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D R Nair:

**PILLAR  
OF DREAM  
HOUSING**

**Role of  
Malayalee  
Associations**



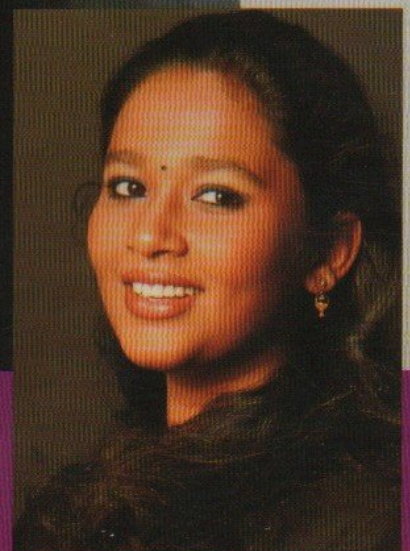
**A God in  
Distress**



**Malayalee  
Presence  
in Sakinaka**

**Tabla  
Maestro**

**Promising  
Singer**







Pooja of Helipad and Helicopter conducted recently at Powai.



## D R NAIR CONSTRUCTING DREAM COMPLEXES

Starting his career as an office clerk in a private company, D R Nair has risen to become Vice President of one of Mumbai's prestigious and elite real estate houses.

One of the most significant landmarks of Powai is the black pillar that stands tall at the beginning of Hiranandani Gardens and D R Nair, has played a main role in the construction of this pillar. In fact several housing complexes like the Eden buildings, Eden Bungalows, Lake Castle, Verona, Valencia, Florentine, Glen Dale, Glen Ridge and others as well as commercial complexes like Bayer India, Colgate Palmolive, Fairmont, Winchester, Ventura,



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D R Nair with his wife Nisha and daughters Aswathy and Arathy

Prudential, Crisil House etc, has been constructed by Hiranandani Constructions at Powai and, D R Nair, who is currently Vice- President Construction, Hiranandani Group, has been involved in all the projects admeasuring about 1.5 crores sq ft. Of space. "Quality consciousness, not just in construction, but right from selection of materials for concrete and other building materials, infrastructure and other details, is our trademark. Another important point we always strive to achieve is to complete the project within the stipulated time-frame", D R Nair says. "Chemtex was our first commercial building and we completed it within the stipulated time

frame". In fact D R Nair was presented with an Appreciation from Colgate Palmolive for completing its office complex within the stipulated time frame.

D R Nair joined Hiranandani Constructions in 1984. His first project was at Four Bungalows site in Andheri West where he joined as foreman. In 1985 he was transferred to Santacruz to construct the company's Office Building. It was here that he came in close contact with the owners of the company. They saw his dedication and sincerity to the job, and his readiness to take on challenges, and determination to complete projects successfully. He completed a Course in Construction





DR Nair with film actor Jitendra who is the partner with Hiranandani at Chandivali site (Killick Nixon).

Management through the company.

In 1987 when the company started their Powai projects, D R Nair was the most natural choice. Powai was at that time vast tracts of grass lands and rising hills, lonely roads, and not much transport facilities. In fact the place was notorious for robbers at dusk and night. D R Nair recalls that he used to walk up to Kanjur Marg from Powai to catch the train because of lack of proper transport. He joined the Powai office as General foreman and till today continues to have a hand in all their projects including the hospital and the helipad inauguration that took place on April 24, this year. One of the highpoints in his career was completion of twenty building projects in Thane Estate out of which 200 flats were of L&T that were unfinished and without basic infrastructure and handing them over

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D R Nair felicitating Sudha Chandran during Raagalaya Award Nite 2012. S R Pillai also seen.





**Bhoomi Pooja at a construction site**

**"Being in the construction line, I feel happy that through the contractors our company has been giving employment to many poor people at project sites and this has improved their living conditions. They are able to send their children to school and provide them education. It has improved their standard of living and some of them have been able to buy a home for themselves."**

**- D R Nair**

he completed a Technical Engineering Course in Pune and came to Mumbai in 1978 to search for a job. In Mumbai he accompanied his friend to a construction site of Sonal Constructions in Kurla, sister company of the Ajmera Group. Nair recounts the manner through which he got into the construction line. The person in charge at Sonal Constructions asked him for his bio-data. Since he did not have a typed one, he wrote his CV by pen and handed it over to him. The person was impressed by his beautiful handwriting and immediately appointed him as office clerk. Nair learnt the job that was assigned to him and rose to become Store clerk, Store Manager and later

Project Incharge. This company was involved in the construction of 67 Housing Boards' LIG and MIG buildings between Kurla and Vidyavihar. Nair also imbibed knowledge about construction line from the Housing Board staff and contractors working there. When the company closed, he joined Hiranandani Group as Foreman.

Nair's wife Nisha belongs to Omalloor in Pathanamthitta District. Her parents are Gopalakrishnan Nair who retired from the Railways and Sarojini Amma and are now settled in Kerala. Nisha studied in Kerala and came to Mumbai after her marriage to Nair in 1989.

The couple has two daughters. The elder one, Aswathy Nair has completed her Engineering in Computer and is working with Infosys in Pune. Their second daughter, Arathy Nair, is doing her Final year Engineering in IT at Datta Meghe College in Airoli. Both his daughters want to complete their MBA before settling down with marriage.

D R Nair and Nisha are very active with the social and cultural activities of Mumbai Malayalees. He is member of Hiranandani Keralite Association, Ayyappa Seva Sangham, Powai Nair Welfare Society and Powai Kerala Samajam. Last year the Powai Nair Welfare Society bestowed on him the Navaratna Award for Outstanding Professional Service. ■



**D R Nair receiving Award from Managing Directors Niranjana and Surendra Hiranandani for successful completion of 25 years service in Hiranandani Group of Companies.**