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## THE BPP ELECTIONS A Poli-Ticking Time Bomb?

Earlier this week **Parsi Times** got word that two prospective candidates for the upcoming BPP elections, Mr. Noshir Dadrawala and Mr. Zarir Bhatena have both withdrawn even before the race up the steps of the Sir J.J. School building and into the BPP boardroom has begun. Both candidates, who are considered to be excellent Trustee material have sent letters to the Parsi Press respectfully declining the invitation of others to contest citing that there are no 'like-minded people on the Board of Trustees and that 'the once premier Charitable Trust of the Community has been reduced to a den of thugs.'

Are we not able to find superior quality candidates because of the mistakes of the present Board? Only time will tell. **Parsi Times** sure hopes that a good Board is chosen this time.

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**Did you know?** The scheme of election of BPP was framed by Mr. Limji Banaji in the year 1911.



## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

I spoke to an elderly Parsi gentleman this week. He called in about something and we ended up chatting a while. "Your generation has destroyed the Community," he says. "I don't know how you dress," he continues, "but these young girls wear short skirts and then there are things like rape and all." In the most respectful tone I could find I interjected the rant and said that this was incorrect and that ugly thoughts are not measured by garment lengths. Either he ignored my remark or didn't hear it. The rest of the conversation, I have to admit was pretty much one sided. I didn't argue but drowned out the sound of his preaching. He chalked his viewpoint down to age and seniority.

I have to say, I thought about what this Uncle said for a while after I put down the receiver. In my books he was completely incorrect. We 'youngsters' haven't destroyed anything. It is young people who are making movies about our culture and facing facts, it is young people running our newspapers and young people gathering the kids across India and making them interact. It is a young team that plans events and youngsters who organize get-togethers. If short skirts be the fashion of the times it is our youngsters who carry them off well too. 😊

Besides, age and seniority didn't give other elderly people I know such a skewed view of the world. If at all I would imagine that when someone is looking back at decades of life gone by they would surely realize that evolution cannot be stopped by rigid minds and that it eventually didn't matter what they thought of someone else, in the end it was only their own lives they had to live and account for.

I feel sad when Uncles like that have loud voices. You cannot help but hear them. I just hope you don't believe them.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BPP Elections

Dear Editor,

Every conscientious Zoroastrian must ensure 2 things. Make it a point to vote.

Reject any / every sitting Trustee AND his/her relative who will be manipulated, like a puppet, by a non-performing / funding Trustee, guilty of "treason, stratagem and spoils."

Support upright candidates unflinchingly.

We need 5 more like them, known for both probity and competence.

This time, let's not fall for dinners, beer and wine bottles, and lunch pockets, which brought disaster to our Community, for 7 long years!

B. T. Dastur

### Super Article

Dear Editor,

All Parsi papers are full of Kuthlas - either the obnoxious Trustees are doing scams or throwing chairs at one another. We are a strange Community - we prefer that our dear departed rot in wells rather than to with dignity.

Among all these morose and degrading matters, Ms. Ruby Lilaowala's article on Parsi Dairy Farm came like a breath of fresh air. More such articles please.

Mrs. Ruby Lilaowala used to write philosophical and spiritual articles for "Afternoon" newspaper like "Life After Death" and "Journey of the Soul". Hence I was pleasantly surprised at seeing another side of her personality.

Banoo J. Mehta

### The need of the hour

Dear Editor,

Community Members, let us forget our petty issues be it for car parking in the Colony or creating problems for our neighbours (infighting among ourselves). Concentrate on the future prosperity of our Community by selecting the right candidates for the post of Trustee of BPP.

Do not get carried away by empty promises and show of Community service through paid advertisements appearing in newspapers by aspiring candidates propagating their mandate for the post of BPP Trusteeship. Think, ponder and decide as to how an existing Trustee or their near and dear ones, if elected by us once again will help the BPP come out from the problems they themselves have created. Any step in the wrong direction will cost us very dearly for the next 7 years.

The need of the hour is to conduct a SWOT analysis of each candidate (His Strengths and Weaknesses as well as the Opportunities and Threats seen by him for the future prosperity of BPP) and how are they going to use this to regain the lost glory of BPP. How are they going to portray the Community in the right light so that philanthropic Community members/business houses get confidence to give donations to BPP with the assurance that their money is in safe hands and will be used for the betterment of the Community.

Grill likely candidates who come for propagation to your

Baug/colonies with all sorts of questions and insist that the mandate with which they are trying to sell themselves as the future Trustees of BPP will be legally binding on them if they are elected as BPP Trustees. If they cannot fulfill their tall promises they have no right to remain in that seat to squander Community wealth and hence it is we who have to question them regarding the pros and cons of their mandate and how they are going to go about converting their promises into reality when they approach us for their support. (Last election the Community was promised that all those residing in Leave and license flats will be given tenancy. However, after elections, a 360 degree turn was taken by the Trustees denying tenancy without assigning any genuine reasons for their denial).

What steps are the candidates going to take in respect of the following matters:

Streamlining and bringing transparency in the BPP housing policy and undoing the wrong practices followed in the past by the previous BPP Trustees. Please note that BPP housing is for the poor and needy Community members who are staying in small houses with large families, unmarried youth or those couples who want to start a family and not for rich people who can afford to buy a house in the open market.

Resolve unnecessary litigation against the Community members initiated by the former Trustee to settle their personal scores. At the same time capable lawyers

## RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT

**Seth Jamshedji Dadabhai Amaria or Sodawaterwalla Agiary (Dhobi Talao)**  
The Salgreh of Seth Jamshedji Dadabhai Amaria or Sodawaterwalla Agiary (Dhobi Talao) will be celebrated on 5th September, 2015. A Jashan Ceremony will be performed at 10:00 am. All Community members are invited.

શેઠ જમશેદજી દાદાભાઈ અમારિયા / સોડાવોટરવાલા અગિયારીની શુભ સાવગ્રેહ

શેઠ જમશેદજી દાદાભાઈ અમારિયા / સોડાવોટરવાલા અગિયારીની શુભ સાવગ્રેહ શનિવાર, તા. ૫મી સપ્ટેમ્બર ૨૦૧૫ને દિને છે. જશનની ક્રિયા સવારે સ્ટા. ટા. ૧૦:૦૦ કલાકે કરવામાં આવશે. સર્વ હમદીનોને હાજરી આપી હમશરીક થવા વિનંતી છે.

### Fravardin Parabh

The Fravardin Parabh Hama Anjuman Jashan will be held on Saturday 5th September, 2015 (Fravardin Mah Fravardin Roj) at the Guzdar Pavilion, Doongerwadi at 5:30 pm. The Jashan will be led by Ervad Kersi Bhadha with other Mobeds, followed by a Humbandagi.

### ફ્રવર્દીન પરભ

હમા અંબુમનનું ફ્રવર્દીન પરભનું જશન શનિવાર તા. ૫મી સપ્ટેમ્બર ૨૦૧૫ને દિને છે. જશનની ક્રિયા સાંજે સ્ટા. ટા. ૦૫:૩૦ કલાકે ગુઝદર પેવેલિયન, ડુંગરવાડીમાં કરવામાં આવશે. જશનની ક્રિયા એરવદ કેરસી ભાધા તથા બીજા મોબેદો દ્વારા કરવામાં આવશે ત્યારબાદ હમબંદગી કરવામાં આવશે.

### Salgreh of Adenwalla Agiary, Lonavala

To commemorate the auspicious occasion of the anniversary of Atash Padshah Saheb at Adenwalla Agiary, Lonavala, a Jashan ceremony will be performed at 9:30 am on Sunday 6th September 2015, Roj Behram Mah Fravardin. All Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians are requested to attend.

### લોનાવાલાની એડનવાલા અગિયારીની શુભ સાવગ્રેહ

લોનાવાલાની એડનવાલા અગિયારીની શુભ સાવગ્રેહ શનિવાર, તા. ૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બર ૨૦૧૫ને દિને છે. જશનની ક્રિયા સવારે સ્ટા. ટા. ૦૯:૩૦ કલાકે કરવામાં આવશે. સર્વ હમદીનોને હાજરી આપી હમશરીક થવા વિનંતી છે.

### A Potent Lecture

On Sunday 6th September, 2015 Rahunae Mazdayasnan Sabha & Seth N. H. Karani Agiary Trust (Cusrow Baug) will be organizing a lecture by Ervad Dr. Pervez Bajjan on "Power of Prayers" at 6:15 pm after Behram Roj Jashan at 5:00 pm. All are invited.

### 'પાવર ઓફ પ્રેયર' પર ભાષણ

શેઠ એન. એચ. કરાની અગિયારી ટ્રસ્ટ (ખુશરોબાગ) તથા રાહુનાયે માઝદાયસનન સભા ૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બર, ૨૦૧૫ને દિને સાંજે સ્ટા. ટા. ૫:૦૦ કલાકે બેહરામ રોજના જશન પછી સાંજે સ્ટા. ટા. ૬:૧૫ કલાકે 'પાવર ઓફ પ્રેયર' પર એરવદ ડો. પરવેઝ બાજન ભાષણ આપશે. સર્વ હમદીનોને હાજરી આપી હમશરીક થવા વિનંતી છે.

### Sheth Shapurji Sorabji Kappawala Charity Trust

On Sunday 6th September, 2015 Roj Behram, Mah Fravardin at 5:00 pm the Trustees of Sheth Shapurji Sorabji Kappawala Daremeher (Tardeo) will hold a Jashan for the death anniversary of Late Dasturji Kukadaroo. All Community members are invited.

### શેઠ શાપુરજી સોરાબજી કપાવાલા ચેરીટી ટ્રસ્ટ

તારદેવ ખાતે આવેલી મરહુમ શેઠ શાપુરજી સોરાબજી કપાવાલા દરેમહેર મધે, રોજ બેહરામ, માહ ફ્રવર્દીન તા. ૦૬.૦૯.૧૫ને રવિવારને દિને મરહુમ દસ્તુરજી કુકાદરૂના મરણની વરિત્ર ક્રિયા સાંજે સ્ટા. ટા. ૫:૦૦ કલાકે દરેમહેરના ટ્રસ્ટી સાહેબો તરફથી રાખેતા મુજબ કરવામાં આવનાર છે. માટે સર્વ હમદીનોને સામેલ થવા અત્રેથી એવતેમાસ કરવામાં આવે છે.

### Jashan and Lecture at Karani Agiary

Rahunae Mazdayasnan Sabha will be organizing a Jashan at Karani Agiary on 11th September, 2015 at 5 pm followed by a lecture on "Kirtan and History of Jange Variava" by Dasturji Aspandiar Dadachanji at 6:15 pm.

### કરાણી અગિયારીમાં જશન અને ભાષણ

રાહુનાયે માઝદાયસન સભાએ તા. ૧૧મી સપ્ટેમ્બર, ૨૦૧૫ને દિને સાંજે સ્ટા. ટા. ૫.૦૦ કલાકે કરાણી અગિયારીમાં જશનનું આયોજન કર્યું છે. તેના પછી દસ્તુરજી અસ્પંદિયાર દાદાચાનજી 'કિર્તન અને જંગે વરિયાવા'ના ઇતિહાસ ઉપર ભાષણ આપશે.

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# Seva Sadan Project Launched

The mega project of the Lions Club of Bombay, Babulnath, i.e. to aid Seva Sadan Trust offering free education to the children of the under privileged, was launched by the District Governor Lion Ravindra Kadel on the 25th of August. The Club has donated a Yamaha player, E Projector, two steel cupboards and three computers, all worth INR 1,78,500. After the monsoon, the play ground will also be renovated. The total cost of the project is approximately INR 5lacs. They are also going to provide for the maintenance of the water cooler every year and will be honoring two teachers from the English



primary school on 4th September. "We hope to do many more projects during the year 2015-2016. Thank you all for your contributions as it could be done only with your cooperation." said Dinoo Hiranank, President Lions Club of Bombay Babulnath.



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Some of the guests at the screening of Path of Zarathustra for the film fraternity earlier this week.



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2	Inox Nariman Point	Nariman Point	3.35 P.M.
3	PVR Juhu	Juhu	3.00 P.M.
4	PVR Goregaon	Goregaon	12.15 P.M.
5	PVR Koregaon Park, Pune	Pune	5.25 P.M.
6	PVR Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad	12.00 P.M.
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		Mysore	
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## HOW A CREMATORIUM WORKS

By P.T. Contributor Mr. Savak Balsara

In light of the new Crematorium that has been established for the Zoroastrians, **P.T. contributor Mr. Savak Balsara** enlightens us about the technicalities involved in an electronic crematorium.

The design and construction is similar to that of Batch Furnace, employed in calcification (hardening) and vitrification (glazing) of ceramic articles – also known as KILNS. Externally these furnaces are well insulated by insulating bricks (Fire Bricks).

The electrical heating elements are made of Nichrome wire and are set in the refractory walls around the periphery of the furnace and heat is transferred from the electrical heating elements to the refractory walls indirectly and then transferred by Radiation or Infra Red Rays to the dead body. The temperature is maintained at 650°C for all days of the year in one of the furnaces. For technical reasons, a high temperature furnace cannot be switched on and off frequently.

There are two more furnaces as stand byes. The electrical power supply is at 440 Volts, three phase and consumes about 50 kilo watts. It takes about 60 to 90 minutes for a dead body to turn into ash, depending upon the bulk weight. All low density bones turn into ash and high density bones break up in small chips. At 650°C and Fire Orange glow in the furnace enclosure, the dead body must be igniting and then turning into ash in a matter of minutes. It is feasible to eliminate the bone chips altogether if the furnace is tailor made for higher working temperatures of around 1000°C. The KILNS work at 1200°C and are manufactured locally. However for economical reasons 650°C is considered the best.

There is an electrically operated door in front of the furnace, moved up and down and there is also an electrically operated movable car in front of this door to push the dead body into the furnace enclosure. The underneath of the movable car is air cooled by a fan to cool its wheels and bearings and the escaping air helps in instant burning of the dead body. The flue gases are sucked by another fan at the other end of the



furnace via a scrubber and filter which removes soot, suspended particles of ash and odour and throws the clean flue gases into a tall chimney. The height of the chimney is 6 meters (20 feet) higher than the height of the nearby buildings as per the Pollution Norms of Boiler and Chimney Inspection. The colour of the escaping flue gases from the chimney to atmosphere is white due to excess air in the furnace chamber. Periodical inspection is also carried out by an Electrical Inspector.

The ash and chips of bones (Asthi) can be collected or left out as per the wishes of the dead persons near and dear ones. The left outs are collected by BMC (who may be dumping them at dumping sites or in the sea).

By the side of the furnace room, there is a prayer hall which is open to the people of all faiths. Administrative and technical persons are present all days of the year. The whole place of around 500 square meters is maintained in a clean and excellent condition. The present service charges are around Rs. 350/- per adult dead body and around Rs. 200/- for the dead body of children below the age of 12.

The above article is based on a visit to one of the Electric Crematoriums in City limits and after seeing the furnaces, electrical panel boards, pollution control equipments, chimney, Prayer Hall, etc.

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The East Bombay Bharat Scouts and Guides District Association is proud to have amongst its members three Scouters who have been conferred The Silver Elephant, the Highest Award by The Bharat Scouts and Guides.

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Scouter Khurshed D.



Hathiram - Vice President of the District (Awarded in 2015)

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**Farohar Films**

Watch the latest episode of the 'Dudh Ma Sakar' Series called Glimpses of Zoroastrian History-Part 2 created by Farohar Films on Sunday 6th September at 12 noon on DD Girnar Channel. In this episode, Mr. Noshir Dadrawala explains why History has considered Kings like, Cyrus, Darius, Xerxes, Noshirwan-e-Adil etc. as Great Kings and highlights their achievements. This Tele-Serial of Farohar Films is Designed and Directed by Ervad Dr. Cyrus Dastoor.

# Ervad Pervez Karanjia



**Aarasp Mistry**

A Panthaki of various Fire Temples, a graduate from National Defence Academy, an astute businessman, **Parsi Times Writer Aarasp Mistry** spoke to this all-encompassing man, **Ervad Pervez Karanjia**.

Panthaki Ervad Pervez Karanjia is 51 years old. Born in Valsad, he mastered the Avestan-Pahlavi script in the Andheri Athornan Institute & is now a highly experienced Priest having experience of almost 40 years.

He is also a graduate from National Defence Academy. He had been a Commanding Officer in Valsad & Mumbai for 15 years & had provided honorary services. He is also currently practising Astrological Consultancy in the fields of Astrology, Numerology, Vaastu Shastra, Feng Shui & Gemology. He is a member of All India Federation of Astrologers' Societies & Planetary Gemologist Association, Thailand for past 3 years.

Like any other Zoroastrian, I questioned if I should resort to these concepts if I have total faith in my prayers. He humbly replied that all of them are a separate science & are governed by the Universe. Through tremendous research he learnt that Zoroastrianism actually supports these concepts. The Prayer 'Yatha Ahu Vairyo' comprises of 21 words. They are the names of 21 'Noosks' (volumes) which contain the detailed description of the entire 'Frashogard'.

From the time everything emerged out of Dadar Ahura Mazda till the time everything will merge back into Him is known as the Frashogard. One of the Noosks contains a book

called 'Jamasp'. It is divided into 3 volumes. Currently only the second volume is in use & was printed twice; in 1910 & again in 1920. This book was highly sort after in the court of King Gushtasp.

