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Swaranjali 2004



Classical Music Performance by Ms. Sunanda Sharma

On the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima, a special programme of Hindustani Classical Music - "SWARANJALI" was organised by the Shri Eklingji Trust, on 2nd July, 2004 at Shri Eklingji Temple, Kailashpuri. In keeping with the tradition started last year, renowned classical singers were cordially invited to perform. Their divine & soulful recitals in praise and worship of Lord Shiva spread the essence of devotion within the premises of the sacred temple and made the atmosphere divine for the devotees.

The programme was held in two sessions Morning (10:30 am to 1:10 pm) and Evening (5:30 pm to 8:05 pm) and was enjoyed by countless devotees who thronged the temple on this very special occasion.

Eminent and celebrated Artists such as the Sharma Brothers (Ujjain) and Ms. Manju Saxena (Udaipur) - mesmerized the audiences with their vocal (bhajan) performances and Mr. Naresh Vaiyer, enthralled the audience with his instrumental (sitar) performance, in the first session.

The evening session was enlivened by Vocal renditions of Khayals by famous classical singers, Ms. Sunanda Sharma (Delhi) and Ms. Pamil Bhandari (Udaipur). Ms. Monika Sharma (Nathdwara) gave an awe-inspiring instrumental (Pakhawaj) performance, which held the devotees and invitees spellbound.

Various well-known personalities were part of the gathering. They included Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar, Maharani Yogeshwari Kumariji of Sitamau and Kanwar Shakti Singhji. Later, Shriji graciously felicitated all the participants and thanked them for rendering a soul-stirring performance.

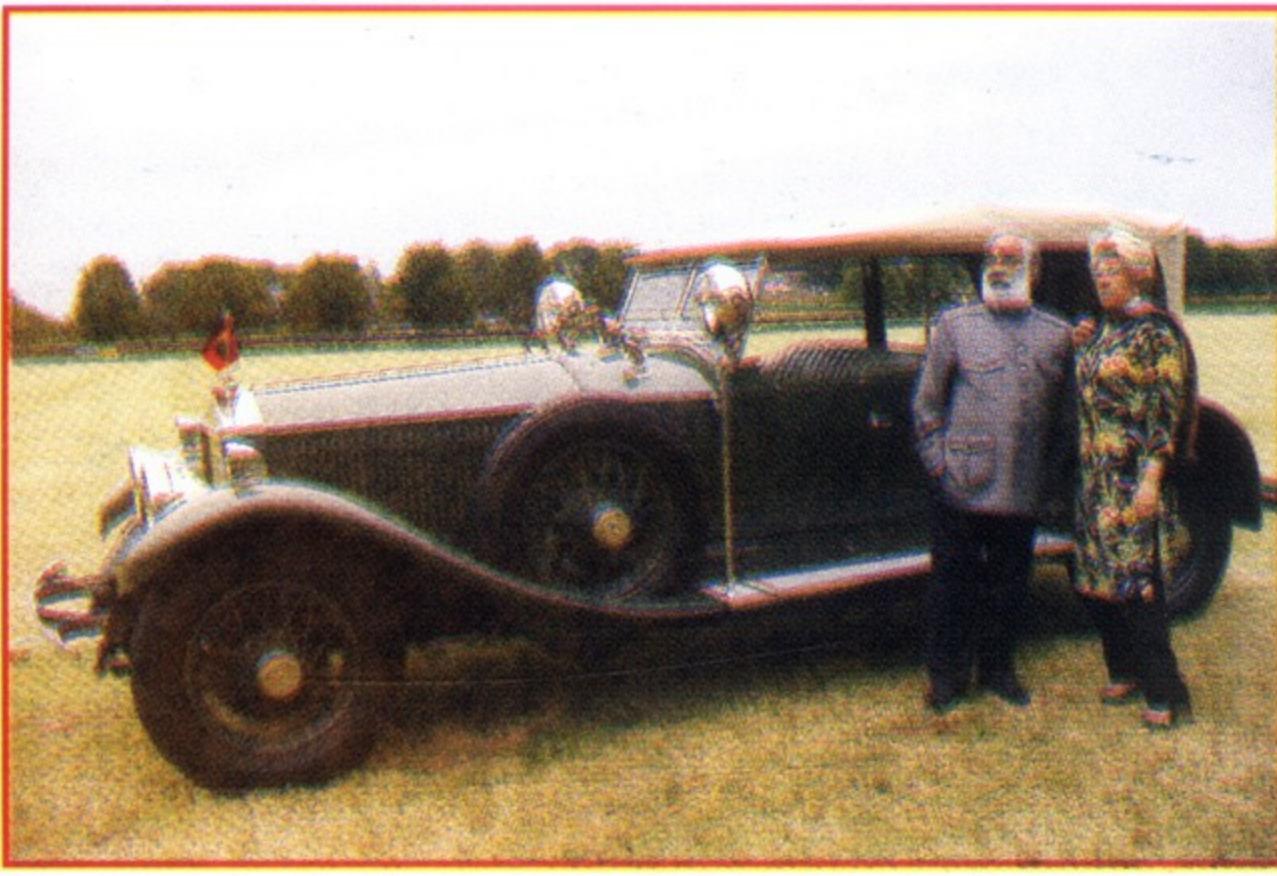
The statue of Shri Eklingnathji decked out in a white dress with white flowers and white ornaments, presented an enchanting vision. Hundreds of devotees patiently waited in queues, for their turn to have darshan of the captivating and charming idol of the deity.



