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In loving memory of **DR. AJAY HORA**

Born: 7.5.1936 - Gone to Peace: 2.8.2024

All forms of loss must be heartbreaking,
but letting go is a meaning of loss itself.
Peace will come from the memories of
his love and affection that comfort
you today and tomorrow.

BHARAT SAMAJ POOJA

For Reverential Tributes to Dr. Ajay Hora



Bharat Samaj Pooja was a source of Divine inspiration for Late Dr. Ajay Hora, hence Urviben, Shaunakbhai, Smruti and Family members were very keen to have Bharat Samaj Pooja performed in their home as fond tributes to him. They had kindly invited TS members also. On Sunday 18th August 2024 morning Bro. Navin Kumar performed the Pooja. He was assisted by Bro. Taral Munshi and Sis. Lata Kumar.

Bro. Navin Kumar first explained spiritual significance of the Bharat Samaj Pooja, which was composed by J. Krishnamurthy. Bharat Samaj Pooja Temples are at International TS Campus Adyar and at Indian Section Campus in Varanasi.

Bro. Navin Kumar's recitation of Gayatri Mantra and Sanskrit Shlokas of Bharat Samaj Pooja sensitized all with spirituality and they also with devotion joined in Recitation required by congregation.

After the Pooja as Prasad Brunch was hosted by Hora Family.

All gathered fondly remembered warmth, inspiration and guidance of Late Dr. Ajay Hora.

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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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**TRIBUTES TO GREAT THEOSOPHIST
DR. AJAY HORA**

Bro. TaralMunshigave the sad news:

Very renowned and highly respected Theosophist Dr AjaybhaiHorapassed away to the Abode of Divinity at about 9.00 pm today, 2nd August 2024. His was the unique Theosophical work as the President of the BTF.

His acquaintances with most of the forefront leaders of the Theosophical Society had created a new dimension in the Theosophical Activities during the last sixty years of time. His passing away has created a void which is not easy to be filled in. May his soul journey further through the realms of the Great White Brotherhood! Let there be solace and peace amongst the family members to bear this loss!

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Dr. Ajay Hora, Living Theosophist of Mumbai
Tributes by BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya



**BTF President Bro. Vinayak Pandya felicitating Dr. Ajaybhairu Hora
 With Chief Guest Shri Pradip K. Mahapatra at BTF 91st Annual**

**Session on 13th November 2024 for
 Spreading Theosophy Beyond Mumbai over 60 Years**

Bombay Theosophical Federation fraternity in particular and all Theosophist in general lost one of *the legendary living Theosophist Dr. Ajay Hora* on 2nd July 2024. Dr Ajay Hora , son of late Mugdhaben&RameshbhaiHora has shown to the world how a Theosophist should live in life. I considered myself lucky to be associated with him and attended meetings with him as a member of Vasanta Lodge, Santacruz, which was founded by his parents. Dr Ajay Hora was known as *Ajay Bhai*. '*Bhai*' is Gujarati word for '*Brother*'. Theosophical principle of Brotherhood had been practiced by him. Any one coming in his contact will feel that Ajay Bhai is his close acquaintance.

Let me share some of practical situations of his life.

Harjivan Lodge Kadoli wanted to have their own building for TS and ES. There was need of funds. My father Late Ramashankar Pandya had a dream. In the dream, Late MugdhabenHora told him to contact her son Ajaybhai for

financial help. Ajaybhai also had the dream where his late mother told him that some Theosophists will come to him for financial help for constructing a TS building and he should help them. When my father approached Ajaybhai, he gave his cheque book and told my father to write whatever amount was needed for the lodge building.

In the Gujarati book *'MrutuniPankhar ma Vasant'*, many incidences are narrated where a soul of dead girl had conveyed messages to him to convey to her Parents & family. Ajaybhai was a Clairvoyant.

DrAjaybhai by profession was General Medical Practitioner in Santacruz, Mumbai. He had helped any one going to him and he had never asked for fees from patients. If fees offered then only he used to take. He was sympathetic with each and every one. Once he was travelling with his family from Nepal to Mumbai via Delhi. He had lost his pouch with money and tickets of Rajdhani Express. He boarded the train, requested TC that his tickets were stolen and he had lodged complain. TC told him, he should pay the money for the travel and if he doesn't pay, TC will have to call Police & his family will be compulsorily deported from train at the next station. Ajaybhai paid the money to TC. Next day same train met with an accident and TC was injured. Dr. Ajaybhai gave him First-Aid treatment. When the first relief vehicle came, Ajaybhai told them that TC needs to be taken first. Look at the magnanimity of a Living Theosophist!