This book lays down the nomenclature of how all the above sciences are related to

for the needy Zoroastrian. All the Tavizes given by him have prayers engraved in Avestan script only. Instead of getting a Priest to write a new Taviz for you every year, he insists that copper Taviz with engraved words, which he sells, lasts for a lifetime. Being metal, it enhances the vibrations of our



Dasturji Kookadaru Saheb is fondly remembered as a dignified saint who lived in the 1800s & is now revered as a helpful soul. He was spiritually blessed with an inner voice by Dasturji Azar Kaiwan. Dasturji Kookadaru Saheb passed this divine gift to Ervad Aibara Saheb. Aibara Saheb was Panthaki of Sodawater-wala Agiary for 10 years (1969-1979). With the guidance of this inner voice, he helped numerous Zoroastrians with their problems by handing out prayers. All of those who sought his advice benefit through such prayers.

Astrology & each man's destiny is governed by his stars. To remove all doubts, the book gives out detailed explanation of prayers which should be recited only from the Khordeh Avesta, when a particular stone or Taviz is prescribed

prayers (just like the Afarganyu in a Fire temple made out of German silver). He hands out Gem Stones (certified), Taviz, etc. only if need be. Otherwise he prescribes prayers after assessing the person's astrological background.

He regretfully stated that as a Panthaki, he is demoralised. The devotees of this Agiary moved to other Fire Temples because of legal problems of the Trust 15 years ago. The Trustees are now short of funds & his salary is not at all up to the mark. He has no other Mobed or worker to assist him. He can easily work as a Panthaki anywhere else. But he prefers refrain as he was ordained as a Navar in this Agiary. One of his Gurus was Aibara Saheb. He states that we have come all the way from Iran to safeguard our Fire & religion. It is our duty to take care of the Fire. If he does not pay workers & keep the Agiary clean, it would constitute a sin on his character as a Zoroastrian & as a Priest. But ultimately, he too is human & needs to feed his family.



innumerable Zoroastrians through Aibara Saheb since

1969 is in a financial crisis and heading for a shutdown!

Ervad Pervez Karanjia appeals for generous donations & salary which is at par with the cost of living. A young Mobed who will succeed him, he says will demand a better salary.

Ervad Pervez Karanjia also does astrological consulting. He checks the Pancham and recommends authentic & certified gem stones, Taviz & prayers for those Zoroastrians who want it. He has a

following that recommends him vehemently if asked.

The Panthaki invites the devotees to get ceremonies like the Yazashne, Vendidad, Afringan, Baaj, Farokshi and Muktads done regularly and at reasonable rates.

The Panthaki ordains boys to Priesthood as well.

## In the line of Fire

He has been Panthaki of various Agiaries since 1976:

- Surat Bodhanwala Agiary - 6 years,
- Mota Shapur Daremeher, Valsad - 6 years,
- Mobed in Sethna Agiary & Cama Baug Agiary, Mumbai - 1 year,
- Anjuman Daremeher, Madhya Pradesh - 1.5 years
- Hormasji Gandabhai Daremeher, Pardi - 11 years,
- Seth Hormasji Bomanji Wadia Atash Behram, Mumbai - 1 year; &
- Jamshedji Dadabhai Amaria Sodawaterwala Agiary, Mumbai 2001 - present.

Ervad Pervez Karanjia resides in the Fire Temple compound with his wife, Zenobia. His children are all grown up, with the youngest still in college. It would not have been possible for him to bring up his three children and ordain his son as a Navar had it not been for the income from his consultancy business.

The 150 year old Fire Temple which once helped



Ervad Pervez Karanjia with his wife & children

# A Contest with a Touch of Class and Confidence!



The 15th Secretaries and Administrative Professional of the Year Contest was held at the ITC Grand Central, Parel on 29th August, 2015. Judged by eminent heads of the corporate world, six talented and confident finalists were declared. The seamless flow of events was maintained by the ever smiling and exuberant anchor, Mrs. Zarine Commissariat, also a Past President of the Association. The event was organized by the Governing Council headed by the All India President Yvonne

Alphonso. Winner Joan Lobo, and first Runner-up Vanessa Caesar, will compete for The All-India Title at the Grand Finale at Hyderabad.



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life. Mahrukh Bharucha, Chairperson, WZCC, Pune feels confident that they will be able to host many more similar programmes in the future.



The topics covered include

Participants have paid a deposit of Rs.5,000/-but this amount will be fully refunded if 100% attendance of the modules is recorded. Three participants will travel to and fro Pune every weekend - to avail of this fantastic opportunity.

finance management, looking at funding options, branding & marketing your service &/or product, soft skills and communication skills. The course has been designed by our specialist, Mrs. Behzad Randeria, keeping in mind the average woman's professional needs. An impressive panel of expert faculty members have volunteered to contribute to the success of this programme. The entire training programme will be generously hosted by Extentia Technological Solutions Pvt. Ltd. at their Kalyaninagar premises. Hands-on training programmes are increasingly in demand - as more and more women aspire to a more rewarding professional

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# BPP MATRIMONIAL BUREAU – A REPORT

## The Last Matrimonial Meet Of My Present Term

By Arnavaz J. Mistry (BPP Trustee)

The decline in population of Parsis / 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.

According to a 2009 study, one out of every five Indian Parsi men and one out of every ten women is still unmarried by the age of 50.

This aspect of late or no marriage had been troubling me for a long time. But being engrossed in various other social causes for nearly thirty years, I went on postponing doing something with regard to matrimony.

In the year 2008 when I became a Trustee of Bombay Parsi Punchayet I decided that it was time for me to take up this issue seriously. I put up my views to the Board and was encouraged to go ahead to revive the BPP Matrimonial Bureau by creating a unique platform for young boys and girls to interact with the idea of matrimony.

The first such Meet was held at Khareghat Colony on 5th February 2010. Thereafter every second Saturday of the month, a Matrimonial Meet took place to enable our Community youngsters to mingle freely, look for their soul mates and marry within the Community.

Khareghat Colony, being away from a Railway Station, it was felt that the venue for the Meets be shifted to a centrally located place like Dadar, to suit everyone coming from their offices in South Mumbai as well as to those residing in the suburbs.

My colleague Trustee Mr. Jimmy Mistry was most supportive and readily agreed to give his premises at Della



Picnic

Mistry, and also my core team consisting of Shiraz Guard, Kashmiri Khambatta and Hutokshi Dadabhai, and last but not the least my long time colleague Zarin Havewala, who gave her unstinted support by being very active on the Internet, by not only informing the youngsters about the impending Meets, but also matching them on email by sending a long list of suitable matches for each one registered with us.

The last Meet of my present term will be held on 12th September 2015 at Della Towers, Parsi Colony, Dadar

Towers in the Dadar Parsi Colony, as also providing his office manpower, snacks and music.

A lot of hard work and planning went in to organizing the Meets. Before every Meet a meeting with my core team would take place, when we would discuss the programme in detail, which would be published in Parsi publications to inform the Community members. Notices would also be put up in various Baugs, Gymkhanas and Fire Temples, as also via email, FB and other social media. Each month some special programme would be decided upon, such as games, music, dancing, karaoke, etc. to enable the youngsters to mingle freely.

Some interesting talks about marriages, grooming, etc. by prominent people and professionals were organized. Debates were conducted very often by the participants.

Enthusiastic youngsters came from not only all over Mumbai city and distant suburbs, but also from far flung locations like Dahanu, Vapi, Valsad, Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat and Jamshedpur, and even from USA, Australia and

Canada.

Looking for a soul mate suddenly became hipper with this wonderful initiative, where youngsters could interact in a relaxed, fun environment.

The event that most youngsters looked forward to was the annual picnic. During this period 6 successful picnics took place.

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

We also had a few Meets for the age-group 35+.

The total number of aspirants registered with us stands at 1,160.

Out of this number, 22 couples have got married, 7 couples have booked the Baugs for the year-end, and 4 couples are engaged / dating.

I am elated to state that of these couples, there are a few from parts other than Mumbai, such as Surat, Valsad, Secundrabad, Vadodara, Belgaum, as also from Dubai, Australia, USA and Canada.

It has been a fruitful



Organizers



Picnic

term for me during which I have succeeded in uniting 66 youngsters.

I would like to extend my gratitude to Trustee Mr. Jimmy

at 6.00 pm.

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# Mrs. Kashmiri Jamali

There are many reasons why we picked Mrs. Jamali to be the Teacher we celebrate today.

1 She is the Principal of Beacon High the ONLY school in Mumbai City that has at least 20% differently-abled students in each class studying alongside the regular students.

2 Beacon High, unlike many other high end schools across the city has refused to diversify into multiple boards and has stuck to offering a high quality I.C.S.E. syllabus, curriculum and faculty.

3 She comes from a family line of teachers, her mum is a teacher and her daughter has just joined the vocation at Beacon High itself! So exciting!

4 She is a great teacher. She is loved by her students without compromising her 'strict disciplinarian' attitude.

5 She is encouraging the activities of the young Parsis of XYZ by giving them space at the school for their INDOOR MANIA next weekend



**BEACON HIGH**

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and also sponsoring the meals.

We caught up with Mrs. Kashmiri Jamali, Principal and Founder of Beacon High for a chat just as she was off to see the kids of Beacon High put up a special Teachers Day show on Friday. "Today, I will give my teachers a good time!" she says. She plans to enjoy the show with them and then take them all out to lunch. "It is our day to be the kids!" she says.

Mrs. Jamali was an air-hostess for a few years before she met and married her husband. Academics she says are in her bones as she grew up watching her mother teach as well. Finally her husband encouraged her to chase her own passion for education and she opened Beacon High.

That was 15 years ago! Today, Beacon High is truly a beacon for a balanced and well rounded

*I have come to believe that a great teacher is a great artist and that there are as few as there are any other great artists. Teaching might even be the greatest of the arts since the medium is the human mind and spirit.*

**John Steinbeck**



## THE POINT OF VIEW

The Community Speaks!

Parsi Times speaks to a cross section of the Community and asks questions that most people discuss in the privacy of their homes and away from the Media glare and public judgment. Today we place their unadulterated opinions here for you to see and for you think about how you react to these sensitive topics.

Who was your favorite teacher and how did he/she inspire you?



**Ketayun Motafram, 62, Dockyard Road.**

My favorite teacher in school was Mrs. Noronha. She used to teach us English and Social Studies. She used to teach and explain very nicely and was very approachable. Whenever I had any difficulties I would go and ask her in the staffroom and she would guide me very well.

**Farida Minoo Mistry, 55, Lalbaug.**

My favorite teachers were Shernaz Talati and Freny Soonawalla from J.B.Vachha High School. When I was young I was timid. Miss Shernaz used to encourage me to be bold and vocal. She was my class teacher in 3rd standard. She brought out the potential in me. Freny ma'am was my French teacher. I developed my love for French because of how she taught and explained the

subject. I liked them very much.

**Diinaaz Mody, 58, Colaba.**

My favorite teacher was my chemistry teacher in school, Mrs. D'Souza. She made sure we knew our Chemistry well. She was very strict, but what I loved about her was the way she made us learn the subject, not by mugging it. She would conduct periodical tests and we would be well prepared before the exam.

**Dinaz B. Maswa, 50, Andheri East.**

My favorite teacher was Nanavati Sir. He was my Maths teacher. His way of teaching and explaining was very interesting and he would always ask me if I understood what's being taught. He was strict no doubt and everyone was afraid of him, but I was not. He was nice to me, if I would have any problem he would help me solve it efficiently.

**Firoza Pavri, 38, Kandivali.**

My favorite teacher was my Mathematics teacher in school, Mrs. Raghavan. She was a South Indian. I used to dislike Maths but she taught it so well that I started scoring the highest in Maths. Even if she would scold us, we wouldn't feel bad; it would not affect us in a bad way but instead motivate and encourage us. She drove out the fear of Maths from all the students. I think that's how she inspired me.

**Meherab Gandhi, 30, Godrej Baug.**

My favorite teacher was my Accounts teacher in college, Mrs. Vasani. I was a failure in accounts and maths. But she taught the subject so well that I passed in it.

**Nazneen Edulkaka, 31, Grant Road.**

My favorite teachers were actually my tuition teachers, Miss Yasmin Bharucha and Mr. Pardiwalla. Miss Bharucha used to teach me all subjects when I was small. The way she used to teach was different from others, her method of teaching was fun oriented. Mr. Pardiwalla in Shapur Baug was my Math tuition teacher.

I got the highest in my 10th standard because of him. Both of them helped me a lot and made me better, I had a good time learning with them than with my school teachers.

**Diana Bharucha, 37, Pune.**

My favorite teacher was Mrs. Daulat Patell. She used to teach me all the subjects. She was very strict and my mother did not use to like her for that, but appearances are often deceptive. Once she came to know what an excellent teacher she is, she appreciated Mrs. Patell. My mother is also a teacher. At the age of 65 years she still teaches. She has been teaching at the

Sunflower Playgroup in Rustom Baug for the last twenty years.



THE QUESTION OF THE WEEK  
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for their kids. In fact, the very active website of the School, Mrs. Jamali informs us is an effort of not only her staff but her school parents' as well!

Mrs. Jamali was inspired by her mother to create an all inclusive atmosphere at Beacon High.

When she was younger, she watched her mother initiate the practice of teaching visually impaired students at a school where she worked. Mrs. Jamali picked up the courage, attitude, passion and idea from her mother.

Apart from being the principal of the 700 strong School, Mrs Jamali is also a 10th Grade Geography Teacher. She is quite a disciplinarian when it comes to cell phones and rules etc but otherwise a liberal educator. Though books have taken a back seat, she says in the age of the computer and the cell phone, we try to initiate book reading through our library classes.

Mrs. Jamali is excited that youngsters like Hoshang Gotla are keeping the spirit of Community youth alive and has offered the premises of her beloved beacon high to XYZ for its Indoor mania Event next weekend and has generously offered to feed all the participants as well!

Mrs. Jamali doesn't hesitate to tell us that she eats, breathes and sleeps teaching! We don't hesitate to tell her that she rocks!

education. It not only trains what we all call 'normal' students but equips those who are differently-abled to excel at academics too.

It takes a remarkable effort to facilitate those with special needs and Mrs. Jamali and her team have really done it. They have on board a complete unit of special educators who work with these children ranging from a psychiatrist to a speech therapist to councilors, psychologists and remedial teachers.

The children at Beacon High include those who are physically and mentally challenged as well as the hearing and visually impaired. Most of them study here till they reach the 7th or 8th grade and then shift to vocational schools like Dilkhush or Sadhana. Rarely do they study right up to the

10th and complete their I.C.S.E. Mrs. Jamali remembers that a few years ago she had an autistic student who appeared for the Boards and scores a 62%.

What we love is that an all inclusive school doesn't only benefit children who could have missed out on an education but it gives what we call 'regular' children a chance to develop their sense of tolerance, patience and empathy, qualities sorely missing in today's day and age.

Looking at the work that Mrs Jamali and her staff do we are sure the parents too feel very blessed to have the sanctuary that is beacon High

### Teachers Day Poem

Teachers are dedicated to our education,  
This is their passion and their liberation.

Their sincere kindness, warm feeling it brings,  
They guide and protect us under their wings.

They don't just instruct, but encourage and believe,  
That there's nothing out there we cannot achieve.

They think about our future all the time,  
Work tirelessly to direct us away from conflicts and crime.

At the end of the day teachers do understand,  
It takes both tools and love for our young minds to expand.

**Farzad Aspi Driver** is a student of The BJPC Institution studying in the 10th grade. The 14-year-old is an ordained priest.



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education. It not only trains what we all call 'normal' students but equips those who are differently-abled to excel at academics too.

It takes a remarkable effort to facilitate those with special needs and Mrs. Jamali and her team have really done it. They have on board a complete unit of special educators who work with these children ranging from a psychiatrist to a speech therapist to councilors, psychologists and remedial teachers.

The children at Beacon High include those who are physically and mentally challenged as well as the hearing and visually impaired. Most of them study here till they reach the 7th or 8th grade and then shift to vocational schools like Dilkhush or Sadhana. Rarely do they study right up to the 10th and complete their I.C.S.E. Mrs. Jamali remembers that a few years ago she had an autistic student who appeared for the Boards and scores a 62%.

What we love is that an all inclusive school doesn't only benefit children who could have missed out on an education but it gives what we call 'regular' children a chance to develop their sense of tolerance, patience and empathy, qualities sorely missing in today's day and age.

Looking at the work that Mrs Jamali and her staff do, we are sure the parents too feel very blessed to have the sanctuary that is Beacon High for their kids. In fact, the very active website of the School, Mrs. Jamali informs us is an effort of not only her staff but her school parents' as well!

Mrs. Jamali was inspired by her mother to create an all inclusive atmosphere at Beacon High.

When she was younger, she watched her

mother initiate the practice of teaching visually impaired students at a school where she worked. Mrs. Jamali picked up the courage, attitude, passion and idea from her mother.

Apart from being the Principal of the 700 strong School, Mrs Jamali is also a 10th Grade Geography Teacher. She is quite a disciplinarian when it comes to cell phones and rules etc but otherwise a liberal educator. Though books have taken a back seat, she says in the age of the computer and the cell phone, we try to initiate book reading through our library classes.

Mrs. Jamali is excited that youngsters like Hoshang Gotla are keeping the spirit of Community youth alive and has offered the premises of her beloved Beacon High to XYZ for its Indoor Mania Event next weekend and has generously offered to feed all the participants as well!

Mrs. Jamali doesn't hesitate to tell us that she eats, breathes and sleeps teaching! We don't hesitate to tell her that she rocks!

### Teachers Day Poem

Teachers are dedicated to our education,  
This is their passion and their liberation.

Their sincere kindness, warm feeling it brings,  
They guide and protect us under their wings.

They don't just instruct, but encourage and believe,  
That there's nothing out there we cannot achieve.

They think about our future all the time,  
Work tirelessly to direct us away from conflicts and crime.

