



# Rose News



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## BENGAL ROSE SHOW 2024

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Show of the Bengal Rose Society (BRS) was held at Lion Safari Park, Rabindra Sarobar, Kolkata on 12-14 January 2024. The Show held in collaboration with Lions Club of Kolkata North attracted record footfalls this year.



The Show was Inaugurated by Mr. Diptendu Bera, Director Horticulture, Govt. of West Bengal with Hon. Justice G. N. Ray (Retd.) as Chief Guest and Lion Ratan

Dagar as Guest of Honor. Mr. Debashish Kumar, MLA was the Chief Guest at the Prize Distribution on 14 January and gave away the Prizes to the winners along with Dr. Narendra Dadlani (President – BRS) and Mr. M. B. Guin (Secretary – BRS). The Guests also released the Inaugural issue of BRS ROSE NEWS – the e-Newsletter of the Society at the Inauguration.



This year's show was dedicated in the memory of Late Padma Bhushan Shri S.B. Mookherjee, BRS President Emeritus and a Past President, who passed away last year. Mr. Pravin Chharia, Chairman, Lion Safari Park joined the Guests to offer floral tributes to Late Shri Satyabrata Mookherjee.



Nearly 40 exhibitors showcased their cut flowers and potted rose plants at the Show. More than 70 potted rose plants captivated the visitors because of their beauty and profusion of flowers. The exhibit of Peach

Avalanche by Ms. Papia Mukherjee was adjudged the Best Pot at the Show. In the Cut Roses section, the major prize winners were Ms. Jharna Sarma (King of the Show –

Moonstone), Sanjib Ghatak (Queen of the Show – Lutun) and Mr. Prashant Mondal (Best Indian rose – Rangoli). Best group of pot roses was exhibited by Mr. Prabir Mukherjee, while Soumya Sarkar exhibited the Best Floribunda rose in a pot (Aritra). Mr. R.S. Kejriwal's standard rose in pot was much appreciated.



BRS introduced a prestigious award – **the ViruViraraghavan Award**, in the memory of Mr. M.S. ViruViraraghavan, the doyen of Indian rose world, who passed away last year. The first recipient of the Award was Mr. Amitava Mukherjee, a noted rose worker from Bengal and a BRS member, for his Lifetime Achievements in rose culture. A new rose *Legendary Viru Sir* (bred by Mr. Sanjay Mukherjee) was also released as a mark of tribute to his memory.





## NEW ROSE 'LEGENDARY VIRU SIR' RELEASED

As a mark of tribute to the legendary Mr ViruViraraghavan, Mr Sanjay Mukherjee, an eminent rose breeder from Bengal, released a new rose **Legendary Viru Sir**.

A hybrid from a cross between *Crescendo* x *Rockstar*, the salmon pink rose aging to deep red, with a strong fruity fragrance, is a large (40+ petals) bloom borne mostly solitary. The buds are really long. The new variety blooms in flushes throughout the season.



## BREEDER FROM BENGAL 2: DR. KALYAN CHAKRABARTI



A renowned Soil Microbiologist and Soil Biochemist from Calcutta University, **Dr. Kalyan Chakrabarti**, who has guided more than 70 post graduate dissertations and published nearly 80 scientific papers, took interest in rose from a young age of around ten years and based on the guidance from his father and through

his learnings from various rose shows he visited, he started exhibiting roses at the age of around 28 and won several Challenge Trophies and Cups. In view of his deep knowledge of roses, he was inducted as an Judge by the Agri Horticultural Society of India (AHSI) and Bengal Rose Society (BRS). He also participated as a Judge in All India Rose Conventions of the Indian Rose Federation. A prolific writer, he shared his vast knowledge about roses in various publications of AHSI, BRS, etc. and also was one of the editors of the BRS book on *Wonderful Rose Gardens Around the World*.

