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UN Secretary General,  
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Mrs. Mohini Mathur, Mr. Suresh Srivastava and Director UNIC Mrs. Kiran Mehra - Kerpelman releasing Balloons carrying World Health Day Message and Theme along with Mr. Kishore Kuvava, Dr. Dhebri and Mr. M.Z.Siddiqui Students, Guests, and MUNA Officers bearers. Dr. G.N.Chainani and Dr. Sheshadri Chari are also present on this event.

## World Health Day

### Maharashtra United Nations Association Observes With the Theme *'Ageing and Health'*

**T**HE Jabir Hall of Islam Gymkhana, Marine Drive, Mumbai was full with to its capacity. At the outset Balloons carrying message of World Health Day 2012 "Ageing and Health - Good Health adds Life to Years" were released against the magnificent background of the Arabian Sea on the terrace of Islam Gymkhana.

Mrs. Mohini Mathur Executive. Chairperson of MUNA extended a warm welcome to Director UNIC, Mrs. Kiran Mehra - Kerpelman, Mr. Suresh Srivastava Secretary General, IFUNA, New Delhi and all present in the hall. She spoke about the relevance of theme "Ageing and Health" and said this is extremely relevant in contemporary society.

She further added that with fractural and dispersed families, increase in life expectancies a new culture has to be adopted to support the cause of senior citizen's. She said UN has several policies and programmes for elderly which United Nations Secretary General Mr. Ban Ki - Moon in the international year of elderly 2009 emphasized the need to treat older people as they are both agents and beneficiaries of development.

Mr. A.A.Syed Secretary General of MUNA elaborated the aims and objectives of MUNA and informed about the activities of MUNA such as observance of UN designated days, organizing debate, conferences, seminars, quiz competitions and youth activities to promote and



propagate the ideals of United Nations. He also mentioned about the active participation and support from IFUNA and UNIC. Mr. Syed further explained the hard work carried out by MUNA for last more than four decades.

Distinguished Guest Speaker on the Panel H. E. Niu Qingbao, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Mumbai and former Deputy Mayor of Nankai District, Tianjin Municipality addressed the gathering and shared statistical information about the issues related to health amongst the elderly population in China. H. E. Niu Qingbao further explained about the theme in detail with comparative analysis between India and China.

Prof. (Dr.) Ravindra D. Bapat Professor Emeritus Department of Surgical Gastroenterology at the Seth G. S. Medical College and K.E.M. Hospital, Parel, Mumbai and Ex-Vice Chancellor Mahatma Gandhi Mission University of Health Sciences and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences was also on the panel of Guest Speaker.

Prof. Bapat addressed the medical problems and discussed them in details e.g. medicines and surgery etc for elderly. He explained various aspects of natural and healthy life style for senior citizen's and stressed on living a healthy life with right kind of food, sleep and exercise for longevity and diseases free life in old age. He also explained various myths and realities about health for aged.

Dr. Sheshadari Chari, Vice President of IFUNA, spoke about the importance of observance of UN designated days such as world health day and he shared his experiences of working with United Nations

Guest of Honor Mr. Suresh Srivastava, Secretary General IFUNA, New Delhi and Vice President WFUNA, New York complimented MUNA for organizing various programmes with unique and innovative ideas. He then explained the role of government for protection and promotion of rights of senior citizen's. Mr. Srivastava further added that government needs to be more sensitive towards the problems of elderly persons and was of the opinion that "Welfare and Maintenance of Parents and Senior Citizen's Act, 2007" needs to be implemented in its true spirit.

The Chief Guest for the evening Mrs. Kiran Mehra - Kerpelman, Director United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) for India and Bhutan, New Delhi before delivering her address she read out the United Nations Secretary General's Message on the occasion of World Health Day 2012.

Mrs. Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman who has the experience of working as a Senior Communication Manager at the ILO, Chief of Web, Information Production and Dissemination Section for the Department of Communication, the Managing Editor and Production Manager of the ILO's flagship magazine World of Work and organizing events, including the commemoration of special UN days etc., in her address said, that the Spanish language had actually got it right. The word for retirement in Spanish is jubilacin, meaning celebration and as UN Secretary-General says in his message, "Increased longevity is a cause for celebration and something to which we all aspire".

Mrs. Kiran Mehra - Kerpelman appreciated the initiative taken by MUNA and congratulated the Maharashtra United Nations Youth Association (MUNYA) in organizing this programme to observe World Health Day 2012.

