family' is well known.

It is through your counsel that we have made History in the World of Roses, both in our Country and Globally.

Your presence at the historical Convention was a confirmation of your contribution, that boosted the confidence of the 'Young and Old Members of the Rose Family' who had gathered in large numbers.

The IRF Family is indeed indebted to you for your munificent contribution.

We do therefore express a sincere and grateful 'Thank You' for what we have been endowed with by you.

We pray to the Almighty, to grant you a long and healthy life and look forward to a continuation of your role as our adviser, counselor, guide and mentor in the days ahead.

It is through you that we have better understood the message of "ANTICIPATION", "AWARENESS", "CELEBRATION", "FRIENDSHIP", "HAPPINESS", "PEACE", "SIMPLICITY", "TIMELESS" "LOVE", and of course "INSPIRATION".

Regards.

Arshad Bhiwandiwala joined by members of Indian Rose Federation.

The World Regional Conference - 2014, a report by Ashok Ghosh.

Awaiting eagerly for the days of The World Regional Conference of WFRS, organized by the Indian Rose Federation, I arrived at Hyderabad looking forward to the great event, I knew well in advance, that it will be a mega event, as our President of IRF was at the helm of affairs, planning meticulously, no doubts it was the best Conference I have attended so far.

Day one, the venue of the Rose Show at Hyderabad International Convention Centre, left me bewildered, the sprawling hall where people were busy arranging their entries for the competition, the air was filled with the fragrance of roses, the massive Charminar arranged with roses left me stunned for a while, flowers coming from Kolkatta, Nagpur, Pune, Bhopal, Mumbai, Jamshedpur, Jabalpur, Amravati, Hyderabad, Ooty left me astonished, in different colors, shapes and sizes, it was celebration with roses and meeting all those rose family members and friends after a wait of one long year, it was time for Judging and the team of eminent rosarians were entering the hall to select best blooms, grown with so much of love and care, after a two hour wait the results were declared and we entered the hall again, the winners were there in elegantly made stands, standing tall and erect on their stems, the King, Queen, Prince and Princess surrounded by the best color category roses, no doubt it was the best Conference I have attended in so many years.

The Inauguration was done at the hands of the Honorable Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana, the Honorable Home Minister of Telangana and the Honorable Transport Minister of Telangana, Mr. Steve Jones, President, WFRS and Mr. Ahmed Alam Khan, President IRF, Vice President (Central Asia) WFRS and Convener of the Conference, followed by a cultural programme, made us glued to our seats, this was followed by a lecture by Helga Bricchet from Italy, her lecture "Italian Rose Hunters in the East, was very interesting and informative, which was very well attended and was heard with curious intent, later in the evening the welcome dinner hosted for the delegates was a grand affair, too tired we returned to our hotels for a good night sleep.

To be concluded in next month's Newsletter.

A view of the Rose Show



Below the majestic "Charminar" done up with 150,000 roses, standing 16 feet high.



Roses from the Centenary Rose Garden Ooty

They were awesome





The proud winners from right to left.

King of the Show - Blue Ocean grown by Ashish More.

Queen of the Show - Signature grown by Ashish More

Prince of the Show - Zorina grown by Sanjoy Mukherjee

Princess of the Show - Calpoly grown by Ashish More

Best White - White Success grown by Ganesh Shirke

Best Red - Veterans Honor grown by D. O. R. Hyderabad

Best Yellow - St. Patrick grown by Hitesh Shah

Best Pink - Swarthmore grown by D. O. R. Hyderabad

Best Mauve - Blue Ocean grown by Ashish More

Best Indian Bred - Blue Ocean grown by Ashish More

Best Bi Color Blend - Moonstone grown by Mukund Tijare

Best Apricot - Just Joey grown by Mukund Tijare

Best Stripe - Shahasradhara grown by Hasan

Best Gladiator - grown by Pundalik Nimhan

Best Potted Plant of the show H. T. Great Scott Sanjoy Mukherjee

Best Potted Plant of the show Floribunda Sada Bahar Nilesh Mujumdar

Best Potted Plant of the show Miniature Tempi Susheel Mujumdar

Best Arrangement of the Show Eco Tourism Park.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROUD GROWERS



Helga Bricet delivering her lecture at the Inaugural session.

Meet Your Rose Grower

Nilesh Majumder a resident of Kolkata.

Growing roses for the last 15 years. Many people warned me saying that growing roses in Kolkata is a very tough and challenging hobby and not child's play.

