

SABHA WITH A DIFFERENCE

Sri. Shanmukhananda Fine Arts & Sangeetha Sabha has redefined culture to encompass the whole gamut of public good. Singularly this is the only institution which combines the best of Indian culture, art and tradition with community healthcare. Over the years it has espoused several causes. It has also given a new interpretation to its relations with its members. The conventional milestones in one's life which traditionally are celebrated as a family affair have graduated to an institutional activity bringing abundance of joy not just to the member concerned but to the entire family of members of the Sabha.

The Spirit of Mumbai Award

At the sound of Gunfire, the first reaction is to save yourselves. A few Mumbaikars thought otherwise. Mumbai's tryst with terror between November 26 and 29, 2008 left a deep wound and impressionable scar on the psyche of the city. The city rose again like a phoenix and continues to be vibrant as before. There were several extraordinary "ordinary" people who did not succumb to fear. Most of them showed tremendous courage in the face of most trying circumstances,



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their courage, care and concern for others shown in the gloom that enveloped the city. It is this human spirit that emerged so strongly out of every adversity that the city

faced. On 6th December 2008, within a week, of the terror attack, the Sabha organised THE SPIRIT OF MUMBAI AWARDS. It honoured 20 Mumbaikars for their undying spirit

that brought awe and admiration for their brave acts. Padma Bhushan Shri. S. C. Jamir, the then Governor of Maharashtra presided over the function.



The following heroes were honoured :

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pandey	Dy. Station Manager, CST (Suburban)
2.	Mr. Vishnu D. Zende	Announcer, CST (Suburban)
3.	Mr. R. H. Dubey	Sr. Ticket Checking Examiner
4.	Mr. A. K. Tiwari	Asst. Chief Ticket Inspector
5.	Mr. Dashrath Meher	Sr. Ticket Examiner
6.	Mr. Kiran Bhonsle	Inspector – RPF
7.	Mr. Jillu Yadav	Head Constable – RPF
8.	Mr. Suresh Salunke	Constable – RPF
9.	Mr. Ajit Nalawade	Constable – RPF
10.	Mr. Mohammed Taufiq Sheikh (Chotu)	Tea Vendor
11.	Mr. R. Selvan	Parcel Agent
12.	Mr. Sadanand Datey - Addl. Commissioner of Police	Central Reserve
13.	Mr. Sanjay Govilkar	Asst. Police Inspector, D. B. Marg, Police Station
14.	Mr. A. B. Sawant	Chief Fire Officer
15.	Dr. Mursaleen Shaikh	Bombay Hospital
16.	Dr. Mr & Mrs. Mangeshkar	
17.	Mr. Abhijeet Dalvi	Employee- Italian Consulate, Mumbai
18.	Members of the Gurudwara Committee	Dashmesh Darbar
19.	Mr. Deepak Kuntawala	Businessman
20.	Late Mr. Tukaram Omble	Sub-Inspector, Mumbai Police (Ms. Vaishali Omble, daughter received the honours)

Dr. Vijay Khole, Vice-Chancellor of Mumbai University was the Guest of Honour.

Spirit of Mumbai Awards on Saturday, 6th August 2005

On the fateful day of 26th July 2005, it rained 956.1 mm at Santacruz and just 74.2 mm at Colaba. 853 notified dead and about 1000 crores loss to property shook the conscience of the city. The city that never sleeps was plunged into darkness in its

suburbs for 3 days. Helpless cattle which died were dumped by the way side creating a fertile field of epidemics. Essential supplies were halted. Waist high water marooned the city. Patients suffered in the hospitals. The city's political system demised for the time being but its people rose in unison to save the people in distress. It witnessed

heroism on a scale never seen before. Mr. John D'Souza whom the locals called "Kaliba" saved more than 20 children near St. Anthony's Girls School in Chembur but he did not survive to tell the tale. The indomitable courage of Parthasarathy family of Kalina humbled the city.

