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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

Everything is a mess! The Community had so many issues to deal with this past week. The verdict of the Renegade Priests case was badly received and still cloudy to say the least. The Code of Conduct that we all rooted for has been approved by only a portion of the BPP as it doesn't work to the advantage of some and the Election Process has been halted simply by the meddling of one party.

How is it that everywhere I go I meet amazing, esteemed, intelligent Parsis and yet as a collective we seem to only see things as divided into factions or not see them at all. Egocentrics colour our judgment and being in other people's good books charters our courses.

I am looking forward to this Election. I would like to see someone with gumption. Someone with heart and brains take over. Someone who laughs in the face of chamcha-giri and doesn't gift homes to friends in return for silence and other favors. Someone who won't get impressed by the seat of the BPP and will instead make his or her own impression on it. Someone who will make the BPP the proud prestigious body of GOOD people. People who don't hunger for the 'saibji' and who really want to take decisions for the good of the people. Someone who will empower the youth with homes and loans and sanctuary so that they may go forth into the world and prosper (and procreate little parsi young 'uns) with zeal! We don't need someone 'holier than thou' but someone ready to sink into the sludge that we have created in the D.N. Road office of the BPP and seriously clean it up. Someone who makes the BPP a happy place to work and to visit.

I want a Trustee I can Trust.

On the other hand I dread this election year. In the past Parsi Times has had people badmouth us without affording a word of proof and we have been left out of Community issues by leadership in the BPP. We don't whine we just remark... Where doors were closed, we, as Press had to find windows to peek into. This is not the way Community leaders should function with the Press. As Press, it is our DUTY to do good and since we are Parsi Press, Good is just the way we are brought up... thoughts, words and deeds... the whole lot! They know this but do they respect it?

In any case, Parsi Politics is not the only thing on the P.T. Menu this weekend! @We have interviewed some of the superb individuals and visited some brilliant places and you simply must enjoy them with us! Read away! And mail me please!

Freya.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Poll Dance 2015

Dear Editor,

I have read your article Poll Dance 2015 - The Parsi Year of Elections.

Among the many possible reasons expected to be given by Mr. Mehta (Retiring Trustee) and as stated by you,

- Why spend money on two elections when the BPP is short of funds?

It is true that presently BPP is going through a financial crunch and spending money on two elections would be an added burden on Community Funds.

I am of the opinion that why not run the Board with 6 Trustees till October 2015, when the term of other 5 Trustees gets over and thereafter hold elections for all the six Trustees, that is, if the same is permissible under the High Court sanctioned scheme.

For the period that there are six Trustees, no major decision need be taken and it's only a matter of 3 months after which a full Board with new Trustees will be constituted and all matters both past and

fresh ones be taken up for consideration.

The present Board of Trustees have not taken any major decisions due to differences within the Board, I therefore feel, the waiting period of 3 months will not in any way be detrimental to the Community, on the contrary a new chapter will begin with fresh faces.

Alternatively, if the cost factor is to be considered, fresh elections be held for all the seven Trustees.

Khushroo F. Bativala

Kudos Parsi Times

Dear Editor,

I am a regular reader of Parsi Times and congratulate you for the valuable information you print in your "Weekly". In your issue of May 02, 2015 on page 02, I found what I was looking for on page 02 top left hand corner. It was valuable information on an organization doing its bit for Devastated Nepal. Though, I wanted to do my humble bit for the calamity struck country, I was hesitant because of not being sure which organization to send my

contribution to. Your article has paved the way in this respect. Thank you and God bless you, your staff and your Newspaper.
F. Pastakia

A Serious Issue

Dear Editor,

The Zoroastrian Community is facing a very serious problem. We all know that something urgently needs to be done for our Mobeds and Priestly Community. The most acute / immediate problem is of Vada Dasturji. There following six Vada Dasturji Sahebs are:

1. Dasturji Kaikhusroo Dastur Minocher Jamaspasa.
 2. Dasturji Firoz Meherji Kotwal.
 3. Dasturji Peshotan Hormuzdiar Mirza.
 4. Dasturji Khurshed Kekobad Dastur.
 5. Dasturji Kaikhusroo Naoroji Dastur.
 6. Dasturji Cyrus Noshirwan Dastur.
- After them who???

To be Vada Dasturji, I am informed that one should be a Scholar of Avasta and Religious studies. e.g. M.A., P.h.d. Doctorate in the field. The

POINT TO NOTE: It's the message, not the messenger you might be mad at! Please Note: The opinions expressed in 'Letters to the Editor' are those of Readers and contributors and do not necessarily express the opinion of our Publication. We reserve only the right to 'edit for quality' and the right to not publish letters intended for this section, that we find less than suitable in tone or expression. If anyone has any doubts and issues about the content of the letters, they are requested to contact the individual authors if his / her details are mentioned.



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RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT

The 128th Salgreh of Igatpuri Zarthosti Anjuman Dar-E-Meher
The 128th Salgreh function of the Igatpuri Zarathosti Anjuman Dar-E-Meher at Igatpuri will be held on Asfandarmad Roj of Dae Mahino, the 19th of May 2015. The Anjuman and Panthaki Saheb cordially invites all Zarathostis to attend the Havan Geh Machi at 6.30 am and Khushali Nu Jashan at the Agiary at 10.00 am followed by a round of Chasni and lite refreshments.
For details Contact: Panthaki Tehmtan Karanjia 9821351320.

ઈગતપુરી જરથોસ્તી અંજુમન દરેમહેરની ૧૨૮મી શુભ સાવગ્રેહ

ઈગતપુરી દરેમહેરની જરથોસ્તી અંજુમન દરેમહેરની ૧૨૮મી શુભ સાવગ્રેહ અસ્ફંદાર્મદ રોજ, દરે મહિનો ને તા. ૧૯મી મે ૨૦૧૫ના દિને ઈગતપુરીમાં ઉજવવામાં આવશે. અંજુમન અને પંથકી સાહેબ બધા બેહદીનોને ખુશાલીનું જશન મનાવવા અગિયારીમાં આમંત્રે છે. હાવન ગેહ માચીની ક્રિયા સવારે સ્ટે.ટા. ૦૬.૩૦ વાગ્યે અને જશન સવારે સ્ટે.ટા.૧૦.૦૦ વાગ્યે કરવામાં આવશે. સંપર્ક: પંથકી તેલમટન કરંજિયા ૯૮૨૧૩૫૧૩૨૦.

The Parsi Zoroastrian Mazagaon Anjuman Dar-E-Meher Trust Fund

The Parsi Zoroastrian Mazagaon Anjuman Dar-E-Meher Trust Fund will celebrate its 47th Salgreh on Friday, 15th May, 2015 (Roj Hormaz, Mah Dae), a Jashan ceremony will be performed at 9.30 am and at 5.30 pm followed by a Anjuman Machi at 7.15 pm. All Community members are invited.

પારસી ઝોરાસ્ત્રીયન મઝગાવ અંજુમન દરેમહેરની ૪૭મી શુભ સાવગ્રેહ

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► prospective candidates have to be trained in Madrasa from very childhood. It demands a lot of sacrifice and some inborn qualities of dedication and devotion besides being born in an Athornan Family.

There are at present only very few candidates / trainees in the Madrasa of Mumbai, Dadar and Andheri.

There is naturally a reluctance on part of parents and family members to initiate and encourage them their progeny to take any full time Mobeds and Priesthood. The reason is obvious. The remuneration / compensation offered to them is not comparable to the prevailing market condition to exist or to have a decent life in modern day society, for the individual candidate himself, alone leave aside to have a decent family life.

In addition to this, there are various Religious and ancestral commandments or rather restrictions that Priestly family as a whole has to adhere to.

To save Priestly Class and especially full time Mobeds and Vada Dasturji Sahebs they have to be looked after or decently taken care of.

Where are funds going to come from?

There are innumerable Agiaries, Dadghas and Dharamshallas and similar religious institution spread all over India which own properties.

These properties are being usurped and /or as subject to encroachment and ultimately resulting in loss of property.

The Management and the Trustees of these properties due to various reasons are not able to look after and / or to protect or develop these properties.

A Trust / an Endowment can be created from the proceeds of assets of these properties.

And the resources so generated be utilized to generate and encourage Priestly class before it faces extinction.

Will the management / Trustees / owners of these properties see writings on the wall and take action in the interest of the Community???

The future of the Community and especially Priestly class is in hands of these association and Trustees besides the Community as a whole.

Bomi H. Hansotia

Divine Intervention

Dear Editor,

This has reference to the letter by R. F. Daruwala, (P.T., 18.4.2015) titled 'Operation Aden'. The letter refers to the largess & heroic efforts of

our Adenwala Seth in bringing about the shifting of our Holy Fire from Aden to the Lonavala Agiary. The date was some time around 1970, and the account that follows had appeared in Parsiana or the Jame, I cannot exactly recollect. However, the operation faced an insurmountable hurdle. The day before the Fire was to take off by a chartered plane, the Mohamadan officer in charge (in Islam dominated Aden) intervened. His curiosity was aroused, for the Fire was enthroned in a large urn/censer, but closed or protected by a ventilated cover or lid. The officer was insistent about finding out as to what exactly were the contents of the Fire censer, and possibly also suspecting some foul play. When informed that the Fire was sacred and hence could not be subjected to the gaze of an alien (in this case the Mohamadan officer), he was irritated and refused permission to deport the Holy Fire. The Dasturs in charge were in a quandary as to how to carry out the operation the next morning's flight. But lo! The next morning the Priests were informed that the Officer had expired, and hence their operation cleared for the flight to India and the project of enthroning the Holy Fire at Lonavala.

Sam N. Doctor

Bring Back the Tottering BPP Wagon on the Right Track

Dear Editor,

Your Parsi Point's above captioned article written by Mr. Piroja Jokhi is perfectly timed, as we are soon going to witness rounds of election, going by the calendar of retiring Trustees.

A few points, I would like to highlight to the Community through your publication:

A) Why the C.E.O. and Administrator's position is not filled up so far?

(To my information from staff working at BPP, the mails have not even been touched, the envelopes are lying in one corner, and that is in spite of releasing two advertisements. Can all Trustees answer why an action is not taken so far?)

Answer is no one wants to empower the C.E.O., as our Trustees hold power rather than be Advisors.

B) Using of technology is miles away, as we are carrying on with people who are 70+, why? Can these old guards even operate computers is anyone's guess. Computers in BPP are restricted to accounts and handful of people in the

office, why? We can't afford to pay well, is it? The graduate clerks get a meager 15k, if he has years of experience. What efficiency can one expect at that salary in today's times? So, I guess Managers will get maximum 25k to 30k. Hence, only post retirement guys join BPP to while out their time and earn pocket money for themselves, and listen to the

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Seth Edulji Rustomji Soonawalla Agiary at Mahim, celebrated its 102nd anniversary on 1st May, 2015 (Roj Sarosh Mah Adar) amidst a lot of religious fervor and festivity.

The day started with a Jashan ceremony being performed on behalf of the Trustees led by the Panthaky of the Agiary - the young and very able Ervad Kersasp Sidhva, who was accompanied by 10 Mobed Sahebs. It was encouraging to see a full house attendance for the Jashan Ceremony. It was a unique experience for all the attendees to witness 11 Mobeds

praying together and creating divine vibes. This was followed by a Humbandagi.

All the Mobeds and the Trustees, thereafter had an open house to discuss all relevant issues. This was followed by a simple lunch.

The Huma Anjuman nu Jashan was performed in the evening, again led by Er. Kersasp Sidhva with 10 Mobed sahebs.

The Chief Guest was Ervad Aspandiar Dadachanji who is also a Motorcar Rally enthusiast.

The evening thereafter was enthralled by Ervad Aspnadiar Dadachanji, who gave a

simple and lucid explanation of the significance of Atash Behram, Astash Adaran and Atash Dadgha. It was followed by a practical demonstration and explanation of how a Machi is offered to the Atash Padshah Saheb. The floor was later open to the audience for questions. It was one of the most enlightening evening for all those who attended his lecture. The evening came to an end with a Machi offered to the Holy Fire by Ervad Minoo Kotwal. Applause to everyone who contributed in different ways in making this milestone event a grand success.

Pictures: Courtesy Adil Desai



NEW TIMING FOR THE SHOW

The latest installment of the "DUDH MA SAKAR" FROHAR FILMS TELE SERIAL SERIES will air on DD- GIRNAR on Sunday 10th May, 2015 at 12.00 Noon (Hathway -531, Airtel dth - 591, Tata Sky Active Mode). The episode features "Education of the Athravans" by Late Ervad Rustomji N. Panthaky - Ex-Principal of Dadar Athornan Madressa with the voice of Mrs. Mithoo Jesia. Popular song, "Nabi O Na Nabi Ammar Asho Zarhoshta Paygumbar" is sung after that by Kersi Mistry and Jaloo Bhesania.

NAGPUR YOUTH LENDS A HELPING HAND



Cyrus Major

Khushroo Poacha

Dhanush Doongaji

Shiraz Gimi - President Nagpur Parsi Gymkhana

A group of Parsi youngsters from Nagpur Parsi Gymkhana lent a helping hand to the Nepalese population in coordination with Delhi-based NGO Goonj.

The group consists of I.T Consultant Cyrus Major, Founder of Indianblooddonors.com, Khushroo Poacha, Dhanush Doongaji and Shezad Doongaji and many more.

They succeeded in collecting 5,000 kgs of rice, 500 kgs of milk powder, biscuits, some other non-perishable food items and also pressure cookers, blankets, old mobile phones, etc.

"The volunteers of Goonj are presently in the interiors of Nepal. They are guiding us about what to collect as per the present day requirement. We will be sending our first lot of collected material by May 15," said Cyrus Major when he spoke to the Press.

Appreciating their goodwill, hard work and dedication, we heartily congratulate the young Parsis of Nagpur. Keep up the good job guys! We are proud of you.

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Mickey Mehta says,

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A LITTLE PARSI FROM THANE IS WELCOMED INTO THE ZOROASTRIAN FAITH

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younger son Yazad to the Zoroastrian faith and performed his Navjote with full traditional fervor. The Navjote ceremony was performed by the two Dasturjis of Thane namely Ervad Marzban Pavri and Ervad Adil Sidhwa. The Navjote ceremony was held at K'Villa Hall at Thane and was attended by Paris of

Definition of Navjote: The initiation of a Parsi child into the fold of the Zoroastrian Religion is known as Navjote. The ceremony of the investiture of the child with a sacred shirt called Sudre and a sacred thread called Kusti. The word 'Navjote' is a Latinized form of the Parsi Gujarati compound of nav "new" and jote "reciter (of prayer)"



On the 1st of May as the world celebrated International Labour day and the state of Maharashtra celebrated its formation day; Parsis in Thane gathered to celebrate the Navjote ceremony of the little Parsi boy Yazad. Yazad is the 10 ½ years old, younger son of Mr. Ruzbeh & Hema Todiwala. Ruzbeh is the caretaker (Chasniwala) to the Patell Agiary at Thane for the last 19 years. It was creditable on his part that inspite of his minimal earnings and a family of four to handle he left no stone unturned to bring in his

Thane who later came in huge numbers for the afternoon Lunch. It was heartening to see that the Trustees of the Thane Agiary Fund and the TPZA were present to bless the child and honour Mr. Ruzbeh with their valued presence. The guests were served Veg/Non-Veg Buffet with a different flavor and taste which was liked and appreciated by all. The bottom

line of this Navjote was that the child Master Yazad was so happy about his initiation (Navjote) into the Zoroastrian faith that he was smiling all along and enjoyed the entire Navjote ceremony from the Nan-Nahavanu to the Ashirwad Sarvanu of the Navjote and thereafter the gifts and love that he received from one and all. I was a part of the celebration since morning and was happy to welcome yet another Parsi child into Zoroastrian faith. May the count of our tribe increase and May the Zarathosti faith live forever. Amen!!!

FeedBack...
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P.T. Things To Do

Rivers and Ridges

Nothing makes you feel like a kid again like chasing fireflies. A natural phenomenon so unique that it almost seems magical, billions of fireflies swarm the forests around Pune and one such location is Bhandardara (170 kms from Pune). This will be a great opportunity for photographers, nature lovers, adventure seekers and offbeat travelers. The camp starts on 23rd May, 2015. Veg cost per person: Adults Rs. 2000/-, Non-veg per person: Adults Rs. 2300/-, Children below 5: No cost, Children between 6-10: Rs. 1800/- inclusive of dinner on Day 1, Breakfast on Day 2 and Lunch on Day 3 with pickup and drop off from selected pick up points in private non-AC bus. Contact: Rohan at 7350064961 and visit: www.riversandridges.com for more adventures.

