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Mumbai Congress Minority Wing Felicitates Parsi Achievers

By Binaisha M. Surti

On the 20th of August, 2016, which marked the Birth Anniversary of India's Ex-PM, Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi, the Mumbai Congress Minority Wing (MCMW) felicitated select members of the Parsi community for their achievements, with the 'Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavna Awards', at the Yamas Hall, in South Mumbai. Chief Guest, MP Ashok Raoji Chavan (President, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee and Ex. Chief Minister of Maharashtra) gave away the awards, which were instituted for the first time under the Congress Minority Department, to felicitate a few chosen Parsis for their outstanding contribution and achievements... in the words etched on the awards, "For Keeping The Progressive, Industrious, Generous, Minorities, Traditional Flag High".



Parsi Awardees Along With MP Ashok Raoji Chavan- President, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee And Ex CM Of Maharashtra; Nizamuddin Rayeen- Chairman of MCMW And Other Congress Workers

The awardees who were felicitated included WZO Chairman, ex-BPP Trustee and Social Worker - Dinshaw Tamboly; ex-BPP Trustee and Social Worker - Arnavaz Mistry; BPP Trustee and Entrepreneur - Kersi Randeria; ex-BPP Trustee and Entrepreneur - Jimmy Mistry; Dada Saheb Phalke Awardee - Sarosh Italia; Revolutionary Fitness Expert and Entrepreneur - Kaizzad

Capadia; Media Specialist, Academician and Parsi Times Editor - Anahita Subedar; IT Expert and Entrepreneur, Yazdi Tantra; Afternoon Despatch and Courier Editor, Freyan Bhathena; Parsi representatives for Congress Minority Wing, Ronnie Bugwadia and Advocate Shirin Jijina; and Municipal Corporator - Navsher Mehta. The glittering awards function, held under the leadership of

All India Congress Committee Minority Chairman, Advocate Khurshid Ahemad Saiyad, was organized by the Chairman of the MCMW, Nizamuddin Rayeen, and managed by MCMW Spokesperson, Jasmi Doshi.

The evening commenced with Er. Rohinton Pavri starting the function with the auspicious rendition of a few lines of our
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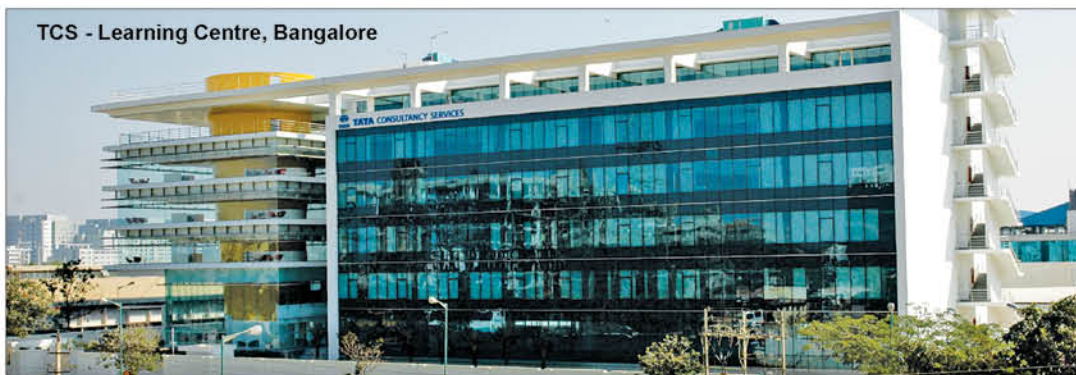
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

Most of us know we are made for greater things - we could be way bigger and better than where we are at now. Yet something keeps us back from reaching higher, something we're aware of within ourselves, but can't seem to put our finger on. And when we share this with our close friends and family, who are willing to show us the mirror, they say, "The only thing that's stopping you is you." As a counselor, I can tell you that is absolutely true - when the mind is made up, save a few temporary hiccups along the way, nothing can get in the way of achievement.

But the mind that needs to be made up, constantly gives in to regressive/destructive habits, traits, patterns and beliefs that we have imbibed and live with, most times subconsciously. Simply put, to *start* your journey towards higher achievements, you need to *stop* yourself from indulging in a few habits that keep you back from your success.

The first of these top three toxic habits, that we need to stop, is the 'need to please everyone', the obsessive need to be in everyone's good books, which could lead to the compulsive habit of putting yourself down and negating your preferences. This doesn't make you a martyr - it simply gets you frustrated. Secondly, we need to stop 'living in the past' - it's like driving your car ahead while looking into the rearview mirror! It makes us fear change... but remember, only change can lead to growth! And thirdly, (a trait most women are accused of, compared to men) we need to stop 'overthinking' - or analysis-paralysis in shrink-speak. Thinking or constantly worrying about the same old thing gets you nothing, except greater anxiety and paranoia. And there's only so long you can pass it off as 'concern' with your cheesed-off family/friends!

Giving up on these old habits are easier said than done, but the solution starts with identifying the problem. And if you have, try consciously putting a stop to these habits - they're caustic to your growth and your relationships. Unlearning these helps nurture real self-confidence, grit and self-belief, and achieve those greater things, just like our Indian champs - Sindhu, Sakshi, Dipa and Jitu Rai - who have done us very proud at the Rio Olympics! Hearty congratulations to them!

I would like to share a quick reminder to all our readers - especially the youth - to book yourselves for the 'Dubai Pravasi Yatra' by the World Zoroastrian Congress - a fabulous opportunity to travel to Dubai for both - pleasure and business - as it offers comprehensive sightseeing as well as global networking opportunities with Zoroastrians from the world over. Available at exceptionally reduced prices including travel, stay and food, it will be held during the first week of October.

Have a fab and fun weekend, all!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Wisdom Without Courage

Dear Editor,

We are advised to use our own wisdom and follow the teachings of the person whose answer are consistent with teachings of our religion. A layman is usually ignorant of the teachings of religion, so he is easily misled by scholars and PhD holders mushrooming by dozens. May I question the validity of practices in vogue contradicting the teachings of our religion at the cost of offending the so-called scholars? Constitution provides liberty to manage religious affairs without interference. Yet we ignore religious injunctions and continue the practice adopted by some Priests of yesteryears resulting in approval of inter-marriages of our men. We are guilty of promoting gender

bias. Hence we have no right to complain about our dwindling numbers. As long as the gender bias prevails, the sword of inter-marriages will exist. Why can we not reverse the violation of religious norms over-ruled by court of law? We lack courage of conviction. The "Myship, My order" attitude of our High Priests will one day sink our community. Do we believe those who do not practice what they preach? He is wise who does not consider himself to be so. Maneck Panthaky

Solving The Community Crisis

Dear Editor,

The recent news about the fall in birth-rate of Parsis may have created a small ripple among the community members. We Parsis are

known as 'pachham budhia' in Gujarati - meaning, 'getting wisdom after the event'. The fall in population is not a new happening - it's been ongoing for 80 years or more. Our population was 1,31,000 as per 1931 count. Thereafter, it's been declining and today we are about 57,000.

In 1930's too, the same controversy was plaguing the community - acceptance of others into our community.

A quote from the autobiography of our great religious scholar, Dastur Dr. Maneckji Dhalla (English Translation, 1975; Pg. 395) states, "At the moment, until the social atmosphere of the community undergoes a change, it is understandable that due to high death-rate, the fall in birth-rate due to family

planning and other reasons, the strength of the community shows a downward trend. When we, or the generations to come, become aware of the danger of our decreasing numbers, then fresh answers will be found to suit the changing circumstances."

This was forecasted over 80 years ago, but our community members, leaders and high priests seem to be happily practicing 'Khavasni, Pivasni and Suvasni'! instead.

I further quote, "It is just possible that after decades the community may create an enlightened and educated priest class and a popular understanding that to spread the good faith and to increase our strength is not only commensurate with the precepts of our religion but

also in the interest of our social well-being."

How much longer shall we wait to see that 'enlightened and educated priest class' emerging and 'understanding by our community members about spreading our religion? The problem or the issue needs to be resolved by using our heads and not sentiments. I welcome all views from readers, but can these be only constructive suggestions based on reason?

It is said, 'He that cannot reason is a fool; He that will not, a bigot; He that dares not, a slave'. It will be appreciated that at my age of 86, I would be allowed to refrain from associating with fools, bigots and slaves.

Kersee Kabraji, Pune.



BPP Chairman Yazdi Desai

Though our monthly column, 'BPP Connect', is scheduled to appear on the first Saturday of every month, Parsi Times was requested to publish an urgent piece of information, in the interest of the community, which upon considering the following news, we readily decided to share with our readers. We will continue with our regular monthly column next week.

BPP Chairman, Yazdi Desai Speaks: Trustees Viraf And Armaity Stop Allotment Of Homes To The Poor And Deserving!

In November 2013, I, along with three of our BPP Trustees - Khojeste Mistry, Jimmy Mistry and Arnavaz Mistry, comprising a majority on the BPP Board, filed two Complaints in the Charity Commissioner's Office against BPP Chairman Dinshaw Mehta under two sections of the Bombay Public Trusts Act. One was under Section 41D, praying for Dinshaw Mehta to be removed and/or suspended as a Trustee of the BPP. This became infructuous as Dinshaw Mehta's term ended. In the other complaint under Section 41E, four of us Trustees prayed that pending the final hearing of this complaint, Dinshaw Mehta be restrained from dealing in any Housing/Property matters of the BPP as we feared that if Dinshaw Mehta was not restrained, there would be danger "of the Trust properties being wasted, damaged and improperly alienated", as is evident from many past cases which are being discovered.

Dinshaw Mehta opposed this saying that he alone should not be restrained, but the entire BPP Board should be restrained from dealing with all Housing and Property matters! The Charity Commissioner taking the middle path then ordered in December 2013 that all the Trustees

be enjoined from dealing with Housing/Property matters and Status Quo be maintained in all matters pertaining to BPP Housing and Properties, pending the disposal of the above mentioned suits/complaints.

If Dinshaw Mehta had the interests of the Community at heart, as he pretentiously claims he has, he could have agreed not to participate in Housing and Property matters and let the other 6 Trustees deal with Housing/property matters. He selfishly refused to do so, and instead, asked the Charity Commissioner to restrain all Trustees from dealing with any Housing/Property matters, thereby bringing all BPP Housing and Property matters to a complete standstill for two years, from December 2013 to October 2015.

The new Board which took office in October 2015 worked hard to vacate the Stay Order and started allotting flats and has till date **allotted 75 charity flats to the poor and deserving.**

However Viraf Mehta with active help from Armaity Tirandaz has now followed in his father Dinshaw Mehta's footsteps and has attempted to block all allotments.

The Leave & License Agreement of our Vada Dasturji Firoze Kotwal was due for renewal. As is normally done, the BPP staff

fixed a date for the renewal registration of Vada Dasturji Kotwal along with the Leave & License registration of one fresh allotment, Jasmine Mistry. On Friday, 12th August 2016, the BPP staff accompanied Dasturji Kotwal to the Registration Office at Worli. When the BPP staff lodged Dasturji's papers for registration, they were shocked to know that **Trustees Viraf Mehta and Armaity Tirandaz had lodged letters personally and through their lawyer directing the Registrar "to refrain and restrain from taking any steps towards execution and registration of any agreement of Tenancy, Leave License or Conveyance of any property of the Trust" unless it is signed by all 7 Trustees, including Munchi Cama.** Because of this, our revered Vada Dastur had to wait for more than 3 hours in the Registration Hall, which as most of you who have visited the Registration Office, will agree, is not a fit place for a High Priest to be languishing in for hours!! Credit must be given to Ronny Patel, Head of Housing, who convinced the Registrar to do a one sided registration, so that our Dasturji would not have to come again.

As the community is aware, Munchi Cama's Resignation Case is being heard by the Charity Commissioner and is subjudice. I had lodged a Change Report in June 2015 to remove the name of Munchi Cama, pursuant to his resignation. The Change

Report is being objected to mainly by Dinshaw Mehta, who regularly comes to the Charity Commissioner's Office, along with Sana Abdullah, a Muslim lady, and illegal occupant of Bhabha Sanatorium, in Bandra. Munchi Cama has not once attended the Charity Commissioner's Court, though the matter involves him personally, and there have been over two dozen hearings over the last year, since June 2015.

And yet, two of my Trustees Viraf and Armaity want to block all Leave & License Registrations unless Munchi Cama's name is included in the L & L Agreements. This tantamounts to contempt of the legal proceedings before the Charity Commissioner, as Viraf and Armaity, by their actions have already come to the conclusion that Munchi Cama continues to be a Trustee, when his fate is yet to be decided by the Charity Commissioner, who is the only authority who can and will decide Munchi Cama's fate. **Apart from stopping all registrations, Trustees Viraf and Armaity have also stopped signing any further L & L Agreements.**

Consequent to their deplorable action, there are now 2 L&L Agreements pending for registration and 16 L & L Agreements pending the signatures of Viraf and Armaity. So many beneficiaries are being unnecessarily harassed and deprived of a home due to Viraf and Armaity's

refusal to sign and register L & L Agreements.

