



Life begins at 70

Habil Khorakiwala, chairman, Wockhardt Limited, recently celebrated his 70th birthday with close friends, family, and colleagues. Khorakiwala founded Wockhardt, one of India's leading healthcare and pharmaceutical companies in 1967. He was joined at the bash by his wife Nafisa, and his three children Huzaifa, Murtaza, and Zahabiya, all of whom made speeches about him. In fact, Huzaifa went one step further and even composed a poem for the occasion. A film depicting the landmark events of his life was screened, and Maharashtra chief minister Prithviraj Chavan also said a few words. Several luminaries from the corporate world were present at the party as well, including Rashesh Shah, chairman, Edelweiss Financial; Venugopal Dhoot, chairman, Videocon; Santosh Nayar, deputy managing director, SBI; Nimesh Kampani, founder and chairman, JM Financial Group; Pradip Shah, IndAsia Fund Advisors; and Rajashree Birla. ♦



VISHWANATH SALLIAN

Through the lens

Ketaki Sheth, widely acclaimed and award-winning photographer, recently launched her latest photo essay in Mumbai. Called *A Certain Grace, The Sidi: Indians of African Descent*. The book is a chronicle of Sheth's travels through sidi-inhabited areas of Mumbai, Gujarat, Hyderabad and Karnataka in the years 2006-2011. Sheth says she first happened upon the community when she drove through a Sidi village while travelling through Gir in Gujarat in 2004, and later when a Sidi guide took her through the village of Jambur. "I was befriended by an elder in the community, Hirbaiben," she explains. "Many weeks later, I returned to photograph, and Hirbaiben took me to many homes, fields, schools, dargahs, chillas." After spending year of photographing many places, Sheth felt committed to the subject. "Once I had sunk my teeth into the project, I felt that maybe I should work towards a photographic body of work that could become a book," she says. Sheth represents the community in her book, published by Photoink, through 88 black and white images. A recipient of the Sanskriti Award for Indian Photography, and the Higashikawa Award in Japan for best foreign photographer, she has produced two previous books: *Bombay Mix: Street Photographs*, and *Twinspotting: Photographs of Patel Twins in Britain and India*. ♦

Baby boomer

With the inability to bear a child still regarded as a curse, especially in India, the fact that gynaecologist and infertility specialist **Dr Kamini Rao** has been awarded the *Swasth Bharat Samman* for 2012, an honour of which she is really proud. "Women bear the brunt of social ostracism for something that very often is no fault of theirs," says Rao, who is the medical director at the Bangalore-based **BACC Healthcare**. "If my work has somehow made people's lives a little better, I feel like it has been a huge success. I have lived my passion, which has been giving the gift of a child to those unfortunate enough not to be able to have one on their own." The joy that she and her team have brought to such couples is something that she cannot put into words, she adds. The *Swasth Bharat Samman* is a national award constituted to recognise and felicitate people who have made immense contributions to the healthcare sector in the country. BACC is one of India's best equipped Infertility clinics offering successful programmes in infertility, assisted reproductive technology and genetics. ♦

