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**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

Dear Readers,

Since the beginning of mankind, Religion has shaped our Destinies. It has shaped civilizations and infused faith, hope and courage into Communities. It has written the books of history and led us safely to this point in time.

All over the world, people celebrate their Cradles of Religious belief. Since the beginning of time, mankind has flocked to these epicentres for unique blessings and to pay homage to belief systems. These Centres of Religion beckon the world, attracting them to all that is Good and Pure about life.

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Just as the Vatican and Mecca and countless other Spiritual Epicentres of the world stand proud, trembling with good vibrations and great thoughts, our dear Udvada will take its place on the map.

There is a saying that rings true anywhere you go... 'Joto Moth, Toto Poth'... As many views there are among men, there are that many ways to reach God. - *Ramakrishna Paramahansa*. And at the centre of each of these ways or Religions is goodness.

Each and every one of us gathered here in the tiny town of Udvada for the Iranshah Udvada Utsav is proud to be on this road of Zoroastrian Faith in our Quest to reach God.

May He bless and protect us as He has over the centuries and may He give us reason to keep shining and burning bright like the humble and quietly endless flame that burns in the Sanctum of the Udvada Atash Behram.

Welcome to the Iranshah Udvada Utsav.

The Parsi Times Special Issue team would like to thank the IUU Team for giving us a chance to learn about and love our Religion even more by embracing us within their process. The Parsi Times Udvada Special Issue is a blend of stories about what makes the Iranshah Great and reasons why the the Udvada Utsav is indeed a beautiful commemoration of its Greatness. We hope you enjoy reading it while being part of this momentous occasion.

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Thank You

A big thank you to the IUU Team, particularly Dasturji Khurshed and his wife Havovi, Hoshaang Gotla and Tina Patel.

We thank the Community for their enthusiasm, the advertisers for these glossy pages and the participants and visitors of IUU for their patience, while we planned the first of many many Utsavs to come.

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RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS**The Salgreh of Panthaky Agiary**

The Salgreh of Panthaky Agiary is on Friday, 1st January, 2016 Roj Sarosh, Mah Amardad. Machi and Jashan will be performed by the Trustees at 9:15 am. Jashan and Machi by the Hama Anjuman will be at 5 pm. Donations for Hama Anjuman Machi and Jashan are accepted.

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સરોશ રોજ, માહ અમરદાદ, શુક્રવાર તા. ૧લી જાન્યુઆરી ૨૦૧૬ને દિને પંચકી અગિયારીની શુભ સાલગ્રેહ પડે છે. સવારે સ્ટે. ટા. ૯.૧૫ કલાકે ટ્રસ્ટી સાહેબો તરફથી હાવનગેહમાં માચી પધરાવવાની ક્રિયા તથા જશન કરવામાં આવશે તથા સાંજે સ્ટે ટા. ૫.૦૦ કલાકે માચી અને હમા અંજુમનનું જશન કરવામાં આવશે. હમા અંજુમન માચી અને જશન માટે ડોનેશન્સ સ્વીકારવામાં આવશે.

159th Salgreh of Vatcha Gandhi Agiary, Hughes Road

The 159th Salgreh of Seth Sorabji Bomanji Vatcha Agiary is on Friday 1st January, 2016, Roj Sarosh, Mah Amardad. A Jashan and Humbandagi will be performed by the Trustees at 9:30 am. A Jashan will be performed by the staff at 4:30 pm. After the Jashan at 5 pm, popular religious scholar Ervad Dr. Rohinton Peshotan Pir will give a religious lecture. The Trustees have invited everyone to attend the Jashan and the following lecture.

હુઝીસ રોડની વાચ્છાગાંધી અગિયારીની ૧૫૯મી સાલગ્રેહ

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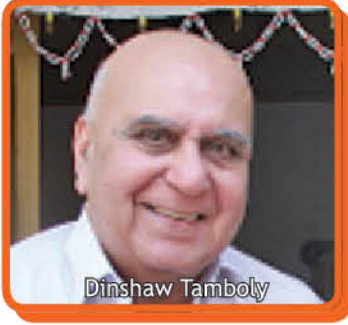


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Dinshaw Tamboly

A BRIEF HISTORY OF FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF UDVADA & THE GENESIS OF IRANSHAH UDVADA UTSAV

As Managing Trustee of the FDU, **Mr. Dinshaw Tamboly** has been at the forefront of the Iranshah Udvada Utsav. He tells us the story of how **Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi dreamed up the Utsav** and also what the Foundation for Development of Udvada is all about.

HISTORY OF FDU:

Foundation for Development of Udvada (FDU) is a relatively young institution, established on September 22, 2003, and has a very brief but vibrant history.

The FDU was formed purely due to the initiative taken by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. In January 2002, during his stint as Chief Minister of Gujarat State he was present at the 'Foundation Stone' laying ceremony of the Institute of Hotel Management at Ahmedabad along with erstwhile Hon'ble Minister (Tourism & Culture), Government of India, Shri Jagmohan.

At that function he very graciously acknowledged the positive role played by the Parsi Community in nation building, ever since their arrival from Persia over 1300 years ago.

Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi mentioned that the most sacred religious place of Parsis was Udvada, where the Holy Fire – Iranshah – was perpetually maintained and appreciated that ever since the Parsis arrived as migrants they had abided by a code of conduct which preserved their identity without offending the sensitivities of any other Community.

He went on to mention that Udvada today showcases the glorious history of the Parsi Community of over 1300 years and thereafter made a suggestion to the erstwhile Hon'ble Minister (Tourism & Culture), Government of India, to project Udvada as a place of harmony, religious tolerance and opportunities provided to a miniscule Community to realise their full potential. This was appreciated by the erstwhile Hon'ble Minister (Tourism & Culture), Government of India who held that Udvada symbolised one of the finest examples of the cultural tradition of our country.

Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi thereafter requested renowned hotelier, Mr. Jehangir Cama (now Late) who was present at the function with his wife Mehru to proceed in the direction of setting up suitable infrastructure of converting these thoughts into reality.

A proposal was thereafter submitted to the Government of India for providing certain basic facilities, which would enable the State of Gujarat to project Udvada as a unique place in our country symbolising traditions of tolerance, harmony and progress through partnership with the Parsi Community.

The Government of India accepted this proposal and released a grant-in-aid amount of Rs. 97.27 lakhs to the Government of Gujarat. The Government of Gujarat has also allocated an amount of Rs. 24.32 lakhs for the project, making a total of Rs. 121.59 lakhs.

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- Organise a tourist circuit of the places where the Holy Fire – Iranshah – was lodged prior to installation at Udvada.

After discussions with various members of the Parsi Community, it was decided to establish and register a Foundation to be managed by well known Parsis and a nominee of the Government of Gujarat, who would undertake responsibility of directing and executing the project. Our Foundation was established as a result of the above-mentioned initiatives with the following individuals as the first honorary Trustees:

Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor Kaikobad Dastoor - Chairman,
Mr. Jehangir R. J. Cama – Co-Chairman,
Mr. Dinshaw K Tamboly – Managing Trustee,
Mr. P. K. Laheri, *Ex Officio*, Government of Gujarat – Commissioner of Tourism, Principal Secretary, Government of Gujarat.
Mr. Minoo R. Shroff,
Mr. Burjor H. Antia,
Mrs. Homai N. Modi,
Dr. Homi B. Dhalla.



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GENESIS OF IRANSHAH UDVADA UTSAV:

In June 2014, Hon'ble Narendra Modi, just a couple of weeks after assuming office as Prime Minister, invited Dasturji Khurshed, Homai Engineer, late Jehangir Cama and me, all of us being connected with the FDU, to meet him and provide an overview of the strategic plan to develop Udvada as a pilgrim centre being undertaken by the UADA (Udvada Area Development Authority) set up by the Government of Gujarat.

At that time he reiterated what he had mentioned earlier when the FDU was under formation, that our Community's contribution towards nation building was without parallel. He reiterated that Udvada showcases the glorious history of the Parsi Community of over 1300 years and repeating what he had told us earlier about his keen desire to project Udvada as a place of harmony, religious tolerance and opportunities, reminded us to organize the first ever festival at Udvada where Parsis from all over the world could congregate.

He urged us to organize the Iranshah Udvada Utsav (IUU), where Community members from all over the world would be able to visit Udvada and participate in the celebrations. He also recommended that we plan the same sometime in December as many Indians residing overseas visit our country at that time of the year.

Honouring the wishes of our visionary and dynamic Prime Minister, Foundation for Development of Udvada & the Udvada Samast Anjuman along with a group of dedicated volunteers have together participated in bringing this project to fruition.

A galaxy of eminent Parsis will be attending the IUU Celebrations, where Mr. Ratan Tata, the leading present day icon of our Community, will be felicitated on December 27, 2015.

With the Iranshah Udvada Utsav being the brainchild of our Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi, an invitation has been extended to him as well to participate in the celebration on December 27, 2015.

Noted philanthropist Mr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla, Chairman, Serum Institute of India, has very graciously agreed to sponsor the Iranshah Udvada Utsav in loving memory of his loving wife Late Viloo C. Poonawalla, for which we extend our sincere gratitude to him for his magnanimity.

All Parsi Irani Zoroastrians can take legitimate pride in the fact that the Iranshah Udvada Utsav is illustrative of the acknowledgement by our nation's leader of the contributions made towards nation building by our miniscule Community, adhering in letter and in spirit to the pledge of loyalty, our revered ancestors made when seeking sanctuary on the Indian soil 1385 years ago.



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Farzana Cooper is a freelance artist and illustrator and a graduate from Sir J.J. Institute of Applied Arts. Her works appear in many popular lifestyle magazines like Verve, Maxim, Vogue, G2, Man's World, etc. She started her career as a freelance illustrator with The Saturday Times of India and Femina. She has also done illustrations for publications like Samar Halarnkar's - 'The Married Man's Guide To Creative Cooking' ; Sooni Tarapore and Meher Marfatias' - 'Parsi Bol' and Kersee Kabrajis' 'Rationalism in Zoroastrianism'. She lives with her family in Mumbai. Her other interests includes, evolutionary psychology, politics, current affairs and South Asian history.



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Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru

We Parsi Irani Zoroastrians, have remained loyal citizens of India, ever since we received ...

... sanctuary 1385 years earlier and have played a pivotal role in its development.

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Hon. Shri Narendra Modi - Prime Minister



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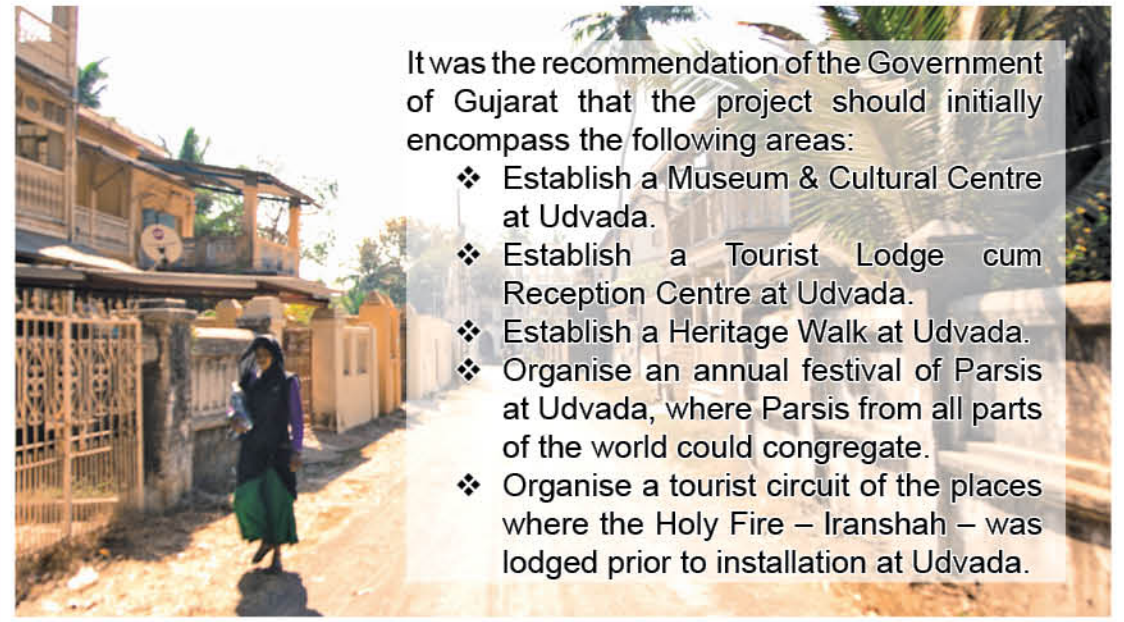
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A Final Visit to the Nine Families of Udvada



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The ebullient efforts and achievements of the magnificent nine families of Udvada and the exceptional triumph of all our illustrious ancestors ensured and continue to ensure the protection of the Pak Iranshah and the outstanding and trending progress of our Zoroastrian culture. 'UNTHWADA' became 'UDVADA', the most pious village for the Zoroastrian community. The consecrators and protectors shone and continue to shine with committed dedication to serving the Pak Iranshah Atash Behram with the aspiration of encouraging their next generation to enhance the family tradition by following in their footsteps with unsurpassed purpose. All the members, male and female, of each family were champions of the Zarathosti faith with regard to priesthood and secular vocations. The other Udvada Zoroastrian families who set up everlasting industries, the hardworking Behdin families, the philanthropic families who established educational institutions and housing facilities, the zealous pioneers of entertainment, journalism, banking,

hospitals and glorious establishments of hospitality and most importantly our splendid forefathers who established our Agiaries and Atash Behrams can never be forgotten. Our adroit and ingenious Priests, the protectors of our Religion and the future Athornans will always be honored.

Our illustrious forefathers never expected fame or renown. They simply continued their efforts with the conviction that the only purpose of leadership is to create value for infinite future generations.

The principles governing the lives of the leaders and future members of the nine families have always been to live simply, walk humbly and work with diligent perseverance. These principles have also been continuously applied to life by the other members of our Community.

Dear Readers, this article concludes our series 'The Keepers of The Flame'. We hope you enjoyed reading it as much as we relished writing it. A big Thank You to all the members of the nine families who gave us their precious time during the interviews! Very special thanks to Ervad Saheb Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia for helping us in locating some members of the nine families of Udvada.



THE ANDHYARUJINA CLAN

The Andhyarujina clan had the richest Priest among the entire Priesthood at Udvada 300 years ago, Ervad Bhikhaji Jamshedjee Andhyarujina. His sons too shone in Priesthood and business, particularly Ervad Rustom Andhyarujina who drafted the Udvada Athornan Mandal and authored the concise Rent Act book, Ervad Manchershah Andhyarujina who performed Boi ceremony at the Pak Iranshah many times as well as all the rituals, except Nirang Din and Ervad Hormajshah Ervad Bhikhaji Andhyarujina, who commenced the Rezashah Company, Rezashah Dairy and Rezashah Egg Mart at Sleater Road. The current generation includes our well known Dr. Pourushasp Andhyarujina, the noted Numismatist Mr. Rointon Andhyarujina and Mr. Phiroze Andhyarujina, the famous Supreme Court lawyer.