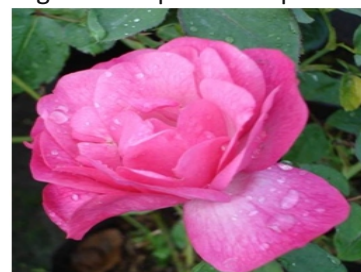


**Anusuya**



**Aristocrat**

Dr Chakrabarti was extremely active in the working of Bengal Rose Society and was its President in 2020, when he actively guided BRS participation in the World Regional Rose Convention of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) organised in partnership with AHSI.



**Paper Flower**



**Rangoli**

Dr Chakrabarti started rose breeding in 1990s and continued his creative additions to the Indian rose wealth for a decade and a half. Some of his popular creations were *Anusuya*, *Aristocrat*, *City of Joy*, *Paper Flower*, *Tropic Snow* and *William Carey*, among others.

In his death, the Bengal rose lovers lost a guide and mentor. His roses would continue to remind us of his legacy.

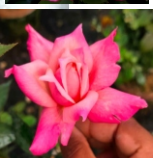
## NEW ROSES: (January – June 2024)

Given here are some of the roses bred by the rose breeders from Bengal during the recent period. These new additions to the Indian rose wealth will surely enchant the rose lovers across the country and beyond.

**AANJANA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; Parentage unknown; Light lilac pink, outer petals darker. Beautiful high center, compact with 40-45 petals.



**AGASTYA:** Breeder: AsokeMaity; HT; A hybrid between *Lajolla* & *Bellissima*. Orangish pink with deep pink border. Light fragrance.



**ARPITA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; Bred from a cross of *Headliner* x *Mrinalini*; Light cream, heavy splashed and bordered with scarlet. Glossy Foliage. Lasting.



**ATINDRA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; Bred from a cross of (*Headliner* x *Diana Princess of Wales*) x *Prince de Monaco*. Orange pink, excellent shape and form; high center; compact.



**BHAVANA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; Bred from a cross of *Headliner* x *Mrinalini*; Light yellow, outer petals- tinged pink, high center, strong bushy plant.



**BLUSHING BEAUTY:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; Bred from a cross of *Headliner* x *White Masterpiece*; Creamy white, petal tips kissed red, stiff rolled petals, strong neck.



**CLG. BLACK LADY:** Breeder: PushpanjaliPranabir. Climber. Dark red blooms with strong fragrance. Blooms in flushes throughout the season.

**CLG. LADY ROSE:** Breeder: Pushpanjali Pranabir. Climber. Salmon orange blooms with moderate fragrance. Very large, double (5" dia., 30-35 petals) flowers borne mainly solitary. Cluster flowered. Blooms in flushes throughout the season.



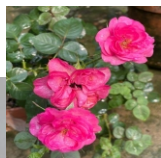
**DEEPA SINHA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; Bred from a cross *Headliner x Mrinalini*, bearing flowers of clear pink with shade of orange with rolled petals.



**DR. CHHANDA:** Breeder: Asoke Maity; HT; A hybrid from the cross *Pristine x Macho Man*. Pink with prominent yellow center. Light fragrance.



**FLORAL FANTASY:** Breeder: Sanjoy Mukherjee; Flori. From the cross *Manjushree x Mid-Summer Snow*. Light to dark pink flushes of beautifully formed roses.



**GOOD MORNING:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; A cross between *White Master Piece x Just Joey*. Pure white flowers with rolled petals. High center. Large flowers with moderate fragrance.



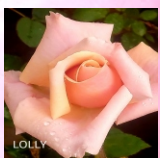
**KHATIJA:** Breeder: Sanjoy Mukherjee; HT; From the cross between *Jadis x Great Scott*. Pink with mauve highlights. Large, double borne mostly singly. Strong fragrance. Superb disease resistance.



