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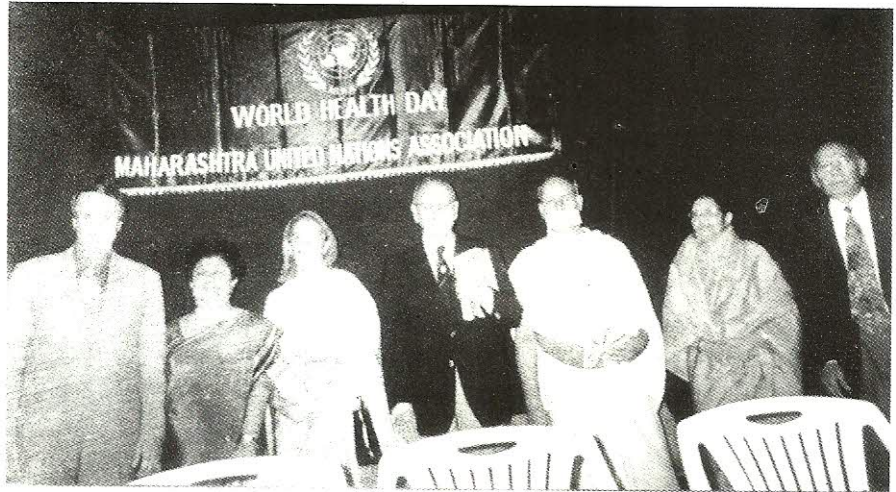
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**W**orld Health Day was observed on 7th April, 2003 at Birla Matushree Sabhagar, New Marine Lines, Mumbai. Theme of the year given by W.H.O. is "**Healthy Environments for Childrens**".

Mrs. Pheroza J. Godrej, President of MUNA welcome the Guests and briefly highlighted about the theme of the World Health Day. Mr. K.M. Abraham introduced the guests and Dr. G.N. Chainani spoke about the medical activities carried out by MUNA.

Mr. Feodor Starcevic, Director, United Nations Information Centre, New Delhi was invited as Chief Guest. In his keynote address Mr. Feodor Starcevic, Highlighted the theme of the year and pointed out the numerous environmental risks faced by children, there are six groups of environmental health hazards that need to be tackled urgently. these are unsafe drinking water, lack of hygiene and poor sanitation, air pollution, water borne diseases, chemical risks, accidents and violence.

His Holiness Acharya Mahapragya who is revered for his pioneering work for holistic development of children through "**Jeevan Vigyan**" or "**Science of Living**" programme and messiah of Peace and Non Violence spoke



*World Health Day 7th April 2003,  
 From left to right Mr. Feodor Starcevic, Ms. Gool Ghadially, Mrs. Pheroza J. Godrej,  
 Dr. R. K. Anand, Muni Mahendra Kumar, Mrs. R.P. Ruia, Mr. A.A. Syed*

on Children and Emotional Development.

Acharya Muni Mahendra Kumar highlighted the importance of the physical exercises for the children. Mrs. Gool Ghadially spoke about "Parents Setting High Targets for their Children Leading to frustration and depressions." Yuvacharya Mahashraman elaborated in his speech "Creating an Appropriate Environment at Home" and its importance in daily life.

Prof. Dr. R.K. Anand presided the meeting and in his presidential address said that cleanliness is the basic issue for the good health of children. The vote of thanks moved by Mr. A.A. Syed. He suggested to Mr. Feodor Starcevic that a message be sent to W.H.O. That this years theme concerned mostly the external hazards for the children. Whereas it is necessary to give

importance to internal hazards which have been mentioned by H.H. Acharya Mahapragya, Ms. Gool Ghadially and Dr. R. K. Anand.

### **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**

On Saturday, the 4 January 2003, International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, was observed. Chief Guest was H.E. Dr. Khalid El-Shaikh Ambassador of the State of Palestine, in India. Amongst the Guests of Honour and Speakers were H.E. Mr. Mehdi Honardoost, Consul General of Iran, H.E. Mr. Yuan Nansherg, Consul General of China, Prof. Dr. Sandeep Pendse, Prof. Anand Mohan Sahai and Advocate Mr. Majeed A. Memon.

Mr. Mohammed Abdulla Al-Ajlan-Consul General of Saudi Arabia in his address, highlighted the Saudi Govt. support for the cause of the Palestinian people.

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