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Presidents Page

Dear Members,

Hello, my dear members you must have all been busy with your summer schedules, preparing for the long summer and the impending hot days ahead, one has to be extra cautious during this season, with the onslaught of hot winds and the attack from pests and diseases, well take well care of your plants and also ensure that you loose none of your prized collections.

While having discussions with some of our members, it came to my mind that in 2015, we will not be having any Convention, as this year's Convention was clubbed with the World Regional Conference held at Hyderabad in 2014, I would like to put forth for you to decide, why shouldn't we have a seminar for two days during this year, maybe after the monsoons when some Societies keep a monsoon show, a two day of get together along with a rose show and some papers for discussion, your comments and suggestions will be of great value to me.

One more important thing I would like o remind you all once again, is the identity card, which I want to complete in my term, as already informed to all of you I would like each and every member having his photo Identity, this will help us all, at the time of Convention, the Organization a recognition. I hope you all will agree.

Till then, Good Bye.

Ahmed Alam Khan.

EDITORIAL.



Gosh summer is taking a toll on the roses, with attack of spider mites, thrips, scorching of leaves, makes the rose growers work more hectic and then die back, which leaves him in a shock for losing his prized collection, but then it is cycle of nature, winter, summer, monsoon, you have to accept this part and be cautious, with regular summer care of your plants.

Last month I visited Hyderabad for a wedding, I took out time to go and pay my respects to Nawab Shah Alam Khan and the family, a great man at this age too he visits office daily, whenever I meet him he inquires about so many individuals in IRF and treats them as his own members of the family, remarkable, I met the President too and requested him to arrange for a visit to the garden, ever obliging he is and it was arranged, with Vijay Kant along after lunch we set out, on reaching as usual I was dazed and amazed the whole garden was blooming, every plant was just full of blooms swaying and dancing with winds blowing softly, luckily the earlier day there was a big shower from the clouds and the atmosphere was cool and serene, not a single plant was infected and the huge team of labours were out in the garden doing their daily jobs, Ahmedbhai has appointed the just retired Garden Superintendent PWD, Hyderabad as another care taker, his job is to send daily reports of the rose garden to the President daily, I was informed that he will also be in charge of evaluation of new breeds which will be sent by our breeders for performance rating. The drip irrigation system put up in the garden has helped a lot I feel, their growth and performance is really fantastic, huge thick canes are still coming out, leaving a rose grower in admiration, especially when the season of summer is going on with mean temperatures of 38^o to 40^o ruling, the plants gifted by Sanjoy to Ahmedbhai were too in their full form, I missed Sanjoy he would have been dancing with joy on the sight of them. Keep it up Ahmedbhai, I salute you for your garden.

Regards,

Arshad Bhiwandiwalla.

Subrata Ghosh Rose Breeder of India



Education Qualification, Civil Engineer, worked as Ex. Superintending Engineer (Civil), Durgapur Steel Plant, born on 15th June 1935, life member of Indian Rose Federation and Rose Society of Bengal.

Mr. Ghosh is strictly an amateur rosarian and rose breeder, he took rose hybridization casually in early 1980. At that time he and his wife, Mrs. Sandhaya Ghosh, considered it just fun, nothing more. Incidentally they got some good roses which interested them, from then on rose hybridization became their hobby.

During his service period duty hours did not permit him to be present in the garden for pollination, his wife, though being a housewife, actively helped him in performing the pollination job. They got some more good roses. After his retirement from service in 1993, they took up this hobby seriously and ardently as far as possible.

They did it very methodically with scientific approach from the very beginning, keeping all the required data and records in well - preserved notebooks. They got hold of many books and literatures (both Indian and foreign) to improve their knowledge bank. So far more than 1500 seedlings have come up. Of course, most of them could not pass the rigorous trial and screening or simply did not survive, because of acute problem of space, they could not grow sufficient plants to provide them enough "heps" and "pollens."

To overcome the pollen problem they made their own "pollen bank" where pollens could be preserved for more than two weeks at 5^o degree Celsius, but the most serious problem is non - availability of Trial Ground. They have also developed a small laboratory where they could culture a strain of "saprophytic" fungus which helped them immensely in germination of rose seeds (it actually shortens the germination period). It is, however their own discovery. Due to insistence from friends and rose lovers, they began introducing their

hybridized roses through reputed nurseries of our country, their first rose that was introduced was "Tathagata" by KSG Son, Bangalore in 1996. So far 127 varieties have been introduced and are available in the market to rose lovers through reputed rose nurseries like KSG Son of Bangalore, Pushpanjali Nursery of Jakpur (WB), Horticulture Arena (Jhargram) and also published in their catalogues. Out of those, 64 varieties have found place in Modern Roses XII, published by American Rose Society.

Some more budding eyes have been recently added to the above - mentioned nurseries for introduction. Our present objective is to create a true green rose, they are more or less successful in this venture, truly mentionable green roses are "Green Light", "Green Island", "Green Valley", "Green Tint", etc., all are acclaimed by rose lovers. Green Valley is a perfect green rose with beautiful form and shape. In proper cool temperature, the green colour appears from bud stage and persists till end.

Their next endeavor will be creation of a blue rose, as it is known that the pigment "delphinidin" responsible for blue color is absent in roses, but they want to try it from a different angle. It may take time but they are optimist to get one near to blue spectrum. Apart from roses, there are several new varieties of gladiolus, gerbera, chrysanthemum, etc. have been hybridized by them and they are happy in their successful venture.