I am particularly disappointed with Armaity Tirandaz. At her welcoming ceremony on her re-election, Armaity had declared that she will make an effort to see what best can be done for the community and she will follow her conscience. By depriving our beneficiaries and keeping them languishing from occupying the flats allotted to them, because their L & L Agreements have not been signed /registered, is Armaity Tirandaz following her conscience or obediently following the diktats of her benefactor Dinshaw Mehta?

Fortunately, me and my 3 other colleague Trustees - Kersi, Zarir and Noshir - have resolved not to allow the 2013 episode to be repeated, and we will do our best to fight for the rights of our community members, who elected us in good faith as caretakers of our community. In my opinion, we have enough legal precedence and validation to enforce the doctrine of majority as enshrined in our Scheme of Elections and endorsed by the Courts.

This communication to our community is in keeping with our commitment towards BPP's transparency and ensuring that the community is kept in the loop.

We know that when we do good, Ahura Mazda will always be with us! Amen!"



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prayers. All were given a hearty verbal welcome and wished a Happy Parsi New Year. The grand evening was yet another successful event held under Chairman Nizamuddin Rayeen who regaled the audiences with his enthusiastic speech. Emphasising on how endearing and highly respected our Parsi Community is all over India and globally, he said, "When I asked Ashok Raoji Chavan if he would be Chief Guest for this occasion, he usually has to check his busy schedule before he can give a commitment, but when I told him it was for the Parsi community, he immediately asked his secretary to make an entry into his diary so that he could grace the occasion!"

Rayeen said he would organise more such functions for the community and promised next year's event would be even bigger and better.

Next, Siganporia and Jimmy Mistry said a few words thanking the efforts of the Congress Minority Department in organising the event and for the recognition awarded to the community. Ashok Raoji Chavan was then felicitated and speaking about our community, he said, "I have very high regard for the Parsi Community as they are very hard-working and honest people. They make India proud. No one can ever forget the inimitable contributions made by the Tatas, Wadias, Godrejs, Shahpurji Pallonji, etc. This community has shown the Congress tremendous support and we are grateful for it. I have numerous Parsi friends and I'm always delighted when

I get an opportunity to feast on delicious Parsi cuisine!"

He then presented the awards to the proud recipients, along with a shawl. The grand evening concluded with a delectable dinner buffet comprising all Parsi dishes.



Jimmy Mistry: "It was a pleasant surprise. It's great that political parties have started considering Parsis worthy of recognition, considering the vast contributions done by the community for the overall socio-economic development."

being chosen on this esteemed platform."



Yazdi Tantra: "It was really heartening to note that a political party chose to felicitate performers in our micro-minority, even when there are no elections scheduled in the coming days."



Kersi Randeria: "I'm thankful for the recognition and was pleasantly surprised to see that our community is recognised for the quality of our contribution to India's progress inspite of our miniscule quantity in terms of numbers. I'm glad that the remarkable work done by our community stalwarts - especially Dinshaw Tumboly, Arnavaz Mistry, Jimmy Mistry and Kaizzad Capadia - has been recognised and awarded. However, I would also like to state that I'm very disappointed because instead of taking pride in the fact that our community

members were felicitated on such a respectable platform, some miscreants have once again started spreading baseless rumours and absurd allegations - floating around on whatsapp and being senselessly forwarded by recipients - about these awards being 'sponsored'! This is shameless as it completely undermines and insults the genuine work done by the awardees as well as our community. Most of us in the community are aware of these miscreants and their vile and cheap vendetta. The best way forward is to simply ignore these handful-in-number, jobless nonentities and continue working at doing good for our community and growing as individuals."



Kaizzad Capadia: "I thank the Congress Minority Department for honouring our Zoroastrian Community and feel extremely privileged to get this award. This kind of appreciation is a great source of motivation for me to keep making further improvements to the human resource task of the fitness industry. My school K11 Academy of Fitness Sciences, builds careers in the fitness industry. I sincerely wish for more Parsi youth to give me an opportunity to build their careers."

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Arnavaz Mistry: "I'm humbled to have received this award for outstanding contribution to the society. I have been in the field of social work since the past three decades and will continue to do so. Nothing gives me more pleasure than to help and serve the less privileged. I am sincerely thankful for



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Mickey: The journey so far has been a rollercoaster with its highs and lows. But the spirit has been so high, the reason being that whenever one is a revolutionary and doing things before time, it doesn't get received too well. It is difficult for the closed ones to understand. The journey which helps heal the world and bring harmony through happiness, is rife with the super ego. Convincing people about how our thought process, attitude and behaviour can positively and negatively impact our wellness is difficult.

Q: How do you manage to look so vibrant and half your age?

Mickey: Well, it is what wellness does to you, primarily I attribute this to my regular visit to the fire temple at

Godrej Baug. Meditating and praying deeply with love. This nourishes me and fulfils me the most. All sincere prayers in a pristine environment transforms your bio-chemistry, physiology and increases immunity. It brings overall vitality. I eat a lot of fruit, I'm a pure vegetarian and exercise every single day.

Q: How would you define the state of 'perfect fitness'?

Mickey: One must think beyond fitness into the realm of wellness and wellbeing. You should be able to feel good, love all, have high energy through the day, sleep well at night, do meaningful constructive work which adds value to this universe - that would be perfect wellness!

Q: What advice would you like to share with our readers?

Mickey: I have three! Firstly, pray in the meditative state of mind with deep love for the creator and His creations; secondly, exercise and practice self-discipline towards your food, attitude and behaviour towards others; and thirdly, man is liable to err, so he must consciously course-correct and evolve into becoming more refined, day after day.

Q: Your 10 Commandments are creating quite a storm! What are these?

Mickey: I call these my 10 commandments for 'Human Evolution Through Wellness Revolution'! These are: 1. 'Breathe' in... Creativity; 2. 'Stretch'... Beyond the Sky; 3. 'Walk'... towards Progress; 4. 'Move'... in Awareness; 5. 'Reach'... out to All; 6. 'Grip' Life... be in Charge; 7. 'Stabilise'... be Balanced; 8. 'Strengthen'... your Core and Confidence; 9. 'Be Calm'... be synchronised; and 10. Meditate... with the Universe. We need to shut our mi8nds and open our hearts! And all will be just fine!

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From day unto day will I lift my heart in thanksgiving unto Thee when I take my daily meals, O Creator, Nourisher, and Sustainer of the world.

Thou dost feed me and clothe me and provide me with all my needs, Thou, my maker, knowest my wants and freely dost Thou bestow them upon me every morn. Thou dost daily fill my life with the rich blessings that I enjoy.

With the deep gratitude of my grateful heart I thank Thee for all that Thou doest for me.

From morn to eve dost Thou bury me under the burden of a hundred and one of thy precious gifts that embellish my bodily life and I am satiated with them. Feed, likewise, my soul that hungers for the food of the spirit. Moisten my soul, dry as a parched land, that thirsts

for Thee life - giving waters of Thy divinity.

I have my daily bread and I have my health and I have everything that makes my life happy on earth. I have but one longing and one aspiration now and I pray unto Thee to make me worthy of it. Verily my yearning is to gain the giver of the gifts himself for me, to get thee for myself, to make Thee mine, mine own, O Mazda.

Baj Ritual – An Indispensable Prayer- Part I



PT: What is the meaning of the word 'Baj'.

Er. Karanjia: 'Baj' basically means both - speech and silence. In speech, the prayer is mouthed silently, not intelligibly. 'Baj', in the Farsi language, is derived from the word 'Waj' in the Pahlavi and Pazand languages, and the word 'Wach' in the Avesta language. The Baj rituals are prescribed religious rites for many reasons.

PT: Why do we pray the Sarosh Baj aloud?

Er. Karanjia: The Sarosh Baj is our foundation prayer which commences our necessary daily prayers after the Kusti ritual

The sacrosanct Baj ritual is intrinsic to almost all the rituals performed by priests, during and after performing ceremonies, tasks and even normal activities. In this regard, Ervad Pervez Karanjia, Panthaky of the Sodawaterwalla Agiary (Dhobi Talao) demystifies this in a discussion with **PT Writer Jamshed Arjani**, in a special two part series.

and is prayed in a normal tone by priests and all.

PT: Which are the essential Baj prerequisites and prayers?

Er. Karanjia: Pristine physical and mental purity is the prime requisite for all Zoroastrians, laity and priests, before a Baj

prayer ritual or prayer. 'Baj' prayers are recited before an action and relinquished after the action. That's the reason for the term 'Baj Dharna' and 'Baj Mukvu'. A particular Baj should be recited on awakening, thanking Ahura Mazda for giving us another day to be in

attunement with Him. This Baj is prayed as: 'Ashem Vohu, Humata, Hukhta, Hvarashta, Sepasdar Hom, Asta Dadar Ahura Mazda, Be-Awazuni, Pa Patet Hom.' Certain Baj prayers are also recited before and after meals and normal human ablutions. People who weave kusti, priests or laity, recite the 'Vanot Baj' silently while weaving the kusti. They strike the floor during the ritual with a wooden stick named 'Nao-Gireh' to keep evil at bay during this chaste ritual. This implement is also used by priests who perform purification rites in preparation for performing higher rituals.



PT: Why is a Baj ritual performed when a Fareshta ceremony is performed?

Er. Karanjia: A Baj ritual is mandatory when a Fareshta ritual is performed because we evoke the blessings of the 33 Divine Beings (Farishtas). During this Baj 33 eggs and 33 bananas are consecrated to them. Two priests normally perform this Baj ritual because different Baj prayers are offered to each Farishta.



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Dossibai Old People's Home Celebrates Khordad Saal

The Dossibai Old People's Home (at Masina Hospital Campus), Byculla celebrated Khordad Saal on 21 August, 2016, with a jasan ceremony organised by the Trustees, followed by Karaoke music and foot-tapping Bollywood numbers presented by Tehmtan and Shernaz Dumasia and their team. The event was attended by the Trustees, well-wishers and the residents of the Home who enjoyed the programme and were treated to a sumptuous lunch by the duo.

Kudos Pearl!

Pearl Darius Bilimoria topped Master of Computer Application (MCA) examination, NMIMS University, Mumbai held in April 2016 and was awarded a Gold medal at the convocation held on 13th August, 2016. Pearl has consistently scored above 3.5/4 grade in all the semesters of MCA, resulting in her overall grade to be 3.9/4, which is equivalent to 97.5 percentage. Currently, she works in a multinational company as a software analyst.



PAD Celebrates Independence Day



True to its tradition, 112 year old 'Parsi Ambulance Division' celebrated the 70th Independence Day by hoisting the National Flag on 15th August, 2016 at the Parsi Ambulance Division Headquarter building, opposite Metro Cinema.

MP Rahul Shewale Interacts With The Community

By Khushnuma Dubash



On 21st August, Rahul Shewale, MP Lok Sabha of the Mumbai South Central constituency, met about 50 Parsis at the Mancherji Joshi Hall at Dadar to celebrate Navroze and discuss the community's views, issues and solutions. The event was organized by Paurush Sonkar, Digital Marketing Professional, and Sandeep Chivate, social worker and Shiv Sena member from the Dadar-Matunga.

Shewale addressed the gathering praising the community for our contributions

Soaring High - Pervin Gandhi

By PT Reporter Khushroo P. Mehta



Pervin Gandhi, a chartered accountant by profession, associated with Ahmedabad University as a Senior Lecturer (Finance and Accounting), was selected to present her research paper on 'Mergers and Acquisitions and Financial Development: Evidences from India and China' at the International Conference for Academic Disciplines at Harvard University, Boston on May 23 - 27, 2016. Specializing in Corporate Finance, Pervin

presented this paper with her Ph.D. guide, Dr. Bharati Pathak, School of Commerce, Gujarat University. Currently, Pervin is working on her doctoral thesis on Information Content Analysis of Corporate Announcements.

Pervin shared her proud experience with Parsi Times, "It was a dream come true when I presented 'Mergers and Acquisitions and Financial Development: Evidence from India and China' at the prestigious Harvard University, in front of my parents and scholars from multiple disciplines. I was the youngest there. I believe it's the journey that is more memorable than the destination and my journey started in August 2015, when I registered as a Ph. D. Scholar and the best part was having a guide like Dr. Bharati V. Pathak, Director School of Commerce, Gujarat University and a renowned author in the area of Financial System and Markets. I was keen on doing research related to my country and another growing giant China. While pursuing the literature review, key words like Mergers, Development

and Growth stuck to my mind and I got the direction for my quest. It got stronger when I came to know about the International Conference for Academic Disciplines at Harvard University but like most of the students, I too was afraid of sending my abstract to the selection committee as the academicians' heart skips a beat on hearing even the name Harvard. It was only my guide and parents' belief in me that made me send my work to the conference committee on one thought that if they will reject, they'll give feedback and I will learn but I will never learn unless I don't try! The leap of faith worked for me. Seeing my parents in the conference where everyone appreciated my work was my best reward."

And what's planned for the future? "After completing my Ph.D., I would like to start my own educational institute as I feel it's not only the most emotionally satisfying and the best way to give back to the society which has given me so many things in life," she says, signing off.