At the end of the day teachers do understand,  
It takes both tools and love for our young minds to expand.

**Farzad Aspi Driver** is a student of The BJPC Institution studying in the 10th grade. The 14-year-old is an ordained Priest.



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**Date** : 26th September, 2015  
**Venue** : The B.J.P.C. Institution, 33, M. Karve Marg,  
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# Resounding Success



Delaveen Tarapore

The much awaited Holistic Program for Youth organised by HPY aimed to provide the youth with professional and expertise guidance turned out to exceed all expectations.

The two day programme, that saw more than 80 students from various age groups- ranging from 15 year olds to working professionals of about the age of 30, gathered to absorb as much from three industry stalwarts and priced jewels of our Community!

The event pulled off on an electrifying note with the event's prime organiser and HPY's much loved mentor, Diana Marfatia- fondly known as 'Dee' by HPYites, introducing the head honcho of UTV and Founder of Unilazer and Swades Foundation - Mr. Ronnie Screwvala.

In his opening speech, Screwvala not only set the event rolling but immediately

needed to fulfil that demand.

His message of conviction and determination stood tall in front of his audience by means of confidence and the pure image of success, backed up by his own experiences. "The movie 'Rang De Basanti' which went on to be a huge hit at the box office was on the rocks just days before its release due to discrepancies from the Censor Board. However, it was conviction and persistence that we were finally able to convince the Board authorities that every scene of the movie is vital and stands from being altered", reminisced Screwvala urging the students to have faith in their work.

Screwvala parted on a generous note by distributing copies of his recently released biography- 'Dream With Your Eyes Open' that emphasises the normalcy of failure in life and the need to perceive such incidents as an opportunity towards the path to success.

From herein, the main Speaker and one of the most vibrant personalities

The Product which is best sold, sells. Thus make sure you position yourself effectively accordingly", said Malia. The fun-loving and engaging Malia backed his theory by showcasing a video on 'Power of Vision' and presenting two workbooks which can be used as reference point in future as well. Finally, the sun set for the day with children looking forward for Day-2.

The rather 'not-so-sunny Sunday' took off on an informative note with

leadership through empowering words and message conveying videos. "Participants needed to understand the importance of vision, commitment, team positions, co-ordination and time precision, that we all need to practice several times if all want to

## HOLIDAY PROGRAMME FOR YOUTH

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The degree of success of the event could be gauged from the intensity of the questions asked by each participant at the culmination of each session. The enlightening two days came to a concluding note with the organisers

gifting a token of appreciation to the Key speakers for both days and parting the students with certificates that sealed the minds of the students with bouts of information and lasting memories. The cherry on the cake moment came across when every organiser was felicitated for his or her contribution to this 'worth it all event'; with a special recognition to Diana Marfatia, Hoshang Gotla and Huzan Forbes for investing and building in on our Youth!



Participants performing the NASA Activity assigned by Homa Merchant and Adil Malia

Everyone is able to point out what is wrong, but very rarely do we have people who show how to make it right. Our youth certainly is comparable to the best in terms of their potential and my first-blush observation is that their value systems also seem to be intact.



Adil Malia

highlighted the main purpose of the gathering, which was to give direction and career guidance to those who are yet to make the right choices in the line of business. "It's alright if you are still confused about the kind of career you wish to pursue, but once you reach the crossroad and make the ultimate decision then make sure you give your hundred percent henceforth", quoted Screwvala, highlighting the need for today's generation to equip themselves with the understanding of the mind-set of the audience they intend to cater to and the communication skills that are

of the two day workshop- Mr. Adil Malia took over after a sumptuous lunch provided by Khambata Caterers.

Mr. Malia proved to be very successful in enlightening the youngsters on the need to cultivate the art of crisp and precise resume writing, followed by parting in-depth knowledge on the verbal tools that could be effectively put to use in order to ace any job interview. "Your inherent passion and burning desire to make something out of yourself will take you that extra mile. Always remember, 'The Product which is the best does not always sell.

You can be a leader if you have followers; Teams don't come ready made; only groups come together when they have an aggregated purpose. Wining does not make an effective team but effective team teams have higher chances of success.



Homa Merchant

Rustomji stated and divulged more details on those educational institutes for various courses throughout the country, that offer reservations for Parsis.

The day further rolled on with sessions conducted by Malia on 'Team spirit' and the perks of 'Effective Leadership'. The knowledge imparted through the two days was supported by the expertise of the very elegant- Mrs. Homa Merchant, who herself a G.M. of Sir HN Reliance Foundation Hospital, asserted the need of team building and strategizing

gain excellence in our field of work", emphasised Merchant. The session got an interesting boost of energy with Merchant and Malia rolling out an activity based on a 'NASA experiment' that aimed to enhance the concept of leadership qualities amongst the participants along with the intention of developing the basic sense of resource maximization. The evenings on both the days had a refreshing approach thanks to the yummy snacks offered to everyone by Rayomand Bomi Khambata of 'Khambata Caterers'. The concluding seminar began at around 5pm with Diana introducing the

We were a little apprehensive about the receptiveness of the younger generation towards such topics. However, the footfalls and the interaction by the students on the both the days has overwhelmed me and I wish to carry out many such infotainment (information and entertainment) sessions in future. It was a resounding success!



Diana Marfatia

Life is full of paradoxes. Everything can be stated as either right or wrong depending on that particular time frame. Strive to find out your purpose and your means will follow.



Boman Irani

### WHAT THE PARTICIPANTS HAD TO SAY...

#### Delraaz Bunshah

"I was a part of the extended organising committee for this particular programme. Our mentor Dee, made it a point that each of us attend it and I'm more than glad I did. I've not only got clarity on how to write my c.v. or prepare for an interview but have also learned what it truly takes to be a good leader. We were made to participate in team building activities which enabled every individual to understand the basics of team work, coordination and delegation. These two days have certainly made a lasting impact on me."



#### Patricia Merchant

The Holistic Professional Development programme was an exhilarating experience. I learnt about resume writing skills, how to ace interviews, leadership skills which was very informative and motivating. I read about this event in Parsi Times and immediately decided to attend it and now I am so glad and satisfied. The great speakers Ronnie Screwvala, Adil Malia, Homa Merchant, Farokh Rustomji, Boman Irani really guided us and made us learn and grasp so much that we can utilise this knowledge for the rest of our lives. A big thank you to the HPY organizing committee and the mentor Diana Marfatia that made it happen.



#### Rayomand B. Khambata, Khambata Caterers

It was a very heartening experience for me to serve meals on both the days. Members from HPY encouraged me to bid for the catering contract which was luckily given to me, so that I could demonstrate my ability to serve good food. I myself am an ex-HPYite and I'm thankful to the HPY committee for giving me such an opportunity. This initiative taken by HPY committee- kudos to Ms. Diana Marfatia and the team- was definitely a very innovative event which helped the youngsters gain experience on leadership skills and a positive approach towards life and career. This was my first contract with HPY and I certainly wish to associate with them for such similar events in the future so that I can take my family business 'Khambata Caterers' to a new level. Especially when the youngsters came and appreciated the food that was served, I was thrilled! Mission accomplished!



## THE BYRAMJEE JEEJEBHOY PARSEE CHARITABLE INSTITUTION ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Parsee Charitable Institution Alumni Association will celebrate **Founder's Day** by performing the Annual Jashan Ceremony and giving Prizes and Scholarships to meritorious Zoroastrian students of the Institution, on Saturday **12th September 2015** at the Institution's premises at 33, M. Karve Road, Opp. Charni Road Rly. Station at **5.00 p.m.**

**Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, 8th Bt.** has kindly consented to be the Chief Guest and **Lady Delara Jejeebhoy** to give the Prizes. The function will be followed by a **contributory dinner.**

Donor's passes will be available from the Institution's office between 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. All Alumni are requested to participate and grace the occasion.

All Alumni are requested to send to the Institution by post or by E-mail to [bjpci.alumni@gmail.com](mailto:bjpci.alumni@gmail.com) their name, address, telephone number, E-mail id, and year of joining/leaving the Institution to enable the Association to update the data and computerise the List of Members for future communication.

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**THANE KHORDAD SAAL CELEBRATION WITH A TOP COP**

By P.T. Reader Percy Karani

The Thana Parsi Zoroastrian Anjuman (TPZA) celebrated Parsi New Year & Khordad Saal with a function on the 23rd of August. The evening began with a Jashan at the Patell Agyari that was attended by Zoroastrians from Thane and the surrounding areas. The Jashan was performed by 5 Dastoorjis lead by Ervad Behramsha Sidhwa who also conducted Hum Bandagi after the Jashan.

The crowd then shifted to the popular Coconut Lagoon at Hiranandani Meadows Thane, owned by the enterprising Mr. Dickey Makati. Mr. Makati personally overlooked the arrangements at the venue and left no stone unturned to ensure that this function conducted by TPZA was a grand success.

Mrs. Yasmin Wadia sponsored a bus to transport people to the venue, for which the TPZA Trustees extended their thanks.

The function started with Hum Bandagi followed by a minute's silence to mark respect for the departed souls in the recent past. Thereafter began the fun with Housie, a kids fancy dress and lots of activity.

The Guest of Honour, Retired Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr. Sam Darabsha Patel, accompanied by his wife Mrs. Daisy Patel, was welcomed by the Treasurer Mr. Dara Wadia and was noticeably happy to see the festive atmosphere. The Trustees assembled at the dais to felicitate the Guest of Honor.

President Mr. Zarsis Udhawala introduced him and said that during Mr. Sam Patels' tenure in the police department, one that

spanned over three and a half decades, he had received the Presidents Medal for meritorious services, the Director General of Police Insignia for outstanding performance, a special memento from the Commissioner of Police on his retirement, as well as 225 Good Entries, 69 Commendatory Notes and 75 Letters of Appreciation. Apart from this, he has received several awards from non Government Agencies such as Rotary Clubs, colleges and several foundations.

He continued to account Mr. Patels' journey. When posted at Sahar International Airport during his stint in the Traffic Control Branch of Mumbai Police he observed the sorry plight of passengers being fleeced when they arrived from abroad. Severe action against the notorious taxi drivers were taken but it served little purpose. DCP Shri P. S. Pashricha formed Pre-paid Taxi Service Scheme which was entrusted to



From L-R Kersasap Patva, Pervez Bhesania, Retd ACP MR. Sam Patel, & President Zarsis Udhawala



Retd ACP MR. Sam Patel Given a Memento By Hon. Sec. Percy Karani From L-R Kersasap Patva, Pervez Bhesania

Police Inspector Sam D. Patel and he implemented the same. The fleecing ended and the successful system was emulated by foreign Governments as well!

Retd. ACP Mr. Sam D. Patel was felicitated with a Plaque & garland by Secretary Mr. Percy Karani and Mr. Zarsis D. Udhawala respectively. His gracious wife Daisy was felicitated with a Flower Bouquet by Mr. Pervez Bhesania - Vice President. When invited to address the audience Mr. Sam Patel thanked the Trustees and the audience for inviting him and that he felt very humbled. Mr. Sam Patel laid emphasis on the fact that the need of the hour was for all Zoroastrians to be united and that we should join hands in the face

of all adversities and not quarrel amongst ourselves.

He also made a very eye opening revelation, i.e. that there are only two Parsi officers in the department,

holding the rank of Inspector of Police. When he had joined the police force there were more than ten times as many Parsi police officers and most amongst them were of DCP and ACP rank. He also emphasized the need for Parsi officers, citing two incidents

during his career where offences were committed within the premises of an Atash Behram & an Agiary and in both cases he was asked by his seniors to investigate and solve the cases which, with the grace of God, he was able to do but the point he made was that God forbid what will be the scenario in the event there were no Parsi officers available to investigate the offences that might take place within the Holy premises of our Fire Temples or Atash Behrams. With this in mind he urged the younger generation to join the police force, either at sub inspector level or alternatively go in for IPS and join the police force directly at the rank of DCP. At the end of the talk, the points made by him were welcomed by a

thunderous applause.

At this juncture Mr. Dickey Makati took the opportunity to recognize the services of the Senior most Trustees of TPZA, i.e. Mr. Zarsis D. Udhawala (President), Mr. Pervez Bhesania (Vice President) & Mr. Dara Wadia (Treasurer) by presenting a Shawl to them. This was followed by prize distribution to the winners of the Fancy Dress Competition and recognition of achievers in the different areas of academic excellence.

Jt. Treasurer Mr. Rumi Kasad gave a vote of thanks. He profoundly thanked the Chief Guest & his wife for gracing the occasion and also acknowledged the services of Mrs. Yasmin Wadia, Mrs. Ruxana Irani, Ms. Sammanaz Irani, Mrs. Havovi Billimoria, Mrs. Parinaz Gandhi, Mrs. Baktaver Bhagwar, Mrs. Khorshed Bhesnia, Mrs. Shernbaz Bam, and Mrs. Frey Patel for making the function a grand success. He thanked Mr. Dickey Makati and team Coconut Lagoon for their services and for the good sound & music facility and last but most importantly the wonderful audience in excess of 160 participants without whom it was not possible for the function to be a hit.

The entertaining function was followed by a subsidized yet mouth watering dinner catered by Coconut Lagoon. All those who attended the function enjoyed the food and went home with a smile and sense contentment.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

Contd. from Pg. 03

position they hold as Trustees of the BPP. Were the other Trustees in the boardroom sleeping, or chose to remain mere spectators, watching this sordid drama in the boardroom?

Now we are hearing about some consensus being formed among the warring Trustees to bury the old hatchets, forget their feuds and compromise on all issues they bitterly fought for! What a mockery of the moral values so dear to our hearts! In the boardroom they shout and abuse each other and then make peace just to safeguard their seats! If the leaders can stoop so low, how will the Community ever rise and attain its past glory?

Though there is denial about a consensus, there can be no smoke without fire. It means they are ready to sell their souls, to retain the power. The booty found in the cupboard of late Mr. Mehali Colah raises further doubts about their integrity. The matter which was declared closed without proper scrutiny is to be reopened. It is a

fact that justice is hardly delivered, more often it is bought with money and power.

We voted the Trustees to serve us, but they assumed the role of dictators terrorizing and punishing all those who did not follow their commands. There was no unity and harmony as there were conflicts of interest, each wanting to get the major share of benefits. More skeletons have tumbled out of the closet after their break up, revealing them in their true colors.

The Community really and truly needs to have a completely new board. We do not want even the shadow of the old board, which has emptied our coffers and brought shame and disgrace to the Community. In spite of total confusion and chaos caused by them in the seven years of their tenure they have the audacity to offer their candidature once again, or send their family members to stand in their place. Not even their sons and daughters, spouse and siblings

or their comrades having the minds of religious fanaticism should be voted for this prestigious position. Unless all the scams are cleared, all accounts are made public, all details of housing allotments, are brought under scrutiny, they or their family members have no moral right to stand for the next election.

Honesty, transparency and genuine philanthropic attitude, have no doubt been the hallmark of Parsi DNA over centuries. But sadly we have lost it somehow, somewhere!

For over a thousand years we have been loyal citizens of this country. The scheme of election of BPP was framed by Mr. Limji Banaji in the year 1911. Four separate registers and an electoral college were established for voting purpose. Later a donor's register was created giving voting rights to the donors. The selected Trustees came from an elite group of respected families, mostly from the families of the honorable philanthropists who took the responsibility to serve

the Community with dedication, compassion and with utmost humility. There was no question of any fraud, nepotism, corruption, shady deals, and conflicts of interest during the period from 1911 to 2008. In the last seven years we have lost all that the BPP earned in those 97 glorious years of their existence.

The last seven year period, the darkest in the history of our Community, is getting over and the Community is getting a chance to right the wrongs committed by the previous regime. Unfortunately the ill effects of the past have left scars which are hard to heal. Many worthy candidates of high merits shy away from entering the dirty politics of BPP. It is an appeal to all such worthy candidates that if you are proud to be Zoroastrians, if you have time, talent, vision, skill and dedication to serve the Community, please offer your services to your Community not for the power of position, not to make personal gains but as your duty towards your beloved Community and

specially for a humanitarian cause to serve the poor and the deprived.

There are real precious jewels in the Community with strong values, balanced judgment, administrative skills, men of wisdom, knowledge and experience to steer the BPP ship to the right destination. Beware of the imitation stones which have the luster but no value. We all want a changed united enlightened board of Trustees who can serve for the welfare of the Community, preserve and protect our funds and properties, take care of the needy and under privileged and above all establish peace and harmony in the Community. Once we have trustworthy Trustees, the flow of donation will also start pouring in and we shall regain our prestige and dignity which is a hallmark of our Community.

Election is a rare opportunity, voting is our religious duty. So wake up to fight against tyranny, nepotism and bring back peace and sanity in the Community.

Piroja Homi Jokhi



**Nozzer Pardiwala**

## BAPAI Mammi is BACK...

“Oh! So you are a Parsi?” This would be the instant reaction from, almost, anyone I would introduce myself to.

“Yes!” would be my humble reply.

“But you don’t look like a Parsi.” The overtly honest observation!

Initially, I would wonder... What am I to look like... to look like a Parsi...???

Maybe... be in my Dagli all the times like actors

playing roles of Parsi Bawas in Hindi movies ...not feasible...

Maybe... have horns on my head ...obnoxious...

Maybe... keep swearing intermittently ... Never!

...or ...maybe ...carry a sign board stating ... “I am a Parsi!” Weird!!

Later in life, I learnt the harsh reality of what that statement “You don’t look like a Parsi.” meant.

One of my Aunts, who had a bigger mouth than a crocodile, would never leave a chance to announce to my parents ... “Taro dikro toh ek dum dhera jevo lagech.”

