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## NEWS LETTER

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Our next function (Diwali get together) on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December, evening
- Only one annual Central function and one Zonal function from year 2004
- MAB Directory on website and MAB e-mail, updated till November, 2003
- MAB Directory - 2004
- MAB Zonal activities.

Dear Member

#### 1. OUR NEXT FUNCTION

The Managing Committee, MAB, takes pleasure in announcing that its next function (Holi get-together) will be held on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2003 from 6.30 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. at the following venue

Good Shepherd Church Lawns  
Sangeetkar N. Dutta Marg  
Off Four Bungalow Road,  
Andheri (W), Mumbai - 400 058

- A. The venue is the same where we have been having our functions for a few years past and are sure the location is familiar to most members. The Church is a prominent landmark in the Four - Bungalow area, known to everybody around. Entry to the venue is from the N. Dutta Marg, which takes off from the 4 - Bungalow Road just round the Church corner. However, for newcomers and for those who have not so far been to this venue, a rough sketch showing the approach to the venue location is provided herewith.

Any further or more specific guidance about the venue location, approach etc., can be had from your Sub-Zonal Representative or from any one of our following Committee members

- a) Shri Taj Bahadur, (Tel: 5695 4836)
  - b) Shri Anil Mathur, (Tel 2579 7081)
  - c) Shri Ajit Mathur, (Tel 2649 8673 / 2648 1744)
- B. Dinner, snacks, drinks will be available as usual. Please collect your free ice-cream coupon with every dinner coupon purchased
- C. Because of time restrictions on sound, we are compelled to close down our entertainment programs by 10.00 p.m. It is, therefore, earnestly requested that members arrive early so as to enjoy the function to its maximum.

A variety entertainment program with exciting games, stage performances etc awaits you. SZK's and others interested in presenting any item are welcome and may contact any of the following for further action.

- a) Smt Rajni Mathur, Khar (W) Phone: 2649 8673 / 2648 1744
- b) Smt Savita Mathur, (Powai), Phone: 2579 7081

- D. Annual Membership of Rs. 75/- for the year, 2003 - 04, may kindly be paid by all members (except Life members) who could not pay in the last April function at the Reception counter. Members not able to attend this function may kindly remit it through your SZR or to our office address by a crossed cheque/ DD in favour of "Mathur Association Bombay" at an early date. Those still remaining may be contacted later by our SZR's. Please cooperate with them.
- E. Please note that while dependent parents are considered as part of a member's family, but earning sons are treated as independent members.
- F. We take this opportunity to highlight the Association's policy that in a family residing in Mumbai even if one of the spouses is a Mathur, the couple is treated as regular members.
- G. When you approach the Reception Counter (or for any communication any time with the MAB), please do specify your MAB Directory Ref. No. (like C-2, W-12, NE-5, etc.) in addition to your name. This will enable us to locate you quickly in our members list and correctly credit your payments against your name. Besides, this will save a lot of your and our time at the Reception counter, especially during the peak rush.
- Your reference number is always noted on the address cover of the News Letter.

## 2. OUR LAST (HOLI) FUNCTION – A REVIEW

- A. Our last (Holi) function held on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2003 at the Church lawns was attended by 189 guests, including quite a few first timers. It is always our pleasure to welcome the new comers and include them in the folds of the Mumbai Mathur *biradri*. The entertainment items, food, snacks, etc., provided were liked by all. We specially thank all the participants for providing a lively stage / floor program.
- B. The Managing Committee has special thanks for the following for their very helpful participation during the function.
- Shri Chetan Mathur, (Jogeshwari / NW-124) for compeering the stage items and games.
  - Shri Alok Galgotia, (Bandra-W / W-54) for dedicated assistance on the Reception counter.
- C. Sponsorship / Donations
- We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the following sponsorships and sincerely thank the respective sponsors / donors for their generous gesture for the function:
- Smt. Veena & Shri Yogendra N. Mathur (Malad-W/Nw-136) – Rs. 2001/- in celebration of the marriage of their son, Amit with Kum. Prarthna.
  - Smt. Tara & Shri Shamsheer B. Barellia, (Mahim / C-25) – Rs. 1500/- in celebration of the arrival of their grandson, Bhavya.
  - Shri Taj Bahadur (Andheri-W / NW-119) for sponsoring 3-1/2 bottles (as per need) of R C Whiskey, valued about Rs. 1500/-
  - Shri Gopal P. Mathur (Kalyan / NE-17) – Rs. 1001/- in celebration of the marriage of his son, Gaurav with Kum Deep.
  - Shri Anil K. Mathur (Powai / NE-6) for sponsoring 19 bottles of beer (as per need) valued about Rs. 700/-
  - Shri Ajit K. Mathur (Khar-W) for providing 3 nos., MAB banners, valued Rs. 400/-
  - Last but not the least, Smt. Renu & Shri Sushil K. Mathur (Powai / NE-44) for providing, as usual, free ice-cream to all the guests.