Various Artists Performing at Shri Eklingji

Shriji Felicitating Ms. Sunanda Sharma

Udaipur Cup II



Shriji with Ms. Lizanne

As Patron of the Cambridge and Newmarket Polo Club, Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar attended their annual match at the National Stud at Newmarket, on Saturday 26th June, 2004. The match was sponsored by TYM International Tractors Limited and the teams played for the Udaipur Cup II.

Shriji arrived at the grounds in a ceremonial fashion, in a 1920's Phantom 1, driven by Dr. Christopher Van Essen, accompanied by his wife Lizanne. The evening's programme started at 6:30 pm and despite intermittent rains, it was a closely contested match won by the TYM team.

The final score of Friends of Newmarket Day Centre Exhibition Match (Udaipur Cup II) was that TYM beat AFB by 6 goals to 3 goals.

TYM Team Members

Alistair Walker
Jeremy Allen
Fabio Lavinia
Edward Keymer

AFB Team Members

Clive Reed
Edward Judge
Hissam Ali Hyder
Aniz Manji



Shriji Presenting the Trophy to the Winning Team

The match was followed by a prize distribution ceremony and dinner in a marquee on the grounds.



Polo Action at The National Stud at Newmarket

The Cambridge and Newmarket Polo club was founded in 1989 by Larry le Ggatt, Alison Schwabe and Christopher Walking Shaw at Lower Farm, Dullingham, near Newmarket. The club is an amateur country club mostly organising low goal tournaments with the occasional medium or high goal matches. The principal tournament is the magnificent Udaipur Cup, currently played at the 8-goal level. The Club has two grounds at Dullingham and an additional ground at The National Stud in Newmarket. There is also a polo pit and clubhouse, and paddocks for ponies.

A number of its members visited India in 1994 and were hosted by Shriji. They visited Udaipur and also played polo in Delhi.

