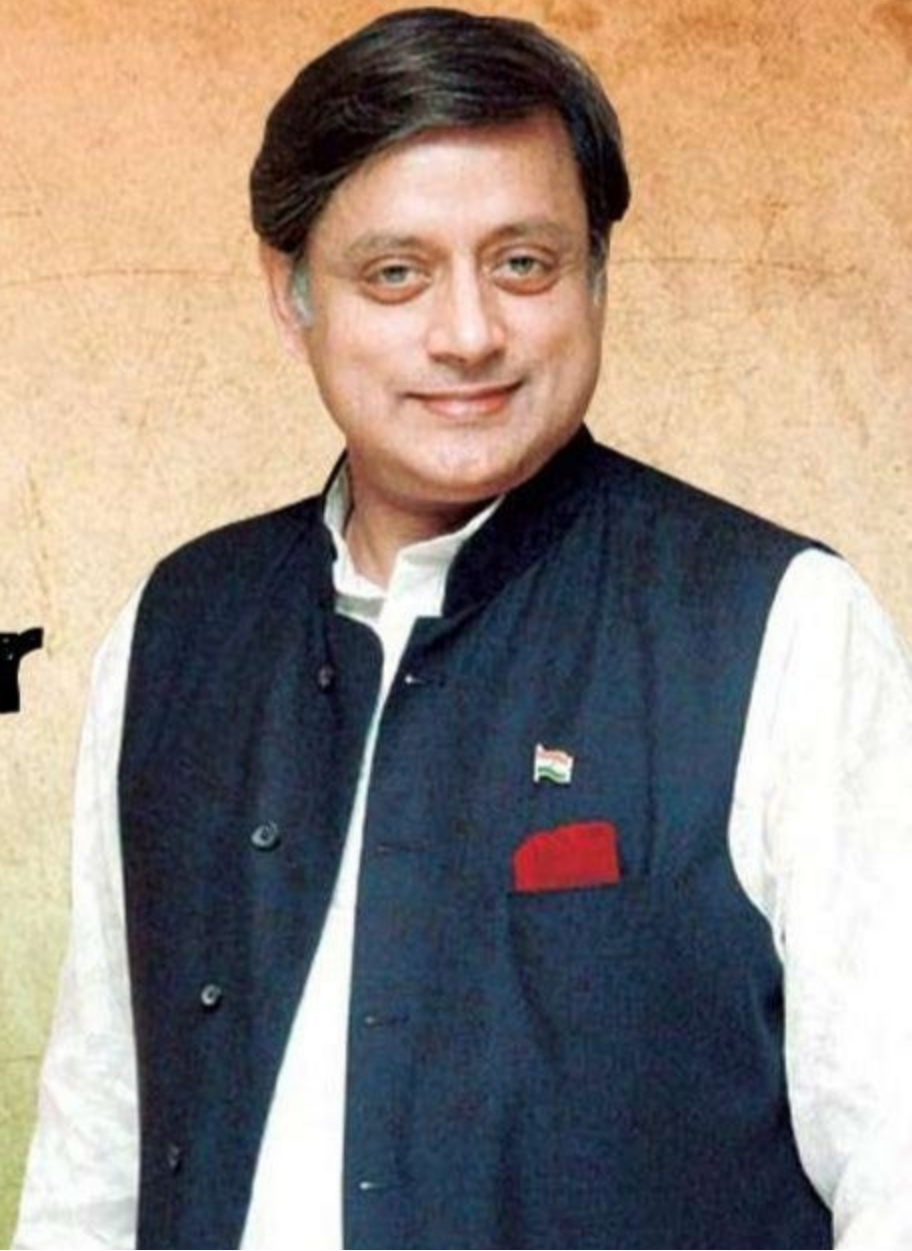


Journey of Shashi Tharoor



Prologue

This is the story of Shashi Tharoor. As a young boy, he had big dreams and high aspirations in mind. Worked hard at every stage of his life and faced the challenges along the way. But wherever he went, he succeeded. This is his journey. Let's begin

Chapter 1

The foundation



Once upon a time in London

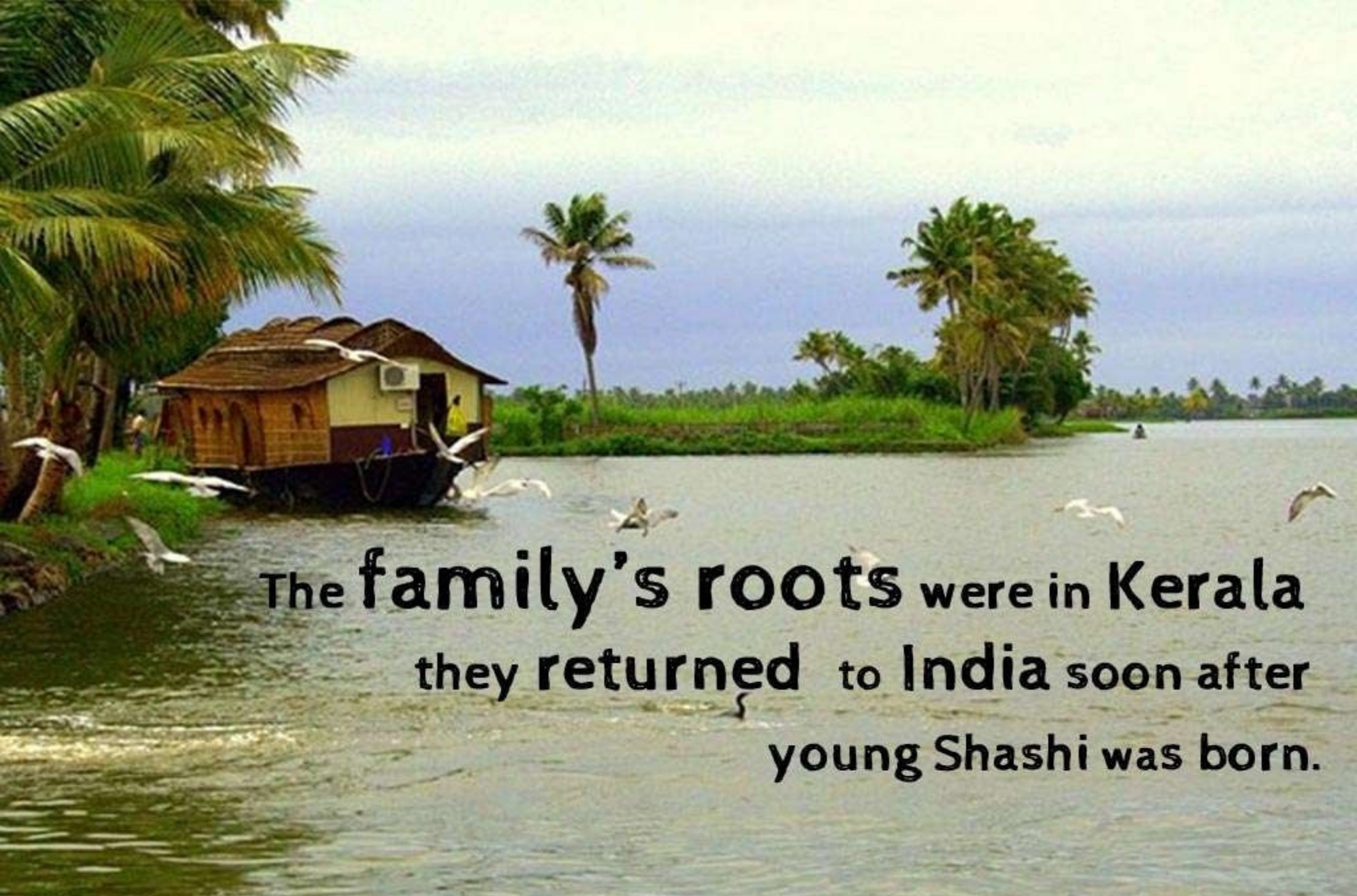


A baby boy was brought in to the world
On March 9, 1956



To a **warm family** of Chandran and Lily Tharoor



A scenic view of a traditional wooden house on a boat in a tropical waterway, surrounded by palm trees and birds. The house is built on a small boat and has a thatched roof. The water is calm, and the sky is overcast. Several white birds are flying in the air. The background shows a lush green landscape with more palm trees and a distant shoreline.

