

Shri Banwari Lal Jindal was born to Shri Panmeshwari Das Jindal and Shrimati Mahadevi Jindal on 30<sup>th</sup> of September 1922 in village Sui, district Bhiwani of Haryana. A family of hard working farmers and generous philanthropists, they lived a simple life of limited means and constant struggle to make ends meet. Always a keen learner from childhood, he was first sent to school in Jaitu Mandi, where he spent a few years with his maternal grandmother. Later his family moved to Chistian Mandi, in present day Pakistan, for work, where he continued his primary education. However, due to difficult times, he had to discontinue his education after the 4<sup>th</sup> standard with much regret. However, he remained a learner all his life, never missing an opportunity to learn from people as well as circumstances and situations in life. He also spent a lot of time with his Father's younger brother in Jind, who was an educationist, fondly known as 'Masterji.' He learnt a lot about life from Masterji, and always held him as a father figure. He believed in the popular saying from Jim Rohn, "Formal education will make you a living; self-education will make you a fortune."

His fondness for education reflected in his thoughts throughout his life, making sure that he made good education available to his people back in Sui, and then Tosham. This college today was born out of that passion to provide education to every child in Haryana. He believed that in enabling people to earn, you are facilitating a good life for not only that person, but their family for generations to come. He himself was an avid learner and never hesitated in experimenting and finding out information and using that information to create value.

Shri Banwari Lal ji believed in '*karma*', and that was his religion. He worked till the last day of his life, and always imparted the same advice to everyone he met. He faced many challenging situations in life, but sailed through with unfazed valor and courage, treating them like an opportunity to learn and rise above the test of time. This has made him a successful yet endearing patriarch to many people of Haryana's soil. He took on the role with much grace and always had their well-being in his mind.

Despite reaching the heights of success, he held his humility with high regard. He was never pompous or boastful of his endeavors. He always remained open to learning new things from anyone, be it an experienced connoisseur, or a child. He always believed in changing with the times, be it in principle or his thoughts, keeping the memories of old village days at heart. It was his dynamic ability to accept and inculcate changes that made him such a forward thinking individual.

Shri Banwari Lal ji believed in equal stature for sons and daughters, especially with reference to imparting education to both groups alike. He believed that both have an equal right to live and an equal

duty of '*karma*'. For him, good '*karma*' meant performing duties to one's best ability, and not simply giving alms to the needy. One of his strongest beliefs was to work and keep the world running by adding value and giving their contribution to the world. Shri Banwari Lal ji was a true '*Karmayogi*.'

Our educational institute was very dear to his heart. He took pleasure in the year-on-year growth of this institute, and the increase in student enrollments. He took pride in the increasing girl student enrollments at the institution. Shri Banwari Lal ji always identified the gleaming light at the end of the tunnel, he saw the future of this educated young workforce of Haryana now enabled to contribute to the growth of our country, India.

We should strive to follow his footsteps and follow his dream of becoming '*Karmayogis*' with a focus on value addition in not only our lives, but in the lives of many others.