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Mumbai plays its Trump card

As the world watches with bated breath, as the 45th President of the US, Donald Trump, take oath of office, the lush lawns of the US Consulate in Mumbai will liven up with an inaugural ball to welcome the President elect. Namaste America, in partnership with the Consulate, is behind the event that will be hosted by US Consulate General Thomas L Vajda and Atul Nishar, president of Namaste America (in pic). The event will have a live viewing of the swearing-in and Trump's inaugural address from Washington DC. Invites have been sent out to the city's swish set including film stars, top lawyers, doctors, socialites and industrialists. Even as the organisers are waiting for RSVPs, we have got wind of Shiamak Davar putting up a grand show and crooning a few numbers, while IPL host Archana Vijaya plays emcee for the evening.

One more vote for President Trump

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Atul Nishar



Donald Trump

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Namaste America and the U.S. Consulate General Mumbai Co- Host Inaugural Ball To Mark Swearing In of New U.S. President Donald Trump

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The evening began with a spectacular performance by the “Guru of Dance” Shiamak Davar and his dance company. The dancers’ high-quality and spirited presentation thrilled the audience, and brought life to Shiamak’s exquisite choreography. Another highlight of the event was the live telecast of President Trump delivering his first address as President from Washington, D.C.

“What better way to showcase the bonds between our two countries than by co-hosting this wonderful evening for Indians and Americans to come together to mark an important event in American democracy – the inauguration of a new U.S. President – and the democratic values and principles we both share,” said Consul General Vajda.

“It is an extreme honour and a moment of pride for us to co-host this ball to celebrate the 45th President of USA – Mr. Donald Trump. India and the United States being natural partners, I am confident that President Trump and Prime Minister Modi will continue to work to improve the economy and standard of living in both countries”, said Atul Nishar, the President of Namaste America.

Poonam Dhillon at Namaste America for Donald Trump swearing ceremony on 20th Jan 2017 / Poonam Dhillon

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Atul and Alka Nishar with Thomas J Vajda and Amy Sebbes



Neeta Lulla



Rohit Khandelwal



Pankaj Udhas with wife Farida



Niranjan Hiranandani



Raj Nayak

Rajyalakshmi Rao



Reena and Ashok Wadhwa



Kiran Juneja and Ramesh Sippy



Nayan Patel

MID-DAY

(JANUARY 22, 2017)



Swag means Kala Chashma

EVEN as they were welcoming their 45th President Donald Trump as he was sworn in on Friday evening, the US Consul General Thomas Vajda and wife Amy Sebes (saree and black suit) decided to show the audience their Bollywood side. But it could not have happened without the persuasive powers of the performer of the evening, Shiamak Davar, who made the diplomats dance to his tunes. Soon after his performance, Davar summoned his guests on

stage and in a minute's time, the very sporting diplomats and their better halves were on stage, with a pair of "kala chashma" each. Leading the pack was of course, the Consul couple. What followed was an impromptu dance training class, where the "performers" danced with Davar. Later, in his speech, a candid Vajda, taking a jibe at himself said, "I think I made a wise choice to go for diplomacy as opposed to entertainment."



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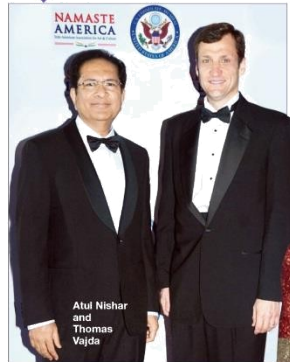


FARIDA & PANKAJ UDHAS

ATUL & ALKA NISHAR, AMY SEBES & THOMAS J VAJDA

Entertainment, drink and food was there aplenty as US Consul General Thomas L Vajda and Namaste America president Atul Nishar co-hosted a ball at the American consulate to mark the swearing-in of the 45th President of the United States of America, Donald Trump. Mesmerizing music by Sharmilla Dias and her band set the tone for a night to remember. Sizzling was the spectacular dance act by Shiamak Davar and company. Yes, Shiamak also sang with passion and he got the crowd to groove to 'Kala Chashma.' There was the official first dance by Atul Nishar and wife Alka along with Thomas L Vajda and wife Amy Sebes. On the gigantic screen was the live telecast of Donald Trump delivering his first address as President from Washington, DC. Looking were the likes of Nayan Patel, Rajyalakshmi Rao, Madhoo Shah, Dilip Piramal, Kiran Juneja, Ramesh Sippy, Urvi Piramal, Indu Shahani and Pankaj Udhas.