Dhanbaiwadi Celebrates Independence Day

The residents of Dhanbaiwadi Parsi Colony, Vile Parle (W) celebrated Independence Day on 15th August, 2016, organized by the children, who pride themselves as the 'Desi Tadka Group'! They hoisted the National Flag and sang the National Anthem, followed by other patriotic songs, under the guidance of Dr. Mahanaaz Bomanjee. Khurshed Bhada delivered a speech on the significance of 'Independence' and motivated the children to organize more such activities and stage their talents. The program ended with a vote of thanks.



and industriousness, and applauded the work done in the field of charity and philanthropy. He asked the crowd to voice their concerns and reassured that he would address these. A number of questions and solutions were discussed including water logging, traffic, trees, noise during festivals, heritage status of the colony, etc. Actor Khurshed Lawyer thanked him for less water logging at Dadar station than previous years and brought up the parking problem and taxi menace at

Dadar. Zarine Engineer, granddaughter of Mancherji Joshi, suggested the restoration of the monthly ALM meetings which had been discontinued. A resident complained about noise pollution due to traffic and festivals thereby disturbing their tranquility and peace. Shewale said, "I am glad to represent the Parsis in any manner and be of assistance. I have my own mobile app on the Android platform - Rahul Ramesh Shewale - which you can download and reach out to me with your issues and sugges-

tions. I personally go through these and respond to people and put their queries forward to the relevant officials."

Shewale got chocolates for the children from the Dadar Athornan and interacted with them. The head priest of the Rustom Faramni Agiary, Kaizad Karkaria felicitated Shewale for having taken time out for the event and listening to the voice of the Parsis. He was felicitated back in return by Shewale. The eve ended with a lagaan nu patru by Taanaz Godi-walla.

Navroze Celebrations At Delhi Parsi Anjuman

Report by Swati Kalra Arora, with inputs by Shelly Subawalla

On Saturday August 20, 2016, the Delhi Parsi Anjuman celebrated a warm heartfelt Navroze with the Parsi community getting together to eat, drink and be merry. The Parsi community in Delhi, though small, tries its best to bring in all festivals and other occasions with a feeling of harmony and fun. Though faced with long distances and painful traffic conditions, the Parsi Community in Delhi makes it a point to meet fellow community members and celebrate unanimously!

celebrations commenced with the distribution of scholarships to all children (from Pre-Nursery to the Masters) by popular Ghazal singer and Padma Shree awardee, Penaz Masani, who hugged and encourage the youth. This was followed by a fancy dress competition wherein little angels come on stage and showcased their talents as well as their parent's ingenious creativity in keeping with the innovative costumes.



This time being no different, the Navroze



Jasmine Marker, Kainaz Shroff and Shelley Subawalla had the audiences delighted with their compering and organizing skills for the programme. All gifts of participation were generously sponsored by members, Hoofrishi and Chetan Krishnamoorthy, from their shop, 'Gifts of Love'.

In an effort to promote 'self-enterprise' amongst the community, the DPA encouraged all their members to put up stalls at the premises and display their products. The stalls were taken by Parzor (an organization working to preserve the Parsi Zoroastrian culture and heritage), Zarin's Secrets (a venture that makes and sells authentic, homemade Parsi spices and condiments), while another gentleman, Kharas, brought in Parsi delicacies and knick knacks from Mumbai.



The entire function was brought together by the efforts of the Social Centre Committee of the Delhi Parsi Anjuman. Urvashi Sidhwa,

Like no Parsi event is complete without 'Bhonu', this evening too concluded with delicious dinner catered by Mrs. Dhun Bagli.

Kainaaz Bharucha Wins WAPIZ Raffle



Kainaaz Bharucha of Captain Colony won the Raffle organized by WAPIZ in a lucky draw took place on Khordad Sal at the WAPIZ Office. Trustee Meher Panthaki picked the lucky winning raffle ticket, after being blindfolded, to ensure maximum transparency (uploaded on Facebook). WAPIZ organized this Raffle through July and August 2016, where a purchase of a ticket at Rs. 100/- could win you a CROMA gift Voucher of Rs. 30,000/-. The proceeds of this Raffle will be used for charitable activities.

RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT

Sir Jamsetji Jeejeebhoy Agiary, Surat

The Sir Jamsetji Jeejeebhoy Agiary, Rustumpura, Surat, will be celebrating their salgreh on 2nd September, 2016. A jasan ceremony on behalf of the Panchayat will be held at 10 am, followed by a jasan ceremony on behalf of Rustumpura Anjuman at 5 pm.

સુરત રૂસ્તમપુરાની સર જમશેદજી જીજીભોય અગિયારીની શુભ સાલગ્રેહ

સુરત રૂસ્તમપુરા મધ્ય આવેલી સર જમશેદજી જીજીભોય અગિયારીની શુભ સાલગ્રેહ તા. ૨જી સપ્ટેમ્બર ૨૦૧૬ને દિને ઉજવવામાં આવશે. પંચાયતના જશનની પવિત્ર ક્રિયા સવારે સ્ટે. ટા. ૧૦.૦૦ કલાકે અને રૂસ્તમપુરા અંગુમનનું જશન સાંજે સ્ટે. ટા. ૫.૦૦ કલાકે કરવામાં આવશે.

Seth Jamshedji Dadabhoy Amaria & Sodawaterwalla Agiary Salgreh, Marine Lines

The Seth Jamshedji Dadabhoy Amaria & Sodawaterwalla Agiary Salgreh, Marine Lines, will be celebrated on 4th September, 2016. A jasan ceremony will be held at 10 am. All are invited.

મરીન લાઈન્સના શેઠ જમશેદજી દાદાભાઈ આમરિયા તથા સોડાવોટરવાલા અગિયારીની શુભ સાલગ્રેહ

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Salgreh of Adenwalla Agiary, Lonavala

Adenwalla Agiary at Lonavala will be celebrating their salgreh on 5th September, 2016. A jasan ceremony will be performed at 9.30 am. All are invited.

લોનાવાલામાં આવેલી એડનવાલા અગિયારીની શુભ સાલગ્રેહ

આતશ પાટશાહ સાલેબની શુભ સાલગ્રેહ સોમવાર તા. ૫મી સપ્ટેમ્બર, બહેરામ રોજ, ફરવરદીન માહને દિને ઉજવવામાં આવશે. જશનની પવિત્ર ક્રિયા સવારે સ્ટે. ટા. ૯.૩૦ કલાકે કરવામાં આવશે. સર્વ હમદીનોને આમંત્રણ છે.

Salgreh of Doongerwadi Dadgah

Salgreh of Doongerwadi is on 2nd September, 2016. 'Hama Asho Ruan' Machi will be performed at 6.30 am, followed by 'Hama Asho Ruan' jasan at 9.30 am, on behalf of the Parsi Panchayet Trustees. A 'Hama Asho Ruan' jasan will be performed on behalf of Hama Anjuman at 5 pm, followed by light snacks. All are invited.

ડુંગરવાડી દાદગાહ (સગડી)ની સાલગ્રેહ

રોજ સરોશ-* માહ ફરવરદીન અને ૧૩૮૬ ય.જ. તા. ૨-૯-૧૬ના દિને સવારે સ્ટે. ટા. ૬:૩૦ કલાકે હમા અશો રૂવાનની માચી તેમજ સ્ટે. ટા. ૯.૩૦ કલાકે હમા અશો રૂવાનનું જશનની પવિત્ર ક્રિયા કરવામાં આવશે. આ બન્ને ક્રિયાઓ પારસી પંચાયતના ટ્રસ્ટી સાલેબો તરફથી કરવામાં આવશે. તેમજ સાંજે સ્ટે. ટા. ૫.૦૦ કલાકે હમા અંગુમન તરફથી હમા અશો રૂવાનનું જશન પણ કરવામાં આવશે. સાંજે જશન પછી લાઈટ સ્નેક્સ આપવામાં આવશે. સર્વ પારસી જરથોસ્તીઓને આમંત્રણ આપવામાં આવે છે.

Amicable Settlement Between BPP And MMS

An amicable settlement was reached between BPP Trust and the Mumbai Mazdoor Union acting on behalf of the workmen on 25th August, 2016. Though the signing of the final settlement took time, a good agreement has been signed for a three year period (January, 2015 to December 2017). For the first time, BPP Chairman, Yazdi Desai and the CEO, CS Panthaki personally came to finalize the settlement at the office of the Sabha.

The Settlement provides monetary benefit of Rs. 6,000/- to Rs. 7,700/- to the workmen and the Doongerwadi Staff, amongst various other benefits. The settlement was signed by Yazdi Desai on behalf of BPP Trust and Smt. Chandbibi Zaidi, President and Shri Dhunji Naterwalla, General Secretary of the Sabha, on behalf of the workmen and staff.

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Remembering names and faces is of great value for all but a big challenge for most - leading to embarrassment when you forget! In recognizing faces, it is important to sharpen your observation. When you meet a new person, observe the face and the entire appearance closely, noticing in particular the eyes, nose, mouth and hair. Also try to find an unusual feature, whether ears, hairline, forehead, eyebrows, eyes,

nose, mouth, complexion, etc. Here are a few ways to remember faces and names:

Four Ways To Remember faces:

1. Visualization and Association Method: Think of a picture to go with a name. For instance, break down the concept or name into pieces and make a picture story in your head. Eg. if you're trying to remember the name of the first president of the United States, which was 'Washington', think of someone washing a ton of laundry. You've broken down the name and when the picture comes to your mind, make the association



to the name.

2. Look for bold features in a face: Make note of a particularly unusual features in a person's face you meet for the first time. While they may remind you of someone else you have met, that distinctive feature, like a big nose, glasses, or unusual eye

color, will remind your brain into the difference and help you recall.

3. Try a different time of day: The time of day makes a difference in attempts to remember. Afternoon appears to be best for most people.
4. Add A Description: Nurture the ability to describe a person in their absence. Start by describing somebody you know very well; then recall the appearance of a person you have met several times. Finally, try to describe someone who has been just introduced to you.

Seven Ways To Remember Names:

- 1) Hear the name clearly. Ask

- 2) Repeat the name immediately after the introduction.
- 3) Associate the name with a meaning? If not, find an appropriate substitute.
- 4) Repeat the name several times.
- 5) Write the name down.
- 6) Concentrate on names as lack of attention is the main reason we forget names.
- 7) Pay attention when being introduced - it takes 8 seconds of focus to implant information into our memory.

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DR. MUKESH BATRA

Q.: I've been stammering since childhood, but I stammer only when tense. Else I speak normally. My stammering is destroying my life. Please help.

Dr. Batra: Stammering is a speech disorder; it affects fluency of speech with hesitation, repetition of words and involuntary pauses. It is considered to be psychosomatic [where the mind affects the body] in origin. Your stammering is also, in effect, an indication of anxiety [mind] affecting your speech [body]. Homeopathy is most effective in correcting such mind-body

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discord. Homeopathic remedies can support, set right and correlate one's mind and vocal apparatus to reduce the pause or stammer. One homeopathic remedy that would be useful for your condition is *Gelsemium Sempervirens 30C*, 4 to 5 pills, twice daily. If symptoms persist, please consult a professional homeopath in your area.

Q.: I have been diagnosed with Crohn's disease. Please advice.

Dr. Batra: Crohn's disease causes ulcerations of the small and large intestines, but it can also affect the digestive system anywhere – from the mouth to the anus. It is associated with factors like heredity, environment and immune system. Symptoms include abdominal pain, diarrhoea, weight loss and rectal bleeding.

Homeopathy can not only control the symptoms and minimise complications of the disease, but also reduce your dependency on conventional medications. Personal medical consultation and evaluation of your case history is necessary to be able to prescribe appropriate homeopathic treatment. Surgery may be obligatory when there is a suspected, or latent, bowel obstruction, or perforation, or cancer of the bowel, or intestinal haemorrhage.

Q.: I'm sixty-two and troubled by my constant, involuntary movements. My left shoulder and my legs twitch too. The twitches get repetitive and jerky. As you'd guess, I can't sit still, when this happens. Please prescribe me a suitable homeopathic remedy – to

resolve my problem.

Dr. Batra: It's possible you are showing signs of what may be labelled as Hyperkinetic Movement Syndrome characterised by excess involuntary movement. This may also be due to Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, certain metabolic disorders, including electrolyte imbalance, or thyroid problems. I'd suggest that you get your symptoms evaluated by a neurologist. As far as homeopathic treatment is concerned, you may try *Agaricus Muscarius 200C*, 4 to 5 pills, twice daily.

Q.: I have been diagnosed with gout. I have some swelling in the affected great toe with burning pain. Can homeopathy help?

Dr. Batra: Homeopathy can help reduce the intensity of

joint inflammation. You should drink lots of water, eight or more glasses a day, which will help the body to excrete excess uric acid, the primary trigger. Maintain a proper weight. Exercise regularly. Avoid foods with high levels of purines, such as shellfish, alcohol, organ meat, creamy sauces and dried peas. Take foods that are known to decrease the occurrence of gout, such as lemon and cranberry juice and blueberries. A detailed case study would be required to prescribe the precise homeopathic remedy, but you may in the meanwhile, try *Urtica Urens 30C*, 4 to 5 pills, twice daily.