## 3. OUR MONSOON PICNIC - A REVIEW

On popular demand MAB Organized a Monsoon picnic on Sunday, 10th August, 03 at Naval Baug, Malad-Marve beach. The scenic beauty, vast open ground, ample parking space within the compound, easy approach and the place right at the beach made the venue highly appreciated by all. The picnic started with service of morning breakfast (Halwa-Mathri-garam chai) followed by a sumptuous lunch and ended with evening tea with hot snacks ~~and tea~~. We had a record attendance of 261 guests, arriving since morning till lunch time. The East Zone (Chembur / New Mumbai) SZR's had hired two ~~hired~~ buses bringing about 75 persons from this Zone alone without any transport hassles. We appreciate the efforts of all our SZR's for contacting their members and conveying the all important feedback about people's attendance and participation, besides their help in the various

activities of the event. Our sincere thanks are also due to the following for the hard work and help rendered during the picnic:

- a) Shri Rakesh Mathur and Shri Diwakar Mathur, both from Vashi for dedicatedly manning the drinks counter throughout the day.
- b) Shri Chetan Mathur (Jogeshwari) for compercing the show and arranging a continuous chain of outdoor games, keeping the participants happily busy.
- c) Shri Anil K. Mathur (Mira Road) for compercing the popular Tambola and Antakshri sessions
- d) Shri Harvansh N. Mathur (Versova) for providing free Perfect Ice for the drinks counter.

Sponsorship:

Very thankfully we acknowledge receipt of the following donations / sponsorship from our under mentioned esteemed members:

1. Shri Pradeep K. Mathur, (E-42/Vashi) - Rs. 5000
2. Shri Prakash N. Mathur, (NW-70/Andheri-E)- Rs. 3000
3. Shri Munish K. Mathur, (NW-51/Andheri-W) - Rs. 1000
4. Shri Harvansh N. Mathur, (NW-28/Versova) - Rs. 1000
5. Dr. Arun Murari, (E-74/Panvel) - Rs. 1000
6. Shri Anil K. Mathur, (NW-30/Mira Road) - Rs. 1000
7. Shri Sunil K. Mathur, (E-68/Chembur) - Rs. 1000
8. Shri Rakesh Dayal, (NW-87/Andheri-E) - Rs. 500

These generous supports have enabled us cover the overall deficit to a great extent.

#### 4. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

We repeat our request to members to take up Life Membership by paying a onetime membership fee of Rs. 750/- for themselves & spouse. Please HURRY UP, as from April 2004 it is being raised to Rs. 1000 - Life membership relieves you of the botheration of remembering to pay every year. It also helps us too, since your life membership is put in a bank fixed deposit and its interest becomes your permanent contribution towards our function expenses year after year.

We heartily welcome the following members for taking our Life Membership this year:

During the 20.4.03 function:

- a) W-49 Mudit Mathur / Mrs. Namrita, Kandivli (W)
- b) E-76 Praveen Dayal / Mrs. Reena, (Nerul)
- c) Anil Kumar Mathur - Address or Ref. No. not furnished, nor known yet despite our efforts. Shri Anil may please contact us immediately to enable us to regularize and credit the payment properly.

During the 10.8.03 picnic:

- a) C-40 Nirupam Sahai / Mrs. Charu, (Prabhadevi)
- b) W-219 Ashish Mathur / Mrs. Sapna. (Kandivli-E)

#### 5. MAB SUB - ZONES

- A. In our last Newsletters dated 2.12.02 and 4.4.03 we had informed about the formation of Sub-Zones (covering the entire Mumbai & extended suburbs) and published a list of Sub-Zonal Representatives (SZR's) in each of the six MAB Zones. We are glad to inform that by now all SZR's are in position and each has been assigned a reasonable number of listed members in his charge, depending upon geographical location and ease of contact. Most of the SZR's have already contacted the members in their respective charge and the remaining ones are in the process of doing so. A list of SZR's is once again enclosed for your information. Please preserve this copy for your future reference and contact with your SZR or any other SZR of your Zone.
- B. Zones will organize at least one Zonal function each year, aimed mainly at better and closer acquaintance (JAAN-PEHCHAAN) of members within the Zone. These will be in addition to the one annual Central MAB get-together.
- C. We have received very useful feed-back and information about changes of member's address, phone numbers, arrivals / departures etc., so painstakingly collected by our dedicated SZR's for which they deserve our sincere thanks and appreciation. We request you and the SZR's to

please keep regular touch with each other, thus ensuring a better and much needed rapport between yourself and the MAB. They are an all-important link between you and the MAB for any suggestion, communication or interaction or for organizing any Zonal activities / functions in your Zone.