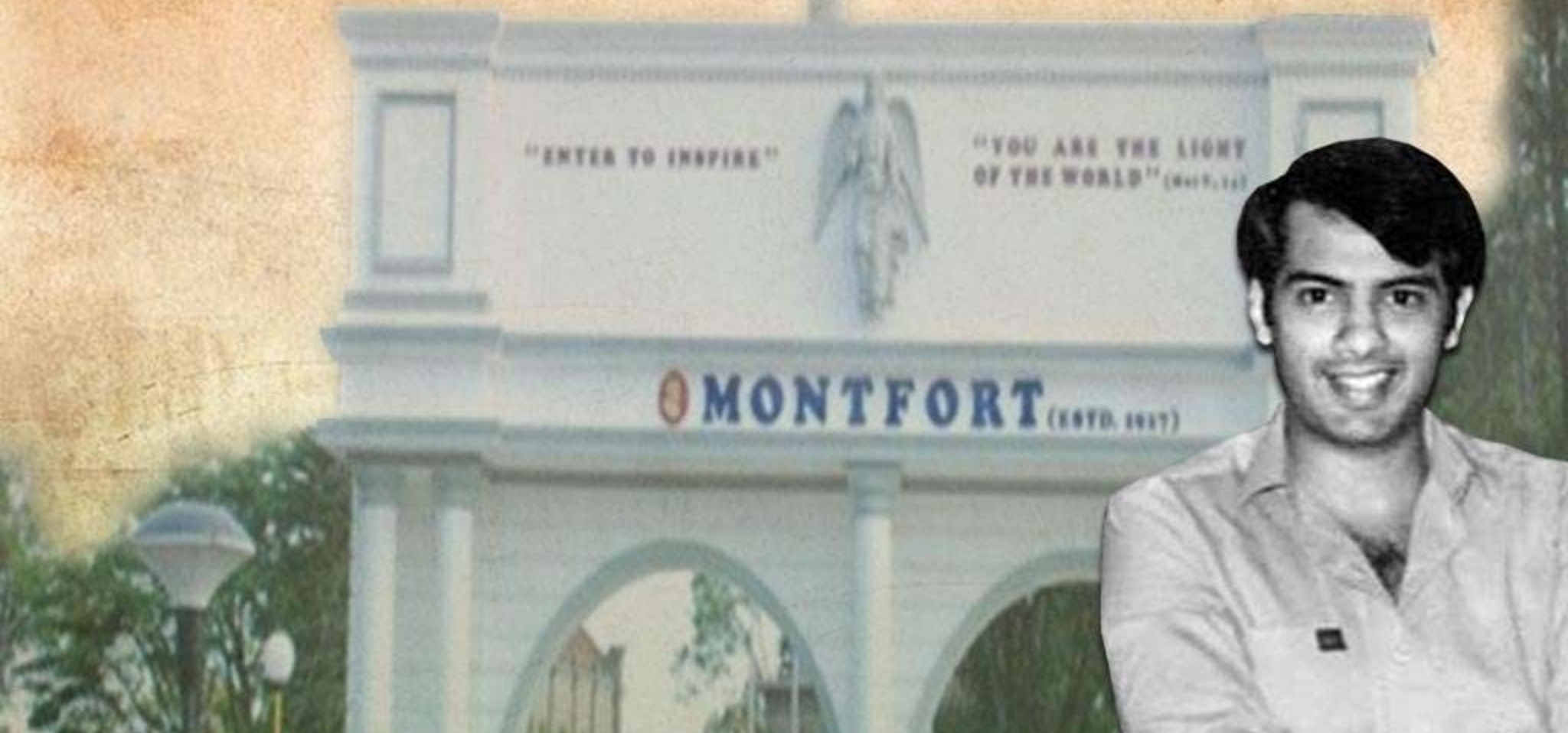
The **family's roots** were in Kerala
they **returned** to **India** soon after
young Shashi was born.

