

## SHANKAR JUNIOR

### Personal Details-

Name : Tejaswi (Magician Shankar Junior)  
Date of Birth : 29 July 1978  
Place of Birth : Puttur (DK), Karnataka State  
Home Town : Udupi, Karnataka State  
Parents : Prof. Shankar and Lakshmi Shankar  
Father's Profession : Magician & Retd. Bank Officer (Syndicate Bank)  
Wife : Maithili  
Son : Varchasvi

### Education :

I to V Std. : Cambridge Foundation School, New Delhi  
VI to X Std. : Christian High School, Udupi  
PUC (Commerce) : Poorna Prajna College, Udupi  
Graduation : Bachelors in Business Mgt. : PoornaPrajna College, Udupi  
Masters : Masters in Computer Applications : IGNOU, New Delhi  
Profession : Manager(Admn) & Software Developer  
Skanda Electricals, Mangalore

### Other Areas of Interest :

- Designing and manufacturing magic equipment
- Active member of 'Samanvaya' music group
- Stage light designing and operation
- Playing rhythm for light music orchestra
- Audio & Video recording and editing
- DT P & Web designing
- Lecture & Demonstration on Magic
- Participating as Resource person in workshops for students
- Conducting magic workshops

### Achievements:

Inspired by father Prof Shankar, developed interest at the tender age of 3

First solo performance on 14<sup>th</sup> November 1981 at Manipal on the occasion of Children's Day

Performance at Madison Avenue New York for a gathering of 50,000 on August 15, 1982 on the occasion of the Independence day celebration organized by All Indian Associations of USA at the tender age of 4

Appreciation by world famous magicians like David Copperfield, Mark Wilson, Blackstone Jr., Ali Bongo, Pendragon and many more

The North Zone Cultural Centre-Patiala sponsored shows in the northern states of Jammu, Himachal, Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh. Arranged shows for the entertainment of the soldiers in the borders of India and Pakistan.

Performed more than 5500 shows in the states of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamilnadu and Goa

Ex Prime Minister Sri Rajiv Gandhi, Ex Presidents Sri Gyani Jail Singh and Sri Shankar Dayal Sharma were the dignitaries enjoyed the magic of Shankar Jr.

“How is That..” is the book written by Shankar Jr explaining a few of his inventions.

Choo Mantar and Gili Gili Magic are the two serials on magic appeared in Chandana-Doordarshan Bangalore

### **Awards:**

Recipient of **Special Award of the Jury** for the best performance of close up magic in the **18<sup>th</sup> Federation of International Society of Magicians’ Convention(FISM) held in Switzerland in 1991.**

Recipient of **The National Award - Ugadi Puraskar** from the Madras Telugu Academy of India in the year 1992

One among the **Ten Outstanding Young Persons of India Awardees 2002**

He has finished first in all the close up and stage contests he took part in India since 1989

- All India Child Magicians Competition in 1988,
- All India Magicians Contest organised at TATA Nagar, Jamshedpur on the occasion of Nehru Centenary celebration
- International Brotherhood of Magicians – Mumbai India Ring Convention in 1989

### **Countries visited....**

- U S A(2 times)
  - Performed more than 25 shows in New York, Huston Texas, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles
  - Performed show for the benefit of Meenakshi Temple Huston
- Switzerland
  - Performance at Geneva, Zurich, Lausanne
- Germany (2 times)

He had performed more than 15 shows in Germany from June 15th to 28th 1999 on the **preaching from the Bible**.

- United Kingdom (2 times)  
Prestigious performance at the Magic Circle, London  
Performed show at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan
- Belfast –Ireland
- Holland  
Performance at Leewarden and the Hauge
- Sri Lanka  
Entertained Sri Lankans and Indian Tamils in the cities of Colombo, Kandy, Trincomali and Jaffna, The shows at Jaffna was the first public performance arranged after the internal war.
- Kuwait:  
Shows were organized by the Tamil Engineers Forum and the Kannada Sangha Kuwait.
- Mauritius  
Dubai Abudhabi,Sharjah and other cities in the United Arab Emirates(UAE), Bahrain, Muscat

#### **Electronic media interviewed...**

- BBC London  
The crew came down to Udipi to interview the family and also recorded the close up performance of Shankar Jr
- Thames Television London recorded the performance for the serial-Magic Comedy Hour