I didn’t care because I never made sense of what she said. But the evident upset on my Dad’s face told me ... it wasn’t a compliment for sure.

Over and over I kept hearing those words from various obnoxiously- honestly -brutal aunts and uncles and more subtly from my cousins and clan.

Finally I decided I wanted to know what it actually implied. Google wasn’t there! But I managed.

It implied that I wasn’t as FAIR-SKINNED as Parsi’s usually are. ... almost, milk like.

I tried washing my face thrice a day with Multani Matti and rose water... it didn’t work ... I looked into the mirror more number of times than normal but that worsened the situation.

I was fast reaching the

conclusion that I needed a plastic surgery or a makeover like Michael Jackson.

Finally when out of my teens and into the acceptance phase of accepting gladly however God created me ...I said ... “What the hell? Is colour going to define my being?”

I looked at pictures from magazines of famous

and unfathomable. I am sure any girl who shall look into them, will ever bother to notice the colour of your skin.”

It flattered me no end ...my deflated self-esteem pumped back in little measures. She made me realise... there was more to me than, only, colour.

Later, she shared that when she was growing up she too was taunted of having difficulty in finding a perfect groom. She gladly told that Mamma fell in love with her and had told her something similar... “Your tresses are so beautiful I can’t stop staring at them.”

“He was almost bald when he came to see me. I instantly said YES! For him the colour of my skin didn’t matter and for me his baldness. Love has no eyes but it can see. It can see beyond flesh and body. It can peep into our inner self.”

Bappai Mammi’s words made me feel like Prince Charming and I was willing to turn back into a frog for the love of my life.

Finally I fell in love ... first, with my own lost self ... later, with a beautiful soul ... who, neither is fair nor a Parsi but an amazing human being.

I started looking at the Photo Albums again... I looked at myself ...the new me ... especially my eyes ...I smiled and looked at my clan and said ... “Let me have my new found pride and you guys keep your prejudice.”

Years later, 4th September 2015, Bapai Mammi walked into the living room in her knee length floral gavan. Thankfully she never used cologne water like all the other oldies.

She had been in her room for a while. Carrying a couple of papers in her hand, she walked in and said, “Chalo badha baisi jao Jo.” We all sat in attendance.

“This is my will!” placing

the papers on the teapoy, she said.

“Will!” We all exclaimed in unison.

“Aesu wari ... Khali will banavich ... ajhun jivvani cheo”

“Of course Bappai Mammi” I said picking up the papers. “You still have to see Toto’s navjote and then Bobo’s wedding and then Bobo’s kids Navjote and then...” Realising, I was stretching it too far, Bapai Mammi gave me a stare.

“Like as in why? Will?” I couldn’t get the exact vocabulary to express my feelings.

“Why not now? I am not seventeen, I am aging... ne aaje nahi to kale... it’s going to be a reality.”

My elder son Bobo, jokingly said, “Etle Bappai Mammi all your phatela leghas will be moms right?”

To that my wife sternly said, “Behave!”

“Nahi Nahi masti karech emha shu thau... I only have told him the stories of our past when my dad was laying on death bed... all we brothers and sisters were waiting with bated breath to know what each one of us was going to get and then my dad announced that he simply had only seven phatela leghas.”

“But... I mean...!” I still couldn’t get the right words.

“It’s not a will for my possessions alone it is also for a very important thing.” Bappai Mammi announced.

We all were looking at Bappai Mammi with anticipated awe. We were sure she was going to come up with something unusual!

“Joa mane Mara java pachi I kai jungle maan na chori avta. Kagraon mane kaddi khai tevu please na karta.” We all were almost still.

“In utmost sensibilities and without any pressure or manipulation from anybody I will that after my death my body should be cremated at the



Be who you are and say what you feel because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind.  
-Dr. Seuss

“I so much wish Obama would have been elected President of US then... But nevertheless I found solace in Bapai Mammi... Who else?”

**IF ONLY CLOSED MINDS CAME WITH CLOSED MOUTHS**

personalities who were not fair-skinned... but... they weren’t Parsis either. My fairer cousins almost gave a complex of sorts. I wondered which part of my DNA I missed inheriting.

I avoided viewing pictures from Navjote and Lagan albums for the reason that it wasn’t time of Photoshop and filtered images so I knew I would appear in those picture exactly the way I am ...less fair than my clan.

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When she entered our home to live with us forever... she came in with a lots of wealth, not only in materialistic terms but also in terms of her wealth of wisdom. For me she came like a boon ... her skin colour and mine was matching and finally I realised whose genetic material I had borrowed in excess.

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**BAPAI Mammi**

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new crematorium." She read out loud and clear, from  
the paper, as if, she was giving a speech for the next Lok  
Sabha elections. "Ne chaar diwas time hoi toh bhanaojo  
tya aaj." Looking towards me through her glasses she  
continued, "Ne nahi hoi, I am sure naich hoshe toh kain  
nanhin, remember me in your minds." Looking at our two  
sons she said.

Both, Dodo and Toto, impulsively reached out to her,  
hugged her. While Dodo was busy fondling with her upper  
arm, she said, "Time che ajhun!"

Toto pulled out the tickets and said, "But picture noh  
time thai gayon, aren't we going to watch ...The Path of  
Zar... Zar..." My wife filled in for him... "Zarathustra... The  
path of Zarathustra."

Bappia Mammi handing over the papers to me said,  
"Yes chalo chalo, sava bar no show che. A movie about  
Parsi's by a Parsi is as rare as us. Let's not miss it."

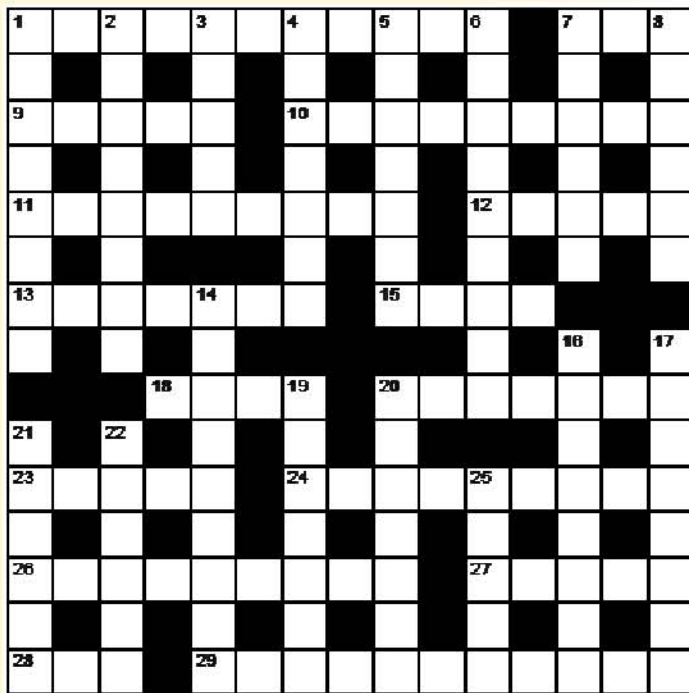
Bappai Mammi dressed up like a queen that day,  
she looked her best... I felt. Her speckles, turquoise,  
lace-bordered sari, topped with her pearl necklace, her  
whiter than snow white mane, could have given Queen  
Elizabeth a run for her money. She moved with child-like  
enthusiasm and youthful joy, yet, ageless elegance. She  
was keen to see the Movie. I believe, she was almost sure,  
it harmonized with her ideologies.

Keeping away the papers in the Godrej Cupboard  
locker, I smiled. Those papers weren't really going to  
come handy, not at least in the near future.

To be continued... Review of The Path of Zarathustra ...  
Bapai Mammi style.

# PARSI TIMES

## BAWAJI BHEJA FRY



**Across**

- 1 Jamshyd Godrej is the chairman of this company (6 & 5)
- 7 \_\_\_ and dried : ready, inflexible? (3)
- 9 Of or pertaining to the Emerald Isle north of England? (5)
- 10 Make clear (9)
- 11 Will it sniff out the criminal on the run - usually a Doberman or an Alsatian? (6,3)
- 12 Arbitrary decree (5)
- 13 "Son sure" to change for one who do not consume? (3-4)
- 15 A kind of ceremony (4)
- 18 Naval Off. In Charge (4)
- 20 Raise, lift up or exalt (7)
- 23 Navsari based pickle manufacturers (5)
- 24 The third Gatha (9)
- 26 Estimate or reckon? (6,3)
- 27 Kanhai of West Indies (5)
- 28 Tippler or drunkard (3)
- 29 Some inconsistency in statement of facts or claims (11)

**Down**

- 1 Grasping or holding firmly or tightly (8)
- 2 Making a hole in the tooth? (8)
- 3 Principle of conduct (5)
- 4 Device for mixing foods, flavours, etc. (7)
- 5 Junior (7)
- 6 Good manners and behaviour? (9)
- 7 Short scarf or necktie (6)
- 8 Of rain, poured down (6)
- 14 Asphyxiated, strangled or suffocated (9)
- 16 Our former PM Dr \_\_\_ Singh (8)
- 17 Propensity, inclination (8)
- 19 Import duties, etc (7)
- 20 A device used for expelling or evacuating (7)
- 21 Small boats (6)
- 22 Aspersion (6)
- 25 Pest of roses (5)

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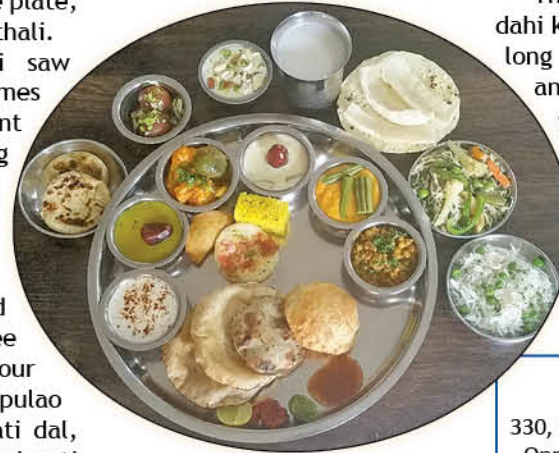
## 4 STARS FOR GOLDEN STAR

Veg Jaipuri and Ringna Batata Sambharia defined the main course. Made of mung, dessicated coconut and a hint of spice, Mung masala

peas, capsicum, florets of cauliflower, french beans and garnished with cheese, it was a sweet yet delectable Rajasthani special.

Starters, main course and desserts all in one plate, is how I define a thali.

Golden Star Thali saw the team of Parsi Times at their restaurant for experiencing their traditional Dehati Rasoi Utsav thali. Comprising of small fluffy pooris, bajra ni bhakri and soft chapattis, three different farsans, four types of vegetables, pulao and plain rice, Gujarati dal, Marwadi dal bati, Gujarati dahi kadhi, three desserts and accompaniments like salad, papad, saria, pickles, assorted chutneys and chaas, the thali was nothing less than a hearty and sumptuous King's feast.



The sweet Gujarti dal and dahi kadhi went well with the long grains of basmati rice and dollops of shudh desi ghee poured over it. The meal ended with the delicious special kesar puranpoli, soft and sweet gulab jamuns and dry fruit srikhand, drained down with a glass of chaas. At INR

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was a well balanced dish. Saraghwa ni singh consisting of boiled drumsticks cooked with a paste of gram flour and yogurt was a thick gravy with an interesting mix of spices. Ringna Batata Sambharia was an amalgamation of eggplants (brinjals) and potatoes. The showstopper amongst them all was the Veg Jaipuri. Created with an assortment of healthy veggies like carrots,

430 per thali, it is indeed a steal and absolutely value for money. If you are the 'paisa vasool' type then I suggest you to skip breakfast as I'm sure you will be left with no place for dinner after gorging on this extensive meal. The Utsav will last till the 13th of September, so hurry now or repent later.



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જો તમારો જન્મ સપ્ટેમ્બરની ૦૫મી તારીખે થયો હોય તો..

તમારે પૈસાનો વ્યવહાર ખૂબ જ સમજી વિચારીને કરવો. હાથ નીચેના માણસોથી ખૂબ જ સાવચેત રહેવું, નહીં તો દગો થાય અથવા થોડીઘણી ચોરી થાય. ધંધાકીય વાતચીત કે ગુમ વાત કોઈને કહેવી નહી. બની શકે તો ભાગીદારીથી દૂર રહેજો નહીં તો વિશ્વાસઘાત થાય. જૂની વસ્તુને નવું સ્વરૂપ આપીને વેચવાથી લાભ થાય તેમ જ જમીન-ઘર કે ધાતુના વ્યાપારથી ફાયદો થાય. બીજાઓ તમારો સ્વભાવ સમજી નહીં શકે. એમ છતાં તમે સ્વભાવે ઉદાર હશે. તમારી ઈચ્છાશક્તિ ખૂબ જ બળવાન હશે. આત્મવિશ્વાસ પથ્થર જેવો હશે. બીજા પર કરેલા ઉપકારનો બદલો ક્યારે પણ નહીં મળે. જશને બદલે જૂતા મળશે. તમને ગુમ થયેલો ખૂબ જ પરેશાન કરશે. તમારા લગ્ન સમયે યાદગાર બનાવ અને અથવા તમારા લગ્ન નવીન અને અજાયબીથી ભરેલા હશે. શ્વસુરપક્ષનાં સગાંઓથી તકલીફ થશે અથવા તેમની દેખભાળ કરવી પડશે. તમારા મિત્ર કે કાર્યક્ષેત્રથી તમને ઘણીવાર અન્યાય થશે. એથી તમે ઈશ્વર પર વધુ વિશ્વાસ રાખશો. તમારે શારીરિક બાબતમાં ઉલટી, આડા, અપચો, વા કે સંધિવા, સારણગાંઠ વગેરેથી સંભાળવું પડશે.

શુભ રંગ: કાળો, શુભ નંગ: ગનમેટલ

આ વર્ષમાં કોઈ પણ યાદગાર બનાવ બની રહેશે: ૪, ૮, ૧૩, ૧૭, ૨૨, ૨૬, ૩૧, ૩૫, ૪૨, ૪૪, ૪૮, ૫૩, ૫૬, ૫૮, ૬૨, ૭૧, ૮૦.

- તુષુર

લીખા બહેરામના કૂવાનો આઠ્યાત્મિક જાદુ એ કંઈ નવી વાત નથી. ૨૩મી જુલાઈ, ગુરુવારે કોમના સભ્યોએ ભારે ટ્રાફિક તથા ઘોઘમાર વરસાદની પરવા કર્યા વિના સ્ટેઈન ગ્લાસના છાપરા, કૂવાના પ્રેમના વિશાળ છત્ર નીચે એકઠા થયા હતા. કૂવાની આસપાસ એકઠા થયેલા કોમના સભ્યો સાથેની રસપ્રદ વાતચીતમાં, વડા દસ્તુર ખુરશેદ દસ્તુરજી ૨૭૦ વર્ષ પહેલા ઉદવાડા પહોંચેલા ઈરાનશાહની એ પૂર્વેની યાત્રા વિશે બોલ્યા હતા. ઉદવાડા વિશેની ઓછી જાણીતી તથા ખૂબ જ રસપ્રદ હકીકતો વિશે તેઓ બોલ્યા હતા અને જ્યારે બધા ઉદવાડાની રસપ્રદ વાતોમાં ગૂંથાઈ ગયા હતા ત્યારે તેમણે મુસ્કરાતા કહ્યું બાકીની વાતો પચીસમી, છવ્વીસમી અને સત્યાવીસમી ડિસેમ્બરે ઈરાનશાહ ઉદવાડા ઉત્સવમાં થશે. આઈયુયુ એવી બાબત છે જેની વાટ આપણે સૌ ઉત્કંઠાપૂર્વક જોઈ રહ્યા છીએ. અમે દસ્તુરજીના મૂલ્યવાન સમયમાંથી પાંચ મિનિટ લીધી (હવે તેમનો સમય વધુ કીમતી છે કેમ કે તેમના પર આઈયુયુના પ્લાનિંગની જવાબદારી છે) અને તેમની સાથે ઉત્સવ વિશે વાત કરી.



**પારસી ટાઈમ્સ:** ઈરાનશાહ ઉદવાડા ઉત્સવ વિશે તમે ઉત્સાહિત છો?

**દસ્તુરજી:** ચોકકસ જ હા! આપણા વડા પ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદીનો એક ડ્રીમ પ્રોજેક્ટ હતો, જેની તેઓ આપણને અવારનવાર યાદ કરાવતા. આ સપનું હવે પારસીઓને સાથે લાવી એક કે બે દિવસ માટે ઉદવાડામાં ઉત્સવ કરવાનું, જ્યાં વિશ્વભરમાંથી બધા પારસીઓ આવે. આ એ સપનાની પૂર્તિ છે.

**પી.ટી.:** વડા પ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદી અને આપણી કોમના રતન રતન તાતા હાજર રહેવાના છે છતાં લોકોએ આઈયુયુના ધાર્મિક વડા તરીકે કોમના લોકો આઈયુયુના આઠ્યાત્મિક મહત્વ વિશે યાદ અપાવવા બાબતે તમારા પર કેવું દબાણ છે?