Chapter 2

The education



Began his schooling at
Montfort School
in Yercaud, Tamil Nadu



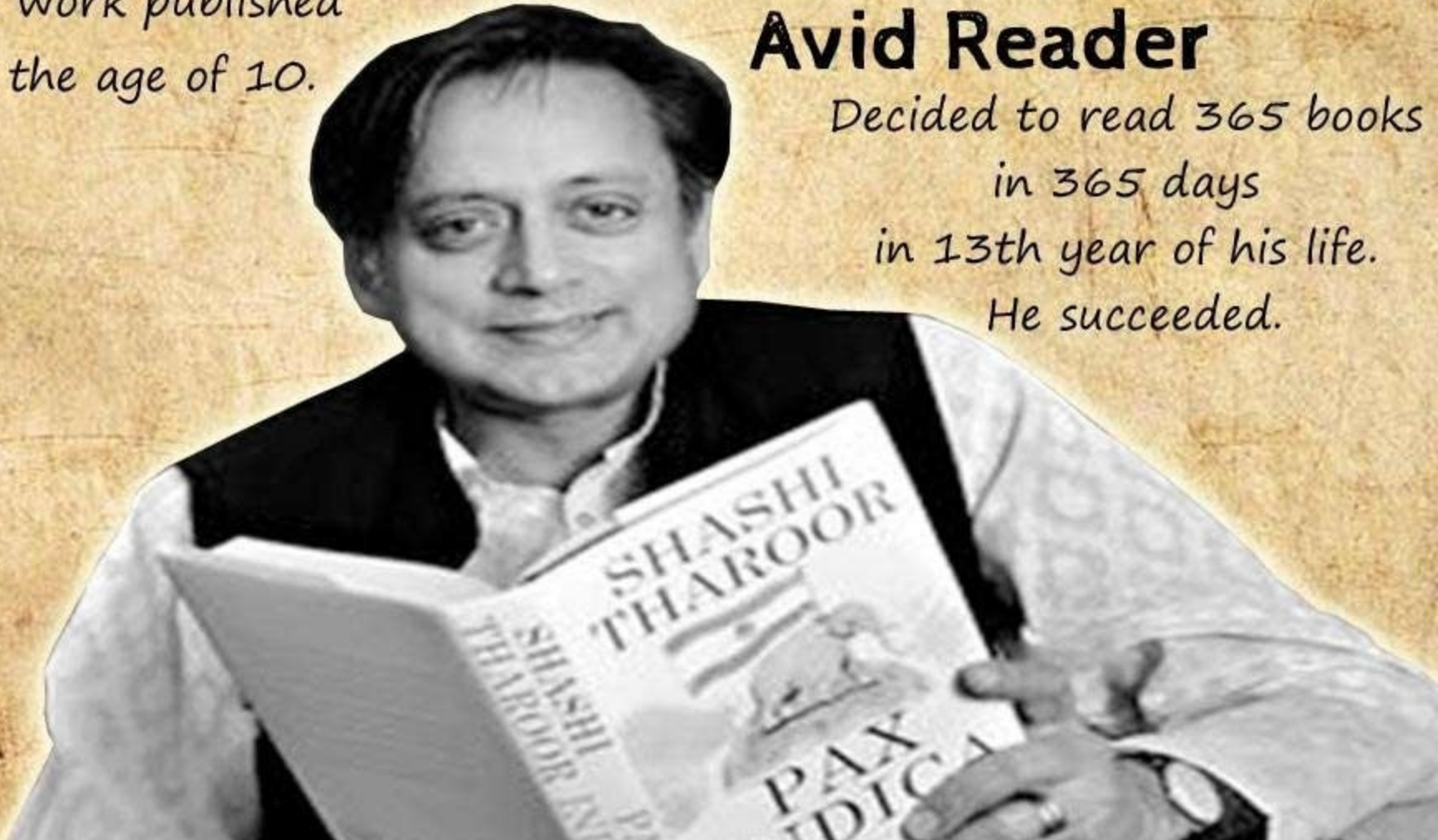
Then went to
Campion School Mumbai



Prolific Writer

*Started reading and writing
at an early stage.*

*First work published
at the age of 10.*



Avid Reader

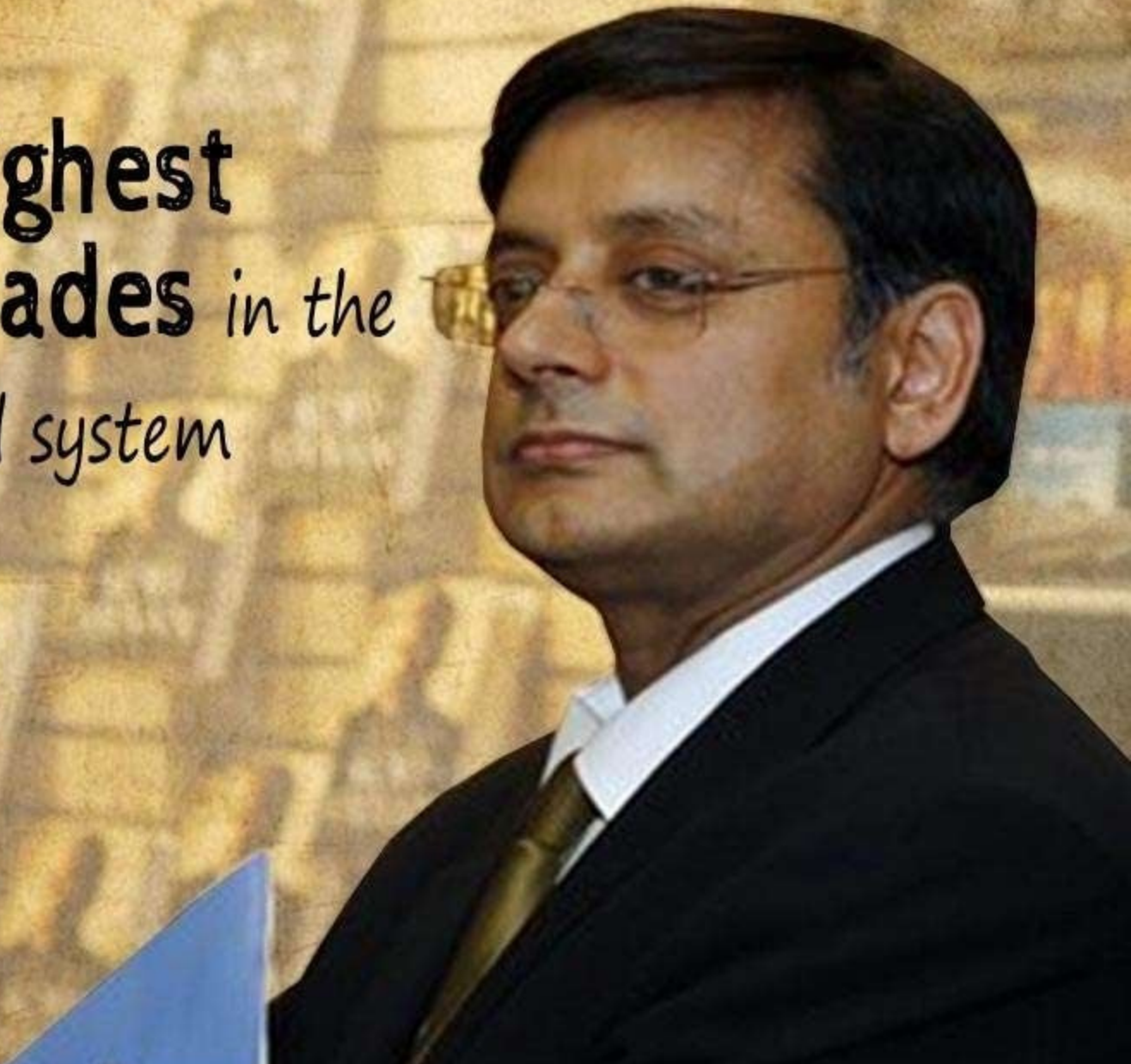
*Decided to read 365 books
in 365 days
in 13th year of his life.
He succeeded.*

High Schooling from
St. Xavier's Collegiate
School, Kolkata



Child prodigy

Came out with **highest**
possible **grades** in the
St Xavier's School system



Active in theater:

Played Antony to Mira Nair's Cleopatra in a 1974 production of Antony and Cleopatra.



From School to College took history as a major in graduation
from **St Stephens College**, Delhi University



Prominent Leader, Always a winner
He was elected as the President of the College Union