Newcomers to the MAB in future will continue to be similarly assigned to some SZR or the other, depending upon their address.

## 6. ZONAL ACTIVITIES

The formation of MAB Sub-ones and placement of Sub-Zonal Representatives has given a good rise to Zonal activities throughout Mumbai. With efforts of our enthusiastic and dedicated SZR's and with active cooperation of members of the respective Zones, the following Zonal get-togethers were organized during this year by the Zones concerned:

- A. East Zone - (Chembur / New Mumbai) had a Holi get-together (their second function) at Kharghar on the evening of 15.3.03. With a total attendance of about 180, almost every family of the Zone was present. The highlight of the function was the stage performance for about two hours organized entirely by the ladies and children of the Zone. Traditional Holi's (typical Mathur style) were sung by the ladies and the youngsters produced many a dance and skit items. The function was very ably managed and was followed by a contributory dinner.
- B. North-West Zone: (North Sub-Zone, Dahisar to Virar) The Sub-Zone organized a Sub-zonal get-together on 8.6.03 evening at Mira Road, attended by a large number of the Biradri people residing in the area. This being their first function was more of an introductory get-together when the families met and each family self-introduced itself to the gathering. Views and suggestions were expressed by various speakers and all were of the opinion that such gatherings be organized regularly for more close contacts within the Mathur families in the area
- C. SZR's in other Zones (South, Central, Bandra - Borivli etc.) are also planning their respective get-togethers in the near future.

## 7. SPONSORSHIP:

MAB has no source of regular income except membership fee and some interest on its FD's which are totally inadequate to meet the expenses of our functions, newsletters, etc. We earnestly appeal to members to kindly help us by taking any of the following sponsorships which will go a long way in our being to hold good functions:

- A. Give a Corpus Donation which could be put in a Bank FD and its interest used as your running contribution at each function.
- B. Give whatever you wish as a spot cash/cheque contribution towards function expenses.
- C. Sponsor (wholly or partly, individually or jointly) an item of the function by contributing the amount shown against each:

Venue hire	Rs. 5000/-	Lighting, tables, chairs, etc	Rs. 3000/-
Non-veg material	Rs. 3000/-	Hard Drinks (Whisky & Beer)	Rs. 3000/-
Cooking & Service charges	Rs. 5000/-	Soft Drinks	Rs. 1500/-
Music & Entertainment	Rs. 3000/-	Miscellaneous function expenses	Rs. 1000/-

*Note: Though the actual expenses on these items are usually more, sponsorship amount has been limited to the above or actuals, whichever is less.*

- a) Any other way desired, e.g., Donation on a marriage or any other happy occasion in the family or business.
- b) Your generosity will be greatly appreciated and acknowledged in our Newsletters. You may give your sponsored amount either during the function itself or contact any of the following for further details and processing your contribution

- Your Zonal Representative
- Shri Shamsheer Barellia, (Mahim / C-25), Tel 2446 7212
- Shri Mahesh C Mathur, (Churchgate / S-18), Tel 22013328 / 22034148

## 8. MAB DIRECTORY

- A. MAB Directory – As already informed, the present MAB Members Directory (1999 Edition) has been put on the Internet at address <http://www.geocities.com/bombaymathurs>. It is currently updated upto 30<sup>th</sup> November, 03 and will be kept regularly updated as much as possible, say every quarter till we come out with our new Directory proposed sometime early next year. This website can be accessed from your PC or at a neighboring Cyber café and will be useful to our External members as also, to any Mathur anywhere in India or abroad.
- B. MAB Directory-2004- An appeal: The publishing of the Directory costs a lot, well beyond our normal means, especially as it is offered to members at a much-subsidized price. We, therefore have to depend on our members in raising the necessary funds by donations from individual members and through advertisements from well wishers, companies and business houses. A good number of our members are themselves well placed in reputed companies or are doing well in their own professions / business and can, therefore, be of great help by offering their own advertisements or obtaining advertisements from sources known to them. Samples and patterns of the various types of advertisements can be seen in the Advertisements Section of our present 1999 edition Directory and can be shown to prospective advertisers who are approached.