He says, I always try to share my knowledge and experience with persons having interest in this field, for this I have written many articles that have been published in several specialized magazines.

Their success in the field of research and development of roses fetched them many awards and felicitations. Indian Rose Federation awarded him the prestigious "Vijay Pokarna Gold Medal" for 2009, at Mumbai. The Honorable Mayor of Durgapur Municipal Corporation felicitated him for his work, many more local organizations and flower associations honoured him and they are really thankful to them.

In conclusion, he says, I want to say that I do not accept any royalty either in cash or kind from anybody for my work.

The joy of creation is my greatest reward.



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INVITATION



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GREEN VALLEY





Down Memory Lane Delegates at BARC rose garden at the 1st All India Rose Convention.

Tips from the experts

Dr. N. V. Shastri from Nagpur.

Rahul Kumar from New Delhi.

Ashish More from Mumbai

Sanjoy Mukherjee from Kolkatta.

Khadar Alam Khan from Hyderabad.

Ganesh Shirke from Pune.

All suggest, that maintain the moisture in the soil, give a good bath, keep a mulch of cowdung manure, to arrest water evaporation, spray your plants regularly, with pesticides and fungicides, as attack from spider mites, thrips, scales and fungal attack to roots system is inevitable, with die back, so take care.

56th Mumbai Rose Society & 2nd MIAL All India Rose & Flowers Show

The show was planned and organized on 17th and 18th of January - 2015, venue being the MIAL Colony, Sahar Road, Andheri (east), Mumbai - 400 093. A very well attended show, with a huge queue and people lined up to witness the beauties from Nagpur, Hyderabad, Kolkatta, Pune, Karjat, Kalyan, Bangalore and Mumbai. On and off announcements had to be made, requesting people to move ahead, two pandals erected over 8,000 square feet fell short, with so many flowers on display and competition, made the visitors spell bound in this city a jungle of cement and concrete, apart from roses which we have always considered to be on the top, a separate area was allotted, as we had competitors from India, Mukund Tijare, Mahajan from Nagpur, Ashish More from Karjat, Dr. Vikas Mhaskar from Kalyan, Ganesh Shirke, Manchar Irani, Arun Waranashiwar, Usha Jamma, Pundalik Nimhan from Pune, Appanna from Tata Power, Mumbai University, Dr. Hansoti from Mumbai, Green Valley from Hyderabad, Sehkar Datta from Kolkatta, Nadeem Ahmed from Bangalore.

Exporters from Mumbai and Talegaon had sent their flowers for display, Deorao Patil from Virar, KF Bio, Soex Flora, Professional Agrothech, Champali Gardens, Suntech, Raikar Farms, Tropica Nursery, Ashish Hansoti from Karjat, Godrej Agro, Hiranandani, Tata Power, L & T, Raheja's, Ssurup Bonsai, PWD Maharashtra, MCGM, Vasundra Eco Services all from Mumbai. We always believe in innovation and this time a star attraction was the carnivorous plants on display by an eminent plant lover, which drove the citizens and the media in a tizzy.

The winners in the roses were, St. Patrick as King by Mukund Tijare, Blue Ocean as Queen, by Ashish More, Show Biz as Prince of the Show, by Dr. Vikas Mhaskar and Coffee Beans, Princess of the Show, by Mukund Tijare, other winners were in the color categories, best Red going to Manchar Irani, best Indian Vikas Mhaskar, best yellow Mukund Tijare, best Gladiator, Blend, Stripe, Ashish More the Managing Committee had once again decided to keep cash prizes and the same was handed over to the winners by way of cheques, instead of rolling trophies, which we felt was very embarrassing as the same is taken away from the out station winner or has to be returned every year.

Our esteemed Guests, Ex DGP Maharashtra, Dr. Shivanand, Cine and TV Actor Mr. Tiku Talsiani, Mr. Sunil Prabhu, Ex Mayor of Mumbai, MCGM and Mr. Tejas Thackerey, along with the top echelons of GVK and MIAL.



Peacock greets the visitors at the entrance made with flora below MIAL Logo





Ashish More and Father Datta More grooming the blooms, Mukund Tijare and Son at work



Pundalik Nimhan selecting the beauties, Apanna from Tata Power admiring his bloom



Dr. Vikas and Mrs. Meghna Mhaskar preparing for the show, Judges at their work



Inaugurating the show Chief Guest Dr. Shivanand Ex. DGP Maharashtra, with officials of MIAL, viewing the show, with sheer excitement



Flora on display, spot Landscaping by L & T Limited



A display by Godrej Limited, collection of Adeniums Tropicana Nursery



Pachu's display of Heliconia's and Bonsai's from Ssurup.



Roses on display



The Carnivorous plants on Display



A display by Vasundhra Eco Services and PWD Department Maharashtra



The proud Winners, King, Queen, Prince, Princess and Color Category.



Mr. Tiku Talsiani with the Winners and Mr. Tejas Thackerey with Mr. Hanumant Raje of MIAL



Mr. Sunil Prabhu, Ex - Mayor, Mumbai with Managing Committee Members of MRS,
L to R – Jagdish Mhatre, Dr. Salunke, B. V. Kopulwar, Hanumant Raje of MIAL, Tushar Desai,
Avinash Kubal



A display by MCGM, Mumbai and Banner of the show