The students of Department of Human Development, SNTD Women's University performed a skit focusing on intergenerational gap and elder abuse. The play was very well enacted and left a great

impact on the audience. The play was directed by Mr. Suraj Joshi, film director from Bollywood with credit of making many Hindi and south Indian movies. MUNA appreciated and recognised the support of Mr. Suraj Joshi and Prof. Reeta Sonawat of SNTD Women's University.

A band of youth group called 'Addiction Band' performed a fusion of various music forms like Indian Classical, Rock, African, and Arabian. Mr. Ojas Bhatt was the lead vocalist and also played the percussions. Mr. Varun Parikh and Mr. Ujas Vaghani were on guitars.

On this occasion MUNA recognized few senior citizens above the age of 80 who have made significant individual contribution from the metropolis of Mumbai such as freedom fighter, ethics in Business, international relations and social service. The recipients of the abovementioned awards were Mr. Mathuradas H. Mehta, Mr. Zainuddin Bandukwala and Mrs. Havovi Godrej-Dotivala.

As a token of appreciation and due credit for the support and cooperation extended by the Maharashtra United Nations Youth Association (MUNYA), students of SNTD Women's University and youth Band "Addiction", certificates of appreciation was given to them at the hands of Mrs. Kiran Mehra Kerpelman - Director UNIC, Mr. Suresh Srivastava Secretary General IFUNA and Ms. Mohini Mathur Ex. Chairperson - MUNA. A special hand of applause was given to Mr.



Mr. Suresh Srivastava Secretary General IFUNA and Vice President WFUNA addressing the august gathering other guests on the dais are also seen in the picture



# State UNA in Action

Malhar Choudhry, Mr. Mohammed Ashrafi, Abhishek Srivastava, Bhargav Golla and Sankalp Devasthali who worked tirelessly to make this programme a success.

The function ended on a very cheerful note when Mr. Kishore Kuvavala enacted his laughter therapy. Mr. Kuvavala along with his team has made a chain laughter record where 260 types of laughs were made in one minute i.e. more than 4.3 in one second on 5th June, 2011 at Nana Nani park, Girgaum Chowpatty, Mumbai the same is registered by Limca book of records and India Book of Records and published in their 2012 record book.

MUNA expressed its heartfelt gratitude to the management of Islam Gymkhana in general and President Mr. M.Z. Siddiqui in particular who is also our Treasurer in MUNA for his cooperation and support to MUNA and the gracious gesture rendered by him for providing many facilities here.

The programme was compared by Mr. Ashraf Ahmed Shaikh, Secretary MUNA and President of Maharashtra United Nations Youth Association (MUNYA). Mr. Ashraf Ahmed Shaikh during the programme mentioned that "recent information shows that by 2025, those above the age of 60 shall be more than the children below the age of 5'. Are we prepared to take up the challenges of elderly population with respect to their various social, health and financial needs? Therefore we need to create awareness and sensitise youth and other members of society".

Executive Chairperson MUNA Ms. Mohini Mathur congratulated Mr. Ashraf Ahmed Shaikh for his hard work and zeal in organizing this programme along with MUNA office bearers and youth team. Director UNIC Mrs. Kiran Mehra - Kerpleman seconded Ms. Mathur.

MUNA also expresses its heartfelt thank for the support rendered by 1. Boxco Logistics India (P) Ltd., 2. Amin Trust 3. B.H.Antia Late Ervad Hormusji Pestonji Antia 4. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance and 5. Principal Mrs. Shermin R. Syed, Head - Anjuman - e - Islam Begum Sharifa Kalsekar English School.

MUNA also requested the invitees and guests to write their messages for World Health Day on a banner specially made for this occasion. The said banner was then handed over to Director UNIC Mrs. Kiran Mehra - Kerpleman for display at United Nations information Centre for India and Bhutan at New Delhi displayed the banner along with the written messages on its splendidly at a very prominent place in UNIC office for creating awareness about the issues of elderly. The students of Department of Human Development, SNTD Women's University performed a skit focusing on intergenerational gap and elder abuse. The play was very well acted and left a great impact on the audience. The play was directed by Mr. Suraj Joshi well known film director from Bollywood who has to his credit of making many Hindi and south Indian movies. MUNA appreciated and recognised the support of Mr. Suraj Joshi and Prof. Reeta Sonawat of SNTD Women's University.

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of various music forms like Indian Classical, Rock, African, and Arabian. The Band started in the year 2009, and decided to make music more meaningful at the same time entertaining for all types of audiences. They performed in this programme for a social cause much discussed in detail i.e. Ageing and Health. Ojas Bhatt was the lead vocalist and played Percussions. Varun Parikh and Ujas Vaghani were on guitars.