If you would like to add your activity to the P.T. Things to do Column, please mail us the relevant details at contribute@parsi-times.com or send us mail at Parsi Times, 102, Vikas Building, 11 Bank Street, Fort, Mumbai-1. All listings are randomly picked.

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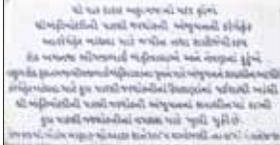
RELIGIOUS FESTIVITIES @ BORDI

"Salgrehs come and go each year, however if Salgrehs are celebrated the way they are at smaller towns & places like Billimora and Bordi; then one may wish that the Salgrehs should be celebrated every day."

Contributed by PT. Reporter Khushroo P. Mehta

With a strong feeling, I reached the main gate of the Zai Bordi Parsee Anjuman Adarian. I was welcomed by the morning breeze coming from the sea side, along with floral fragrance in the air, coming out of the thickly flowered torans put up everywhere at the entrance of the Agiary, in and around the Agiary building too. At the Dasturji's house, after a short chat with Ervad Homi Sena over a delicious plate of Sagan Ni Sev & a cup of Parsi tea, we both swiftly moved towards the Agiary to welcome the early bird Zarathostis for the Hama Anjuman Salgreh nu Jashan which started at 10.25 am in the auspicious presence of Panthaki Saheb Ervad Homi Sena, Ervad Khorehmand B. Marolia both from Zai Bordi Adarian along with Ervad Areez Dastur of Bordi & Ervad Kurush Sena of Anjuman Atash Behram. The four together prayed in solidarity to create good vibrations all across the Adarian Saheb building. The Jashan prayers ended with a Humbandagi which was prayed by around 50 Zarathostis who were present for the Salgreh Jashan. Next was a round of rich malido, chasni with sev, chips & soft drinks. The Zarathostis happily dispersed to reassemble in the evening at the Gambhar.

Over two sessions of lengthy chats with the Trustees of the Zai Bordi Parsi Anjuman Trust in the morning and just before the Gambhar in the evening, I was given the following progressive points to be implemented moving towards the concrete steps they have decided to take to celebrate the entire centenary year of the Adarian starting 4/5/15. The points



put forward collectively by the Trustees are:

1. Augmentation for the corpus of the Trust. Due to the local agriculture economy not doing well, thereby the funds generated in the village is not sufficient. Thus there is a strong requirement of funds from donors from outside the region & foreign countries too.
2. The Trustees want to progressively move ahead with the complete demolition of "Yazade Meher", a tenanted building under the Anjuman, located next to the Agiary, with the help of the current tenants & their active co-operation. The new plan would be to add atleast another 4-5 flats in the said premises in the new building, so as to fulfill the capacity of the tenants flat + excessive flats for leave & licence. This will add up to the diminishing corpus.
3. The Anjuman Trust cordially invites all donor Zoroastrian organizations around the world to come forward & strongly support them by financing the renovation project at the Agiary compound. There will be a special mention of all such donor organizations on the Anjuman placard at the Zai Bordi Agiary.
4. The Trustees strongly feel that Zarthostis inclined towards farming, agriculture & a peaceful retired life should come down to Bordi-Gholvad. They can develop the lands & settle down here with the able support of the Local Trustees.

Similarly the Anjuman trust informs all Zarathostis up to Vasai-Virar & Umargam-Vapi to make use of the renovated bunglis at the Bordi Dongerwadi which is now open for taking in ruvans of Zarathostis.

Soon after the Zarthosti crowd from in & around Bordi, Gholvad & Dahanu came in with full flair & color to enjoy the Gambhar dinner. The special menu for the occasion, formulated by the famous "Golden Resort" owned by Mr. Jal Irani of Bordi, contained Chicken Lollipop & Harabhara kebabs in starters followed by Butter Chicken, Chicken Fried rice, Paneer makhnawala, Jeera Rice, Dal Tadka, Butter Nan & Kulfi. The 150+ strong crowd had Zarathostis of all age, but the cutest of them all was 2 year old little baby girl Frezina who came in all the way from Dahanu to bow down to the Adarian Saheb & enjoy the Gambhar. At her age, her favorite were the soft drinks served. She kept her self busy in enjoying a few small glasses.

The colorful Zarathosti crowd had their fill over rounds of loud jolly chats on round tables & amongst them Parsi Times received a special mention and thanks for becoming the favorite Community tabloid.

ERVAD KHOREHMAND B. MAROLIA

Amongst the many young Mobeds that I have met over the years, I found a different sparkle in his eyes, & a cheerful, encouraging tone in the voice of Ervad Khorehmand B. Marolia. A must read for all young Navars. Excerpts:

Parsi Times: Hello! Khorehmand Saheb. It's good to meet you again, this time at Bordi. Please introduce yourself to our Readers.

Ervad Khorehmand: Yes! Khushroo. I have heard & read such a lot about Parsi Times that I am happy to be talking to you. I am from Dahanu & I am the only son of my father, my grandfather was an Ervad. My father couldn't become an Ervad, so he was keen on making me one as soon I was of age.

P.T.: How did this journey of Mobedy start for you & what were your initial feelings?

Ervad Khorehmand: In 1996, at the tender age of 11 years I completed my Navar ceremony under Panthaki Saheb Aspandiar Dadachanji at Watcha Gandhi Agiary. Since Mobedy was a part of my family, I was happy to have gone into that direction too.

P.T.: Thereafter, when did you become a full time Mobed & where was your first assignment?

Ervad Khorehmand: I was lucky to be at Dahanu from childhood, where there is an Agiary, ably headed by Ervad Behram Patel. He encouraged me and guided me to go to him for daily prayers & religious classes too.



help me become a full fledged Mobed. Along with my education up to graduation (B.Com.), I took turns to studies & religious studies at the Agiary. Finally when the choice for a career came up, I preferred Mobedy & I am happy to have done that. My 1st assignment from 2007 to May 2014 was as a full time Mobed at the Dahanu road Agiary.

P.T.: It's been a year now that you are at Bordi. How do you find your job here? What is it that differentiates you from the other young Navars of the day?

Ervad Khorehmand: I will take this opportunity to strongly clarify the thoughts in the minds of today's Parsi youth, who in spite of being a Navar, fear Mobedy as a Profession, because of the wrong perception that Mobedy is not an appreciable profession. This is wrong, as the matter of fact that, a true Mobed enjoys his work as thoroughly & receives good dividends from it as any other profession. Looking towards the disadvantages if any, then you will always find them in whatever profession you choose. So why not Mobedy, when it is the need of the hour to save our Religion & our Agiaries.

P.T.: That was some good Gyan. How important is it for a life partner to support the cause of a Mobed?

Ervad Khorehmand: Yes! That is another issue which the young Navars feel may happen. They fear that no good girls will come to them, as there is nothing exciting about their profession. Over here, I am lucky as I had a love marriage with a girl from Dahanu, my wife Kainaz; who has been extremely supportive & understanding to the core that she takes very good care of our 2 year old daughter & stays at Dahanu with her, even when I am on duty at the Zai Bordi Agiary here.

P.T.: How would you rate the awareness of the Parsi youth towards our Religion, right from the time you first joined as a Mobed, up to now? What's the corrective action needed?

Ervad Khorehmand: The overall awareness has increased, but is still not enough. I feel that regular Religious Gambhars should be conducted all over India to attract Parsi youth & Religious discourses delivered in them, purely from the point of better understanding & creating a greater awareness about our Religion.

P.T.: How much do our daily prayers help us? What is your formulated combination of them?

Ervad Khorehmand: I personally feel to keep it simple. Because there is immense power in our daily prayers, so much so that even a common Yatha & Ashem if recited with full devotion will help a Zarathosti rule his life with joy.



A chat with Mr. Marzban Baria

Managing Trustee of BPZ Anjuman Trust Funds, Bilimora

Contributed by P.T. Reporter Khushroo P Mehta

Parsi Times: Hello Sir, we have heard a lot about the various activities of your Anjuman Trust in support of our Community. We request you to enumerate them to enlighten our Readers today.

Mr. Marzban N. Baria: Welcome to our Trust office Khushroo. I am pleased to finally have you amongst us today. The first priority of our Anjuman is to maintain all the properties of the Trust including the Adarian Saheb.

P.T.: Is there a separate fund for the Adarian Saheb and how is it utilized?

Mr. Baria: The Adarian fund is maintained handsomely and the current corpus of the Adarian fund is of Rs. 42 Lakhs. The total Adarian income per year

is approx. Rs. 3,61,000 which itself enables us to take care if all the needs of the Adarian Saheb including the Mobeds salaries, bonus & benefits.

P.T.: How do the Mobeds at the Adarian function? What are the facilities they get?

Mr. Baria: Unlike other Anjumans, we have given a free & independent hand to the Mobeds at our Adarian Saheb to perform the Muktdads on an individual basis and earn benefits and monetary gains from it. The Mobeds are provided with excellent independent accommodation. (Mr. Baria showed me the current Panthaki's house and it was really well furnished with all amenities in it).

P.T.: Apart from the basic structure what work does your Anjuman Trust undertake for the local needy Parsis?

Mr. Baria: The poverty amilation

scheme is run by us in this Anjuman since 1940. Currently we are helping the neediest & Poor Zarathosti families with an amount of Rs.750/- per month, which is even higher than what BPP gives. Food grains are generously distributed twice a year to all the member families of BPZA. Apart from those blankets, bed sheets, towels, napkins, utensils are distributed once a year along with special TATA good quality malmal cloth is provided at 10mtrs/family.

P.T.: That is indeed very good & encouraging. It's a blessing in disguise to the local Parsis here. What else does BPZA do?

Mr. Baria: We provide school & college scholarships to deserving students from the BPZA member families. Medical assistance is provided once a year to the neediest & deserving senior citizens amongst the BPZA members.

P.T.: What are your future plans in the direction of more helping cause to the local Parsis at Bilimora?

Mr. Baria: We are under the process of introducing a group Mediclaim policy for all BPZA members which will give good medical support to all those who need them. We are working positively towards implementing it at the earliest.

P.T.: Would you like to add anything for our P.T. Readers?

Mr. Baria: I would like to say that our youngsters should have immense faith in our wonderful Religion & should marry within our Community. Lastly my humble appeal to all the honorable Trustees of various Trusts to be united. Set aside all egos & work sincerely & whole heartedly for our Community. I take this opportunity to thank you & Parsi Times for covering us. Do come again and I hope that you enjoy your stay here.

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I Crave Comfort!

In a city where eating out has started to burn a hole in your pocket, you're left with minimal choice when it comes to grabbing a tasty yet economical meal. This is why

when I first visited Crave the new restaurant in Prabhadevi I thought here's finally someone who gets it right. The restaurant is tiny but looks so inviting with its yellow themed walls, menu and packaging, they've got these adorable witty little food quotes or sayings framed up and the overall ambience is just happy and fun.

The menu is simple. Pizza, Burgers & Sandwiches along with sides of fries served with some delectable dips, dessert and drinks. This is more of a place where you come for a quick pit stop or even order in as there isn't so much space and it's not tailored to being a restaurant where you lounge for ages.

The food however, is really restaurant quality and for comfort food or a snack joint it's superb stuff at a decent price. Please don't expect a McDonalds or Burger King equivalent, think of it more as a deli.

Since the owners are from the guys that bought you Di Napoli which had a stellar reputation for amazing Neapolitan pizzas with its oven and ingredients straight out of Naples, it goes without saying that the hero on the menu really is their Pizzas. While there is plenty of choice my person favorites are the Bacon of Hope which has ham bacon onion and paprika as well as the Italian Job, the more expensive one due to the imported meat on the pizza, namely prosciutto di parma.

From the burgers the Fungi Town is surprisingly delicious. I never order a chicken burger let alone a vegetarian one but this sounded interesting and turned



out to be delightful. Mushroom and ricotta cheese patty with caramelized onion, truffle mayo and yellow cheddar cheese. Try it, it might just surprise you.

Another favourite is their 'Knockout' which is a lamb mince patty with gorgonzola cheese sauce, onion, lettuce and tomato. Firstly lamb in a burger is delicious but what I like it that they've

used a pungent blue cheese dressing which really compliments the meat instead of a regular mayo.

The desserts are served in small portable plastic jars and I like the panacotta out of everything though I am yet to try their tiramisu which I'm told is good.

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Proposed Voluntary Code of Conduct (CoC)

THE NEED FOR A VOLUNTARY CODE OF CONDUCT

Since the advent of Universal Adult Franchise, as per the Scheme for Election of the BPP Trustees, sanctioned by the Hon'ble High Court in 2007, the BPP has had three election runs to date.

In each of the elections held in October 2008, April 2009 and July 2011 a number of pre-election irregularities were observed in terms of electioneering practices, in general. It is strongly felt that free and fair elections must have a "level playing field". This unfortunately has not happened and it is time that this issue is redressed by way of introducing a "Code of Conduct" for candidates to follow for the forthcoming BPP elections this year. This "Code of Conduct" cannot presently be made a part of the existing Scheme for the election of Trustees, because any Court sanctioned amendment will take a long time to implement and inevitably delay the elections.

Therefore, it is felt that an evolving Voluntary Code of Conduct should be introduced, which it is hoped, will be signed by all the candidates concerned, who wish to uphold and abide by the recommendations made in this "Code of Conduct". We believe that all the candidates concerned will agree to the fact, that this document is a step in the right direction in an attempt to streamline the election process. Therefore, it is expected that all the candidates concerned should support this move both in letter and in spirit, as being implemented in the greater interests of the community, as a whole.

If a candidate refuses to sign the recommended Voluntary Code of Conduct, it will imply that the candidate does not want a "level playing field" and that such a candidate wishes to continue with some of the earlier electoral malpractices. It shall then be left to the "good judgment" of the voters to reject or accept such a candidate.

The proposed Voluntary Code of Conduct is being publicized so that our community members can support what is being sought by way of improving the electioneering process in which large amounts of moneys have been spent in terms of free food, drinks, gifts, entertainment and transportation to influence the voters. It is hoped that those candidates, who seek not to abide by the Voluntary Code of Conduct will be given a fitting answer by the voters whose voices are important for democracy to prevail.

The proposed Voluntary "Code of Conduct" is being placed before the Community as hereunder.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMUNITY

Some of us former Trustees joined by prominent members of the Community initiated a dialogue with the present Trustees of the BPP to introduce a Code of Conduct that would govern the Elections of Trustees.

Several meetings have been held over the last 18 months but the present Trustees have not come to any decision in the matter so far.

We were earlier informed verbally by some Trustees that a further meeting would be held with us on May 05, 2015 to discuss and finalize the code, but for reasons not known the same did not take place.

Whilst all the Trustees have welcomed the initiative, a majority of the Trustees have also made it known that the Code as per final draft drawn up (reproduced below) was acceptable and they were willing to sign the same.

With 2015 being an election year, it is imperative that the code should have been in place by now. It is not understood why the Trustees, whilst acknowledging the necessity of having a Code of Conduct have not been proactive or considered this issue to be serious enough to merit their urgent consideration.

We have waited long enough, but looking to the low priority afforded to this vital issue, we are now left with no alternative but to place this matter in the public domain.

We hope that candidates aspiring to be elected Trustees will realize the necessity for a level playing field and shall abide by the voluntary Code of Conduct. It is expected that voters too shall consider voting for candidates who abide by the voluntary Code of Conduct and judge candidates on their merits.

Members of the Community who believe that the need for a level playing field to conduct a fair election is essential, may consider taking up this issue directly with the Trustees or the media as they may wish.

This document has also been e-mailed to all the Trustees for their information. It is hoped that the Trustees who are willing to support the setting up of a voluntary code of conduct as per the final draft will append their names to the document drawn up that features the names of former Trustees and other concerned members of the community, and take the matter forward to its logical conclusion.

Dinshaw K. Tamboly & others.

