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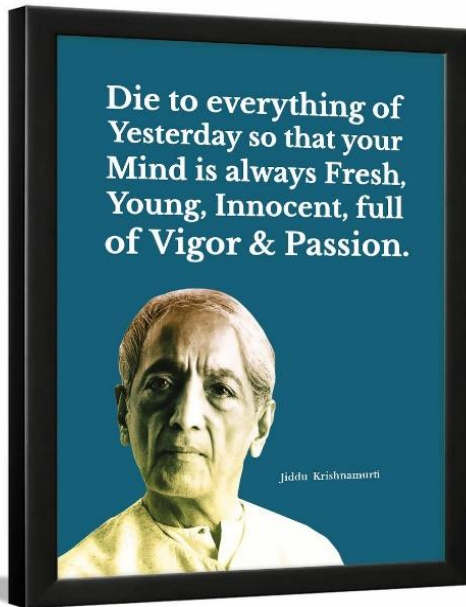
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We never put the impossible question – we are always putting the question of what is possible. If you put an impossible question, your mind then has to find the answer in terms of the impossible – not what is possible.

J. Krishnamurti

MISSION OF TS

*To serve humanity by cultivating an ever deepening
understanding and realization of the Ageless Wisdom,
spiritual self-transformation and the unity of all life*

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**BOMBAY THEOSOPHICAL FEDERATION JOINTLY WITH
JUNIOR & YOUTH RED CROSS MAHARASHTRA
INVITE YOU TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPANTS**

At Besant Hall, Blavatsky Lodge

On Saturday 16th September 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Inter-School Competition

FUNDFA – Theosophical Values through Skits

On Saturday 30th September 2023

On Saturday 30th September 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Inter-College Mullan Elocution Competition

On Saturday 7th October 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Inter-School Dani Elocution Competition

The Prize Winners will do Skits or give Speeches at the Annual Session of 2023, when they will be recognized.

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NOTICE

The 143rd Annual General Meeting of the Blavatsky Lodge T.S. will be held at 11.30 a.m. on Sunday, 24th September 2023, at Blavatsky Lodge TS. Your participation is earnestly solicited.

The Soul's Best Friend

Tim Boyd, International TS President

Courtesy: The Theosophist April 2023

I have a good friend I would like to tell you about. He is my best friend and I love him dearly. We have been together now for many years, and I know and understand him completely. You see, when I first came to this place from my land, which is very far away, it was at the invitation of my friend. He wanted me to stay with him. He opened his home and himself to me and put everything at my disposal. When he was young, we used to spend long hours together conversing, playing, really getting to know one another. So many things I would help him with. Yet, I know there was much he did not understand.

The outlook and customs of my land were so different from his. But still, often he would take my advice and things would work out. He had many little friends from his own country and would always take me along when he was with them. In fact, we went everywhere together. We were inseparable. Often when he was with his little friends, he no longer had time for me. He would dash about playing, completely oblivious of my presence, and I would sit by and watch. His enthusiasm and energy were a joy to behold.

From time to time in his reckless play I could see my friend was in danger. Often, he would calm down and listen, and avoid it. Sometimes he would be so immersed in his activity that my words

would be too faint for him to hear. On one or two occasions he clearly heard me yet decided not to listen.

At those times, try as I might, I could not help him. The result was always some painful experience for my friend. It hurt me to see him suffer, but what more could I do? He had a life and mind of his own. I could not make him listen to me. After these sorts of experiences, when we were again alone together, we would talk about it. When he had calmed down and some of the smarting had subsided, he would turn to me and ask my advice. Knowing that I was his truest friend and that my only desire was to help him; he would listen.

As my friend grew up, more and more of his time was spent among his own people. He was sent to schools to learn their ways. He was trained in the home. His friends who were receiving the same teachings would practice them on each other. Gradually his waking hours became consumed with his educational process. He no longer had time to spend with me. It got to be that the only time we would spend together would be just when he was going to sleep. Then briefly he would be able to relax, and we would talk like before. I would sit by the bed and would still be talking to him long after he had gone to sleep. In the morning he would wake up, greet me, and then he was off again.