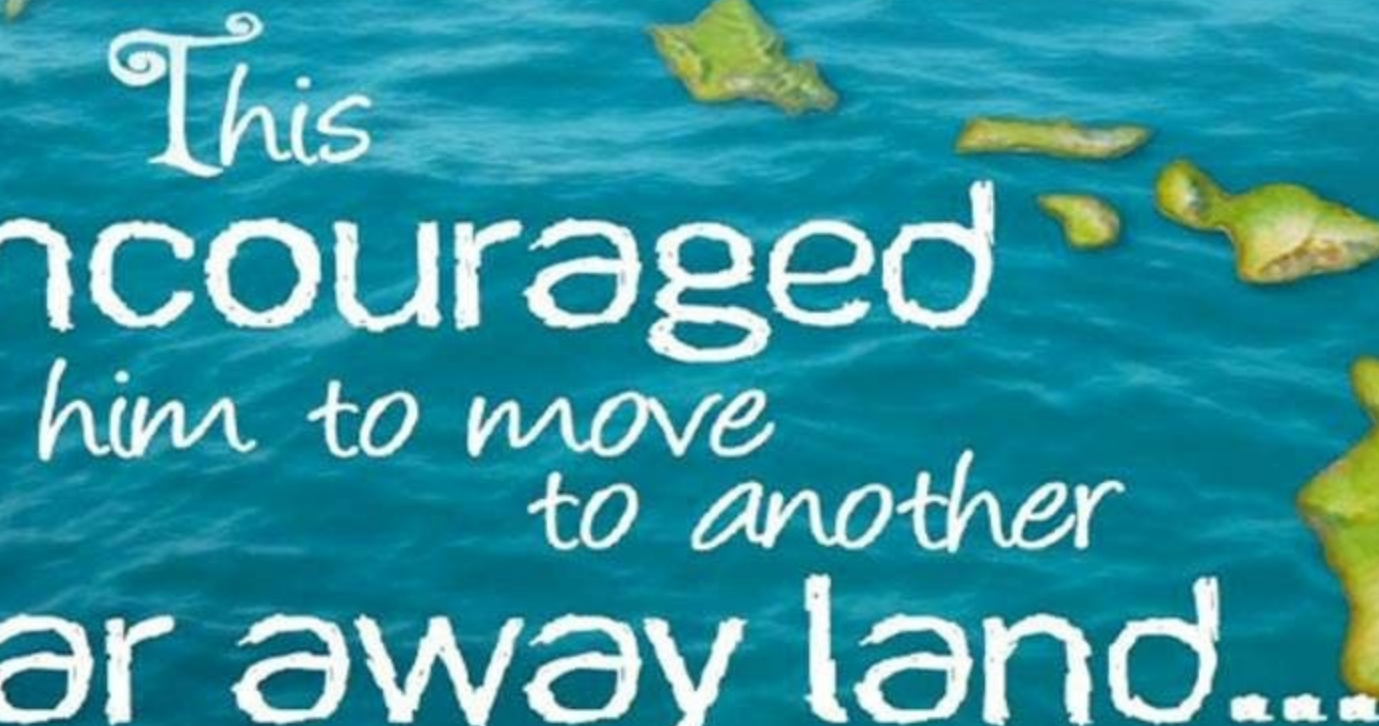
Tharoor being held aloft after winning student's poll

A man with dark hair, wearing a dark blue vest over a brown and black striped shirt, is sitting and looking slightly to the right. He has his hands clasped in his lap. The background features a large mural of a figure with wings, possibly an angel or a deity, set against a light-colored wall. To the left, there is a window with a metal frame and some pink flowers in a vase.

Started Quiz Club in St Stephens College
The Club is still in existence...

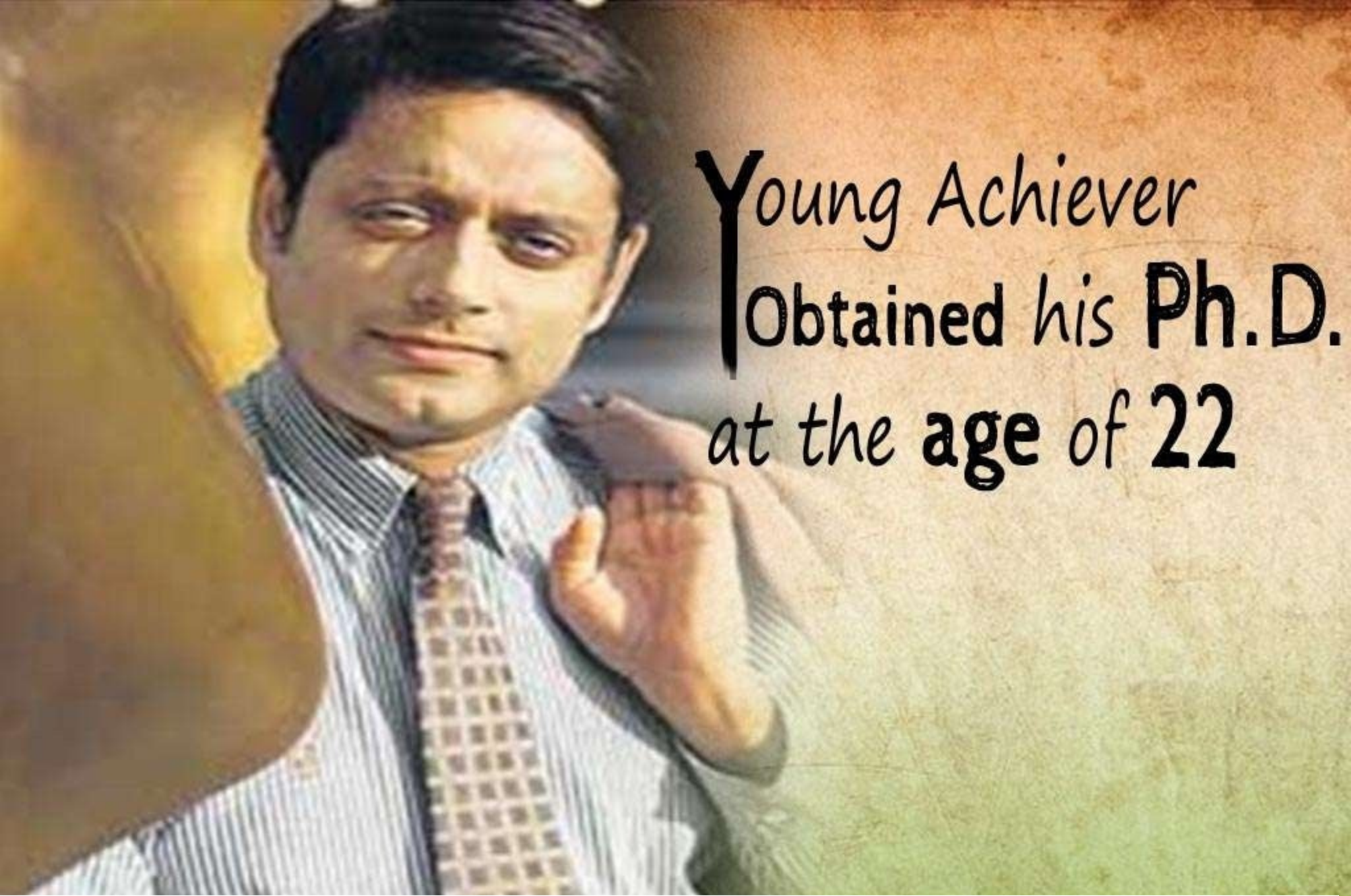
Won a Scholarship
to Tufts University, Boston

This
encouraged
him to move
to another
far away land....