The following were honoured with the Spirit of Mumbai Awards in the Sabha.

Sr. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Late Mr. John D'Souza	
2.	Mr. R. J. Parthasarathy	Kalina
3.	Ms. Kusuma Parthasarathy	Kalina
4.	Ms. Aruna Ramakrishna	Kalina
5.	Ms. Bhagyashree Ramakrishna	Kalina
6.	Mr. R. Ramakrishna	Kalina
7.	Mrs. Anjana Ramakrishna	Kalina
8.	Mr. Sanjay Nigam	
9.	Mr. Pramod Yadav Rao Kamble	
10.	Mr. Julius Lopez	
11.	Mr. Tushar Kadam	Police Inspector
12.	Ms. Jayshree Ruparel	Sion
13.	Mr. Harish Ruparel	Sion
14.	Ms. Pooja Ruparel	Sion
15.	Mr. Rajesh Udani	Sion
16.	Mrs. Rupa Udani	Sion
17.	Ms. Siddhi Udani	Sion
18.	Mr. Sunil Damani	Asst. Municipal Commissioner, Goregaon
19.	Mr. Prashant Devasthali	
20.	Mr. Jhulka	Sion – Koliwada
21.	Mr. Balasaheb Pawar	Asst. Municipal Commissioner, F/N Ward

Spirit of Mumbai Awards on Tuesday, 15th August 2006

On the terrible Tuesday of 11th July 2006 (7/11), seven serial blasts ripped Mumbai's lifeline, the suburban train network killing 186 people and injuring over 700. There were amazing stories of humanity on that long and fearful Tuesday night. The Sabha honoured several such ordinary Mumbaikars while celebrating its members day on 15th August 2006.



The following were honoured :

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Dr. M. E. Yeolekar	Dean – LTMG Hospital, Sion
2.	Mr. Somnath Julka	Managing Director, Goldmine Logistics (India) Pvt.Ltd.
3.	Mr. Dattatray Rajaram Karale	Dy. Commissioner of Police, Matunga
4.	Mr. Babasaheb Pawar	Asst. Municipal Commissioner, F North Ward Brihanmumbai Mahanagar Palika
5.	Dr. (Mrs.) Nirmala Pradeep Barse	Deputy Dean, LTMG Hospital
6.	Dr. Satish B. Dharap	Senior Surgeon & In-Charge of Trauma Services, LTMG Hospital
7.	Dr. Bibhas Dasgupta	Senior Orthopedic Surgeon, LTMG Hospital
8.	Dr. Kumud Golam	Head of Anaesthesiology Dept., LTMG Hospital
9.	Dr. Renuka Bradoo	Head of E & T Department, LTMG Hospital
10.	Dr. Nilesh Shah	Head of Psychiatry Department, LTMG Hospital
11.	Dr. Shobha Shankarrao Tawade	Asst. Medical Officer, LTMG Hospital
12.	Mr. Kishor R Desai	Asst. Engineer (M & E), LTMG Hospital
13.	Mr. S. V. Bhosale	Sub-Engineer (M&E), LTMG Hospital
14.	Mr. S.S. Satam	Junior Engineer (Civil), LTMG Hospital
15.	Mr. C.B. Shinde	Electrician, LTMG Hospital

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S. No.	Name	Designation
16.	Mr. Vijay Jadhav	Time Keeper, LTMG Hospital
17.	Mr. Vilas Umape	Asst. Time Keeper (I/C), LTMG Hospital
18.	Mr. Dayalal Premji	Mukadam, LTMG Hospital
19.	Mr. Arjun Jadhav	Sweeper, LTMG Hospital
20.	Mr. C. V. Hariharan	Social Activist



Members milestones celebrated

Poornabishekam of Shri. M. R. Doraiswamy, Life Member And Smt. Ponnu Doraiswamy and Felicitation of Sahasra Chandra Darshis on 9th August 2009

The Sabha witnessed the most joyous function in its history when it celebrated the centenary of its member Shri. M. R. Doraiswamy. Alongwith the Poornabishekam that was conducted on the elderly couple, 37 members who had crossed the age of 80 and had witnessed 1000 full moons during their lifetime were also



honoured. Reverberating with vedic chants and various havans which were performed for welfare of these members, the programme witnessed a fellowship amongst the members that redefined the relationship inter-se between the members and the Sabha.