Submitted by

Former Trustees: Dinshaw K. Tamboly, Minoor R. Shroff, Dadi B. Engineer, Burjor H. Antia, Jamsheed G. Kanga, Maneck H. Engineer, Noshir H. Dadrawalla, Homi P. Ranina

Other concerned

Community members: Darius P. Khambatta, Edul P. Bharucha, Dasturji Khurshed K. Dastoor, Farrokh K. Kavarana, Homi R. Khurokhan, Fali P. Sarkari, Cmde Aspi Marker (Retd), Cmde Medioma Bhada (Retd), Capt. Percy Master, Sam Balsara, Maneck Davar, Adi Engineer, Binaifer Sahukar, Yazdi Tantra, Karl Tamboly, Sam Choksey

[Changes to be considered keeping in mind that the CoC will be introduced as a trial and voluntary measure without seeking sanction of the Court. When this CoC is incorporated as part of the Election Scheme and filed for approval by the court, the then Trustees will be requested to consider a detailed CoC as part of the Election Scheme].

1. BPP Trustees will appoint a President and two scrutineers as per the court sanctioned scheme to conduct elections and oversee the Code of Conduct.

Since the elections are to be held simultaneously at multiple centres and completed in one day, with the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVM), the BPP Trustees will also appoint individuals who will be responsible for the smooth running of the election process, at each centre allocated to them. (Designations to be formulated; can consider calling it 'Election Management Team').

The Election Management Team will function independently and without any intervention from the BPP Trustees or the Administration.

2. BPP Trustees will allow only those candidates to campaign in their Baugs & Colonies who accept without reservations, to abide and faithfully follow the procedure laid down under this Code of Conduct. Great emphasis is being placed upon the honesty and integrity of the candidates.

3. To ensure that a level playing field is maintained, candidates contesting the elections will not be allowed to provide any incentives or inducements of any kind (including food boxes, lunches/dinners, gifts etc) to the voters who attend such election meetings, at the venue or outside or sent to the residences / work places of the voters.

4. Each candidate will be permitted to spend no more than Rs.3,00,000/= (Rupees three lakhs) for their election campaign. Candidates if they so desire are free to campaign outside Greater Mumbai City limits. However the expenses incurred will form part of the overall budget of Rs.300,000/= (Rupees three lakhs).

Transportation (including hiring of buses) or food shall not be

arranged directly or indirectly to be given to any voter be it from Mumbai or out of station who comes to participate in the voting.

All the candidates will maintain an account of all the election expenses that they have personally incurred and will submit the same to the BPP Administration, 48

hours before the day of the Election, when all campaigning will stop. Full cooperation (see Note 10) from the Candidates is requested.

5. Whilst campaigning, criticism of the rival candidates shall be restricted to their policies, programme, past record and work, only.

6. Each voter shall bring his / her Voter's ID Certificate at the time of voting, without which the voter will not be allowed to cast his / her vote under any circumstances.

The Voters' Certificates of Registration will be vetted by the BPP staff to ensure that those who have passed away as on the effective date are struck off the voters' lists by the BPP.

On providing proof of identity, BPP will make arrangements for taking a photograph of the voter whose certificate does not have a photograph affixed, and shall affix a scanned copy on the respective voting certificate.

7. The Candidate will hold meetings after seeking prior permission of the BPP trustees, in their Baugs / Colonies on a first come-first served basis as well as from the statutory authorities including the Police.

It is reiterated that candidates who do not agree to sign or to abide and faithfully follow the procedure laid down under this Code of Conduct will be refused permission to hold public meeting in any of the BPP Estates.

8. None of the Fire Temples of the community or the Towers of Silence complex or any other place of worship shall be used as places for election propaganda, including speeches, posters, music etc.

9. All Candidates are permitted to undertake house-to-house campaigning.

The timings for house-to-house campaigns are left to the 'good sense' of each candidate. It will be

the responsibility of each candidate to ensure that no nuisance is caused to residents by them or their representatives and supporters whilst house to house campaigning is under way.

Members of the Residents/Other Committees of the BPP Baugs / Colonies have been advised to intervene and disallow any candidates or his/her supporters who create a nuisance and cause inconvenience to any of the residents.

10. All campaigning, including house-to-house visits shall end 48 hours before the scheduled day for the holding of the election.

11. All activities which are corrupt practices or electoral offences such as bribery, undue influence, intimidation of voters, impersonation, are prohibited.

12. Any type of demonstrations, gheraos or picketing before the homes or places of work of the candidates by any one protesting against the candidates opinions or activities are barred and if resorted to, shall be dealt with strictly and appropriately, by the Election President.

13. All efforts should be made by the candidates and their supporters not to create disturbances of any kind, like hooting, booing, interrupting, sloganeering at public meetings and/or processions organized by rival contesting candidates.

14. The Polling Station is the room where the EVMs are placed on tables and voters can sit and operate these. There are to be two Polling booths, one for able voters and the other for those who are physically challenged. Entry into the Polling booths is strictly restricted to the BPP authorised staff, which includes paramedics, if any, and to the voters only when going in to operate an EVM.

The Polling Precinct is the general area outside the Polling booth and will vary from venue to venue. For each venue this area shall be suitably marked. Entry into the Polling Precinct is restricted to the authorized BPP staff, for manning the Registration and Authentication Desks, and the candidates with two of their authorised representatives as well as voters standing / sitting in a queue to cast their votes.

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- ▶ 15. Posters, flags, symbols or any other propaganda material shall not be displayed in the Polling Precinct or Polling Station at any given venue.
16. No remuneration of any kind shall be given to voters nor should any moneys be paid to the voters for transportation to the Polling Precinct and back.
17. Candidates and their accredited representatives shall be permitted to enter the Polling Precinct but not the Polling Station under any circumstances.
- Other than a voter, only individuals with a specific valid authority letter from the President can enter the Polling Station. No exceptions will be made on this issue.
18. No sitting Trustee or anyone else shall enter the Polling Precinct except when coming to cast his/her vote. Admission to the Polling Station will be open only to the BPP administrative staff authorised as provided in the Scheme.
19. The President and the two scrutineers shall have the power to investigate the issue of a breach of the Code of Conduct or any irregularity/ illegality relating to

the election process by a contesting candidate or by his or her party workers suo moto or on a complaint received by the President, in writing.

Any breach noted at any polling centre on the day of voting where the President is not present will be reported in writing to the Election President by the member of the Election Management Team and dealt with appropriately by the Election President and the two scrutineers.

No voter shall be entitled to raise any objection to the election of any candidate as Trustee unless the person raising such objection shall have been entitled to vote at such an election and no objection shall have any validity nor be entertained unless the grounds for such an objection shall be stated in writing together with a statement of particulars on which such an objection is based and shall be lodged with the President whose decision shall be final.

20. This Code of Conduct will come into force on the day the elections are announced and shall continue till the election process is completed.

Open letter by Mr. Dinshaw K. Tamboly

To the Trustees of The Bombay Parsi Punchayet,

Some of us (former trustees and other concerned individuals) addressed a letter dated 23rd January 2014 to your good selves, to consider introducing a Code of Conduct that would govern future elections to BPP Trusteeship.

This initiative was taken looking to the experiences of three earlier elections held after the introduction of universal adult franchise in 2008.

Our first meeting with the Trustees on this issue took place more than 14 months ago on 25th February 2014.

All of you ladies and gentlemen agreed there was a need for setting up a CoC for which we have had many meetings and for which several individuals have spent a great deal of time, energy and effort in drawing up the final draft of the document.

The final draft of the Voluntary Code of Conduct has been ready for some time now, seen and discussed by you Trustees and has been awaiting finalization by you all. Whilst all of you have accepted the necessity of having a CoC, and a majority of you have even indicated your willingness to sign and introduce the CoC, it is surprising that no action has been taken so far.

This being an election year, with three sets of elections, covering six seats, due in quick succession between mid-2015 to early-2016 it is imperative that the CoC should be finalized and announced before any further delay.

We realise it is now too late in the day for BPP to move the Hon'ble High Court to have the proposed CoC included in the Court approved Scheme for Election, and therefore our recent discussions have focussed on BPP introducing a 'Voluntary Code of Conduct' for the present elections, leaving it to future Trustees to move the court for incorporating the Code of Conduct into the BPP Scheme for Elections.

We were invited by a Trustee to attend the Board Meeting on 21st April to finalize the CoC, but thereafter were informed by another Trustee not to attend as you all first wished to discuss the issue amongst yourselves.

Whilst we did not attend the meeting on 21st April, we conveyed to yourselves the urgency and necessity to approve and launch the CoC. We were advised that we would be invited to the meeting scheduled to be held today (5th May 2015), but not having received any information we are by way of this communication informing your good-selves that we are now left with no choice but to bring into public domain the document, detailing the reason for the delay of introducing a voluntary CoC, the need for a CoC, and, the final draft of an evolving CoC.

The document that is being introduced into the public domain is attached.

Many other community members and the media themselves have also been clamouring for a CoC to be introduced. Even at this late hour, we would urge all the Trustees, or at least those Trustees who are committed to introducing the CoC to do the needful by taking the matter forward to its logical conclusion.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,

Dinshaw K. Tamboly

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ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL'S DAY STEPPING UP WITH TECHNOLOGY



The Presidential Ballroom at VIVANTA by Taj President is abuzz with action and activity on Administrative Professional's Day (APD) every year, year after year. The reason is they have been our gracious and wonderful sponsors and the wind beneath IASAP's wings since the past 28 years!!! Ably and whole-heartedly supporting them all these years is our second sponsor, Blue Dart Express Limited, with its presence across 220 countries and territories across the world. It is also one of India's Best Companies to work for, an award that they have won 5 times in a row! Ladies, are you listening???

IASAP celebrates Administrative Professional's Day amidst the presence of corporate bosses who accompany their Administrative Professionals to this Luncheon as a mark of appreciation and a sense of recognition for all the hard and smart work that they put in, to make their bosses super efficient! Yes, April is Celebration time for all Administrative Professionals the World over!

Besides this function, we also had a very helpful and useful talk on "Health in our Hands" by Dr. Priya Alphonso on April 8, 2015 at The Palladium Hotel; The EAST meets WEST Global Summit sponsored by CISCO, Bangalore on April 11 and the Grand Finale, Saturday Night Fever, on April 25, when all our members let their hair down and enjoyed to their heart's content..... because..

Ek Break, Work se, to Banta Hai!!!

The theme "Stepping Up with Technology" was apt, keeping in mind the changing face of how businesses operate today.

The computers & IT have impacted our lives in every sphere and changed it tremendously...viz..

- MEMORY was something you lost with age
- An APPLICATION was for employment
- A PROGRAM was a TV show
- A KEYBOARD was a musical instrument
- A WEB was a spider's home
- A VIRUS was the Flu
- A MOUSE PAD was where a mouse lived.....

Our All India President, Yvonne Alphonso, in her Presidential address thanked all our members' bosses for sparing time from their busy schedules to be with their super-half of the office and making our function a super success each year. She spoke

Gwen, who he said was the mainstay of his office during the entire working hours but had a deadline to meet... she must leave office by 6.00 pm everyday or she would be fined Rs.100/- daily. This speaks volumes of the person he is and the value he places

Commissariat who introduced the current governing council members of IASAP, the President Emeritus, Mrs Homai Mehta and our Past Presidents of the Association who now serve as the Advisory Body and lastly a few words by both our sponsors.

Mr. Sanjay Umashankar, General Manager, Vivanta by Taj President was all praise for his secretary

most pertinent, as gone were the days of the Typewriter and Networking now takes the cake.

The IN thing is social Networking and is one of the mainstays of expanding our business too. As per statistics he felt that by year 2020, there would be 600 million cell phone users, 5000 million internet users and storage will be in terms of Gigahertz! In spite of such advances in technology, he also agreed that his secretary Viveta was an indispensable person in his office and appreciated her contribution to his smooth functioning, day after day.

A Vote of Thanks was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, Sharon Pires and she requested the bosses present there to continue their support to IASAP by sending their counterparts to our two important forthcoming events...

Secretary & Administrative Professional's Contest (SAPC) in



The Governing Council members of IASAP 2015

on how technology can be used to our advantage and is here to stay and we as Admin. Professionals have to complement this new change in the work place and use it to our advantage.

The afternoon's programme was steered with ease and enthusiasm by our vibrant Master of Ceremonies, Zarine

on not only his time but that of his secretary, who he feels, needs to spend quality time with her family at home too. This is appreciable and commendable, Mr. Umashankar!

Mr. Balfour Manuel, Regional Head and Sr.Vice President, Blue Dart, was happy to be with us and said that the theme for APD was

August 2015 for honouring the Best Secretary of the Year &

The All India Convention in Hyderabad from September 19 - 22, 2015.

The afternoon ended with a sumptuous Thai spread, meticulously laid out and prepared under the watchful eyes of the Chief Chef, Ananda Solomon. Thank you!

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MRS. HOMAI MEHTA



A tete-a-tete with **Mrs. Homai Mehta**, Director, Sir J.J. College of Commerce & Founder & President Emeritus, The Indian Association of Secretaries & Administrative Professional (IASAP), on the occasion of Administrative Professional's Day on April 23, 2015.

Jasmine Sahukar: How did the idea of IASAP germinate and how did you get interested in the field of vocational education?

Mrs. Homai Mehta: Management explosion in the late 60's saw young and qualified executives joining the Corporate Sector. They, in turn, felt the need for competent secretarial assistance which was then a lacuna. In fact, top Secretaries came up the ladder by sheer experience, with little or no professional training. To fill this need, a few institutes of repute initiated the Secretarial Course.

Sir J.J. College of Commerce was one such institute which introduced the Executive Secretary course primarily for graduate students and job placements was its hallmark. In 1968, the Hon. Director of the College was deputed on a Lions International Project to U.S.A. to study the pattern of secretarial and Vocational Education. One of the highlights of his trip was the meeting he had with the National Secretaries' Associations in U.S.A. which was a professional

body having secretaries as its members.

Back home, with the support of Sir J.J.C.C. the idea was germinated to form a secretaries' body which resulted in establishing the National Institute of Personal Secretaries. Seven top level secretaries were identified to form the

first Governing Council of National Institute of Personal Secretaries, registered as a professional body under the Societies Registration Act in October 1970 which today is now known as IASAP.

Jasmine: What, as per you, are the attributes of a good Secretary / Administrative Professional?

Mrs. Mehta: Some important attributes are: Positive Attitude, Self-confidence to be a self-starter, a pleasant and congenial disposition; and now knowledge of Networking and the ability to multi-task at all times.

Jasmine: In the past, this profession found favor with many young Parsi women but now what is the scenario like?

Mrs. Mehta: Yes, young, educated and cultured Parsi girls, especially from affluent families who where graduates opted for the Secretarial Profession and were highly in demand. Even today many business houses do ask for Parsi Secretaries but, unfortunately, with so many new avenues open, very few Parsi girls

choose this profession.

Jasmine: Do you feel that technology will enhance and evolve the role of an admin professional or diminish it?

Mrs. Mehta: Certainly, technology has enhanced the role of the Admin Professional which has undergone a paradigm shift. Even in the years to come, technology will be a crucial factor in evolving the role of the secretary.

Jasmine: Your message to the young women who wish to take up this profession and also a message for P.T. readers...

Mrs. Mehta: My message to young women who seek office jobs is: "Enroll for the Administrative Professional Course after graduation, along with an advanced course in MS Office, if not already done so in college.

At Sir J.J.C.C. every student is assured of Placement Work for at least a year before you decide to enroll for MMS. After graduation not everyone is lucky to get admission to MMS which costs Rs. 8 to 10 Lakhs. I have many ex-students who are in supervisory, executive and even managerial positions now, but were once secretaries and have risen the ranks with their hard work and professionalism. I suggest parents (Who are a bulk of P.T. readers) should give freedom of choice to their children to choose their careers. And college students (also P.T. readers) should have back-up options of careers in case they are unable to get entry into their first line of career preference.

Lastly, I would like to throw some light on two important upcoming events of IASAP.

1. The Secretary & Administrative Professional Contest (SAPC) which will take place in August 2015. I urge all Admin. Professionals to take part in this prestigious contest and win exciting prizes and above all, gain the recognition and pride of place in your profession and at your work place which will hold you in good stead, in the advancement of your career. Hope to see many entries for this contest which is open to all full time working

Lady Administrative Professionals across all age groups.

2. The All India National Convention of IASAP at Hyderabad from September 19-22, 2015, an excellent opportunity to network with your counterparts and enhance your expertise and knowledge in the profession by hearing some eminent speakers lined up at this Convention.

