

## **India — Mumbai**

Bombay (now known as Mumbai) was the first place in India where the Founders stayed, renting a house after arrival. They stayed for some time in this house which was called 'Crow's Nest'. Bombay is of special interest to Theosophists as Theosophical work in India started there. On 1 October 2010, the Bombay Federation of the Theosophical Society held the opening meeting of its annual Federation Conference. Dr Ajay Hora, President, opened the meeting, and it ended with a talk by the international President, Mrs Radha Burnier, who was the Chief Guest. She spoke about the need for a fresh look into the Objects of the Theosophical Society, so that the coming century will be vital and useful for progress into another phase of work. On the second day, the Mystic Star ritual was part of the programme. This ritual teaches the essentials of the religions by the fourth and fifth World Teachers. During the ritual, at the appropriate place a talk was given by Radhaji.

On the last day, a programme dedicated to young people was given at Juhu and the President spoke. Then talks were given by several younger members, and the conference was concluded. It was an occasion for members to come together and to think about the future work and the spirit in which it needs to be done.