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**Namaste America and The U.S. Consulate Mumbai Co- Hosts an Inaugural Ball
In Honour of U.S. President Barack Obama**

Mumbai -- U.S. Consul General, Peter Haas and Atul Nishar, President of Namaste America, co-hosted an Inaugural ball in Honour of the 44th President of the United States of America, Barack Obama. The Consulate's Inauguration Ceremony featured a live telecast of the Presidential Address from Washington D.C.. Bajaj Group was the presenting supporter of this prestigious event.

The very versatile and popular Bollywood actor, Rani Mukherji also graced the occasion and was felicitated for her valued contribution to Indian Cinema.

The evening began with a dance performance by renowned choreographer, Rahul Saxena and his team of accomplished dancers. The event was attended by a diverse cross-section of Mumbai society.

Seen exchanging pleasantries were, Atul Nishar, Rani Mukherji, Amy & Peter Haas, Dr. Alka Nishar, Niraj Bajaj, Deanna Abdeen, Satish Shah, Nayan Patel, Indu Shahani, Queenie Singh, Adam Rodriguez, (Hollywood star CSI), Arti & Kailash Surendranath, Sunita Menon, Lata Patel, Dalip Tahil, Sushma Reddy, Parvathy Omanakuttan, Vivek Jain, Mahabanoo Mody Kotwal, Talat & Bina Aziz, Gregory David Roberts & Princess Francoise Sturdza, Simone Singh, Raell Padamsee and Ananya Dutta.

The inauguration ceremony theme of "Faith in America's Future" commemorates the United States' perseverance and unity. This year also marks the 150th year since placement of the Statue of Freedom atop the new Capitol Dome in 1863. The naming of inaugural ceremony themes is a new tradition that highlights historic events that helped shape U.S. democracy. For more information on the Presidential Inauguration and related events, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/2013inauguration> or <http://www.2013pic.org/>

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