**LEGENDARY VIRU SIR:** Breeder: Sanjoy Mukherjee; HT; A hybrid from *Crescendo x Rockstar*. Salmon pink ages to deep red. Mild to strong fruity fragrance. Ver large, full, 4.5" dia. Blooms borne mostly solitary blooms throughout the season. Nice long buds.



**LOLLY:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT bred from a cross of *Headliner x Green Valley*; Pinkish apricot, high center, well-shaped, large (4"-4.5" dia.).



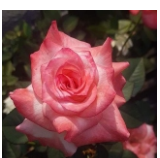
**LORD LINGARAJ:** Breeder: Swapan Halder; HT; From a cross *Monalisa x Moonstone*. Greenish white, light pearly pink glow from inside, turning to light green. Large, high centered bloom. Long lasting.



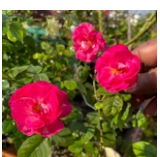
**LOVERS' GIFT:** Breeder: Saurav Mitra; HT; A hybrid from *Gemini x Veterans Honor*. Bright red with lighter center, long lasting, very floriferous, Shapely blooms. Highly disease resistant.



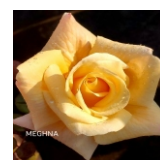
**MAHAMAYA:** Breeder: Saurav Mitra; HT; *Gemini x Moonstone*. Range and white colour blend. Large (4'+ dia.). Good foliage. Highly disease resistant.



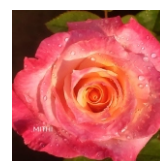
**MASTER SHIVAY:** Breeder: Sanjoy Mukherjee; Flori.; A hybrid from *Manjushree x Sadabahar*. Pink, medium semi-double. Blooms in flushes throughout the season. Pointed buds.



**MEGHNA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; A hybrid between *Headliner x Mrinalini*. Light apricot yellow flowers with rolled petals. High center, large flowers 4.5-5" dia.



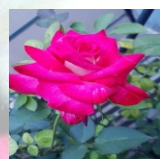
**MITHI:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; Bred from a cross between *Gemini x Peace*; a cream blend pink, with darker petal edges. High center. Well-shaped.



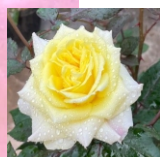
**MONIMALA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; A cross between *Headliner x Mrinalini*. Bright scarlet, well -shaped, compact blooms. Mild fragrance.



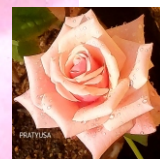
**NANDA DEVI:** Breeder: Saurav Mitra; HT; *Headliner x Moonstone*. True bicolour of bright deep pink with silver reverse. Highly fragrant large (4.5-5" dia.) blooms. Very disease resistant.



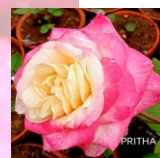
**NIRMALA MISHRA:** Breeder: Sanjoy Mukherjee; HT; Cross between *Intense & Pfizer Gold*. Unfading canary yellow blooms of classic shape borne on strong plant.



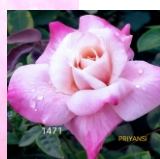
**PRATYUSA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; A hybrid between *Headliner & Wind Sounds*. Light cream & pink blend. Large high center full / compact bloom.



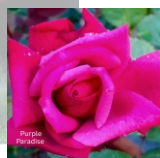
**PRITHA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; *Headliner x Mrinalini*. Cream blooms with outer petals pink. High center. Compact, large (4" dia., 40-45 petals). Well-shaped blooms.



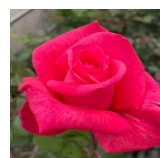
**PRIYANSI:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; A hybrid from *Headliner x White Master Piece*. Light pink with darker edges. Large blooms with high center.



**PURPLE PARADISE:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; A hybrid between *PurplePassion x Paradise*. Deep purple, reverse darker. High center. Light fragrance.



**RADHA:** Breeder: PushpanjaliPranabir. HT; Salmon pink, spira open, moderate fragrance. compact bushy plant. Blooms throughout the season.



