

WZCC India - 13th Annual General Meeting

Saturday, 24 September 2016

Emphasis on Education - Elixir of Life

This year the India Region of World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce held its 13th Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 24 September 2016 at 5.30 p.m. at a fresh venue 'Yiamas' / The Experimental Space at Ballard Estate, Mumbai.

An AGM is a mechanism for the Organization's Governing Body to be accountable for their performance as Board Members and review the performance of the Organization. In WZCC, it serves as an interaction between its Chapters, a chance to harness ideas, share experiences and Business & Professional Expertise and conduct planning for the future of the Organization.

The AGM started with the Welcome Address by Capt. Percy Master, President-India Region which was followed by a talk by Mr. Edul Daver, WZCC-Global President, who had specially flown in from New York to attend the AGM. He spoke about the challenging times ahead – creating jobs and business opportunities. He emphasized that Business endeavor is a two-way street and WZCC should strive to bring the Global Community together.

Ms Behroze Daruwalla, Chairperson of Women's Entrepreneur Wing – International Board, was the compere for the evening. She declared the AGM open and requested Mr. Farrokh Rustomji to conduct the proceedings.

Mr. Adi Siganporia, Chairman-Mumbai Chapter and Mr. Viraf Deboo who represented Pune Chapter, presented the Annual Reports and narrated the series of events conducted by the Chapters during the year covering Trade, Commerce, Industry etc.

Mr. Farrokh Rustomji then concluded the AGM after completion of all formalities.

Thereafter, it was the turn of the Chief Guest of the evening, Dr. Indu Shahani, Ex-Sheriff of Mumbai and Ex-Dean of H R College of Commerce & Economics. Though she needed no introduction, Mr. Adi Siganporia welcomed her and gave her brief background and described her as an "ICON" in the field of Education.

Dr. Indu Shahani spoke on "Education – The Elixir of Life". In a very lucid manner, she described the education scenario in India and emphasized how important Education is in one's life. With several anecdotes, she indicated how she has been able to transform the lives of several students and Small Entrepreneurs. She then explained her future plan of action which involves Indian School of Management and Entrepreneurship in Mumbai along with the Institute of Design & Innovation and School of Communication. She is now fully absorbed with these Institutes as its President & Chairperson. She then laid stress on the "VALUES" and "BUSINESS ETHICS" and stated with reference to Parsi Community how it has preserved these treasures lead by the House of TATA. She paid glowing tribute to TATA Organization for this unique and most sought after characteristics. Her talk was inspiring and was an eye-opener as to the vast scope that lies to give good education to a large part of our population. She was spontaneously given a standing ovation.

Then it was the turn of the evening's entertainment. The gathering was regaled by magic tricks performed by the teenage magician Ms. Zeenia Bhumgara, the awardee of the Merlin Award by the International Magicians Association, USA. What is Merlin Award to magicians is Oscar Award to Movies. The Magic show continued with Mr. Mhelly Bhumgara (Zeenia's father), a well-known "Illusionist" and "Mentalist" who further entertained the audience with his astonishing performance.

The highlight of the evening was a musical recital by a budding teenager, a talented Violinist - Ms Leah Divecha. Leah has been learning the Violin for the last two years at the NCPA School of Music under the teachers from Kazakhstan. She has performed in several concerts where the students participate with the teachers who are members of the Symphony Orchestra of India

The meeting ended with exquisite wines sponsored by Ms. Nainaz Shroff, MD-Taylor & Shroff and a sumptuous dinner provided by Yiamas, the new venue.

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