In Pic: Mr. Rointon Andhyarujina



THE UNWALLA CLAN

The members of the Unwalla clan were industrious Priests as well as conscientious dealers of wool for making Kustis. The current generation has Ervad Mehernosh Unwalla who balances his life expertly and with dedication between his family life, his job at the Zoroastrian Cooperative Bank, performing ecclesiastical duties at the Banaji Limji Agiary and performing the Boi ceremony at the Pak Iranshah during the months allotted to his family. His father, Osta Pervez Unwalla, was famous throughout the Zoroastrian Community in India not only for his dexterous management and constant progress of the Dastur Baug Dharamshala but also, as Ervad Mehernosh Unwalla says, for his forbearance and courage.

In Pic: Ervad Mehernosh Unwalla



THE BHADHA CLAN

The shining star of the Bhadha family is of course Ervad Kersi Bhadha; competent Panthaky of the Mancherji Jamshedjee Wadia Agiary at Lalbaug, who assiduously manages the activities and the young Priests at the Agiary, performs the Boi ceremony at the Pak Iranshah and also capably attends to his domestic responsibilities. He acknowledges the support and encouragement of his maternal uncles particularly towards his achievement of full-fledged Priesthood and also says that all the male members of his family have been steadfast Priests. His elder son, Yazad, is also a practicing Priest.

In Pic: Ervad Kersi Bhadha



THE KATILA CLAN

The fourth family, the Katila clan, also known as the Moghul family, has the enthusiastic Priest Ervad Kaikobad Moghul still fervently performing all the Zoroastrian religious rituals and attending to the requirements of the laity at the age of 80. He says that he owes his diligence and perseverance to the encouragement of his father Ervad Nadirshaw Faredoonji Moghul who devotedly applied the principles of ILM-E-KSNOOM, authored and promulgated by Ustad Behramshah Navroji Shroff. The essence of this sacred volume is that the prayers of the Avesta are the only medium for a perfect Zarathosti life. Ervad Kaikobad Moghul also tells us that his uncle Ervad Dorabjee Pestonji Moghul was also a renowned Priest.

In Pic: Ervad Kaikobad Moghul (Katila)



THE DASTOOR CLAN

The Dastoor family, fifth among the nine families of Udvada, has of course our Vadaa Dasturji Khurshedji Dastoor who has saved the sanctity of Udvada from being ravaged by an industrialist. He is the first Zoroastrian Head Priest who has shown the initiative to intercede with the government in order to prevent the surroundings of our pure Pak Iranshah Atash Behram from being polluted by an industrialist. He is also the brainchild of the upcoming Iranshah Udvada Utsav and has commenced greater progress by establishing the Foundation of Development of Udvada with the help of philanthropists Mr. Dinshaw K. Tamboly and Mr. Minoo Engineer.

In Pic: Vadaa Dasturji Khurshedji Dastoor



THE BHAIJINA CLAN

All the members of the sixth family, the zealous Bhaijina family, consistently persevered in priesthood and hard work. Mrs. Perin Ervad Keki Panthaky, born into the Bhaijina family, has the distinction of transcribing from Gujarati into English a book of powerful Nirangs authored by Ervad Rustom Noshirwan Panthaky, thus enabling countless Zoroastrians to pray the paramount essences of our Avesta prayers. Her grandfather Ervad Ardeshir Bhaijina was the manager of the J.J. Dharamshala for many years.

In Pic: Ervad Keki Panthaky, Osti Perin Panthaky, Nee Bhaijina and their Son Jamsheed



THE PATEL CLAN

Ervad Behram Osta Darab Patel, Panthaky of the Dahanu Parsee Agiary, has risen to his position from a childhood during which he didn't know his roots till his paternal aunt made him aware of them and today he has embraced his destiny joyfully. His ancestor Ervad Maneckji Navroji was appointed as collector by the regional monarch of Mandavi in Kutch; hence the surname Patel came into being.

In Pic: Ervad Behram Patel Dahanu Agiary Panthak



THE MIRZA & BHARDA CLAN

The Mirza clan constituted of many stalwarts, right from the ancestor who was ordained with the title 'Mirza Khushro Baig', meaning 'Lord of All The Nobles' by Moghul ruler Ahmed Shah to our astute and progressive Vada Dasturji Saheb Dr. Hormuzdyar K. Mirza and his illustrious and accomplished, yet humble son, Vada Dasturji Saheb Peshotan Mirza. This clan has always been erudite and has educated innumerable Zoroastrians. They are trailblazers of educated Priests in successful vocations in addition to being assiduous Priests.

In Pic: Vadaa Dasturji Peshotan Hormuzdyar Mirza



The Bharda family, being one of the nine families by virtue of being related to the Mirza family, has always been practicing Priesthood ONLY at Udvada. Ervad Jehanbux Bharda, his brothers Ervad Jehangir and Ervad Farrokh Bharda and the sons of the three brothers imbibed perseverance from their esteemed father Ervad Behramshah Bharda who was renowned for having performed the Nirang Din ceremony 102 times.

In Pic: Ervad Jehanbux Bharda



THE SIDHWA CLAN

Finally Ervad Faramroz Sidhwa of the Sidhwa clan is the vigorous Secretary of the Udvada Samast Anjuman, ably assisted by Ervad Kershasp Sidhwa. Dr. Jimmy Sidhwa, famous radiologist needs no introduction. He has remained as successful on the spiritual front as in his medical career. His famous hallmark was the book 'THE GATHAS OF ASSHO ZARATHUSHTRA' which is the only translation of the Gathas into English verse.

Perhaps the greatest stalwart of the Sidhwa family was the maker of Udvada, Ervad Kaikobad Ervad Hormuzdji Sidhwa. He was a poor caretaker of the Cassinath property who succeeded by dint of hard labour in establishing the Globe Hotel at Udvada. His achievement of being responsible for having the first road between Udvada Station and Udvada village, his successful efforts of having electricity and telephone lines supplied at Udvada and his attainment of having constructed the first over bridge at Udvada Station will always be immortal milestones in the history of the nine families of Udvada.

In Pic: Ervad Faramroz Sidhwa and Ervad Kershasp Sidhwa

This article concludes the series, "Keepers of the Flame," the story of each of the Nine Families of Udvada. Each family had a unique story to tell and we are honoured that they have told it to the Parsi Times. To read all their individual stories, do open the Parsi Times Issues (starting with the 17th of October Issue). For more information or if you liked this article let us know on contribute@parsi-times.com. Feedback is appreciated.

PRAYING IN UDVADA

1: A Line in Praise of Fire

Khshnaothra Ahurahe Mazdaao...

Nemasete Atash Mazdaao...

Ahurahe Hudhaao Mazishta Yazata...

(Repeat this 11 / 21 / 51 times and end the whole thing with one Ashem Vahu)

2: The Atash Ni Nyash**

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3: Yatha Ahu Vairiyo

Of course you could just settle into a corner and chant the powerful Yatha Ahu Vairiyo on repeat.

(This should be done in sets of 5 / 21 / 111)



So you're in Udvada!

The most important part of being here is the visit to the Holy Pak Iranshah and the other Spiritual spots dotting our beloved Village.

Of course there is the decorum...phones off, modest clothing and no running around the Kebla! Most of you will probably have your own Prayer books, know your Kusti prayers by heart etc etc. Here are some interesting ways to enhance your time spent in front of the Fire...A few prayers and rituals that accompany the regular prayers at our Dear Atash Behram

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સૌથી મહત્વનું કામ એ છે કે ગામમાં આવીને તમે પાક આતશ પાદશાહને અને બીજા પવિત્ર જગ્યાઓને નમન કરવા જશો. તમે તમારું રોજનું ભણવાનું ભણતા હો ત્યારે તમે સાથે આ પણ ભણી શકો છો.

૧: આતશની પ્રશંસામાં એક લાઈન

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અહુરાહે હુદાઓ મઝીશ્તા યઝતા..

આંધ ૧૧/૨૧/૫૧ વખતે ભણી શકો ને અંતમાં એક અશેમ વોહુ ભણવાનું.

૨: આતશની ન્યાઈશ

ત્યારે આપણે આ ભણીએ ત્યારે આપણે આતશ પાદશાહ સાહેબને સુઘરાના અર્પિત કરીએ. જેમ આપણે સુખડ અને લોબાન આતશ પાદશાહને ચઢાવીએ તેમજ આતશની ન્યાઈશ આપણે મનથી અર્પિત કરીએ છીએ. આતશ નીઆયેશ આપણી ખોરદેહ અવસ્તામાં મળશે. જે પાંચ નીઆયેશમાંથી એક છે.

૩: તમુને મન થાય તો તમે યથા અહુ વરિયો ઘડી ઘડી ભણી શકો.

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Thank You **Er. Ramiyar Karanjia** for your guidance while writing this piece



Please do note that in no way are the above limited to the Iranshah Atash Behram but simply suggestions from our Priest advisors to make your visit there more meaningful! Whatever you Pray and however you choose to connect to God is a personal choice.

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In this conclusion of the Keepers of the Flame Series, **Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor** sheds light on the IUU and welcomes everyone... an Interview by PT Reporter Jamshed Arjani.

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The Dastoor Clan Ardent Proactive Leadership

The Dastoor clan is the fifth family of the nine families of Udvada. Their earliest forefather was Dastoor Aashdin Khurshed. The Vansholi reflects 21 generations. 'DASTOOR' naturally became the surname of this family as the phrase "DASTOORI NI GAADI", meaning head priest of the Good Religion and the person holding this title and his descendants in this family by hereditary right were recognized as head priests of all the members of the entire Zoroastrian community. The Dastoor family is related to the Bhaijina and Katila families and also to the Balsada (current Balsara) and Behram Rupina clans.

Our practical, frank, dynamic, compassionate and down to earth Vadaa Dasturji Saheb Khurshedji Dastoor Vadaa Dasturji Kaikobad Dastoor, who has become Vadaa Dasturji by hereditary right, is the 21st generation of the Dastoor clan. He has earned the distinction of being the first ambassador of the Zarathushti Community to intercede with the government for the protection of Udvada, the sanctified abode of Pak Iranshah and for the vicinity of Iranshah Atash Behram, from marauding builders and industrialists. His stance and proactive efforts have yielded wonderful results by way of winning the trust, support and friendship of our Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi.

Vadaa Dasturji Saheb Khurshedji Dastoor was born and brought up in Surat at his mother's house. His mother's name was Ms Bakhtavar Goolestan and his father was Vadaa Dasturji Kaikobad Dastoor. Vadaa Dasturji Khurshedji Dastoor studied at Surat until his Second Standard and then he was admitted to the Dadar Athornan Institute. He studied there during the tenure of Ervad Rustomjee Panthaky as Principal and passed his S.S.C.E. from this Institute.

Vadaa Dasturji Saheb's Navjote was performed in his house at Udvada when he was 7 years old. He was ordained as a Navar at the age of 12 and as a Martab at the age of 14 at Pak Iranshah and passed the Samel test soon after being ordained and enjoyed the sacrosanct privilege of performing the Boi ceremony at Pak Iranshah.

He then returned to Mumbai, passed his S.S.C.E. and graduated from H.R. College. During his stay at Gamadia Hostel, he continued to practice Priesthood with his maternal uncle (Masa) at Vatcha Agiary opposite Petit Library. He returned to Udvada after graduation and settled into full time Priesthood.

Vada Dastoorji Saheb got married in 1996 to Havovi Moghul, daughter of Ervad Kaikobad Moghul. The Dastoor family has been blessed with three children Parinaaz, Sinaya and Darayush.

The Anjuman appointed Dasturji Saheb as Vadaa Dasturji Saheb by hereditary right in January 2002 after his father passed away.

Now he shuttles between Mumbai for family time and religious guidance and Udvada for Anjuman meetings, Pak Iranshah celebrations and work and for regular



administrative purposes.

These days Dasturji Saheb has been in Udvada for long stretches to oversee and manage all the arrangements for the Iranshah Udvada Utsav.

We brought up the alarming issue of dwindling number of Priests, how Priests can be convinced to never deviate from their Priestly duties and how more Athornan families can be encouraged to make their male progeny Zarathushti Priests at the right age. Vadaa Dasturji replied, "Right now, we are giving all the facilities to Priests visiting from Mumbai to perform Boi ceremony at Udvada. We maintain a kitchen and have appointed a Parsi lady to cook food for the priests during their nine day Nahan period. Comfortable quarters have also been established near the Atash Behram for the priests to reside in during the crucial nine day period."

As for the question of how more Athornan families can be encouraged to have their male progeny ordained as Priests, Vadaa Dasturji Saheb says, "This issue depends entirely on the individual families, on how well the spirit of embracing the Divine privilege of priesthood is engendered and inculcated in the child by the parents. For example, my parents encouraged me to join the Madressa and become a full-fledged Priest to carry the legacy forward. My son does not attend the Madressa but he is undergoing his preparatory training for being a complete Navar, including memorizing the 72 HA'S. He will become an ordained Navar in May next year at the age of 11."

Regarding the amendment (2003) of the Zarathushti Anjuman Constitution rule of a Priest being allowed to perform the Nirang din ceremony only in his 50's changed to being allowed at any eligible age (subject to being a perfect Priest in all respects), Vadaa Dasturji Dastoor Saheb opines, "Nirang Din ceremony at such a young age is not right. The young Priest should be accompanied by an elder, more experienced Priest".

Vadaa Dasturji Saheb has been chiefly responsible for the protection of Udvada and the pristine land near Pak Iranshah from industrialization. He says, "Between 2004 & 2005 as Chief Minister of Gujarat, Shri Narendra Modi appreciated the progressive work of our Community and our ability to mingle with this country. He recognized Udvada as the holy abode of Pak Iranshah and the Zarathushti Community and insisted that it must be thoroughly developed and the whole world must know about how the Persian civilization has been encouraged and taken care of by India, particularly in Gujarat. He suggested the idea of a museum and information centre in Udvada and so we appointed Mr. Jehangir Cama to commence and establish this project. Ultimately, Mr. Jehangir Cama, Mr. Dinshaw

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Tamboly, Mr. Minoo Shroff, Ms. Homai Modi, Mr. Homi Dhalla and myself began the F.D.U. Group, Foundation for Development of Udvada. We began proactive work on this project.

The work of conserving the Heritage of Udvada was commenced by two young people, Mr. Pankaj Joshi who is a Heritage Architect and Mr. Jamshed Bhiwandiwalla from Rizvi College. These two enterprising youngsters spent many days in Udvada, undertaking a detailed survey, visiting and mapping all the houses and they approached the F.D.U. with the conclusion that Udvada is a beautiful village. They insisted that we request the Government to grant Udvada a Heritage Status. However when we approached the Government, we met with resistance from our own Community members.