**RAJ LAKSHMI:** Breeder: Saurav Mitra; HT; A hybrid between *Headliner x Touch of Class*. Highly fragrant orange blooms with pink reverse. Slow opening. Large (5.5" dia.).



## BRS organises Growers' Meet

**RAJ NANDINI:** Breeder: Sanjoy Mukherjee; HT; A hybrid from *Headliner* x *Gemini*. Bright scarlet Red. High center. Very large 5" dia. Immaculate shape & form.



**RAVI:** Breeder: Saurav Mitra; HT; From the cross *Headliner* x *Solarie*. Medium yellow fades to light yellow. Perfect form. Very good disease resistance.



**SARBANI:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; From the cross *Headliner* x *California Dreamin*. Pink and cream blend. Colour changes to orange scarlet.



**SATYABROTA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; From the cross *Amma* x *Madam Violet*. Creamy white to greenish white; well- shaped high centered compact blooms. Mild rosy fragrance.



**SEPHALI:** Breeder: PushpanjaliPranabir; HT; Mauve very large compact flowers with moderate fragrance. Large (40-50 petals) blooms noted throughout the season.

**SHYAMALI:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; A product from (*Headliner* x *Diana Princess of Wales*) x (*Princess de Monaco*). Light to medium yellow, petal edges lilac. High center.



**SHREYA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; A hybrid from *Headliner* x *White Master Piece*. Light pink with darker margins. Well- shaped, compact with high center. Large flowers 4.5-5" dia.



**SIDRA FATIMA:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; A hybrid between *Headliner* x *Mrinalini*. Very light pink with petal tips red. High center, rolled petals.



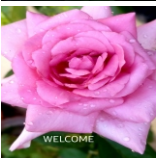
**SUPERNOVA:** Breeder: Saurav Mitra; HT; From the cross *Headliner* x *Moonstone*. Light yellow to cream colour. Very large (5"+ dia.) Very disease resistant.



**THE DEVINE LIGHT:** Breeder: Saurav Mitra; HT; *Headliner* x *Solarie*. Light yellow with light pink edges. Slow opening. Disease resistant.



**WELCOME:** Breeder: Subrata & Sandhya Ghosh; HT; A hybrid from the cross *Brother Sukumar* x Unknown; light lilac pink, well -shaped, high center. Mild fragrance.



The Bengal Rose Society, continuing its endeavour to connect with and assist its members, organised a **Growers' Meet** on 31 March 2024 at the Dalhousie Athletic Club. The meeting was participated by about 50 growers and was addressed by senior members (e.g. Mr. DebdasBhunja). In his Opening Remarks, Dr. Narendra Dadlani (President) and Mr. M.B. Guin (Secretary) welcomed and thanked the growers for their participation and explained the purpose of the Meet. After discussing a few growers' issues, the group was informed about the BRS plans to host the 42<sup>nd</sup> Indian Rose Convention of the Indian Rose Federation in Kolkata in 2025-26. While Dr.Dadlani highlighted the importance of hosting the prestigious event, Mr. Sanjay Mukherjee (Joint Secretary) guided the participants on the nuances of competing in the All India Rose Show. Mr. NipamSaha gave a demonstration on packing and transporting of flowers for exhibition and competitions.



All the participants appreciated the efforts of BRS for connecting with growers and requested more such meetings with organization of demonstrations on different aspects of rose growing and competing in rose shows.



## FORTIETH ALL INDIA ROSE CONVENTION

The 40<sup>th</sup> All India Rose Convention and Rose Show of the Indian Rose Federation (IRF) was convened this year in Bhubaneswar at KIIT Campus. The Show was hosted by Orissa Horticulture Society, KIIT Rose Society, Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT) and Directorates of Horticulture & Agriculture, Govt. of Odisha on 5-7 January 2024.



