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PRIYADARSHNI ACADEMY CELEBRATES GANDHI JAYANTI WITH A SOULFUL PROGRAM

October 2, 2011 was very, very special for Priyadarshni Academy.

It celebrated the birthday of the Father of our Nation in memorable style. Shri Nitin Gadkarji, BJP National President, honored the Academy with his presence as Chief Guest and by presenting a telling address.

Brilliant young singers, Samir Date and Deepali Somaiya, gave a soulful recital of bhajans including some which were favorites of Gandhiji, such as Vaishnava Jana to Tene Kahi Ye Re and Raghupathi Raghava



Shri Nitin Gadkarji lighting the lamp while Samir Date, Deepali Somaiya, Ms. Manju Nichani, Mr. Niranjan Hiranandani (behind her), Mr. Murli Adnani and Mr. Rupani put their hands together



Rajaram, Pathitha Pavana Seeta Ram.

The audience was fully engrossed and appreciated the intense and soulful renditions. The program was organized jointly with K. C. College and was held at the Rama Watumull Auditorium of the college. The function was extremely well attended.

Musicians and accompanist deeply engrossed

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

We had an extraordinary Bhajan Sandhya program which was organized on the birth anniversary of the Father of our Nation, Mahatma Gandhi. The program was highlighted by the presence and speech of BJP National President, Shri Nitin Gadkariji, and the soulful rendering of Bhajans by the young duo Samir Date and Deepali Somaiya. The gifted singers also sang some favorite Bhajans of Gandhi. BJP National President Shri Nitin Gadkariji gave a most appropriate and telling speech by focusing on inclusiveness for growth. The program was well appreciated by the audience. It was indeed one of our most successful Bhajan Sandhya programs.



Inclusiveness has been a theme for Priyadarshni Academy from its very beginnings. It has given educational scholarships to hundreds of the poor and needy. We have begun work on the scholarships to be given in February or March 2012. Members are kindly requested to spread the word among the meritorious and needy students. For criteria and scholarship application forms, please refer to our website, www.priyadarshniacademy.com. Deadline for receiving applications is January 20, 2012. Scholarships are given in engineering, medical sciences, IT, architecture, education, etc.

We plan to present another unique music program in the near future. The artists we will present are Ms. Sarangee Ambekar, a promising young musician, and her group. Sarangee has given vocal accompaniment to eminent Kathak exponents including the great Pt. Birju Maharaj. The group will render compositions of Sant Kabir, Meerabai, Guru Nanakji, Surdas, etc. Invitations will be sent some time in January.

The literary awards program for work done in the Hindi, Marathi, Sindhi, and Gujarati languages is also being finalized. These awards will be presented along with the educational scholarships.

The Global Awards Advisory Committee has met twice and has made an excellent selection of awardees for the program to be held on September 12, 2012. We already have confirmation from some of the awardees and the others are being pursued. We expect to have a glittering array of awardees at the event. We will provide updates in the forthcoming issues of this Newsletter.

The Academy has published the first book under its auspices. It has done so in collaboration with India Book Distributors. The book is the reprint of "Success is Our Birthright". A second book will also come out soon. The latter will be a reprint of the autobiography of the Chairman of the Finolex Group, Mr. P. P. Chhabria. The book is entitled, "There's No Such Thing As A Self-Made Man". Mr. Chhabria is a great supporter of Priyadarshni Academy and his autobiography is inspiring indeed. It is highly recommended reading.



Nanik Rupani

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NITIN GADKARI'S SPEECH TO COMMEMORATE GANDHI JAYANTI

Nitin Gadkari began his speech by remembering and paying homage to Gandhiji.

He said there are many issues in front of us and quoted Nehru, "India is not a nation, it is a population, there are as many questions as there are people." Credibility of politicians has gone down. There is deterioration in all aspects of society. But, this situation can change. Gandhi had said "Ram Rajya will be established. There will be 'nyay'." This is not difficult to achieve. It can happen. He said the audience and the larger population of India are the ones who should bring that about. There is nothing lacking in our nation. We have some good natural resources everywhere, but not everything that is needed to make those resources productive. If there are metals and oil, there are not good roads to transport them. But these situations can change in six months, if there is the will of the people. If the right opportunities are provided to build airports and railway lines, there are people ready to invest and companies ready to build them.

Beginning with a five crore equity, I was able to raise 8000 crores to build infrastructure. We are a rich nation with a poor population. I learnt a lot when building the Pune express highway. I am able to continue to cogenerate power in the rural areas from biomass, ethanol, and solar energy by raising substantial monetary resources. When a project becomes capital intensive, it generates considerable employment.