Progress appeared to be changing into regress but we continued our efforts and finally on Adar Mahino Adar Roj in 2008 we opened the Zoroastrian Information Centre. It was inaugurated by Ms. Mehroo Bengalee and Sir Rustom Jeejeebhoy.

In September 2009, 180 acres of land were sold to an industrialist and we voiced our indignant opposition to this development. The very people who had been opposing our progress changed their stance and supported us when we told them, "This is what is going to happen to Udvada".

I then approached the Chief Minister with a unified proposal. In 2011 the Chief Minister visited Udvada and realized our difficulties. Udvada has not been declared a Heritage Site because Gujarat does not have a Heritage Declaration provision in their Constitutional State laws. An authority was created known as The Udvada Area Development Authority which guides the Panchayat and without their permission no structure can be built."

Vadaa Dasturji happily says that during the past period of six years Mr. Narendra Modi has continued his support for Udvada. The upcoming Utsav is also the result of Mr. Modi's interest. The tremendous development of the roads and electric supply to Udvada compared to the situation in nearby villages is very obvious. The conscientious efforts of Vadaa Dasturji Saheb Khurshedji Saheb and the cooperation of The Udvada Area Development Authority have commenced this perpetual progress.

We asked Vadaa Dasturji Saheb how the idea of the Utsav germinated. He said, "During Mr. Modi's visit to Udvada in 2011 he mentioned in his speech that the entire Parsi Community should come together in a 'MELA' or an 'UTSAV'. They should have a celebration one day together in Udvada where people can come together from all over the world and see the Zarathushti culture, customs, traditions and way of life. They should see how beautifully our Community have amalgamated with India with peace and tolerance."

When Mr. Modi was elected Prime Minister of India, he invited Vadaa Dasturji Saheb to visit him at Delhi and reminded him about organizing a global Zarathushti Mela. So after much planning and innovative ideas brought up within the F.D.U., the organization ultimately decided in 2015 that the last week of December would be the most appropriate time to launch an amazing extravaganza as the international diaspora of the Zarathushti Community would be free during the Christmas festivities to attend the festival."

"People from the U.S.A., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Dubai; you name the countries and they are here", continues Vadaa Dasturji Saheb Khurshedji Dastoor. He adds, "I was expecting about 1200 odd registrations but the number of registrations till date are 2200 and as of now we are expecting about 2500 people in Udvada".

Undoubtedly, Vadaa Dasturji Saheb has encouraged Zarathushtis everywhere to extend their hearts to and infuse enthusiasm in all the attendees and within themselves too.

Says Dasturji Saheb, "We will continue to hold this festival every alternate year. We will encourage and attract youngsters to come and see Udvada, feel the pulse and life of Udvada and be a part of Udvada. Apart from paying homage to Pak Iranshah and departing the young generation should imbibe the spirit of Udvada. The heart of each Zarathushti should throb with the conviction 'I AM UDVADA, I AM IRANSHAH.'"

Vadaa Dasturji Saheb confirmed that Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla is funding the entire Utsav and also the fact that the Prime Minister has sanctioned Rs. Twenty Crores FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF UDVADA WHICH WILL BE PAID IN INSTALMENTS TO THE COLLECTOR WHO WILL BE ACCOUNTABLE FOR ALL THE DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE VARIOUS SCHEDULED PROJECTS AT UDVADA FROM THIS CORPUS. Vadaa Dasturji Saheb also asserted that the first instalment is being utilized to construct a police station in Udvada which will be effectively manned, a mini market for cottage industries and the vendors who crowd around the devotees near the Iranshah, roads have already been smoothed and being developed further. There will be a gate near Udvada after passing the Doongerwadi welcoming the visitor to Udvada. Other jobs to be carried out are the establishment of a museum and extensive repairs of the retaining wall near the seaside. Vadaa Dasturji Saheb EMPHASIZED that "THE MONEY IS NOT A DONATION TO THE COMMUNITY. THE ZARATHUSHTI COMMUNITY SHOULD NOT HAVE THE WRONG ILLUSION THAT THIS CORPUS IS FOR UTILIZATION OF AND BY THE COMMUNITY."

When asked about the priesthood residing at Udvada, Vadaa Dasturji Saheb confirms that all the priests residing at Udvada are very well taken care of by the Anjuman and other funds with the grace of Pak Iranshah.

We asked Vadaa Dasturji for an encouragement to Zarathushtis to practice ONLY our Mazdayasni religion instead of deviating to other faiths. His message is: "Each

individual and each family should take the initiative to be mindful of having faith only in the Mazdayasni power of the Zoroastrian Religion. The children should be brought up with the conviction and steadfast faith only in the Avesta prayers. Other religions should be respected but the faith should be reposed only in the prayers and tenets of the Zoroastrian religion. The importance and significance of always wearing the Sudreh and girdling the Kushti while reciting the Kushti prayer daily along with other prayers must be taught to the children. Awareness about all the principles of our religion, knowledge about our Prophet Zarathushtra, about Ahura Mazda, about our archangels who protect the true Zoroastrian must be revived in each Zarathushti family. Unfortunately many parents today have forgotten the tenets of our religion hence they are not able to inculcate devotion to our religion in their children. This is the reason for children deviating away from the Zoroastrian religion."

When we touched upon the subject of inter-caste marriage, Vadaa Dasturji Saheb comments, "Just by marrying outside the Community people don't go out of the Community. I have seen many Zarathushtis who practice the Zoroastrian religion and wear the Sudreh and Kushti in the correct manner and recite the Avesta prayers more devotedly than do other Zarathushtis and their non-Zoroastrian spouses too take immense interest in knowing about our religion and teach their children about our religion. Ultimately the most important factor is how much the older generation engenders and inculcates the Zarathushti faith in their children's lives."

Regarding the dwindling number of Zarathushtis, Vadaa Dastoorji Saheb says, "Number wise, I won't be a hypocrite and say that the number is increasing. The answer is NO. The dwindling number is a concern for the Community but children can't be produced just by offering financial incentives, so this is not an option. The entire Community should give very serious thought to this problem."

While discussing the issue of the progeny of Zarathushti ladies marrying non-Zarathushtis, Vadaa Dasturji Saheb clarifies, "EVEN IF we permit the inclusion in our Community of Zarathushti children of ladies who have married outside the Community, it will not make a significant difference in the growth graph of our Community."

Speaking of the priesthood at Udvada, he says, "Once there were 300 mobeds in Udvada, today there are thirty mobeds in Udvada and this shows the decline. We

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can't carelessly say, as it is being said, that we should leave it to God. The entire Community, especially the youth, have to give this matter very serious thought, which they don't. The leaders of the Zarathushti Community indifferently say that our Community will go on for another hundred years. The importance is to go on for another PRODUCTIVE hundred years."

We asked Vadaa Dasturji Saheb, "Sir, how would you encourage the Zoroastrian youth to stay only within our Community, remain within the fold and adhere only to the tenets of the Zarathushti Community as they were handed down to us by Zarathushtra himself?"

Vadaa Dasturji Saheb's clarion call is, "I would like our youngsters to visit the Agiary and Atash Behram as often as possible. They should try to devote even a little bit of time from their daily routine to give serious thought to our Religion, to recite Avesta prayers, to read about our religion, to read about those aspects which interest them, to read the history of our religion. Earlier, their intellectual reasoning was that they did not understand the meaning of our prayers but today practically all such knowledge is on the internet, there are explanatory lectures and printed speeches which explain the meaning of our prayers and the profound aspects of our Religion. If our Zarathushti Community devotes some time of their life, they will automatically find the right Zoroastrian way of life which can be engendered in the next generation. Today, the elders of our Community must revert to reciting their daily prayers, teaching the very young children basic prayers, teaching the young generation and the gen next how to perform the Kushti prayer correctly, imbuing in them the determination to always be a Zarathushti and never to abandon our sacred Sudreh and Kushti. We can only ensure that our coming generations persevere in the Zarathushti faith by persevering ourselves."

Truly, Vadaa Dasturji Saheb Khurshedji Dastoor has invigorated the Zoroastrian spirit and the approaching Iranshah Udvada Utsav will be a platform for Zarathushti bonding, a platform to revive and strengthen the faith of the entire Community and sending out waves of rejuvenated, cohesive harmony throughout the entire Zoroastrian populace globally.



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The Choir will strike the right chord with some of our favourite Monajats and Parsi songs and hope to have the Guest of Honour and others join in.

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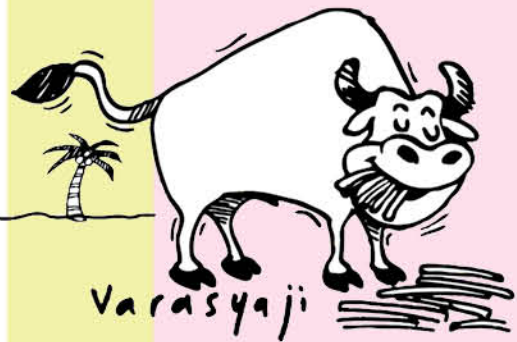


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FRIDAY 25th DECEMBER 2015

10.30 to 15.00	Meeting of Global Working Group
14.00 to 20.00	Issuance of ID Cards (For registered members who have not picked up their ID cards earlier) Name collection for the Treasure Hunt and Heritage walks (These two activities will take place in the morning of 26.12.15)
15.40 to 16.40	Uziran Geh Maachi in Iranshah Atash Behram
16.00 to 17.00	Khushaali-nu-Jashan in Iranshah Atash Behram
18.00 to 18.10	Introduction to the event - 'Iranshah Udvada Utsav' By: Host Viraf Patel
18.10 to 18.13	National Anthem Tribute to India
18.13 to 18.20	'A Journey of Devotion': Monaajaats by students of Bai A. F. Petit Girls' High School, Bandra
18.20 to 18.22	Lighting of the Lamp : By: Chief Guest, H'ble Minister, Shri Saurabh Patel & Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor
18.22 to 18.32	Welcome Address : By: Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor
18.32 to 18.40	Felicitation Ceremony for the H'ble Chief Guest, Shri Saurabh Patel
18.40 to 18.50	Key Note Speech By: H'ble Chief Guest, Shri Saurabh Patel
18.50 to 19.00	Launch of a New Film : 'The Journey of the Zoroastrians through the sands of time'
19.00 to 19.15	Gala Performance - Act I By: Shaimak Davar's Troupe
19.15 to 19.45	Gujarati Play - A variety review - 'Bae Ghadi Mauj' By: Mr. Yazdi Karanjia & Group, Surat
19.45 to 19.55	Launch of Gatha Calendar of Ushta-te Foundation, Ahmedabad
19.55 to 20.10	Awards Ceremony for Young Achievers from Gujarat
20.10 to 20.30	Gala Performance - Act 2 : By: Shaimak Davar's Troupe
20.30 to 21.00	Musical Performances
21.00 to 22.00	DJ Night : With: DJ Aarish Daruwalla
	Parsi Dinner

SATURDAY 26th DECEMBER 2015

10.00 to 11.30	Heritage Walk
10.00 to 11.30	Treasure Hunt
10.30 to 10.35	Introduction to the Event - Day II
10.35 to 10.50	Iranshah in Hindustan - 'Celebrating friendship between Iran and India': An audio-visual presentation by: Ervad Ramiyar Karanjia
10.50 to 11.05	Role of Zoroastrian Youth in Modern Times : By: Mr. Froze Andhyarujina
11.05 to 11.15	Laugh Gags : By: Mr. Yazdi Karanjia
11.15 to 11.30	'Glimpses of Ancient Iran'- An audio-visual presentation : By: Mr. Noshir Dadrawala
11.30 to 11.45	'Zoroastrians and Zoroastrianism Today': By: Mr. Darius Khambata
11.45 to 12.00	Fun Moments : By: Neville Bharucha, Stand-up Comedian
12.00 to 12.15	Film - Jiyo Parsi Presentation : By: Dr. Shemaz Cama
12.15 to 12.25	Talk on Field Marshal, Sam Manekshaw: By: Brigadier Behram Panthaki (Retd)
12.25 to 12.40	Talk on Astrology : By: Mr. Bejan Daruwalla
12.40 to 15.00	Parsi Lunch & Networking
18.00 to 18.05	Introduction to Evening Program
18.05 to 18.08	National Anthem : Tribute to India
18.08 to 18.15	Join the Choir : ' Songs of Faith & Praise'
18.15 to 18.30	Welcome Speech : By: Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor
18.30 to 18.32	Felicitation of Chief Guest, Mr. Boman Irani
18.32 to 18.52	Speech by Chief Guest, Mr. Boman Irani
18.52 to 19.00	Film - 'Aspirations of a Young Zoroastrian'
19.00 to 19.20	Songs of our Religion and Culture : By: Farohars of Delhi
19.20 to 19.40	Folk Garbas and Latino Salsa : By: Bai A. F. Petit Girls' High School, Bandra
19.40 to 20.30	Play - 'Tapo-re-Iranshah' : By: MEJMT Dharmagyan Class, Dadar
20.30 to 21.00	Gala Dance Performance : By: Hormuzd Khambatta and Troupe
21.00 to 21.30	An evening with : The Big Red Bus Band
21.30 to 22.30	Karaoke & DJ Night with : DJ Aarish Daruwalla
20.00 to 23.00	Parsi Dinner

SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER 2015

10.30 to 10.45	Singing of Monajats : By: Bai A. F. Petit Girls' High School, Bandra
10.45 to 10.47	Arrival of the Chief Guest, H'ble Shri Arun Jaitley
10.47 to 10.52	Parsi Choir - 'Chhaiye Hame Zarthoshti'
10.52 to 10.57	Shahnameh Recital : By: Ervad Ramiyar Karanjia and Mrs. Havovi Karanjia
10.57 to 11.05	Floral tributes to dignitaries on stage : By: Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor
11.05 to 11.15	Welcome Speech : By: Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor
11.15 to 11.18	Welcome Address for Mr. Ratan Naval Tata : By: Mr. Boman Irani
11.18 to 11.20	Felicitation Ceremony as 'Icon of Success' for Mr. Ratan Tata : By: Shri Arun Jaitley & Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor
11.20 to 11.25	Acceptance Speech : By: Mr. Ratan Naval Tata
11.25 to 11.28	Welcome Speech for Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla : By: Mr. Boman Irani
11.28 to 11.30	Felicitation of Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla
11.30 to 11.35	Acceptance Speech : By: Dr. Cyrus S. Poonawalla
11.35 to 11.38	Welcome Address for the H'ble Chief Guest, Shri Arun Jaitley : By: Mr. Boman Irani
11.38 to 11.40	Felicitation of the H'ble Chief Guest, Shri Arun Jaitley
11.40 to 11.50	Address by the H'ble Chief Guest, Shri Arun Jaitley
11.50 to 12.00	Felicitation of Mr. Ratan Naval Tata : By: Select Groups
12.00 to 12.10	Felicitation of Dr Cyrus Poonawalla : By: Select Groups
12.10 to 12.20	Iranshah-no-Garbo : By: Parsi Choir
12.20 to 12.30	Vote of Thanks
	Parsi Lunch
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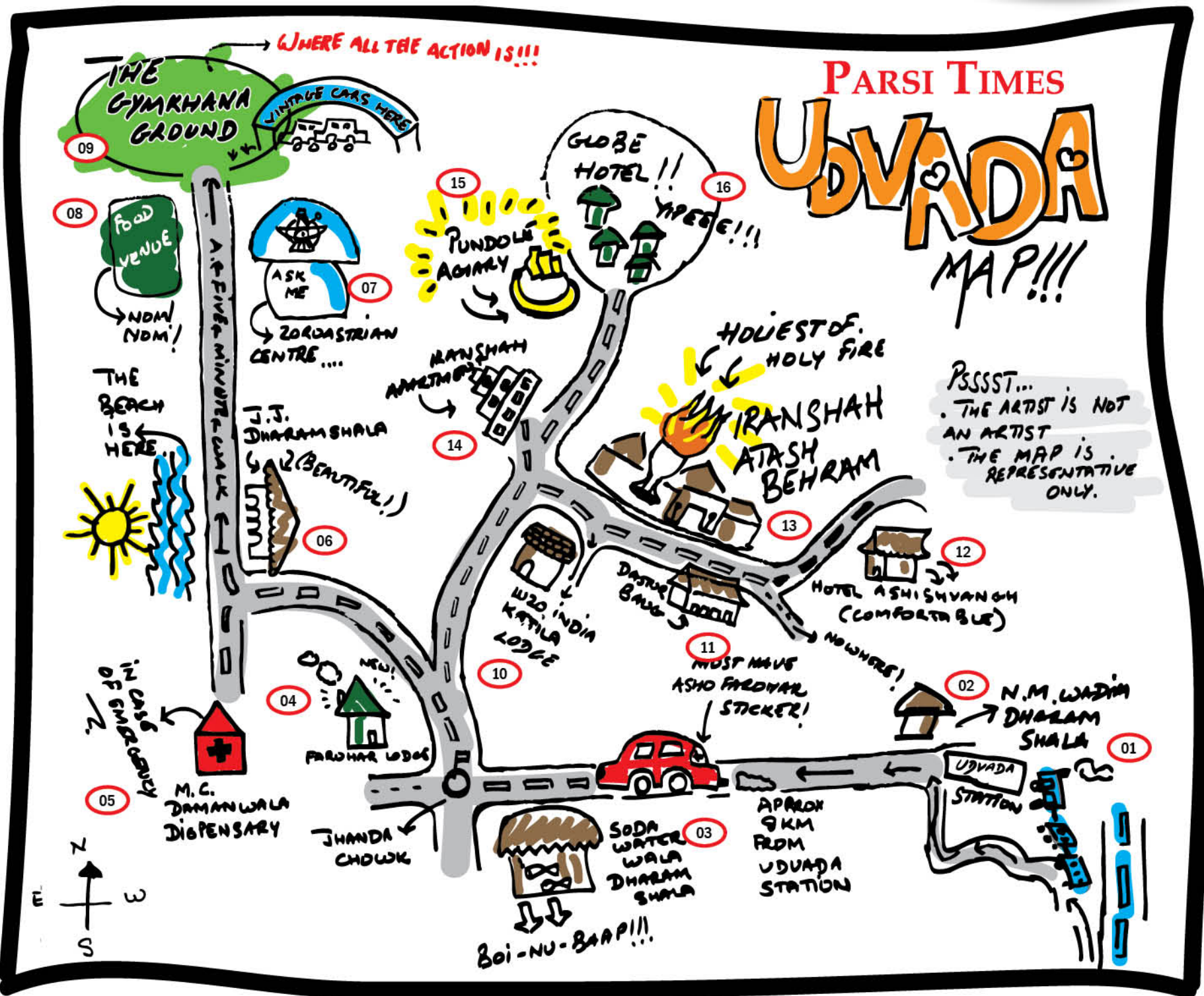
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AARISH DARUWALLA AND HIS D.J. CONSOLE



No Parsi Bawa function is complete without a little boogie woogie! Aarish is the young man entrusted with the task of getting the crowd foot tapping and whirling as he DJs through the festivities. Aarish has been a popular staple on the DJ circuit for over 6 years now and we are happy to have him at the Iranshah Udvada Utsav.

Want to dance to a favourite number? Don't worry, Aarish is popular as the 'Obliging DJ' and will queue it up, specially for you!



THE BIG RED BUS

Chartered accountants, dairy farmers, deep sea divers, lawyers and corporate world kids abandon their day time jobs and moonlight as the entertaining Big Red Bus! The 7 year old collective drives down to Udvada to entertain us with a 30 minute Rock and Roll, Soft and Classic Rock set.

Catch Peshotan Kapadia (Rhythm Guitar), Jahangir Pandey (Bass Guitar), Meheryar Tata (Lead Guitar), Hayat Sadri (Keyboard), Danesh Khambata (Drums), Hormuz Ragina, Sarfaraz Irani and Sarosh Nanavati (Vocalists) on stage at the Utsav!

HORMUZD KHAMBATA AND HIS TROUPE



Hormuzd Khambata has been associated with the Filmfare Awards (South), Filmfare Awards (East) and the South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) for many years. He has also choreographed shows like Femina Miss India (South), Celebrity Cricket League amongst others on an international and national level. He has deep ties to music and theatre in India and is currently the dance director of shows like 'Blame it on Yashraj' and 'Bottoms Up'. The Hormuzd Khambata Dance Company is his brain child. Here, he works closely with 25 dancers who he trains exclusively for global performances.

At the Iranshah Udvada Utsav, catch the 20 stunning performers create a show of international quality with a sizzling mix of dance numbers.

YAZDI KARANJIA AND HIS DRAMA TROUPE



In 1959 Yazdi Karanjia founded the Yazdi Karanjia Group under the able guidance of his late father Shri Naoshirwan Karanjia. For the past 40 years the Group, based out of Surat, Gujarat has entertained audiences everywhere with their performances salted with Parsi humour and situations we can all identify with. The veterans have 60 one-act plays and around 25 full-length plays under their belt till date.

Making people laugh all over the country is Yazdi Karanjia's strength and he says, "Performing at the Iranshah Udvada Utsav is a big opportunity for us as the sole aim of the Troupe is to keep alive and serve the Gujarati Stage."

At the Iranshah Utsav, the actors will bring to life the Parsi-Farsi play and have you rolling on the floor with laughter.

KHURSHED MOGRELIA & HIS ACOUSTIC GUITAR

Parsis love their western music and the talented 23 year old Khurshed Mogrelia is all set to give each one of you a foot tapping performance with a little help from his best friend, his acoustic guitar! Get ready for some classics like Hotel California in the heart of Udvada!

Khurshed stole the 'Fresh Face India 2012' title with his confidence and his musical talent. A music composer, he worked with Rael Padamsee's Ace Production in 2013 as the lead in the the Musical Grease. He has also performed in Alaque Padamsee's Jesus Christ Superstar.



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SHAHRIYAR ATAI

An actor and singer from Mumbai, Shahriyar Atai has been in the lime light ever since the days of black and white entertainment! Today, at a grand young 50, he is all set to serenade you and perform with a puppet friend on the Utsav stage. Clap along as he belts out his famous 'I'm a Bawa' and 'Avech Su Udvada' songs!

NEVILLE BHARUCHA

Parsis and humour are two sides of the same coin. Adding some stand up to the show is 26 year old Neville Bharucha. Aside from his comedy act, Neville works with the media firm Foxy Moron. He has been making people laugh with his stand up routines since the age of three. Get ready for him to bring it on stage!



SHIAMAK DAVAR TROUPE

The most graceful and popular expert of the Parsi Community Shiamak Davar has curated an act par excellence for the Iranshah Udvada stage. The Shiamak Davar Dance Company is ready to add some zing to the Festival with a magical routine at the inaugural show.



FILM SCREENINGS

Meher Bhesania has organized two beautiful film screenings for the Utsav. Journey of Zoroastrians which screens on the 25th is a 10 minute short film showcasing the evolution of Zoroastrianism from 1200BC right up until the present day. It includes references to Iranian scriptures and art and speaks of the heritage of Iran. The other film, Aspiration of Young Zoroastrians, zeros in on the mindset of the present day Zoroastrian. Both films are a must watch!



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On the auspicious occasion of IRAN SHAH UDWADA UTSAV, the Board of Trustees and Managing Committee Members of our D. N. Mehta Sarvajanik Hospital, Navsari, extend our hearty congratulations to the organizers of the UTSAV. Indeed, a more auspicious occasion like this is rare to occur when the very jewel of our community Mr. RATAN N. TATA will be gracing the occasion by his presence.

At this juncture we feel it appropriate at this opportunity to introduce ourselves as one of the venerable institutions located at Navsari, serving humanity irrespective of caste or creed, since last 100 years.

Our hospital, with a 136 bed facility, having a panel of over 50 doctors in a various discipline / specialties has been rendering services to all members of society including poor and indigent members of Parsee community at concessional rates over the last several decades.

The D. N. Mehta Sarvajanik Hospital though being open to all communities has many benefits for Parsee patients. We have separate wards for Parsee patients wherein stay and food is provided for free for deserving Parsee patients, with free medication upto Rs. 4,000.00. We provide subsidized dialysis treatment, X-Ray at 50% subsidized rates to Parsee patients. We also have a tie up with the WZO senior citizens' centre for treatment of any of their residents.

We provide free maternity treatment to all Parsi women from 1st day of conception till 40 days of post maternity care. We have executed an MOU with the Parzor Foundation to provide cashless facility to all parsee women undergoing IVF treatment under Jiyo Parsi Scheme.

We provide financial relief to poor patients in general including poor Parsee patients. We also provide financial relief to poor patients that need dialysis. In financial year 2014-2015, total amount of relief extended was of Rs. 30,95,945.00 in giving subsidized treatment to patients in General Ward, Parsi Ward & Dialysis department. In the current financial year, to date relief of Rs.17,28,600.00 has already been extended to poor patients.

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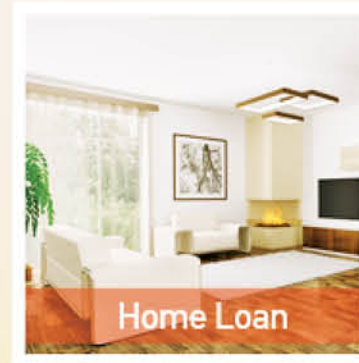
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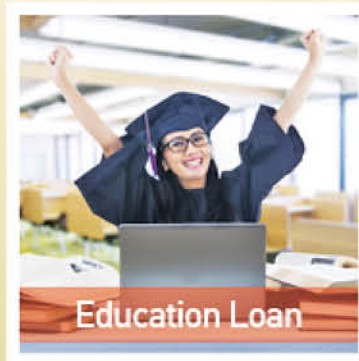
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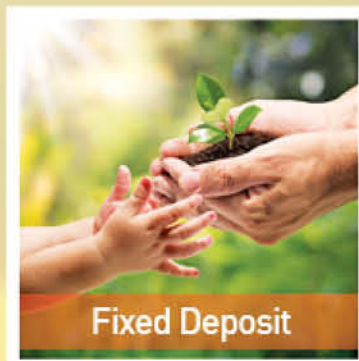
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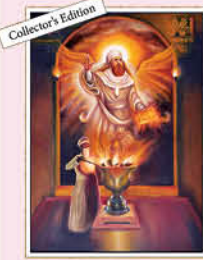
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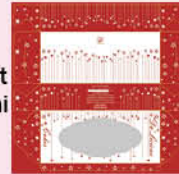
Bai Jaiji Katrak Class

Pick up a Behram Yazad Book (in English script) from the stall that travels here all the way from Mumbai. Roshan Bharucha also displays crochet topis, net Sadras, scarves and more.



De'licious

Do your good deed of the day and get rewarded in Chocolate! Dinaz Gandhi from Mumbai is serving up delicious Eggless Chocolates, Egg based and Eggless Cakes. She is packing them up in paper bags, for which there is a small charge. All collections from this eco friendly gesture will go toward helping the physically challenged.



