

Into the Mind of a Mathemagician!

Mathematics magician Minoo Jokhi, who claims to know to know his tables till one crore, cube roots till a hundred crore and doesn't need to store phone number in his mobile because he remembers them perfectly, speaks to the Jam-e-Jamshed...



Q. You were really bad in mathematics at school, so how did you come to take up Math magic?

A. In school everyone had written me off. I was unable to even learn two times tables until the 9th standard. I slowly started learning and practicing, just to prove to myself that I could do it. Today I know the tables upto one crore, the square roots upto till ten lakhs, cube roots till 100 hundred crores, four to five thousand date of births. I have not saved any phone numbers on my phone — I can remember all the phone numbers I want. It's truly a case of mind over matter... and everything else that matters!

A. I am not against technology but it has become a tool of distraction. During my courses, which I teach, on memory development, children's focus levels have fallen considerably compared to a decade ago.

Q. How did you begin to practice numerology?

A. My mummy Kety Jokhi is very fond of numerology. I did it at first to make her happy and as I started doing it I began to really like it a lot. Numerology is prediction through numbers. I prepare 7 page reports for my clients, which include things like lucky days and lucky hours through the day, amongst other things.

Q. Your classes in Memory Development are popular. How did you get started?

A. I asked myself, what I can do for society. How can I contribute? So I decided to start taking classes to improve their mind power. I teach any one from the age of four to eighty. I teach math, memory, laws and keys of memory and yoga for developing concentration. The course is fun, with learning thrown in!

Q. You have said in various columns that you write in the Jame that one should exercise everyday for 20 minutes, as doing so will increase your cognition. Can you elaborate on that?

A. Exercise and sport makes you mentally disciplined. Yoga helps in keeping you in shape physically and mentally. There is one exercise in yoga called 'Brahmamudra' where one should rotate their head slowly to the left and then slowly to the right and downward to the chest. One should count for thirty seconds on each turn. Then one should do it for three continuous times at least four-times-a-week.

Q. You have chosen such a different career. How did your friends and family react?

A. My mummy Kety encouraged me a lot. She raised both me and my brother, Hoshang, singlehandedly. She was like a rock and she encouraged me at every turn. Thanks to her I could follow my passion and become a Mathemagician. I feel blessed!

- Interviewed by Mahiyar Rohinton Patel