Centenary Celebrations of Shri. G. V. Jannah, Life Member on 10th February 2014.

Continuing with the practice of celebrating the centenary of members away from their homes into the institution, the 10th February 2014 function marked a high point in the history of the Sabha like the one witnessed on 9th August 2009. Shri. G. V. Jannah retired as the Chairman and Managing Director of Oriental

Insurance Company Ltd. He migrated to Bangalore in 1975 but continued his life membership of the Sabha. The near four decades of his separation from the Sabha

made no difference when it came to celebrating this rarest of rare event. These events were acclaimed as very unique to any institution.



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Centenary of National Anthem 'Jana Gana Mana' – 27.12.2011

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celebrated the centenary of the anthem as well the 150th year of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. The full version of the National Anthem penned by Gurudev in 5 stanzas against the usual first stanza which was adopted as the National Anthem by the constituent Assembly was sung by 100 members and students of the Sangeetha Vidyalaya. The full version takes

8 ½ minutes to sing. It was a rare patriotic fervor to see every invitee holding the tricolor and waving throughout the programme. Col. S. C. Shringarpure represented the Indian army at the function. Mr. Ashok Hande of Chaturang presented a full length play 'Azadi 60' (60 years of Independence).

90 years celebrations as part of the Centenary celebrations of President Emeritus Dr. V. Subramanian on 26.1.2019

As part of the Centenary

celebrations, the Sabha performed various Homams for the Ayu, Arogya and Aishwaryam of the Maestros of our times over 90 years of age and nonegerian members of

the Sabha. The Homams included Ganapathi Homam, Ayusha Homam, Maha Mrutyunjaya Homam and Sudarshana Homam.





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The Jyeshta Sadasya and Kalakaar Satkaar Samaroh featured the following musicians.

1. Dr. T. K. Murthy
2. Padma Bhushan Pandit Arvind Parikh
3. Padma Vibhushan Pandit Ramnarayan
4. Shri. K. R. Chandramouli (faculty member of the Sangeetha Vidyalaya)
5. Shri. T. P. Guruswami and Smt. Rajalakshmi Guruswami
6. Shri. V. Gopala Krishnan and Smt. V. Meenakshi
7. Shri. K. S. Venkateswaran and Smt. Meena Venkateswaran
8. Shri. A. Subramaniam and Smt. Lalitha Subramaniam
9. Shri. K. S. Kulathu and Smt. Parvatham Kulathu
6. Shri. Ananthan Ramakrishnan Pillai
7. Shri. Y. Narayanan
8. Shri. Perinkulam Subramaniam Vanchiswaran
9. Shri. K. P. Rajan

Dr. T. K. Murthy and Shri. K. R. Chandramouli were given cash awards of Rs. 1,00,000/- each.

Students of the Sabha's Dance School staged a ballet 'Markandeya Puranam'. 100 students from orphanages cut the centenary cake and celebrated the event. 90 veda vidyarthi from three different vedic schools in Mumbai rendered the Chaturveda Parayanam.

Jyeshta Sadasyas

1. Shri. A. S. Rajan and Smt. Saroja Rajan
2. Shri. Nathan Ramakrishna Seshadri and Smt. Vijayalakshmi Nathan
3. Shri. Subramanian Rajamani Iyer and Smt. Lalitha Iyer

Single Members

1. Shri. Nihchal Israni
2. Smt. Ponnu Doraiswamy
3. Shri. G. V. Seshagiri
4. Shri. K. Venkatesan
5. Shri. P. S. Chandrasekhar