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SHIRIN MERCHANT

As a city, Mumbai has always had a dearth of good veterinary facilities. Getting an x-ray would mean sneaking your dog into a human clinic and rushing through the process with technicians who would be huddled in a corner away from the dog; blood tests had to be done at a human laboratory and medicines would have to be bought with a sick dog in tow.

Which is why, I was pleasantly surprised to hear of the opening of Crown Vet, a veterinary hospital located under the Mahalaxmi Bridge inside a spacious 4,500 sq feet facility. The first thing I noticed was that the place didn't smell like a hospital - it was clean, brightly lit and I was greeted with a big smile from the receptionist.

The brain child of Pratapsingh Gaekwad, the clinic was born out of the helplessness he felt as a pet owner, when his Great Dane fell ill. "After the surgery, he was placed in the car and had to be

Pet Puja: All Creatures Great And Small

Shirin Merchant checks out the new veterinary facility in Mumbai



Dr. Billie Jo Chambers treating a patient

taken home even before he had come out of anaesthesia. The fear of this recurring with that trauma was one of the driving forces behind this clinic," says Gaekwad

As I was shown around the clinic by Sheroy Wadia, the man who was involved from conception and now makes sure the clinic runs without a hitch explains that there is more to setting up a veterinary practice than meets the eye, from architectural design and layout, to purchasing medications, to dealing with veterinary professionals, he is even learning the technical aspects of anaesthesia protocols! But you can see the passion in his eyes just as you

can with clinical director - Dr. Billie Jo Chambers. A warm and caring person, I instantly take to her as she enthusiastically explains that currently, Crown Vet offers a whole range of services from routine vaccinations, consultations and worming advice to surgery, ultrasonography, radiography, in-house blood analysis even dental work. "We have our own in house pharmacy which means we can dispense medications that our patients need immediately," she states. "We also stock a few select retail items and some lovely gifts if you fancy spoiling your pooch after the trip to the doctors! We have separate dog and cat kennels for our day patients, separate kennels with

oxygen supplies when needed. We are also available for advice and run separate nutritional consults which we all know are needed in this city."

But the team wants to eventually build the place into a veterinary centre that offers the next level of pet care. "We are passionate about preventative health care, we want to educate owners and pet lovers about the best care for our furry friends who cannot directly tell us how they are feeling," says Dr. Billie. "We have a fantastic team of

The response so far has been positive. But the team and the team at Crown Vet is aware that there is a real need for a 24 hour emergency clinic in the city which they are working towards. "We find that clients are pleasantly surprised to see the size and quality of the set up, and most importantly we find that pets like coming here," says Dr Billie, happily as she runs off to attend to another pet that has just walked. All in a day's work for the busy veterinarian.



Patients waiting for their turn

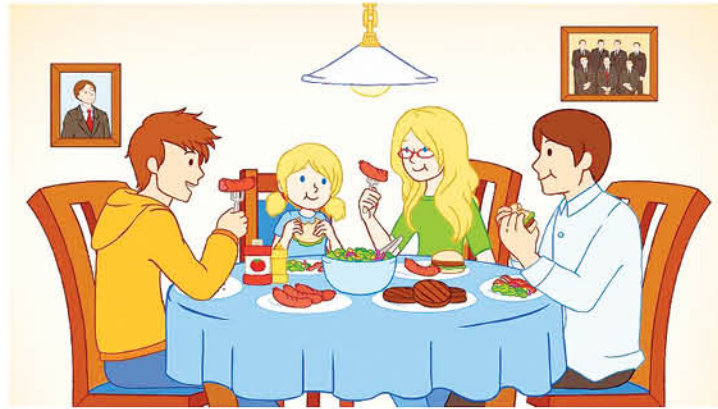
dedicated vets, and a wonderful experienced British nurse who heads our anaesthesia (who people often miss as she is always busy working in prep monitoring our in-patients)."

Shirin Merchant looks forward to answering all relevant queries from our readers. Please write in to: k9cancare@hotmail.com or mailparsitimes@gmail.com



RUBY LILAOWALA

Are We Happier Than The Previous Generation?



Previous generations had a somewhat shorter life-expectancy compared to today's but they led happy and contented lives compared to today's stressed-out-in the lap-of- luxury generation. We live longer since science has pulled back the barriers of death but what is the quality of those extra years of life? What modern science cannot cure, it merely prolongs.

In spite of landing on the moon and making scientific progress in every field, man can't create even a blade of grass or answer perceptive questions like what is life? When did it originate? What is its purpose? What is the mind? How does the human brain think? How do cells of our nervous system affect our pleasures and our pains? What does a person in coma think about? How does a helpless foetus feel when the mother undergoes an abortion for whatever reason? How come every person is unique in spite of us being similar biological machines? How was the Universe created? And so on...

Even the process of death was gentle for previous generations. Old people were allowed to die at home in a familiar environment, probably on the bed they had slept in all their lives, surrounded by family, neighbours and friends dropping in with a caress and kind words - a natural death.

Today? In most cases, an unnatural death comes on an anonymous hospital bed or in a frightful ICU with tubes in every part of the body, respirator, pampers and total strangers in the garb of doctors and nurses (however good or efficient they may be). This is scary for old people who die with mental trauma and fear instead of going gently into the next world. The mental-state at the time of death is most important for the soul's state of consciousness on the other side. What science cannot cure, it prolongs. We can even say

that in some cases, it tortures old people. Wherever possible, old people should have a calm and peaceful death at home, surrounded and indulged by a loving family who can play their favourite music, talk to them and give them their favourite treats.

Much of today's life is determined purely by monetary, financial and economic reasons, making people self-centred, selfish and dissatisfied. In the 1940s, when we went to school, I received a weekly pocket-money of one Rupee and I thought the world of it. Sometimes, I would save half of that amount. Many of today's kids are unhappy even when their parents spend thousands of rupees on computer games and silly gadgets.

In the 60's, a married couple could run their house on Rs. 400 to 500 a month. Today obscene amounts are spent by couples, but are they happy in marriage? Most of us had arranged marriages. We obeyed our parents and had no major expectations and are still married after 40 or 50 years. Today's kids have love marriages with many of them coming to a sad end. Today's marriages end within a year after many years of courtship or in rare cases, marriage ends in suicide of one of the partners. There's no family life. It's an age of double income and no kids. How many families have meals together? Very few.

Our grandparents had nothing compared to what we have today - no fridge, car, air-conditioner, television, cell-phone, washing-machine, dish-washer, etc. What must have been the secret of their contentment and happiness? No fridge meant freshly

cooked food and not cold left-overs or packaged food. No air-conditioner meant they had to go out to a sea-shore or a garden for cool air. No microwave resulted in nutritious slow-cooked food. No car encouraged people to walk and be healthy. No telephones, computers, TV or cell phones resulted in meeting friends face to face in the real world and not in the unreal world of Facebook. Still, everyone seemed happy and contented.

Our grandparents had nothing but they had everything but we hardly have anything in spite of the so-called progress. There are only a few real friends today and everyone is social climbing in order 'to arrive'. Trouble is, everyone tries to arrive fast, causing chaos.

A great many people are stressed out, depressed and unhappy in spite of luxurious 'toys' like cars, bigger homes, weekend-flats, cocktail parties and foreign holidays... so many people are turning to spirituality like it's a soul-pill! Many youngsters say 'take a chill-pill, chill-out or chillax'. But we can no longer even relate to their language. 'Just do it' says the Nike ad, and we overdo it - whether it's eating, drinking, television, computer - the works.

Previously, we got married and then lived together. Now many youngsters live-in and later get married - not for better or worse, but only till good times last. When we said 'pill', we meant Aspro or Anacin, not birth-control pill and never knew phrases like 'double income, no kids' which is what many couples want today. Instant meant 'at once', unlike today's instant tea-bags, instant coffee, instant



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marriages and instant divorces.

The word 'fast' applied to someone who lived life in the fast lane - today, it applies to fast food. The only AIDS we had were hearing aids since the terrible disease was unknown then. The net and surfing was confined to fishermen and not to computer-savvy people.

Today, different men judge women differently. Some admire a size-zero woman. Some say 'she is hot', while others find her 'cool'. Some even call her a firecracker (phataka) when there is no Diwali. 'Shrink' was what happened to your clothes after a wash, and not to a psychiatrist. 'Gay' meant a happy person and not what it means today. 'Soap' was soap (Lifebouy or Hamam) and not the trash which is passed-

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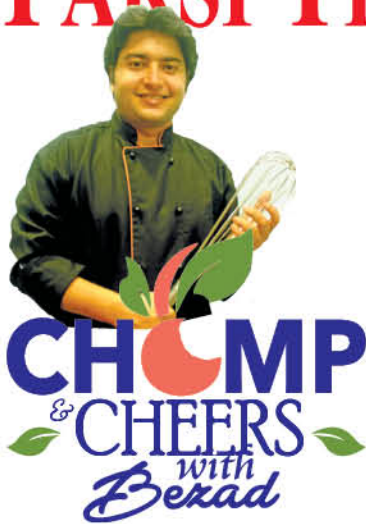
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on to us as Hindi serials on TV. 'Big Bucks' meant oversized deers at the zoo and not pots of money. 'Gladrags' was what you were supposed to give away in charity and not what you wore at the last Mahendi/Sangeet party. 'Mouse' was Walt Disney's Micky and not a computer term and 'coke' was

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Paneer Tikka Masala

Ingredients:

200 gms Paneer (cottage cheese) cubed; 3 Large Onions; 3 Large Tomatoes; 1/2 medium Green Capsicum; 1/2 cup Hung Yogurt; 1/2 cup Fresh cream; 1 inch piece Ginger cut into juliennes; 2 Green Chillies Slit; 3 tsp. Mustard Oil; 1/4 tsp. Turmeric powder; 1 1/2 tsp. Garam masala powder; 1 tsp. Coriander powder; 1 1/2 tsp. Lemon juice; 2 to 3 tsp. Oil; Salt To Taste; 1 tsp. Dried fenugreek leaves (Kasoori methi); 2 tsp. Ginger Garlic Paste; 1 tsp. Cumin Seeds; 1/2

cup Cashewnut paste; Fresh Coriander finely chopped for garnishing; Satay Sticks - 3 to 4
Method:

In a bowl take yogurt, one tsp. red chilli powder, salt, one-fourth teaspoon dried fenugreek leaves, one tbs



ginger garlic paste, one tbs lime juice, half teaspoon garam masala powder and two table spoons of mustard oil. Whisk well and keep aside. Cut paneer into cubes, cut onion into one inch pieces and separate the layers, cut one tomato into half, remove the pulp and cut into cubes. Add the cut capsicum, onions and tomatoes to the yogurt mixture. Mix well. Add paneer cubes and mix

gently. Keep aside to marinate for atleast half hour. In a pan heat two tablespoons of oil. Add cumin seeds and 2 finely chopped onions to the pan. Cook for seven to eight minutes or till onions start browning. Skewer Pieces of onion, tomato, capsicum and paneer on the satay sticks. Add one tablespoon ginger garlic paste to onions. Sauté for a minute. Add two finely chopped tomatoes and cook for five minutes. Heat 2 teaspoons oil in a grill pan, place the paneer skewers on it and cook for two minutes on each side. To the onion tomato masala, add one teaspoon chilli powder, one tablespoon coriander powder, half teaspoon garam masala powder, one-fourth teaspoon turmeric powder and salt. Mix well. Add ginger juliennes, slit green chillies and cashewnut paste to the pan. Mix well.

Add half cup water and mix well. Add fresh cream and mix. Add the skewered veggies to the masala. Add half teaspoon garam masala powder, one-fourth teaspoon kasoori methi and remaining lime juice. Mix. Garnish with chopped coriander and serve hot.

Cheers With Ummali



Traditional Egyptian dessert made with khari biscuits, milk, condensed milk, fresh cream and mixed nuts.

Ingredients:

2 cups Milk; 250 grams readymade Puff Pastry; 1 cup

Condensed milk; 1/2 cup Fresh cream; 2 inches Cinnamon; 2 tsp. Pistachios chopped; 2 tsp Walnuts chopped; 2 tsp. Cashewnuts chopped

Method:

Preheat oven to 180°C. Pour milk, condensed milk, cream and cinnamon in a non-stick pan. Mix well and heat the mixture thoroughly. Break puff pastry into small pieces and put into a bowl. Add half the chopped nuts. Spread the puff pastry-nuts mixture in a glass baking dish. Pour the milk mixture on top. Place the dish in the preheated oven and bake for twenty to twenty-five minutes. Bring the dish out of the oven, add the remaining chopped nuts. Place the dish back in the oven and bake for three to four minutes more. Remove from oven and cool. Serve.

Tip: You can substitute khari biscuits with readymade croissants.