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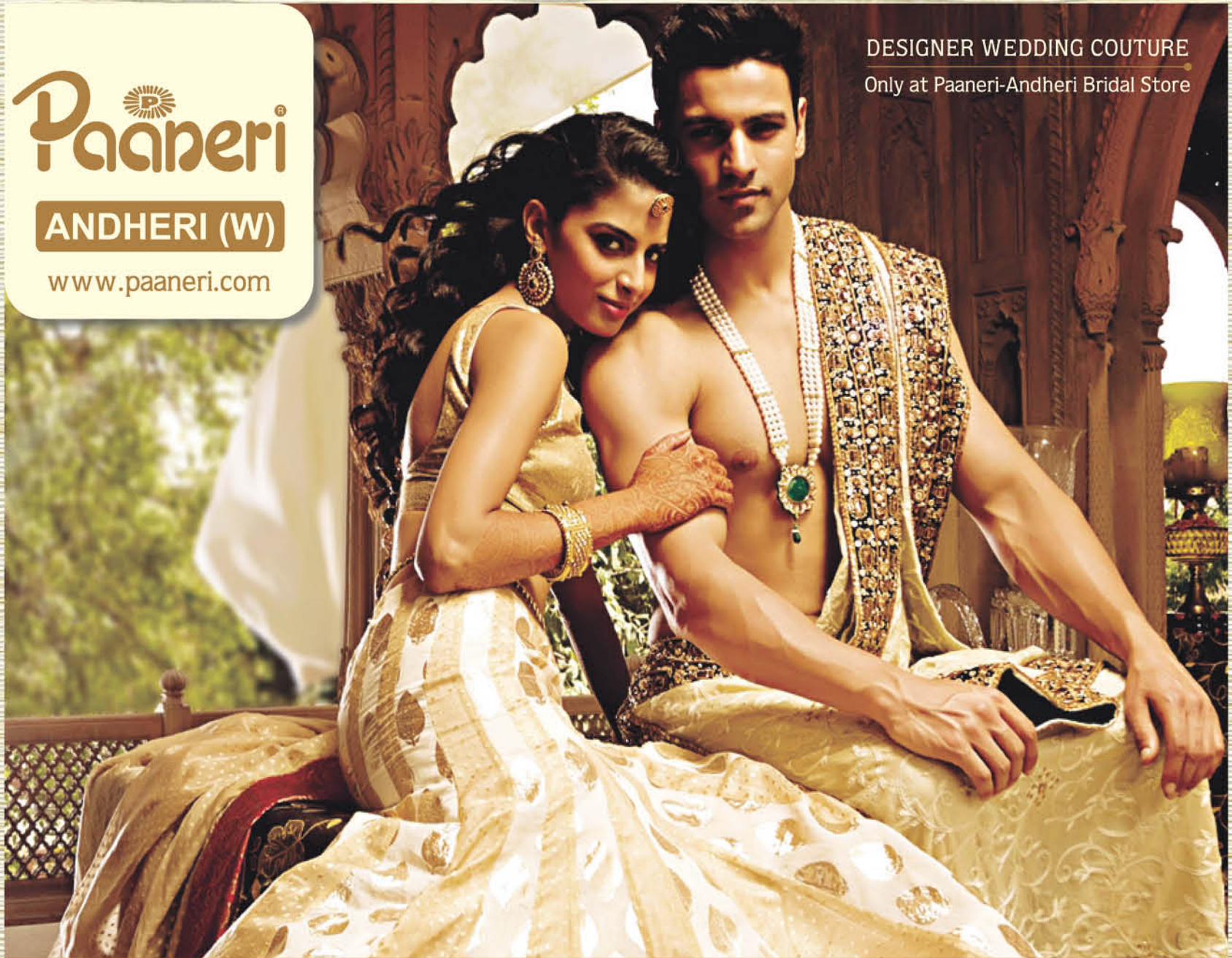
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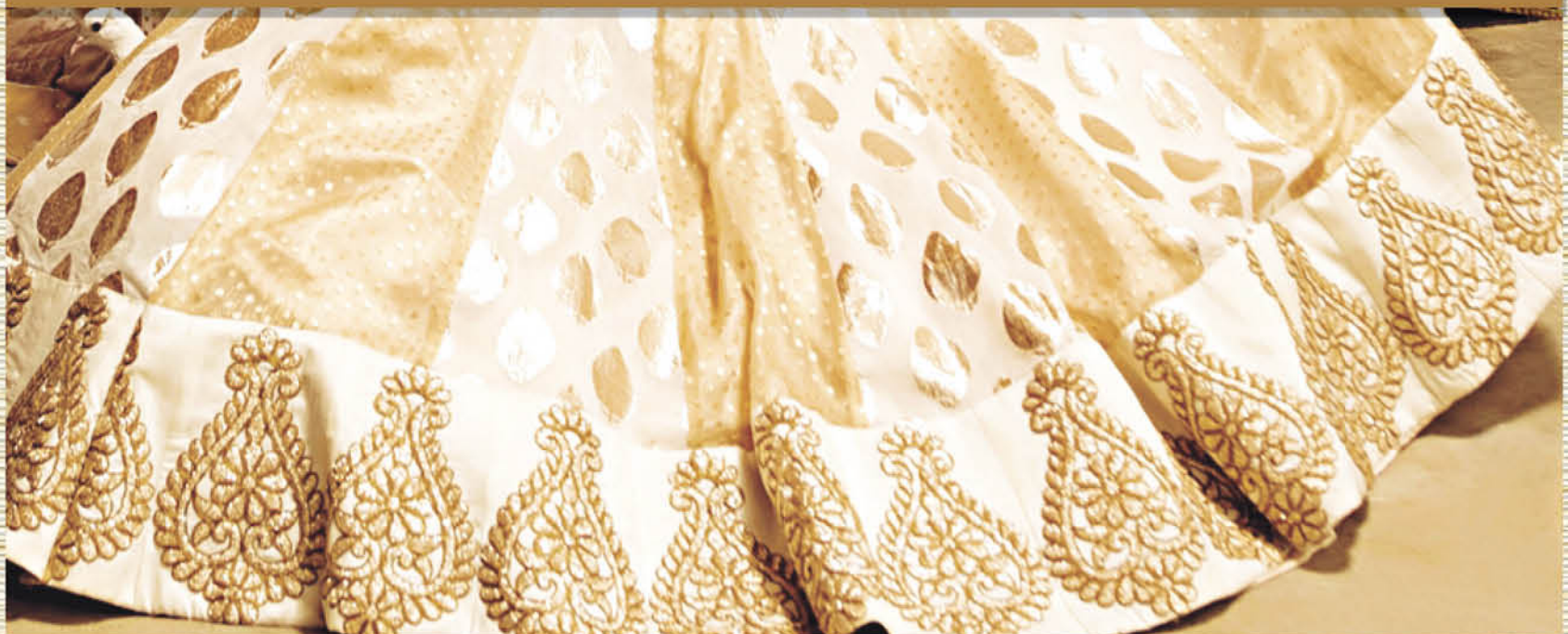
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લાખનાર: મરહુમ મહારાજ શ્રી સ્વયંજયોતિના સહકાર્યકર્તા જયેશ એમ. ગોસ્વામી

Your moon sign horoscope is called your 'Janam Rashi' and is probably the sign under which you were given your first name. The moon sign is not the same as the sun sign horoscope and is usually more accurate. Your moon sign is calculated by the first syllable sound of your name (For example: if you are Firdosh then the sound is 'fff' which comes under Dhanu Rashi or Sagittarius). But this is only accurate if your parents or those who named you followed the rules of the Janam Rashi.

Aries - મેષ
અ.લ.ઈ.
તમને આજથી ૪૨ દિવસ માટે રાહુની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે તેથી હાલમાં તમારી ચિંતાઓ ખૂબ જ વધી જશે. જ્યાં પોઝીટીવ રિઝલ્ટની આશા રાખતા હોયો ત્યાં નેગેટીવ રીઝલ્ટ મેળવશો. નાણાકીય બાબતની અંદર પરેશાની વધતી જશે. હાલમાં રાહુની દિનદશા ૩૪ ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધીમાં તમારા દિવસની ભૂખ અને રાતની ઉંઘ બંને ઉડી જશે. રાહુને શાંત કરવા માંગતા હો તો આજથી ભુલ્યા વગર 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૩૦, ૩૧ ને ૧ છે.

From today for the next 42 days Rahu will rule over your moon sign. Your worries will increase. You will receive negative results where you expect positive ones. Financial troubles will be on the rise. Rahu's rule till the 3rd of February will make you restless. Pray 'Mahabokhtar Niyash' from today without fail if you want to pacify Rahu.
Lucky Dates: 26, 30, 31, 1.

Cancer - કર્ક
ડ.હ.
હાલમાં શનિની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારામાં આળસ ખૂબ જ આવી જશે. નાના કામો કરવામાં કંટાળો આવશે. ૨૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી ઘરમાં કોઈ નવી ચીજ વસ્તુ લેવાનું વિચારતા નહીં. બીજાનું ભલુ કરવા જતા તમારું ખરાબ થઈ જશે. શનિ તમારી તબિયતને બગાડી નાખશે. ડોક્ટરના ખિસા ભરાઈ જશે. શનિનું નિવારણ કરવા માંગતા હો તો મોટી 'હમન યશત' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૨૯ ને ૩૧ છે.

Saturn is ruling over your moon sign which is why you will feel lazy. You will feel bored to do small work. Don't think of buying any new thing for the house till 24th January. You will end up doing badly for yourself while doing well for others. Saturn will spoil your health and fill the pockets of doctors. Pray 'Moti Haptan Yash' in order to pacify Saturn.
Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 29, 31.

Libra - તુલા
ર.ત.
આજથી ૨૨મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી મંગળની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી તમારા માર્કેટનું બેલેન્સ નહીં રાખી શકો. આજુબાજુવાળા સાથેના સંબંધ બગડતા વાર નહીં લાગે. તમે જે ધ્યાન નહીં આપો તો મંગળને કારણે એક્સિડન્ટ પણ થઈ શકે છે. ઘરમાં ખોટા ખર્ચા થશે. તમારી વાતને ધરવાળા સમજી નહીં શકે. મંગળને શાંત કરવા આજથી 'તીર યશત' ભણવાનું ચાલુ કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૮, ૩૦ ને ૩૧ છે.

From today till 22nd January Mars will rule over your moon sign. You won't be able to balance your mind. It won't take time to spoil your relations with neighbors. If you don't take care then because of the rule of Mars, you might up with an accident. There will be wasteful expenditures in the house. Your family members won't understand you. Start praying 'Tir Yash' from today in order to pacify Mars.
Lucky Dates: 26, 29, 30, 31.

Capricorn - મકર
ખ.જ.
હાલમાં ૧૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી શુક્ર તમને ભરપૂર સુખ શાંતિ અને મોજશોખ આપીને રહેશે. તમારા મનની વાત કહેવામાં મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. રોજના કામ સારી રીતે કરી શકશો. ઘણી ઘણીયાણીનો પ્રેમ વધી જશે. ફેમિલી સાથે નાની ટ્રીપનો પ્રોગ્રામ બનાવીને બધાના દિલ જીતી લેશો. હાલમાં દરરોજના ભણતર સાથે 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૯ થી ૧ છે.

Till 14th January Venus will give you loads of happiness, peace and means of entertainment. You won't have any difficulty in speaking your heart. You will be able to do regular work smoothly. Love between spouses will increase. You will win everyone's heart by planning a small family trip. Pray 'Behram Yazad' along with your regular prayers.
Lucky Dates: 29, 30, 31, 1.

Taurus - વૃષભ
બ.વ.ઉ.
૨૨મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી ગુરુની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી તમે તમારા કામ સાથે ચેરીટી કે ધર્મના કામો પણ કરી શકશો તે કામ કરતા આનંદની સાથે મનની શાંતિ પણ મળશે. ઘરવાળાનો પ્રેમ ધારશો તેના કરતા વધુ મેળવશો. ઘરવાળાની હિમાનસ પૂરી કરવા ધન મેળવી શકશો. ગુરુની વધુ કૃપા મેળવવા માટે ભુલ્યા વગર 'સરોશ યશત' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૨૯ ને ૧ છે.

Till 22nd January Jupiter will rule over your moon sign. Along with your regular work, you will also be able to do charity and social work which will give you peace of mind as well as happiness. You will receive more than expected love from your family. You will earn enough to fulfill the demands of your family. Pray 'Sarosh Yash' without fail in order to get more blessings from Jupiter.
Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 29, 1.

Leo - સિંહ
મ.ટ.
૧૮મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી બુધની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી તમે હાલમાં બળની જગ્યાએ કળથી કામ લેશો. કામકાજ માટે નાની મુસાફરીનો ચાન્સ મળી રહેશે. નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલીમાંથી બહાર આવી જશો. નાનો ધનલાભ અચાનક મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. ચાલુ કામકાજ વધુ સારી રીતે કરવા માંગતા હો તો રોજના ભણતરની સાથે 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૮, ૩૦ ને ૧ છે.

Mercury will rule over you till 18th January. Use your intelligence instead of your strength. You will get a chance to make a small trip out of town for work. You will come out of any financial hardships. There are chances of making small financial gains. Pray 'Meher Niyash' along with your daily prayers if you want to do your regular work in a better way.
Lucky Dates: 26, 29, 30, 1.

Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક
ન.પ.
હાલમાં ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારો કામો જ્યાં સુધી પૂરા નહીં કરો ત્યાં સુધી શાંતિથી નહીં બેસી શકો. ગામ-પરગામ જવાના ચાન્સ મળી રહેશે. અપોજીટ સેક્સનો વાતો સમજતા વાર નહીં લાગે. તમારી મુસીબતોને દૂર કરી શકશો. નાણાકીય લેતી દેતી સારી રીતે કરી શકશો. હાલમાં ૩૪મું નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૩૦ ને ૧ છે.

Moon is ruling over your moon sign. You won't be at peace till you finish your work. There is a probability of making a trip out of town. You won't take time to understand people of the opposite sex. You will be able to get rid of your troubles. Financial transactions will be carried out smoothly. Recite the 34th name 'Ya Bestarna' 101 times.
Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 30, 1.

Aquarius - કુંભ
ગ.શ.સ.
તમને શુક્રની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી કામકાજ સાથે મોજશોખ પણ વધી જશે. કોઈક નવી વ્યક્તિની ઓળખાણ ભવિષ્યમાં મદદગાર થઈ જશે. અપોજીટ સેક્સનો સાથ સહકાર મેળવવામાં કાયદો થશે. નવા મિત્રો સાથે વધુ આનંદમાં રહેશો. જ્યાં જશો ત્યાં માન-ઈજ્જત મળે તેવા કામ કરશો. અચાનક ધનલાભ મળશે. 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૭, ૨૮ ને ૩૧ છે.

Venus is ruling over your moon sign. Along with work, your means of entertainment will also increase. Knowing a new person will prove beneficial in the future. You will benefit from the support of persons of the opposite sex. You will be happier with newly made friends. You will do work that will earn you respect and appreciation. There will be sudden financial gains. Pray 'Behram Yazad'.
Lucky Dates: 26, 27, 29, 31.

Gemini - મિથુન
ક.ઇ.ધ.
તમને આજથી ગુરુની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે તમને આજથી ૫૮ દિવસમાં માન મેળવી આપશે. તમારો વીલ પાવર વધી જશે. ગયું અટવાડિયું તમે ટેન્શનમાં પસાર કર્યું હશે. હાલમાં નવા કામ મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં તકલીફ નહીં આવે. આજથી 'સરોશ યશત' ભણવાનું ચાલુ કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૮, ૩૦ ને ૧ છે.

Jupiter has started ruling over you from today. You will receive respect and appreciation within 58 days from today. Your will power will strengthen. You might have spent the last week in tension. There are chances of getting a new job. Finances will be good. Pray 'Sarosh Yash' from today.
Lucky Dates: 26, 28, 30, 1.

Virgo - કન્યા
પ.ટ.ણ.
તમને તમારી રાશિના માલિક બુધની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે તેથી હાલમાં ૧૩મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધીમાં તમે જે કોઈ નવા કામ ચાલુ કરશો તો તેમાં સફળતા મેળવીને રહેશો. બુધની કૃપાથી હાલમાં પારકાને પોતાના બનાવી લેશો. ગામ-પરગામથી સારા સમાચાર જાણવા મળશે. ગામ પરગામ જવાના ચાન્સ મળતા રહેશે. હાલમાં 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૩૦ ને ૩૧ છે.

The master of your moon sign Mercury is ruling over you. You will succeed in your new work if started by 17th February. With the grace of Mercury, you will make distant people your own. You will get to hear some good news from abroad. You will keep getting chances to travel. Pray 'Meher Niyash'.
Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 30, 31.

Sagittarius - ધન
ભ.ધ.ક.ટ.
હાલમાં કોઈ પણ મહત્વના કામો પૂરા નહીં કરી શકો. માથા ઉપરનો બોળો સૂર્ય વધારી દેશે. તમે જે હાઈ પ્રેશરથી પરેશાન થતા હો તો વધુ ધ્યાન આપજો. સરકારી કામોથી દૂર રહેજો. વડીલ વર્ગ સાથે નાની બાબતમાં મતભેદ પડતા વાર નહીં લાગે. બપોરના સમયે કામ કરવાનો કંટાળો આવશે. સૂર્યનો તાપ ઓછો કરવા માટે ૯૬મું નામ 'યા રયોમંદ' ૧૦૧ વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૮, ૩૦ ને ૩૧ છે.