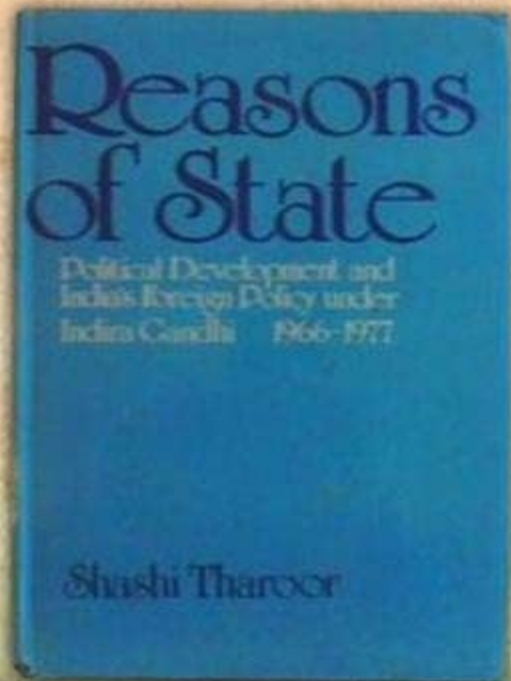
*Obtained Masters in
Law and Diplomacy
at Fletcher School of Law,
Tufts University*





Young Achiever
Obtained his Ph.D.
at the age of 22

Ph.D. on the workings of Indian Foreign Policies made by Indira Gandhi during 1966-77



