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Indian Federation of United Nations Associations, IFUNA and Maharashtra United Nations Association - MUNA, celebrated the UN Day 2006 in Mumbai on Tuesday 31st October, 2006.

The function was held at the magnificent Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan, Mumbai. His Excellency Mr. S. M. Krishna, Governor of Maharashtra and Hon. Patron of MUNA presided over the function.

The programme was flagged off by an audio visual presentation that traced the origin of the United Nations Organization in brief with a live commentary by the Quiz Master Ms. Ami Goradia beginning from the rumblings of the first world war going onwards to the League of Nations, the forerunner of the United Nations followed by the second world war and the simultaneous road to peace, with the emergence of the United Nations.

The power point presentation was followed by a Quiz contest for High School students where six schools took part and brilliantly answered the questions pertaining to the United Nations. It was a unique effort to disseminate information about the United Nations and to make students aware of the crucial role played by the UN in the peace keeping process.

Ms. Pheroza Godrej, President MUNA welcomed the guest and Mrs. Mohini Mathur, Vice-President, IFUNA gave brief account of history and activities of IFUNA and MUNA.



From left Mr. A.A. Syed, Secretary General, MUNA; Ms. Busi Kuzwayo; Mr. Gul Hussain Ahmadi; Ms. Pheroza Godrej; H.E. Mr. S.M. Krishna, Governor of Maharashtra Mrs. Mohini Mathur; Mr. Jean Charles Demarquis

The distinguished guest speakers on the panel were - Mr. Jean Charles Demarquis, Consul General, Consulate General of France, Ms. Busi Kuzwayo, Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of South Africa and Mr. Gul Hussain Ahmadi, Consul General, Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, who highlighted the role of United Nations in promoting peace and protection of Human Rights etc.

His Excellency Mr. S. M. Krishna, Governor of Maharashtra delivered his presidential address which was appreciated by one and all. A grand tea party was hosted on the well manicured lawns of the Raj Bhavan. More than 300 people from the diplomatic corps, judiciary, academia and other organizations attended the function. The Police Band was in attendance throughout the function.

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mandated in our constitution. India had found a prominent place in the UN system serving in political, economic and even military roles, but a permanent seat with a veto was yet to be attained. Whatever differences and disputes that member countries have among them the UN was the only forum for nations to look up to for the removal of difficulties. In resolving these difficulties confidence of all nations in the UN would rise.

Mr. Ram Niwas Mirdha, President, IFUNA and former Union Minister, said India's contributions to the UN were important and its commitment total. India's role in peace keeping operations all over the world were exemplary. The number of soldiers belonging to India who had sacrificed their lives in peace keeping operations by the UN was higher than that of any other country, he added.

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(From old photographs of IFUNA)

Goodwill delegation to then USSR led by Shri Santosh Chatterjee in 1977



Left from Mr. P. S. Paul, Mr. G. Kovrizhenko, Mrs. Kapoor, Mr. K. L. Gupta, MP, Chairman Oriental Studies Tashkant, Mr. Santosh Chatterjee, Ms. Gaila, Mr. Suresh Srivastava, Mr. J. S. Bajaj, Ms. Savitri Nagrajan



From left Ms. Busi Kuzwayo; Mr. Gul Hussain Ahmadi; Ms. Pheroza Godrej; H.E. Mr. S.M. Krishna, presenting certificate of merit to a student, Ms. Mohini Mathur