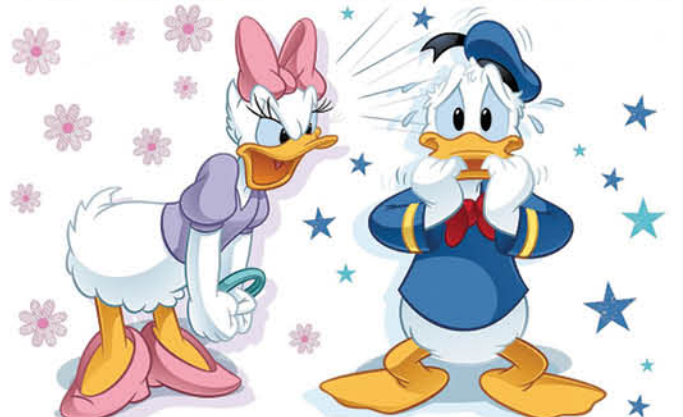
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Reviews

Hoshang K. Katrak



Mechanic: Resurrection

The genre of a film is foretold by its actor. The English Jason Statham, one of the best known and highly paid stars of the action screen, reprises his 2011 Mechanic role, that of an assassin in this sequel five years later.

Arthur Bishop (Jason Statham) is living a life in near anonymity in Rio, Brazil, after hoodwinking his adversaries into believing he is dead. Enter Courier (Thai actress Ratha Phongam) with a proposal from her boss Crain (Sam Hazeldine), and Bishop's arch foe, to liquidate three of the world's most infamous people – an African warlord-cum-mass murderer, a human trafficker and an arms dealer. But with a caveat: all three deaths should be made to look like accidents.

The action scenes (some of them CGI-aided) of Bishop evading Courier and the army of Crain's henchmen include our protagonist leaping from a cable-car on to a hang glider. And when the action moves to Thailand where Bishop's new-found love Gina (Jessica Alba) is kidnapped by Crain – exterminate the three or else – the film hots up.

Director Dennis Gansel takes us on a mini world trip which includes Malaysia (the first execution in a high security prison), Sydney (of a man plunging to death from a swimming pool 76 floors above) and then on to Sofia, Bulgaria to liquidate mob boss Max Adams (Tommy Lee Jones).

The film, for the most part, glides along expected lines. There are no award-winning performances, nothing exceptional. And with the baddies all sitting ducks, our hero takes everybody in his stride. The picturesque locales of Rio, Sydney and Thailand

Genre	Action
Minutes	99
Director	Dennis Gansel



offer the perfect striking backdrop. Jessica Alba looks refreshing and Tommy Lee Jones, in a different avatar, stands out, though it's barely a five-minute role and merits a few speaking lines. The film is for you if you are an action-film fan.

A Flying Jatt

When the Chairperson of the Censor Board Pahlaj Nihalani endorses a film, the industry is all ears. 'A Flying Jatt' will create history and remind the viewer of (the 1975 sleeper hit) 'Jai Santoshi Maa', the great man opines. But then, Nihalani forgets that history comes in various hues and disparate shapes and sizes. And after seeing the film, and with due respect to the highly controversial Censor chief, one wonders whether he wasn't hallucinating. Or simply whether he was making amends for the innumerable snips he had ordered on 'Udta Punjab' – both coming from the stable of Balaji Films.

Malhotra (Kay Kay Memon) is the head honcho of Malhotra Multinationals, whose factories are polluting behemoths. He's cast his evil expansionist eye on a stretch of land. But there is an insurmountable obstacle – Mrs. Kartar Singh (Amrita Singh). The ebullient and dauntless lady, whose son Aman (Tiger Shroff), is a Karate instructor in a local Punjabi school, refuses to sell the land as it houses an ancient sacrosanct tree worshipped by the locals.

Director Remo D'souza would have us believe that Malhotra's hoodlums cower before her and are overawed by her. The result: he beckons the seven-foot Raka (Nathan Jones of 'Mad Max: Fury Road' fame) to resolve matters. In the initial one-sided combat between Aman and Raka, the former, who has a fear of heights, is blessed with super-human powers.

It is the oft-told good V/s evil story, where Raka gains strength from breathing polluting filth. At one point in the beginning of the film, Malhotra says 'time is precious'. Viewers would be well advised to take note of the fortuitous warning.

Kay Kay Menon is good, and Amrita Singh is passable. Jacqueline Fernandez is relegated to looking glamorous, beckoned by the director only to fill in the gaps. Making his Bollywood debut, all the 49-year-old ex-Australian powerlifting champion Nathan Jones has to do is take a deep breath inhaling the filth and utter 'surprise, surprise!'

Genre	Superhero, Fantasy
Minutes	151
Director	Remo D'Souza



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an aerated drink, not drugs. 'Solitaire' was a board-game that the whole family played and not a diamond which is the hot currency of today's love. We played snakes and ladders, ludo, Chinese-checkers and Patience (a card game), not violent computer-games of zap-zap, kill-kill. Today's kids never heard of innocent games like 'Kakarria Kumar, Taj Khalu Pidgeon Savak, Pakardao-Bharao Dav'. Today's generation has missed out on all the fun we had. They are restless and seek spirituality through columns, books, magazines devoted to new age living. They seek yoga classes, meditation camps, work-shops, lectures, alternate therapies like reiki, su-jok, vastu, feng-shui, crystals, tai-chi and the 'Art of Living', all of which come at a price. In fact, lots of big bucks are involved. It's all about money and it's not real spirituality. You are looking at the wrong drawer. Look within you and be happy - no matter what your outward circumstances are. Be contented with what you have and enjoy your journey on planet earth which is merely a transit lounge between incarnations and you already have a hotline to happiness!

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‘પણ...પણ ફિલ, તેમાં મારા ભાઈનો શું વાંક?’
‘વેલ, હંમેશા એકની શિક્ષા બીજાને ખમવી પડતી હોવાથી, હું મારા પૈસાનાં જોરે તથા લાગવગથી જરૂર જ એને પકડાવી આપી જેલમાં ધકેલી આપીશ તોજ રહીશ.’
તે ગરીબ બાળા ડચકાંઓ ખાઈ રહી. તેણીનું કોમળ જિગર જ જાણે ભાંગીને ભૂકો થઈ જતાં માલમ પડ્યું.
હાલમાં તેણીનો વહાલો ભાઈ તેણીને હૈયે આવી ગયો. બચપણનાં તે

સુખી દિવસોમાં કંઈબી મસ્તી તોફાન તે ભાઈ કરી આવતો, ને પછીથી તે સર્વ વિગત પોતાની મીઠી હમશીરને તે રમૂજ પામી જણાવી દેતો.
તે બન્ને બહેનોમાં તેની માનીતી મીઠી શિરીન જ હતી. ઘરમાં કોઈકવાર કંઈરમત કરતાં નુકસાન થયું તો તે સ્વભોગી શિરીન જ હમેશ પોતાને માથે લઈ લેતી. ને અફસોસ, કે આજે તેણીને જ ખાતર ફિરોજ ફેઝરે તેના વ્હાલા ભાઈ પર કાતિલ કીનો લેવા તે સોગંદ લઈ લીધા કે શિરીન વોર્ડન પણ વળતામાં પોતાના જીવના ભોગે તેને બચાવવા પોતે પણ તે કસમ ખાઈ રહી.
ત્યારે એ બન્નેમાં કોરની ફત્તેહ થનાર હતી?
કિસમસની ધમાલ પણ આવી પૂઠી કે ‘ડરબી કાસલ’ને ચાઈનીઝ ડેકોરેશન તથા રંગબેરંગી રોશનીથી શણગારવામાં આવ્યો હતો.
ફરી એ ખોટા ખરચા સામે ઝરી જુલાકનો ભેગનો ચિલ્લો ચઢી જતાં માલમ પડ્યો, ને છછણીને તેઓ બોલી પડ્યા.
‘કિસમસ તે કંઈ આપણા બાપની છે કે પોચાં વગર ફોકટનો ખર્ચો કરી નાખી મૂઆ દીવાલ પર કુમતાંઓ લટકાવી બતીઓ ટાંગી દીધી. વખત જામણ તેમાં પોચો જરૂરજ લાહ લઈ બેસવાનો.’
ને તે આખો દિવસ જ ધમાલ વચ્ચે પસાર થઈ ગયો. સવારથી જ તે બન્ને

બહેનોએ ગરીબ શિરીનને ધાંધલ કરી ગભરાવી નાખી.
‘શિરીન, આજે મારી બ્લુ નાયલોન સીકવન્સની સાડી ને તેની સાથનું બ્લાઉઝ પેટીકોટ અસતરી કરી બુટ કાઢી રાખજે, કારણ આજે રાતે મને સેનચરી કલબનાં ડીનર ડાન્સમાં પહેરવા જોઈશે.’
મોટી દિલ્લાએ ઉલટથી જણાવી નાખ્યું કે નાની હિલ્લાએ ચાલુ કીધું.
‘શિરીન, મારી રેડ નાયલોન સાડીનો સેટ કલાડજે ને મારા બાલ તારા હાથે જ સેટ કરી ઉપર ગોલ્ડ સીકવન્સ છૂટાં છૂટાં નાખી દેજે.’
ખરી મૂંઝવણ તો તે બન્ને બહેનોને તૈયાર કરતાં શિરીન વોર્ડનને થઈ આવી. અંતે કયાં કપડાં પહેરવા તે તેઓ નક્કી કરી શક્યાંજ નહીં કે સાડીઓના ઢગ પલંગ પર આવી પડ્યા.
‘હિલ્લા, મને લાગે છે કે બ્લુ કોઈ દિવસ મને સૂટ થતોજ નથી, ખરુંની?’
‘હા ને મને રેડબી નથી જ થતો, પણ ફેશનમાં હોવાથી ન છુટકે પહેરવો પડેછ. શિરીન, તારું શું ઓપિનિયન છે?’
‘જી હું કેમ કહી શકું?’
‘તો પછી તને રાખીજ શું કરવા?’
દિલ્લાએ ચચવઈને જણાવી દીધું કે તે નાની બેન શિરીનની તરફેણ ખેંચતા બોલી પડી.
‘પણ હવે એ બિચારી શું જાણે કે તારા જાંજુનો કપો ફેવરિટ શેડ છે તે.’
‘ઓ હિલ્લા, શટ અપ ને હું શિરીનને

મારી સાથ મને તૈયાર કરવા લઈ જાઉં છું.’ ગુલાબી થતા ગાલો સાથે વડી બેન શિરીનને ઘસડીને પોતાનાં રૂમ પર લઈ જઈ અફસોસથી બોલી રહી.
‘શિરીન હું કેવું ઈચ્છું જ કે હું તારા જેવી ખુબસુરતી ધરાવી શકી હતે તો આજે મને કપડાંની મુંઝવણ રહેતે જ નહીં. એક મરદને આકર્ષવા સુંદરતાની જરૂર પડે છે.’
‘પણ...પણ... તે છતાં...’
પછીથી શિરીન બોલતા અટકી ગઈ કે દિલ્લાએ કંટાળીને કહી સંભળાવ્યું. ‘તું ખુલાસાથી મન મૂકીને વાત કર શિરીન, કારણ તારાં હાજીને નહીજીથી કોઈવાર માફ ઘણું પાકી આવે છે. હમણાં તું શું બોલવા જતી હતી?’
એટલું જ કે તમો મારા જેવું બુરું નસીબ નથી લાવ્યા તો બસ છે.’
‘પણ તે છતાં પૈસો કંઈ દરેકને સુખ આપી શકતો નથી શિરીન, હું કેવું ઈચ્છું જ કે હું જાંજુને મેળવી શકતી હતે.’
‘કોણ...કોણ જાંજુ?’
‘જાંજુ દલાલ.’ એ નામ સાંભળી શિરીન વોર્ડને ચમકીને ઉપર જોયું.
‘હું જાંજુ દલાલને સારી રીતે ઓળખું છું પણ...’ ‘ઓ ખુદા, વરી તારું પાણું પણ આપું કે? તુંને ઘસીને જલ્દી જલ્દી બોલી દેતાં શું થાએછ?’
‘હું એમ કહેવા જતી હતી કે એવણ તો પૈસાનાં પુત્રી છે.’