You won't be able to complete any significant work. The rule of Sun will increase the burden on your head. If you have high blood pressure, then take extra care of your health. Stay away from government work. It won't take time to have differences of opinion with your elders. You will feel lazy to work in the noon. Recite the 96th name 'Ya Rayomand' 101 times.
Lucky Dates: 26, 29, 30, 31.

Pisces - મીન
દ.પ.ઝ.થ.શ.
પાંચમી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી તો રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી હાલમાં તમારા કોઈ પણ કામ સમય પર પૂરા નહીં થાય. તેમજ નાણાકીય બાબતની અંદર ખેંચતાણ રહેશે. મનગમતી વ્યક્તિ નાની વાત પર નારાજ થઈ જશે. વાક ગુના વગર ઉપરી વર્ગ તમને ખોટી રીતે પરેશાન કરતા રહેશે. કામકાજમાં મન નહીં લાગે. માથાના દુખાવા કે કમરના દુ:ખાવો આવવાના ચાન્સ છે. હાલમાં રોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૮, ૨૯, ૩૦ ને ૧ છે.

Rahu will rule over your moon sign till 5th January. None of your work will finish on time. Finances will be tight. Your loved one will get upset with you on small matters. Seniors will keep troubling you for no reason. You won't feel like working. There are chances of having a headache or back pain. Pray 'Mahabokhtar Niyash' everyday.
Lucky Dates: 28, 29, 30, 1.

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હસીખુશી આબાદી સદા સર્જાય
ઉદવાડા ગામનો મહિમા ગવાય



કંઈક તરી ગયા તુજને ભજીને
પારસી કોમને તારજે હેતે ધરીને
હે... મર્ઝબાન વાડીયા તારા ગુણવા રે ગાય
હસી ખુશી આબાદી સદા સર્જાય
આતશ બહેરામ સાહેબનો મહિમા ગવાય



સર્વે મુશ્કેલીઓ આસાન થાય, ઉદવાડા ગામનો મહિમા ગવાય
પારસી ઈરાનીઓનું તીર્થધામ કહેવાય, આતશ બહેરામ સાહેબનો મહિમા ગવાય

ચાલો ભલે પધારો ઉદવાડા

પ્રિય વાંચકો,

ઉદવાડાને આપણે હંમેશા ઈરાનશાહને નમન કરવા આવતા હતા અને
આવતા રહીશું.

આજથી ૨૫, ૨૬ ને ૨૭ આ ત્રણ દિવસો પર આપણે ઉદવાડાને
બીજી નજરથી જોઈશું કે જ્યાં આપણે ઉદવાડામાં આપણો ધરમ નિભાવી
સાથે થોડી મોજમજાલ પણ કરીશું.

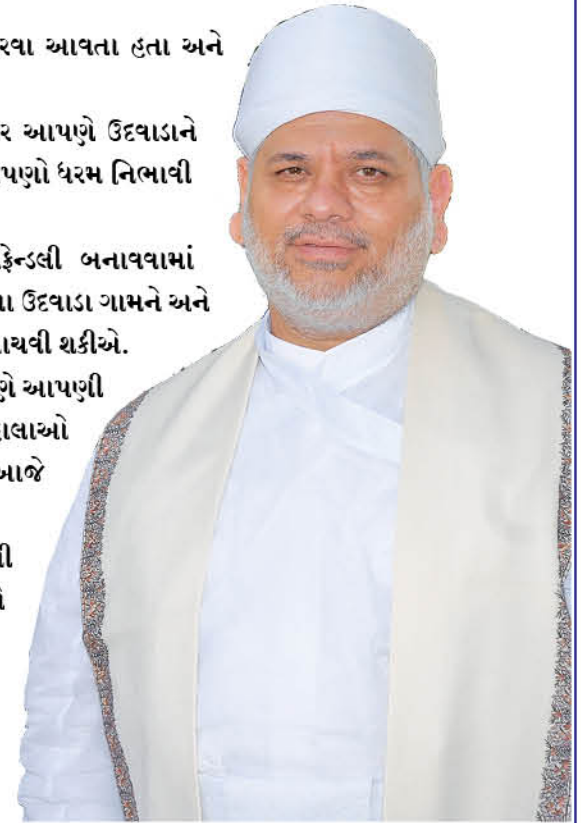
આપણે ઉદવાડાને સારી રીતે સાચવીને ઈકોફેન્ડલી બનાવવામાં
આપણો ફાળો આપીયે કે જેથી કરીને આપણે આપણા ઉદવાડા ગામને અને
આપણા ઈરાનશાહને લાંબો વખત સુધી સારી રીતે સાચવી શકીએ.

ઉદવાડા ગામ ઘણું શાંતિપ્રિય ગામ છે જ્યાં આપણે આપણી
મુરાદો પાર પાડવા આવીએ છે, આપણે આપણા વડાલાઓ
માટે સારા આશિષો માંગવા આવીએ છે. ચાલો, હવે આજે
થોડી મોજ કરવા જઈએ!

આજે આપણે ઈરાનશાહ ઉદવાડા ઉત્સવની
શરૂઆત કરશું અને બે પ્રોગ્રામો ભરેલા દિવસ ગુજારીને
છેલ્લા દિવસે બપોરે જમાણ લઈને છુટ્ટા પડીશું.

તો ચાલો, આપણે ઉદવાડાની સારી ને મીઠી યાદો
હંમેશા માટે સાથે લઈને જઈએ.

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પોતાની વાત બીજો સમજાવવામાં હોશિયાર હશે. તમારું વ્યક્તિત્વ સુંદર અને આકર્ષક તથા
આત્મવિશ્વાસ સારો હશે. દરેક ઈચ્છાને પૂર્ણ કરવા માટે સખત પરિશ્રમ જરૂરી બનશે. તમારા
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વહેમી હશે. ઘરના કરતાં બહારના માણસોને પ્રેમ સારો મળો. મુશ્કેલીઓનો સામનો દૃઢતાથી
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૧લી જાન્યુઆરી ૨૦૧૬ જેમ જેમ નજીક આવતી ગઈ. એમ ટીનાની ખુશાલીનો પારો ઉંચે ને ઉંચે ચઢતો ગયો. દીકરીની ખુશીને ધ્યાનમાં રાખીને મમ્મીને અનેક પ્રકારની ચીજ-વસ્તુની ખરીદી કરી હતી. ટીના માટે નવા પોશાક ઘર માટે પડદાનું કાપડ-કેક તથા અન્ય વાનગી બનાવવાની સામગ્રી કેટકેટલું...ટીના નામની ખ્રિસ્તી યુવતી એના માતાપિતા સાથે મુંબઈના એક ઉપનગરમાં રહેતી હતી અભ્યાસમાં અવ્વલ હોવા ઉપરાંત ટીના ડાન્સમાં પણ ખૂબ હોશિયાર હતી. ટીનાને નાતાલનો તહેવાર ખૂબ પસંદ હતો. એ તહેવારમાં કિસમસ ટ્રીને સુંદર રીતે સુશોભિત કરવા ઉપરાંત માતાને

અન્ય નાના મોટા કામમાં, ખાસ કરીને કેક બનાવવામાં પણ મદદરૂપ થતી. વધુમાં દર વર્ષે ૧ જાન્યુઆરીના રોજ એ પોતાના મિત્રોને બોલાવીને ઘરમાં મિજબાની કરતી આ કારણસર એ આતુરતાપૂર્વક તહેવારની રાહ જોતી હતી.

એ અરસામાં એક દિવસ ગામમાં રહેતી માસીએ અચાનક ટીનાના ઘરે આવીને ગામમાં રહેતા ટીનાના નાના-નાની બિમાર હોવાના સમાચાર જણાવ્યા. રાત્રે ટીનાના પિતાજી ઘરે આવ્યા ત્યારે માતાએ વાતની જાણ કરી. જે સાંભળીને ટીનાના પિતાજીએ ગામ જવાનું સૂચન કરીને પોતે પણ ત્યાં આવશે એમ જણાવ્યું આ વાતની ટીનાને જાણ થઈ ત્યારે એ ખૂબ નારાજ

થઈ ગઈ. ન્યૂ ધરની પાર્ટીની મનોમન તેયારી કરી ચૂકેલી ટીના ગામ જવા તેયાર નહોતી છતાં માતાના આગ્રહને વશ થઈને કમને પણ ગામ જવા તેયાર થઈ.

ટીના ગામમાં તો પહોંચી ગઈ પણ હમેશા હસતી રમતી અને ઉધમ મચાવતી ટીના ખૂબ ઉદાસ રહેતી હતી. એના જેટલી ઉમરની ગ્રામીણ છોકરીઓને જોઈને તથા એમની બોલવાની ઢબ અને રહેણીકરણી જોઈને મનોમન શહેરની સહેલીને યાદ કરતી હતી. માતા ટીનાની મનોવ્યથાને જાણી ગઈ હતી. એક દિવસ પાસે બેસાડીને કહ્યું, દીકરા જીવનમાં ક્યારેક આપણા ધાર્યા મુજબની પરિસ્થિતિ સર્જતી નથી. મને કમને પણ એનો સ્વીકાર કરવો પડે છે. કોઈ વિકલ્પ ન હોય ત્યારે રડીને સ્વીકારવાની જગ્યાએ હસતે મોઢે એનો સ્વીકાર કરે તેનું નામ માણસ

મનોમન પરિસ્થિતિ સ્વીકારવાનો નિર્ણય કર્યો.

નદી કિનારેથી ઘરે જતી વખતે ટીનાને ગામની શાળાના પ્રાંગણમાંથી પ્રાર્થનાનો સ્વર સંભળાયો. સહજપણે ઉત્કંઠાથી પ્રેરાઈને એ શાળામાં પ્રવેશી ત્યારે ગ્રામીણ છોકરા-છોકરીઓને નૃત્ય નાટિકાનું રિહર્સલ કરતા જોઈ, નૃત્ય નાટિકાનું ઈશુ ખ્રિસ્તીની જીવન પર આધારિત હતી. યુવતીઓનો અભિનય સુંદર હતો પરંતુ સંવાદ અને નૃત્યમાં કચાશ હતી. રિહર્સલ પૂરું થયા પછી શેલા નામની જે ગ્રામીણ છોકરીએ નૃત્ય નાટિકાનું આયોજન કર્યું હતું એણે ટીનાનો પ્રતિભાવ માગ્યો. ટીનાએ વિષય અને કથા વસ્તુ વખાણીને સહેજ અચકાઈને મનની વાત જણાવી. શેલાએ ગુસ્સે થયા વગર કચાશનો સ્વીકાર કરીને ટીનાને મદદરૂપ થવાનું જણાવ્યું.



રજૂ થવાની હતી ત્યારે ગામના તમામ લોકો ઉપસ્થિત હતા. નૃત્ય નાટિકા પૂરી થઈ ત્યારે લોકોએ ઉભા થઈને તાળીઓના ગડગડાટથી વધાવી લીધી શેલાને જ્યારે ટ્રોફી અર્પણ કરવામાં આવી ત્યારે એને મંચ પર ટીનાને બોલાવી નૃત્ય નાટિકાના સંવાદ, નૃત્ય તથા પોશાકમાં ટીનાએ કરેલી મદદને મૂલ્યવાન લેખીને ટ્રોફીની મૂળ હકદાર ટીનાને લેખાવીને એને ટ્રોફી અર્પણ કરવામાં આવી ત્યારે એને શેલાની પ્રામાણિકતા, નિખાલસતા તથા પ્રેમભર્યા અભિગમના કારણે ટીનાએ ગળગળી થઈ ગઈ. ટીનાને એની મહેનતનું ધાર્યાથી પણ વિશેષ ફળ મળ્યું હતું.

મિત્રો જ્યારે અણગમતી પરિસ્થિતિ નિર્માણ થાય અને કોઈ વિકલ્પ ન હોય ત્યારે રડતાં રડતાં સ્વીકારવાની જગ્યાએ હસતો મોઢે સ્વીકારશો તો એ પરિસ્થિતિમાં પણ આનંદ આવશે.



એ સમયે તો ટીનાએ માતાની શિખામણને ધ્યાનમાં ન લીધી થોડા સમય બાદ જ્યારે હમેશની આદત મુજબ એકલી નદી કિનારે બેઠી ત્યારે શિખામણના એક એક અક્ષરના પડઘા સંભળાવવા લાગ્યા એ અવસ્થામાં માતાની વાત સંપૂર્ણપણે સાચી લાગી અને



એરવદ ફરામઝ મંચેરશા ભાઘા ઉદવાદા અથોરનાન સંજાણા ભાઘા કુટુંબના છે. તેમની ઉમર ૭૭ વર્ષની છે તે ૬૨ વર્ષથી ઉદવાડા તથા મુંબઈની બોઈસ અગિયારીમાં મોબેદી કરતા હતા. ઉદવાડામાં ૧૫ વર્ષમાં તેમણે નાવર-મરાતબ તથા સામેલની પરીક્ષા પાસ કરી હતી તથા પાક ઈરાનશાહની પરસો સુધી બોય દીધી હતી. નાદુરસ્ત તબિયતને લીધે તેઓ રીટાયર્ડ થયા છે અને હવે ધર્મને લગતા લખાણો લખે છે.