Soon there came a time when he no longer had any time for me. Everything he learned in his school and heard from his family and friends convinced him that the things I had said to him and the times we had spent together were wrong and misguided, and that I was not the type of friend he should be spending time with. He closed himself off from me and filled all of his time and thoughts with his other friends. I could no longer even talk to him at night. His every moment was filled with the plans and teachings he had come to accept.

From time to time one of his friends or teachers would say or do something that reminded him of me. On a couple of occasions people

talked to him saying the exact things I had said and telling him that he should listen to me. He thought that these few people were exceptional, and he cherished them. At these times he would again make an effort to be with me, but it would not be long before he would give it up. He had come too far. He no longer even knew how to hear me. He had become self-willed and was clamoring for experience of a kind I could not give. I had to let him go. Yet, I knew that our time and our many conversations together were not in vain. Someday, somewhere, something would happen, and he would remember his old friend. Then he would want to be together again.

Years went by and he had many experiences. Often, he would feel that he was putting the pieces of the puzzle together, that he was beginning to understand the things that were happening to him. Then something would happen, and the puzzle would fall apart again. It was strange to him because it seemed as though the more things he did, the more experiences he had, the more confused he became.

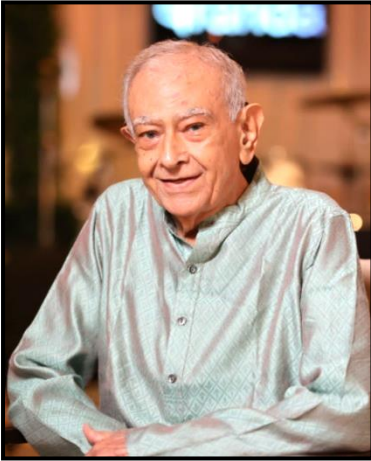
He began seeking more intense, more exciting kinds of experiences, believing that their very intensity separated them from the norm, and could provide him with some answers. At first it seemed that they did, but gradually they became the norm, and again he was confused.

I felt so sorry for my friend. I wanted to run to him and set everything right, but I could not. He could not hear me. He had forgotten me. So, I watched from afar. More and more I could see a growing desire in my friend for a simpler time. Everything had become so complicated. He kept on doggedly trying to find some answer, getting deeper and deeper in his involvement. All in vain.

At length there came a time when inwardly he gave up trying. With all of his efforts, his experiences, all of the many roads he had travelled, all leading nowhere, he gave up. He despaired of there being any answer, any rock on which he could stand. To my friend at that moment all was shifting sand. In that moment he let down the

walls, dropped the barriers of self-will that had separated us for so long. I stepped in, whispered in his ear that I was there and that he need no longer fear. He heard me. For the first time in years, he actually heard my voice. For many hours we sat together. Tears streaming from his eyes at being reunited with his old friend, and the remorse at realizing that one so true had been neglected for so long. That day he swore that never again would we be separated.

TRIBUTES TO LATE BRO. KISHORE SHAH



On 28th June 2023, Wednesday, Bombay TF lost a true Theosophist – Brother Kishore Shah – father of Dr. Smruti Shaunak Hora. He was like a younger brother to Dr Ajay Hora, who introduced him to Theosophy.

He used to attend the Annual Conventions at Adyar very regularly. During the Conventions President Tim Boyd.

also took a liking for him as Bro Kishore Shah resembled his very close friend.

Bro. Kishore Shah was a mixing, kindhearted and a very helpful person. He used to believe in donating money for education. He donated Rs.1lakh twice to the Adyar Theosophical Academy – the

school in Adyar where Sis. Sonal Murli is the Director. His donations were acknowledged by International Secretary Marja Artamaa.

Bro. Kishor Shah as a Life Member of Vasant Lodge, Santacruz lived And served Theosophy for 22 years. He will be dearly missed by Family and Friends. May his soul be blessed with eternal peace.