In fact, publication of our new, 2004 Directory Edition is getting delayed mainly due to not receiving adequate ads so far.

We, therefore, request all our members to try their best to collect as many ads as possible, beside their own one, as per the following schedule.

a) Back cover (outside)	Rs. 5000/-	already booked
b) Back cover (inside)	Rs 3500/-	already booked
c) Front cover (inside)	Rs 3500/-	already booked
d) Bookmark (one)	Rs. 2000/-	already booked
e) Zone Dividers (colored full page one side)	Rs. 2,500 /-	each
f) Full page (one side)	Rs. 1,000 /-	each
g) Half page	Rs. 500 /-	each

For any further information / processing your advertisements kindly contact any of the following:

- Shri Krishna Murari (Tel: 2746 8573)
- Shri Mahesh C. Mathur, (Tel: 2201 3328 / 203 4148)
- Shri Shamsheer B. Barellia, (Tel: 2446 7212)

Kindly ensure advertisement materials with crossed cheques in favour of "Mathur Association Bombay" are sent to any of the above members as soon as possible. Appeal letters for advertisements can be had on request.

## 9. ACADEMIC AWARDS

The "GANPAT SAHAI" award of Rs. 500/- (sponsored by Shri Sushil K. Mathur) for the year 2002-03 goes to RISHAB MATHUR, s/o Smt. Beenu & Shri Y.N. Mathur (NE-54/Thene-W) for securing 87.17% marks in the HSC exam. Held in March/April, 2003. Our SHAABAASH to Rishab and congrats to the proud parents on this achievement. Rishab – please collect the award in the function on the 20<sup>th</sup> December.

There was no other application for any other award.

Members are reminded that applications for any of the announced awards must be received in MAB office latest by the 31<sup>st</sup> August, following the academic year concerned.

## 10. GENERAL

A. Please do inform your sub-zonal representative promptly through a letter, phone call or e-mail of any change in your home or office address, phone number etc. as and when it occurs to enable us to keep our directory and mailing list up to date. A register to record all such changes is always kept at the Reception Counter in each function and members are requested to advise us of any change by entering it in the register.

You may even inform us by a letter or e-mail to [bombaymathurs@yahoo.com](mailto:bombaymathurs@yahoo.com) or at our office address or a phone call to our DIRECTORY & NEWSLETTER CELL (Contact: Mr. Krishna Murari, Tel: 2746 8573 or Mr. Shamsler Barcellia, Tel: 2446 7212).

B. Members are requested to please browse through our updated Directory on the website and advise us immediately if any change / correction is needed in their respective entry, before our new Directory goes to print, likely in coming Jan / Feb 04.

This is all the more important since you would certainly not like your address or phone number to appear incorrect in the new Directory.

C. Members are earnestly requested to furnish their e-mail id to be included in our new Directory and mailing list. This will greatly facilitate quick communication, exchange of information between members & the MAB and last but not the least, TATKAL issue of MAB Newsletters through e-mail.

D. There are popular suggestions that the new Directory should contain the place of origin of each member and spouse. Those who wish this to be indicated against their names may please inform their SZR who will shortly be contacting you for this.

SZR's are requested to contact their respective members once again for this at the earliest and convey the information to us.

E. Members wanting to put up their stalls, advertisement banners etc., for promoting their professional / business activities at our forthcoming function venue are welcome at nominal charges. Please get in touch with us latest by 15th December.

F. "MANDHA" for marriages: A "Mandha" is almost a must for most Mathur marriages though it is not a very familiar item locally. Mathurs needing a Mandha for a marriage in Mumbai often run throughout the city to various Mandap contractors, decorators, etc., but hardly get one.

In view of the above and as a much needed service to the community, MAB has got a wooden Mandha specially carpentered for use by its members needing it for marriage ceremonies in Mumbai. The Mandha has been kindly and thoughtfully sponsored by Smt. Dolly & Shri Mahesh Mathur (Churchgate) for which we offer them our sincere thanks

As a standing arrangement, Smt. Prabha Mathur of Andheri-E (address given below), an active Life Member of our Association has very kindly agreed to keep the Mandha at her house and make it available, on behalf of MAB to its members in need, under the following guidelines and mutual understanding:

- a) Booking for the Mandha may be made on phone or personally reasonably in advance and any cancellation or date change be advised promptly.
- b) The Mandha shall be handled carefully and with due religious respect.
- c) Its may be taken and returned with prior appointment with Smt. Prabha's household just before the occasion and returned back within a week of issue.
- d) To ensure its prompt return and in good condition, a refundable Security Deposit of Rs. ~~1000/-~~ 500/- will be required when taking delivery of the Mandha.