I thank the Editor & team of Parsi Times for supporting IASAP and on your 4th Anniversary, I wish you and your team the very BEST and many more good Reportings and great Success in the future!

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SORABJI THOOTHY AGIARY

By P.T. Contributor Ervad. P.K. Bhadha, Panthaky of Thoothi Agiary



A Beautiful Tale Of Faith

The Sorabji Thoothi Agiary, located at Walkeshwar Road, Mumbai was consecrated on the 29th of May in the year 1859 by Late Smt. Cooverbai Sorabji Thoothi on her own land, overlooking the sea, in pious memory of her beloved husband, Late Seth Sorabji Cursetji Thoothi, who left for heavenly abode in 1858.

The Agiary is a 156 years old edifice, which has weathered the storm from the times of British Raj to the present day. In fact, it has seen this city's skyline virtually rise and grow before it. Today, it is nestled between high-rise concrete buildings and the hectic traffic of South Mumbai and yet it maintains its dignity, serenity and the identity of an age gone by.

The Parsi Community has over the years, enthusiastically patronized this Agiary which has seen many generations of Zoroastrians pass through its holy portals.

The Thoothi Agiary has an untold story of spiritual beneficence which the Trustees would like to share with all our brethren of the Zoroastrian faith. When Late Smt. Cooverbai Thoothi, the beloved Founder of the Agiary, initially consecrated the Sacred Well of our Agiary, it spewed out salt water which many considered to be an inauspicious omen. Nevertheless, she was undaunted, and despite her old age, she called upon the workers to lower her on a wooden platform into the depths of the well, which is nearly 85 feet deep. There she remained and offered devout prayers and invocations for more than 3 hours until the sun had set. Then she asked to be brought back

up and forbade anyone to go near the Well until she returned the next morning.

The next morning, she once again asked to be lowered into the Well and offered prayers for three more hours. Thereafter, the well was completely covered up and everybody went home. The following day, she ordered the Well to be uncovered and with her own hands, she drew out the water. By a divine miracle, the Well delivered water of greatest purity and sweetness! It continues to do so, till today!

Over the years, this Well has acquired a legendary reputation of being extremely holy. Many faithful worshippers at the Well, have had their problems and burdens lifted

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and burdens lifted and have obtained great blessings from its immense Spiritual Powers. In fact, Professor Hemmadeen, the noted Zoroastrian scholar and well-known psychic from Germany, during his last visit to Mumbai (then Bombay) had described our Agiary and its Well as “one of the holiest places in the City”.

Today, when the world is leaning towards high technology and computerization and the younger generation is occupied in a chasing materialistic happiness, it is heartening to know that there still exist some places of spiritual happiness and great beneficence. Our beloved Thoothi Agiary is one of them.

In conclusion, we pray that the spirituality of this sacred place may remain for eternity and may the Divine Blessings of Ahura Mazda continue to bless all His devotees. Amen! ▶

APPEAL

I take this opportunity to thank all of you, who visit this Agiary to pay homage to our Shree Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda and also our Holy Well in the premises.

It is a known fact that the Well in our premises has miraculous powers and prayers and wishes of many devotees have been fulfilled from time to time. Many devotees have suggested that Jashan should be performed at the well, as a mark of respect and thanksgiving. We had therefore decided to perform a Jashan on every Avan Roj at 10 a.m. at this miraculous well. The first Jashan was held in April itself, following the 155th Salgereh of our Agiary, last year.

Those who wish their names to be included in the jashan (Hama Anjumen) Ceremony, may kindly contact the undersigned. A sum of Rs200/- only, per entry, will be charged and separate “chasni” packets will be distributed. We are sure of receiving tremendous response to this suggestion. Please give your wholehearted support and in return receive blessings from our beloved Avan Ardivisur Banoo.

Er. P. K. Bhadha
Panthaky



Visit the Thoothi Agiary at Walkeshwar Road, Malabar Hill, Mumbai - 400006



DON'T BURN OUT

WZCC conducted an interesting and useful Workshop on "Stress and Burn-Out" on Saturday, 25th April 2015 at Sir JJ Fort Boys & Girls High School.

The Workshop was ably conducted by well-renowned Consulting Psychiatrist, Dr. Pervin Dadachanji.

In her very lucid style, she systematically went through the causes of stress. Stress develops due to worries, anxieties, brooding over a matter on a continuous basis, pressure of work, trying to multi-task, etc.

The stress that develops then has its subsequent effect in terms of anger, frustration, depression and

de-motivates the affected person. However, it was pointed out that one should practice and adopt positive thinking to one's life and actively implement the following steps.

Communicate frankly with others - your trusted friends, superiors,



Team WZCC with Dr. Pervin Dadachanji

relatives, doctors and near and dear ones.

Socialization is considered as the most effective in such stressful conditions. Keeping the mind occupied and diverting your thoughts to more pleasant activities can be a good way to feel better. Listening to soothing music, reading good books, keeping either a dog or a cat as a pet, watch the fish in a fish bowl or a fish tank, etc. also helps the process of de-stressing one's mind.

Throughout the session, Dr. Dadachanji had a very frank and practical interaction with the participants. All those

present openly came out with numerous questions which were disturbing them in their lives. All these queries were answered in a very pragmatic way without usage of medical terminology.

The participants felt happy to get right clarifications and understood "stress" in the right perspective.

WZCC had earlier arranged a workshop on Water Conservation coupled with Green Environment under the Leadership of Prof. Soli Arciewala, an international

authority on the subject.

Subsequently, another workshop was arranged by WZCC on Parsi Succession Act of 1925 encompassing the importance of "WILL" etc.

This was another workshop which was relevant to mental health.

WZCC's Global President, Mr. Minoo R. Shroff, introduced Dr. Pervin Dadachanji in his inimitable style and presented a memento to the learned speaker in appreciation of her commendable efforts.

Kudos to WZCC for organizing valuable seminars and for always standing ready to support fellow Community members.



Mr. Minoo R. Shroff, Global President with Dr. Pervin Dadachanji



Audience at the Workshop



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On the 21st of April we extended a warm welcome to our Zoroastrian brethren at the Sorabji Thoothi Agiary and appreciated their presence as they came to pay homage to our Pak Ahura Mazda on the 156th Salgreh of the Agiary. We pray that His choicest Blessing be showered on all present.

The Agiary was decorated with flowers. There were flowers everywhere on the photo frames, on every door, Well, etc. A very colourful rangoli was there which had everyone's appreciation. Devotees started pouring in from early morning. Havan geh boi was performed by the Panthaky Saheb Ervad Percy Bhadha. The Machi was from the Trustees. A Jashan was performed by Ervad Percy Bhadha with the Agiary Mobeds. Chasni & soft drinks followed the Jashan. In the evening Hama Anjuman Machi was offered at 4.00 p.m. followed by a Jashan. Sumptuous snacks of soft drinks were served, sponsored by a generous lady who doesn't wish to

THE PANTHAKY'S MESSAGE

- Do visit the Agiaries as many times as you can. Offer Sukhad-Machi as and when you can as it is the food for the Atash Padshah.
- Donate generously towards the Agiary maintenance fund as it is difficult to maintain the staff as well as the Agiary in times of rising economy.
- Respect the Mobeds and offer them the maximum you can as they don't have any further (old age) benefits.
- Have tremendous faith in our Religion as it has everything for you. Ask (pray) with sincerity and you shall receive. It is my own personal experience.

May God bless you all, Ushta-te.



be named but I take the liberty to bring her in the limelight as she sponsors the snacks year after year. She is Ms. Khurshheed Engineer. We thank her profusely for her generosity of wish her good luck. May God bless her.

Musical programme was by apro Marazban Mehta and his troupe, which had everyone dancing to his tunes. A sumptuous dinner catered by Ervad Percy Bhadha was served at Rs. 200/- a head.

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THE SETTLEMENT DISAPPOINTS... AS JUSTICE IS DENIED TO THE VICTIMS

Contributed by P.T. Writer Piroja Jokhi

From very young age, we are taught to believe that truth ultimately prevails. Satyamev Jayate! The first prayer we learn is Ashem Vohu - righteousness is the best good. Our grandmothers told us stories about the conflicts between good and bad where the evil doers are vanquished and ultimately truth triumphs.

What has happened today that our belief in righteousness is shattered, truth and justice have taken a back seat and there is victory for the persecutors? This is what has happened in the settlement of the matter of renegade Priests ban order. We are told that as the Priests were not the petitioners, their opinion was not sought for. Without giving them even a chance to defend, the petitioners and defenders agreed to a settlement where natural and logical justice was denied to the priests. The terms of settlement were not revealed to the priests and even the Community was kept in dark. Now it is legally confirmed by the High court and the Supreme Court that the Trustees have no authority to put the ban on the Priests. For a layman with a little common sense one can surmise that as the ban implied was illegal it automatically becomes null and void. But

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the laws are interpreted, more to save the criminals than to bring justice to the victims. As the Trustees could afford to spend a hefty sum of over three and a half crores, (of course without spending a pie from their own pockets,) can the Priests dare to defy them?

On settlement issue, we may understand the stand taken by the Trustees as they are the petitioners in this case, but it is difficult to understand the stand taken by the defenders on the settlement terms. There is no doubt about their integrity, both Kanga and Khushrukhan are dedicated to the cause of the Community and have always stood for justice. Earlier, they had made an appeal in the court challenging the illegal ban on the Priests. It is strange, that as defenders they have agreed to a settlement which is one sided, damaging the image of our Community, and lowering the dignity and self respect of the Priests, who stood by us at the cost of their personal interest. I am sure

it must be a tough decision for them. There may be some compelling reasons for them to take this extreme decision. What has compelled them to sacrifice their principles to accept the terms of settlement which gives respite to the entire Priest Community except the two Priests on whom the ban still remains. I still fail to understand that when the law of the land has disallowed to put a ban on any Priest at any time, how can the previous ban be valid?

This settlement on no account can be considered a victory for the Community. In reality the two Priests needed to be complemented and rewarded for the brave stand they took for the Community. Instead they are singled out and punished for their firm stand and defying the unethical dictates. An amicable and permanent settlement should have been such that it washed off the dark and dirty stains of the past, and cleansed our hearts of all impurities so that the old wounds are healed and a new beginning is made to bring peace and harmony in the Community. This present settlement will not serve any purpose as it is infringement on the basic rights of the concerned Priests.

This most sensitive matter should have been tackled with patience and maturity when people stated to opt for cremation. We should have taken the Community into confidence, and tried to understand their point of view. Does denial of prayers a solution for our problems? When we came to a new country our ancestors had to face many challenges. It was not possible for them to move ahead without accepting and approving the eternal law of change. Disposal of dead bodies cannot be ignored or delayed. They had to find a method best suited to the new place and environment. It may have taken considerable time, a lot of research by a number of visionaries to create the Dokhmas. Today we are facing a similar situation, when the Dokhmenashini system has failed. It is beyond our control to restore or revive the system. It is not the time to create conflicts and controversies. In this hour of crises we have to stand united and collectively work to resolve our problem. We have to bring our heads and hearts together to find an alternative. Until we create an alternative we should stop interfering and leave the matter to the individual. About the settlement, the least we can do is to bring amendments in the terms of settlement, and apply the same rules to all Priests including the renegade Priests.

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bullies of our Trustees.

C) Financial crunch, you are making me laugh. These days the flats are sold in crores, although the Colonies were built by our industrialist ancestors for working class, but today it is being occupied by business class as only they can afford to pay out crores of rupees. Even if these crores earned are kept in Fixed Deposits, it will easily earn 9% interest, and even common man knows this, and you don't need to be a financial genius.

Now to the main thing which all Community people should ask the prospective Trustees to do is firstly sign the Code of Conduct when they submit their form to be an Honorary Trustee and let it form a part of the oath which they take when they become a Trustee.

I wish and pray that will all these awareness drives and social media, our learned Community members make the right choice when they choose their next leaders who are wanting to serve the Community without any vested interest.

Gev Dalal

Promesion and resomation

Dear Editor,

Mrs. Piroja Jokhi has hit the nail with deadly logical accuracy. The Community is divided over a useless controversy of the disposal of our mortal remains. It is absurd to adhere to a system that is no longer functioning. The major constituent of the system, the vulture is no more and the system cannot just function on Khurshednagarshni, exposure to the sunrays. The very basis of our faith is cleanliness of body, mind, soul and environment is defied here, where corpse lie rotting for days before it is allegedly subjected to form of cremation. The Trustees of the BPP are chary to explain this process. The end result is the indignity that the body has to suffer and the stench, people living in the vicinity has to bear: rather most non-Zoroastrian surroundings.

Change has been the very basis of our survival, yet certain Trustees on the board of the BPP, with their ostrich syndrome are not ready to face the reality and change. Promesion and resomation are both eco-friendly and very Zoroastrianism-friendly systems, but to get them accepted will be like banging one's head against the Rock of Gibraltar to a high educated Community with an archaic mindset. Yet, as Shakespeare says, "tis a consummation. Devoutly to be wish'd".

Dara M. Khodajji

BPP Elections - 2015

Dear Editor,

1. The Community's voters must give a VERY SERIOUS thought about

re-electing the same set of Trustees as it did, in 2008. What a terrible price it point for being wined, dined and FOOLED. Also keep away from their stages which they may field.

2. One Trustee is so THOROUGHLY USELESS that the Supreme Court chided her (in the Renegade Priests Case) for vacillating and changing her mind thrice.

3. Chairman Dinshaw Mehta has a lot to explain for the ADMINISTRATIVE MESS in which the BPP is: it is functioning without a CEO, for the past 16 months.

Two Sr. Executives were victimized and "emasculated" - forcing them to resign!

The intra-Trustee morale is so low that they send E-mails to one another, though they sit first 3 ft. apart, at meetings!

The staff-morale has vanished: 2 senior managers send E-mails to the Chairman, seeking directives!

NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A BIZARRE STAGE OF MAL-ADMINISTRATION, IN MY LIFE.

4. One Trustee is a confirmed fascist: a pro-litigation "maniac" - shall we say?

5. Ever since the 2 WAPIZ Trustees crept in, the Board spent Rs. 3 crores on the Renegade Priests Case, and fell flat on their faces.

They launched a witch hunt of spouses who have inter-faith marriages - wanting the spouses (non-Parsis) to go back to their original homes, after sunset.

A MILLION-FOLD MADNESS

The want to pursue against all advice (of 14 Parsi Doctors and 2 prominent environmentalists) A MEGALOMANIAC PROJECT to have a Vulture Aviary at the Bombay Doongerwadi at a Capital cost of Rs. 25 Crore, and a recurring cost of Rs. 10 cr. (?) p.a.! Ghastly!

BNHS wants Parsi money and not Parsi Corpses.

Our assets are ROTTING! A 7-story structure, on the edge of Godrej Baug is rotting for 9 years! So also one building at Panthaky Baug.

6. The Bhabha Sanatorium imbroglio is going on, for 25 years!

Reject all the 7 Trustees / their cohorts, who may creep in through the MAIN door.

B. T. Dastur

IF EVERY ZARATHOSTI DOES THIS

Poetry Corner

O Ahura,
May every Zarathosti love and respect our great Religion.
Whether he in India lives, or in any other distant region.
Please bring back our lost glory of Bombay and Yazd;
Help us, guide us, our mentor please do be, O Ahuramazda.

Think so that, about our Religion before ourselves, may we;
Amicably behave we, even if eye to eye, we do not see.
May our name again shine, as did our ancestors name(s)
Help us O Mazda, please revive our lost glory and fame.

Ms. Afried Dastur

THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX! Lords of the Ring Edition



It started off as an idea being discussed by two friends while sitting in the Cusrow Baug Garden. "Lets do something, life is getting quite boring." - was the statements that lead to the birth of Outside the Box. Ayesha Mistry and Rustom Irani had an idea, but unlike most other people that we know of, they actually worked on it and formed what is today one of the most unique and emerging Event Management Companies which came to be aptly known as Outside the Box.

Ayesha and Rustom, both residents of Cusrow Baug, thought it was time for a change in the normal routine through

which people handled events and took it upon themselves to be that change. They had quite a few discussions through which they eventually came to a vision of what Outside the Box should be about and since then they have never looked back.