Raising a toast to new beginnings



Atul Nishar
and
Thomas
Vajda



Shiamak
Davar



Rajwadekshmi
Rao



Nayan
Patel

Thomas L. Vajda (US Consul General) and Atul Nishar (President, Namaste America) co-hosted a grand inaugural ball in Mumbai in honour of the 45th President of the United States of America, Donald Trump, with a live telecast of the swearing in ceremony from Washington DC.

Highlights of the event were a captivating performance by Shiamak Davar, foot-tapping music by a live band and a tastefully curated food menu.

The glamorous affair was attended by a number of distinguished guests from the business, art and film fraternity.

Some of the guests seen enjoying the elegant evening included Fahad Samir, Satish Shah, Farida and Pankaj Uthas, Kiran Juneja and Ramesh Sippy, Poonam Dhillon, Dilip Prasad and several others.



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Atul Nishar with Amy Sebes and Thomas J Vajda

Dilip Piramal

Niranjan Hiranandani

Neeta Lulla

Urvi Piramal and Kalpana Singhania

Ashok Hinduja

Sunil and Kiran Datwani

Reena and Ashok Wadhwa

A spectacle of black glasses

Much pomp and pageantry marks the incoming of a new US President. Celebrations abound not just in Washington DC and different parts of US, but also at the country's many outposts around the world. In line with tradition, the US Consulate in Mumbai hosted a formal inaugural ball.

If there were any apprehensions or misgivings about the new President, they were drowned out in the frenetic beats of the Bollywood numbers that dancer-choreographer Shiamak Davar was belting out. The mood was upbeat and the guests in high spirits, as Davar invited everyone up on the stage to shake a leg. The host for the evening Thomas Vajda and his wife Amy Sebes joined their guests as they put on some black sunnies and followed Davar's instructions to perform the hook steps for 'kaala chashma'. Those in DC, bundled up in their layers, would have gladly swapped their party for this.

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Celebrating the US presidency



Shiamak Davar on stage



US consul general Thomas L. Vajda and his wife Amy Sebes (above), and Dr Atul Nishar and Alka Nishar (right) inaugurated the ball with the first dance



Poonam Dhillon



Anand Desai



Satish Shah and Madhu Shah



Kiran Sippy and Ramesh Sippy



Farida Udhas and Pankaj Udhas

Several celebrities attended a ball co-hosted by the US consul general, Thomas L. Vajda and president of Namaste America, Atul Nishar, in honour of the 45th President of the United

States of America, Donald Trump on January 20. The presidential address was also telecast live from Washington DC, USA, at the event. Shiamak Davar livened up the evening with a performance. Seen enjoying the music, food,

spirits and conversations were Arti Surendranath, Indu Shahani, Urvi Piramal, Kalpana Singhanian, Roopa Fabiani, Harish Fabiani, Niranjan Hiranandani and Madhoo Shah, among others.

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Hi! GALA

Venue: US Consulate BKC, Mumbai.

Buzz: Everybody, but everybody is tuned into America!



Atul Nishar, Alka Nishar, Amy Sebes & Thomas J Vajda

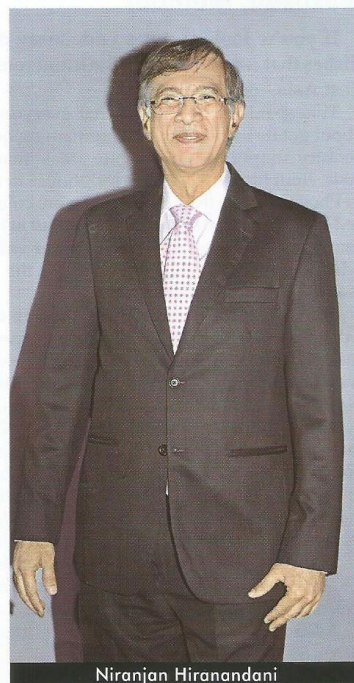
The inaugural ball to mark the swearing in of President Donald Trump was co-hosted by Namaste America and the US Consulate General in Mumbai.

The 45th President of the USA, Donald Trump is creating his own waves in the US of A. To mark his swearing in, the US Consul General Thomas L Vajda and the president of Namaste America, Atul Nishar co-hosted a ball in Mumbai, supported by Reliance Industries.