His thesis took form of a book titled as
- Reasons of State

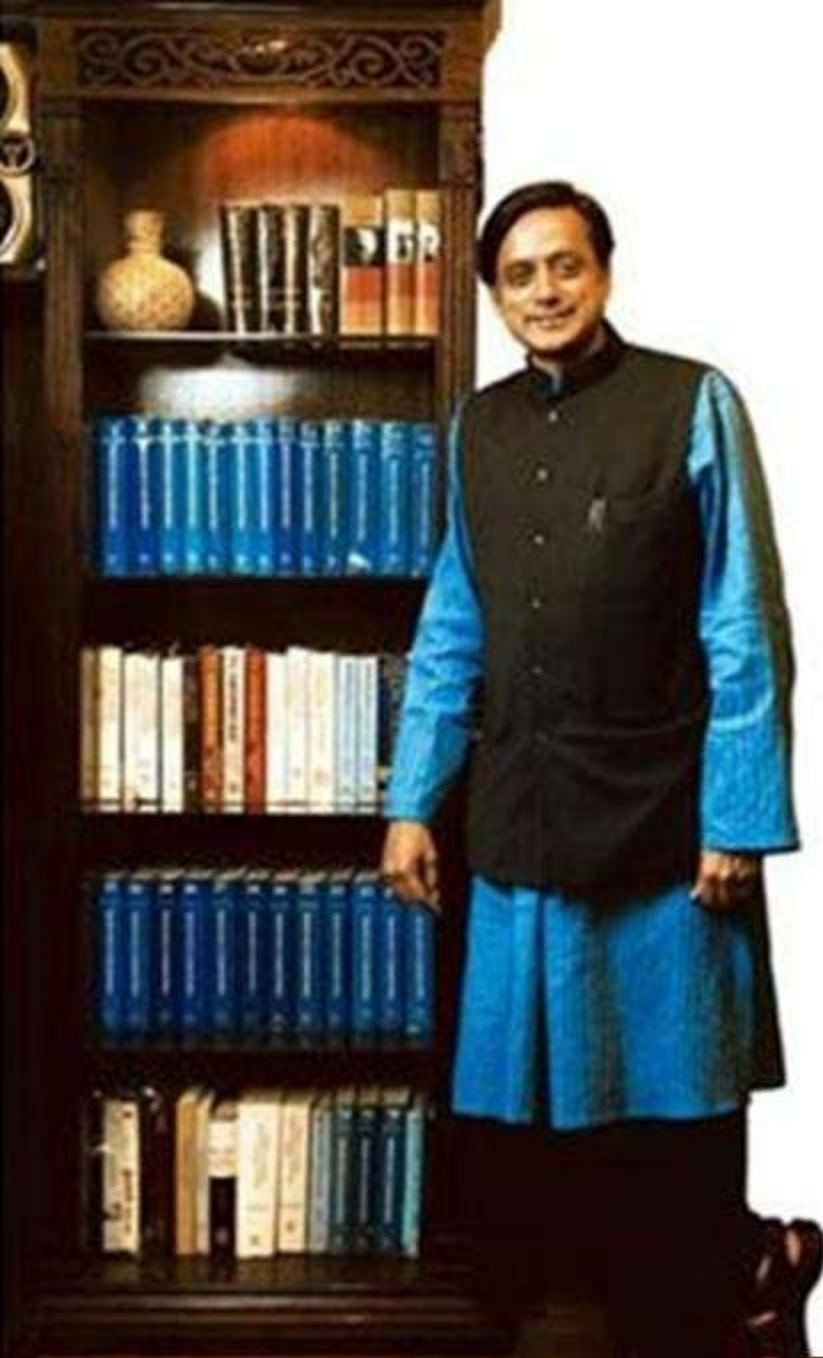
Chapter 3

*Journey at United Nations:
Working for Humanity*

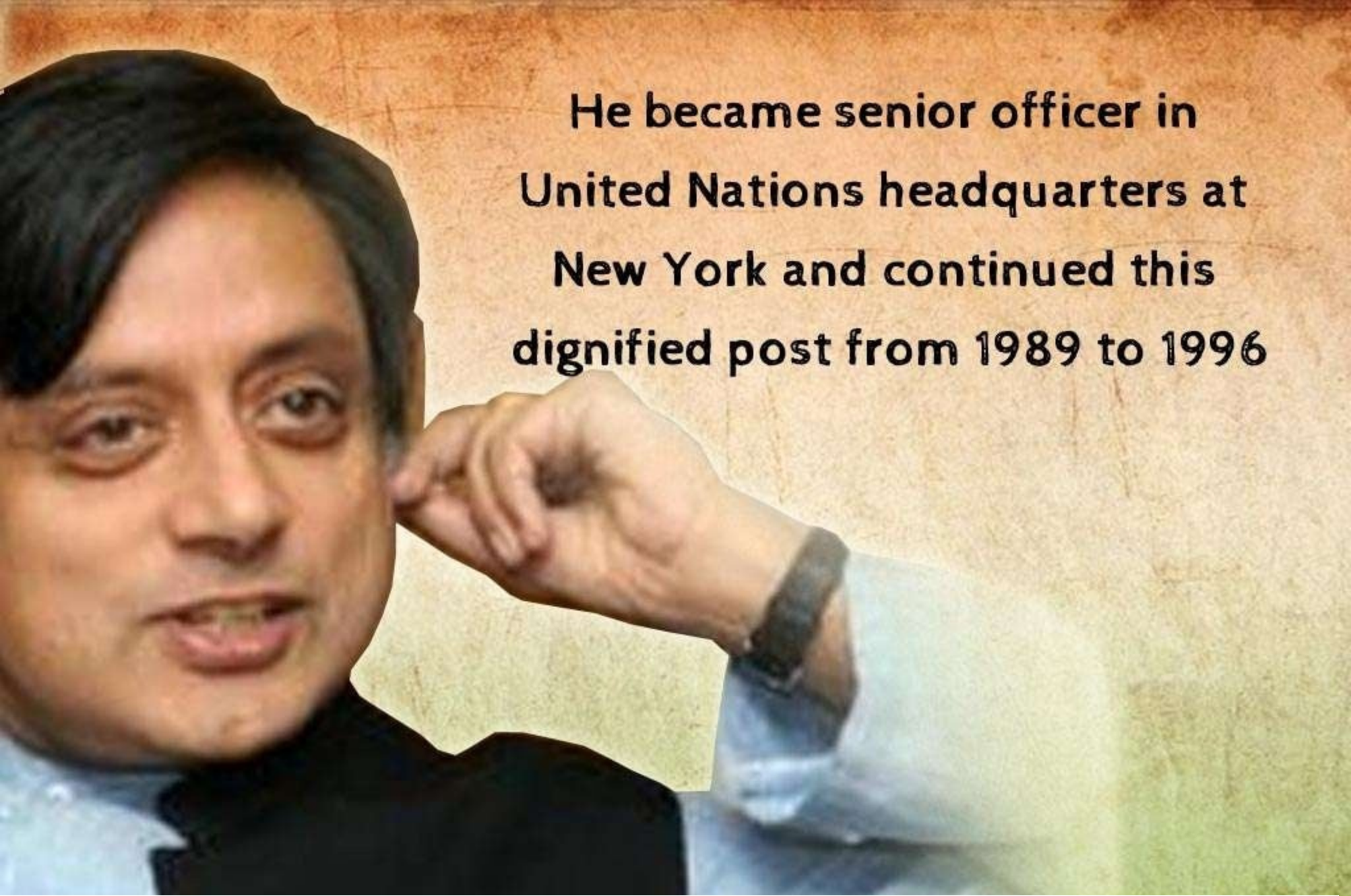


In 1978, he became **staff member** of
UN High Commission for Refugees in Geneva

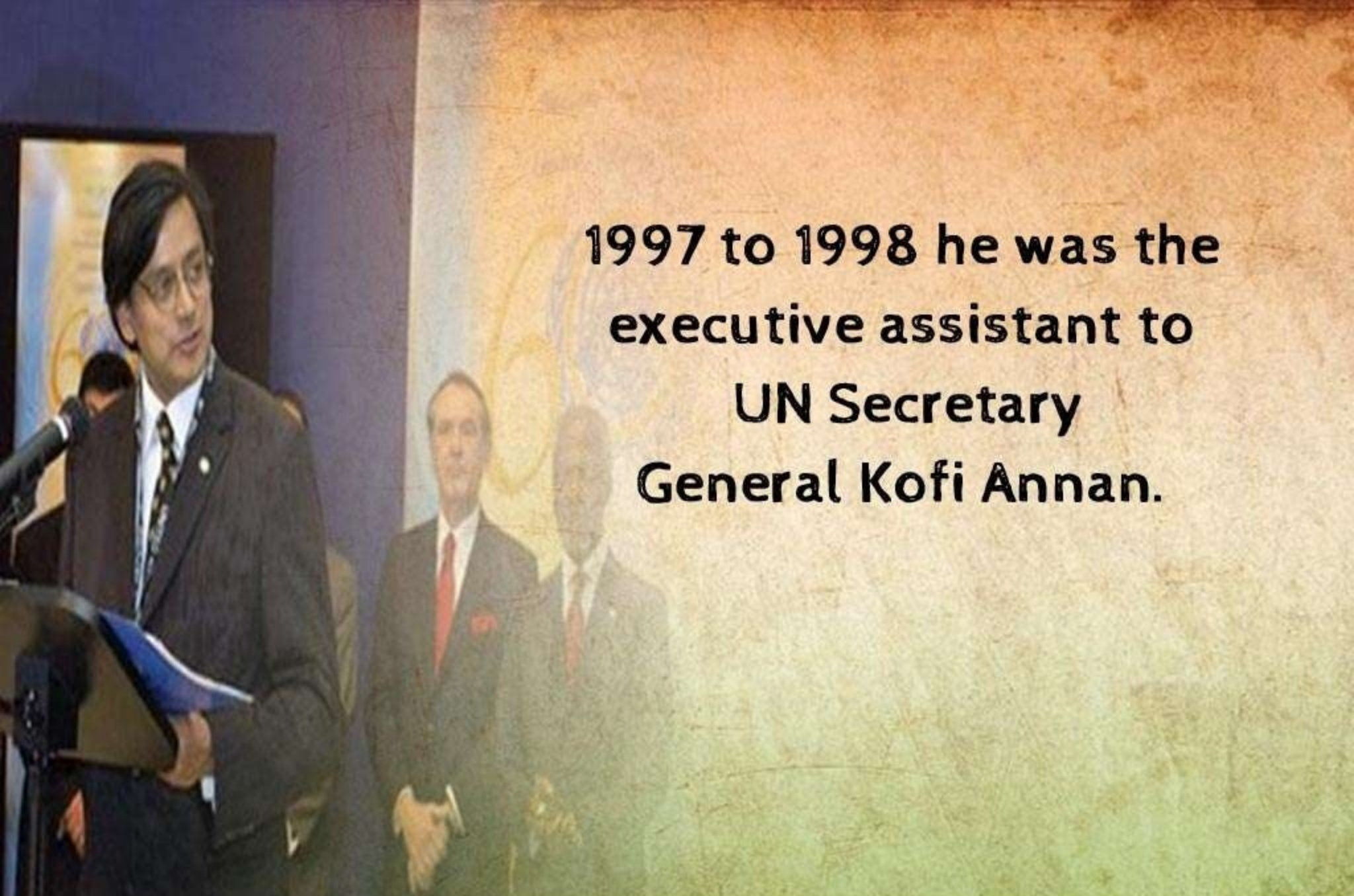




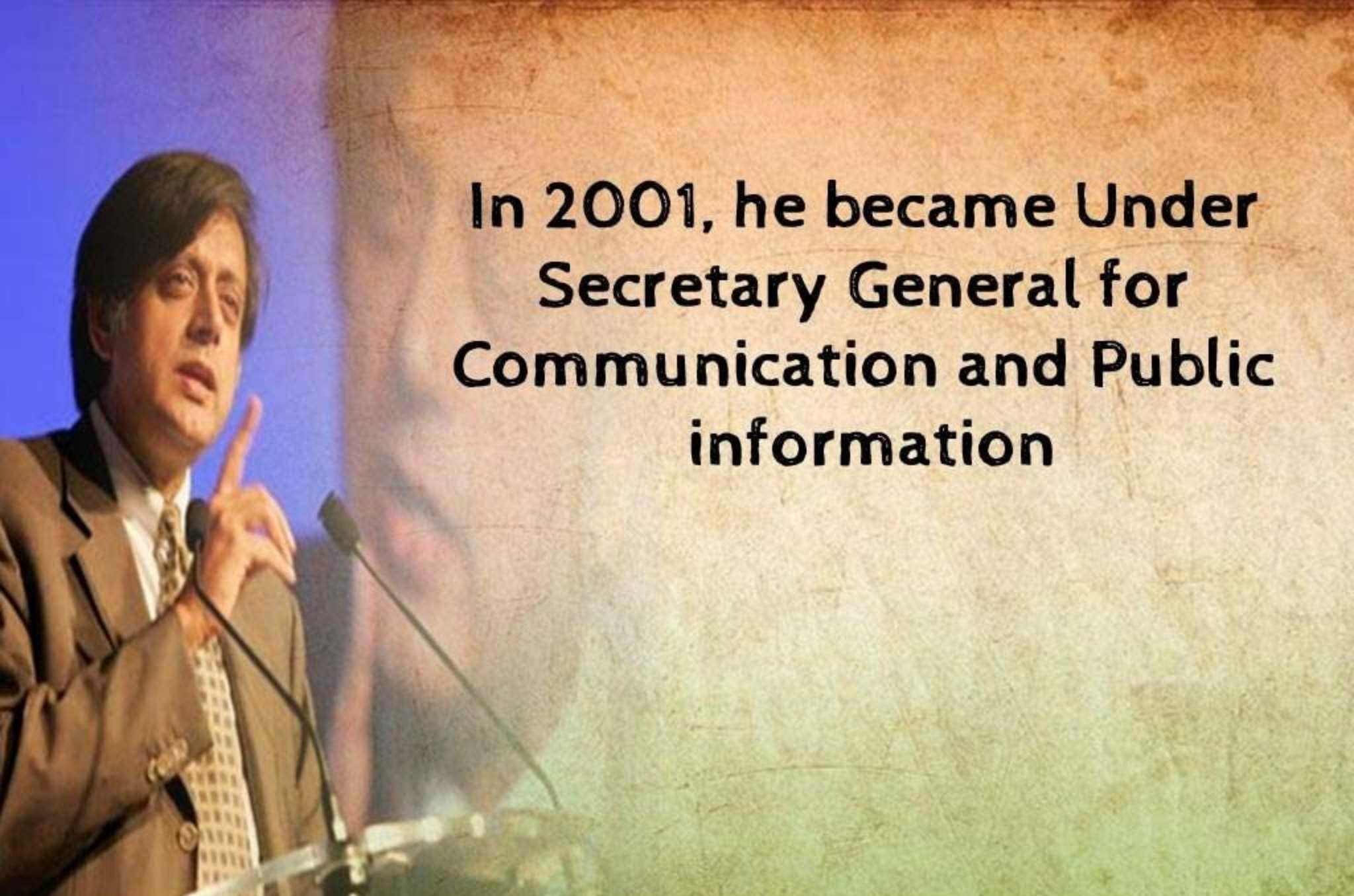
From 1981-84, he headed
UNHCR office in Singapore
during boat people crisis