Outside the Box's maiden venture, was an event called "Lords of the Ring" an Open Floodlit Ring Football Tournament, held within the confines of the Cusrow Baug colony on Cusrow Baug's newly revamped football field over the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of May. It was a bold step and one they had to take to get noticed, says Ayesha Mistry. Tournaments like this have never taken place within Cusrow Baug and it was time for a change. Rustom Irani, took the initiative and approached The Cusrow Baug United Sports and Welfare League for the necessary permissions and approvals before proceeding with the event they had a vision for. Although a bit hesitant at first,

being the first of its kind, The Cusrow Baug United Sports and Welfare League were supportive of Rustom and Ayesha's event and provided them with all the necessary groundwork required to facilitate a successful event.

Approaching the sponsors and getting them on board was a challenging step for the young Outside the Box. Managing to secure the likes of Monster, Funatic, Chikita, Bombay Bliss, Bellissimo, Parsi Times, The Rabbit Hole Boutique Hotels, Shahzad Enterprise and Cafe

Blue player by the name of Mashunthan Pheigui. A Manipur boy who's cool and calm demeanor let his on field skill speak volumes for the game of football. He was later unanimously voted as being the Man of the Tournament by not only the Outside the Box organizers but also by the referees present, despite Kenkre Blue not reaching the finals.



Rustom Irani and Ayesha Mistry

Doing this alone, was never an option for us. We wanted to give the people what they wanted for a change, not what they were used to. We definitely took on board some vital input from our fellow footballers and we rightfully give credit where credit is due, they have been one hell of a support system for us.

- Rustom Irani and Ayesha Mistry (Founders of Out Of The Box)



We had sign ups for Parsi Times at the Venue



The Team behind the brilliant effort



Audience says "PL!" and smiles for our cameras

Universal as sponsors set the ball rolling for The Lords of the Ring Tournament. Only after signing on board their Title Sponsor for the Event being PUMA did people start to take notice of this small emerging company setting his footprint in the world of events.

The start of the tournament was slow. The blazing hot sun thinned the crowd and tired the players on field. However, as the floodlights came on, the crowd filled in, the cheers got louder and the display of football on field never dropped below expectations. Each play by the participants had a motive behind it, a larger vision but only one goal - and that was to be The Lords of the Ring.

A noticeable player that was not only a crowd favourite but spotlighted on what and how a footballer should be, a Kenkre



The Parsi Times Stall

Congratulations!

Bombay Gym "Nice and Easy" - Winning Team

They received Rs. 30,000 in cash, Rs. 1,500 of PUMA Vouchers for each player plus a crate of Monster Energy Drinks.

Cusrow Baug "A" - Runners Up

They received Rs. 20,000 in cash plus a crate of Monster Energy Drinks.

Mashunthan Pheigui - Man of the Tournament

He received a voucher from PUMA for Football Studs of his choice plus a crate of Monster Energy Drinks.

Each participating member of the Tournament also received vouchers from Funatic.

(Bombay Gym "Nice and Easy" and Shahram Irani (Cusrow Baug "A"), two goalkeepers of opposing teams earned each other's respect on field and showed the rest of the crowd through some exceptional performances why their teams deserved to be in the finals. Although, Bombay Gym "Nice and Easy" won the game 2 - 0, there were no losers walking off the pitch that night, just two superior teams who won over the hearts of each and every spectator.

Kudos to Outside The Box Team and the sponsors and helpers for their support in making this one of a kind event a successful experience.

Stay tuned for Outside the Box's next event coming up this October and stay up to date with all the happenings by subscribing to their Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/outsidethebox.event>

'Mother', 'Mom', 'Mumma'

Poetry Corner

Mother, dear mother,
Like you, there's no other
You hush up our cries
and sing us lullabies
From the day that we are born,
as long as life goes on.

When we mutter and stutter
You go all a-flutter
To make us feel stable,
cozy and comfortable
Through the rough and the smooth,
'tis your arms that soothe

May you live a hundred years,
forever by us to allay our fears
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BPP MATRIMONIAL MEETS

They say that 'marriages are made in heaven' but sometimes the angels above are not sure how to make them meet each other.

Realizing that finding a right life partner is a very important, but sometimes a difficult task, it was decided to restart the BPP Matrimonial Get-togethers in the year 2010 by BPP Trustee Mrs. Arnavaz Mistry, supported by her team of organizers, Mrs. Zarin Havewala, Mrs. Shiraz Guard, Mrs. Kashmiri Khambatta and Mrs. Hutokshi Dadabhoj. It facilitates a meeting ground for Parsi / Irani Zoroastrian

youth between the ages 20 and 40 years, desirous of seeking suitable partners.

The first such Meet was held on 5th February 2010. So far more than

BPP Matrimonial Meet

9th of May 2015 (Saturday)

Della Towers,

Parsi Colony, Dadar

6.00 pm. onward



A file picture of an earlier Matrimonial Meet



Dr. Shernaz Avari

A Call To Aams

It's the season of all things mango - from ice-creams and juices/shakes to aam ras (mango pulp), aam papads, chutneys, and pickles! Be it the Alphonso variety, the Baiganfalli, the Payri, or the Kesari, mangoes are our go-to fruits each summer. And while this King of Fruits is mostly consumed for appetising reasons alone, it's packed with a whole load of nutrition. Diabetics and obese people, however, should refrain from overdoing it with mango consumption.

The Aam Solution

Since the Vitamin A content of the mangoes is in very high proportion, those suffering from Vitamin 'A' deficiency and face problems like acne, premature wrinkling of the skin, and thickness of the skin in any part of the body, should gorge on this pulpy seasonal fruit daily.

Mangoes build up our immune system and prevent attacks of cold and sinusitis (provided you don't refrigerate them or have mango ice-cream).

Mangoes serve as a good laxative and should be consumed by people suffering from constipation, preferably during the first half of the day, to start regulating sluggish bowels.

Suffering from insomnia due to mental tension? A tall glass of mango milkshake before retiring to bed will do you a world of good. The colour orange present in the mango is very soothing to the nerves.

To eliminate mental fatigue and weakness and to sharpen the memory and intellect, mix one cup of mango juice with one cup of milk adding a teaspoon of ginger juice and sugar to taste. After a bit, eat 5 to 6 almonds along with some tulsli leaves and a teaspoon of honey.



A glass of ripe mango juice whipped with milk, honey, almonds, and finely grated mixed dry fruits increases the body's strength and stamina and is ideal after 'workouts' for growing children and convalescents too.

A mango-papaya milk shake in a liquidiser with crushed ice, a little sugar, and a few drops of lime and lemon juice is an excellent tonic rich in Vitamins A and C. Not only is the colour orange soothing, but is also a joyful warm colour promoting well-being and cheerfulness.

Green mangoes are still available in the markets. Pressure cook some green unripe mangoes. Discard the skin, take out the pulp and mix it with water, sugar and mint leaves. It's a naturopathy treatment against sunstroke and the sweltering summer heat. The second method is to take out the pulp of the green mangoes and add cumin seed or powdered jeera, a little jiggery, and a pinch of rock salt. Mix it with a little water and you have the perfect coolant during the summer season.

Mango Quick-Fixes

Add China Grass to your mango milkshake and turn it into a delicious mango jelly.

Mango pulp blended with yoghurt serves as a wonderful topping on salads and sweet dishes while mango pieces tossed around and mixed into your salads give a whole new dimension to them.

Make some bafena from scratch using huge mangoes and lots of mustard and condiments.

Mango achar on the cards? Peel and slice green mangoes, sprinkle with salt, and marinate with ginger-garlic-chilli paste along with vinegar. Cook on a slow fire for about 5 to 10 minutes. Cool and bottle.

Make some yum mango halwa by mixing mango pulp with flour, sugar, ghee, and some dry fruits.

1000 youngsters have availed of this opportunity, out of which twenty-one couples are already married and some have even added members to their

families! 8 other couples are engaged. Some have booked the baugs, and a number of youngsters have been dating to find their soul mates.

The organization has been putting together monthly Meets and picnics to introduce youngsters to each other and to encourage them to mingle freely, so that they marry within the Community.

Trustee Mr. Jimmy Mistry very kindly gives the premises of Della Towers to hold the monthly Meets. He also arranges for music and

snacks for the evening.

So far 6 picnics have been organized, which have turned out to be immensely successful.

Matches are also made via emails. A list of suitable partners, after matching their age and qualifications, is sent out once in 2 to 3 months, to each and every participant who has attended the Meets.

BPP has also made a Matrimonial Site <http://www.bombayparsipunchayet.com/MatrimonialLogin.aspx> where the youngsters can register their matrimonial requirements.

The decline in population of Parsi/ Zoroastrians is a disturbing and worrisome factor that is being discussed everywhere. It is being said that the Community's most acute problem is that we marry late - or don't marry at all.

With this initiative, BPP hopes to undertake corrective measures to enable our Community youngsters to mingle freely, look for their soul mates, and marry.



The Reluctant Writer

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LIFE IS VERY COMPLICATED...

DON'T TRY TO FIND ANSWERS...

BECAUSE WHEN YOU FIND ANSWERS...

LIFE CHANGES THE QUESTIONS!!!

Simone sat on the comfortable sofa and was staring at the old grand-father clock in the drawing room as the seconds ticked away. The pendulum had a soothing effect on her as her eyes traveled lazily to the huge dial above. It was 5 minutes to seven and she watched the minute hand moving jerkily towards the hour. Jeroo had already made tea in the kitchen and asked her from there, "dikra chai aapu ke? Sheroy ajun suteloh che ke utthi gauoj?" (will you have tea my dear? Is Sheroy awake or is he still sleeping?). Sheroy was her twin brother, who was still fast asleep. "Aaje Sunday che tethe eene pan raja che. Eethi e ajoon uthiyo nathi mamma," (today is Sunday and it's a holiday for him too, so he's still sleeping, mamma), replied Simone sleepily.

Jeroo brought her a cup of tea and some biscuits, kissed her grand-daughter 'Good-morning' and went back to the kitchen to make breakfast for the family. The clock struck seven and the gongs woke up Simone completely from her sleep. She heard a voice ask her gently "Did you sleep well my child?" and she recognized God's voice instantly. "I was passing by and wanted to share some thoughts with you Simone, so here I am". A shadow appeared on the sofa opposite her that gradually turned into the likeness of a benign presence as she was surrounded in a white aura of brightness. "Yes my lord you are welcome and thanks for the visit", she uttered as she dashed into the prayer room and wore her mathubanoo (head scarf) hurriedly.

"My dear Simone what is the first thought you entertain on waking up?" was the first question God asked. Simone wasn't quite sure and asked "what should it be my Lord?" sounding a bit confused...

"Simone the moment you have conquered the gap between waking up and getting up, whisper a prayer of gratitude. It doesn't matter to me whether you rush to the prayer room or choose to brush your teeth first, I'm not saying this out of any sense of ego or self-aggrandizement. My dear, let the first communication of the day be of gratitude -Not everyone who goes to sleep at night wakes up the next morning... so be grateful and happy. The gift of life to you today is the greatest gift you have. When I tell you today is the first day of your life... please remember... ANY day can also be the last day !!!"

Simone was in wide-eyed awe at this revelation and said "My Lord, we take so much for granted" and muttered an apology to which He replied "No! I don't say this to 'scare' you or even as a 'threat' my dear-it's just a fact of life which mankind assumes for itself and goes on daily doing whatever they do. Just be conscious of it. Your life will become much easier by living it in gratitude and... one day at a time."

"Let me tell you about this man who earned crores and crores for himself and then one day decided to enjoy spending all of it. That very day he met a stranger who said 'Come with me, your time is up!'. He tells the stranger "I don't meet people without an appointment nor have I invited anyone to meet me, who the hell are you anyway?" in an irritated tone. "My name is Death, and I have come for you, I don't come

with an invitation, I come... and invite" was the reply he got. "Wait, I still haven't had the chance to spend even a part of the crores I saved, tell you what, take half my wealth and let me spend the other half, give me a month to live and I will come with you happily." To which Death replied, "I don't think you understand me, that's not the way I operate, I never negotiate we need to go right away, please don't waste my time." The man was shaken and offered all his wealth to Death and pleaded, "Give me at least a week then we can go, I want to live and spend my money that I have saved, there's so much I still want to do and enjoy life," he continued to plead. "OK can you at least grant me a day?" Death said "No". "At least give me a moment please!" the man begged and Death said "Fine, you can have a moment!" In that moment he rushes and scribbles on his note pad, "All those who have money, please spend it during your lifetime. I couldn't and that is my biggest regret. All my crores couldn't buy me a day of life."

"Simone the kick-start of the day has to be right. The most precious gift in the world is your life. When you wake up every day, step out and look at all the sentient beings walking around on the streets, yes even the street dogs and cows. Look at your near and dear ones sleeping near you. Breathing. Gratitude for this is of primary importance, don't you think? The moment someone gives you a gift you say 'Thanks'. What's a bigger gift than life itself?" asked God, as she nodded in agreement.

"After you've woken up, brushed your teeth, had your bath, had tea and then go and pray and remember me, your day has already started! I don't stand on rituals. When you fall asleep I stay awake and ensure you wake-up the next morning. The next day, the next morning is my most precious gift to you, and I give it with Happiness. One more day for you to live, one more day to fulfill your wishes and aspirations, one more opportunity to help each other. You can do it in the simplest ways. Shift 6 inches while travelling in the local train so a co-passenger who is standing can also be seated. Offer help to a blind person to cross the street. Smile at a stranger for no reason at all. Smiling is contagious, Simone, the person you smiled at automatically and sub-consciously throws you one, and regardless of whether you know each other. Do try it sometime, it always works! By a display of kindness you are doing my bidding, so do it as frequently as possible dear Simone", He implored her.

"Yes my Lord, I will always remember your bidding", replied Simone and bowed her head.

"The person who reaches their deathbed with an unfulfilled dream is filled with nothing but emptiness, because they chose to live a 'safe' life rather than one that goes all out to pursue their dream.

You have the choice to reclaim your birthright and life each day as though it was your last day!" concluded God, as His aura faded away.

Simone looked up at the grand-father clock with amazement. It was striking 7 am again!

21 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE NOT ENOUGH?

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The Resolution stated:-

'RESOLVED that Clause 50 in the New Election Scheme will read as under:-

"No person who has been a Trustee for total three terms or for 21 years in the aggregate shall continue as a Trustee or be eligible for election as a Trustee."

The printed Scheme of the BPP after the 2006 amendment stated the above as Clause No 51.

It was therefore the last Board of Trustees, including Mehta himself, which had clarified and recorded through their 29-11-05 Resolution that NO person who has been a Trustee for 21 years in the aggregate shall continue as a Trustee.

PT has spoken to some of the Trustees of the previous Board and has been told that this was their last resolution, as per their recall, on this issue! PT has, despite its best efforts not been able to find any subsequent resolution to the contrary!

The said Scheme was annexed as Exhibit "A" in the next Petition filed before the Hon'ble High Court in October 2006. (The most recent amendment petition)

However at that time the Board had a concern regarding the term of the then Chairman, Mr. Minoo Shroff. Shroff's term was to end in August 2007 (completion of 21 years). However due to the compound problems in 2006-2007 which included the alleged resignation by 4 of the Trustees (Shroff, Tamboly, Maneck Engineer and Antia) and the cases filed by WAPIZ, the Trustees raised a specific prayer for allowing Shroff to continue till August 2010 or till the election of the seven Trustees under Adult Franchise.

In the Chamber Summons of the Trustees, it was stated:

".....when the scheme was sanctioned by this Hon'ble Court, by its order dated 1st April, 2005, the wordings of the order seems to suggest that even a Trustee whose term of office has not expired shall not be entitled to continue as such..... As a result of this a doubt has arisen about Petitioner No 1's entitlement to continue in office....."

The other Trustees (Not including Shroff), expressing their confidence in Shroff and also recording the community's confidence in his capabilities as the Chairman, requested the Court to clarify and pass directions to allow him to

continue till 2010 or the new elections, whichever is earlier. The Trustees stated that the community was facing unprecedented challenges on various socio-economic fronts and his continuing presence was critical.

None other than Mr. Berjis Desai, a great legal luminary and Mehta's closest and dearest friend, drafted the proposed amendments for the Scheme under Adult Franchise. However, for reasons not known, the grey area was once again introduced by the re-changing the clause in the printed election scheme leaving some scope for debate and difference of opinion. The words shall not continue were dropped, at least in the latest printed version.