It was an evening of glitz and entertainment with a spectacular performance by Shiamak Davar and his



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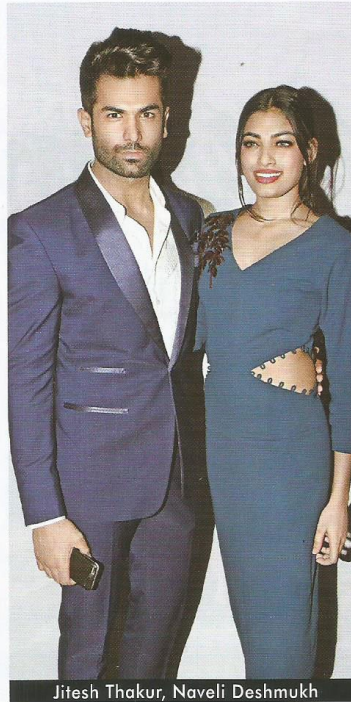
to the bollywood number *Kala Chashma*. This was followed by the official first dance by that passionate promoter of Indo-US relations, Atul Nishar and his wife Alka Nishar along with US Consul General

Thomas L Vajda and his wife Amy Sebes.

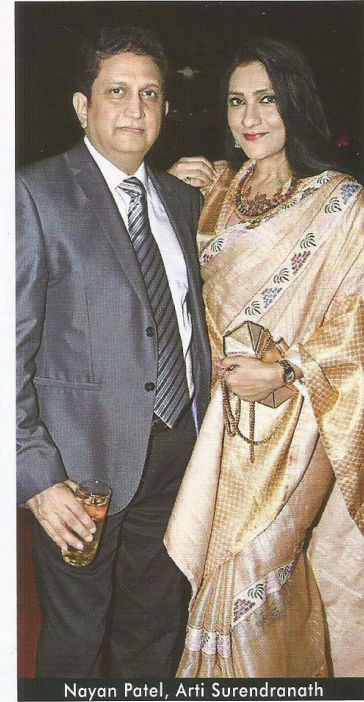
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Kiran Juneja, Ramesh Sippy



Jitesh Thakur, Naveli Deshmukh



Nayan Patel, Arti Surendranath

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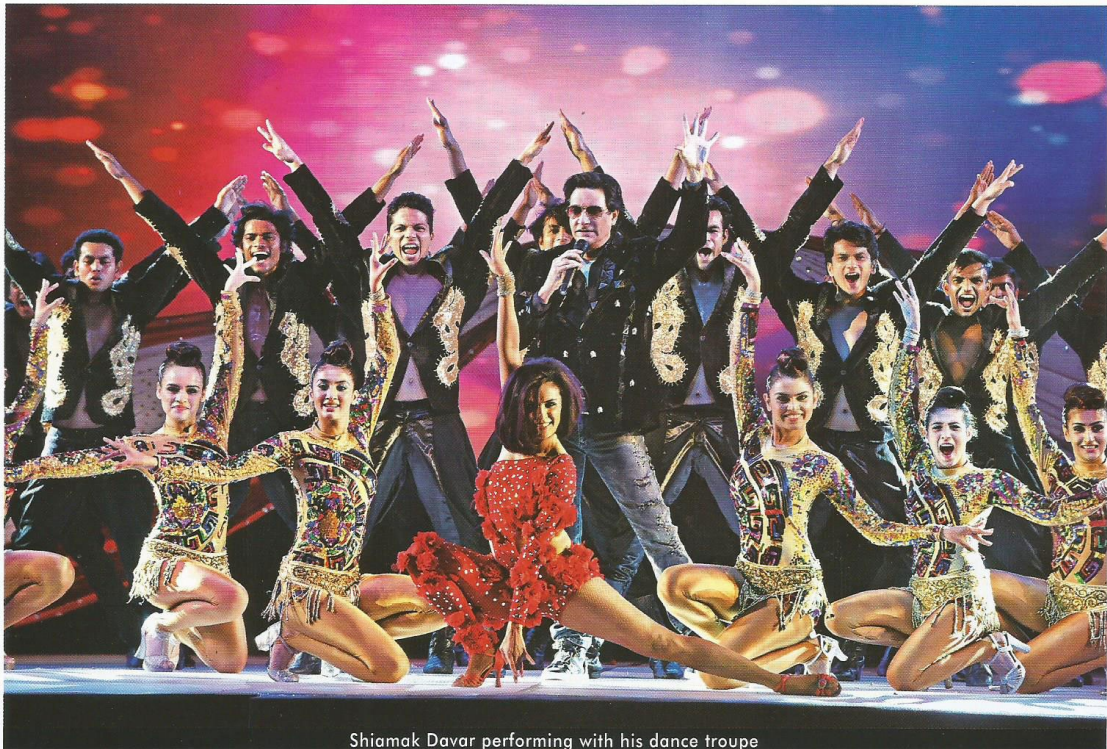
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Shiamak Davar performing with his dance troupe