**દસ્તુરજી:** અમે આઈયુયુને દ્વિ-વાર્ષિક (દર બે વર્ષે એક વાર) કાર્યક્રમ બનાવવા માગીએ છીએ અને વધુ લોકો માત્ર ઉદવાડા આવી પાછા જાય એટલું જ નહીં. તેઓ ઉદવાડાની સંસ્કૃતિ અનુભવતા તથા આ વિચારને પોતાનામાં ઉતારે એવું અમે ઈચ્છીએ છીએ. સૌ પ્રથમ, આપણે જાણીએ છીએ કે ઉદવાડા આપણું છે- ઉદવાડા આપણું છે, આપણાં ઈરાનશાહ, આપણું આતશ બહેરામ...આમ છતાં માંડ ૫૦ થી ૧૦૦ લોકો જ અહીં નિયમિતપણે આવે છે. આ ઉત્સવ દેખાડશે કે ઉદવાડા કેટલું મહત્વનું છે. પહેલીવાર લોકો અહીં મોટી સંખ્યામાં આવશે. આપણું સામર્થ્ય દેખાડવા માટે ઉજવણીની ખરેખર જરૂર છે.

**પી.ટી.:** ઉદવાડામાં રહેતા લોકો આ ઉત્સવ વિશે કેટલા સ્વીકાર્ય છે? 'તમે ઉત્સવને આટલું મોટું શા માટે કરો છો?' એવી ટિપ્પણી તથા સામાન્ય ડ્રામા વગેરે થાય છે? આ બધાની આસપાસ બહુ ડ્રામા છે અથવા તમે એ બાબતથી ખુશ છો કે ડ્રામાનું પ્રમાણ ઓછું છે?

**દસ્તુરજી:** ઓછા કે વધુ ડ્રામાનો આ પ્રશ્ન નથી કેમ કે ત્યાં રહેતા લોકો અત્યારે ૭૦ વર્ષની ઉપરના છે. તેઓ એ બાબતથી ચિંતિત છે કે લોકો પૂરતા પ્રમાણમાં ઉદવાડા આવતા નથી અને આ શહેર ધીમે ધીમે ભૂતિયું

## કૂવા પર ઉદવાડાની વાત

શહેર બની રહ્યું છે. અમે બધા જ નવી પેઢીને જોવા માગીએ છીએ. તેઓ હંમેશા અહીં જ રહ્યા છે એટલે તેઓ બહારના લોકોને જોવા અને અભુવવા માગે છે. તમારી અને મારી જેમ બહાર નીકળીને તેઓ દુનિયા ફર્યા નથી. તેઓ વિવિધ લોકોને જોવા અને મળવા માગે છે. પવિત્રતા વગેરેને લગતા નિયમોને ધ્યાનમાં રાખી તેઓએ મુલાકાતીઓથી થોડું અંતર ચોકકસ જ રાખવું પડશે એટલે તેમને મળવાનું સાવ સરળ તો નહીં જ હોય. પણ એકવાર તમે મોબેટો સાથે વાત કરશો, તમને જાણ થશે કે ઉદવાડાના લોકો કેટલા અદભુત છે?

**પી.ટી.:** આઈયુયુ બીજા બધાથી અલગ કઈ રીતે છે?

**દસ્તુરજી:** સૌ પ્રથમ તો અમે કોઈ પણ પંચાયતના લોકોને આમાં સાંકળ્યા નથી.

**પી.ટી.:** આ બાબતે તમે નિરાંત અનુભવો છો?

**દસ્તુરજી:** હજી હમાણા નહીં કેમ કે આ બાબતનો બહુ પ્રચાર થયો નથી, પણ તેનો પ્રચાર થશે એટલે એ થશે પણ હું એની માટે તૈયાર છું. વડાપ્રધાનના સ્વપ્નની પૂર્તિ તરીકે હું આને થતું જોવા માંગું છું.

**પી.ટી.:** વડાપ્રધાન સિવાયના અન્ય મહાનુભાવોનું શું? રાજ્યના કોઈ અન્ય મહાનુભાવો જે આ ઉત્સવમાં આવવાના છે?

**દસ્તુરજી:** ગુજરાતના પર્યટન પ્રધાન શ્રી. સૌરભ પટેલ, સ્મૃતિ ઈરાની અને મુખ્ય પ્રધાન આવે એવી શક્યતા અમે જોઈએ છીએ, જે કે તેમને હજી આમંત્રણ મોકલવાના બાકી છે. તેઓ આ પ્રોજેક્ટનો હિસ્સો છે. સરકાર તરફથી આવેલી ૨૦ કરોડ રૂપિયાની રકમ પણ નાની તો નથી જ સરકારને ઉદવાડા કરતાં વધુ આવક કરાવતા સ્થળોને રૂપિયા પાંચ કરોડ જેવી રકમ મળે છે. આ ખરેખર ખાસ બાબત છે.

**પી.ટી.:** આ ૨૦ કરોડમાં ઉત્સવનો ખર્ચ આવી જશે?

**દસ્તુરજી:** ના, આમાંનો એકય પૈસો ઉત્સવ માટે ખર્ચાવાનો નથી. તેનો ઉપયોગ મૂળભૂત સુવિધાઓ વિકસાવવામાં તથા ઉદવાડાના વિકાસ માટે થશે.

**પી.ટી.:** આ ૨૦ કરોડ માટે તમને સરકારે કોઈ યોજના આપી છે? **દસ્તુરજી:** ના, અમે સરકારને યોજના આપી છે અમે કલેક્ટર અને

પર્યટન પ્રધાન સાથે ચર્ચા શરૂ કરી દીધી છે અને અમે શું કરવા માગીએ છીએ એ બાબતે તેઓ અમને પૂરેપૂરી પ્રાથમિકતા આપી રહ્યા છે. અત્યારે આ ચાલી રહ્યું છે.

**પી.ટી.:** તમારી હાર્ટ (કોર) ટીમનાં જમાપાસાં ક્યાં છે કેમ કે તમારી પાસે સરેરાશ વધુ જૂથના-બહુ યુવાન પણ નહીં અને બહુ વૃદ્ધ પણ નહીં એવા વિવાદ મુક્ત સારા લોકો છે.

**દસ્તુરજી:** ઉદવાડા માટે કશુંક કરવાનું શરૂઆતમાં મેં અને મારાં ઘણીયાણીએ પોતાના પર લીધું હતું. અમે અમારા જેવા જ વિચાર ધરાવતા દિનશા તથા માનેક અને અન્ય લોકો સાથે વાત કરી, આ વિચારની શરૂઆત થઈ, પણ હાર્ટ (કોર) ટીમ માત્ર કોર ટીક છે.

અન્ય લોકો પણ અમારી સાથે કામ કરી રહ્યા છે, ગેમ્સ વગેરેના આયોજન માટે. અમને સારા પ્રમાણમાં ટેકો મળી રહ્યો છે. હું એટલું જ ચાહું છું કે લોકો આઈયુયુના માર્ગમાંથી બધા અહંમ તથા રાજકારણ દૂર કરે.

એટલે જ આ ટીમ સંપૂર્ણપણે બીપીપી મુક્ત ટીમ છે, કોઈએ કોઈની સાથે કોઈ સ્કોર સેટલ કરવાના નથી તથા અમારો કોઈ ગુમ હેતુ પણ નથી.

**પી.ટી.:** વડા પ્રધાન અને રતન તાતાનું સન્માન કરવા અનેક સંસ્થાઓએ અમારો સંપર્ક કર્યા હોવાનું અમે જોયું છે. શું તમે જાહેર જનતાને આ સન્માન વગેરે માટે એવું કંઈ કહેવા માગો છો કે... 'ધીરજ રાખો, અમારી પાસે એટલા બધા પ્રસંગો કે સમય જ નથી'!

**દસ્તુરજી:** કેટલાક સન્માન માટે સમય છે, ગયા વખતે પણ મેં કહેલું કે શક્ય હશે એટલી વધુ અંગૂઠમનને શ્રી મોદીનું જ્યારે તેઓ મુખ્યપ્રધાન હતા, સન્માન કરવાની તક આપણું, પણ એમાં સમયને લગતી કેટલી મર્યાદાઓ હોય છે. અહીં આપણે વડાપ્રધાનની વાત કરી રહ્યા છીએ! અને એ માટે અમને આપેલા નિયમો તથા વ્યવસ્થાનું અમારે ધ્યાન રાખવાનું હોય છે. જે બદાને જ જા વડા પ્રદાનને સન્માનવાની પરવાનગી અપાય તો દરેકે દરેક જાણ શ્રી. મોદીનું સન્માન કરવા આવશે અને કાર્યક્રમનો ક્યારેય અંત નહીં આવે. કોમે આ વાત સમજવી જોઈએ.



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## મગની દાળનો શીરો



**સામગ્રી:** ૨ કપ મગની દાળ, સવા કપ સાકર, અડધી ચમચી એલચીનો પાવડર, બાદમ-પીસ્તાની કતરણ, ૨ કપ દૂધ, સવા કપ ઘી.

**રીત:** મગની દાળને પલાળી ઝીણી વાટી લો. પછી તેને કાપડના ટુકડામાં બાંધી કુકરમાં વરાળથી બાફી લો. ઠંડી થાય પછી ચાળણીથી ચાળી લો. ઘી ગરમ મૂકી તેમાં લોટ શેકો. લોટ ગુલાબી થાય એટલે દૂધ નાખો. ખાંડ નાખો. ઘી છૂટું પડે એટલે ઉતારી લો અને બાદમ-પીસ્તા અને એલચીનો પાવડર નાખો.

## પરવરદેગાર પાસે યાચના

પેદા કરનાર ઓ મહાન મુરબ્બી,  
તારો અહીં કોઈ જોતો નથી  
મરજી મુજબ સૌ પર તું રાજ ચલાવે,  
બધો તારો પ્રકાશને રહે સરફરાજ  
નમું તમોને અશો નેરીઓસંગ, ફત્તેહનાં આપનાર તું યજ્ઞ બુલંદ  
અયમન યજ્ઞ દર્દ ટાળનાર, દુઃખીની દાઝે તું પહોંચનાર  
મદદે મારી તમો હરદમ પહોંચો, સદહજારો નમસ્કાર તેને હોજો  
આ જાન મારો તનમા છે જ્યાં સુધી નેક વિચાર પર ઓસ્તપાર છું કુનરનીથી,  
તું આપ આપ જીવને, હોશિયારી અકકલ,  
અશોઈથી રહી કરું જિંદગી સફળ  
સુખી જિંદગીને પુરતું પોપણ,  
મોટાઈને તે જ જાબાન સાથે ડહાપણ  
રોજી રજખનાં ખુલ્લા કર દ્રાર,  
સાથે સુખ અને શાંતિ, હીમતને કરારથી  
રાખજે તું હમેશા હમોને યાદ,  
રહે તારી દુનિયા સુખીને આબાદ.



દીલ્લા તંબોલી

# ગોડ અને ગુસ્તાદ

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રવિવારના દિવસે ગુસ્તાદ જરૂ અને સોલી જમીન પર ચટાઈ પાથરી ને નાસ્તો કરતા હતા. એટલામાં ઘરમાં ચારો તરફ રોશની ફેલાઈ ગઈ અને સામે દાદરજી પ્રકટ થયા. ગુસ્તાદ અને તેના પરિવારે દાદરજીને સાહેબજી કહ્યું અને નાસ્તો કરવા નિમંત્રણ આપ્યું. જરૂ પોતાનું માથુબાનુ સરખું કરીને ઉભી થઈ ગઈ. 'તમે તમારું કામ ચાલુ રાખો, હું આ ખુરશી પર બેસી જાઉં' અને પોતાના વ્હાલા પરિવારને પ્રેમથી જોવા લાગ્યા. ગુસ્તાદ અને જરૂએ નાસ્તો પૂરો કર્યો એટલે દાદરજીએ કહ્યું, 'મને જરૂથી કામ હતું એટલે હું મળવા આવ્યો છું.' ગુસ્તાદે કહ્યું 'આ અમારા માટે સન્માનની વાત છે.' અને પોતાના ટેકસી

પહેલીવાર આ વસ્તુ દેખાડવા માગું છું. 'હું તને એવી શક્તિ આપવા માગું છું જેનાથી તું બીજા બેરાઓની મદદ કરી શકે.' જરૂએ નર્વસ થઈ પૂછ્યું, 'હું એક ગ્લાસ પાણી પી શકું?' 'હા શ્વેર, જેટલું પાણી પીવું હોય તેટલું પીઓ. તું જરા પણ ફિકર ન કર. મને તારા પર પૂરો વિશ્વાસ છે. તું દિલથી સાચી છે અને મને કોઈ બીજું વ્યક્તિ નથી દેખાતું જે તારા કરતાં વધારે સાફ હોય આ કામ માટે. મારા પર પૂરો વિશ્વાસ રાખ અને તારા પર હું કોઈ અંચ નહીં આવવા દઉં.'

જરૂ ચૂપચાપ દાદરજીની વાત ગહેરાઈથી સમજી રહી, પછી ધીરથી પૂછ્યું, 'આ કામ કરતી વખતે બધા મને જોઈ શકશે?' 'તને નહીં દેખાતું હોય તો તું નહીં દેખાશે' એવો દાદરજીએ જવાબ આપ્યો. 'તે એમ કેમ પૂછ્યું?'

'ના મારા મનમાં ફક્ત એવો ખ્યાલ આવ્યો કારણ હજુ સુધી જે પણ મે કોમિક્સ વાંચી છે તેમાં જે સુપર હીરો હોય તેની બીજી પણ એક ઓળખ હોય. જેમ સુપરમેનનો બીજો અવતાર



રીપોર્ટર કલાર્ક કેન્ટ છે. તમે મહેરબાની કરી મારા માટે આટલું કરી આપશો?' દાદરજીએ મનમાં વિચાર કર્યો કે એના મનમાંથી બીક નીકળી રહી છે એ સારી વાત છે ને જવાબ આપ્યો, 'તારી આ ઈચ્છા પણ પૂરી કરી દેવશ.' 'હવે આપણે શરૂ કરીએ?' જરૂ કહે છે, 'મિં જિંદગીમાં કદી પણ ઉડાન નથી લીધી, પ્લેન તો દૂરની વાત છે તમે ખરું પૂછો તો હું ચોથે માળ ઉપર પણ નથી ગઈ મને જરાક બીક લાગે છે.'

'તને શું લાગે છે મને ખબર નથી? ચાલ, જરૂ એક વાર પ્રેક્ટિસ કરીએ અને બસ્ટરને પણ સાથે લઈએ' (બસ્ટર એ એમનું નાનું પપી છે જે સોલી રસ્તા પરથી ઉંચકી લાવેલો) એટલામાં બસ્ટર એમના ડાબા હાથમાં બેસી ગયો અને દાદરજીએ પોતાનો જમણો હાથ જરૂને આપ્યો. જરૂએ પોતાનું માથુબાનુ એડજસ્ટ કરી પોતાનો હાથ એમને આપ્યો અને ધીરથી એ લોકો જમીનથી ઉપર ઉઠવા લાગ્યા અને ત્રણે જણા અદ્રશ્ય થઈ ગયા. દાદરજીએ કહ્યું, 'જરૂ ફીકર ન કરતી હવે અગર તું મારો હાથ પણ છોડી દે તો તું નીચે નહીં પડે.' અને જરૂએ અશ્રેમ વોહુ યથાલુ વેરિયો ભણીને તે તૈયાર થઈ. 'ચાલો શરૂ કરીએ!'

બોમ્બે સેન્ટ્રલની એમની બિલ્ડિંગ પરથી એ લોકો થોડા ઉંચે ઉડ્યા અને જરૂનો બધો ડર નીકળી ગયો. તેઓ થોડા દાદર તરફ વળ્યા અને પરેલ સુધી પહોંચતા જ

તા ત્યાં જરૂએ જોયું કે એક માણસ એક કુતરાને અને તેના પાંચ બચ્ચાંને બેરેહેમીથી મારી રહ્યો હતો. તે કુતરું જોરથી રડવા માંડ્યું અને તેનાં બચ્ચાં અલગ અલગ દિશામાં દોડવા લાગ્યા. તે માણસ ફરી લાકડી ઉંચકી કુતરાઓને મારવા ત્યારે જરૂ એ પોતાનો હાથ ઝટકીને દાદરજીના હાથથી અલગ થઈ ને પેલા માણસને કોલરથી ઉંચકી લીધો અને ત્રણ માળ ઉપર બિલ્ડિંગની છત પર નાખી દીધો. તે માણસ અચાનક થયેલા હમલાથી ડરી ગયો કારણ કોઈ દેખાતું નહોતું. જરૂએ છત પર જઈને એના વાળ ખેંચીને એનું માથું છાપરા પર વારંવાર અફાડયા કીધું. દાદરજી પણ જરૂનો કોપ જોઈને આંખ બંધ કરી લીધી. જરૂ પણ ગુસ્સાથી ધ્રુજવા લાગી. 'એની હિંમત કેમ થઈ?' 'એ કોઈવાર પાછું નહીં કરે' એમ કહી દાદરજીએ જરૂને શાંત કીધી.

જરૂ ધીરે ધીરે શાંત થવા લાગી અને દરિયાનો નજારો ઉપરથી જોઈ જરૂ ખુશ થઈ ગઈ. બસ્ટર પણ દાદરજીના હાથમાં બેસીને ઉડવાનો આનંદ લઈ રહ્યો હતો. એટલામાં તે લોકોએ જોયું કે એક ઘોડાગાડીમાં ૧૦-૧૨ જણા બેસેલા હતા. અને તે ઘોડાનો ટાંગાવાળો તેને ચાબુકથી મારતો હતો જેનાથી તે વધારે તેજ દોડે. ઘોડાના પગમાં છાલા પણ પડ્યા હતા. અને મોઢામાંથી ફીણ પણ નીકળી રહ્યું હતું.