Dr. Ajay Hora was the backbone of Theosophical moment in Mumbai, Gujarat and Maharashtra. He was closely associated with Bombay Theosophical Federation and actively served for more than 40 years. He was President of Bombay Theosophical Federation for 30 years. He was Chief Guest at Gujarat Theosophical federation and Marathi Theosophical Federation Annual Sessions. When I last met on 30th June 2024, before leaving for my overseas tour, Dr Ajay Hora enquired about our next annual session and the Chief Guest. When I told him Bro. ShikharAgnihotri will be our Chief Guest, he was very happy.

Every Theosophist, whether International Presidents, International & Indian Section Dignitaries or other Theosophists visiting Mumbai had hospitality at his home. He will look into each aspect of Bombay Theosophical Federation Annual Sessions at JuhuVasanta Theosophical Colony, even when he was not keeping good health.

I pray to Almighty to give strength to his family members to bear his loss. In Theosophical Teachings it is considered that death is the most important day in life of the soul. However, with heavy heart I must confess that I have lost not only my well-wisher but my guide also. The Theosophical moment has lost one of the practicing devoted Theosophist. May his soul progressing in Higher Realms be blessed with Eternal Peace.

TRIBUTES ON WHATSAPP GROUPS

Bro. Navin Kumar: Saddened to know of this irreparable loss to the Theosophical Movement. He was a Father Figure for Bombay Theosophical Federation Lodges. May his journeys in the higher regions be full of bliss & the grace of Masters.

Bro. Arni Narendran: Om Shanti! Was eagerly looking forward to meet him in our November 2024 Annual Convention. Juhu TS Colony will never be the same again without this compassionaye soul. With him ends one era of Theosophical memories which he often shared with me. Condolences to Urmiji, Dr. Shaunak Hora and the bereaved family of Mumbai Theosophists.

Sis. Mahazaver Dalal: Dr. Ajay Hora was our Elder, our Guide and our Motivator to live Theosophy and to serve as Theosophist. May the soul of Stalwart Theosophist, fondly called Ajaybhai be blessed with Eternal Bliss. Our thoughts of strength and peace are with dear Urviben, Dear Shaunakbhai, Smruti and all in their family.

Dr. Deepa Padhi, International Vice-President: Deeply grieved by the news of the passing away of Dr. Ajay Bhai. I came to know him only in 2017 when I visited Mumbai Theosophical federation. He was not only a great Theosophist, but an extra ordinary person. He was a person with large, loving and compassionate heart. His passing away has created a void not only in Mumbai Theosophical federation, but in the Indian Theosophical Section as well. My heartfelt condolences to URVI Bhabhi, his son and daughter-in-law. I pray for the smooth transition and higher ascension of his noble soul.

Sis. Linda Oliveira, International Stalwart from Australia: I send sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Ajay Hora. He was a most devoted and long standing member of the Theosophical Society. Among others, he was a great help to Radhaji. My husband and I had the pleasure of visiting his home during a memorable trip to Juhu while we lived in India. May he be blessed and rest peacefully after a full life of devoted service to the Holy Ones.

Prof. C. A. Shinde, of TS Adyar: My condolences to all Family members of Dr. Horaji. He was a great soul worked for the Theosophical Society as 2nd generation member of Theosophical Society. I stayed with Juhu TS Family and visited 3 times for TS work. He was very encouraging and cooperative, so I am always grateful to him. Let his soul get more opportunities in the next subtler world. Pranam.

Sis. Keta Mody: Hari Om! Our beloved Respected Ajay Hora 'BHISHMA PITAMAHA of SANTACRUZ', always ready attending, whether day or night, to all kind of people – helping poor class & middle class. An Evergreen person, Excellent in memories of decades and a motivator to live Theosophy in a unique way. Let us pray his journey in the Higher Planes are full of Guidance & Grace of Masters.

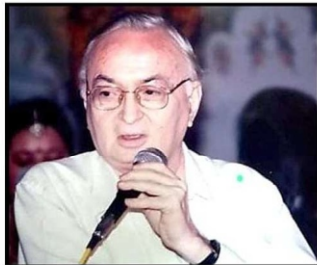
Sis. KetuIrani: May your soul rest in Eternal Peace Dear 'Ajaybhai' and may you continue to guide us all in our Theosophical Journey of Love & Compassion.

Sis. ZeenaRastamjee: May his soul speedily follow the Light.