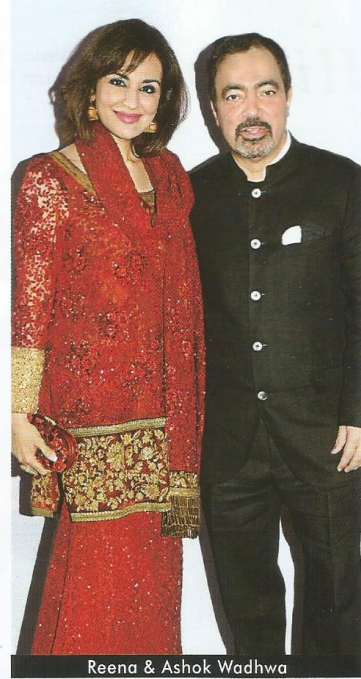
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Sunil & Kiran Datwani



Sharbani Mukherjee, Sandip Soparkar



Reena & Ashok Wadhwa

of a diverse cross-section of Mumbai society. Consul General Vajda said on the conjoined effort with Namaste India, "What better way to showcase the bonds between our two countries than by

co-hosting this wonderful evening for Indians and Americans to come together to mark an important event in American democracy—the inauguration of a new US President—and the democratic values

and principles we both share." With both the hosts committed to promotion and fostering goodwill between both nations, the event was a great initiative for cultural and trade exchanges.



Urvi Piramal



Raj Nayak



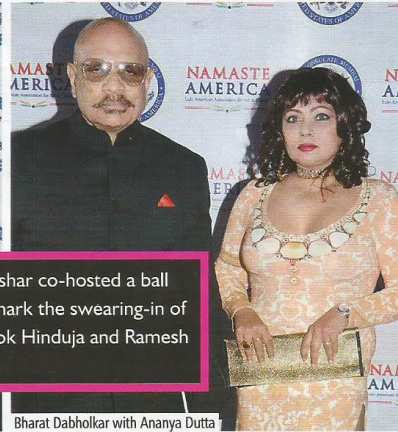
Kalpana Singhania



Atul and Alka Nishar



Ashok Hinduja



Bharat Dabholkar with Ananya Dutta

THOMAS VAJDA and Atul Nishar co-hosted a ball at the US Consulate General to mark the swearing-in of Donald Trump. Alka Nishar, Ashok Hinduja and Ramesh Sippy attended the royal evening.

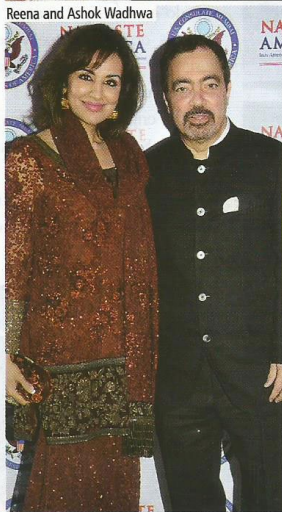


Amy Sebes and Thomas Vajda

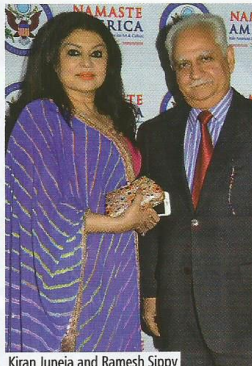
LOVE IS IN THE AIR...



Urvi Piramal and Kalpana Singhania



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Kiran Juneja and Ramesh Sippy



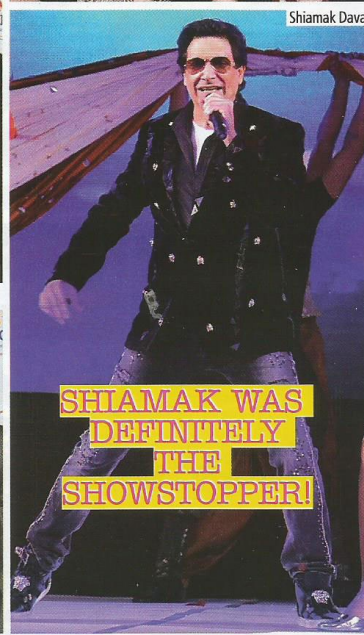
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SHIAMAK WAS DEFINITELY THE SHOWSTOPPER!