This remark motivated me to grow roses and I fell in love with them initially I faced many problems, as there was no proper information, guidance or support locally, but since I had taken things very seriously, I decided not to back out, it was do or die for me and luck was on my side at one of the shows in Kolkatta I was attracted by Sanjoy Mukherjee's 100 + bloom of roses in pots, this was the beginning of my rosy days ahead,

he guided me and showed me the way for achieving this present condition of success . Both of us are engaged in the line of blooming roses. My favourite roses are "BORA BORA" "TINEKE" "DORA" "MOON STONE" "SHANTI" "Dyandeo" Rosie O'Donnell, Princess de Monaco, St. Patrick and some others. But my sincere thanks to my mentor and guru, Sanjoy Mukherjee who helped me to overcome these problems. Now Growing roses and competing is my passion and way of life





CARE OF ROSES, YOUR EXPERTS ADVICE TIPS FOR DECEMBER

Ganesh Shirke from Pune :- remove the die back affected stems and infected leaves, open up the plant by removing dead shoots too, new shoots should be given space to grow, attack from thrips and mites is imminent during this time of the year, spray religiously with pesticides available in your area, since the weather is cold the attack of mildew is looming, start spraying score or amister these are fungicides, ratio 0.5 ml per litre on a weekly basis, keeping a gap of three days between pesticide spray and fungicide spray, increase the feeding of the plant by sterrameal and vermicompost, along with DAP doses, spray micro nutrients weekly. Since the requirements of the plant increases during this season, do not over water the plants, as it will damage the root system, when the top soil is totally dry provide water according to the requirement of the plant.

Ashish More from Mumbai :- December is quite cool and favorable for rose growing, plants are now with healthy foliage and free flowering with intense colour. Give a dose of N:P:K 15:15:15 grade i.e. Suphala which is in granular form, you can give micro nutrients spray which is readily available of various combination in EDTA form, regularly cut unwanted fully opened blooms also which are getting dried, to stop further process of seed formation this will adversely help in sprouting of new shoots, pruning for January rose exhibitions are mainly carried all over, give another dose of N:P:K at the interval of 20 days now plants will be at their peak growth stage hence little but regular feeding is key to quality blooms, depending on quantity of foliage and vigor of the plant, sufficient regular feeding is required, take preventive sprays for thrips and mites at the interval of 10 days. Your plants will definitely provide you classic blooms which you always expect. Happy rose growing!

Dr. N. V. Shastri from Nagpur : - In Nagpur and Vidarbha , December – January are the best months for roses. They are at their peak between mid December and mid January. The first flush after the October pruning starts receding by the end of the first week of December but the new growth has already started appearing. We recommend manuring with a few handfuls of FYM and a fistful of Sterameal. (Neem seed cake may also be used). Fertilization with a NPK product (30 to 50 gm per mature plant) is also advised, especially to the potential exhibitors. Such people can also resort to foliar feeding (Urea : KH₂PO₄ :: 1:1). Those who are up to it may also do liquid feeding. These treatments once in a week should be OK. There are two rose shows in Nagpur in December, a pretty busy month for the show bench addict. Although the weather is generally healthy , do not think even for a moment that you can eschew spraying. Not at all, that has to be religiously followed . After all you are dealing with modern garden roses Sir! Also a spray of micronutrients once in two months would do no harm to your roses, and do not forget to do dead heading regularly.

ANNOUNCEMENT DEAR MEMBERS THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE AGM WILL BE HELD ON 26TH JANUARY - 2015, AT HOTEL HARDEO, DR. MUNJE MARG, SITABULDI, NAGPUR - 440 012, AT 3.00 pm. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION, COPIES OF NOTICE IS BEING SENT BY POST AND EMAIL.

Invitation from Mumbai Rose Society

Dear Members of Indian Rose Federation, Rose Lovers and Rose Growers, you are all invited to the 56th Rose Show of our Society, along with the National Flower Show, sponsored by Mumbai International Airport Limited and supported by the Mumbai Municipal Corporation, to be held on 17th and 18th of January - 2015, at MIAL Colony, Opp. P & T Colony, Sahar Road, Andheri (east), Mumbai - 400 093.

For your information those interested to participate may contact Hon. Secretary :- Arshad Bhiwandiwalla at Cell No. 93201 29293 or email at bhiwandiwallaarshad@gmail.com

This year we have decided to keep cash prizes for the winners, details are given below.

Avinash Kubal

President.

Mumbai Rose Society.

Sr. No	Name of the Prize	Amount
1	King of the Show	Rs 7, 500/-
2	Queen of the Show	Rs 5, 000/-
3	Prince of the Show	Rs 3, 000/-
4	Princess of the Show	Rs 2, 000/-
5	Best 'White' Rose of the Show	Rs 1, 000/-
6	Best 'Pink' Rose of the Show	Rs 1, 000/-
7	Best 'Red' Rose of the Show	Rs 1, 000/-
8	Best 'Gladiator/Toro/Uncle Joe'	Rs 1, 000/-
9	Best 'Yellow' Rose of the Show	Rs 1, 000/-
10	Best 'Apricot' Rose of the Show	Rs 1, 000/-
11	Best 'Orange/Vermillion' Rose of the Show	Rs 1, 000/-
12	Best 'Mauve/Violet/Lavender' Rose of the Show	Rs 1, 000/-
13	Best 'Bi-colour/Blend' Rose of the Show	Rs 1, 000/-
14	Best 'Striped or An other than above' Rose of the Show	Rs 1, 000/-
15	Best 'Indian Bred HT' Rose of the Show	Rs 1, 000/-
16	Best Miniatures of the show Min. 3 varieties in a vase	Rs 1, 000/-
17	Best Floribundas of the show Min. 3 varieties in a vase	Rs 1, 000/-
18	Most Fragrant Rose of the Show	Rs 1,000/-
19	Flower Arrangements all three Ikebana, Free Style and Western 1 st and 2 nd will be awarded cash prizes	