Nothing is impossible. The word itself can be split into I, am, and possible. India needs people with initiative, constructive thinking, social commitment, development-oriented approach, and team spirit, and there are plenty of them. Once I was in the U.S. when discussion about the biggest capital of the 20th century took place. Some people said it is technology, some said natural resources, but what finally was agreed on as the biggest capital was the honesty, credibility, goodwill, and trust of people.

People also need to be patient when it comes to development. It will take some time, but will come.

We are a rich nation with a poor population. But, we have the strength of a democracy. However, we follow wrong economic policies and have poor governance. The biggest problem is that the competent are not coming into the political field. If good people can come, politics will become good. Qualitative change has to come in politics. Politics is the instrument of socio-economic reform. Let there be politics for development, for increasing employment, for removal of poverty, and for increasing the GDP.

There is no salt available in some parts of Maharashtra even today. In some areas, while there is a school building, teacher is not there. If there are teachers available, a building is not there. If both are available, students are not there. If all three are present, education is absent. The doctor is not there. When people are dying, doctors do not reach there. When I was a student, I met a mother in a small village, outside a hut. When I was conversing with her, she mentioned about her daughter. When a friend beside me said I should also meet and talk to the daughter, the mother went inside and in five minutes, the daughter, who was 20 or 21, came out wearing the same sari that the mother was wearing. This is the situation in India even today.



A view of the audience

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Nitin Gadkari's speech.

Political inspiration should be to remove poverty, to stop suicides and save lives. These should be the mission. Politics is shameful. But, there are also good people. If only there are more and more good people, politics will change. I tell people to join the BJP; if they do not like the BJP, to join the Congress; and if they don't like either, to join SOME party. In all parties, if there are good people, qualitative change, which is badly needed, will take place. Politics has to be not power politics but national politics.

Politics will change. Transformation will happen. Good politics means bringing about good change in spite of belonging to other parties. Both the urban and rural areas will have to change. People will have to change them and be proud of the places they live in. Small, small things have to be done well, then everything will be in place. In Gujarat, the PDA system is corrupt-free. It is computerized. Even the Supreme Court has commended it. There are some great things being done in Gujarat. Such good things should be replicated elsewhere.

I commend Nanikji, because he supports good things, and also propagates them. Gandhiji devoted his entire life to the dream, 'Desh ki Bhavishya Badle'. It is important for people to think 'How much can I do'. If everybody thinks like this, change will come. Slowly, one by one, things need to change. We have to accelerate that change. Only with small, small changes will change accumulate.

Small numbers of people all over the world have brought about revolutions. There should be no negative talk, no negative approach. Everything has to be positive. National change and transformation will come. Good people in politics are needed. They don't necessarily need to seek tickets and have to be ministers. They can bring about change from the outside.

The country needs good and capable leadership and additions of capable and good people from all sections of society in politics and parties. I am reminded of Chanakya's words, 'there should be more good people than bad people'. If such awareness is created, Gandhiji's dream will be fulfilled and Ram Rajya will materialize.



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VFI has been working towards the eradication of avoidable blindness for the last 18 years. Considerable amount of charitable work is being carried out for the under-privileged rural masses in our country through VFI. From its inception in 1993 through October 2011, VFI has examined 230868 patients and operated around 37906 patients absolutely free of cost.

Priyadarshni Academy had sponsored an Eye Camp in VFI on March 12 for 128 patients mostly from the various slum areas in Mumbai. 30 of them were identified for subsequent surgery.

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Chairman Rupani's Role in Other Organizations

Mr. Rupani addressing the annual Giants Awards function



Mr. Rupani was a member of the GIANTS Day Celebrations Committee and played a valuable role in making the annual Awards Function of Giants International on September 17 a grand success. The function was held in Hotel Trident.

Mr. Rupani receiving a bouquet from Ms. Manju Nichani, Honorary Director, KCCMS



Mr. Rupani was a speaker at a management seminar entitled "India as an Enterprise" organized by K. C. College of Management Studies on October 1 at Rama Watumull Auditorium, K. C. College.

Mr. Rupani presenting a certificate to a student.



Mr. Rupani was a speaker at the 'Commencement Ceremony' of Master's Program in Government in MIT, Pune, on September 9 in Saint Dnyaneshwara Hall, MIT.

Mr. Rupani speaking at the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony



Mr. Rupani was a speaker at the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony" of Vishwaraj Multi Specialty Hospital in Loni, Pune, on October 9.



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