



Stirring up a storm

Just as the unexpected squall was felling trees on Tuesday evening, two global experts stirred up a storm at the NGMA courtesy the Vinod & Saryu Doshi Foundation. Dr Gladys Kalema Zikusoka, winner of the Oscar-grade Whitley Gold award, gave a riveting presentation on the mountain gorillas of Uganda, the mutual health threats between them and local

communities as well as tourists, and how tourism, conservation and community development can work for one another. Dr Devra Lee Davis, who shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore in 2007 for her work on climate change, environmental health and disease prevention, had the audience both riveted and scared with a presentation on her research into radiation, especially today's hazard from cell phones. While there weren't any gorilla experts among the audience,

there were several on cellular radiation. So a lively interaction followed. Gladys's talk was followed by a conversation with our own conservationist Anish Andheria. Juhi Chawla, who is an articulate activist on the subject, engaged Devra. Among the rapt audience were Dolly Thakore, Tasneem Mehta, Pheroza Godrej, Debi Goenka, Devika Bhojwani, Bakul Patel, Meher Banaji, Dr Narendra Pandya and, of course, Saryu Doshi and her anti-radiation daughter-in-law Rohita.