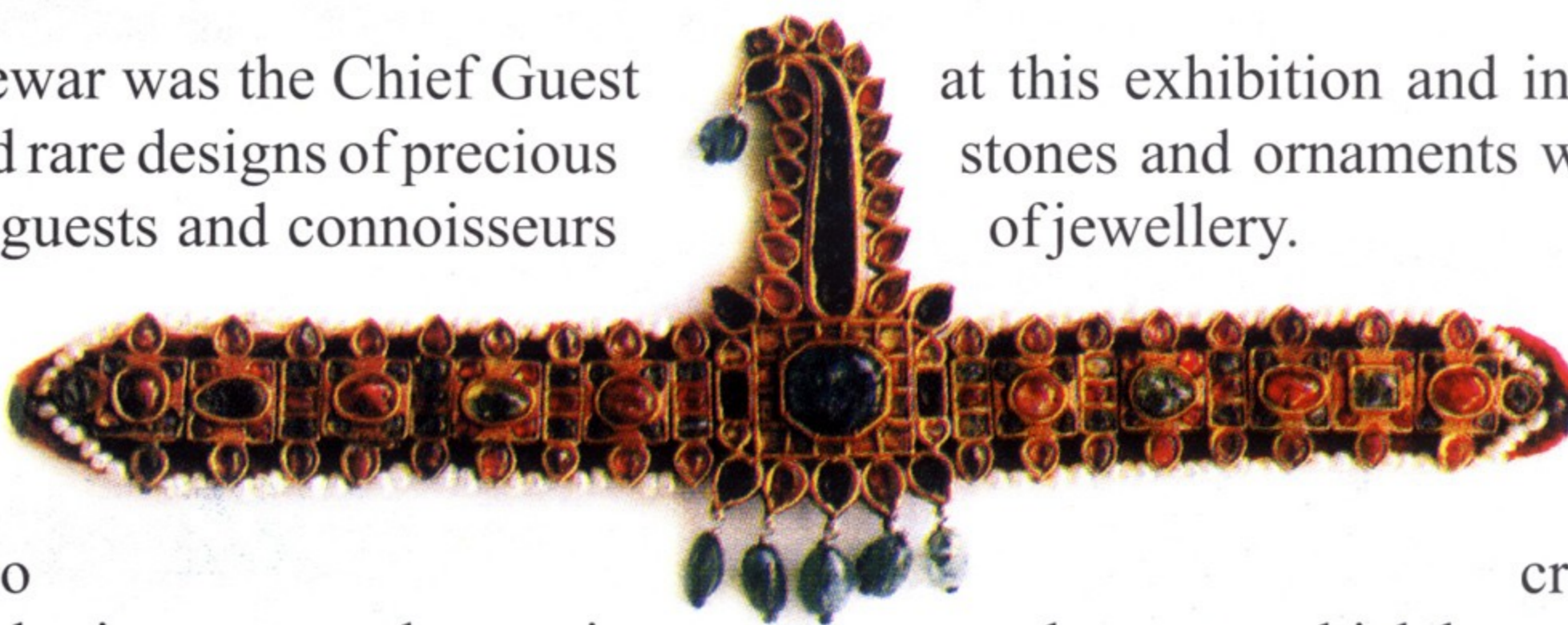
Inauguration of an Exhibition, by Shriji

The Count of Cordovado (PN) Italy, Mr. Carlo Piccolomini, in association with his close friend, Mr. Santi Choudhary of Royal Gems & Arts from Jaipur (India), organised an exhibition of numerous, beautiful, contemporary & innovative designs of gemstones and items of precious jewellery. The exhibition was held at Count Piccolomini's villa at Cordovado, Italy, from 28th May to 30th May, 2004.

Shriji Arvind Singh Mewar was the Chief Guest ceremony. Fabulous and rare designs of precious pleasure of the invited guests and connoisseurs

at this exhibition and inaugurated the grand opening stones and ornaments were on display for the visual of jewellery.

Mr. Choudhary has jewellery family of the time of Maharaja unique approach to with India's cultural heritage are the main legendary and unique house in the sphere of gems & jewellery designing & crafting. This prestigious exhibition was the first time he exhibited not only his own private family collection of gemstones and jewellery but also his latest creations.



descended from a premier Jaipur, well known since Shri Sawai Jai Singh. The creativity and fine artistic blend

To witness such a classic exhibition was a wonderful experience for all lovers of jewellery and was attended by the Europe's glitterati.

Cool Fest at Shikarbadi Hotel



Dance Your Blues Away

A two-day event filled with food, fun and froth was organised at Shikarbadi Hotel, on 10th & 11th July, 2004. A groovy dance floor was specially made for the event and a live DJ created the perfect ambience for non-stop dancing & masti.

The cuisine was unlimited and delicacies and drinks were available at affordable prices. Everyone had a blast at this perfect location - The Shikarbadi, far away from the hustle-bustle of city life.

Mogli ki Duniya at Shikarbadi Hotel

A two-day fun fair 'Mogli ki Duniya' was held at Shikarbadi Hotel on 8th & 9th May, 2004. The famous cartoon character came alive with all his friends like Sher Khan & others and the children were enthralled. The fast Punjabi numbers of DJ Nasha ensured a rocking evening for the young. The best couple, male and female dancers were given a prize. 'Shikarbadi Special' veg and non-veg menu, chilled drinks and lucky draw were the other attractions of this very well attended event.



