

# MY 2004 HIGH

Amdavadis talk of memories from the year gone by that will never fade



Another year goes by, but there are always moments that one wants to hold on to. Ahmedabad's hip and happening spoke to Talk about the moments that will remain in their mind:

I will surely remember our trip to Pakistan for the third Test match series. I opened the match and scored 70 runs. Not only did we win the Test match, we



also won the series. This is the most interesting bit I recall when talking about 2004.

—Parthiv Patel, cricketer, Team India.

This year I have travelled a lot and I surely wouldn't want to travel so much. Frankly, I'd want to remember where I am waking up. Something that didn't happen too often this year! On a general note, I think the US elections that

brought back Bush simply showed how gullible the Americans have been. 2004, for me, would surely be associated with this one big happening that meant a lot or made difference to the lives of many.

—Bipin Shah, publisher, Mapin Publications.

There are these very interesting sights I saw in two different parts of the world, both concerning children.

During summer, I was in Frankfurt and at the airport I noticed two little boys — eight months and one-and-half-year-old respectively — playing with each other. The little one was crawling and the elder one was on

top of him without hurting him. In contrast to this, I remember noticing two twin children of construction site workers squeezed in and sitting together in a 12x12 inch box somewhere at Ahmedabad. Be it a swanky airport or a dusty site, children are always cute and content in their world. It is pictures like these that one remembers and feels inspired by in a world too caught up



with problems and life-threatening issues.

— Manjula Pooja Shroff,

Chairperson, Calorex Foundation.

The false immigration racket case against me was put to rest. I think that's one thing I'd remember about this year.



— Mallika Sarabhai, danseuse.

Among some of the interesting things that happened to me this year, one which I will cherish is the honorary degree in photography I received from the Associate Fellowship of India International Photographic Council, New Delhi. I got this on August 19, World Photography Day. This year has been very eventful and I received tremendous recogni-

tion. Apart from getting international medals and merit awards, what I will also remember is my meeting with India's best photographer Raghu Rai and another one with TNA Perumal, one of the best old-timers and wildlife photographers in India.

—Sanat Shodhan, wildlife photographer.

I called my four generations of family to their ancestral home and we had a group photo clicked during the opening of the House of MG. There are 74 people in the photograph and it is something that happens once in many many years. The photograph apart, the opening of my hotel on November 19 was also one of the most memorable things for me. I will surely associate 2004 with these.

—Abhay Mangaldas, Entrepreneur.

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