**71ST COMMEMORATION MEETING FOR
NAR ASHO JAMSHED NUSSERWANJI MEHTA**

Jointly by

**Theosophical Order of Service, Mumbai Region
and Blavatsky Lodge TS**

On 1st August 2023 in Green Room of Blavatsky Lodge



**Pakistan's Tributes to Jamshed Nusserwanji Mehta
with Postal Stamps & First Day Cover**

The Meeting was opened with the Universal Prayer written by Dr. Annie Besant, who was a Theosophical Guiding Light for Asho Nar Jamshed Mehta. **Mr. Jamshed Kotwal** with Bhajan '*He Ram, Tumhi Mata, Tumhi Pita*' attuned all to the meeting.

TOS, Mumbai Region President **Sis. Thrity Dalal** with words of welcome paid homage to **Jamshed Mehta, the Maker of Modern Karachi**. Jamshed Mehta was the First Elected Mayor of Karachi, with 13years of Mayorship strictly observing rules & regulations he turned Karachi from a fishing village to a well-planned Metropolis developed economically and socially and the cleanest city in the East Even today there is a District named '*Jamshed Town*' in Karachi with

7,50,000 people. In Karachi one major route is called ‘Muhammad Ali Jinnah Road’ and the other is called ‘*Jamshed Mehta Road*’.

It was a visual tribute with Power Point by Blavatsky Lodge President **Sis. Kashmiri Khambatta**. With pictorial PPT she covered Jamshed Mehta’s life dedicated to the good of humanity. She showed the Commemorative Stamp of Rs.3/- and First Day Cover issued by Pakistan Post Office on 7th January 1988. She also showed photos of ‘*Jamshed Mehta Hall*’ with Auditorium, Library & Lecture Room.

Bombay TF Secretary Sis. Mahazaver Dalal spoke about ‘*Jamshed as a Businessman*’ to whom *Business was service*. As President of Buyers & Shippers Chamber his focuses were Primary Education with focus were like Agricultural Training, Cottage Industries, Credit Societies, allotment of land with concession for agriculture and Representation of Karachi Commerce on Legislative Assembly. He had courage to speak out his humanitarian views full of vision and foresight for Business and Economy of Karachi & Sindh even to His Excellency Viceroy Lord Irwin.

Ms Sangeeta Khatri, Representative of TOS sponsored Students said that Jamshed Mehta who *lived Theosophy with compassion and service above self was a great Administrator*. He was with 77 associations in Pakistan with which he was affiliated, including The Theosophical Society which was his spiritual refuge. Expressing thanks to TOS as a sponsored student she said, ‘*It is not what is in our pocket, but it is what is in our Heart*’ should be the motto of life.

The Chief Guest was Dr. Firdaus Gandevia a Chartered Accountant who has worked for several multinational companies and also managed the funds and projects of Sir Ratan Tata Trust.

Dr. Firdaus Gandevia remembering Jamshed Mehta as the ‘*Saint of Sindh*’ said: To Jamshed Mehta, was born in a wealthy family and

was a successful businessman, *Wealth meant to him a way of spreading happiness and to bring people out of their misery and to establish them on their own feet.* He saved many from prisons, shame and social stigma. He even induced several prostitutes to abandon their way of life and started homes for abandoned babies. As the Mayor of Karachi for 13 years he had in mind the citizens and welfare of Karachi. In his speech at the opening of the New Municipal Office Building, he said ***“I consider the Municipal Office as a temple for the service of the poor.”*** He was passionate about rural reconstruction also. He believed in reverence for all life not just human beings but animals and plants also to save the ecology of this planet. He took great care of lepers and had no hesitation in embracing them. During national disasters like plague in the Old Town Quarter and the Quetta Earthquake he stood by people. Even during the Hindu-Muslim riots at the time of partition, he would tell the authorities to shoot at him first. On being offered a Knighthood he had replied, ***“If I accept your Knighthood, I will lose my friends and I love them so much.”***

The song “Satya Vakta, Satya Nishtha, Satya Premi Tu” in memory of Jamshed Mehta was sung by Mr. Jamshed Kotwal.