The event was Inaugurated by Dr.Achyuta Samanta, Founder of KIIT. Mrs. Saswati Bal, President of KIIT & KISS presided over the Inaugural Function. The Chief Guest also presented the IRF Gold Medals, Gurubaksh Singh Gold Medals and Shri Vijay Pokarna Gold Medals for the years 2023 & 2024. The lucky recipients of the Medals were Mrs. Chandralekha Jagtap (Pune), Mr. M.B. Guin (BRS), Mr. Chandrakant More and Mr. Nimai Mukherjee (BRS). Besides releasing the 2024 Issue of the Indian Rose Annual, the Chief Guest also released a copy of the Souvenir brought out on the Occasion.



More than 250 delegates from across the country participated in this grand show and enjoyed the beauty of hundreds of cut roses and potted rose plants of different varieties, colour and fragrance.



Among the cut roses, a specimen of *Red Intuition* exhibited by Mr Swapan Halder (a member of BRS) won the coveted prize of the King of the Show. The Queen of the Show was awarded to a specimen of *Mohona*, exhibited by Pushpanjali Asoke. He also won the Prince of the Show award with his exhibit of *Child Play*. Moncher Irani won the Princess of the Show award with his *Mid Summer Snow* bloom and the familiar exhibitor M R Tijare won the award for the Best Indian variety on display for his exhibit of *Bahurupi*.



Four new rose varieties, namely Lord Jagannath, Radha and Shefali (Pranabir Maity – BRS) and Lord Lingaraj (Swapan Halder – BRS) were unveiled and released by the Chief Guest to mark the occasion.

### IRF recognises rose workers with Gold Medals

The Indian Rose Federation at its 40<sup>th</sup> Indian Rose Convention held at Bhubaneswar in January 2024, recognised the exemplary contributions of its members through the award of its Gold Medals. While the 2023 Gurubaksh Singh Gold Medal was awarded to the Bengal Rose Society Secretary **Mr. Megh Baran Guin**, the 2023 Shri Vijay Pokarna Gold Medal was awarded to **Mr Chandrakant More** of Mumbai. The 2024 Gurubaksh Singh Gold Medal winner was **Mrs. Chandralekha Jagtap** from Pune, **Mr. Nimai Mukherjee** of Bengal Rose Society was the winner of Shri Vijay Pokarna Gold Medal.





M.B. Guin



Chandralekha Jagtap



Chandrakant More



Nimai Mukherjee

Bengal Rose Society Congratulates all the winners, particularly its members Mr. M.B. Guin and Mr. Nimai Mukherjee. We are really proud of the winners.

### IRF Governing Council Meeting



Indian Rose Federation conducted its meeting of the Governing Council (GC) on 18 May at Jabalpur. Fourteen members participated with President Mrs. Sanyogita Dhanwatey in Chair. Among other business, the GC also took up co-option of new members to the GC to replace those who completed their term. In addition, GC also launched and released the Vision Plan of the Rose Society of Jabalpur for 2024-2033.

### IRF CONVENTION COMMITTEE MEETING

The Convention Committee of IRF led by the President Mrs. Sanyogita Dhanwatey and including Committee Chairman Mr Arshad Bhiwandiwalla, Mr B. Kopulwar, Mr. M.B. Guin, Mr. Sanjoy Mukherjee and Dr. N.K. Dadlani, visited the hosts of 41<sup>st</sup> Indian Rose Convention, i.e. Horticultural Society Jamshedpur (HSJ) on 7 & 8 June 2024 and held detailed discussions about the preparations.



The hosts (HSJ) briefed the Committee about the steps already initiated to make the Forty First Indian Rose Convention a huge success. The Committee was shown the Conference Hall (for Inauguration & Prize Distribution), the Show Ground for display of potted rose and the hall for cut flower display. Mr. Baren Maity, the Organising Secretary of the event also briefed the members about the upcoming rose garden and showed the visitors the gardens of associates (XLRI). He mentioned that the Indian Rose Convention will be held along with the Annual Flower Show of HSJ.