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કરવાની ફરજ એટલા માટે પડી હતી કેમ કે મરહુમ દાદાભાઈ હુઠીએ ઉર્દુ ઝબાનમાં અલાદીનનો ઓપેરા રચી વિક્ટોરિયા ક્લબ પાસે તે સ્ટેજ કરાવ્યો હતો, અને પોતે તેમાં અબનેઝાર-બાદુગરનો ભાગ ભજવતા હતા! દાદાભાઈનો તે દેખાવ દમામદાર હતો, તેવરનું કદાવર કદ અને ગાયન ગાવાની સઘળી ઢબજબ અને અવાજ, લોકો ઉપર જબરી અસર કરી હતી. એ નાટકમાં દાદાભાઈએ સઘળા ગાયનો ચૂંટી ચૂંટીને ઉસ્તાદીથી મુક્યાં હતાં, અને તે સઘળા તે વખતના લોકપ્રિય મુનશી રોનકે જોડયા હતા. હવે જ્યારે અલાદીન જેવો ધરખમ ઓપેરા ઉંચી કીસમના ગાયનો સાથે રજૂ થતો રહે, ત્યારે આ અદના સેવકને હાથે રચાયલો એક ઓપેરા, નજીવી અને સહેલી રાહ ઉપર રચાય, તે લોકોને કેમ પસંદ પડવાના હતા, એવો મને શક પડ્યો હતો! આ અને એવા જ બીજા સબબને લીધે રૂસ્તમ-સોહરાબનો ઓપેરા, વિકટ રાગોવાળી નવી નવી



મરહુમ રૂસ્તમજી હોરમસજી બામજી બેધારી પારસી ખેલાડી-કોમિક તેમજ ગંભીર પ્રકારનાં પાર્ટ સ્ટેજ કરી ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન ડ્રામેટિક સોસાયટીને દીપાવી ગયેલા.
ચીજો ઉપર મેં જોડ્યો હતો અને તે આ ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન ડ્રામેટિક સોસાયટીના સારે ભાગ્યે મળી આવેલા કેળવાયેલા જરથોસ્તી ખેલાડીઓએ ભજવ્યો હતો.
મરહુમ ખેલાડી બેરામજી કલેકટરે, એ ખેલમાં ગુરગીનનો ભાગ, ઘણી જ સિક્કતભરી રીતે રજૂ કીધો હતો અને તે

એક રમૂજનું અચ્છું સાધન થઈ પડ્યું હતું. વળી મરહુમ બેરામજી કાટકે, પહેલવાન વઝીરનો ભાગ ભજવી, લોકની પ્રશંસા મેળવી હતી. પેસ્તનજી કાંગા પાદશાહ કેકાઉસ થયા હતા અને મરહુમ રૂસ્તમજી બામજી, અફરાસિયાબ વઝીરના પહેલવાન હોમાન બની, એવાં તો કરતૂકભરી રીતે પોતાના પાખંડ સોહરાબ ઉપર ચલાવી તેને ભંભેચો હતો કે રૂસ્તમ બામજી, હોમાન તરીકે સ્ટેજ ઉપર જેવો દાખલ થતો હતો, જેવો જ લોકો તેને હડધૂત-શેમ-શેમના પુકારોથી વધાવી લેતા હતા! રૂસ્તમ બામજી ખેલાડી તરીકે ગોયા એક બેધારી તલવાર હતી કેમ કે જેમ તે ગંભીર પ્રકારનાં પાત્રો અસરકારક રીતે રજૂ કરતો હતો, તેમ જ હાસ્યરસ પાર્ટ પણ તે તેટલી જ સરસ રીતે કરતો હતો.
રતાઈ મદમનો ફારસઃ જેમ બીજી ત્રીજી કલબોના મદદગારો, તેઓને ઉત્તેજન આપવા તૈયાર થઈ ગયા હતા. તેમ આ ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન ડ્રામેટિક

સોસાયટીને ઉંચકી આપનાર કોઈ હતું નહીં. અંતે ખેલની છેવટે એક સંસારી ફારસ કરાવવા, મરહુમ પેસુ પેટ્ટીજ પોતાનો લખેલો રતાઈ મદમનો ફારસ આપવા તૈયાર થઈ ગયો હતો! તે તપાસી જોઈ અંતે કાંઈક ફેરફારો સાથે કરવાની તૈયારી કીધી હતી. એ ફારસમાં એક મોબેદ કાંઈક રમૂજ પાત્ર રજૂ કરતો હતો. લોકલાગણી ફારસ જોવા વિશેષ હતી. એ ફારસમાં રૂસ્તમ બામજીએ પોતાની મરજીથી મજફૂર મોબેદનો પાર્ટ ભજવ્યો હતો, મગર તેમાં ઉલટ અને ઉમંગથી દોરાવાઈ જઈ રૂસ્તમ બામજીએ એવો તો કાંઈક છબરડો કીધો હતો. કે કોટની બજારગેટ સ્ટ્રીટના દાદાઓની પાર વગરની ખફગી, રૂસ્તમ તેમ જ આ ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન ડ્રામેટિક સોસાયટીએ ખેંચી લીધી હતી! આ રૂસ્તમજી બામજીએ તે વખતની નાટકી ચળવળોમાં પોતાની જવાનીના જોમમાં એવાં એકાદ બે પરાક્રમો કીધા હતા.
(વધુ આવતા અંકે)

એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર.કે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Farokh Erachsha Mehta ફરોખ એરચશા મહેતા	69 ૬૯	18-08-2016	C-1, Shapur Baug, V. P. Road, Mumbai 400004. સી-૧, શાપુર બાગ, વી. પી. રોડ, મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૦૦૪.	તે દિનાજના ખાવિંદ તે પોરસ તથા જમશેદના બાવાજી તે મરહુમો એમી તથા એરચશા મહેતાના દીકરા તે કેટી કેરસી સિગનપોર્યા, દિનસુ તથા મરહુમ મહાડખ દારા કેન્ટિનવાલાના ભાઈ તે મરહુમો ગુલા તથા સોરાબજી ગાંધીના જમાઈ તે હોમિયાર, આદિલ તથા શેરનાજના મામાજી તે પરિનાજ તથા લીલીના કાકાજી તે દારા કેન્ટિનવાલાના સાવા તે ફરિદા દિનસુ મહેતાના જેઠ.
Amy Rustom Boyce એમી રૂસ્તમ બોઈસ	87 ૮૭	18-08-2016	C-4, 2nd Floor, Ness Baug, Nana Chowk, Mumbai 400007. સી-૪, ૨જે માળે, નેસ બાગ, નાના ચોક, મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૦૦૭.	તે મરહુમ રૂસ્તમજી જમશેદજી બોઈસના વિધવા તે મરહુમો પિરોજબાઈ તથા જમશેદજી ભમગરાના દીકરી તે મરહુમો ફેની તથા જમશેદજી બોઈસના વલુ તે ઓસ્તી રોડા, નોશીર, મરઝબાન ને મરહુમો શ્રીટી, નરગીસ, સોરાબના બહેન તે ફરિદા, રોશન તથા સીમોનના નાણંદ.
Jehangirji Dinshawji Katrak જહાંગીરજી દિનશાજી કાત્રક	88 ૮૮	18-08-2016	Parsi Salsette Building, C-304, Off Jijamata Road, Andheri(E), Mumbai 400093. પારસી સાલસેટ બિલ્ડિંગ, જ-૩૦૪, ઓફ જીજામતા રોડ, અંધેરી (ઈ), મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૦૯૩.	તે આલામાય જે. કાત્રકના ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમો પિરોજબાઈ તથા દિનશાજી કાત્રકના દીકરા તે મરહુમ ધનબાઈ ફરેદૂન માદનના ભાઈ તે જાલ, રૂસી, ભીખુ, શિરીનના બાવાજી તે જુલી, મહાડખ, અખ્તાવર ને કેકીના સસરાજી તે રોશની, પોરસ, અનાઈતા, રેઝાદ, ફરઝાદ, બહેનાજ, શાહરૂખ, શિરાજ ને આરિશના ગ્રાન્ડફાધર.
Pesi Lovji Shroff પેસી લવજી શ્રોફ	86 ૮૬	19-08-2016	Villa Manijeh, 85 Tardeo Road, Mumbai 400034. વિલા મનીજેહ, ૮૫ તારદેવ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૦૩૪.	તે મરહુમ ડેઝી પેસી શ્રોફના ખાવિંદ તે તનાજ પંથકીના બાવાજી તે એમીના ગ્રાન્ડ ફાધર તે મરહુમો ખોરશેદબાનુ તથા લવજી શ્રોફના દીકરા તે મરહુમ સોલીના ભાઈ તે મરહુમો શેરામાય તથા સોરાબજી કોલાપુરના જમાઈ તે બહેરામ પંથકીના સસરાજી.
Khurshed Naswanji Wadia ખુરશેદ નસવાનજી વાડિયા	84 ૮૪	19-08-2016	Amar Nagari Row House No 22, Hadapsar, Pune, Sholapur Road, Pune 411028. અમર નગરી, રો હાડપસ નં. ૨૨, હડપસર પુણે, સોલાપુર રોડ, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૨૮.	તે મરહુમ કેટાયુનના ખાવિંદ તે ફરહાદ ને પરીઝાદના બાવાજી, તે બીનાયફરના સસરાજી, તે મરહુમો જરબાનુને નસવાનજી પેસ્તનજી વાડિયાના દીકરા, તે મરહુમો દીનામાય તથા ડોસાભાઈ દુબાશના જમાઈ તે મરહુમ ફેનીના ભાઈ તે એમી તથા મરહુમ ફલી ગાંધીના વહેવાઈ.
Aloo Noshir Sidhwa આલુ નોશીર સિધવા	94 ૯૪	20-08-2016	15, S. Pemino, Altamount Road, Mumbai 400026. ૧૫ એસ. પેમિનો, અલ્ટામાઉન્ટરોડ, મુંબઈ-૪૦૦૦૨૬.	તે મરહુમ નોશીર દીનશાહ સિધવાના વિધવા, તે ખુરશીદ મલવિન્દર નારંગ, વીરા આનંદ મહાજન, નીના ગયોમંદ ભડ્યાના માતાજી તે મરહુમો માનેકબાઈ તથા રૂસ્તમજી શાવકશાહ દુબાશના દીકરી તે મીખીલ, ગોરી, કાર્લ, દાનેશ, સાનીયા, અશાઈટા, ટનમટા, આકીલના મમઈજી તે જરૂ અદી કાટગરાના તથા મરહુમ હોમી રૂસ્તમજી દુબાશના બહેન તે મરહુમો ફેની તથા દિનશાહ દાડવાલાના વલુ.
Dina Jamshedji Damania દિના જમશેદજી દમણિયા	84 ૮૪	20-08-2016	A 1, Gr. Floor, Dubash Building, Kashinath Street, Tardeo, Mumbai 400034. એ-૧, ભોંયતળિયે, દુબાશ બિલ્ડિંગ, કાશીનાથ સ્ટ્રીટ, તારદેવ, મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૦૩૪.	તે મરહુમો ધનમાય તથા જમશેદજી પિરોજશાહ દમણિયાના દીકરી તે કુમી જમશેદજી દમણિયા તથા મરહુમો શાવક, મંચી, ફિરોજ, શિરીન ફરામરોજ દાંડીવાલાના બહેન તે સાયરસ, ખુશરૂ, નેવીલ, પરિઝાદ, રોલિન્ડન દેન્ડોરાવાલાના ફૂઈજી તે પશમીન, કેરીન, રીયાના મોટા ફૂઈજી.
Mithoo Homi Devitre મીઠુ હોમી દિવેત્રી	81 ૮૧	20-08-2016	1/2, Sir Ratan Tata Bldg., S. V. Road, Bandra (W), Mumbai 400050. ૧/૨, સર રતન તાતા બિલ્ડિંગ, એસ. વી. રોડ, બાન્દરા (વે), મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૦૫૦.	તે મરહુમ હોમી ફરેદૂન દિવેત્રીના ખાવિંદ તે ફરહાદ હોમી દિવેત્રીના માતાજી તે શેહરૂ, ઝરીન, મરહુમ સિલ્વુ મરહુમ દારાના બહેન તે મરહુમો આઈમાય તથા રૂસ્તમજી ડેખુટીના દીકરી તે મરહુમો ડોશીબાઈ તથા ફરદૂનજી હોરમસજી દિવેત્રીના વલુ તે શાવક ફરામરોજ જોખી તથા જિમી પેસ્તનજી સરકારીના સાલી.
Sheroo Kersi Shroff (Nanded-Umri) શહેરૂ કેરસી શ્રોફ (નાંદેડ-ઉમરી)	75 ૭૫	20-08-2016	Parsee Anjuman Room No 9, 2nd Floor, Vazirabad, Nanded. પારસી અંજુમન, રૂમ નં.૯, ૨જે માળે, વાઝીરાબાદ, નાંદેડ.	તે મરહુમ કેરસી મીનોચહેર શ્રોફના વિધવા તે મરહુમો પેરીન તથા માનેક ભરડાના દીકરી તે મરહુમો બાનુબાઈ તથા મીનોચહેર શ્રોફના વલુ તે રોલિન્ડન માણેક ભરડા, વીરા અરુપી વરીયાવાના બહેન તે સામ મીનોચહેર શ્રોફ, તેહમટન, હુતોક્ષી પરવેઝ શ્રોફ, બેરોજ તેહમટન શ્રોફ, રોડા કાવસ પારડીવાલાના ભાભી તે અન્ના રોલિન્ડન ભરડાના નાણંદ.
Amy Noshir Pardiwalla એમી નોશીર પારડીવાલા	83 ૮૩	21-08-2016	621, Khush Villa, Khareghat Road, Parsee Colony, Dadar (E), Mumbai 400014. ૬૨૧, ખુશ વિલા, ખરેઘાટ રોડ, પારસી કોલોની દાદર (ઈ), મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૦૧૪.	તે નોશીર મંચેરશાહ પારડીવાલાના ઘણીયાણી તે દિનાજ બેહરામ કરંજીયાના માતાજી તે બેહરામ ટેલમુરુસપ કરંજીયાના સાસુજી તે તનાજ બેહરામ કરંજીયાના મમઈજી તે મરહુમો ટેલમીના તથા કેખશરૂ કોન્ડેક્ટરના દીકરી તે મરહુમો ડોસામાય તથા મંચેરશાહ પારડીવાલાના વલુ તે મરહુમ ખોરશેદ ખુશરૂ વાડિયાના બહેન તે મહેરૂ હોરમઝદ સીનોરના માસી.
Dhun Noshir Udwardia ધન નોશીર ઉદવાડિયા	88 ૮૮	22-08-2016	D-1006, Hilla Tower, Lalbaug, Mumbai 400012. K-4, Cama Park, Andheri (W), Mumbai. બી-૧૦૦૬, હિલ્લા ટાવર, લાલબાગ, મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૦૧૨. કામા પાર્ક, કે-૪, અંધેરી (વે), મુંબઈ.	તે મરહુમ નોશીર જમશેદજી ઉદવાડિયાના વિધવા તે મહાડખના માતાજી તે મરહુમો આલામાય તથા જમશેદજી ફરામજી દસ્તુર (ઉદવાડાના માજી સોડાવોટરવાલા ધર્મશાળાના મેનેજર)ના દીકરી તે દાલી, પેરિન દિનશાહ ભાદા તથા મરહુમ નરગીશ કાવસજીના બહેન તે મરહુમો બચામાય તથા જમશેદજી ઉદવાડિયાના વલુ તે હવોવી, અનાઈતા, ખુરશીદ, ગુલુ ને કેરસીના માસી તે હિલ્લદા ને આદિલના ફૂઈ.
Perin Jehangir Sanjana પેરિન જહાંગીર સંજાણા	86 ૮૬	22-08-2016	301, Sahara Building, 3rd Floor, 45, Nair Road, Opp Nair Hospital, Mumbai Central, Mumbai 400008. ૩૦૧, સહારા બિલ્ડિંગ, ૩જે માળે, ૪૫ નાયર રોડ, નાયર હોસ્પિટલની સામે, મુંબઈ સેન્ટ્રલ, મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૦૦૮.	તે મરહુમો પિરોજ તથા જહાંગીરજી સોરાબજી સંજાણાના દીકરી તે મરહુમ ઝરીન જહાંગીરજી સંજાણાના બહેન.
Mehroo Paul Cooper મેહરૂ પોલ કૂપર	83 ૮૩	22-08-2016	M-25, Navroze Baug, Lalbaug, Mumbai 400012. એમ-૨૫, નવરોઝ બાગ, લાલબાગ, મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૦૧૨.	તે મરહુમ પોલ કેખશરૂ કૂપરના વિધવા તે હનોઝ પોલ કૂપરના માતાજી તે મહાઝરીન હનોઝ કૂપરના સાસુજી તે મરહુમો ધનમાય(ભીખામાય) તથા દોરાબશા એદલજી સિગનપોર્યાના દીકરી તે મરહુમો ગુલચહેર તથા કેખશરૂ પાલનજી કૂપરના વલુ તે મરહુમ મરઝબાન તથા કેરસી, કાલી, દિનશાહ, હિલ્લા તથા એમી પેસી આંટયાના બહેન તે ફવશી તથા યઝદના બપઈજી તે તેમીના તથા પારસી માણેકશા રાણાના વહેવાણ.
Thrity Sarosh Shastri શ્રીટી સરોશ શાસ્ત્રી	79 ૭૯	23-08-2016	1/A/11, Tata Mills Society Ltd., J. B. Marg, Parel, Mumbai 400012. ૧/એ/૧૧ તાતા મીલ્સ સોસાયટી લીમીટેડ, જે. બી. માર્ગ, પારેલ, મુંબઈ-૪૦૦૦૧૨.	તે સરોશ ધનજીશાહ શાસ્ત્રીના ઘણીયાણી તે નીલુફર તથા મરહુમ સાયરસના માતાજી તે મરહુમો કુવરબાઈ તથા ધનજીશાહ કાટપીટીયાના દીકરી તે મરહુમો ખોરશેદ તથા ધનજીશાહ શાસ્ત્રીના વલુ તે મરહુમો દારબ ને એરચના બહેન તે મરહુમ વિરા મીનુ કાપડિયાના નાણંદ તે બચા એરચ કાટપિટિયાના ભાભી.