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Earlier the dignitaries on the dais were felicitated with beautiful crystal trophies and flowers. MUNA Youth members presented flowers as token of affection to the diplomats in Mumbai coming from consulates of South Africa, Malaysia and Iran and other nations. Mr. Kapadia and Dr. Dhebrri of MUNA Governing Council also felicitated Mrs. Meena Srivastava and Prof. Dr. Varsha Rokade

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Dr. G.N. Chainani member of Governing Council MUNA proposed vote of thanks.

The programme was well covered by print and electronic media like. Asian Age, Afternoon DC, Navbharat Hindi and News 24 channel amongst others. ■

— Report by Mr. A.A. Syed and Mr. Ashraf Ahmed Shaikh



Inaugural Ceremony seen in the photographs: Representatives of Rotary Club Bombay Pier, Rotary District 3140 Governor Mr. Vijay Jalan, Mr. A.A.Syed and H.E. Arinushkin Denis Consul, Consulate General of Russian Federation in Mumbai

## Youth Event

# Model United Nations Assembly at Mumbai

Report by Ashraf Ahmed Shaikh

**M**aharashtra United Nations Association (MUNA) in Association with Rotary Club Bombay Pier (RC Bombay Pier) organized "Model United Nations Assembly" as a part of Youth initiatives in Mumbai at Khar Gymkhana Club. The theme of the lively debate was "NATO interference in the middle East"

The programme was flagged off by H.E. Arinushkin Denis Consul, Consulate General of Russian Federation in Mumbai, District Governor Mr. Vijay Jalan of Rotary International, District 3140, Mr. A.A.Syed Secretary General, MUNA and Mr.

Ashraf Ahmed Shaikh Secretary MUNA and President Youth Association were present amongst others.

Mr. AA.Syed also apprised about the aims and objectives of MUNA and its activities in Maharashtra in close liasoning and support with Indian Federation of United Nations Association (IFUNA), New Delhi and further with World Federation of United Nations Association (WFUNA), New York.

Mr. Ashraf Ahmed Shaikh spoke about the advantages of participating in Model United Nations. He requested the young audience to plan activities on the themes of the year to build



H.E. Ms.Carey Rudell Consul from US Consulate addressing the MUNA Delegates and participants.

awareness and to sensitize general public at large to a large extent.

Diplomats from Consulate of United States of America H.E.Ms.Carey Rudell who is a Consul and Foreign Service Officer at the U.S. Consulate General, Mumbai and H.E. Mr. Jason Park, Foreign Service Officer with the US Department of State, serving as a Vice-Consul at the US Consulate General in Mumbai addressed the student delegates during Model United Nations proceedings as special invitees.

The pre break session was chaired by Rtn Saif Qureishi and Rtn Pankaj Phatharphod, as the Chairman and Secretary of General Assembly.

Around 300 students participated from about 25 colleges. Some foreign students from overseas who were here for the Jamboree also took part in the Model United Nations Assembly

Children dressed in traditional attire of the country they represented added an attractive flavor of culture and tradition. In the preliminary session the students representing various countries read out their respective policy statements and in the post lunch session grouped together and suggested amendments to the resolution.

After a daylong session which was enthusiastically participated by around 300 student delegates, the judges declared the results with cheerful remarks and appreciations to the student delegates who deliberated in this Model United

Nations Assembly.

The prize winners were 1) Best Dressed Team: CHINA, 2) Best Team: USA, 3) Best Speaker: Keerthana from France, 4) Best Speaker Runner Up: Sinay from China, 5) Best Debater: Pooja Vohra from USA and 6) Best Quiz answers: China.

Mr. Jayesh Masani a Human Rights activist, Dr. Varsha Rokade and Mrs.Sarida Chitalwala were the three judges for this event.

On this occasion one "bravery award" was also given to Ms. Heena Laxminarayan Sharma for the outstanding work and bravery shown by her in bringing out the recent case of sexual exploitation of minor girls which was filed in Bombay High Court.

The prize distribution ceremony was chaired by Ms Mohini Mathur - Executive Chairperson (MUNA), who congratulated the winners and further motivated the students to engage in international affairs with a perspective of peace building and International relations. Mr. Bansi Dhurandhar Rotary Past District Governor 3140 was Guest of Honor

Besides Mrs. Mohini Mathur, Mr. A.A.Syed and Mr. Ashraf Ahmed Shaikh from Maharashtra United Nations Association (MUNA) and Mr. Amit Barot President Rotary Club Bombay Pier (RC Bombay Pier), Mr. Sunil Mehra District chairman- Model United Nations Assembly and his team from the Club organized the aforesaid event. ■