Jeeman - A Food Festival at Garden Hotel



Dinner being served at Jeeman



Rajasthani Folk Dance

A two-day weekend food festival 'Jeeman' was organised at the Garden Hotel on 5th & 6th June, 2004. The main feature

of the event was traditional Rajasthani cuisine set against the backdrop of Rajasthani folk-dances & songs. Puppet-Shows and Magic-Shows were also held to entertain the kids.

3 D Eve at The Promenade

A three-day family fest with a primary focus on the three D's - Dinner, Drinks and Dance was held at Promenade from 21st to 23rd May, 2004. The main attractions of the event were - sumptuous vegetarian and non-vegetarian delicacies, chilled drinks and a pulsating music & dance floor to dance away your blues. Boat-rides were also on offer and children of all ages relished it to the fullest. Besides the local residents, Indian and Foreign Tourists also participated in this event to chill out. They enjoyed dancing to the tune of Western and Indian Dance tracks. A Lucky Draw was also held and many prizes were given to the lucky ones. The event's grand finale was a display of fireworks in the Lake Pichola.

Events at HRH

Fine Dining at The Durbar Hall



The Grand Durbar Hall

A special dinner for the Stanford Business School Group was held at The Durbar Hall, on 30th June, 2004. Starting with the traditional red carpet welcome to the Stanfordinians, the hotel foyer was decorated with flowers and customary floor painting, to give the guests a glimpses of rich Indian culture. Traditional Indian candle stands lit the entryway and fragrant rose petals lay gently underfoot. The majestic Durbar Hall left the Group wonder-struck with its historic grandeur, as it presented the perfect venue to host this lavish banquet. Traditional Mewari entertainment-a puppet show and live sitar and tabla performance, during the dinner, made the evening a special and an unforgettable experience for the Group.

VIP Visits

British High Commissioner to India



British High Commissioner to India,
Sir Michael Arthur KCMG and Lady Arthur
at The City Palace

Honourable British High Commissioner to India, Sir Michael Arthur KCMG and Lady Arthur visited the City Palace Museum on 24th July, 2004 and were taken around by the City Palace Administrator. They toured the Mardana Mahal and were very impressed with the restoration work meticulously conducted at Mor Chowk.

In the visitors book the High Commissioner wrote "What a superb treasure in Rajasthan. We have been privileged to see it all. Thank you for your welcome."

Canadian High Commissioner to India

Ms. Lucie Edwards, Canadian High Commissioner to India and her husband Mr. Thomas Roach visited the City Palace Museum on 19th July, 2004. Connoisseurs of Indian Art, particularly the school of Mewar Paintings, the couple happily spent a considerable amount of time at the Mewar Art Gallery of Zenana Mahal. They also browsed through the collection of rare paintings / artefacts at the museum.

Minister of Tourism & Handicrafts of Tunisia

His Excellency Mr. A. Abderrahim Zouari, Minister of Tourism and Handicrafts of the Republic of Tunisia was on a personal visit to Udaipur, along with his wife and the Ambassador of Tunisia to India. He visited Crystal Gallery and City Palace Museum on 10th July, 2004.

The dignitaries were accorded a traditional Mewari welcome. In the visitors book of the museum, the Minister wrote that he was very pleased to visit this historic museum and was very impressed with its architecture, ancient miniature paintings and it's upkeep.



Minister of Tourism and Handicrafts of
the Republic of Tunisia
at The City Palace Museum

Later in the day, they were escorted around Shiv Niwas Palace, Fateh Prakash Palace and Jagmandir. They were fascinated by the architectural beauty of the heritage hotels and the magnificent collection of crystal articles.

US Ambassador to India, His Excellency David C Mulford



US Ambassador to India,
His Excellency David C Mulford
at The City Palace Museum

US Ambassador to India, His Excellency David C Mulford was in Udaipur, with his wife and other family members on 18th June, 2004. He visited the Crystal Gallery and City Palace Museum. They were all impressed to see the wonderful collection of rare crystal objects at the Gallery and congratulated the curator of the Crystal Gallery for the remarkable upkeep of the magnificent collection. The Ambassador and his family then went to the Museum, where the Administrator of the City Palace Museum, Thakur Bhupendra Singh Auwa, escorted them for a guided tour of the entire museum. They were given a detailed description of the various parts of the Museum and the collections there. They were impressed with the paintings at display at the Mewar Art Gallery, at City Palace Museum.

Guest Comment at Crystal Gallery - 'A wonderful place to visit and great tradition to maintain for India!'

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