### IRF HELPS DEVELOP RAJ BHAWAN NAGPUR ROSE GARDEN



The Indian Rose Federation provided the technical support for the development of the Maharashtra Governor's Raj Bhawan at Nagpur. IRF Governing Council members visited the garden recently and appreciated the efforts of the IRF Team led by Mr Arshad Bhiwandiwalla and including Mr. Sanjay Mukherjee, Mr. B.V. Kopulwar, Mr. Ganesh Shirke, Mr. Hanumant Raje and Mr. Sanjay Dahiwade.

All members are requested to visit the garden on their next visit to Nagpur and enjoy the beauty of the well-developed garden.

### IRF MEMBER INVITED TO INTERNATIONAL TRIALS FOR JUDGING

It's a matter of great pride that one of the members of Indian Rose Federation, Mr Sushil Prakash (Bhopal) was invited to several places in Europe during June 2024 to judge various rose competitions and rose trials.





Mr. Sushil Prakash, also an office bearer of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS), visited Nyon, Baden Baden, Bagatelle and Saverne among other places to assist with judging (perhaps the first time an IRF member was invited)



We Congratulate Mr. Sushil Prakash for bringing this prestige to Indian rose world.

## VIRU's National Collection of Roses Unveiled



It was a truly proud moment for all Indian rosarians, as Late Mr M.S. 'Viru' Viraraghavan's rose collection were unveiled at a Special Ceremony at Angel Gardens (Alachua), Florida in USA on 4 May. The ceremony was well attended by eminent rosarians of the area (including Viraraghavan family).

THANK YOU VIRU for making us proud with your rich legacy of creations.

## OBITUARY



Kelvin Trimper

An internationally respected rose expert, **Mr. Kelvin Trimper**, passed away on 7 January at the age of 69. Roses became a passion for Kelvin at an early age and later, along with his wife Melanie, he developed a prize winning rose garden with nearly 2000 plants at Greenwith (South Australia). He was an active judge, consultant and a rose garden advisor, renowned both nationally & internationally.

Honoured with the prestigious Member of the Order of Australia Award (AM), the Gold Medal of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS), the Australian Rose Award, Kelvin was the President of the World Federation of Rose Societies (2015-2018) and last visited India in 2020 for participation in the WFRS Regional Rose Convention at Kolkata.

## BRS CORNERS THE IRF GOLD MEDALS FOR 2024

The Indian Rose Federation (IRF) honours its distinguished members through recognition of their work by award of Gold Medals. The **Gurubaksh Singh Gold Medal** is awarded for exemplary contributions for rose promotion, the **Vijay Pokarna Gold Medal** is to recognise significant contributions in rose crop improvement. These Gold Medals are given away at the Annual Indian Rose Convention. This year, the Convention was organised at KIIT, Bhubaneswar by the Orissa Rose Society on 5-7 January, 2024.





For the year 2024, both these prestigious awards were given to Bengal Rose Society (BRS) Members, **Mr. Megh Baran Guin**, Secretary, BRS & Member IRF Governing Council (Gurubaksh Singh Gold Medal) and **Mr. Nimai Mukherjee**, Member BRS Executive Committee & Member IRF Governing Council (Vijay Pokarna Gold Medal).

BRS is proud at the achievements of these winners and congratulates them for this honour.

### BHOPAL ROSE SHOW



The M.P. Rose Society with the support of Horticulture Directorate of the state organised its 43<sup>rd</sup> Rose Show on 13-14 January at Bhopal. The Show was inaugurated by the State Minister Mr. Narain Singh Kushwaha, in the presence of Mr. Laxmendra Maheshwari (President, M P Rose Society) and a team of experts from World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS).



More than 50,000 rose lovers enjoyed the display of hundreds of rose varieties in different colour, types & shape, etc, as cut flowers and in pots.

