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U.S. citizens react as they watch the live TV telecast of the swearing-in ceremony for U.S President Barack Obama, as they sit inside the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai, India, Monday, Jan. 21, 2013.
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Rani Mukherjee felicitated by US Embassy in Mumbai

Rani Mukherjee was felicitated by the US Embassy at an Inaugural ball in honor of the 44th President of The United States of America, Barack Obama in Mumbai.

The 34-year-old actress, who graced the occasion, which was co-hosted by NGO 'Namaste America' along with US Embassy, said that it was an honor for her to be there, especially because President Barack Obama's swearing ceremony was being held on the same day in Washington.

Mukherjee looked gorgeous as ever in black traditional sari with gold embroidery embossed on it.

The *'Black'* actress, who was appreciated by the US Embassy for her contribution to the Indian Cinema, also said that getting respected for one's work, especially the work that she loves doing which is acting, makes her heart goes absolutely crazy.

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US EMBASSY HONOURS RANI

Atul Nishar, President of Namaste America and US Consul General, **Peter Haas**, co-hosted an inaugural ball in honour of Barack Obama, the President of the United States of America. Rani Mukerji was felicitated for her contribution to Indian cinema at this do. The inauguration ceremony featured a live telecast of the Presidential address. **Deanna Abdeen**, Consular Section Chief, US Consulate, **Indu Shahani, Nayan Patel, Adam Rodriguez, Lata Patel, Sushama Reddy, Parvathy Omanakuttan, Vivek Jain, Mahabanoo Mody Kotwal, Talat** and **Bina Aziz, Madhu** and **Satish Shah, Ananya Dutta** and **Raell Padamsee** were also present.

Atul Nishar, Peter Haas and Rani Mukerji

Pics: Yogen Shah

Sunita Menon and Amy Haas

Shantaram, Princess Francoise Sturdza and Niraj Bajaj

Deanna Abdeen and Dr Alka Nishar

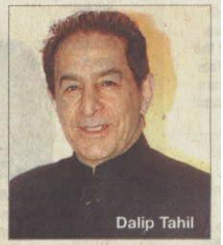
Queenie and Adam

Kailash and Arti Surendranath

Rahul Saxena

Parvathy Omanakuttan

Simone Singh



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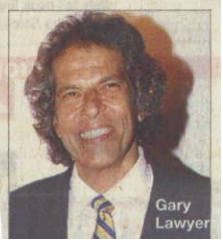

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US consulate hosts ball to celebrate Obama's swearing-in

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MUMBAI: Barack Obama was publicly sworn in as the 44th president of the United States on Monday after an official ceremony on Sunday as several Mumbaiites celebrated the moment at the US Consulate in the city.

The consulate hosted an inaugural ball on Monday where about 300 guests including businessmen, film personalities and socialites gathered to watch the live telecast of Obama's swearing in. They cheered as Obama promised to fight climate change and end the decade of war in his inaugural speech.

US Consul Peter Haas said, "This is a very special day, as it was not just the swearing in of the 45th US President but also because it is Martin Luther King Day. I am proud to celebrate the day in India, the largest democracy in the world."

This was the third US election event by the consulate after a ballot for Americans in the city to vote, and a US Elections Return party. "It was a fun way to celebrate democracy, and we would have had it irrespective of who had won the elections," said public affairs officer Anne Grimes.

Interestingly, Obama was only the second president after Ronald Reagan to be sworn in twice for the same term. He was sworn in on Sunday as mandated by the US Constitution to inaugurate the president on January 20. Since public institutions are closed on Sundays, there was a second swearing in ceremony.

The event, which was co-hosted by Namaste America, an Indo-American association of art and culture, was attended by actor Rani Mukherjee and Sheriff Indu Shahani among others.