જરૂ થોડી નીચે ઝૂકી અને ટાંગાવાળાને ઉંચકીને જોરથી ફેંકી દીધો તે ટાંગાવાળો 'શર્મા ભેલપૂરી હાઉસ'ના બોર્ડ સાથે અથડાઈ પડ્યો. જરૂએ ટાંગો રોકી પેલા ઘોડાને કોટી કીધી અને તેના બધા બંધન ખોલી કાઢ્યા અને દાદરજી પાસે મદદ માંગી. દાદરજીએ એક ચપટી વગાડી અને તે બિચારો ઘોડો એસપીસીએ (પરેલ) પહોંચી ગયો. 'શાબાશ જરૂ મને ખબર પડી ગઈ કે તું મારી પરીક્ષામાં સાચી ઉતરી છે.' જરૂએ પોતાનું માથુબાનુ સરખું કર્યું અને કહ્યું કે 'હવે આપણે ઘરે જઈએ મારે રાંધવાનું છે.' દાદરજીએ ફરી ચપટી વગાડી અને તેઓ ઘરે પહોંચી ગયા.

જરૂ તું એટલા નરમ સ્વભાવની છે કે હું તારા માટે એક બીજો પ્લાન કરીશ તે તને કોઈને મારવાની જરૂરત નહીં પડે. તને જોતાની સાથે માણસ અટકી જશે. હવે તું શાંતિથી તારું કામ કર. બસ્ટરને માથા પર પસવારતા દાદરજી અદ્રશ્ય થઈ ગયા. જરૂ ઢોલિયા પર લેટીને આખા દિવસની ઘટનાઓ પર વિચાર કરતી રહી. જ્યારે ગુસ્તાદ અને સોલી જમવા માટે ઘરે આવ્યા ત્યારે ગુસ્તાદે પૂછ્યું 'તારો દિવસ કેવો ગયો?' 'મિં આજે બે-ચાર લોકોને માર્યા' એમ જરૂએ કહ્યું. તેનો જવાબ સાંભળી બાપ-બેટા એકબીજાને જોઈ રહ્યા. સોલીએ ઉપર દાદરજી તરફ જોતા કહ્યું કે, 'મારા મમીને માફ કરજો એવન શું બોલે છે તે એવનને ભાન જ નથી.' તેટલામાં જોરથી ગેબી અવાજ આવ્યો કે 'એ ખરું બોલે છે સોલી, બસ્ટરને પૂછી જો એ પણ સાચું હતો.'

## હસવાનું શું લેશો ?

પિતા ચંપક, ચિંટુને પૂછે છે અત્યાર સુધીમાં તું તારી સ્કૂલમાં પ્રથમ નંબરે ક્યારે પણ આવ્યો છે ?

ચિંટુ: હાસ્તો સ્કૂલનો છૂટવાનો ઘંટ વાગે એટલે બહાર નીકળવામા હું હમેશા પ્રથમ જ હોવું છું.  
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સંતા: અરે બંતા, આ તારો પગ કેવી રીતે ભાંગી ગયો ?

બંતા: તે મારા ઘરની અગાસીની સીડી જોઈ છે ?

સંતા: હા, મને અત્યારે પણ દેખાય છે

બંતા: પણ તે દિવસે મને નહીં દેખાઈ  
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સંતાની પત્ની લાળો: ડોક્ટર સાહેબ મારા પતિ સંતાને રાતે સૂતી વખતે મોટેથી નસ્કોરા બોલવાની આદત છે.

ડોક્ટર: તો શું થઈ ગયું, તમારા કાનમાં રૂ ખોસી દો.  
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દૂધવાલો: સંતાભાઈ આજે જ મારા દૂધનો હિસાબ આપી દો તો બહુ સાફ સંતા: આજે નહીં, પણ શનિવારે તું લઈ જજે.

દૂધવાળો: પણ શનિવારે તો હું બહારગામ જવાનો છું

સંતા: હા, હું પણ શનિવારે બહારગામ જ છું.  
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મસ્તીખોર ચિંટુ લેશન નહીં કરી લાવેલો એટલે શિક્ષકે પૂછ્યું, 'કેમ પોરયા લેશન કેમ નહીં કરી લાવ્યો?'

ચિંટુ: હું લેશન કરવા બેઠો અને લાઈટ ચાલી ગઈ. પછી હું શું કરું?

અચ્છા માસ્તરજીએ કહ્યું, પણ પછી લાઈટ ક્યારે આવી?

પંદર મિનિટ પછી, તો પછી લેશન કેમ નહીં કર્યું?

સર મને બીક લાગી કે લેશન કરવા બેસીસ ને લાઈટ પાછી જતી રહેશે તો!!

- હોશંગ શેઠના

## એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. ઠે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Gool Kariman Patel ગુલ કરિમન પટેલ	79 ૭૯	26-08-2015 Adar Fravardin 1385	P/8, Bharucha Baug, S. V. Road, Andheri(W), Mumbai 400058. અંધેરી (વે), મુંબઈ ૫૮.	માતા પિતા: જરબાઈ તથા ફરામરોઝ બિલિમોરિયા, ધણી: કરિમાન માનેકશા પટેલ, દીકરા દીકરી: રોહિન્ટન કરિમાન પટેલ, હનોઝ કરિમાન પટેલ, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: આર્થાનિશ રોહિન્ટન પટેલ, હેહાન હનોઝ પટેલ, વહુ જમાઈ: તનાઝ રોહિન્ટન પટેલ, શિરાઝ હનોઝ પટેલ, સાસુ સસરા: તેહમીના તથા માનેકશા પટેલ.
Tehmul Sorabji Mistry તેહમુલ સોરાબજી મિસ્ત્રી	77 ૭૭	26-08-2015 Adar Fravardin 1385	32C, Mulla Manzil, 2nd floor, Room No 35, Balaram Street, Grant Road, Mumbai 400007. ગ્રાન્ડ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	માતા પિતા: અપદેમાય તથા સોરાબ મિસ્ત્રી, ધણીયાણી: વિલ્યા ટી. મિસ્ત્રી, દીકરા દીકરી: કેશિમરા, તનાઝ, ભાઈ બહેનો: મરહુમ નાજુ, રતિ, પેરિન, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: મોક્સી, વહુ જમાઈ: મોનીશ, સાસુ સસરા: મિ. અને મિસિસ સાવંત.
Rohinton F. Munshi રોહિન્ટન એફ. મુન્શી	78 ૭૮	27-08-2015 Ava Fravardin 1385	B/8, Captain Colony, Haji Ali, Tardeo, Mumbai 400034. હાજી અલી, તારદેવ, મુંબઈ ૩૪.	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ તેહમીના તથા મરહુમ ફરામરોઝ એમ. મુન્શી, ધણીયાણી: મહેર રોહિન્ટન મુન્શી, દીકરા દીકરી: રોશની, હુકિયા, ભાઈ બહેનો: મરહુમ મેહલી એફ મુન્શી, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: હિમ્પલ, પ્રિયંકા, વહિરતા, નશાયતા, વહુ જમાઈ: મરહુમ વિરુષી એચ. બાવાપોરિયા, બોમી એમ. પારડીવાલા, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ જરબાનુ માનેક મહેતા.
Nergish Hiraji Bharucha નરગિસ હીરાજી ભરુચા	91 ૯૧	27-08-2015 Avan Fravardin 1385	E/5, Ginwala Building, 1st floor, Captain Colony, Tardeo, Mumbai 400034. તારદેવ, મુંબઈ ૩૪.	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ તેહમીના તથા હીરજી ખુરશેદજી ભરુચા, ભાઈ બહેનો: મરહુમ રતન હીરજી ભરુચા, મરહુમ મહેરૂ કાવસ પાલિયા, કેટી દારાયસ મહેતા, ગુલ નોશીર ખાન.
Rohinton Phiroze Driver રોહિન્ટન ફિરોઝ ડ્રાઈવર	65 ૬૫	27-08-2015 Ava Fravardin 1385	M. F. Pandey Sanatorium, R.No. 42, Nathalal Parekh Marg, Colaba Bus Stand, Mumbai 400005. કોલાબા, મુંબઈ ૫.	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ પિલુ તથા મરહુમ ફિરોઝ સાવકશા ડ્રાઈવર. ભાઈ બહેનો: ઝરિર ઓહિરોઝ ડ્રાઈવર.
Darius Tehmtan Karanjia દારાયસ તેહમટન કરંજિયા	44 ૪૪	28-08-2015 Ava Fravardin 1385	Mobed Bldg. Flat No 16, 3rd floor, Godrej Baug, Off Nepean Sea Road, Mumbai 400026. ઓફીસ નેપિયન્સી રોડ, મુંબઈ ૨૬.	માતા પિતા: દોલી તથા એરવદ તેહમટન ભીખાજી કરંજિયા, ધણીયાણી: પરવિન દારાયસ કરંજિયા, દીકરા દીકરી: અરનાઝ દારાયસ કરંજિયા, સનાત્યા દારાયસ કરંજિયા, પાશાંગ દારાયસ કરંજિયા, ભાઈ બહેનો: નીલુકર રોહિન્ટન દલાલ, મરહુમ ઝિનોબિયા નેવિલ વેલાતી, માહતાબ રોહિન્ટન પીકાવાલા, સાસુ સસરા: મહેરૂ તથા સોલી એદલજી દાડવાલા.
Khushru(Khurshed) M. Bhadha ખુશરૂ (ખુરશેદ) એમ. ભાધા	73 ૭૩	28-08-2015 Khorshed Fravardin 1385	L2/14 Cama Park, Cama Road, Andheri (W), Mumbai 400058. અંધેરી (વે), મુંબઈ ૫૮.	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ નાજમાય તથા મરહુમ માનેકશા બે. ભાધા, ધણીયાણી: રોશન ખુશરૂ ભાધા, દીકરા દીકરી: ખુશરૂ દિનશા ભાધા, ભાઈ બહેનો: મરહુમ કુમી, માનેક, તેહમુલ, બચા, જિની, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ પૂતલીબાઈ બોમનશા મિસ્ત્રી.
Meherwan Merchant મહેરવાન મર્ચન્ટ	71 ૭૧	29-08-2015 Mohar Fravardin 1385	2, Kanga Bldg., Dr. Ambedkar Road, Dadar(E), Mumbai 400014. દાદર (ઈ), મુંબઈ ૧૪.	માતા પિતા: ખોરશેદ તથા સરોશ ઈરાની, ધણીયાણી: દિનાઝ મર્ચન્ટ, દીકરા દીકરી: જાસ્મિન મર્ચન્ટ, રશના મર્ચન્ટ, ઝુરિન મર્ચન્ટ, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: કિયાન મર્ચન્ટ, વહુ જમાઈ: સુમિતા મર્ચન્ટ, સાસુ સસરા: સારવાર તથા કેખુશરૂ ઈરાની.
Morvarid Sohrab Irani મોરવરિદ સોહરાબ ઈરાની	92 ૯૨	29-08-2015 Mohar Ardibehst 1385	Bomanji House, 2nd Floor, Mazgaon, Dockyard Road, Mumbai 400010. ડોકયાર્ડ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૧૦.	માતા પિતા: સારવાર તથા ખોદામુરાદ કેવકેલી, ધણીયાણી: મરહુમ સોહરાબ ઈરાની, દીકરા દીકરી: શાહનાઝ પરવેઝ ભરુચા, ભાઈ બહેનો: શિરીન બી. ઈરાની, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: દાનેશ, શાયાન, વહુ જમાઈ: પરવેઝ ભરુચા.
Keki Jivanji Vakil કેકી જીવનજી વકીલ	95 ૯૫	30-08-2015 Mohar Fravardin 1385	19, Mount Unique, 62-A, Pedder Road, Mumbai 400026. પેડર રોડ, મુંબઈ ૨૬.	માતા પિતા: સુનામાય તથા જીવનજી વકીલ, ધણીયાણી: બાઈ કેકી વકીલ, દીકરા દીકરી: ડો. હોશંગ વકીલ, શિરીન ટી ડુંગાજી, ભાઈ બહેનો: રતન, જાલ, રૂસી, રોશન, હીરા, હોમી, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: કેરસી વકીલ, રશના ડુંગાજી, શાહનાઝ ડુંગાજી, વહુ જમાઈ: શિરીન તથા તેહમુરસ આર. ડુંગાજી, સાસુ સસરા: ફરામરોઝ આર. રાંદેલિયા.
Arnez Jal Master અરનેઝ જાલ માસ્ટર	67 ૬૭	31-08-015 @ 10:45 Pm, Gosh- Fravardin-1385	Mumtaz Manzil, 3rd floor, 63, Wood House Road, Colaba, Mumbai 400005. કોલાબા, મુંબઈ ૫.	માતા પિતા: દિના મરહુમ જાલ દિનશા માસ્ટર, ધણીયાણી: નવાઝ અરનેઝ માસ્ટર, દીકરા દીકરી: ખુશનુમા નેવિલ ગારડા, ભાઈ બહેનો: મરહુમ દિનશા જાલ માસ્ટર, મરહુમ નવાઝ અરુષી તલાટી, રૂમી જાલ માસ્ટર ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: સાયરસ નેવિલ ગારડા, વહુ જમાઈ: નેવિલ પર્સી ગારડા, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ ખોરશેદ તથા મરહુમ જાલ ખુરશેદજી મોવડાવાલા.
Shapur Khodadad Varzavandi શાપુર ખોદાદાદ વરઝાવંદી	88 ૮૮	01-09-2015 Fravardin 1385	14/15 Park Haven Annexe, Flat No 5, Ground Floor, Malcolm Baug, Jogeshwari(W), Mumbai 400102. બેંગેશ્વરી (વે), મુંબઈ ૧૦૨.	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ મોરવરિદ તથા મરહુમ ખોદાદાદ શાપુર વરઝાવંદી, ધણીયાણી: હોમાય શાપુર વરઝાવંદી, દીકરા દીકરી: દિલનવાઝ સાયરસ ઈરાની, તનાઝ રોહિન્ટન રૂગની, માહનાઝ પરવેઝ ઈરાની, ભાઈ બહેનો: મરહુમ જમશેદ ખોદાદાદ વરઝાવંદી, મરહુમ સિસુ પરવેઝ મિસ્ત્રી, મરહુમ રોાન આબાદાન ઈરાની. ગુલુ ફરામરોઝ નસરાબંદી, હોમાય એસ. ઈરાની, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: જેનિફર, ક્યોમરૂ, રાના, રૂકશાદ, શાહઝાદ, ઝૂરી, મહેરશાન, અર્શ, વહુ જમાઈ: સાયરસ જમશેદ ઈરાની, રોહિન્ટન શેરિયાર રૂગાબી, પરવેઝ કેકુ ઈરાની, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ વાહબીઝ તથા બોમન દિન્યારિયન.
Noshir Framji Bhamgara નોશીર ફરામજી ભમગરા	93 ૯૩	01-09-2015 Daepmeher Fravardin 1385	C-1, Flat No 22, Contractor Baug, Mori Road, Mahim, Mumbai 400016. માહિમ, મુંબઈ ૧૬	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ મનીજેહ તથા મરહુમ ફરામજી એદલજી ભમગરા, ધણીયાણી: મરહુમ નરગિસ નોશીર ભમગરા, દીકરા દીકરી: ઝરિન નરીમાન ખોસ્તવાલા, ગેવ, મીનુ, મરહુમ ફરોખ, ભાઈ બહેનો: મીનુ, મરહુમ કેકી ફલી વાડિયા, ખોરોદ હોમી માલુ, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: ફિરદોશ, નવરોઝ, પઝદી, આશદીન, ફરદિન, નતાશા, વહુ જમાઈ: સુનુ, આબાન, મરહુમ નરીમાન, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ હોમિયા તથા કેખુશરૂ દિસાવાલા.
Viraf Jamshedji Muladwalla વિરાફ જમશેદજી મુલાડવાલા	62 ૬૨	01-09-2015 Daepmeher Fravardin 1385	M/14 Godrej Baug, Off Napeansea Road, Mumbai 400026. ઓફીસ નેપિયન્સી રોડ, મુંબઈ ૨૬.	માતા પિતા: રૂમી તથા મરહુમ જમશેદજી રૂસ્તમજી મુલાડવાલા, ધણીયાણી: અખ્તાવર વિરાફ મુલાડવાલા, દીકરા દીકરી: વાહબીઝ વિરાફ મુલાડવાલા, હવોલી વિરાફ મુલાડવાલા, ભાઈ બહેનો: યાસ્મિન નોશીર કાવિના, મરહુમ રૂસી જમશેદજી મુલાડવાલા, વહુ જમાઈ: અખ્શાદ દિનશાજી અમરોલિયા, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ પિરોજ તથા પિરોજશા તવાડિયા.
Zenobia Parvez Thanevala ઝેનોબિયા પરવેઝ થાનેવાલા	84 ૮૪	02-09-2015 Daepmeher Fravardin 1385	Malegamwala Bldg. No 2, Flat No 5, N M C Cross Road 4, Mahim, Mumbai 400016. માહિમ, મુંબઈ ૧૬.	માતા પિતા: મરહુમ તેહમીના તથા મરહુમ દોસાભાય ડી. હાંસોટિયા, ધણી: પરવેઝ પિલ્તાન થાનેવાલા, દીકરા દીકરી: નિલુફર ઝર્કસીસ બોગા, ફિરૂઝી પરવેઝ થાનેવાલા, અનાઈતા મહેર શેકના, ભાઈ બહેનો: મીનુ દોસાભાય હાંસોટિયા, હોમાય જાલ હાંસોટિયા, મરહુમ રોશન દોસાભાય હાંસોટિયા, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: સોરાબ સાયરસ બિનાયફર, પેટારાપ બાબન, વિસ્તારપ, પરિનાઝ, વહુ જમાઈ: ઝર્કસીસ એસ. બોગા, મહેર એન. શેકના, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ ભીખાઈજી પિલ્તાન થાનેવાલા.