He became senior officer in United Nations headquarters at New York and continued this dignified post from 1989 to 1996



**1997 to 1998 he was the
executive assistant to
UN Secretary
General Kofi Annan.**



**In 2001, he became Under
Secretary General for
Communication and Public
information**

Chapter 4

The journey of a writer



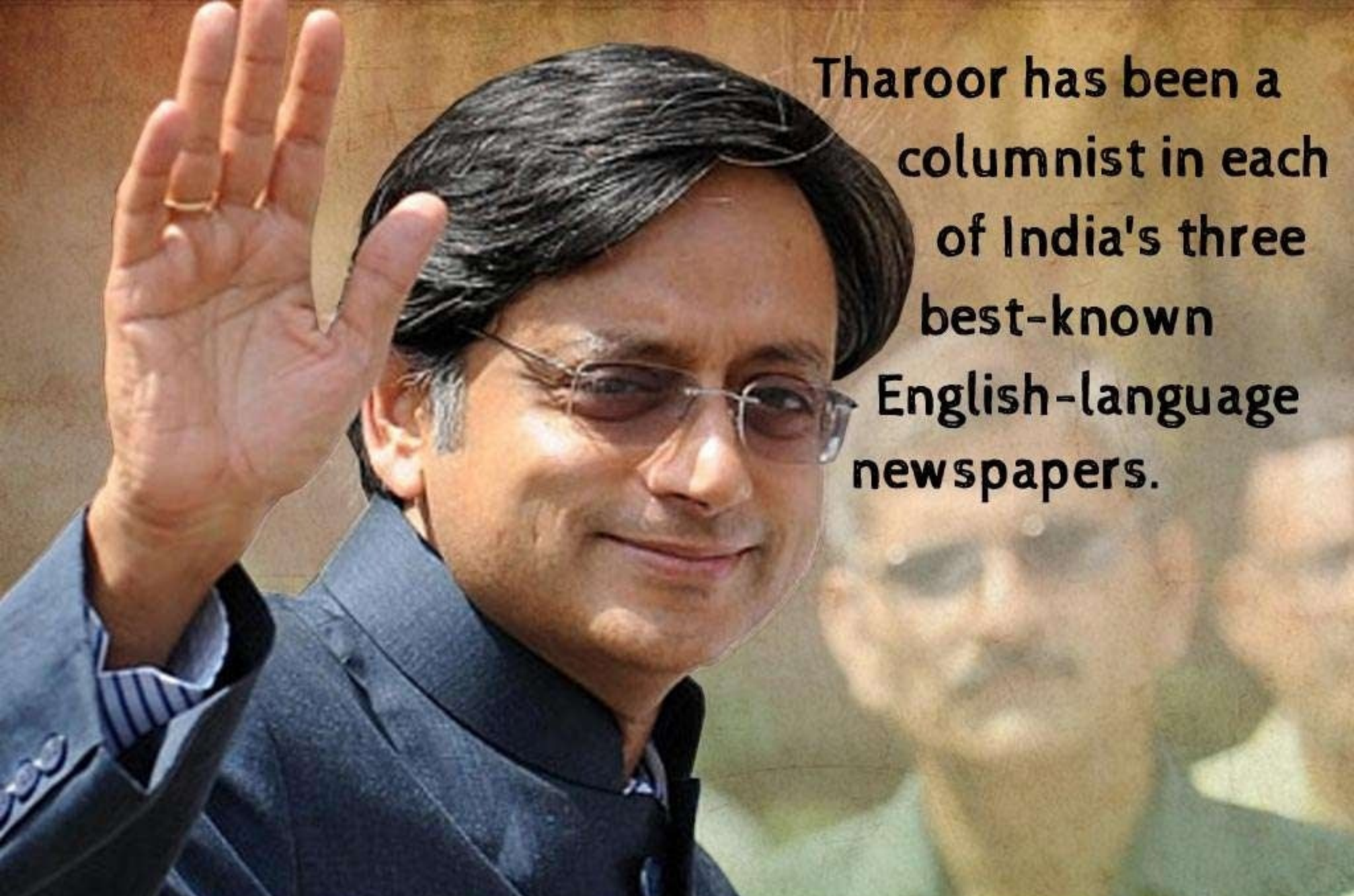
The **writer** inside him
never stopped working.

Wrote on the **evenings**
and **weekends**.



In 1991, *The Great Indian Novel* received
- **Commonwealth Writer Prize** for
the best novel in Europe and Asian region





Tharoor has been a columnist in each of India's three best-known English-language newspapers.