Address: Smt. Prabha Mathur,  
Chandan Vihar, Dr. Charat Singh Colony, M.V. Cross Road, Andheri (E0, Mumbai - 400 093. Tel: 2832 4795 / 2831 3331.

## 11. MAB FUNCTIONS: One Central and one Zonal Function each year

So far MAB has been holding two Central functions, one in April (Holi) and the other in December (Diwali) each year. However, the catering expenses and venue-hire charges are rising steeply for the last few years. On the other hand our income from interest on FD's and Savings Account (our main, rather only, source of regular income) has been greatly reduced of late due to drastic cuts in Bank interest rates. Non-receipt of annual membership (Rs.75 per member) from a large number of members adds further to this problem. Though we do occasionally receive some donations / sponsorships once in a while, these are unpredictable and can not be anticipated for budgeting our functions. With its present financial position as above, MAB is now finding it difficult to hold two Central functions a year (invariably going in substantial deficit ) as it has somehow managed so far.

After a careful consideration of the problem in consultation with our SZR's (in the joint meeting held on 9.11.03) the Managing Committee has decided as follows:

- A. From the year 2004 onwards MAB will have only one Central function in December each year for all members from Mumbai and all suburbs. Details and arrangements of this function will generally be the same as at present.
- B. MAB may organize a central Monsoon picnic if the Zonal Committees desire and come forward to support it so as to be a self-financed event.
- C. Each Zone will organize at least one Zonal get-together a year in its own Zone, aiming at maximum participation of the Zonal members. This will also serve the dual purpose of better and closer interaction between the families in a Zone. Zonal Committees will decide suitable dates for their functions, taking care that these do not clash with the dates of the Central Function / picnic.

## 12. WEDDING BELLS

“ Happy marriages begin when we marry the ones we love  
And they blossom when we love the ones we marry “

Our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds and their respective families on the following weddings:

- A. SIDDHARTHA, s/o Smt. Neerja & Shri Avdesh C. Mathur (W-89 / Andheri-W) to Kum. DEEPALI, d/o Smt. Neeru & Shri N.K. Mathur at Delhi on 17.4.03.
- B. PARESH, s/o Smt. Vineeta Bahadur & Late Shri Shamsheer Bahadur, (W-59 / Khar-W) to Kum. LOPA, d/o Smt. Meena & Shri Mahendra Parekh at Mumbai on 5.5.03.
- C. NITIN, s/o Smt. Savita & Dr. Narendra Sahai Mathur (NW-54 / Andheri-E) to Kum. ADITI, d/o Smt. Neena & Shri Rajiv Mathur at Delhi on 2.11.03.
- D. DEEPAK, s/o Smt. Asha & Shri Ravi Mathur, (E-55 / Anushakti Nagar) to Kum. RITU, d/o Smt. Naresh & Shri J.K. Gupta at Delhi on 20.11.03.
- E. Dr. UMANG, s/o Smt. Aruna & Capt. S.B. Lall, (E-56 / Panvel) to Dr. SMRITI, d/o Smt. Yashodhara & Dr. K.N. Mathur at Jaipur on 27.11.03
- F. RISHI, s/o Smt. Mira & Shri P.B. Mathur (NW-62 / Andheri-W) to Kum. ARADHNA, d/o Smt. Arvinder & Shri Avdh Kishore Sahdev at Mumbai on 27.11.03.

... May the newly - weds live happily ever after

## 13. OBITUARIES

Our heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved families and prayers for peace to the departed souls of the following who left for their heavenly abode:

- A. Shri S.N. Mathur, father of Shri R.B. Mathur (W-35 / Santa Cruz-E) at Ajmer on 18.11.02. Shri R B Mathur had the double tragedy in loosing his mother soon after on 17.12.02 at Ajmer on 17.12.02.
- B. Shri J.S. Mathur, father of Shri M.S. Mathur, (W-31 / Santa Cruz-E) at Mumbai on 27.4.03.
- C. Shri Suraj B Mathur, brother of Shri K B Mathur, (NW-36 / Andheri (W)) on 1.5.03 at Delhi. Shri K B Mathur had not recovered from this shock when he lost his other brother, Shri K B Mathur, at Delhi on 21.5.03