'Om Shanti, Heartfelt Condolences and May his soul rest in Eternal Peace' Messages from: *Bro. Narayan*Shri C. Habildas K. * Shri Jaikumar *Bro. KhosravPavri *Sis. Kerman Patel *Bro. Nilesh Mehta *Sis. Mona Mehta *Bro. Kishore Thakural

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In BTF Bulletin of August 2024, Page No.9, Para No.3, please read *Himachal Pradesh* in place of Madhya Pradesh.



An Era Passes
Tributes
by
DeepaKapur
With
Sentiments of
East Africa

An entire Era of the Theosophical Society is indelibly marked by the generation of Dr.Hora, an Era shaped by his profound presence and leadership that stood up on the principles of Theosophy.

There are many members in the Theosophical World, who are part of multi-generational family of Theosophists, whose roots are so deeply entrenched that their entire way of life is a reflection of Theosophical Tenets – so it is with Dr. Ajay Hora.

His mother's lyrical contribution of the 'Adyar' song '*Vasudharanavishal...*', remains an enduring anthem, cherished in

East Africa by the ladies’ group and often lovingly performed by my own mother on Harmonium.

In Mumbai the privilege of engaging with Dr. Ajay Hora and his family during our gatherings at Juhu and Annual Sessions reveal their exceptional warmth and generosity. Sis. Urviben alongside Dr.Hora exemplified the spirit of Theosophy, with their children continuing their legacy of connection and kindness. Their influence spans three generations of devoted Theosophists. On behalf of my mother (on video call she said that Dr.Hora was the longest standing member she knew) and our family we offer our deepest condolences.

Theosophy teaches that soul’s journey transcends physical existence. We take solace in knowing that Dr.Hora’s soul advances on an eternal path, embraced by benevolence of the Masters, for he has truly fulfilled his earthly mission with distinction!!

DANI MEMORIAL NOTE BOOK

An Initiative of Dr. Ajay Hora along with Co-Trustees Bro. Vinayak Pandya & Dani Family Member of Jamubhai& Surya Dani Memorial Fund Jamubhai&SuryaDani Memorial Note-Bookof 2024

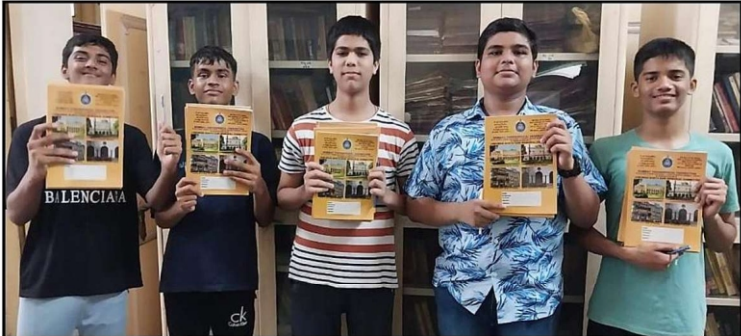


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Front Cover

Invoking the Blessings of Late Dr. Ajay Hora, ‘Jamubhai& Surya DaniMemorial Note Book’ will be distributed to School & College students of academic year 2024-2025.



Bro. Ram Kalra as Convener of Jamubhai& Surya DaniMemorial Committee has distributed Note Books to needy school students over 15 years. He organised distribution of Note-Books on 16th August 2024 to 50 students of 3 Schools: (1) SevaSadan Society School (2) Lady Engineer High School and (3) Master Sitaldas Punivani Tutorial School. Each student was to be given a set of 5 Note-books.

This year 1 Note Book will be given to each student of Dani&Mullan Elocution Competitions and also of Skit Competition. Bro. TaralMunshi plans to give books to students during his visits of schools & colleges to spread Theosophy.

72ND COMMEMORATION MEETING FOR NAR ASHO JAMSHED NUSSERWANJI MEHTA



The 72nd Commemoration Meeting for Nar AshoJamshedNusserwanji Mehta was the **joint meeting of TOS, Mumbai Region and Blavatsky Lodge TS**. It was opened with recitation of the Universal Prayer by TOS President Sis. ThrityDalal. Blavatsky Lodge Vice-President **Bro. Navin Kumar** recited the Shlokas starting with the Gayatri Mantra grafted by C. Jinarajadasa& J. Krishnamurthy.