### INDORE ROSE SHOW



The Annual Rose Show of the Malwa Rose Society was organised this year on 3-4 February 2024 at Gandhi Hall, Indore. The Show was inaugurated by the eminent rose expert Mr. Rahul Kumar (an Indian Rose Federation member), who also conducted a small workshop on rose culture for the rosarians of the city. In his workshop, Mr Rahul also guided rose lovers to plant roses in pots in view of the declining garden space.



According to Dr. Dev Patodi (President) and Dr. Arun Saraf (Secretary) the grand Show was visited by more than 20,000 rose lovers from across the city who thoroughly enjoyed the display of more than 2000 different varieties of roses. A Painting competition on rose theme was also organised where more than 300 children participated. Variety *Rose Gaujard* was crowned the King of the Show, while *Summer Snow*, *Chattilion* and *Nartaki* won the Queen, Prince & Princess of the Show respectively.

### PUNE ROSE SHOW

The Rose Society of Pune organised its Winter Rose Show in collaboration with Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC). The Show held at Chatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj Garden on 10-11 February 2024 was Inaugurated by the PMC Commissioner, Mr Vikram Kumar. The Chief Guest appreciated the exhibits.



More than 150 exhibitors participated in the Show and showcased their flowers, plants, etc. The special feature of this year's show was decoration with flowers & fruits, statues of flowers, etc. More than 70,000 visitors enjoyed the Show.





## Ten Year Vision Plan of the Rose Society of Jabalpur launched



The Rose Society of Jabalpur which started functioning in 1973, with a membership comprising more than 500 Life Members, and with strong programs on capacity building (rose growing & care; rose pruning; commercial cultivation & marketing, etc.) and having good presence on social media, having completed fifty years of its functioning last year, has prepared a Ten Year Vision Plan for 2024-2033. The Vision document was launched at the Governing Council meeting of Indian Rose Federation held at Jabalpur recently.

## Vidarbha Rose Show 2024

The Vidarbha Rose Society organised its Annual Rose Show on 14 January at Maharana Pratap Smruti Mandir, Nagpur. The Show was inaugurated by Dr Pooja Pathak, Principal, Smt. R.P. College for Women in the presence of a large gathering of rose lovers.



The Show organised under 23 divisions, 105 sections showcased besides roses of different kinds & types, flower arrangements, rose paintings & photographs, rose products, rose stamps etc. A beautiful bloom of *Cabaret* was crowned the 'King of the Show', while *Black Tea* won the Queen of the Show, *Naga Belle* (Viraraghavan) was the Prince and *Sadabahr*(IARI) won the Princess of the Show award.

## DOMBIWALIKAR ROSE FESTIVAL 2024

An important much awaited rose show in Mumbai City is the Dombiwali Rose Festival. This year, the Show was organized on 10-11 February 2024 at Bal Bhawan, Dombiwali, Mumbai.



As in previous years, this year too the Show attracted large crowds, who appreciated the wide display of a roses in a range of colour and forms. The Show was visited by several members of the Indian Rose Federation Governing Council members.

## TWENTY FIRST WORLD ROSE CONVENTION



It's a matter of great pride for us that the **Twenty First World Rose Convention** of the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) is being convened for the first time in India. Organised by the Madhya Pradesh Rose Society under the aegis of Indian Rose Federation, this mega event

will be celebrated from **07 – 13 January 2028** in **Bhopal**. Rosarian from across the world would assemble in Bhopal to discuss the new advances in rose culture and improvement and also visit important rose gardens in and around the venue and elsewhere in the country. An important subject for discussion will be the famed pot culture of roses in Bengal.

Several pre & post tours to places of tourist attraction like Delhi, Agra, Jaipur, Chandigarh, Khajuraho and a few national parks like Bandhavgarh etc. are also being planned. These tours will expose the delegates (particularly from abroad) to the rich varied culture of India. Let's join hands together with MP Rose Society and IRF to make this prestigious event a grand success.



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Create, Excite, and Shine Together!

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