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શબ્દોનાં શબ્દેદ યાને રોશનીઓમાંથી સૌથી બુલંદ રોશનીને ધ્યાનમાં લઈ 'મજદા' 'અહુરા' પેદા કરનાર દાદાર અહુરમજદ, અમશાસ્પંદો, 'મીનો' 'દએ' 'ફરોબ' તથા યજ્ઞન્દોનો તનાસુલી સીલસીલો યાને ચાલુ સંબંધ જાળવીને-વખ્શુરે વખ્શુરાંન રમ્બગો અશો સ્પિતમાન જરથુસ્ત્ર સાહેબને યાદ કરી તમામ જરથુસ્ત્રો યાને વખ્શુરે વખ્શુરાંન સાહેબના જાનનશીનોની અવલ મારફતથી તથા જરથોસ્તી સાહેબ દેવાન ટોળાના પાક ઉસ્તાદ સાહેબ વડા સૌશાવરેજ સાહેબની દુયમ મારફતથી આ જરથોસ્તી ઈલ્મેફનુમની ચાવીની મદદથી 'તાલેબે ઈલ્મ' યાને ઈલ્મની તલબ કરનારાઓને વાસ્તે 'સુદરેહ'ની 'તાવીલ' યાને ઉડાણ સમજણ આપવાની ખાકસારીથી કોશેશ કરવામાં આવે છે. આ સુદરેહની બાબદ ઈલ્મથી કહેવાની આગમજ કેટલીક બાબદોનો અહીં ખુલાસો કરવાની જરૂર છે. પહેલા તો એ કે આ ઈલ્મેફનુમ 'કલમી' થઈ શકે એવો નથી. યાને બરોબર સમજવાને માટે કાગળ પર લખી યા છાપી શકાય એવો ઈલ્મ નથી, કારણ ફક્ત એટલું જ છે કે આ ઈલ્મ ભાષામાં અને તે પણ વળી હાલની ચાલુ ગુજરાતી યા અંગ્રેજી ભાષામાં દર્શાવવો ઘણી જ મુશ્કેલી છે. જે કે જબાનની મારફતે આ ઈલ્મ પૂરેપૂરો મેળવી શકાતો નથી તથા જરથોસ્તી ઈલ્મેફનુમ તેની પોતાની ઉસ્તાદી જબાનમાં ઉશ્તાદ સાહેબ તરફથી સમજીને તહેસીલ કરવો એ વળી ઓરજ વાત છે. જ્યારે આ ઈલ્મને ગુજરાતી યા અંગ્રેજી ભાષામાં રજૂ કરવામાં આવે છે ત્યારે ઈલ્મ સમજાવનાર જે કંઈ તાલેબે-ઈલ્મને કહેવા માંગે છે તે આબેહુલ ધ્યાનમાં ઉતારી શકાતું નથી. આ ઈલ્મેફનુમ સમજવાને માટે કુદરતમાં પોતાનામાં જેટલી ધીરજ છે, તેટલીજ



માટે ગાથામાં જણાવેલા ફનુમની ચાવીની જ જરૂર છે. સુદરેહ-કુસ્તી 'બરજસી જરમ'ને લગતી જરથોસ્તી દએનની તમામ તરીકતો પાલવા માટેનો પાયો છે અને આ પાયો જ્યારે પોતાની અંદર આટલી બધી સાયન્ટીફિક ઉંડી સમજ સમાવી દે છે તો પછી 'બરજસ જરમ'ની કેટલી બધી બુલંદી હોવી જ જોઈએ. તેનો ખ્યાલ વાંચનારને આવી શકશે. 'જરમ પોતે શું છે તથા જરમ પ્રમાણે જ તમામ, પેદાશ, ઉરવાનો, ધર્મો તથા ધર્મ લાવનાર પેગમ્બર અને મહાન પુરૂષોના વર્ગો થયેલા છે વળી બસ્તે

ઈલ્મેફનુમ સમજતી વખતે પેગમ્બર સાહેબના જે ખાતરદારીથી બુલંદ કોલો કુદરતના કાયદાની મહાન ક્રિયા બાબે આપેલા છે તે કોલપર સંપૂર્ણ એતેકાદ રાખીને માન્ય રાખવા જોઈએ. હાલમાં પશ્ચિમની સ્થૂળ કેળવણી લીધેલી મગજ શક્તિથી બધુ જ સમજી લેવા માગે છે અને કાય? કેમ? શા માટે? વિગેરે સવાલો શરૂઆતથીજ પૂછવા માંડી જાય છે. એ પશ્ચિમની સ્થૂળ કેળવણી પામેલી મગજ શક્તિની હાલત એક બાળક મિસાલ હોવાને લીધે વખ્શુરે વખ્શુરાંન સાહેબના ફરમાન ઉપર જ રહીને ઈલ્મેફનુમ ચોકકસ દરજજા સુધી ધ્યાનમાં ઉતારી તે મુજબ અમલ કરવાથી જ જરથોસ્તી ઈલ્મેફનુમની ઘણી જ ચઢતા દરજજાની બાબદો કાંચ? કેમ? વિગેરે બધુ સમજ પડવા માટે છે.

ધીરજ દરેક ઈલ્મેફનુમ સમજવા માટેના તલબગારે રાખવાની જરૂર છે. ઈલ્મેફનુમ સમજતી વખતે પેગમ્બર સાહેબના જે ખાતરદારીથી બુલંદ કોલો કુદરતના કાયદાની મહાન ક્રિયા બાબે આપેલા છે તે કોલ પર સંપૂર્ણ એતેકાદ રાખીને માન્ય રાખવા જોઈએ. હાલમાં પશ્ચિમની સ્થૂળ કેળવણી લીધેલી મગજશક્તિથી બધુ જ સમજી લેવા માગે છે અને કાય? કેમ? શા માટે? વિગેરે સવાલો શરૂઆતથીજ પૂછવા માંડી જાય છે. એ પશ્ચિમની સ્થૂળ કેળવણી પામેલી મગજશક્તિની હાલત એક બાળક મિસાલ હોવાને લીધે વખ્શુરે વખ્શુરાંન સાહેબના ફરમાન ઉપર જ રહીને ઈલ્મેફનુમ ચોકકસ દરજજા સુધી ધ્યાનમાં ઉતારી તે મુજબ અમલ કરવાથી જ જરથોસ્તી ઈલ્મેફનુમની ઘણી જ ચઢતા દરજજાની બાબદો કાંચ? કેમ? વિગેરે બધુ સમજ પડવા માટે છે. જરથોસ્તી ઈલ્મેફનુમ એક મહાન દરિયો છે અને તેટલા માટે પશ્ચિમ તરફથી સ્થૂળ કેળવણીના નાનકડા પાણીના નાળાની અંદર દેડકા મિસાલ રહેતી મગજશક્તિએ પોતે બધુ જ પાણી જોઈ લીધું છે એવું માની લેવું જોઈએ નહિ. જરથોસ્તી ઈલ્મેફનુમના તલબગારે તો તદ્દન ખાકસારીથી પીઠ પહોળી રાખી ત્યાં છાતીમાં હિંમત રાખીને પોતાના ખુદાની મહેરબાનીથી ઘણું જ સંભાળથી ધીમે ધીમે આ જ્ઞાનનુમના મોટા દરિયાવમાં સહેલ કરવા માટે કદમે કદમે

આગળ વધવાનું છે. જરથોસ્તી ઈલ્મેફનુમ લખાણ રૂપે બહાર પાડવાનું કાર્ય કેટલું બધું મુશ્કેલ છે તથા આ ઈલ્મની મારફતે 'જરથોસ્તી દએન' જે ગોયા તમામ સુષ્ટિ રચાનાનો કાયદો છે તે સમજવાને માટે કેટલી બધી ધીરજની જરૂર છે આ બે બીના દરેક વાંચનાર પોતાના ધ્યાનમાં રાખશે. અવસ્તા અને પહેલવી શબ્દો નહીં જાણનારાઓને ઈલ્મેફનુમના લખાણો અને તેમાં જે જે વપરાતા શબ્દો ઘણા નવાઈ જેવા લાગે એ બનવા જોગ છે અમુક શબ્દો અવસ્તાના યજ્ઞને-વંદીદાદ વગેરે લખાણોમાં તથા પહેલવી કેતાઓમાં વપરાયેલા છે. આપણા એકવીસ નુસ્કોમાંથી જમાનાની ગરદેશને લીધે જે કંઈ નાનો દોઢ નુસ્ક જેટલો ભાગ હાલમાં મોજૂદ બચેલો છે. તેમાં પણ ઘણી જાણવા લાયક જરથોસ્તી દએનને લગતી બાબદો છે. તે ઈલ્મેફનુમની ચાવીથી ખોલીને સમજી શકાય છે. આ ઈલ્મેફનુમનું શિક્ષણ જે એકવીસે એકવીસ નુસ્કની સમજણ ધરાવે છે તેને હાલના બચી રહેલા મોજૂદ અવસ્તા અને પહેલવી સાહિત્ય તરફથી પણ ઘણો માટે ભાગે ટેકો મળે છે અને અવસ્તા પહેલવી તેના ખરા અસલ અર્થમાં સમજવાને

માટે ગાથામાં જણાવેલા ફનુમની ચાવીની જ જરૂર છે. સુદરેહ-કુસ્તી 'બરજસી જરમ'ને લગતી જરથોસ્તી દએનની તમામ તરીકતો પાલવા માટેનો પાયો છે અને આ પાયો જ્યારે પોતાની અંદર આટલી બધી સાયન્ટીફિક ઉંડી સમજ સમાવી દે છે તો પછી 'બરજસ જરમ'ની કેટલી બધી બુલંદી હોવી જ જોઈએ. તેનો ખ્યાલ વાંચનારને આવી શકશે. 'જરમ પોતે શું છે તથા જરમ પ્રમાણે જ તમામ, પેદાશ, ઉરવાનો, ધર્મો તથા ધર્મ લાવનાર પેગમ્બર અને મહાન પુરૂષોના વર્ગો થયેલા છે વળી બસ્તે

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ઈલ્મેફનુમ સમજતી વખતે પેગમ્બર સાહેબના જે ખાતરદારીથી બુલંદ કોલો કુદરતના કાયદાની મહાન ક્રિયા બાબે આપેલા છે તે કોલપર સંપૂર્ણ એતેકાદ રાખીને માન્ય રાખવા જોઈએ. હાલમાં પશ્ચિમની સ્થૂળ કેળવણી લીધેલી મગજ શક્તિથી બધુ જ સમજી લેવા માગે છે અને કાય? કેમ? શા માટે? વિગેરે સવાલો શરૂઆતથીજ પૂછવા માંડી જાય છે. એ પશ્ચિમની સ્થૂળ કેળવણી પામેલી મગજ શક્તિની હાલત એક બાળક મિસાલ હોવાને લીધે વખ્શુરે વખ્શુરાંન સાહેબના ફરમાન ઉપર જ રહીને ઈલ્મેફનુમ ચોકકસ દરજજા સુધી ધ્યાનમાં ઉતારી તે મુજબ અમલ કરવાથી જ જરથોસ્તી ઈલ્મેફનુમની ઘણી જ ચઢતા દરજજાની બાબદો કાંચ? કેમ? વિગેરે બધુ સમજ પડવા માટે છે.

કુસ્તીઆનોની પોતાની જ દએનની તરીકતો પાળ્યાથી પોતાના ઉરવાનની ઉન્નતિ કેવી સહેલાઈથી કરી શકાય છે તે સમજાવવામાં આવ્યું છે અને તમામ તરીકતો પાળવા માટેનો જે પાયો સુદરેહ-કુસ્તીનો છે. તેને હંમેશા સાચવી રાખી તથા માનથી જાળવી રાખી આપણી ભવિષ્યની ઓલાદને પણ ચાલુ એ ઉત્તમ વારસો સાચવવા માટેનું શિક્ષણ આપવાની આપણી ફરજ છે એવો મક્કમ ઠરાવ દીનદાર કોમ કરશે. સુદરેહ-કુસ્તી જેવા બુલંદ આવાત બચાવવાને ખાતર આપણા ન્યાયગાનોએ દરેક દરેક મોતેબર જરથોસ્તી ક્રિયાકામોની જાળવણી કરી. પોતે જરથોસ્તી તરીકે જ રહેવાને ખાતર અનેક હાદશાઓ જમાનાની ગરદેશને લીધે ખમીને પણ હિન્દુસ્તાન તરફનો તેઓએ માર્ગ લીધો હતો અને અહીં આવ્યા પછીથી પચરંગી કોમોમાં વસવાટ કર્યા છતાં પોતાનો સુદરેહ કુસ્તી છોડ્યો નથી. ખુદાના શુક ગુજારીશું કે આપણે જેમ આપણાં ન્યાયગાનોને પગલે ચાલીને તમામ જરથોસ્તી તરીકતો તથા ક્રિયાકામો અને સુદરેહ કુસ્તી સાચવી રાખ્યા છે તેમ આપણી ભવિષ્યની ઓલાદ પણ બધી જરથોસ્તી ક્રિયાકોમ સાચવી રાખી, તરીકતો પાળી, સૌથી અગત્યના સુદરેહ-કુસ્તીના પાયને કાયમ રાખે!

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દૂધનું મિશ્રણ જાડું થાય એટલે નીચે ઉતારી લઈ તેમાં ઓગાળેલું અલેટીન ઉમેરવું, બરાબર હલાવી, ફીઝમાં મૂકવું, થોડું સેટ થવા માંડે એટલે તેમાં કાજુ-અખરોટનો ભૂકો નાખવો. ક્રિમમાં ખાંડ નાખીને તે વાસણને બરફ ઉપર રાખી બીટ કરવું. ક્રિમ જરા જાડુ થાય એટલે પુડિંગમાં ભેળવવું. અડધો ટી સ્પૂન વેનિલા એસેન્સ નાખી બરાબર હલાવવું. એલ્યુમિનિયમના બાઉલમાં બટર લગાવી કેકનો ભૂકો તળિયામાં તેમજ ચારે તરફ ભભરાવવો તેમાં પુડિંગનું મિશ્રણ રેડવું. ફરી બાઉલને ફીઝમાં મૂકવો. પુડિંગ બરાબર સેટ થવા દેવું. સર્વ કરતી વખતે ડિશમાં વાટકાને ઉંધો પાડી પુડિંગ બહાર કાઢવું.

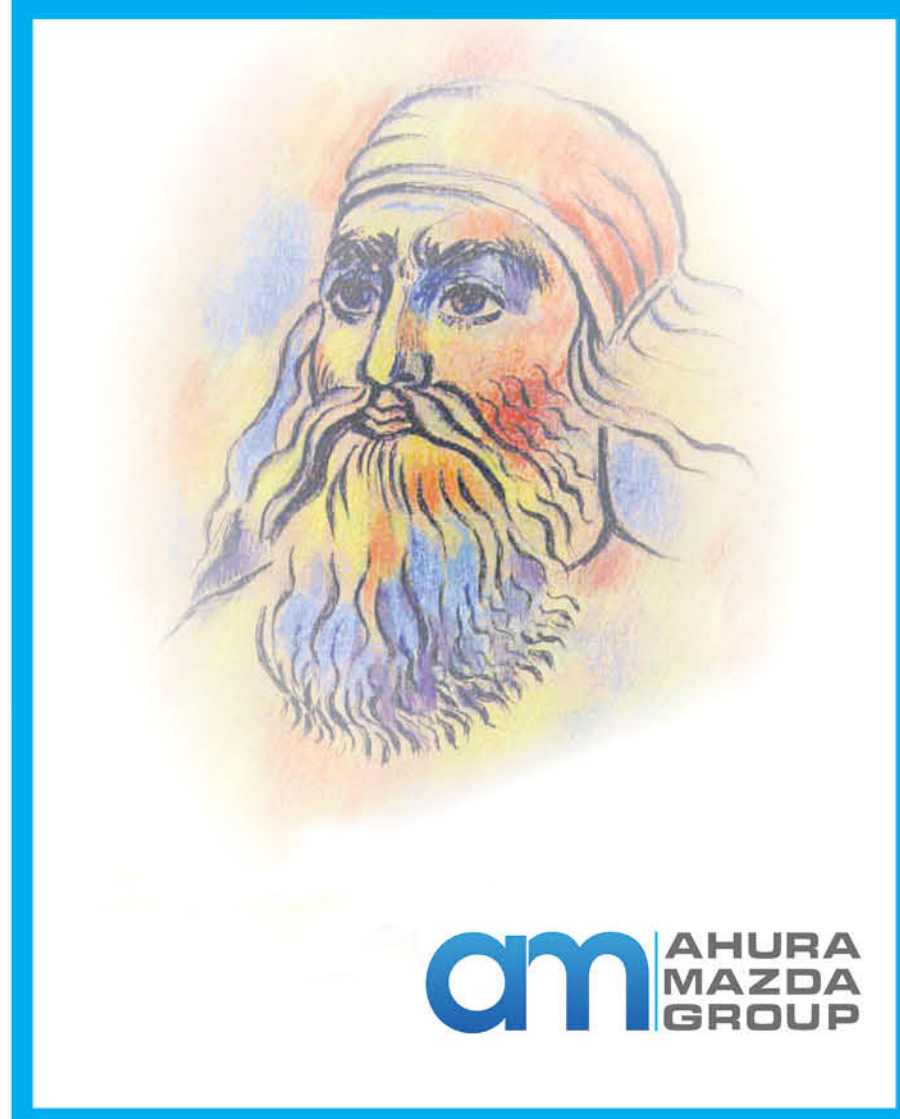


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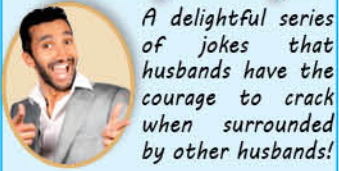
સાંતાકલોઝ: વ્યક્તિ એક નામ અનેક