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Atul Nishar & Thomas J Vajda



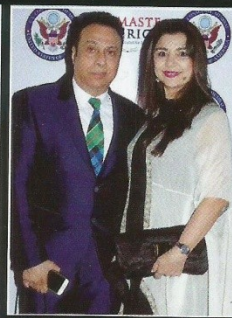
Alka Nishar & Amy Sebes

Swearing-In of New U.S. President

WHAT - U.S. Consul General Thomas L. Vajda and President of Namaste America Atul Nishar co-hosted a ball to mark the swearing-in of the 45th President of the United States of America, Donald Trump.

WHERE - U.S. Consulate at BKC, Mumbai.

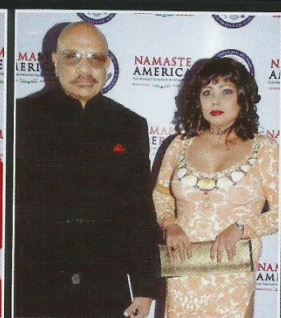
WHAT ELSE - The highlight of the event was the live telecast of President Trump delivering his first address as President from Washington, D.C in the presence of a diverse cross-section of Mumbai society.



Ali & Yasmin Moraani



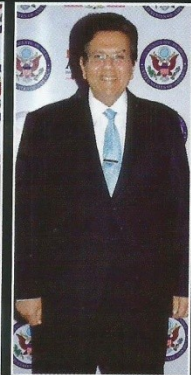
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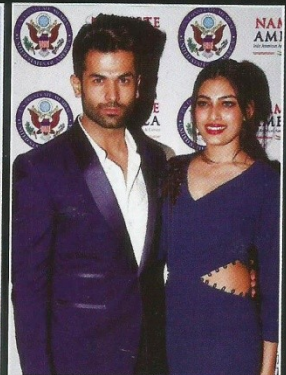
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The Ball that Trumped All Others

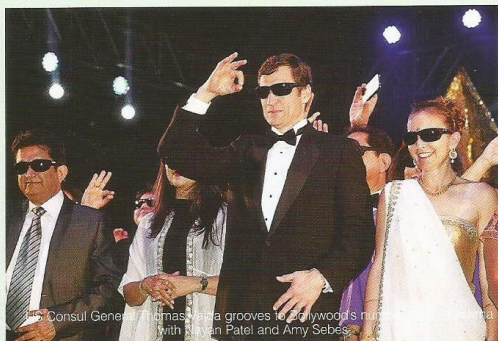
President of the US Donald Trump is sworn in. And the *Inaugural Ball* on the vast lawns of the US Consulate, BKC by Consul General Thomas Vajda welcomed his reign customarily well.



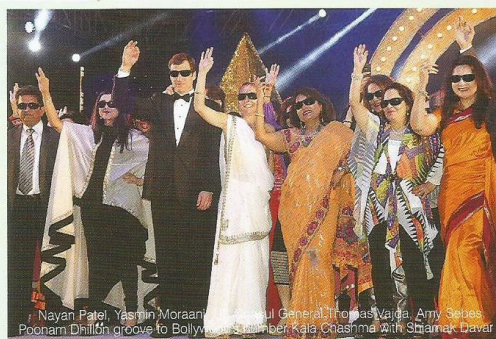
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Namaste America and US Consulate hosts a ball for Donald Trump

U.S. Consul General Thomas L. Vajda and President of Namaste America, Atul Nishar co-hosted a ball at the U.S. Consulate at BKC to mark the swearing-in of the 45th President of the United States of America – Donald Trump. Hosted at the beautiful vast green lawns of the U.S. Consulate, the event represents the second time that the Consulate and Namaste America have partnered to host an inaugural ball. The event follows a long history of successful inaugural events that the Consulate has hosted in Mumbai. The evening was a blend of zest and excitement and was celebrated in full swing. It saw a striking performance by the



Consul General Thomas Vajda grooves to Bollywood's hit with Nayan Patel and Amy Sebes.



Nayan Patel, Yasmin Moraani, Consul General Thomas Vajda, Amy Sebes, Poonam Dhillon groove to Bollywood's number Kala Chashma with Shiamak Davar.

'Guru of Dance' Shiamak Davar and his dance company. The energetic performance included an interaction with all the guests present at the event with an impromptu jig on the Bollywood number Kala Chashma. This was followed by the official first dance by Mr. Atul Nishar and his wife Alka Nishar along with U.S. Consul General Thomas L. Vajda and his wife Amy Sebes. What marked the highlight of the event was the live telecast of President Trump delivering his first address as President from Washington, D.C. Witnessing the event were a diverse cross-section of Mumbai society such as Mr. Nayan Patel, Rajyalakshmi Rao, Reena and Ashok Wadhwa, Madhoo and Satish Shah, Dilip Piramal, and Poonam Dhillon, amongst many other well known faces.