

INTERFAITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2008 **ORGANIZED / PARTICIPATED BY DR. HOMI DHALLA**

1. On January 4, under the auspices of the Temple of Understanding India Chapter, Mumbai Centre, he made a power point presentation entitled “Dimensions of Peace and Violence” of 134 slides at Homi J. H. Taleyarkhan Memorial Hall, Town Hall.

2. On January 5, the Forum of Scientists aiming at Peace and Harmony (FOSAPAH) established by Sri Ramanuja Mission Trust and the International School of Contemporary Studies on Religion, Peace and International Understanding (ISCSRPIU) of Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Studies (JNIAS) jointly organized the National Seminar on the theme “Inter Religious Dialogue for World Peace” at Hyderabad. He presented a paper entitled “Global Initiatives to Promote the Culture of Peace”.

3. On March 27, Centre for Study of Society and Secularism organized an interfaith dialogue on “Religion as a resource for fighting HIV Aids” at Gyan Ashram, Andheri. He presented a paper entitled “Aids and the Zoroastrian Ethos of Caring”.

4. On April 5-6, the Indialogue Foundation, in collaboration with Andhra Pradesh State Council of Higher Education, English and Foreign Languages University and Jawaharlal Nehru Technology University had organized the National Seminar on the subject “The Role of Education and Media from Intercultural Dialogue to Living Together” at Hyderabad. He presented a paper entitled “How Media has Potential to Promote Both Peace and Violence”.

5. On April 10, the Tibetan Government-in-Exile and the Tibetan Solidarity Committee held a Candlelight Vigil for Human Rights – “Tibet Needs You”. On April 11, they held a function in Mumbai when he was asked to speak

about the Tibetan cause. An Interfaith Prayer Meeting for World Peace was also held on this occasion.

6. On April 17, when the Olympic Torch passed through New Delhi, an Interfaith Prayer Meeting was held at Rajgath when he recited Zoroastrian prayers and also participated in the Peace March together with other communities.
7. On May 2, the Indo-Iranian Friendship Society had organized a reception in honour of His Excellence Mr. S. Rahim Mashae, Vice President of the Islamic Republic of Iran at the Walchand Hirachand Hall of the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Churchgate. He presented a short paper entitled "Indo-Iranian Contribution to the Culture of Peace".
8. On July 2, Minorities Development Department organized a workshop on Mainstreaming Minorities entitled "Towards an inclusive development agenda" at Sahayadri, Malabar Hill. He participated in the discussions at this seminar.
9. On July 6, Tibet House invited him to celebrate the 73rd Birth Anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama at New Delhi. At this National Seminar, he presented a paper entitled "Global Initiatives to Promote the Culture of Peace".
10. On August 7, an interfaith meeting of religious leaders of India was organized by the Foundation for the Unity of Religions and Enlightened Citizenship (FUREC) in New Delhi. This was followed by a meeting with former President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. A number of issues relating to peace and violence were discussed by him