The swearing-in ceremony of US president Barack Obama was telecast at an event called Namaste America at the US Consulate on Monday.
VIDYA SUBRAMANIAN/HT PHOTO

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Ball of a TIME

WHAT: Inaugural Ball celebrattion **WHERE:** US Consulate, BKC

Peter and Amy Haas

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Atul and Alka Nishar

Queenie Singh and CSI star Adam Rodriquez

Ranjit and Indu Shahani

The US consul general, Peter Haas, and Atul Nishar, president of Namaste America (Indo American Association of Art and Culture), co-hosted an inaugural ball in honour of US President Barack Obama. The presidential address was telecast live from Washington DC. The evening began with a dance performance by choreographer Rahul Saxena and his team. Haas and wife Amy, and Atul and wife Alka were the first to waltz on to the dance floor. The two couples were followed by other guests, including actor Dalip Tahil.

Princess Françoise Sturdza and Gregory David Roberts

Rani Mukerji

Satish Shah with wife Madhu

Anaita and Gary Lawyer

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NILESH WAIRKAR

WHEN RANI MET QUEENIE

They may not be royalty, but they do get counted among the aristocrats in their divergent domains. Even the setting of encounter between this actress and socialite was an unlikely one – a party at the US Consulate to celebrate Barack Obama's swearing-in.

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RANI MUKHERJEE 'HAAS' A GOOD TIME AT THE U.S. CONSULATE

US consul general Peter Haas and actress Rani Mukherjee share a moment during the screening of US President Barack Obama's swearing-in ceremony at the US Consulate in Bandra-Kurla Complex on Monday —RAJESH JADHAV

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Princess Francoise Sturdza and Gregory David Roberts

Sushma Reddy

Lata Patel

Rani Mukherji

Arti and Kailash Surendranath

Ananya Dutta

Fancy dress

The US consul general, **Peter Haas** and **Atul Nishar**, president of Namaste America, co-hosted an inaugural ball in honour of US President Barack Obama. The consulate's inauguration ceremony featured a live telecast of the presidential address from Washington D.C.

The evening began with a dance performance by renowned choreographer **Rahul Saxena** and his team of accomplished dancers. **Atul Nishar** with his wife **Dr Alka Nishar** and Peter Haas with his wife **Amy Haas** led the first waltz of the evening which met with a lot of applause. A fine evening indeed!

Peter and Amy Haas

Queenie Singh

– RAJESH JADHAV

Ranjit and Indu Shahani

Anirudh Dhoot

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AMERICAN NAMASTE

INAUGURAL BALL, MONDAY, JANUARY 21, BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX

Rajneesh Londhe DNA

ALL SMILES: Rani Mukerji

ROYAL CALL: Gregory David Roberts and Princess Francoise Sturdza

The inaugural ball was co-hosted by the US Consul General, Peter Haas and Atul Nishar in honour of the 44th President of America, Barack Obama. It had a live telecast of the presidential address from Washington DC and actress Rani Mukerji was felicitated for her valuable contribution to Indian cinema. The evening began with a dance performance by Rahul Saxena and his team, followed by ballroom dancing that couples enjoyed at the open air venue. Seen exchanging pleasantries were Niraj Bajaj, Queenie Singh, Adam Rodriguez with Princess Francoise. Dalip Tahil took to the dance floor while Sushma Reddy posed for the shutterbugs. Talat and Bina Aziz along with author Gregory David Roberts also were spotted having a good time.

BLACK N' WHITE: Queenie Singh and Adam Rodriguez

PARTY METER COSY!

HAVING A BALL: (L-R) Peter Haas, Atul Nishar, Niraj Bajaj, Dalip Tahil dancing, Talat and Bina Aziz were spotted at the ball

GLAM IT: (TOP) Nisha Jamvwal, Poonam Dhillon, Sushma Reddy

MiD DAY

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Inaugural ball

MONDAY night witnessed a gathering of Mumbaikars at a reception hosted by US Consul General **Peter Haas** and **Atul Nishar**, president of Namaste America, to coincide with the inaugural ball in honour of the 44th President of the United States of America **Barack Obama** which featured a live telecast of the presidential address from Washington DC. Though we couldn't make it we learn that there was a nip in the air, the food and the drinks were good and the party held at the Consulate's new headquarters in the BKC complex was as pleasant a one as one could wish for. However, it's the guest list that intrigues us: actors **Rani Mukherjee, Satish Shah, Dalip Tahil, Poonam Dhillon** and **Adam Rodriguez** (from CSI Miami), tarot card reader **Sunita Menon**, TV anchor and model **Sushma Reddy**, singers **Gary Lawyer** and **Talat Aziz**, columnist and decorator **Nisha Jamval**, ad film makers **Kailash Surendranath**, writer **Gregory David Roberts** and industrialist **Neeraj Bajaj** (whose group sponsored the evening). An eclectic group of people to listen to Obama's historic inaugural address we thought.