Mehta does not believe he is scheduled to go in July! Mehta wants 3 more months! 21 years is not enough! And yet if Mehta is able to prove his argument in Court the majority Trustees and the community would have to accept the extension.

Mehta has been accused by his colleagues (of financial impropriety) - by all six of them initially and subsequently by four only - who first filed a case in EOW and when EOW said they found no grounds to file the FIR (PT had taken a detailed look at the rather shoddy investigation by the EOW) the four Trustees filed a complaint in MRA Marg police station which is still investigating the complaint under the directions of the Court!

Mehta has also recently been in the eye of a storm regarding the Parsi Lying In Hospital where the High Court over ruled his "objections" and upheld the scheme for a new hospital! Due to four of the Trustees having filed a case in the office of the Charity commissioner also, all housing allotments, transfers etc have been stopped.

BPP is at a virtual standstill! Nine years ago, when four Trustees (including the then Chairman) of the last Board offered their resignation citing their inability to work with Mehta as a reason, the community had hung its collective head in shame thinking the BPP could sink no further!

And now we have allegations about financial impropriety, unaccounted cash in BPP office, complete paralysis of charity and more! We could and DID sink further!

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તમારી સાહસવૃત્તિ અદભુત રહેશે, એમ છતાં તમારે નાણાં મેળવવા માટે તમારી ઈચ્છાઓનો ત્યાગ કરવો પડશે. તમારે કોર્ટ-કબજિયા થશે અથવા તમારા રોકાણેલા પૈસા માટે તમારે કોર્ટ કચેરી કરવી પડશે, એમાં સફળ થશો. તમારા હાથમાં આવેલી તકને તમે જતી નહીં કરો. ઘણીવાર નાની બાબતમાં તમે ગરમ થઈ જશો. તમે તમારી બુદ્ધિ પ્રમાણે સામી વ્યક્તિ સાથે સંબંધ રાખશો. તમારો સ્વભાવ મહકરીવાળો હશે, સમય કે નિયમને ન પાળનાર વ્યક્તિ સાથે તમને મિત્રતા રાખવાનું નહીં કાવે. તમે દરેક કાર્ય કાળજી પૂર્વક કરશો. તમારા જીવનના અમુક પ્રસંગોને તમે છોડ્યા થાસ સુધી ભૂલી નહીં શકો. પ્રેમમાં નિષ્ફળતાનું પ્રમાણ વધારે રહેશે, જેના દ્વારા તમારા જીવનમાં અગત્યના ફેરફારો થયા હશે. ધૈર્ય-ઈચ્છાશક્તિ અને નિશ્ચિયથી તમે વધુ યશ મેળવશો. એજન્સીમાં રોકાણ કરવાથી તમે ધન મેળવી શકશો. ખર્ચ હમેશા તમે કરશો, વિરોધી કે શત્રુને તમે બળ અને કળથી જીતી શકશો. તમને પડવા-વાગવાથી તકલીફ થશે. તમારા ગુસ્સાવાળા સ્વભાવને તમારે કંટોળમાં રાખવો પડશે, તો જ તમારા ગુણની કદર થશે. વિજ્ઞાતીય વ્યક્તિને લીધે શારીરિક મુશ્કેલી પણ તમારે ભોગવવી પડશે. તમને ચંદ્રના પર વાગવાની, ઈજાની નિશાની કે તબ-મસો વગેરે હશે. સરકારી તમે ખૂબ સારી રીતે કરી શકશો. કમર, પેટની તકલીફથી સંભાળવું તેમ જ વાહન ચલાવવામાં સંભાળવું પડશે.

શુંભરંગ: ગુલાબી, શુભનંગ: માણક

આ વર્ષમાં કોઈ પણ વાદળાવ બનાવ બની રહેશે: ૬, ૮, ૧૫, ૧૮, ૨૭, ૨૮, ૩૨, ૩૬, ૪૨, ૪૫, ૪૮, ૫૧, ૫૪, ૬૦, ૬૩, ૬૮, ૭૨.

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બકોર પટેલ મુંબઈમાં રહેતા હતા, તેથી એક રીતે તેમના પૂરા ભોગ હતા. બે ચાર દિવસે કોઈ ને કોઈ મહેમાન આવીને ઉભું જ રહે. કોઈ દાકતરને દેખાડવા આવે. કોઈ નાસિકની જાત્રાએ જતું હોય. કોઈ રામેશ્વરની જાત્રાએ જતું હોય. કોઈને મુંબઈમાં જ કંઈ કામ હોય અને પટેલ રહ્યા મુંબઈમાં એટલે બધા તેમને ઘેર જ ઉતરે. ઝોન ટિકિટ નીકળે ત્યારે વળી કોઈ-મુંબઈ જોવા માટે જ આવે. કોઈ મુંબઈ આવી ગયું હોય છતાં ફરી સહેલ કરવા પણ આવે, એટલે પટેલના પૂરા ભોગ હતા. અને ખરા ભોગ હતા શકરી પટવાણીના. બિચારાં રાંધી રાંધીને ચાકી જાય. જાણે વીશી જ જેઈ લો!

એક દિવસ પટેલ ખુશ મિજાજમાં હતા. વેપારમાં સારો સોદો થયો હતો. મન ખૂબ આનંદમાં હતું. જમીને તરત નાટક જોવા



જવા તેમણે નકકી કર્યું હતું. તેથી જમ્યા પછી તેઓ કપડાં પહેરતાં હતા. પટવાણી પણ તૈયાર થતાં હતાં. એટલામાં કોઈએ બારણું ઠોક્યું. પટેલે ધાર્યું કે કદાચ વાઘજીભાઈ હશે. તેમણે બારણું ઉઘાડ્યું તો નીકળ્યા મિ. ખરખરીઆ!

ખરખરીઆ એમના ઓળખીતા હતા બહારગામ રહેતા હતા. મુંબઈ જોવા માટે આવ્યા હતા. તેમની સાથે તેમનાં વડુ હતા. ચાર છોકરાં હતા. છ પોટલાં હતા. બે પેટીઓ હતી અને તે ઉપરાંત ફૂલો, છત્રી અને બિછાનું પણ! પટેલે બારણું ઉઘાડ્યું કે તરત આ બધું દેખાયું સરસામાનનો જાણે ડુંગર બનાવેલો!

વચ્ચે. મિ. ખરખરીઆ ઉભેલા. જાણે રાજભોગના દર્શન થયાં!

પટેલને જોઈ ખરખરીઆ હસી પડ્યા. આગળ આવીને તેમણે પટેલનો હાથ પકડ્યો. પછી તેઓ પૂછવા લાગ્યા: 'કેમ, પટેલસાહેબ? કેમ છો?'

પટેલના પગ હીલા થઈ ગયા હતા. પણ બોલ્યા વગર કંઈ ચાલે? જેમ તેમ તેમણે હસીને કહ્યું: 'આવો'

પણ ખરખરીઆ કંઈ જાણ તેવા ન હતા. તેમણે ઝટ તેમની વડુને કહ્યું: 'બધો સામાન બંગલામાં લાવો. જોયું, આ પટેલસાહેબનો બંગલો!'

ખરખરીઆનાં વડુ સામાન લાવવા લાગ્યાં. એક એક પોટલું લાવે ને અંદર મૂકે છોકરાં પણ ધમાધમ કરતાં પેટીઓ ખેંચવા માંડે. ખરખરીઆ બિછાનું ઉચકી લાવ્યા. એમને જોઈ પટવાણી બહાર આવ્યા. તેમણે કહ્યું: 'એ બધું તમે રહેવા દો. હમાણાં અંદર લાવીશું'

ખરખરીઆ તો જઈને લીંચકે બેસી ગયા. તેમનાં વડુ પણ અંદર જઈને બેઠાં. પટવાણીએ કહ્યું તેથી બહારનો સામાન બહાર જ રહ્યો!

પટવાણી ધીમે ધીમે બધું અંદર લાવવા લાગ્યાં. પેલા તો કોઈ ઉઠે જ નહિ ને? પટવાણીએ વિવેક કર્યો, પણ તેમને ભારે પડી ગયો!

પટેલ તો પૂતળાની પેઠે ઉભા જ રહ્યા. શું કરવું તે તેમને સૂઝતું ન હતું. છેવટે પટવાણી આવીને ત્યાં બેઠા. નાટક જોવાનું બાજુએ રહી ગયું. એમને તો આ નવા નાટકમાં ભાગ લેવાનું થયું!

ખરખરીઆએ લીંચકા ખાતાં કહ્યું: 'બહુ દલાડાથી છોકરાં જીવ ખાતાં હતાં કે મુંબઈ ચાલો, મુંબઈ ચાલો. બધાંને મુંબઈ જોવું હતું. વળી છોકરાં કહે કે પટેલકાકાના બંગલામાં રહીશું. એટલે અમે અહીં આવ્યાં. તમે બહાર જતાં હતા?'

પટવાણી કહે: 'હા અમે નાટક જોવા જતાં હતાં. પણ આજે હવે બંધ રાખીશું. હમાણાં તમારે માટે જમવાનું કરી નાખ્યું છે.'

ખરખરીઆ આનંદમાં આવી જઈને બોલ્યા: 'બંધ શું કામ રાખો છો? ચાલો ને, અમે પણ જોવા આવીશું! જમવામાં અત્યારે કંઈ બહુ માથાકૂટ કરશો નહિ. થોડીક પૂરી અને બજીયાં તળી



નાખશો તો ચાલશે. દૂધબુધ ના હોય તો મંગાવજો. એકાદ બે શાક કરશો એટલે બહુ છે. અથાણું પાપડ તો ધરમાં હશે જ. ના હોય તો થોડીક કાચલીઓ તળી નાંખજો. બાકી અત્યારે બહુ ધમાલ કરશો નહિ. તમે પાછા અત્યારે જ બહુ કરો તેવાં છો, એટલું કહેવું પડે છે. અમને જમાડવા હોય તો કાલે નિરાંતે જમાડજો. સવારે બધું ય થઈ શકશે.'

(વધુ આવતા અંકે)

વિક્ટોરિયાની બર્માની કમાઈ વિલાયતમાં ગમાઈ!



આ વિલાયતની મુસાફરીમાં દુભાષિયા તરીકે કામ કરવા, મરહુમ કુંવરજી નાઝરએ બાલીવાળાને રોક્યા હતા, કેમ કે નાઝર કરતાં વધારે લાયક માણસ બાલીવાલાને મળવો અતિશય મુશ્કેલ હતો. કંપનીમાં એ વખતે ૨૨ પારસી એક્ટરો વિલાયતની સફરે ગયા હતા. જે ખેલાડીઓ ખરેખર કામ લાગી શકે એવા હતા, તેઓને લઈ જવાની કંપનીના માલિકોને ફરજ પડી હતી. પણ થોડાક એવાબી લેભાગુ એક્ટરો માંગી તાંગી અને કાલાવાલા કરી, તેમજ લાગવગ ચલાવી એ વિલાયતની સફર કરવામાં ઘુસી ગયેલા.

વિલાયતની સફરમાં બાલીવાલાએ જે નવા ખેલાડીઓને આમેજ ક્રીધા હતા અને જેઓ માંડવેની સફરમાં જોડાયેલા નહીં હતા, તેમના નામો નીચે પ્રમાણે છે.

૧) મેરવાનજી બે. મુશ્કી, ૨) ડોસાભાઈ જે. દુભાશ, ૩) દોરાબ સચીનવાલા (બરમીસ બાઈડું) ૪) કુંવરજી એલજી સિપાઈ, ૫) ફરામજી એ. ચોકરી વગેરે હતા.

લંડનના ગેઈટી થિએટરમાં વિક્ટોરિયા ક્લબ: લંડનની આ સફર, બિલકુલ તમામે તમામ નિષ્ફળ નીવડી હતી વગર લાઈસન્સે ખેલ કરવાના વિલાયતના કોઈક કાયદાનો અજાણતા ભંગ ક્રીધાથી, એક મોટા જેવો દંડ વિક્ટોરિયા ક્લબને ભરવો પડેલો કહેવાય છે! હાંસિલ કલામ, બરમાની કમાઈ, મોટેભાગે ગુમાવેલી બોલાઈ હતી. વિલાયતની સફરથી ખોખરા થઈ પાછા ફરતાં જ, ૧૮૮૬ના સાલમાં વિક્ટોરિયા ક્લબના ત્રીજા ભાગીદાર ધનજીભાઈ ખ. ઘડિયાલી, ક્લબ સાથનો સંબંધ છોડી છુટા પડ્યા હતા. ૧૮૮૬ના સાલથી વિક્ટોરિયા ક્લબના ફક્ત બેજ માલિકો ખરશેદજી બાલીવાલા અને ડોસાભાઈ મંગોલ રહ્યા હતા.

૨જવાડામાં કેટલાક રાજેશ્વરનો ખાસ મહેરબાની વિક્ટોરિયા મંડળીએ મેળવી હતી. તેમાં જયપુરના મરહુમ મહારાજા રામસર્જીજીએ ૧૮૮૦ના સાલમાં એ મંડળીને માટે, જયપુરમાં એક ખાસ નાટકશાળા, મોટી રકમ ખર્ચી બંધાવી હતી. વળી પટ્ટીયાલાના મહારાજાએ પણ ૧૮૮૧ના સાલમાં, પોતાના શહેરમાં વિક્ટોરિયા કંપની માટે, એક ખાસ થિએટર બંધાવ્યું હતું. વિક્ટોરિયા ક્લબે પોતાની વલીવટદારી દરમિયાન ઘણાક શહેરોમાં જુદે જુદે વખતે ધર્મદા ખેલો કરી, તેની ઉપજ ધરમખાનાઓને સ્વાધીન કરી હતી.

ડોસાભાઈ મંગોલનું મરણ: ઈ.સ. ૧૮૮૮ના સાલના માર્ચ માસમાં, વિક્ટોરિયા ક્લબ ન્યારે ઉત્તર હિંદુસ્તાનની મુસાફરી કરતાં દિલ્હી શહેરમાં પડાવ નાખી પડી હતી, તે વખતે કંપનીના માલિક ડોસાભાઈ ફરહુનજી મંગોલ, તાપની બીમારી ભોગવી, દિલ્હીમાં જ મરણ પામ્યા હતા. એ દુઃખદાયક બનાવ પછી ખરશેદજી બાલીવાલા વિક્ટોરિયા ક્લબના એકલા માલિક બન્યા હતા.

