LALIT DOSHI – A Pictorial Presentation by Mr Bharat Doshi on the occasion of the 27th Lalit Doshi Memorial Lecture held on 27th August 2021

Friends,

This year before I introduce the speaker, I have a preamble to specifically mention that Dr. Meenakshi Gopinath really went out of her way to understand the kind of person Lalit was and what he meant for his family and friends. In the process, besides the website, I shared several newspaper clippings and letters received at the time of Lalit's passing away in January 1994. I also shared with her some selected photographs just to add to some visual aspects to our lengthy discussion over a period of more than a month.

At the request of Dr. Gopinath, I am sharing these photographs today with the audience.

Picture 1 : Lalit Doshi at Inter-university youth festival in 1961

Picture 1 is of Lalit at the inter-university youth festival in 1961 along with the contingent of Bombay University which met the then Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. During his school and college days, amongst Lalit's several extracurricular activities, debate and elocution competitions were his favourites. Lalit and Rajam Pillai both on the extreme left represented the Bombay University in Hindi debate and their team stood first amongst all the universities. Incidentally, Hindi was not the mother tongue of both these team members. This is just to show one aspect of Lalit's versatile personality.

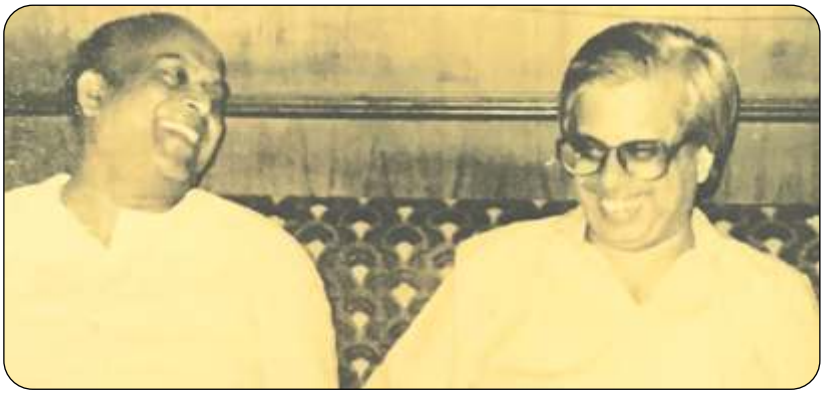
Picture 2 : Lalit Doshi with Pratima bhabhi and Hemal

Picture 2 - This family picture shows Lalit with Pratimabhabhi and Hemal.

Picture 3 : Dear Departed Gallery

Picture 3 : From the Dear Departed Gallery at my home shows our parents, Lalit and our late cousin, whose name happened to be Meenakshi.

Picture 4 : Three Brothers – Lalit, Bharat and Subhash



Picture 5 : Lalit with late Mr Arun Bongirwar (left)

Picture 5 : Lalit having a hearty laugh with late Shri Arun Bongirwar, who was a very close friend of Lalit and was one of the very active founders of the Lalit Doshi Memorial Foundation.

Picture 6 : Lalit at Davos, Switzerland

Picture 6 : Lalit at a lunch meeting in Davos at the World Economic Forum on 30th January 1994.

Picture 7 : Lalit at Davos, Switzerland

Picture 7 : Outside the restaurant in Davos, Switzerland.
Both the pictures – 6 & 7, were taken less than an hour before Lalit passed away on that fateful day on 30th January 1994 in Davos.

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