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Amy Rustom Bhedwar એમી રૂસ્તમ ભેદવાર	73 ૭૩	23-08-2015	53, Norton Road, Wembly, Middlesex HAO 4RG, UK. ૫૩, નોર્ટન રોડ, વેમ્બલી, મીડલ્સેક્સ, એચએઓ ૪ આરજી, યુકે.	માતા પિતા: જાઈજી તથા કેખશરૂ ફટાકિયા, ધણી: રૂસ્તમ, દીકરા દીકરી: ઝુબીન, ભાઈ બહેનો: પરિન હામી લંગરાના, મરહુમો નોશીર, દાલી, મહેરજી કેખશરૂ ફટાકિયા, તથા હુતોથી, મરહુમ કેરસી, ફરોખનાં ભાભી, સાસુ સસરા: મરહુમ હિસા તથા કેખશરૂ ભેદવાર.
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## Paidast from Aurangabad

Shehernaz Jainawalla શેરનાઝ જાલનાવાલા	67 ૬૭	02.09.2015	Bungalow No. 2, Cantonment, Aurangabad. બંગલો નં. ૨, કેન્ટોનમેન્ટ, ઓરંગાબાદ.	ધણી: પેશોતન જાલનાવાલા, દીકરા દીકરી: કેવાન જાલનાવાલા, ઉર્વશી સિધવા, વહુ જમાઈ: રોહિન્ટન સિધવા, ઝિનિયા જાલનાવાલા, ગ્રેન્ડ ચિલ્ડ્રન: કાર્લ, ફિયા સિધવા, ફિયાના, ફરશિદ જાલનાવાલા.
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Kersi Nasserwanji Siodia કેરસી નશરવાનજી સિઓદિયા	87 ૮૭	02.09.2015	M-2123, Parmar Nagar, Pune 411013, એમ-૨૧૨૩, પરમાર નગર, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૧૩.	
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## રાસ્ત રાહબર



હીલ્લા તંબોલી

### જેવી દ્રષ્ટિ એવી સૃષ્ટિ



એક ઉખડી પહેલા વૃક્ષ ઉપર બે હોવા અને બે હોવી (એક જાતનું પક્ષી) આવીને બેઠા. નીચે બેઠેલા તપસ્વીની નજર ત્યાં પડી. જમણી બાજુએ બેઠેલા હોવા હોવી બોલે બોલો રામ રામ, જય રામ રામ એમ પોકાર ચાલુ રહ્યા. ડાબી બાજુએ બેઠેલા પક્ષી યુગલે રટણ શરૂ કર્યું. રસ ગયો કસ ગયો. તો સાહેબ, આ કૌતુકનો ભેદ શો?



તપસ્વી કહે છે માનવી જેવી જેની ભાવના તેવી તેની સિદ્ધિ પ્રાપ્ત થાય આ વૃક્ષના પોતાનું રહેઠાણ સમજી એક ડાબી પર હોવા હોવી ઘર બાંધી રહેવા લાગ્યા. તેને બચ્યા થયા અને વિષય રસમાં ચકચૂર બની. વૈભવી જીવન જીવવા લાગ્યા. જમણી ડાબી ઉપર બીજો

હોવા સંસારી હોવા છતાં બાકી રહેલા સંસાર પૂરો કરી મુક્તિ મેળવવા સંસાર ભોગવ્યો નહિ. એ જાડ જમીનદોસ્ત થયું ત્યારે બન્ને હોવા તપસ્વીના માથા પર ચઢી બેઠા. એ યુગલે વસવાટ થોડા સમય માટે હોવાથી માળો બાંધ્યો નહિ. હોવી તથા બચ્યા દબાઈને મરણ પામ્યા અને વિષયભોગ જતો રહ્યો હોવાથી રસ ગયો કસ ગયો એમ પોકારતો રહ્યો જ્યારે બીજા હોવા અને હોવીએ જાડ ઉપર મોહ ન રાખતા મુક્તિ પામવા રામ રામ ભજવા લાગ્યા.

### નેક ખ્યાલ



જહાંગીર ભાખન્યા

જો ભૂતકાળમાં પાપનું બીજ વાચ્યું હોય તો ભવિષ્યકાળમાં તેનું જાડ ઉગી નીકળે છે. પણ જ્યારે સત્યની આંધી આવે છે. ત્યારે તે જાડનો સર્વનાશ થાય છે, અચ્છાઈનો વંટોળિયો ફૂંકાય છે, ત્યારે તે જાડ જડમૂળથી ઉખડી જાય છે!



કેકી વાકિયા

યદા યદાહી ધર્મસ્ય, ગ્લાનિર્ભવતિ ભારત, અભ્યુત્થાનમધર્મસ્ય તદાત્માન સુભ્રમ્યહમ, પરિત્રાણાય સાધૂનાં વિનાશાય જ દુષ્ટક્રતામ્, ધર્મ સંસ્થાપનાચાયિ સંભવામિ યુગે યુગે...

કૃષ્ણ ભગવાન શ્રીમદ ભગવદ ગીતાના આ શ્લોકમાં કહે છે કે આ દુનિયામાં જ્યારે જ્યારે પાપો વધી જશે અને ધર્મનો વિનાશ થશે. ત્યારે હું ધર્મને બચાવવા, ધર્મ સ્થાપવા પાપોનો નાશ કરવા આ પૃથ્વી પર જન્મ લઈશ. કૃષ્ણ ભગવાન એ વિષ્ણુનો ૮મો અવતાર થઈ જન્મ લીધો હતો અને રામ ભગવાને વિષ્ણુનો અવતાર તરીકે જન્મ લીધો હતો. રામના સમયમાં રામાયણ રચાયું અને લેખક વાલ્મિકી ઋષિ અને કૃષ્ણના સમયમાં મહાભારત રચાયું, મહાભારતનું મહાન પુસ્તક વેદ વ્યાસજીએ રીકટેટ કર્યું અને ગણપતિ બાપુએ નોનસ્ટોપ લખ્યું હતું. તે વખતની શાહી પેનથી.

આજના કળિયુગમાં પણ જો કોઈ ભગવાન જન્મ લે તો આપણે એમનું ભાવભીનું વેલકમ કરીશું. હારતોરા પહેરાવી પૂજા કરીશું અને પગે પણ પડીશું એમના માગદર્શન પ્રમાણે ચાલીશું, જીવીશું પણ આપણને મહાભારતની લડાઈ નથી જોઈતી જેમાં લાખો લોકો માર્યા ગયા, માબાપોએ દીકરાઓ ગુમાવ્યા, પત્નીઓ વિધવા થઈ, હળ લઈ ખેતી કરવા લાગી અને બચ્યાઓએ બાપો ગુમાવ્યા. રીઝલ્ટ, કકત પાંચ પાંડવોને નાનુ સરખું હસ્તીનાપુરનું રાજ મલ્યું. યુધિષ્ઠિરે રાજ તરીકે ટેકા નાખ્યા એટલે મૂવા નહિ ને ભૂત થયા જેવું થયું. ૧૦૪ વર્ષના ભિષ્મ પિતામહ, કર્ણ, દુર્યોધન, કુલગુરુ

કૃપાચાર્ય, રાજવીઓના ગુરુ દ્રોણાચાર્ય માર્યા ગયા. દેશમાં ભયંકર આફત આવી ગઈ. ધર્મનો વિજય થયો. સદાચારનો વિજય થયો. પરંતુ આપણને કોઈ લડાઈ જોઈતી નથી. આખી ૨૦મી સદી લડાઈથી આ દુનિયામાં ભરપૂર લડાઈઓ થઈ છે. અને હજુ પણ ચાલુ જ છે.

રામના ટાઈમમાં રામ તાબેદાર થઈ ગયા. રાજા હતા છતાં પણ જંગલમાં જવું પડ્યું હતું. જેનું કામ રાજ કરવાનું હતું તે રાજ છોડી જંગલમાં ગયા. સીતાજીનું હરણ થયું. હનુમાનજી કશ્મીરથી દોડી આવ્યા રામને મદદ કરવા, સુગ્રીવ રાજાએ મદદ કરી રાવણનો વધ થયો અને સીતાજીને પાછા લાવ્યા. ત્યાર બાદ ધોબીના કહેવાથી સીતાજીને પાછા વાલ્મિકી ઋષિના આશ્રમમાં મોકલી દીધા. એટલે રામાયણમાં સીતાજી પર

કયાનીયન વંશમાં થઈ ગયા અને અશોઈ, હુમ્ત, હુખ્ત, હવરશત ભલાં કામ કરવા અને શાંતિથી રહેવાનો સંદેશો આપી ગયા પણ પારસીઓ શાંતિથી રહેતા નથી અંદર અંદર મારામારી ઉગ્ર સ્વરૂપ પકડી કોર્ટ કચેરીમાં બરબાદ થાય છે. ખર્ચો ટ્રસ્ટોને માથે પડે છે. સારો સેવાભાવી લીડર નથી. ગુરુઓ ગુરુ રહ્યા નથી. મુસલમાનો અનેક બેરાઓને પરણી શકે છે અને સ્ત્રી વિષયક કોઈ ગુનો ગણાતું નથી. બાઈબલમાં જસસ કાઈસ્ટે પ્રેમનો સંદેશો આપ્યો છે. આપણા સમાજમાં બહેરામ વરજાવંદ જન્મવાના છે આવવાના છે પણ આવ્યા નથી ક્યાં છે તે કોઈને ખબર પણ નથી. સમાજને બચાવવા સમાજનો

**આજના કળિયુગમાં પણ જો કોઈ ભગવાન જન્મ લે તો આપણે એમનું ભાવભીનું વેલકમ કરીશું. હારતોરા પહેરાવી પુજા કરીશું અને પગે પણ પડીશું એમના માગદર્શન પ્રમાણે ચાલીશું, જીવીશું પણ આપણને મહાભારતની લડાઈ નથી જોઈતી જેમાં લાખો લોકો માર્યા ગયા, માબાપોએ દીકરાઓ ગુમાવ્યા, પત્નીઓ વિધવા થઈ, હળ લઈ ખેતી કરવા લાગી અને બચ્યાઓએ બાપો ગુમાવ્યા.**

ઘણું જ દુઃખ પડે છે. મહાભારત લડાઈનું કારણ દ્રોપદી પર જુલમ થયો અને એનું વસ્ત્રહરણ થયું હતું અને એને કૃષ્ણએ વસ્ત્રો પૂરાવ્યા હતા પણ આજના જમાનામાં દ્રોપદીના વસ્ત્રહરણનો સવાલ જ આવતો નથી કારણ કે બધી ટેકસટાઈલ મીલ બંધ કરી નાખી છે. આજના જમાનાની સ્ત્રીઓ પોતે જ હોટ પેન્ટ પહેરી શોપિંગ કરવા જાય છે. મહાભારતે રહ્યો નથી, ઓપન ડ્રેસ પહેરાય છે. ટેલીવિઝન, ગુગલ, મોબાઈલ પર આજે બધું જ ખુલ્લું મૂકાય છે. પારસી સમાજમાં અશો જરથુસ્ત્ર

ઉદ્ધાર કોણ કરશે તે અચોક્કસ છે. આવા ટાઈમમાં સાચો 'રાસ્ત રાહબર' ક્યારે આવશે તે ખબર નથી. સાચા લીડરની ખાસ જરૂર છે. કોમમાં ખોટા કામ વધુ અને સારા કામો ઓછા થાય છે. કોમને સાચો સારો અને લાભકારક રસ્તો બતાવનાર કોઈ નથી. મહાભારતમાં જેમ કૃષ્ણએ અર્જુનને સારથી બની ધર્મનો માર્ગ દેખાડ્યો હતો તેમ હવે પારસી સમાજને એક સારથીની ખાસ જરૂર છે. તો ચાલો નવું વરસ શરૂ થતા આપણે કોમમાં શાંતિ રહે, કોમની પ્રગતિ થાય અને આપણને પણ કોઈ 'રાસ્ત રાહબર' મળે તેવી પ્રાર્થના કરીએ.

## ઈશારો જનમ જનમના ફેરાનો

આપણે બધાં ઉપલી દુનિયાથી આ જગમાં આવ્યા ત્યારે સાથમાં કોઈને પણ લાવ્યા ન હતા ન તો મા-બાપ, ભાઈ બહેન, વર ભૈરી, બચ્યાં-છોકરા, ધન-સંપત્તિ વગેરે વગેરે બધું આ નીચેની દુનિયામાં જ મળ્યું. જ્યારે આપણે આ જગમાં આવ્યા ત્યારે બન્ને મૂઠ્ઠીઓ બંધ - એક મૂઠ્ઠીમાં આપણું નસીબ અને બીજી બંધ મૂઠ્ઠીમાં કરમ અને આપણું શરીર માત્ર લઈ આવેલા. આ જગતમાં તમારા કરમ અને નસીબ પ્રમાણે જ તમોને સારા ઘરમાં જન્મ મળશે અને તે જ પ્રમાણે અહીં આપણે બધાં સુખ દુઃખ ભોગવી રહ્યા છીએ. વિદ્યાતાએ સોના લેખ લખ્યા છે. ઘણાંઓની કથા તો એટલી કફોડી હોય કે વિધીના હાથ પણ કાંપ્યા હશે લેખ લખતાં લખતાં અને પોતાના આંસુઓમાં કલમ ડૂબાડી ન છૂટકે લેખો લખવા પડ્યા. યકિનન એ જ પ્રમાણે દરેક શખ્શે. મનુષ્યે પોત પોતાના સુખ, દુઃખનો સમય પૂરો કરવો પડે છે.

મને એ ઉમરે સમજમાં નહીં આવી હતી. જેમ જેમ હું મોટો થતો ગયો તેમ તે વાર્તા મને સમજમાં આવી ગઈ. તે વાર્તા હું અહીં લખી રહ્યો છું કદાચ તમો આ વાતથી સહમત થાવ. વાત એમ છે કે પરિણીત યુગલ-કપલ અને તેઓનો પાંચ છ વરસનો છોકરો જે એક અકસ્માતમાં અવસાન પામ્યા હતા. એમ મનાય છે કે જ્યારે ઈન્સાફ થાય તો બાળકનો ઈન્સાફ પહેલા થાય પછી સ્ત્રીનો અને પુરુષનો. બાળક મરણ પામ્યું ત્યારે ઉપલી દુનિયામાં એક સાધુજીનો પાપ અને પુણ્યનો ઈન્સાફ થતો હતો પણ પછી તેનો ઈન્સાફ અટકાવી ને તે બાળકનો પાપ અને પુણ્યનો ઈન્સાફ થવા લાગ્યો. ત્રાજવામાં બન્ને પલડાંઓ એક સરખા થયા. ઈન્સાફ કરનાર બાળકને પૂછે છે કે તારી પાસે કાંઈ સાઈ પુણ્ય છે? કે જેથી તું સ્વર્ગમાં જઈ શકે બાળક જવાબ વાળતા કહે છે કે જે કાંઈ હતું તે બધું આ ત્રાજવામાં મૂકી દીધું. બાળક ગભરાતું ગભરાતું આમતેમ જોય છે અને ત્યાં તેની મા તેને દેખાય છે તે મા પાસે જઈને કહે છે મા, મા તારી પાસે મને આપવા કાંઈ સાઈ પુણ્ય છે? તો મને આપ કે જેથી હું સ્વર્ગમાં જઈ

શકું. તો મા જવાબ આપે છે કે 'હું જાણું છું કે તું મારો દીકરો હતો નીચલી દુનિયામાં પણ આ ઉપલી દુનિયામાં તારો અને મારો કોઈ પણ રિશતો નથી. આ જ વસ્તુ તે તેના પિતા સાથે કરે છે અને તેનો પિતા પણ તેને એ જ જવાબ આપે છે. હવે બાળક નારાજ થઈ પાછો પોતાની જગા પર જવા માટે છે ત્યારે જે સાધુનો ચુકાદો થઈ રહેલો હતો અને તે બાળકના લીધે જે ચુકાદો અટકી ગયો હતો તે સાધુ બાળકને પોતાની પાસે બોલાવે છે અને માત્ર એક જ સાઈ પુણ્ય જે એની પાસે હતું તે બાળકને આપી દે છે. બાળક એ સાઈ પુણ્ય ઈન્સાફ કરનારને આપે છે અને પુણ્યનું પલડું નીચે નમી જાય છે. ઈન્સાફ કરનાર બાળકને કહે છે કે 'હવે તું સ્વર્ગમાં

જા.' આ બાળક સાધુ પાસે જઈ તેમનો હાથ પકડી કહે છે 'સાધુજી સાધુજી મને સ્વર્ગનો રસ્તો ખબર નથી તો મારી સાથે સ્વર્ગમાં ચાલો. ઈન્સાફ કરનાર તરત જ ભગવાન સામે નજર કરી કહે છે. 'આ સાધુ તો પાપોથી ભરેલો છે અને આ બાળક તેને સ્વર્ગમાં લઈ જઈ રહ્યો છે.' ભગવાન જવાબ આપે છે 'હું જાણું છું કે આ સાધુ પૂરેપૂરો પાપોમાં જ ડૂબી ગયેલો છે અને એણે ધાર્યું કે એની પાસે માત્ર એક જ પુણ્ય હતું અને તે સ્વાર્થી બન્યા વગર તે બાળકને આપી દે છે અને આ કારણને લીધે એના પુણ્યનો વધારો થાય છે અને એને પણ સ્વર્ગ મળે છે.' આપણે કહીએ છીએ ને કે ગયા ભવનો કંઈ સંબંધ હશે તે બરાબર છે, ખુદા કરે છે ઈશારો જનમ જનમના ફેરાનો.