(વધુ આવતા અંકે)

એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર.કે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Firoza Bomi Anklesaria ફિરોઝા બોમી અંકલેસરિયા	63 ૬૩	29-04-2015 Adar 1384	Shradha Park, Near Vyapan Bank Naka No 6, Deolali, Nasik. દેવલાલી, નાસિક.	માતા પિતા: હિંદ્રા તથા દારા ખુરશેદજી અમરોલિયા, ધણી: બોમી મહેરજી અંકલેસરિયા, દીકરા દીકરી: અવિઝ બોમી અંકલેસરિયા, ડેવઝીન જે. ખજોદિયા, ભાઈ બહેનો: દિનશા ડી. અમરોલિયા, કેની એમ. અંકલેસરિયા, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: માસ્ટર મેહાન અવિઝ અંકલેસરિયા, ફિયા જે. ખજોત્યા, વલુ જમાઈ: જે. એ. અંકલેસરિયા, સાસુ સસરા: મહેરજી એન. અંકલેસરિયા.
Goolu Phiroze Amaria ગુલુ ફિરોઝ આમરિયા	68 ૬૮	01-05-2015 Meher Adar 1384	580-Patel Palace, R-No-8, 2nd Floor, Jam-e-Jamshed Road, Matunga, Mumbai 400019. માટુંગા, મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૧૯.	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ હોમાય તથા મરહુમ દિનશા દારબશા ઉમરીગર, ધણી: ફિરોઝ નરીમાન આમરિયા, દીકરા દીકરી: નેવિલ, પર્સી, ભાઈ બહેનો: યાર્સિન આદિલ ભેસાડિયા, બહેરોઝ અવિનાશ કદમ, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: વરઝાન, ફિયાના, રયોમંદ, વલુ જમાઈ: બહેરોઝ નેવિલ આમરિયા, બિનાયકર પર્સી આમરિયા, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ નરીમાન રતનજી આમરિયા, મરહુમ મેહરા નરીમાન આમરિયા.
Maneck Rattan Engineer માનેક રતન એન્જિનિયર	89 ૮૯	01-05-2015 Sarosh Ader 1384	C-201, Poornima Apartment, 23, Pedder Road, Mumbai 400020. પેડર રોડ, મુંબઈ ૨૦.	માતા પિતા: ખોરશેદ તથા ડો. સોરાબ પેસ્તનજી ઉકીરજી ધણી: મેજર રતન કેપુશજી એન્જિનિયર, દીકરા દીકરી: ડો. વિલી નેયોસિંગ બાંબોટ, ભાઈ બહેનો: મરહુમ પીલુ ફિરોઝ એન્જિનિયર, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: દારાયસ નેયોસિંગ બાંબોટ, ધિરાગ નેયોસિંગ બાંબોટ, વલુ જમાઈ: નેયોસિંગ કેકી બાંબોટ, સાસુ સસરા: ગુલબાઈ તથા કેપુશજી એન્જિનિયર.
Dolly Dinshaw Bharucha દોલી દિનશા ભરૂચા	79 ૭૯	02-05-2015 Rashne Adar 1384	C-203, Deepa Apartment, Jain Mandir Road, Opp. Kalavats Mandir, Virar (W), Mumbai. વિરાર (વે), મુંબઈ.	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ કુંવરભાઈ તથા મરહુમ કાવસજી દાદાભાઈ ફટાકયા, ધણી: મરહુમ દિનશા ભરૂચા, ભાઈ બહેનો: મરહુમ એદવજી કાવસજી ફટાકયા, મરહુમ દારા કાવસજી ફટાકયા.
Dolly Burjor Daruwalla દોલી બરજોર દારુવાલા	77 ૭૭	03-05-2015 Farvardin Adar 1384	Kashinath Building. No. 1, Ground Floor, Room No 1, Kashinath Street, Tardeo, Mumbai 400034. તારદેવ, મુંબઈ ૩૪.	માતા પિતા: બાનુભાઈ તથા અરુપંદિયાર ભાહેના, ધણી: બરજોર બોમાનજી દારુવાલા, દીકરા દીકરી: કેરસી, હોમિયાર, ભાઈ બહેનો: રોશન, મરહુમ ગુલ, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: આયોનિશ, નેવિલ, ધ્રુવ, વલુ જમાઈ: નિર્મલા કેરસી દારુવાલા, સુધિરા હોમિયાર દારુવાલા, સાસુ સસરા: આલામાય તથા બોમાનજી દારુવાલા.
Jaloo Soli Vachha જાલુ સોલી વાચ્છા	92 ૯૨	03-05-2015 Farvardin Adar 1384	699, Parsi Colony, Dadar, Mumbai 400014. દાદાર, મુંબઈ ૧૪.	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ દોસીભાઈ તથા મરહુમ પેસ્તનજી જીજીબોય દોરડી, ધણી: મરહુમ સોલી રૂસ્તમજી વાચ્છા, દીકરા દીકરી: મરહુમ દારાયસ સોલી વાચ્છા, પરિયસ સોલી વાચ્છા, ભાઈ બહેનો: મરહુમ માનેકશા, મરહુમ બહેરામ, મરહુમ નાજુ, મરહુમ જહાંગીરશા, મરહુમ પિલામાય, મરહુમ રતિ, મરહુમ નરગિસ, મરહુમ એમી, મરહુમ કેટી, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ તેલમી તથા રૂસ્તમજી વાચ્છા.
Roshan Munchersha Olpadwalla રોશન મંચેરશા ઓલપાડવાલા	82 ૮૨	04-05-2015 Behram Adar 1384	16, Old Khareghat Colony, Ground Floor, Hughes Road, Mumbai 400007. હુજીસ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	માતા પિતા: નાજમમાય તથા મંચેરશા હીરજીભાઈ ઓલપાડવાલા, ભાઈ બહેનો: મરહુમ જાલુ શાવકશા તોડીવાલા, હોમી, દારા, મીનુ, સામ, પેશોતન.
Sam Pirojshaw Patel સામ પિરોજશા પટેલ	-	04-05-2015 Farvardin Adar 1384	Pereira Nagar, 4A Flat No. 24, 2nd Floor, Behind Station Workshop, Thane (W), 400601. પરેરા નગર, થાણે (વે) ૪૦૦૬૦૧.	માતા પિતા: મોતીભાઈ તથા પિરોજશા પટેલ, ધણીયાણી: જાલુ પટેલ, દીકરા દીકરી: કેરમાન, મહાડખ, નેન્સી, ભાઈ બહેનો આલુ નશરવાનજી સલોન, પેરિન કેકી મિસ્ત્રી, માનેક દારબ કાંગા, ગુસ્તાદ, બાબુ, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: જિમી, સાસુ સસરા: આલામાય તથા અરુપંદિયાર શ્રોફ.
Percy Minoo Dalal પર્સી મીનુ દલાલ	60 ૬૦	05-05-2015 Ram Adar 1384	Readymoney Building no. 2, Sir Ratan Tata Road, Mumbai 400034. સર રતન તાતા રોડ, મુંબઈ ૩૪.	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ દિનુ તથા મરહુમ મીનુ શાવકશા દલાલ, ધણીયાણી: નેન્સી પર્સી દલાલ, દીકરા દીકરી: નતાલિયા પર્સી દલાલ, ભાઈ બહેનો: ઝિનોબીયા નોશીર સંજાણા, મરહુમ કેરસી મીનુ દલાલ, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ કેની તથા મરહુમ એરવદ દિનશાજી બી. ભેસાનિયા.
Dara Faredoonji Devlaliwalla દારા ફરેદૂનજી દેવલાલીવાલા	76 ૭૬	06-05-2015 Ram Adar 1384	5/15, Tata Blocks, 2nd Floor, Sir Ratan Tata Road, Tardeo, Mumbai 400034. તારદેવ, મુંબઈ ૩૪.	માતા પિતા: ગુલામાય તથા ફરેદૂનજી રૂસ્તમ દેવલાલીવાલા, ધણીયાણી: ફિરોઝ દારા દેવલાલીવાલા, દીકરા દીકરી: ફરઝાના, ફોઝિયા, ફરેદૂન, ફરાદ, ભાઈ બહેનો: મીનુ, પરવેઝ, રોહિન્દન, ઝરિન, મહાડખ, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: વિરા, શાપુર, ઝુબિન, જેહાન, ફરનાઝ, ફરઝાન, કયાન, સારાહ, વલુ જમાઈ: અરવી ડી. પેટર, ખુરનુદ અ. શોકરેખાદા, નાઝનીન ફરેદૂન દેવલાલીવાલા, મરહુમ કાવસ ઈરાની, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ પેરિન તથા બોમન ઈરાની.
Jimmy Minoo Press જિમી મીનુ પ્રેસ	62 ૬૨	06-05-2015 Govad Adar 1384	A/51, Flower Bloom Society, Veera Desai Road, Andheri(W), Mumbai 400058. અંધેરી (વે), મુંબઈ ૫૮.	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ પિરોજ તથા મરહુમ મીનુ કાવસજી પ્રેસ, ધણીયાણી: સાધના જિમી પ્રેસ, દીકરા દીકરી: કેકી જિમી પ્રેસ, વિકી જિમી પ્રેસ, ભાઈ બહેનો: કેકી મીનુ પ્રેસ, ઝરિન હોમી મોટી, મની અદી દારુવાલા, સાસુ સસરા: સવિતાજી મહેતા.
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સામગ્રી: ૨૫૦ ગ્રામ રવો, ૨૫ ગ્રામ મેંદો, પ્રમાણસર છાસ, મીઠું તેમ જ તેલ.
રીત: સૌ પ્રથમ રવા અને મેંદો ને સાફ કરી, એક વાસણમાં ભન્ને ભેગા કરી લાથથી મસળો. તેમાં સ્વાદ પ્રમાણે મીઠું નાખો અને છાસથી આ ખીરાને બાંધો. ૨ થી ૩ કલાક રહેવા દો. ત્યાર પછી ઢોસાની તવીમાં ખીરું પાથરી ઢોસા તૈયાર કરી લો.

મા

મા તું છે એવી મોસમ, પ્યાર ખૂટે કદી ન તારામાં, ગોદમાં છે, તારી શીતળ છાયા, કદી ન મળે આ સંસારમાં, માને ખુદા બન્ને જગમાં એક છે, બન્નેના છે નેકદિલ બાળકને માફ કરવા, જેને મળે છે જગમાં માની દુવા, મેળવે છે જીવનભર નીયામતો ખુદાની ભજવાથી ખુદા ને નથી મળતી મા, પણ માને ભજવાથી મળે છે ખુદા આલમમાં વલાલનો દરિયો છે મા, દીપક મંદિરનું ઘરમાં છે મા.



મીનો બી. તારાપોર



હસવાનું શું લેશો?

એક દિવસ સંતા કેમિસ્ટની દુકાન પર વિટામીનની ગોળીઓ લેવા ગયો દુકાનદારે પૂછ્યું કે વિટામીનની ગોળીઓ જોઈએ છે? એ, બી, કે પછી સી? સંતા: કોઈ પણ આપી દેવ મારા પૌત્રને એ, બી, સી, ડી ક્યાં આવડે છે? ***
પ્રીતો: ક્રિયાશીની દુકાનદારને આ કુકિંગ ઓઈલ સાથે શું ગિકટ મળશે? દુકાનદાર: હમણાં એવી કોઈ સ્કીમ નથી.
પ્રીતો: કેમ મને તું ઉલુ બનાવે છે. ડબ્બા પર તો લખ્યું છે કોલેસ્ટ્રોલ ફ્રી. ***
સંતાની પત્ની ગોલગપ્પા ખાઈ રહી હતી, ૨૦-૨૫ ખાઈ લીધા પછી સંતાને પૂછ્યું દસ ઓર ખા લું? સંતા બોલ્યો: 'નાગિન' ખા લે! પ્રીતોએ સંતાને એક લાકડો મારી દીધો. 'નાગિન' તું કોને કહે છે? સંતા: અરે મેં તો કહ્યું ના, ગિન તું ખાવે. ***
રોડ એક્સિડન્ટમાં ઘાયલ થયેલા બંતાને હોસ્પિટલમાં એડમિટ કરાવ્યો ડોક્ટરે તરત પૂછ્યું, આટલો મોટો ઘા કેવી રીતે પડ્યો? બંતા: સાહેબ એક મહિલા-ડ્રાઈવરે મારે પર સીધી ગાડી ચઢાવી દીધી. ડોક્ટર: પણ તે જ્યારે જોયું કે મહિલા-ડ્રાઈવર ગાડી ચલાવી રહી છે તો તારે તરત હટી જવું હતું. બંતા: પણ સાહેબ, હું તો ત્યારે મારી દુકાનમાં જ બેઠો હતો.

- હોશંગ શેઠના

લોક ખ્યાલ

કદી ચપટી ધૂળનો પણ આપણને ખપ લાગે છે. કદી સંઘરેલો સાપ પણ આપણને કામ આવે છે. કદી કાચતુ યા રીઠા ચીજ પણ ઉપયોગી થાય છે! આંચ માનવજીવનની કઠોર વાસ્તવિકતા કદી ફેરવાતી નથી.



જગંબીર માખન્યા

માની યાદોની જાણે કેસરીયા મહોર 'હેપી મધર્સ ડે'



આવાન પરવેઝ તુરુલ

આમ તો આ દિવસ દુનિયામાં જુદા જુદા દિવસે ઉજવાય છે પણ અમેરિકામાં મે મહિનાના બીજા રવિવારને 'મધર્સ ડે' તરીકે ઉજવે છે એટલે આપણે પણ એમ જ કરીએ છીએ. કદાચ 'મા અને મે' મહિનાનો અંતરંગ સંબંધ લાગે છે. આ વૈશાખ મહિનાની ધોમધખતી ગરમીમાં પણ જે શબ્દ બોલતાં જ લોહો પર શીતળ જલશીકરોની ઠંડક અનુભવાય અને મનમાં લાગણીઓની ધારા ઝીલાય એ માને યાદ કરવાનો આથી વધુ યોગ્ય મહિનો કયો હોઈ શકે? થોડા સમય પહેલાં આવેલી સંજય લીલા ભણસાલીની ફિલ્મ 'ગુઝારિશ'માં એક બહુ જ સુંદર ગીત હતું.

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તેના આ શબ્દો ફિલ્મમાં તો પ્રિયતમ માટે પ્રયોજ્યા છે પણ આજે મા વિશે લખતા લખતા અચાનક એ ગીત યાદ આવ્યું તો થયું કે આમાંથી એક શબ્દ 'બહેકતા' બાદ કરી નાખું તો બાકીનો અહેસાસ તો માની વાત કરતાં મેં અચક્ર જે અનુભવ્યો છે તે જ છે! જેના પમરાટમાં જાતને પરોવીને વહી જવાનું મન થાય તેવી એવરગ્રીન સ્મૃતિ એટલે માની યાદ. બહુ નાનપણમાં ગીતો ગાઈને રમાડતી, જમાડતી ને સૂવાડતી મા, સમજણી થયા પછી ઘરના કામકાજમાં જોતરાયેલી અને વટ-વ્યવહારમાં દોડતી મા અને એજોશમાં 'ટુ લીડ બાય એકઝામ્પલસ કે' હોલિડેંગ ફ્રેન્ડઝ જેવા સરસ શબ્દ પ્રયોગ છે એમ જ જાત દ્વારા સંતાનોને જમાડતી બચાવતી-મા બહુ દૂર ચાલી જાય છે પછી તેની યાદોનું અંતર યાસમાં ભરી લેવા તલસી ઉઠાય છે. તક મળે ત્યારે કોઈની સાથે અથવા તો પોતાની સાથે પણ તેની વાત કરતા બોલવા કે ચહેકવા નથી મંડી પડતાં આપણે?

નાની હતી ત્યારે લાગતું કે કોઈપણ વ્યક્તિના મા સાથે સંબંધો આવા જ હોય પરંતુ પરિપક્વતાના ચરમા સાથે જ્યારે દુનિયાને જોઈ ત્યારે સમજાયું કે નિયતિ જુદી જુદી વ્યક્તિ પર જુદી જુદી સમૃદ્ધિની મહેર કરતી હોય છે. જેમ કોઈ સ્મિતા પાસે ગાડી અને રીટા પાસે મોટું મજાનું ઘર હોય તેમ જ પ્રીતા પાસે આવી મજાની મા હોય!

મેં આગળ 'બહેકતા' શબ્દને બાદ કરવાનું સૂચ્યું પણ એ કદાચ મારી બાબતમાં લાગુ ન પડે. હમણાં જ એક દિવસ ટીવી પર એક એડ જોતાં જોતાં હું એકવી એકવી જ હસતી હતી. એ એડમાં એક ઝૂઝુને બીજા ઝૂઝુ મસાજ કરે છે અને મસાજ કરાવનાર ઝૂઝુ ખુશ થતો થતો મસલ્સ ચડાવે છે. એ જોઈને મને પાંચ દાયકા પહેલાનું એક દ્રશ્ય યાદ આવતું હતું. લાકડાના બજોઈ પર દૂબળી-પાતળી નાનકડી છોકરી બેઠી છે અને સામે બેઠેલી તેની મા અને માલિશ કરી રહી છે એ જિંદી છોકરીને તેના જ આરોગ્ય માટે અનિવાર્ય એવી એ પ્રવૃત્તિ માટે બેસાડતાં માને પગે નવનેજા પાણી ઉતર્યા છે અને હજીયે બેઠી બેઠી રાઈના તેલની ગંધથી માં બગાડે છે મા અને ફોસલાવી માલિશ પૂરું કરીને જ રહે છે. ત્યારે મા જાણે જુલ્મ કરતી હોય એવું લાગતું હતું પણ પોતાના કેટકેટલા કામ અને જવાબદારીઓ વચ્ચે પણ સંતાનોના તન-મનના વિકાસ માટે એ કેટલી જાગૃત હતી અને એટલે જ બધે ઝૂઝતી હતી એ નહોતું સમજાતું. મા બનવા માટે કેટલી તાલીમ પોતાની જાતને આપવી પડે

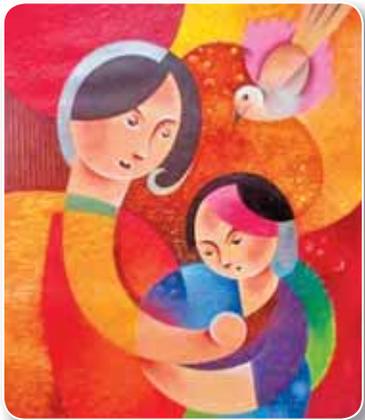
છે. આ તાલીમ કે કેળવણી મોટે ભાગે મા બનેલી સ્ત્રીને દીકરી તરીકે પોતાની મા પાસેથી જ મળી જતી હોય છે. એ તો દીકરી મા અને છે ત્યારે જ સમજાય છે. વરસો પહેલાં ન સમજાયેલી આવી બીજી પણ કેટલીય વાતો હોય છે. જે જિંદગીમાં બહુ મોટી મોટી સમજાય છે અને ત્યારે મનોમન માનો આભાર મનાય છે. કદાચ એટલે જ માની વાત આવતાં જ પેલી અંતરની મહેક અનુભવાય છે. બળબળતા ઉનાળે ફેર્યા શા ગુલમહોર...

