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Chairman's Message

Dear Reader,

Right at the outset, let me wish you a joyous and prosperous 2011.



Looking briefly at the year gone by, Priyadarshni Academy had an eminently successful 2010. We had one of our best Global

Awards program to-date in September under the Chairmanship of Dr. R. A. Mashelkar. This was principally because of substantive improvements we made in the selection and organizational processes. We had a wonderful literary awards and educational scholarships program under the new Chairman, Mr. Nischal Israni. We gave close to 300 scholarships. During the organization of the program, we have made an ambitious decision to expand the number of scholarships to a 1000 in the near future. We also began our publications venture in collaboration with the reputed Jaico Publishing House. Our first book, "Arthashastra: The Way of Financial Management and Economic Governance" was a huge hit and received acclamation from a number of dignitaries both here and abroad. It was on Jaico's best-seller list. We also helped in getting the book published in Dutch and it is likely to be published in a couple of other European languages as well. We are certainly doing our bit in spreading the wonderful message contained in our ancient Indian treatise to audiences around the world. We truly

believe that will enrich humanity in a number of ways.

The year 2011 for Priyadarshni Academy is beginning with the promise to be no less successful. The year will begin with a novel program under its annual 'National Integration Through Dance' venture. Ms. Nandini Krishna, a well established Bharata Natyam dancer, will lead a dance workshop with the help of two other equally established dancers, Ms. Keka Sinha (Kathak) and Ms. Shubhada (Odissi). The hands-on workshop is for participants from the age of 10 to 60. As the workshop will take only 30 participants, please enroll quickly if you wish to be a participant.

Priyadarshni Academy has also tied up with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Australia to have Nandini present two Bharata Natyam performances on March 19th and 20th at Darling Harbour. The performances will meet the objective of both the organizations which is to spread Indian culture abroad. To follow, under our joint auspices, will be a three-week workshop in Bharata Natyam by Nandini in July and one in December/January, both in Australia.

Enjoy the issue.

Nanik Rupani
Chairman

NOVEL DANCE WORKSHOP FOR 10 TO 60 AGE GROUP



NANDINI KRISHNA
Bharata Natyam

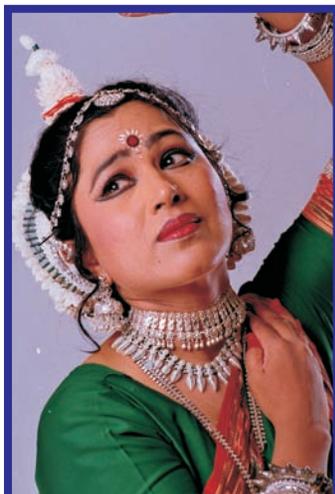
Priyadarshni Academy is launching an innovative hands-on workshop under its annual "National Integration Thru Dance" project which will provide a rare opportunity to all those interested to gain an introduction to classical dance and cultivate their aesthetics.

We are partnering with an organization entitled ArtFeat, an arts and artists promotion agency, to introduce a blend of different forms of Indian classical dance -- the Bharata Natyam, Kathak and Odissi --

to participants through a three-week workshop entitled 'Nriya Uphaar – The Gift of Dance'. The program is for all those interested in dance, for those who learnt it but have not had the chance to continue practicing it, those who wanted to learn it but could not fulfill their desire for umpteen number of reasons, and, as a matter of fact, for every one from the age of ten to sixty. The workshop will teach basic movements, hasta mudras, postures, and expressions specific to the three dance forms. Thus, it is a relaxed workshop and will not lead to any bodily exertions.

The workshop will be conducted by three established dancers who have extensive experience in performing and teaching at national and international levels and have distinguished credentials in other aspects of spreading the message of dance.

The program will be led by Nandini Krishna, a Bharata Natyam dancer of repute. Priyadarshni Academy had the pleasure of watching her perform under its 'National Integration Thru Dance' project in the year 1999. She has gone places since. She was also a Coordinator for Arts Events with Priyadarshni Academy for some time. The other two



SHUBHADA
Odissi

artists who will conduct the workshop are: Ms. Keka Sinha (Kathak) and Ms. Shubhada (Odissi).

The workshop will be conducted over three weeks, from February 14 to March 6, 2011, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Saraswati Mandir, Sind Model English Primary School, 4th fl., Near Kennedy Bridge, Nana Chowk, Grant Road (West), Mumbai 400 007. Sessions will take place Monday to Friday in the 1st two weeks and Monday to Sunday in the third week.