#### **Special TV performance for**

- NHK TV Japan,
- Hans Klok Production Germany,
- Edenac Productions France
- Shakti TV Sri Lanka
- MBC(Mauritius)
- Radio interviews for USA, Bahrain, Belfast-Ireland, and Mauritius radios
- Special interviews for the national TV channels like Doordarshan Delhi, Bangalore, Madras,
- Private channels like Udaya TV, E TV,Kasturi and numerous city cable channels

### **Special Magic feats**

- Vanishing the live elephant in an open play ground
- Vanishing India Gate
- Production of Motor bike on the stage

### **Some of the Death defying magic feats performed by Shankar Jr...**

- Blind fold scooter drive
- Death sword escape
- Transparent Water Tank Escape
- Catching of 2 Bullets - one with the hand and the other between the teeth

### **The International Magicians' Conventions attended -**

- **Society of American Magicians Convention- Houston- 1982**

In this convention, he was conferred the title "**The Youngest Magician of the World**".

His name was also suggested to the Guinness Book of World Records in the category 'Achievements at the Young Age' by Magician Doug Henning, USA.

- **Federation of International Societies of Magicians Convention(FISM) Lausanne, Switzerland -1991**

He is the first Indian to take part in an international magicians' competition and to win "The Special Award of the Jury" – competing with seniors.

- **The Dutch Magicians Convention - Leewarden, - 1996**

He is the first Indian magician to have performed and delivered a lecture on Indian Magic in 1996 at Leewarden, Netherlands.

- **70th Annual Convention of the International Brotherhood of Magicians - Los Angeles USA- 1998.**

Shankar Junior and his sister Yashaswini are the first Indians to perform in the youth show on the 70th Annual Convention of IBM, USA at Los Angeles, USA in July 1998.

- **Federation of International Societies of Magicians Convention (FISM) - The Hague – 2003**

He performed the traditional Indian magic and special shows for the television networks.

### **Theme Based Magic:**

**Kargil Magic:** Special shows were arranged during Kargil war to collect money from the public which was donated to Kargil fund.

**Magic for national integration:** Special items on national integration, International brotherhood and international peace were designed which was well received by the public.

**Magic for social cause:** Crime prevention: In collaboration with the Department of Police, on the occasion of crime prevention week, a special show had been performed to bring awareness regarding

- the evils of smoking, gambling
- prevention of crime on women
- cheating of the public by the finance companies

**Magic for the publicity of products:** Shankar Jr has served as a media of advertisement to Hero Honda, Esso Lubricants, Computer systems, BPL, Wipro and Hindustan Lever Ltd.

**Magic for education:** Along with entertainment, various aspects of education are communicated to the students through Magical effects. It helps them to learn faster and remember for a longer period.

Shankars have arranged special magic classes to train the children who are interested to learn. They also helped the youngsters to start self employment.

Performed free shows for the Special children, .

More than 15000 children witnessed Gili Gili Magic organized by the Printers Mysore Ltd., at Town Hall Bangalore

**Magic for charity:** Shows are organized in aid of Old age homes

Numerous shows had been organized to raise funds for the activities of social service organizations like Rotary, Lions and Jaycees, renovation of schools, temples and churches,

**Gospel magic:** Stories and preachings from the bible were narrated through magic

**Spiritual magic:** The Prajapitha Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwavidyalaya has organized a unique project named - "Enlightenment Through Entertainment - A magical journey into the spiritual world" to spread spiritual values through magic.

This programme was well arranged in the states of Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala

This programme was also been arranged in the Tihar Jail for the inmates which preached spirituality through magic

This spiritual show programme had been performed continuously for the whole year throughout Karnataka from may 2007 under Swarnim Karnataka Darshan mela organized by them..

**To promote brotherhood among magicians, 3 magic Conventions were arranged by Shankars...**

1. **Gili Gili-94** National Convention attended by 385 magicians
2. **Gili Gili -97** International Convention attended by 525 magicians
3. **Gili Gili 2001** International Convention attended by 629 magicians from 14 countries

All the three conventions were organized by the Shankar family at their home town Udupi.

The people of Karnataka had the rare opportunity of witnessing magical feats of different magicians

Street magic competitions had been organized to encourage the neglected street magicians of India. The world came to know about the traditional Indian magic

After 600 years, the legendary Indian Rope Trick was performed at the sea shore of Malpe. On 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1997. More than 35000 spectators witnessed this wonderful magic.

Famous magic historian Dr John Booth recorded this event in his book.