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# YOUR MOONSIGNS THIS WEEK

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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.  
૨૦મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી બુધની દીનદશા ચાલશે. તેથી હાલમાં અને તો થોડી ઘણી કરકસ કરીને થોડી રકમને સારી જગ્યા ઉપર રોકાણ કરવાનું ભુલશો નહિ. બુધની કૃપાથી તમે તમારા બધાજ કામો બુધીબળથી પુરા કરી શકશો. નવા કામ કરતા હશો ત્યાંબી હાલમાં માન-ઈજ્જત વધી જશે. નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલી જરાબી નહી આવે. મિત્ર મંડળનો સાથ સહકાર વધુ મેળવશો. માટે હાલમાં દરરોજ ભુલ્યા વગર 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૮, ૯ ને ૧૧ છે.

Mercury will rule over your moon sign till 20th September. Make efforts to save money and invest it in a good place. With the grace of Mercury, you will do all your work intelligently. You will get increased respect at your current workplace. There won't be any financial problems. You will get support from your friends circle. Pray 'Maher ni Aish' without fail.  
Lucky Dates: 7, 8, 9 and 11.

**Cancer - કર્ક**  
ડ.હ.  
શીતળ ચંદ્રની દીનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારે ૨૬મી સુધીમાં નાની-મોટી મુશ્કેલી કરવાનો ચાન્સ મળી રહેશે. ચંદ્રની કૃપાથી હાલમાં જો તમે જેટલા કામ શાંતિ કરશો કામમાં તેટલીજ સફળતા મળશે. કામકાજની અંદર ફાયદાની વાત સાંભળશો. ધનની ચિંતા નહી આવે. ચંદ્રને કારણે મન શાંત રાખી શકશો. ૨૪મું નામ 'યા રયોમંદ' ૧૦૧ વાર ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૫, ૬, ૮ ને ૧૦ છે.

You will get a chance to make small or long trips due to the rule of Moon till the 26th of September. You will surely succeed in the work you do peacefully. You will get to hear of something beneficial in your work. There won't be any monetary problems. You will be able to keep your mind cool due to Moon's rule. Recite the 24th name 'Ya Rayomand' 101 times.  
Lucky Dates: 5, 6, 8 and 10.

**Libra - તુલા**  
ર.ત.  
હાલમાં તો તમારી રાશીના માલિક શુક્રની દીનદશા ચાલે છે તેથી ૧૭મી ઓક્ટોબર સુધીમાં ગામ-પરગામ જવાના ચાન્સ મળતા રહેશે. નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલી નહી આવે. શુક્રની કૃપાથી ખર્ચ ઉપર કાપ નહી મૂકી શકો. તેમ છતાં તમોને ધનની કમી નહી આવે. બીજાના મદદગાર બની રહેશો. ઘરની વ્યક્તિનો વધુ પ્રેમ મેળવવા માટે હાલમાં ભુલ્યા વગર 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૭ થી ૧૦ છે.

Venus is ruling over your moon sign therefore you will get chances to travel out of town till 17th October. There won't be any financial difficulties. With the grace of Venus there won't be any limits in expenditures and no financial deficiencies. You will be able to help others. Pray 'Behram Yazad' to get more blessings and love from family members.  
Lucky Dates: 7 to 10 September.

**Capricorn - મકર**  
ખ.જ.  
હાલમાં ૨૪મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી ગુરુની દીનદશા ચાલશે તેથી તમે બીજાની મદદ કરવામાં જરાય ક્યાસ નહી રાખો. નાણાકીય બાબતની અંદરબી સારાસારી રહેશે. ફેમીલી મેમ્બર ખુશ થઈ જાય તેવું કામ કરી શકશો. ઘરમાં કોઈક મહેમાન આવી શકે છે. રોજબરોજના કામની અંદર જરાબી કંટાળો નહી આવશે. ઉલટા તમો આનંદથી તમારા કામ પુરા કરી શકશો. ગુરુની કૃપા મેળવવા માટે 'સરોશ યશત' ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૬, ૮, ૧૦ ને ૧૧ છે.

Jupiter will rule over you till 24th September. Thus you won't hesitate to help others. Finances will be good. You will do something to make your family members happy. There are chances of having guests in the house. You won't face any boredom in doing regular work. In fact you will do it with great zeal. Pray 'Sarosh Yasht' to get more blessings from Jupiter.  
Lucky Dates: 6, 9, 10 and 11.

**Taurus - વૃષભ**  
બ.વ.ઉ.  
બુધની દીનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી હાલમાં તમારા કામની અંદર સમયને બચાવીને કામ કેમ પુરુ કરવું તેવા કામ કરતા હશો તમારા ફાયદાની વાત તમને બાણવા મળશે. નવા કામની શરૂઆત કરવામાં મુશ્કેલી નહી આવે. બગડેલા સંબંધને સુધારવાની કોશીશ કરશો તો તે સંબંધ સુધરી જશે. થોડી ઘણી રકમનો બચાવ કરી શકશો. જરૂરીઆતવાળી વ્યક્તિના મદદગાર થશો. 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાવવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૬ થી ૧૦ ને ૧૧ છે.

Due to Mercury's rule, you will try to save time by finishing your work faster. You will get to know of something that will be beneficial to you. There won't be any problems in starting new work. If you try to mend bad relations, you will succeed in doing so. You will be able to save a little of your income. You will help someone in need. Keep praying 'Maher ni Aish'.  
Lucky Dates: 6 to 11 September.

**Leo - સિંહ**  
મ.ટ.  
આજનો દિવસજ સૂર્યની દીનદશામાં પસાર કરવાનો બાકી છે. તેથી આજે વાહન ચલાવતા હો તો વાહન નહી ચલાવતા. બાકી કાલથી એટલે કે ૬ઠ્ઠીથી ચંદ્રની દીનદશા આવતા ૫૦ દિવસની અંદર તમોને શાંતિ જરૂર મળશે. અટકેલા કામોને પુરા કરવામાં ચંદ્રની સહાયતા મળતી રહેશે. ચંદ્ર તમને ગામ-પરગામ લઈ જવામાં મદદ જરૂર કરશે. આજે 'યા રયોમંદ' ૧૦૧ વાર ભણાવો. કાલથી ૭મું નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧ વાર ભણાવો. તેનાથી શાંતિ મળશે. શુકનવંતી તા. ૬, ૭, ૮ ને ૯ છે.

Today is the last day under the rule of Sun; therefore don't drive any vehicle today. Moon will rule over you from tomorrow, i.e. the 6th, which will bring you peace in the next 50 days. You will receive Moon's grace in completing pending work and also in travelling abroad. Pray 'Ya Rayomand' 101 times today and 'Ya Bestarna' 101 times from tomorrow.  
Lucky Dates: 6, 7, 8 and 9.

**Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક**  
ન.પ.  
તમારે આજનો દિવસ જ રાહુની દીનદશામાં પસાર કરવાનો બાકી છે. તેથી આજે અને તો ઘરમાં ઘરવાળા સાથે દિવસ પસાર કરી લેજો. નહી તો ઉતરતી રાહુની દીનદશા આખુ અકવાલિયું ખરાબ કરાવી દેશે. બાકી કાલથી એટલે કે ૬ઠ્ઠી થી ૧૦ દિવસની શુક્રની દીનદશા તમોને દરેક બાબતમાં રસ્તો બતાવી દેશે. દુરમનને મિત્રો બનાવી શકશો. આજે ભુલ્યા વગર 'મહાબોખતાર નીઆએશ' અને કાલથી 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૬, ૮, ૧૦ ને ૧૧ છે.

Today being the last day under Rahu's decree, you will have to remain in the house with family otherwise Rahu's descending rule will destroy your entire week. From tomorrow till the next ten days Venus will rule over your moon sign and guide you in everything. You will be able to befriend your enemies. Pray 'Mahabokhtar ni Aish' today and 'Behram Yazad' from tomorrow.  
Lucky Dates: 6, 9, 10 and 11.

**Aquarius - કુંભ**  
ગ.શ.સ.  
ગુરુની દીનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારા હાથથી ધર્મના કામો જલદીથી પુરા કરી શકશો. ફેમીલીમાં થયેલ મતભેદને દૂર કરવામાં બુદ્ધિબળ વાપરીને ફેમીલી મેમ્બરને સમજાવી દેશો. નાણાકીય બાબતની અંદર સારાસારી રહેશે. ધન માટે સારાસારી રહેશે. ગુરુની કૃપાથી નાના-નાના અચાનક ધનલાભ મળતા રહેશે. હાલમાં દરરોજ 'સરોશ યશત' ભણાવવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૮, ૧૦ ને ૧૨ છે.

You will be able to finish all religious work quickly due to the rule of Jupiter. You will use your intelligence to resolve differences between family members. Finances will be good. You will get small financial profits due to Jupiter's blessings. Keep praying 'Sarosh Yasht'.  
Lucky Dates: 7, 8, 10 and 12.

**Gemini - મિથુન**  
ક.ઇ.ધ.  
૧૪મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી મંગળની દીનદશા ચાલશે તેથી તમે તમારા મગજનો કંટોળ જલદીથી ગુમાવી દેશો. ભાઈ-બહેનબી તમારા વિરોધના કામો કરશે તેથી તમે વધુ નારાજ થઈ જશો. પેટની અંદર બળતરા એસીડીટી જેવી માંદગીથી પરેશાન થશો. આવકની પહેલા ખર્ચનું લીસ્ટ તૈયાર થઈ જશે. તમારા મગજને શાંત રાખવાની માટે હાલમાં ભુલ્યા વગર 'તીર યશત' ભણાવવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૭ થી ૧૦ છે.

Mars will rule over you till the 14th of September. You won't be able to control your anger. Your siblings will do things contradictory to your expectations, making you even more upset. You will be troubled by some burning acidity in the stomach. Your list of expenditures will be ready before you get your income. Keep praying 'Tir Yasht' to keep your mind calm.  
Lucky Dates: 7 to 10 September.

**Virgo - કન્યા**  
પ.ટ.ણ.  
૧૬મી સુધીજ શુક્રની દીનદશા ચાલશે તેથી તમારા અગત્યના કામો આજે પુરા કરી દેજો. આજસ નહી કરતા. ઉતરતી શુક્રની દીનદશા ઓપીચીટ સેક્સ તરફથી ફાયદાની વાત બાણવા મળશે. મનગમતી વ્યક્તિને ૧૬મી પહેલા મળી લેજો. હાલમાં રોજબરોજના કામની અંદર વધુ ધ્યાન આપજો. હાલમાં ભુલ્યા વગર 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૫, ૬, ૧૦ ને ૧૧ છે.

Venus will rule over your moon sign till the 16th, so finish all your important work today. Don't be lazy. You will get beneficial knowledge from persons of the opposite sex due to the descending rule of Venus. Meet your beloved before the 16th of September. Pay more attention to your regular occupation. Pray 'Behram Yazad' without fail.  
Lucky Dates: 5, 6, 10 and 11.

**Sagittarius - ધન**  
ભ.ધ.ક.ટ.  
રાહુની દીનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી હાલમાં તબીબતની ખાસ સંભાળ લેજો. જો તમોને થોડીઘણી તકલીફ થાય તો ડોક્ટરની સલાહ પહેલા લઈ લેજો. નહી તો વધુ પરેશાન થઈ જશો. કામકાજની અંદર મુશ્કેલી આવતી રહેશે. ફેમીલી મેમ્બર પણ નાની બાબતની અંદર નારાજ થઈ જશે. તમે તેમને મનાવવામાં સફળ નહી થાવ. રાતની ઉંઘમાં પણ પ્રોબ્લેમ આવી જશે. રાહુના નિવારણ માટે 'મહાબોખતાર નીઆએશ' ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૫, ૭, ૮ ને ૯ છે.

Take special care of your health as Rahu is ruling over your moon sign. If you face any health problems, consult a doctor immediately otherwise your condition will worsen. You will face hardships in your work as well. Family members will get upset for trivial reasons. You will fail in your efforts to persuade them and won't be able to sleep peacefully. Pray 'Mahabokhtar ni Aish' to please Rahu.  
Lucky Dates: 5, 7, 8 and 9.

**Pisces - મીન**  
દ.પ.ઝ.થ.શ.  
૨૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી શનીની દીનદશા ચાલશે તેથી હાલમાં તમે ચારે બાજુથી ઘેરાયેલો રહેશો. સાંધાના દુઃખાવાથી પરેશાન થશો. ખોટી જગ્યાએ ત્રણની જગ્યાએ ત્રીસનો ખર્ચ કરવો પડશે. તેમજ હાલમાં ઘણી ઘણીયાણીમાં નાની બાબતની અંદર મતભેદ પડતા રહેશે. બીજાઓ નાની ભૂલને પકડી પાડીને પરેશાન કરશે. હાલમાં મોટી 'હપ્તન યશત' ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૫, ૬, ૮ ને ૯ છે.

Saturn will rule over your moon sign till 26th September. You are likely to be troubled by joint pain. You will spend three times the actual amount on something that is not worth it. There will be arguments between husbands and wives for minor things. Others will trouble you with the smallest mistake you make. Pray 'Moti Haptn Yasht'.  
Lucky Dates: 5, 6, 8 and 9.

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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 Fravardin Roj. What does that mean?

Dear Dikri,

As per the Parsi calendar, today is Fravardin Roj - The Day of Fravardin. This relates to the Fravashis and Farohars, which are our Guardian Spirits, or akin to one's Higher Self, Guardian Angels etc. Connect consciously with your Soul-Spirit, Guardian Spirits and Angels today and feel their presence, love, guidance and protection. Fravardin Roj thus is a reminder that we are not alone and that we always have friends, counselors, guides, coaches, protectors, teachers from the more subtle, higher spiritual realms. Are we ready to connect with them, even while in our bodies? What would it be like when we make this connection on a regular basis? How would life change and change for the better as we receive information, guidance and love from those who watch over us and the world, with love and compassion, wisdom and detachment? What would it be like to listen to your Fravashi's teachings, promptings? To do so, we need to develop a peaceful mind, because all that static we create in our mind, stops us from listening to the small voice within - the voice of our Soul, Spirit, Fravardin. To calm one's agitated mind, close eyes and pray 21 Ashem Vohus with dedication and love. And then maintain silence. Outwardly and inner. Then listen - Your Fravashi is whispering to you.



With inputs from Parvez J. Daruwala

## How I Work! Chore Monster

With kids handling smartphones, it becomes a pain to get them to do household chores. With Chore Monster, kids will beg to do their bit.

Parents can easily and quickly create chores with point values for each of them. When a chore is done, they can be approved and the child will get the points. Once the target points are reached, the rewards can be given in terms of a favourite food, an outing or a wonderful gift.

The kids get to see and review the points, the available rewards and how much they will need to achieve them. Along the way, they will also get to collect random monsters for added fun and surprise!

Now that you know how to get the chores done from your kids - try it on your spouse - after all, he is a kid too!!



**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](http://on-lyne.blogspot.in) and Community centric [Zoroastrians.net](http://Zoroastrians.net). Of course, his Parsi Times column is our favourite!



Delshad Shroff

## the PURSUIT of HAPPYNESS

Name... Delshad Shroff.

I work at... Hale Education Group, Dubai.

I work as... An Educational Consultant.

That basically means... Helping high school students with the key stages of preparation, research, and application to US universities and guide them with their critical first steps into the future.

My work day begins with... Greeting my boss and colleagues.

I love this about my job... I get to interact with students who are so passionate about their future. When I work with them, I feel like I

have contributed towards a large part of their journey towards academic success. There is

no greater achievement than the ability to share what I have.

I wish this would change about my job... Helping students who do not have the ability to pay for their education and for the services that my company offers.

I have been working here for... One month.

I head to office and head back home at these times... I leave home at 8:30 am and return at 9:30 pm.

Some of the things that make up my work day... A lot of research work, conducting sessions with students and their parents and helping them with applications.

Someone I think has an interesting job is... My cousin Taronish Bulsara has a really interesting job. He runs an NGO 'World for All' that he founded a few years ago.



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This year the special menu is being planned and executed by Tehmi Mody, otherwise known to us for her 'Parsi Boutique' Elegance in Lokhandwalla Market, Andheri. All the masalas, even the vinegar, are carefully selected from genuine suppliers like Motilal Masalawala to ensure a completely authentic flavour to the food. The menu includes all our classical

favourites like Patra ni Macchi, Dhansaak, Salli Boti, Prawn Curry Chawal, Murghi na Farcha, Dhan Daar Chawal, Fish Patio, and even a Royal Falooda.

Nestling in the Al Muteena Area, Marcopolo Hotel, especially "The Bombay", is a local favourite of many Parsis in Dubai. Now in its 9th year, the Parsi Food Festival has always been well received by local Parsis and Iranis. Let's raise a toast to this upcoming event and to the spread of our delectable cuisine to many places, far and wide. Dubai ma Jamva Chaloji!

## P.T. RECIPES



### Ice Cream

#### Ingredients:

1 tin condensed milk

½ litre whole milk

2 teaspoons vanilla custard powder

#### Variations:

**Rum and Raisin:** Soak 50 grams raisins in ½ cup rum for two hours

**Mango:** Puree 3 mangoes

**Coffee:** Add ½ cup strong coffee

#### Directions:

Stir the custard powder in half a cup of milk.

Leave aside. Combine the



condensed milk and milk. Blend well.

Place over a medium flame.

Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Add the blended custard powder and bring to a boil. Cool.

Place in the freezer in the till almost set. Remove from the freezer. Add the desired variations. Beat till smooth.

Freeze till set.



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Submitted by: Zeuss & Vahishta K.  
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