(વધુ માટે જુઓ પાનુ ૧૮)

(પાના નં. ૧૭થી ચાલુ)

Death Announcements from Nagpur

Adi Jehangirji Batliwala અદી જહાંગીરજી બાટલીવાલા	71 ૭૧	10-08-2016	14, Wadia Building, Tata Baug, Opp. Gandhi Sagar, near Parsi Agiary, Nagpur 440018. ૧૪, વાડિયા બિલ્ડિંગ, તાતા બાગ, ગાંધી સાગર સામે, પારસી અગિયારી પાસે, નાગપુર ૪૪૦૦૧૮.	તે દોલીના ખાવિંદ તે મરુમો તેહમીના તથા જહાંગીરજી નશરવાનજી બાટલીવાલાના વડા દીકરા તે મરુમો જરબાનુ તથા કેમશરૂ ફરામજીના જમાઈ તે ફિરોઝ, દારાં, પરવીન જિમી ગાર્ડા તથા અખ્તાવર નરીમાન પટેલના ભાઈ તે નોશીર ફરામજીના બનેવી તે જોલી અરબી સ્કુવાલા, મહાકુખ સાયરસ બાટલીવાલા, શહેરનાઝ માણેક એન્જિનિયર, કેરસી જાલેજર મરોલિયા, કમલ પેસી મહેતાના કઝીન બનેવી.
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Death Announcements from Prayer Hall, Worli

Sarvar Jamshed Zonji સારવાર જમશેદ ઝોનજી	91 ૯૧	22-08-2016 Khordad Farvardin	Grover Barshan, 10 Wadia Building, 2nd Floor, Opp Hindmata Cinema, Dadar, Mumbai 400014 ગ્રોવર બારશન, ૧૦ વાડિયા બિલ્ડિંગ, ૨જે માળે, હિંદમાતા સિનેમાની સામે, દાદાર, મુંબઈ ૧૪.	તે જમશેદ ગુસ્તાદ ઝોનજીના ધણીયાણી, તે મરુમ ગોવર અને મરુમ અરદેશીરના દીકરી તે ગોવર સોરાબ બારશન, અરદેશીરના માતાજી, તે અનિતા, અફસાન, શેકુઈન, મહેરઝાદના ગ્રાન્ડ મધર તે સોહરાબ, હોમાના સાસુજી તે અઝિતા અને આર્યાના ગ્રેટ ગ્રાન્ડ મધર.
Yasmin Kaikhushroo Jamadar યાસ્મિન કેખુશરૂ જમાદાર	62 ૬૨	17-08-2016 Hormaz Farvardin	402, Kavita Apartments, Versova, Andheri (W), Mumbai 400061. ૪૦૨, કવિતા અપાર્ટમેન્ટ્સ, વર્સોવા, અંધેરી (વે), મુંબઈ ૪૦૦૦૬૧.	તે મરુમ આલામાય તથા મરુમ કેખુશરૂના દીકરી, તે અફશાનના માતાજી તે નોઝર, મરુમ રૂમી, મરુમ પેસીના બહેન તે ફેની, ઝિનોબિયા, રૂપી, સુનુના આન્ટી તે મરુમ હોમી, પેરિન, જિમી, રોશન, પરવિઝ, હોશાના, ઝરિન, રૂસ્તમ, શેરિયારના કઝીન.

Death Announcements from Poona Parsi Panchayat

Jehangir Khurshedji Munshi જહાંગીર ખુરશેદજી મુનશી	99 ૯૯	04-8-2016	19/20 Greenfield Apartments, Fatima Nagar, Pune 411013. ૧૯/૨૦ ગ્રીનફિલ્ડ અપાર્ટમેન્ટ્સ, ફાતિમા નગર, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૧૩.
Dinshaw Homi Maneckji દિનશા હોમી માણેકજી	75 ૭૫	07-8-2016	Hills and Dales, Unit No.30 Undri, Pune 411 028. હિલ્સ એન્ડ ડેલ્સ, યુનિટ નં. ૩૦, ઉંદરી, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૨૮
Khodabux Kaikhushroo Irani ખોદાબક્ષ કેખુશરૂ ઈરાની	87 ૮૭	10-8-2016	840 Dastur Meher Road, Pune 411001. ૮૪૦, દસ્તુર મહેર રોડ, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૦૧.
Shapoor Jamshed Irani શાપુર જમશેદ ઈરાની	85 ૮૫	11-8-2016	145 M.G. Road, Pune 411001. ૧૪૫, એમ.જી. રોડ, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૦૧.
Hoshang Minocher Pavri હોશંગ મીનોચેર પાવરી	92 ૯૨	19-8-2016	Sadhu Vaswani Kunj, Pune 411001. સાધુ વાસ્વાની કુંજ, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૦૧.
Mehroo Maneck Aga મહેરૂ માણેક આગા	89 ૮૯	18-8-2016	813/14 Bhawani Peth, C-3, Pudumjee Palace, Pune 411042. ૮૧૩/૧૪ ભવાની પેઠ, સી-૩, પદમજી પેલેસ, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૪૨.
Rusi Nariman Printer રૂસી નરીમાન પ્રિન્ટર	77 ૭૭	18-8-2016	Plot no: 54, Survey no: 33/1, Vidyanagar, Pune 411032. પ્લોટ નંબર: ૫૪, સર્વે નં. ૩૩/૧, વિદ્યાનગર, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૩૨.
Sherry Merwan Irani શેરી મેરવાન ઈરાની	75 ૭૫	20-8-2016	A 707 Bai Maneckbai Jeejeebhoy Building, Parsi Colony, Lullanagar, Pune 411040. એ ૭૦૭ બાઈ માણેકબાઈ જીજીબોય બિલ્ડિંગ, પારસી કોલોની, લુલાનગર, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૪૦.
Khorshed Ardeshir Dorabjee ખોરશેદ અરદેશીર દોરાબજી	89 ૮૯	23-8-2016	850 Dastur Meher Road Camp, Pune 411001. ૮૫૦ દસ્તુર મહેર રોડ કેમ્પ, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૦૧.
Piloo Tehmurasp Panthaky પિલુ તેહમુરસપ પંથકી	85 ૮૫	23-8-2016	9C, Mody Colony, Synagogue Street, Pune 411001. ૯સી, મોદી કોલોની, સિનેગોગ સ્ટ્રીટ, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૦૧.

પારસીઓનાં નામ કેવી રીતે પડ્યાં?

વડવાઓનાં નામ પાડવાથી ઉત્પન્ન થતો ભક્તિભાવ

આપણા પારસીઓમાં વડીલો અને પૂજ્ય વડવાઓનાં નામ રાખવાનો ચાલ સાધારણ છે અને આજ સુધી તે વડવાઓના નામ રાખ્યા કરવાથી જ નવાં નામોનો પારસીઓમાં ઉમેરો થતો નથી. સર જમશેદજીના ગુજરવા પછી તેવાણના પુત્ર શેઠ ખરશેદજીને ત્યાં જે બેટાનો જન્મ થયો તેનું નામ જમશેદજી રાખવામાં આવ્યું, તે કાંઈ જમશેદ પાદશાહ ઉપરથી નહિ પણ સર જમશેદજી ઉપરથી જ ઉપજેલું છે. પરંતુ સર જમશેદજીનું નામ પણ આગલા વડીલો જમશેદજી થઈ ગયા તેના ઉપરથી લેવાયેલું છે. કોઈએ જમશેદ પાદશાહનાં મરણ પછી જમશેદ નામ ધરાવનારા ઈરાનીઓ તો હજારો બલકે લાખો થઈ ગયા છે. હવે વિચાર કરો કે સર જમશેદજીના છોકરા ખરશેદજીએ ઉમળકા અને ઉકમાઈથી પોતાના બાળકોનું નામ જમશેદજી, પોતાના બાપ જમશેદજી ઉપરથી પાડેલું હોવાથી તે બેટા ઉપર કેટલા માન કેટલા દરજ્જા અને કેટલા વિવેક અને પ્યારથી જોયું હશે! કેટલાં માનથી તે બચ્યાંને બોલાવ્યું હશે! પોતાના બાપનું નામ પોતાના બચ્યાંને આપનારો પિતા જરૂર જ બચ્યાંને જોતાં બોલવતા, રમાડતાં કે લાડ લડાવતાં પોતાના પૂજ્ય પિતાની એકદમ યાદ મનમાં લાવી દઈ તે જ દરજ્જાથી તે બેટાની સાથે વર્તવાને ગુમ અસર અને ગુમ લાગણીથી બેશક દોરવાઈ જાય છે. એવાં જ કારણે બાપુભાઈ અને બાપુજી એ હિંદુ નામો પણ પારસીઓમાં પેઠા હતા.