૧) અમેરિકા અને કેનેડામાં એમનું નામ સાંતાકલોઝ છે! ૨) ચીનમાં તેઓ શેંગડન લોરેન તરીકે ઓળખાય છે! ૩) ઈંગ્લેન્ડમાં ફાધર ક્રિસમસ તરીકે જાણીતા છે! ૪) ફ્રાંસમાં લોકો પેર નોએલ તરીકે ઓળખે છે! ૫) જર્મનીમાં ક્રિસ્ટીન્ડી (ખ્રિસ્તી બાળક)ના હાથે બાળકોને ભેટ સોગાદ મળે છે! ૬) મોરોક્કોમાં બ્લેક પીટર તરીકે ઓળખાય છે! ૭) જાપાનમાં બાળકો માત્ર સાંતા અથવા તો સાંતાના ઓજસાન (સાંતાકાકા) તરીકે સંબોધે છે! ૮) ઈટલીમાં બેવફાના અથવા તો બબ્બુ નાતાલ તરીકે જાણીતા છે. ૯) નેધરલેન્ડમાં લોકો કેર્સ્ટમેન તરીકે સંબોધે છે! ૧૦) રશિયામાં ગ્રાન્ડ ફાધર ફ્રોસ્ટ તરીકે ઓળખાય છે.

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P.T. Wife is Life!



A delightful series of jokes that husbands have the courage to crack when surrounded by other husbands!

Q: How to save a dying woman?

A: Tell her about a 90% sale going on somewhere.


Thought of the week

“As thoughts are the seeds of all actions, let me plant only good, pure seeds so that the fruit will be the best.”



P.T. Thought for the Week 

POLAD BABA



Always find time to do things that make you happy in life, or else life will make you sad.



Ruby Lilaowala

That thing about Rings!

As a child, I often imagined that someday Prince Charming would propose to me with the most dazzling ring. I'd say "yes" and throw my arms around him, then violins would play and the fantasy in my mind would fade out like the end of a romantic movie.

As a kid, I made rings out of silver paper and sweet-wrappers. I even had a plastic ring and made with a few strings and beads. I'd fit anything circular into my wedding-ring-finger. Things turned ugly when my mom noticed my finger turning blue due to a lack of circulation, thanks to a rubber-band 'wedding'-ring I had been wearing for three days.

During my ultra-conscious teens, I decided that my fingers were too skinny to wear rings, and completely avoided wearing any. I was also convinced that wearing a ring whilst wearing braces on my teeth would be just too much metal on one body.

When I turned 20, I was pushed into matrimony by my parents and automatically, a wedding-band was pushed into my ring-finger.

These days, girls buy rings

for themselves. In fact, Priyanka Chopra and Sushmita Sen have both bought themselves huge diamond rings for their wedding-ring-finger. It's a sort of 'from-me-to-me' present. Strange that they don't want to receive it from a man as a sign of commitment or eternal love. I've never bought myself a ring. My thinking is, why buy such an expensive ring when I'm likely



Marilyn was waiting for rings from the men, today we gift ourselves our own rings!

“Today, the latest “girl-power” and “emancipation” accessory is the huge diamond ring you gift yourself, the logic being, why wait for a man to give you a ring you most probably would not like, when you can choose something you absolutely love? ”

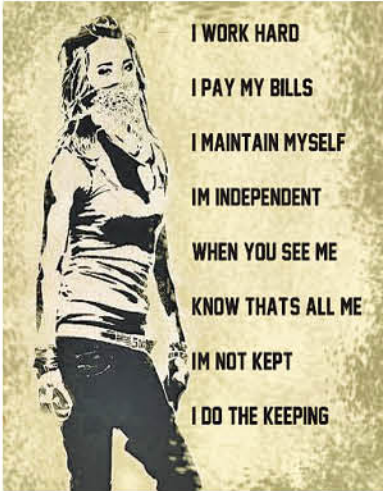
to misplace it or lose it? Besides, I like to spend money on books - not diamonds. But today, apparently, the latest “girl-power” and “emancipation” accessory is the huge diamond ring you gift yourself, the logic being, why wait for a man to give you a ring you most probably would not like, when you can choose something you absolutely love? Today's girls are smart. You earn your own money, you like a diamond ring at Pransukhlal Jewellers and you buy it for yourself. This diamond is forever whereas today, marriages don't always last forever in which case you may have to return the ring through your lawyer in the Parsi Matrimonial Court.

In the West, women have bought their own diamond rings since quite some time. They wear it on their right hand ring finger which means 'Me' and not their left hand ring finger

which means 'We'. Among the celebrities who have been spotted flashing their Me-rings are Sarah-Jessica-Parker and her Sex And The City co-stars (those shining examples of liberated women).

Rings may be the stuff of fairytales or a seal of matrimony, but there is definitely something about this precious keepsake and I have drooled over several rings my friends wear but never bought one (think of how many books I can buy for the price of one ring!!). I'll end with an ancient joke on rings:

Why is marriage like a 3-ring circus? Because first comes the engagement ring, then comes the wedding ring and later comes the “suffe-ring”!!



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A New Skin Regimen for New Year



Rashna D. Irani

One of the resolutions this New Year has to be doing away with regimens that didn't do the job for your skin and instead adopting an entirely fresh regimen to transform your skin for the better! Following are the commandments that you ought to follow in order to look more gorgeous in 2016!

UV rays are our enemies and one only needs to get burnt five times to double one's risk of melanoma! It is thus essential to use a sunscreen that suits your skin type.

Wash off the dead cells on your skin using a body brush as part of your bathing ritual. Begin by using it wet and beware of the addictive tingling sensation of boosted

circulation! Keep up with cutting-edge beauty and skincare technology by tapping into miraculously mattifying foundations that lend your skin a velvety appearance.

Adopt the on-trend look of dewy skin by applying moisturizer after make-up. Don't forget to moisturize other exposed body parts as well.

Leaving make up on is the deadliest practice.

Remove all the products that you used on your skin during the day and allow it to breathe and do its job of cell renewal.

Use foundation as coverage and not as a modifier of skin tone, you really don't want to end up looking more tan than you already are!

Prevention is better than cure, even when it comes to skincare. It is essential to start your anti-aging regimen by using antioxidants and retinoids in your mid-20s.





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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 Khorshed Roj. What does that mean?

Dear Dikri,

Today is Khorshed Roj. Khorshed is the Yazata of the great star, Sun.

It is the spirit that keeps the Sun animated, glowing, burning, radiating and providing light to all its planets and sustaining life where life exists. The Sun thus has a very important role to play not only in many spiritual, religious traditions (think of Surya Devta in Vedic Hinduism) but also scientifically and materially. Praying to Khorshed Yazad helps one become radiant, strong, glowing and powerful like the Sun. Khorshed Yazad reminds us to walk with the Light, in the Light. Darkness, or absence of light is considered as ignorance and the unwillingness to seek wisdom, the unwillingness to learn the lessons of life. Khorshed Yazad, as the luminous Sun, also is a great symbol of unconditional love and generosity for the Sun always gives its light, heat and thus life to all, without any expectations in return. Can we be, even a fraction, as generous as this mighty star? (In the Vedic/Hindu epic, Mahabharat, Karna was the son of the Sun. He was an epitome of generosity and whoever asked him for anything, Karna never denied it. He was thus as generous as the Great Star, Sun). Thank You Khorshed Yazad for your light, life, love and lessons in living.



With inputs from Parvez J. Daruwala



Mrs. Kashmiria Boywalla

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Name... Mrs. Kashmiria Boywalla.

I work at... Personal business from home.

I work as... Professional Trainee Chef.

That basically means... Creating and improvising recipes to suit Parsi taste cuisines as per ancestral mamaiji & bapaijis lost recipes.

My work day begins with... Praying to God for thanksgiving and granting me courage and strength to face the day.

I love this about my job... Learning new recipes with day to day experience and reviews from my customers.

I wish this would change about my job... People should be more aware and give more importance in the quality of the food they eat, rather than on the quantity or the price as finally good and healthy food is directly proportional to healthy living.

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

I head to office and head back home at these times... Work as per requirement as there are no fixed hours assigned.

Some of the things that make up my work day... Appreciation from people and satisfaction and smiles on their faces.

Someone I think has an interesting job is... People who organize domestic and international tours.

▶ Hands are exposed to harsh elements like the sun, wind, and cold which makes it a must to use generous amounts of an SPF-infused hand cream during the day and a thicker cream at night.

Bacteria and oil accumulate on your makeup brushes, causing clogged pores and breakouts. Use a mild liquid soap with warm water to carefully wash the makeup off your brushes and cosmetic sponges, then rinse thoroughly. Comb the bristles to prevent tangling. Then dry on a towel overnight.

Extend the shelf life of your skincare products by minimizing their exposure to

air and keeping them away from germ-ridden fingers. Always wash your hands before applying a product or use a clean sponge/cotton ball. Look for products that come in airtight pumps or tubes.

Once a year, schedule an appointment with your dermatologist to get any moles checked and screened for skin cancer. Women are more susceptible to developing malignant moles on their legs than men since they expose their legs to the sun more frequently. Perform a monthly self-examination of your skin by following the

ABCDE rule. Look for moles that are Asymmetrical, have irregular Borders, inconsistent Colour, or a Diameter larger than ¼ inch, or appear to be Evolving over time.

You cannot do away with the mandatory 7 hours of sleep, lots of water intake and dumping of stress in order to look your best this year!



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How I Work! Astro file manager



ASTRO

Astro File Manager is one of the best file managers for Android. It finds and manages all files on your Android device, wherever they may be located. You can search files by name, by type or simply browse through your folders to find your file. If you use the Windows File Explorer, the Astro File Manager will be very familiar to use and navigate.

Moving and copying files within your phone and from and to your Cloud Storage, is a breeze. It can also look for files on your Facebook account and your local network. Astro has a Task Killer in-built, which kills tasks and processes which are a drain on your battery life. Also, a Backup has been built-in, which help you backup apps in case you lose your phone or change your phone.

A very useful utility which is a must have on all Android Phones!



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!

P. T. RECIPES

Tomato Delight

Ingredients:

- 1 litre whole milk
- 1 tin condensed milk
- 2 eggs
- 6 tablespoons vanilla flavoured semolina
- Fried almonds
- Fried raisins

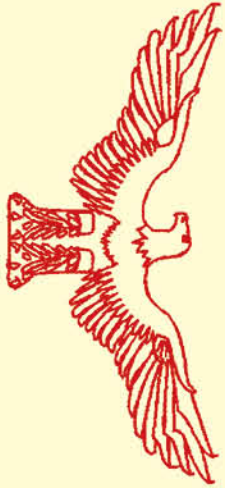
Directions:

1. Combine the first four ingredients. Cook over a medium flame, stirring continuously. Cool.
2. Transfer the cooled mixture to a blender. Blend till smooth. Pour into a glass dish.
3. Garnish and cover. Place in the fridge. Serve cold.



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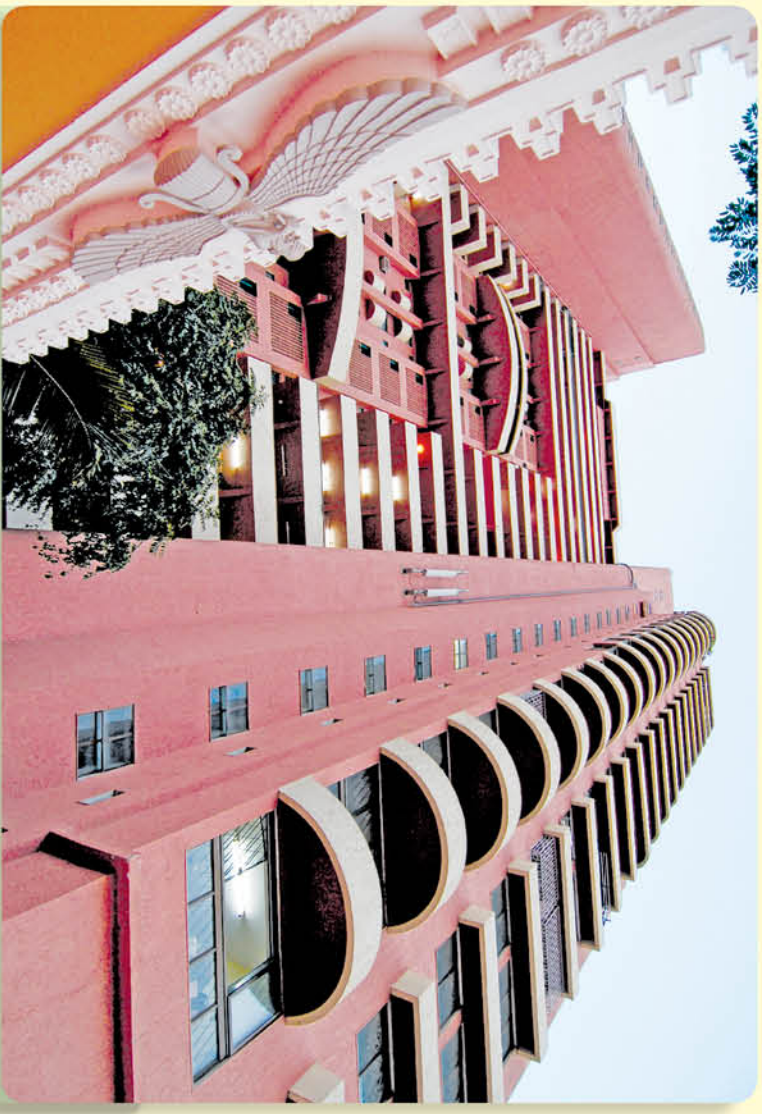
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