

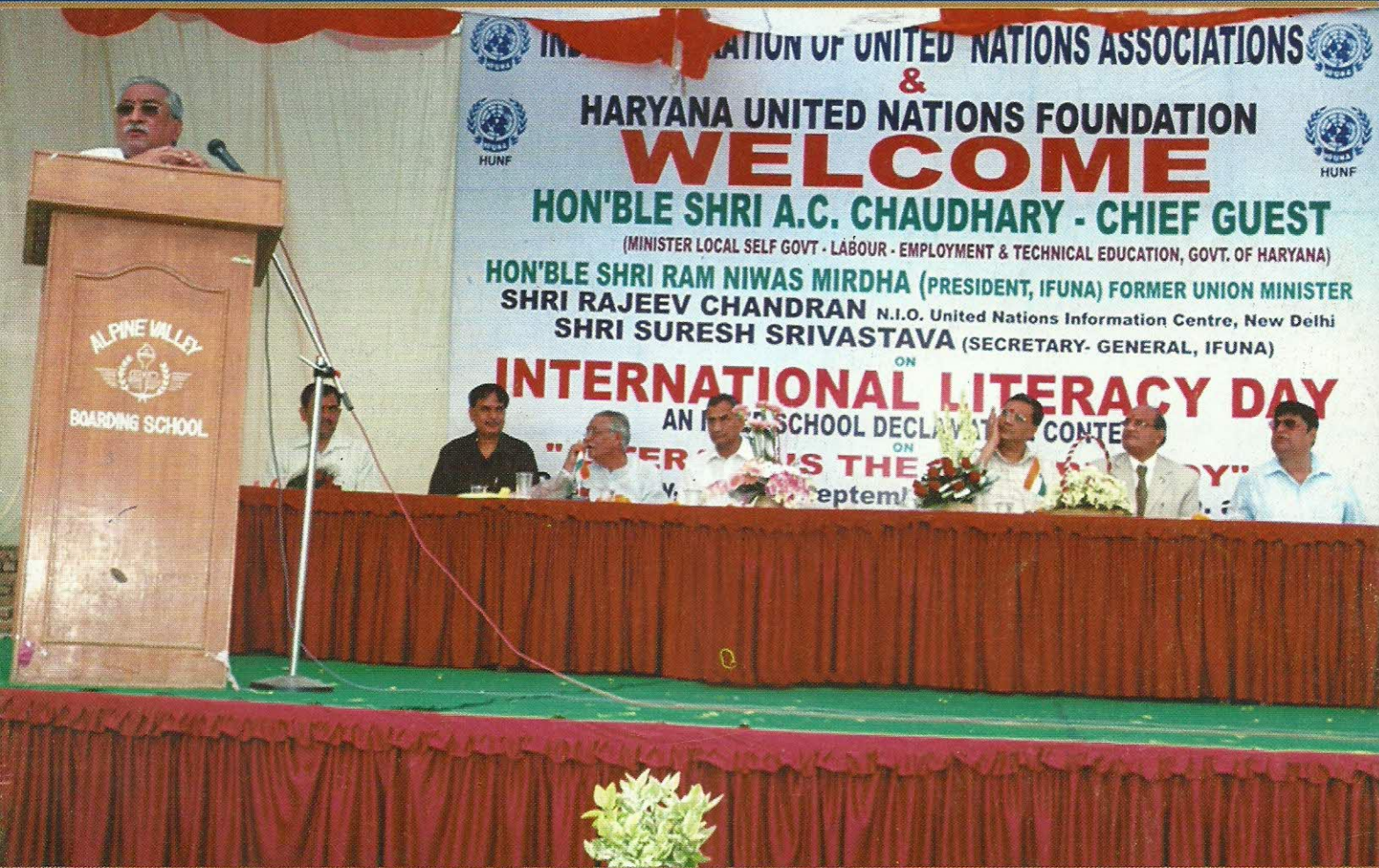


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## WORLD HEALTH DAY – 2008

### **MAHARASHTRA UN ASSOCIATION**

Report by: **A. A. Syed**, Secretary General, UNA

**T**he greenhouse gases, emitting from industries, automobiles, burning of fossil fuels and deforestation are curses of the present days. It creates conditions resulting in emergence of diseases like Malaria, dengue, leptospirosis, SARS, asthma, diarrheas, dehydration and malnutrition was the main

It was well attended by members of MUNA, important personalities from Mumbai, students and teachers of Bai Kabibai School and Junior College, students and professors of H.R. College, Mumbai and general public.



L to R Ms. Mohini Mathur, Ms. Pheroza J. Godrej, Mr. A.A. Syed, Mr. K. M. Abraham, and Mr. M. Z. Siddiaui

highlights of the meeting address by Ms. Prachi Bali, student, Youth Leader, Bachelor Management Studies, H.R.College and Dr. N.V.Nadkarni, ex-Deansion Hospital.

The remedial measures suggested by learned speakers were usage of environmental friendly public transportation like electric operated trains, battery operated cars, bicycles and walking so as to reduce the emissions of carbon dioxide and monoxide along with obesity and its related diseases. Dr. Nadkarni laid specific emphasize on usage of renewable energy like solar, wind, moving water and adoption of vermiculture with organic waste rather than dumping it and polluting the rivers and the seas. This would aid in adding the green cover on the earth.

The theme for this year was impact of Climate Change on Human Health. H.E. Mr. Hirotsugu Haguda Consul General of Japan and H.E. Mr. Casandu Paparoiu Consul and Trade Commissioner of Romania also graced the occasion.

Mrs. Pheroza J Godrej, President MUNA welcomed the gathering. Mrs. Mohini Mathur, Executive Chairperson read the message of Director General World Health Organization Dr. Margaret Chan.

Dr. Govind Chainani MUNA – Member gave a Power-point presentation with various pictures from different continents depicting the effects of climatic changes on health of people. This was followed by WHO 60 poster presentation on the projects and programmes of WHO during its 60 years of existence.

The guest speakers were Dr. (Mrs.) N.M. Moulik, Professor and Head of Department of Medicine, LTMMC and Sion Hospital, Dr. Huzefa Binderwala, Consultant Psychiatrist.

The meeting was organized by Maharashtra UN Association at the World Health Day – 2008 at Godrej Bhawan, Mumbai. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by Mr. A. A. Syed, Secretary-General Maharashtra UN Association.