TOS President Sis. ThrityDalal paying tributes said, ‘When one looks at the picture of JamshedNusserwanji Mehta, *the first thing that strikes is the complete calmness and love that emanates from him*. She added: When he became the mayor of Karachi, he turned Karachi from a fishing village to a well-planned metropolis and the cleanest city of the East. Mr.Jamshed Mehta was like Saint, who reminds one of self-less service. Sis. Thrity showed the photo of Nusserwanji Building adorned with the Flag of Pakistan, which could not be saved from demolition was now relocated brick by brick by 12 architects in the campus of Valley School of Art & Architecture of Karachi.

Blavatsky Lodge President Sis. KashmiraKhambattah had readings from Three Memorial Books for Jamshed Mehta.

From the book *'The Clifton of Yore'* published by the Jamshed Memorial Committee she quoted Jamshed Mehta's Prayer:

'O Lord, I pray to you every morning, every day that make use of me!

Lord, make me selfless!

O Lord, keep me transparent!

O Lord, I pray only this that make me your source!'

About Politics Jamshed used to say violence in politics is unacceptable. He proved through his life that politics brings positive change in society.

Gul Hasan Kalmadi in his book *'Sindh JaaLaafaaniKirdar'* (*The Immortal Characters of Sindh*) writes that during Influenza he had worked tirelessly day & night for people of Karachi.

Jamshed Memorial Committee Book 'Jamshed Nusserwanji : A Memory in 1954' describes the incident of strike against British Raj where in the midst of riots in Karachi about brutality of police to a child, police wanted to open fire, Jamshed came in between them and said the first bullet will have to be through his chest, which made police to back out.

Sis. Aban Patel had started her speech with:

'A friend of the Poor and the Voiceless' - 'A Source of Inspiration' - 'The Idol of Karachi' - 'The Uncrowned King of Karachi' - 'A Rare and Sublime Specimen of Humanity' - 'An Exemplary Life' - 'A Socialist in Action' - 'God's Good Man' - 'The Enlightened Healer' and many more such epitaphs can be written for Bro. Jamshed Nusserwanji Mehta, who was a humble and unselfish human being and true Theosophist in every sense. **Sis. Aban added:** Jamshed, like Gautama Buddha, in spite of all luxury, began to learn and live a life of austerity and renunciation from the very start of his young career. He developed good traits from his mother, a pious lady. He called

his father a Businessman – a Yogin because of his high thinking. He remained in his Father's business up to the end of his life. To him business was service so long as one did it with honesty. In spite of being a businessman, a statesman, his thinking, his speech, his actions reverberated to the Teachings of Prophet Zarathushtra and Theosophy. Because of his Righteousness he was endowed with the Healing Powers. As a Healer he worked silently and believed that his Gurudev was the Real Healer. Annie Besant had deep affection for Bro. Jamshed and considered him a Pillar of Strength in Sind(Karachi). Gandhiji respected him as a Saintly soul. He brought Boys Scout Movement to Karachi and was awarded highest honour of Silver Wolf. He was the founder member of the famous Mama Parsi Girls High School, where yours truly was a student way back in 1945 to 1947. Jamshed a Mayor of Karachi Municipality for 13 years will always be remembered as *'The maker of Modern Karachi'*.

Jamshed Mehta Lodge member Bro. Kevin Marshals speaking about Jamshed Mehta's greatness said that both Jawaharlal Nehru and Quaide Azim Jinnah wanted him to be the citizen of their country.

Ms. Dilnavaz Variava gave the glimpse of greatness of the soul of Jamshed Mehta, whom she had met as an 8 year girl. Her family was in partnership with Nusserwanji Family so Jamshed used to come to Bombay and stay with them. He was a Friend, Philosopher & Guide for her family and had even given financial support to start 'Bharat Tiles' business to give employment to many. With his inspiration her family had started managing a Boarding School which from 40 now has 4000 children of several villages for academic and vocational education.

Ms. Bhavika Tambe, Ex-TOS sponsored student spoke about Jamshed Mehta's contribution to Dr. Annie Besant's Home

Rule League, making primary education compulsory for girls and proving avenues for welfare Society.

In the end there was recognition of TOS sponsored students, who graduated this year and would get their final grants.

The meeting conducted by TOS Secretary Sis. Parinaz Gandhi had ended with song in memory of Jamshed Mehta.



Seated L to R: Ms.DilnavazVariava, Sis. KashmiraKhambatta, Sis. ThrityDalal, Sis. Aban Patel and Bro. Navin Kumar

OBITUARY

Bro. Navinchandra Patel and his wife Manjulabena after shifting from East Africa were **Members of Blavatsky Lodge TS, Mumbai.** For 2 years we had lost their contacts so their membership renewal requests were not sent, though both were dedicated **members of 50 years.** Bro. Navin Patel was a gentle compassionate soul and true to his life motto '*Service*', he had dedicated his life in the service of Bombay Theosophical Federation and TOS, Mumbai Region for many years. Thanks to Sis. Parinaz Gandhi we were able to speak to their daughter DeepikaKeni and were very **sorry to learn that Sis. Manjulaben passed away on 25th June 2024 and Bro. Navin Patel passed away On 7th July 2024.** May their souls be blessed with Eternal Peace.