Chapter 5

New age politician





Entered indian politics in
2009, Became
Member of Parliament
from Home State – Kerala

**On 28 May 2009
he was sworn
in as the
Indian
Minister
of State for
External Affairs.**



In **2012** he became the **Indian Minister of State for Human Resource and Development**

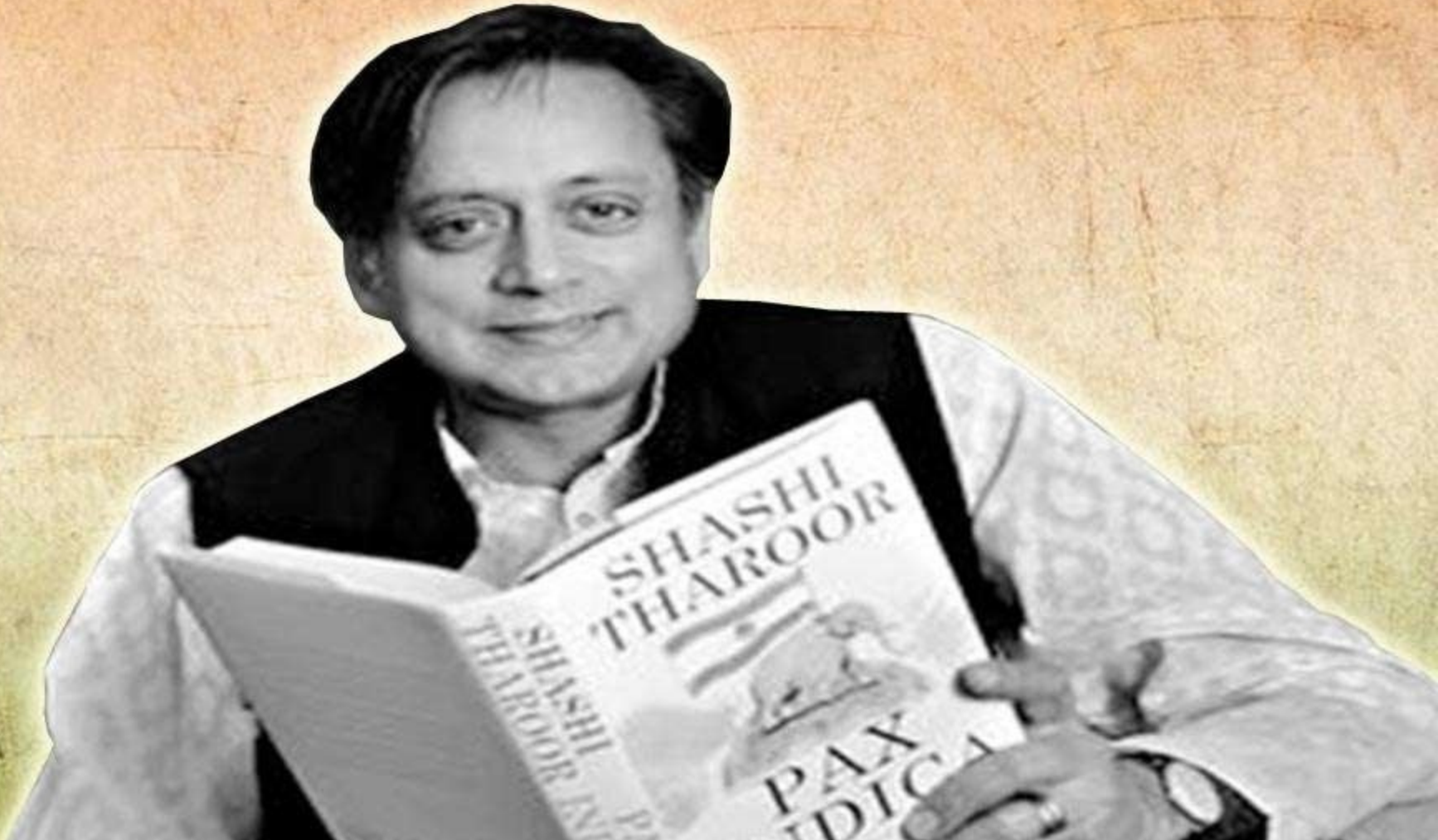


Chapter 6

Combining all



Writer



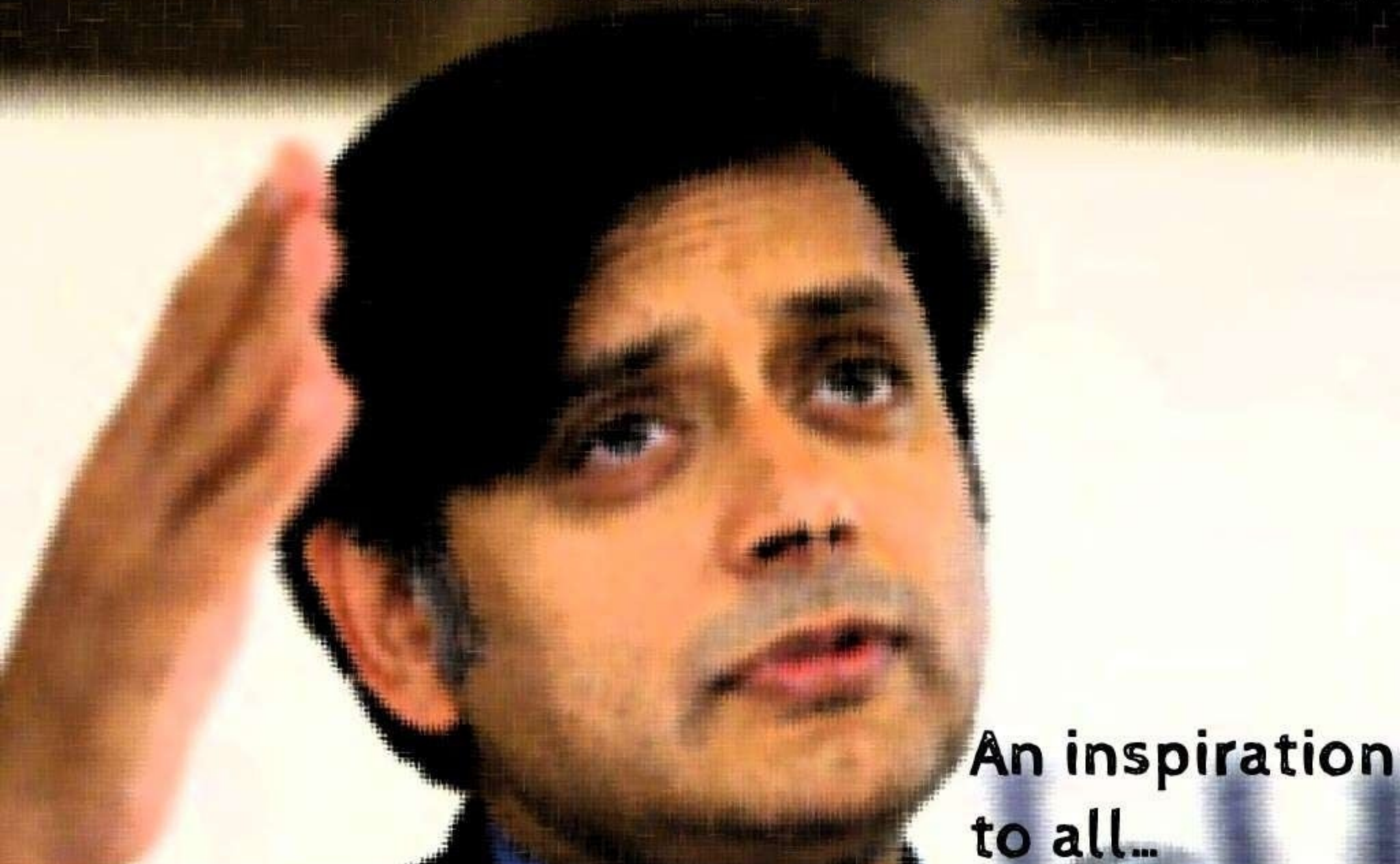
Diplomat



Politician



But above all... **A Proud Indian- Shashi Tharoor**



**An inspiration
to all...**