There will be a nominal fee of Rs.3,500 per participant to cover expenses.

In order that participants gain individual attention, the number per workshop will be restricted to 30 participants. Please, therefore, enroll early to avoid disappointment. Please email pa@priyadarshniacademy.com or ArtFeat@gmail.com to enroll. You may contact Rajni at Priyadarshni Academy on 22873456/66307160 or Nandini on 9819841384. Cheques for enrolment should be made out in the name of 'ArtFeat' and sent to Priyadarshni Academy, 1 Arcadia, NCPA Lane, Nariman Point, Mumbai 400 021.

Please also pass the word among those you think may be interested. Don't miss this unique opportunity to LEARN A LITTLE BIT OF DANCE and ENJOY IT.

"PRIYADARSHNI ACADEMY & BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN, AUSTRALIA, IN JOINT VENTURE TO SPREAD INDIAN CULTURE"

Priyadarshni Academy has joined hands with Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan in Australia to pursue a goal common to both institutions – the spreading of Indian culture abroad. This will be done through two dance performances which Nandini Krishna will give in Australia on March 19 and 20 at Darling Harbour.

Nandini will also conduct a three-week workshop on Bharata Natyam in Australia from July 1 to 21. There will be another three-week workshop there from December 27, 2011 to January 20, 2012.



KEKA SINHA
Kathak

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION PRESENTED TO GLOBAL AWARDS VOLUNTEERS

Priyadarshni Academy presented Certificates of Appreciation to 39 students of management from H. R. College of Commerce who assisted the Awardees honoured at the Academy's 26th Anniversary Global Awards Program held in the Regal Room of The Trident on September 19, 2010. The students helped receive the Awardees at the airport, escorted them to the awards ceremony, to dinner receptions and other engagements, provided them information about various aspects of Indian culture and Mumbai, and helped them in myriad other ways. Awardees, without exception, commended the work of the students. The service by the students made an important contribution to the success of the awards program.

The presentation of certificates was part of the annual prize distribution ceremony of H. R. College held on January 18. Dr. Indu Shahani, Principal, and Sheriff of Mumbai, presided over the function. Academy Chairman Rupani and Vice Chairman Nayan Patel were the Chief Guest and Guest of Honour respectively. All three spoke highly about the high caliber of students emerging from the college year after year and the valuable contributions they go on to make to society by citing specific examples. Vice Chairman Patel has been the one who, with the help of the H. R. College faculty, selected the students and trained them to execute their work in connection with the awards.



Student volunteers after receiving Priyadarshni Academy's appreciation certificate with H R College Principal Dr. Indu Shahani in the middle, Academy Chairman Mr. Nanik Rupani on the right and Academy Vice Chairman Nayan Patel on the left

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12, 2011:

SINDHI CULTURAL PROGRAM IN JAI HIND COLLEGE

Sindhi Circle of Jai Hind College in association with Priyadarshni Academy is planning to hold a cultural function on February 12, 2011 at 6.00 PM in the Jaihind College auditorium.

The Sindhi ballet "Zaal-Kadenh Zer-Kadenh Zabar!" will be staged by Ms. Anila Sunder and her troupe.

This ballet, which will be staged for the first time in Mumbai, is about feminism and women's liberation. Anila strives to give a balanced view of the role of women in modern society. It depicts various stages in the life of a woman.

The Ballet is directed and choreographed by Ms. Anila Sunder with music by Jagdish Lalwani and script by Mr. Mohan Gehani.

February 14, 2011:

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER

27th Anniversary Literary Awards & Educational Scholarships program at Merchants' Chamber on 14th February 2011 at 5.00PM.

Dr. Lalit S. Kanodia
Chairman

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10th November 2010

My Dear Nanik

Thank you very much for sending me your Book on the "Priyadarshni Academy" on the completion of 25 glorious years.

I was amazed at the number of Awards, Sponsorships and Education Scholarships you have given over several years. You have been spreading happiness all around you. I am sure that everyone's best wishes will always be with you and you are blessed.

Yours sincerely

Lalit Kanodia

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RUPANI HONORED IN PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE FUNCTION

Former Indian Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's 87th birthday was commemorated on December 25, 2010 in the Main Committee Room of Parliament House Annexe. The event included the release of the pictorial coffee table book, "Atalji – a Statesman Speaks – 'My Faith is India'" (in Hindi and English editions) authored by Shri Tarun Vijay, Hon. Director, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation. This was followed by a discussion on "What Makes Me an Indian?" which involved the distinguished participation of Mr. M. J. Akbar, Editorial Director, India

Today and Headlines Today; Mr. Sanjay Baru, Editor, Business Standard and former Media Advisor to the Prime Minister; and Shri G. Parthasarathy, former High Commissioner to Pakistan. Mr. Kidar Nath Sahani, former Governor of Goa & Sikkim, presided. Shri Nitin Gadkari, President, Bharatiya Janata Party, was the Chief Guest.

Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman, Priyadarshni Academy, was one of only three proud recipients of a gorgeous plaque and a shawl at the hands of Shri Gadkari.



श्री नानिक रूपानी को "अटल जी जन्म दिवस शुभेच्छा सम्मान" से सम्मानित करते हुए भाजपा अध्यक्ष श्री नितिन गडकरी, मध्य में है श्री तरुण विजय (श्री अटल जी के 87 वें जन्म दिवस के अवसर पर). 25-12-2010

Mr. Rupani Felicitated at 1st Parliament of Indian Student Council Leaders

Chairman Rupani of the Academy was felicitated at the 1st Parliament of Indian Student Council Leaders held in Pune, January 12-14, for the yeoman social work he has rendered to society through Priyadarshni Academy and other NGOs. Mr. Rupani was presented a Trophy and a shawl in the presence of Shri L. K. Advani.

Titled 'Bharatiya Chhatra Pratinidhi Sansad – Inspiring Youth for Strengthening Democracy', the first National Conclave was attended by over 12,000 student council leaders of colleges and universities from 4000 colleges from Maharashtra and 2000 colleges from the rest of India and was held at the MIT School of Government campus in Pune. The objective behind organizing this Parliament was to channelize the power of youth and to involve the student community in the mainstream of nation building. The 'Parliament' was a collaborative endeavor of the Ministry of Higher & Technical Education,

Maharashtra, and the MAEER's MIT School of Government, Pune, which also has the active support of UNESCO. The student leaders engaged in meaningful dialogues and debates with their counterparts, seniors, academicians, leaders of contemporary politics and youth icons from India and abroad. The event also had the participation of the Presidents and delegates of student and youth wings of important political parties of the country. The Conclave was addressed by dignitaries such as Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, Sri Sri Ravishankar, Shri Narayana Murthy, Shri L. K. Advani, Shri Jyotiraditya Scindia, Shri Prithviraj Chavan, Smt. Aruna Roy, Shri Nana Patekar, Shri Subhash Ghai, Dr. Raman Singh, Dr. Shashi Tharoor, Shri Rahul Bajaj, Shri Vijendra Singh, and the like. Themes encompassed the principles and values enshrined in the constitution of India, patriotism, national security, national integration, non-violence, social justice, etc.



Mr. Nanik Rupani, Chairman of Priyadarshni Academy was felicitated at the Bharatiya Chhatra Sansad (1st Parliament of Indian Students Council Leaders) on 14th January, 2011 at MIT Campus, Pune. Seen in the picture from L to R are : Prof. Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Executive Chairman, Founder & Executive President, MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions, Shri Nanik Rupani, Shri Rajesh Tope, Minister for Higher and Technical Education, Government of Maharashtra & Shri Rahul V. Karad, Convenor, Executive Director, MAEER's MIT Group of Institutions, Chief Initiator & Dean, MIT-SOG.

RUPANI ADDRESSES 'WOMEN MEAN BUSINESS' CONFERENCE

Mr. Rupani was invited to be Guest and Speaker for the Cherie Blair Foundation for Women (CBFW)-National Entrepreneurship Network (NEN) awards at the Women Mean Business Conference held at the Hyatt Regency in Mumbai on December 8. The theme of the conference highlighted Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as a tool for women to start and expand their businesses, with a particular focus on mobile services and web-based technology, such as mentoring and social media. Ten young outstanding women entrepreneurs were handed over certificates for their achievements and commitments. Mrs. Cherie Blair, Founder, CBFW and Mr. Rupani jointly presented the certificates. The Fellowship

program was aimed at inspiring young women to seek positions of leadership, either as entrepreneurs with their own ventures, or as strong entrepreneurial leaders in the government, social sector, and corporations. The Fellows were drawn from a select pool of highly talented and passionate young women leaders, playing extraordinary roles on NEN member campuses. They had either demonstrated leadership building and leading entrepreneurship clubs, or designing and executing key programs and activities, or founding and managing ventures.



Recipients of Certificates with Mr. Rupani and Ms. Cherie Blair in the middle

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