US President Barack Obama taking the oath

Rani Mukherjee with US Consul General Peter Haas

Poonam Dhillon, Talat Aziz with wife Bina and Gregory David Roberts with his wife at the event. PICS/SATYAJIT DESAI

Let's talk

A HEALTHY mix of art, society and films made for the guestlist at this sit-down dinner. Interesting conversations were bound to follow. Here's a look:

1. Ranjeet poses with Rouble Nagi
2. Princess Francoise Sturdza with Gregory David Roberts
3. Dalip Tahil is all smiles
4. Black is the night: Queenie
5. Tulip Joshi shows off her slim figure
6. One for the camera: Nisha Jamvwal and Sunil Padwal

Afternoon
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Azad Srivastav | ADC

Mumbai celebrated US President Barack Obama's swearing in, via satellite!

HAVING A BALL!

"It is wonderful to celebrate President Barack Obama's inaugural ball in India as well, which is largest democracy in the world," said US Consul General Peter Haas, who along with Atul Nishar, President of Namaste America, hosted the ball in honour of the 44th President of USA, Barack Obama.

The ceremony featured a live telecast of the Presidential address

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beamed from Washington DC. Popular Bollywood actress Rani Mukherjee was among the guests at the function in the US Consulate located at the Bandra-Kurla Complex. The evening began with dance performances by renowned choreographer Rahul Saxena and his team of accomplished dancers.

Other guest were Alka Nishar, Niraj Bajaj, Deanna Abdeen, Satish Shah, Nayan Patel, Lillete Dubey, Zeba Kohli, among others. The event was compered by former Miss India World Parvathy Omanakuttan.

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Pudhari

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Substance: The U. S. Consulate, Mumbai felicitated actress Rani Mukerji at the inaugural ball event celebrated in Mumbai.

संक्षिप्त

अमेरिकेचे अध्यक्ष बराक ओबामा यांच्या सन्मानार्थ मुंबईत अमेरिकन कॉन्सुलेटमध्ये इनॲग्युरल बॉलचे आयोजन केले होते. या कार्यक्रमात बॉलिवूड स्टार राणी मुखर्जीचा चित्रसृष्टीतील योगदानाबद्दल सत्कार करताना बजाज उद्योग समूहाचे नीरज बजाज. यावेळी अमेरिकन कॉन्सल जनरल पीटर हास आणि 'नमस्ते अमेरिका'चे अध्यक्ष अतुल निशार उपस्थित होते.

Electronic Media Coverage of the Inaugural Ball – Jan 2013

TV Coverage:

The channels that were present at venue were: ANI (news wire), Times Now (33 million), Zoom TV (15 million), ABP News (20 million). Coverage links are still awaited.

Online Coverage:

- Popular Mumbai-based lifestyle and Bollywood blog, MissMalini.com covered the event and also promoted it on Twitter (68,164 followers) & Facebook (44,468 likes) pages: http://www.missmalini.com/2013/01/22/rani-mukherjee-adam-rodriguez-simone-singh-celebrate-president-obamas-inaugural-ball-in-mumbai/

- Global Gujarat News (GGN), an Ahmedabad-based online news portal (1 million hits per day): http://english.globalgujaratnews.com/article/us-consulate-in-mumbai-celebrates-obamas-second-inauguration/

- Online Bollywood Youtube channel TheBollywoodcurry (4,418 subscribers) posted this video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NDbuZWWxLwc

- Online photo gallery on Indiatimes.com: http://photogallery.indiatimes.com/events/mumbai/namaste-america-event/articleshow/18130961.cms

- The U.S. Consulate Mumbai also promoted the event on its Facebook page (91,255 fans) and live-tweeted from the event on its Twitter page (2,355 followers).