Bro. Dr. Ajay Hora as Special Guest along with Bro. M.P. Singhal as Chief Guest & Bro. C.A. Shinde as Special Guest at 81st Annual Convention & Centenary Celebration of Akola Theosophical Lodge on 7th, 8th & 9th September, 2012.



Singhal opens State-level meet of Marathi Theosophical Fedn

■ District Correspondent
 Mumbai was present at the chief guest.



Mahendra Singhal, Prof. C.A. Shinde and Dr. Ajay Hora releasing souvenir of Marathi Theosophical Federation.

The 81 annual state level convention of Marathi Theosophical Federation and the centenary celebration of local unit of Theosophy gives an excellent message of composition. Composition is the true principle of human civilization of local unit of Theosophy to retain peace in warring factions of society, nation and nations.

The state level convention and the centenary celebration will continue on Sept 8.



Bro. Dr. Ajay Hora as Special Guest along with Bro. C.A. Shinde as Special Guest at 87th Annual Convention of Dombivli Theosophical Lodge on 28th, 29th & 30th September, 2018.



The memories of the 76th Annual Adhiveshan of the Gujarat Theosophical Federation at Bhavnagar. Dr. Ajay bhai Hora was the chief guest.



left to right. Father Ramesh Hora- Little Dr. Ajay Hora himself his Elder sister Anjli Mother Mugdha Hora



Lighting lamp at the 76th Annual Adhiveshan of the Gujarat Theosophical Federation



At the marriage bride Urvi & groom Dr. Ajay Hora



left to right- Father Ramesh Hora - Dr. Ajay Hora himself- Wife Urvi Hora- Younger son Shaival Elder son Dr. Shaunak. Mother Mugdha Hora



SEARCHING HIS INNER SELF DR. AJAY HORA



left to right Standing- Elder son Dr. Shaunak Hora- Elder Daughter-in-law Dr. Smruti Shaunak Hora- Grandson Dr. Shashwat Shaunak Hora- Grand daughter Reesha Shaival Hora- Younger daughter in law Reena Shaival Hora- Younger son Shaival Hora- Younger grandson Ronil Shaival Hora- Grand Son in law Kush Kapadia- Elder grand daughter Dr. Mitee (Shaunak Hora) Kush Kapadia- Seating- Urvi Ajay Hora- Dr. Ajay Hora



ALWAYS SMILING DR. AJAY HORA



Poem of Urviben dedicated to Dr. Ajay Hora

(વૈષ્ણવજન તો તેને કહીએ જે પીડ પરાઈ જાણે રે આ રાગમાં નીચેની કવિતા ગવાશે)

દેવી પુરુષ તો તેને કહીએ જેને દેવી શક્તિ ભરી છે રે...
ગરીબ તવંગર સમાન માની સેવા કરી છે મનથી રે...
ઇમર્જન્સીમાં પોતે દોડે દિવસ રાત કદી જુએ નહીં રે...
પોતાની જાતને ભૂલી જઈને તેને સૌ કોઈ પોતાના માને રે...
હાથ અડાડી સારા કરે તે દર્દીનો વિશ્વાસ રે...
પ્રવાસ તેમનો અતિ પ્રિય વિષય દુનિયા ખૂંદી વળયા રે ...
સંગીત તેની ગળથૂથી માં ઘરમાં સંગીત ગુંજે રે...
થિયોસોફી વારસામાં લીધી લઈને તેમણે પચાવી રે...
માંદગી જીવનમાં અગણિત આવી,
આશિષથી પ્રભુએ બચાવ્યા રે ...
અનેક લોકોની આંતરડી ઠારી, તે જ તેમની મિલકત રે...
સેવા કરીને ખ્યાતિ પામ્યા અમર રહ્યું તેમનું નામ રે...
કુટુંબી કહે સદપુરુષ સદકર્મીએ અમારો કર્યો ઉદ્ધાર રે...
ઉર્વી કહે મુજ જીવન સફળ કર્યું
ધન ધન જનની મુગ્ધા મા રે...
માંગુ હું ઈશ્વર પાસે અજયનો સાત જન્મનો સાથ રે..

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