માની યાદોની જાણે કેસરીયા મહોર...

મા એ મા છે

'આ ડોસી તારી મા આખો દિવસ ખોંખોં કર્યા કરે. વખતસર દવા પીતી નથી. ગમે ત્યા ગળકા કાઢે..' સવારના નાસ્તાના ટેબલ પર ગરમાગરમ ચલાને સકકરપારા મૂકતાં પત્નીએ પતિ આગળ ફરિયાદ કરતા કહ્યું. પતિએ પેપર બાજુમાં મૂક્યું અને પત્નીએ આગળ ચલાવ્યું, 'સરકારી દવાખાનામાં દાખલ કરી દો ને જરા સાફ થાય તો વૃદ્ધાશ્રમમાં મૂકી આવીએ તમે આખો દિવસ નોકરીએ..'

તું શું માનું કરે છે, એનો રૂમ સાફ કરે છે? કપડાં ધુએ છે? નિયમિત દવા આપે છે? એ ક્યાં રૂમમાંથી બહાર નીકળે છે? રૂમમાં તો રહે છે. તને ક્યાં હેરાન કરે છે? વારંવાર તું માની ફરિયાદ કરતી રહે છે. પતિએ રકાબીમાં ચલા રેડતાં કહ્યું. 'પણ... જો સરોજ એ મારી મા છે. મારા પિતાજી મરણ પામ્યા ત્યારે હું નવ વર્ષનો હતો. મા બધાને ઘરે વાસણ કપડાં કરતી, દરજીકામ આવડતું હતું એટલે ઘરે કંઈ ને કંઈ કર્યા કરતી. તો દુકાનમાંથી સાડી કે મહિલાની કંઈને કંઈ વસ્તુ લાવી ઘેર ઘેર જઈ વેચતી. 'તેથી શું?' પતિને અટકાવતા પત્ની બોલી. હું જરા મોટો થયો ત્યાં સુધી મને નવાં નવાં કપડાં પહેરાવતી શાળાએ જવા સાઈકલ લઈ આપી પોતે ભૂખી રહેતી પણ મને ખાવાનું આપતી તે હું જોતો ઘણીવાર તો પૈસા ન હોય તો રડતી પણ મને કંઈ



કામ કરવા ના દેતી. 'બધી જ મા...' ફરી પાછી પત્ની બોલી, 'શાળામાંથી કોલેજ ત્યારે તેનાં ઘરેણા ગીરવે મૂકી કોલેજની ફી ભરીને મને સ્કૂટર લઈ આપ્યું. બસ એમજ કહેતી તું ભણીને મોટો થા અને પછી મને આરામ આપ. તું એની ફરિયાદ કર્યા કરે છે,' પતિએ નાસ્તો કરતા કહ્યું. 'આખો દિવસ ખો ખો...' આજે સાંજે આવી ડો. મીના શાહના ડિવિનક લઈ વઈ જઈશ ને એને માટે એક કામવાળીબાઈ પણ શોધી કાઢી છે તે પહેલી તારીખે આવશે. તારે માનું કંઈ પણ કરવાનું નથી. ફરિયાદ તો નહિ જ પતિએ નાસ્તાના ટેબલ પરથી ઉઠતા કહ્યું, 'ખોટા ખચા' મારા માટે જે કર્યું છે માએ તેના લીધે જ મને સારી નોકરી મળી છે ને આપણે આરામથી ખાઈએ છીએ સમજી?' 'તારી જ માને આવું થયું હોય તો શું તું તેને વૃદ્ધાશ્રમમાં મૂકી આવે? ઘરમાંથી કાઢી મૂકે?' 'મા એ મા છે સમજી? હવેથી તેના વિશે જરા પણ ફરિયાદ ન જોઈએ જે મા મને લાઇ પકડીને શાળાએ લઈ જતી મારી બધી જ વસ્તુનું ધ્યાન રાખતી તેને હું કેમ તરછોડું?' 'મા એ મા છે...' પત્ની બબડતી બબડતી રસોડામાં ગઈ.

SUDOKU

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 3, 9, 7, 5, 8, 6, 2, 7, 2, 4, 9, 3, 5, 2, 8, 9, 1, 3, 4, 4, 7, 9, 3, 8, 9, 5, 7, 7, 2, 9

by Tarot Reader NUPUR (for this week)

Aries 21st March - 20th April. You will perform your daily work well. On Tuesday you may receive good news.

Leo 23rd July - 23rd August. You will be successful in Government related work. If you have to compromise regarding a situation, its best to do that on Sunday.

Sagittarius 23rd Nov. - 22nd Dec. You won't worry about yourself but you will worry about others. On Wednesday do not help anyone, you may get into trouble.

Taurus 21st April - 20th May. There will be changes in your behavior. Minor things will irritate you. On Monday you will spend a lot of money.

Virgo 24th August - 23rd Sept. You will get bored doing accounts related work. Long-term investments will benefit you.

Capricorn 23rd Dec. - 20th Jan. You will get help from your loved one. You will be able to finish all your tasks by Tuesday.

SNEAKY CHEEKY Today's clue: L equals U. One letter stands for another in this substitution game. Replace it and complete the phrase to find the cheeky saying of the week!

Gemini 21st May - 20th June. You will have to spend a lot of money. You will have to go to the doctor on Thursday.

Libra 24th Sept. - 22nd Oct. You will have to take utmost care of yourself. On Thursday or Tuesday you may meet with a minor accident.

Aquarius 21st Jan. - 19th Feb. Do not reject a new job offer. You will be worried about your siblings. On Sunday be very careful before taking up a task.

POLAD BABA We can't become what we need to be by remaining what we are - Change and see the difference.

Cancer 21st June - 22nd July. Keeping it cool will be of great benefit to you this week. On Saturday, do not make any promises.

Scorpio 23rd Oct - 22nd Nov. You will find a way out of your problems. On Monday try to perform Religious work.

Pisces 20th Feb. - 20th March. Negative thoughts will trouble you, stay away from them. Do not make any long-term plans.

SOLUTION TO LAST WEEK PUZZLES BAWAJI BHEJA FRY SOLUTION (2-5-2015). Did You Know? One woman dies every hour in India because of dowry-related crimes.



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Dear Mamaiji...

Dear Mamaiji,

You always make me read the Gujarati calendar date from the front page of the Parsi Times. Today is *Ashishvangh Roj*. What does that mean?

Dear Dikri,

Today is Ashishvangh Roj - the Day of the Mighty Angelic Divinity, Ashishvangh. Ashishvangh is feminine. Ashishvangh Yazad also works closely with Sraosh Yazad. She brings one Good Luck and Fortune, Abundance, Affluence, Money, Plenty, Prosperity, Riches, Wealth - all forms of Material Goodness. One may roughly consider her as the Zoroastrian Counterpart of Mahalaxmi Devi, the Hindu/Vedic Goddess of Wealth and Prosperity. Ashishvangh is ably assisted by Parrendi Yazad, another feminine Angelic Being, the Angel of Abundance. Praying to Ma Ashishvangh ensures increase in one's wealth. Ashishvangh Yazad also rewards one in terms of receiving spiritual and heavenly riches, apart from material ones. In Zoroastrianism, working hard, smart and with honesty, thus generating wealth, is considered a virtue. This wealth ofcourse must be shared with others, providing them with help, comfort etc. Charity is meant to uplift others, not keep them stuck in their poverty. Poverty is Not approved of or promoted in our Faith. Being Prosperous, Generous and Joyous are virtues and values for Zoroastrians. Call upon Ashishvangh and Parrendi Yazads to receive abundance. And be sure to share it generously.

With inputs from Parvez J. Daruwala



How I Work! CamScanner

The one tool I use most often to scan documents, receipts, images, etc., is CamScanner. It is a wonderful app and after having started on it, I have forgotten where my regular flatbed scanner is.

CamScanner helps you scan, store, sync and collaborate on various contents across smartphones, tablets and computers. Use your phone camera to scan receipts, notes, invoices, whiteboard discussions, business cards, certificates, etc. Once scanned, you can crop and auto enhance the images to make the texts and graphics look clear and sharp. You can then share the images in a variety of ways.

The paid version also has a great OCR engine, which allows you to read / convert the images as text.

It also supports 3rd Party Cloud Storage Services, such as Box, Google Drive, Evernote, Dropbox, OneDrive.

Try it out - it could just be the solution for all your scanning needs.



Yazdi Tantra's column is crafted for those of you who enjoy a bit of technology and love finding quirky things to do in this web and mobile savvy world. This entrepreneur celebrates his interest in the field of web based technologies with his columns and other websites like on-lyne.blogspot.in and Community centric Zoroastrians.net. Of course, his Parsi Times column is our favourite!



Pourushasp D. Balsara

the PURSUIT of HAPPYNESS

Name... Pourushasp D. Balsara.

I work at... Deloitte Haskins & Sells.

I work as... Tax Consultant.

That basically means... computing tax liability of Foreign Institutional Investors and reporting PAN India Financial data to National Functional Head and senior management globally.

My work day begins with... writing down the top three things I want to accomplish throughout the day.

I love this about my job... working with senior management of one of the Big 4's in the world and being challenged by working under short time lines with no margin for error.

I wish this would change about my job... nothing

I have been working here for... 1 year 3 months.

I head to office and head back home at these times...

I reach work at 9 am but there's no fixed time to head back home.

Some of the things that make up my work day... a lovely cup of tea.

Someone I think has an interesting job is... Warren Buffet



P. T. RECIPES



Chicken in Foil

Ingredients:

8 pieces chicken
Salt & Pepper to taste

Green Chutney:

3 cups chopped coriander
1 cup chopped mint leaves
6 green chillies
8 garlic cloves
1 tablespoon cumin seeds
1 tablespoon sugar
6 tablespoons grated coconut
Juice of a lemon
Salt to taste
¼ cup oil

Directions:

Pressure-cook or grill the chicken till almost done.



Grind all the chutney ingredients except the oil. Spread the foil. Smear it with oil. Layer half the chutney. Arrange the chicken pieces. Spread the remaining chutney over it. Cover it with foil. Seal the edges. Cook for 25-30 minutes in a medium oven just before serving. Serve hot with French fries.



Purveen Dubash is a chef with many knives in her pretty home kitchen cabinet. From TV anchor to educator to author she is armed with culinary skills to put your tummy into a hypnotic state. We are proud to present to you her recipes which have the unique distinction of being not only simple to follow but yummy to taste!



Tushna Mehta

Stress Buster

Doesn't it feel great when you get a gentle scalp massage every time you meet with your hairdresser? Ever wondered how to get rid of stress! Performing a hair care regimen that keeps hair clean, conditioned and moisturized helps to ensure that hair grows out strong and healthy. Adding a scalp massage to a hair care regimen stimulates the scalp, improves circulation and reduces stress. If you ever in a bad mood, work stressed or exhausted beyond belief take a nice, long, warm, relaxing shower and massage your scalp and your worries away!

Massage is one of the most common ways to reduce stress. As many of you know not everyone can enjoy a foot massage, like someone who's

pregnant or has high blood pressure a foot massage can only be more harmful, but a gentle head massage can benefit anyone and everyone. It's a simple complementary medicine technique that involves kneading soft tissues in the body, which can create a calming effect and remove tension. Massaging the scalp can help stimulate the nerves and blood vessels beneath the skin while calming muscle tension around the head. Although massaging the scalp or more like the champi massage has been in our Indian culture for thousands of years.

The great thing about scalp massage is you can perform it on yourself every day or every time you shampoo your hair. A slow relaxing massage as opposed to a vigorous scrubbing of the scalp can not only wake you up but also help benefit by boosting hair growth and reduce

daily stress. Kneading your scalp could benefit your entire body. Your scalp is healthiest when it's clean. But it may also need a little stimulation to keep any potential problems away. Scalp massage also can relieve pain by improving circulation and removing muscle tension. This can be especially helpful if you have a migraine or headache.

Migraines are sometimes caused by a decrease in serotonin levels; scalp massage may be able to increase serotonin levels and relieve pain. Headaches, on the other hand, may be caused by muscle tension, which a scalp massage can also release.

With just your fingertips you can relieve stress, improve your hair's condition and create a healthy scalp all by yourself and a warm shower. Of course, if you want to pamper yourself, you can always go to a salon to get a scalp massage.



Kiddies Corner



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21 YEARS AS A TRUSTEE
NOT ENOUGH?

GROUP 1



Yazdi Desai Khojeste Mistree Arnavaz Mistry Jimmy Mistry

GROUP 2



Dinshaw Mehta Muncherji Cama Armaity Tirandaz

Even as the Term of the Trustees, elected for the first time through Universal Adult Franchise, nears an end, controversies and differences between the Trustees continue unabated!

What is most disappointing is that barring the voting on a few issues, the Trustees have generally voted as two distinct groups over the last one and a half years!

One group is the majority group, which includes Trustees Arnavaz Mistry, Khojeste Mistree, Yazdi Desai and Jimmy Mistry. The other group led by Dinshaw Mehta is supported by Munchi Cama and Armaity Tirandaz.

For the last seven years the general buzz (rightly or wrongly) within the politically inclined members of the community was that the first election in 2015 would be in July 2015, when Mehta would step down on completing 21 years (in the aggregate) as a Trustee. Mehta who became a BPP Trustee on 21st July 1994 completes 21 years in July 2015. In 2008, Mehta whose second term came to an end in July 2008 continued till October when the new Board of Trustees entered the BPP. Thus Mehta's 21 years in the aggregate come to an end in July 2105.

The latest drama began on Tuesday the 5th of May when the item to hold the elections came up for discussion. Mehta opposed the passing of the resolution stating that he was entitled to continue till October 2015. The issue was put to vote and was passed by a majority of 4 to 3 with Cama and Tirandaz supporting Mehta's view.

The first indication that this issue would come up (and the division of votes would be as they happened eventually), was when Mehta opposed a meeting scheduled to be held on Saturday the 2nd of May 2015, to discuss the possibility of electronic voting. Mehta in his email indicated that there was no hurry to meet on a non-working day. However some of the Trustees did have the meeting to set the ball rolling.

On Tuesday itself Mehta had indicated that he would move the Court. The majority Trustees however proceeded with the election process and notices were sent out to the Parsi press for announcing the elections.

As expected, Mehta and others moved the High Court on Friday the 8th of May. The order uploaded on the High Court website in the evening says that the Petitioners

(Mehta and others) are at liberty to move the vacation court (as the High Court vacation will now start) for appropriate reliefs. The Court has also recorded that the Respondents (the majority Trustees) have stated that they will defer the issuing of the advertisement up to 15th May 2015. Stalemate - at least for a week.

The entire debate has its roots in the Scheme of Elections.

PT has laid its hands on the Scheme that was amended on 1st April 2005

Clause 50 of the then scheme said:
50. 'That no person who has been a Trustee for total three terms or for the total number of 21 years shall be eligible for election.'

Further Clause 60 of the then scheme said:
60. 'No person shall be eligible to be elected as a Trustee of the Funds and Immoveable Properties of the Paris Panchayat of Bombay:-

- (a) if the events mentioned in Rule 45 above have occurred in connection with him
- (b) if such person shall have held office of a Trustee for three consecutive terms or for twenty-one years in the aggregate.

On 29th November 2005, the Board of Trustees, to clarify the above clause, passed the following Resolution and forwarded the same to M/s Pardiwala & Company for making the necessary changes in the Scheme of Elections.

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