TOS Secretary **Sis. Parinaz Gandhi** as Master of Ceremony ended the Meeting with words – *The annual memorial meeting in honour of Jamshed Mehta serves not only to highlight his lofty and noble life but acts as an example for all to live life purposefully.*



**Seated L to R: Blavatsky Lodge President Sis. Kashmira Khambatta, Chief Guest Dr. Firdaus Gandevia & TOS Mumbai Region President Sis. Thrity Dalal with Standing: TOS Sponsored Students recognized with Final Grant near Lord Buddha's statue in Green Room
JAMUBHAI & SURYA DANI NOTEBOOKS
FOR SCHOOL STUDENTS**



Students waiting for distribution of Dani Notebooks to start had an opportunity to observe The Mystic Star Ritual. They tried to follow the Ritual Books kept for them.



Bro. Ram Kalra (on Right in photo), who has organized printing and distribution of Dani Notebooks for over 15 years gave away sets of six Notebooks to each student on 4-8-2023.

1000 Dani Notebooks with The Universal Prayer printed on back Page were given to students of 3 schools and to students through Theosophical Order of Service, Mumbai Region.



SYNERGY
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in Budapest, Hungary
Adrienne Nagyiday, General Secretary of Hungarian Section displaying her article on ‘*Chapters from the History of Hungarian Theosophical Society*’ together with her daughter Noemi.

. The photo was taken by Noemi’s six-year-old son Alex. Thanks to Ms. Attila Balla SYNERGY had article of Adriene translated into English.

PROPAGATION

BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya's request to send Free English Copy of 'The Indian Theosophist' to 53 College & University Libraries where for Five Years 'The Theosophist' are sent by BTF is approved by Indian Section TS President Shri Pradeep Gohil. It is one more step to spread Theosophy to Faculty & Students of 53 Libraries of Mumbai.

BTF & LODGE PROGRAMMES SEPTEMBER 2023

Day & Date	Time	Venue: Besant Hall, Blavatsky Ld.
Saturday 16-09-2023	10am to 6pm	Inter-School FUNDA Competition – Skits with Theosophical Values For Juniors & Seniors
Saturday 30-09-2023	10am to 5pm	Inter-College Mulla Elocution Competition
Saturday 07-10-2023	10am to 5pm	Inter-School Dani Elocution Competition

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DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th	6.00 pm	Study of 'Theosophy Explained with Questions & Answers by P. Pavri' conducted by Bro. Arni Narendran
Friday 1st, 8th, 15th 22nd & 29th	6.00 pm Hybrid	First Friday 'Mystic Star Ritual' Other Fridays Talks by Members
Sunday 24th	10.45am	Maitreya Round Table

JYOTI LODGE: c/o Bro. Taral Munshi, Goregaon, Mumbai 400065

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th	6.30 to 8.00 pm	TRIVENI Meet Virtual on Zoom on Theosophy / Spirituality Hosted by Bro. Taral & Sis. Archana Munshi

VASANTA LODGE: c/o Bro. Vinayak Pandya, Santa Cruz (E), Mumbai

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Wednesday 6th, 13th, 20th	6.00 pm	GURUDEV GOSHTHI virtual on Zoom to study Gujarati book ' <i>Shri Guru Charane</i> '

& 27th		Host: Bro. Bhavesh Pandya
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VIMADALAL BILIA / GANESH LODGES: Family House, Dadar Parsi Colony, Mumbai 400014 - Fortnightly Meeting

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Thursdays	6.00pm	Theosophical & Religious Talks

JAMSHED MEHTA LODGE: C/o Bro. Noor Baig, 43 – Shangrila, colony entrance next to the Church, opp. Colaba Post Office, Colaba, Mumbai

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Third Saturdays	5.30 pm	Learning Theosophy from Life Experiences

SHANTI LODGE: C/o Late Bro. Rustom Dalal’s Residence, Vijay Niwas, 2nd Floor, Flat No.7, Naushir Bharucha Road, Mumbai 400007

DAY	TIME	DETAILS
Fourth Thursdays	5.30 pm	Study of P. Pavri’s book ‘The Living Wisdom’ by Sis. Aban Patel

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