પારસી પ્રજાનો ઉદય, પુરાતન પારસીઓએ મચાવેલા જગપ્રસિદ્ધ જંગો

જરથોસ્તી ધર્મ સંબંધી કેળવણી આપનારી મંડળી, જ્ઞાન પ્રસારક મંડળી, રોયલ એશિયાટીક સોસાયટી, એન્થ્રોપોલોજીકલ સોસાયટી, ૧૯૧૪ની સરકારે નિમેલી મોરલ એડ્યુકેશન કમિટી વિગેરે બીજા અનેક મંડળોના સર જીવનજી ગોયા એક રાહબર હતા. ડો. સર જીવનજી તા. ૨૮મી માર્ચ ૧૯૩૩ને દિને આ જ્ઞાની જહાનમાં પોતાની ભલાઈ નેકી અને ખૂબીઓનો પમરાટ ફેલાવી, જાવેદાન સુધી પોતાનું નામ અમર કરી, મીનોઈ જહાનમાં કુચ કરી ગયા. તેવાણની પાયદસ્ત તથા ઉકમણાની મિજલસોમાં હજારો વખાણનારાઓ અને તેવાણના ઉપકારમાં આવેલા હમદીનો ભેગા મળ્યા હતા.



દારયવુશ નામો દલેર પારસી શાહનશાહ પારસી કીર્તિની કલ્ગીરમાં થોડા વધુ પીછાંઓ ઉમેરી તેને વધુ દીપ્તિમાન કરવા ઈરાનનાં તખ્ત ઉપર આવી બેઠો. તેની હેરતભરેલી ફત્તેહો અને તેની બાહોશી આજે પણ આપણી લાગણીને ઉશ્કેરી મેલી આપણને હેરત કરે છે. તેનું હાતમ દિલ અને સખી દિલગુરદો આજે પણ આપણને એક અવાજે શાબાશીના ઉદગારો બહાર કાઢવાને ઉશ્કેરે છે. તેની મોટાઈ અને મરતબો ગમે એવા મહાન નરોને પણ અદેખાઈ ઉપજાવવાને પૂરતા છે. નેકી પાકીજગી અને પરહેજગારી ગમે એવા સાધુને પણ શરમિંદગીમાં ગરકાવ કરે છે. તે ઈ.સ. ૫૯૫ પ. ૧૯૧૫માં ઈરાની શાહનશાહતનાં તખ્ત ઉપર આવી બેઠો કે ઈરાની શાહનશાહતના લગભગ સઘળા પ્રાંતોમાં બળવાની આગ જોસભર ફેલાઈ ગઈ.

તેને બદલે કોઈ બીજો નબળો નર હતો તો શાહનશાહતનો સહેજમાં ભાંગીને ભૂકો થતો, પણ ગમે તેવી ધરતી ધુજાવનારી ધમાધમી દારયવુશને ધુજાવી શકી નહીં, તેના ગમે તેવા શૂરવીર શત્રુઓ

દાનવ દારયવુશની હિંમતને હરાવી શક્યા નહિ, બાબિરઉશ (બેબિલન)ના બળવાને બેસાડી દેતા કે સુશિયાનાને એક સપાટે સર કરતાં તેને મુશ્કેલી નડી નહીં; મીડિયનોની મદદીને મંદ કરતા કે અથુરાની આગને બુજાવી દેતાં તેને વખત લાગ્યો નહિ; અરમના હરામખોરોને હરાવતાં તેણે ઝાઝો વખત ખોયો નહીં; પાર્થ્યાના પ્રાંતને પૂર્ણ વળતાં કે સીગર્થાની સરકશીનો સ્વાદ ચખાડતાં તેની હામને હાણી પૂર્ણ નહિ; માજ્યાની મગડૂરીને મોતમંદ માર મારતા કે સક્યાની શમોરોને શરણે આણતાં તે હિંમત હાર્યો નહીં. ૧૯ જાહરાં જંગોમાં તે મહાવીરે દશ જુદા જુદા જાહરદસ્ત પોદ્યાઓને જમીનદોસ્ત કીધા. જ્યારે શાહનશાહત માહેલા ભાગોમાં સળગેલી આગોને તેણે બુજાવી દીધી ત્યારે પારસી પરાક્રમ એકવાર ફરી ઈરાનની આસપાસની ધરતી ધુજાવી નાખી હતી. મિસરનો શૂરવીર શત્રપ યાદગાર આર્યાન્દીસ આફ્રિકા ખંડમાં પારસી શાહનશાહતનો ફત્તેહમંદ ફેલાવો કરવા ફત્તેહમંદ નિવડ્યો. બાર્કા, સાઈરિનાઈકા અને લીબ્યાના આફ્રિકન રાજ્યોપર તેણે ઈરાની ઝંડો ઉડતો કીધો.



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Aries - મેષ અ.લ.ઈ.

૨૦ મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી બુધની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તેથી બુધિબળ વાપરી અધરા કામને સહેલા બનાવી દેશો. કરેલા કામમાં સંતોષ મળશે. ફસાયેલા નાણા પાછા મેળવી શકશો. ફેમિલી મેમ્બરનો સાથ સહકાર મળી રહેશે. નાણાકીય વ્યવસ્થા સારી રીતે કરી શકશો. બુધની વધુ કૃપા મેળવવા માટે 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૧ ને ૨ છે.

Mercury will rule over you till the 20th of September. You will be able to complete unfinished work using your intelligence and strength. You will be contented with your work. You will get back your money. You will get support of your family members. You will be able to stable yourself financially. Pray 'Meher Niyash'.

Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 1, 2



Cancer - કર્ક ૬.૬.

૨૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી તમારી રાશિના માલિક ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તેથી દરેક કામમાં અદ્રશ્ય મદદ મળી જશે. ઘરમાં બેઠેલી ચીજ વસ્તુ માટે મહેનત કરવી પડશે. નવાકામમાં સફળતા મળશે. થોડીવાણી ઈન્કમ બચાવી સારી જગ્યાએ રોકાણ કરજો. ગામ પરગામ જવાનો મોકો મળે તો મુકતા નહીં. મનને મજબૂત બનાવવા ૧૦૧નામ ભણી લીધા પછી ૩૪મું નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૮, ૨૯, ૩૦ ને ૩૧ છે.

Moon will rule over you till the 26th of September. You will get invisible help in all your work. You will have to work hard to get the necessary things for your house. You will get success in your new endeavours. Save a little from your income and invest it at the right place. Grab the opportunity to travel. To strengthen your mind, pray 101 names, and after that pray the 34th name, 'Ya Beshtarna' 101 times.

Lucky Dates: 28, 29, 30, 31.



Libra - તુલા ૨.૮.

૧૬મી ઓક્ટોબર સુધી તમારી રાશિના માલિક શુક્રની દિનદશા ચાલુ રહેશે તેથી હાલમાં તમને જેવી તેવી વસ્તુ ગમશે નહીં. મોજશોખ પાછળ ખર્ચ વધુ રહેશે પરંતુ નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. કોઈની ભલાઈનું કામ કરી તેની દુવા મેળવી શકશો. મિત્રમંડળમાં તમારું માન વધી જાય તેવા કામ કરશો. તમને ધનની કમી નહીં આવે. હાલમાં દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યાઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૮, ૩૧, ૧ ને ૨ છે.

Venus will rule over you till the 16th of October. You will be very particular about your things. There will be more entertainment expenses, however there will be no financial crunch. You will be blessed by helping someone. You will do things that will increase your respect in your friend circle. Pray 'Behram Yazad' every day.

Lucky Dates: 28, 31, 1, 2



Capricorn - મકર ખ.જ.

ગુરુની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે ધર્મ કે ચેરિટીબના કામો કરી શકશો. જાણતા અજાણતા કોઈની ભલાઈનું કામ થઈ જશે. તમારાથી નારાજ થયેલી વ્યક્તિને મનાવવામાં સફળ થશો. મિત્રો તમારા ફાયદાની વાત કરશે. જ્યાં કામ કરતા હશો ત્યાં પ્રમોશન અને સેલરી વધવાના ચાન્સ છે. ઘરવાળાને નારાજ કરી કોઈ કામ નહીં કરો. ગુરુની કૃપા મેળવવા માટે 'સરોશ યરત' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૩૧, ૧ ને ૨ છે.

Jupiter is ruling over you. You will indulge in religious or charitable work. You will help someone knowingly or unknowingly. You will be able to patch up with someone who was upset with you. You will get benefits from friends. There are chances of getting a promotion and an increment at your work place. Do not do any work which your family doesn't approve of. Pray 'Sarosh Yasht'.

Lucky Dates: 27, 31, 1, 2.



Taurus - વૃષભ બ.વ.ઉ.

તમારી રાશિના માલિક શુક્રના મિત્ર બુધની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી ૨૧મી ઓક્ટોબર સુધી તમારા કામમાં ફેરફાર કરી શકશો. હિસાબી કામને સરળતાથી કરી શકશો. જ્યાં કામ કરતા હશો ત્યાં સાથ સહકાર મળી રહેશે. સરખી જગ્યાએ રોકાણ કરી ભવિષ્યનો પ્લાન કરી લેશો. દરરોજ ભુલ્યા વગર 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૮ થી ૧ છે.

Mercury is ruling over you. You will be able to work very well till the 21st of September. You will be able to carry out financial transactions very well. You will get help at your workplace. By investing at the right place, you should plan for your future. Pray 'Meher Niyash' every day without fail.

Lucky Dates: 29, 30, 31, 1



Leo - સિંહ મ.ટ.

૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી સૂર્યની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી તમારા માથાનો બોજો વધી જશે. સામે પહેલી વસ્તુ તમને દેખાશે નહીં. જન્મનો સૂર્ય ખરાબ હશે તો અંધારા જેવું વાતાવરણ થઈ જશે. અગત્યની ફાઈલો કે સરકારી કાગળો ઉંધા હાથે મુકાઈ જશે. કોર્ટ દરબાર કે સરકારી કામથી દૂર રહેજો. સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી કોર્ટના ફેસલા તમારા હકમાં નહીં થાય. ૯૬મું નામ 'યા રયોમંદ' ૧૦૧ વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૩૦, ૧ ને ૨ છે.

Sun will rule over you till the 6th of September. You will be stressed. You won't be able to see things which are right in front of your eyes. Important files or government documents will get misplaced. Stay away from court and government related work. Till September, courts won't rule out in your favour. Pray the 96th name, 'Ya Rayomand' 101 times.

Lucky Dates: 27, 29, 1, 2



Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક ન.ચ.

૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી હાલમાં તમારી તબિયતની સંભાળ રાખજો. ખાવાપીવાથી થતી બીમારી થવાના ચાન્સ છે. એસીડીટીથી પરેશાન થશો. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં આ અઠવાડિયામાં દવાદાડ પાછળ વધુ ખર્ચ થશે. મનગમતી ચીજવસ્તુ સાથે મનગમતી વ્યક્તિ પણ મળી જશે. અચાનક ધનલાભ થશે. શુક્રની વધુ કૃપા મેળવવા માટે 'બહેરામ યાઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૯, ૧ ને ૨ છે.

Rahu will rule over you till the 6th of September. Take care of your health. You will be troubled by acidity. Financially, there will be more medical expenses. You will get to meet your favourite person and your favourite thing. There will be sudden financial profits. Pray 'Behram Yazad'.

Lucky Dates: 27, 29, 1, 2.



Aquarius - કુંભ ગ.શ.સ.

આજથી ગુરુની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે તેથી ધીરે ધીરે તમારા દરેક કામમાં તમને જરા મળી જશે. મનની શાંતિ મળશે. અચાનક મુસાફરીનો ચાન્સ મળી જશે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં ધીરે ધીરે સારા સારી થતી જશે. કોઈ જગ્યાએ ફસાઈ જશો તો બહાર નીકળવાનો રસ્તો સરળતાથી મળી જશે. નવાકામ કરવા માટે મન ઉતાવળું થશે. પેસાની બચત કરતા શીખી જશો. હાલમાં દરરોજ 'સરોશ યરત' ભણવાનું ચાલુ કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬ થી ૩૦ છે.

From today, Jupiter started ruling over you. You will get peace of mind. You might get to travel suddenly. Your financial conditions will improve gradually. If you are stuck somewhere, you will be able to find a way out easily. You will be anxious to start something new. You will learn how to save. Pray 'Sarosh Yasht' every day.

Lucky Dates: 26, 27, 28, 29, 30.



Gemini - મિથુન ક.ઇ.ઇ.

૨૪મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી મંગળની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી સ્વભાવમાં ચેન્જસ આવશે. નાની બાબતમાં ચિડાઈ જશે. ફેમિલી મેમ્બર ઈરિટેટ કરે તેવી વાતો કરશે. બીજાના કામ સીધા કરવા જતા ઉલટા થશે. ગામ પરગામ જતા નુકસાન થશે. મંગળને કારણે તાવ-માથાના દુઃખાવાથી પરેશાન થઈ જશો. ભુલ્યા વગર 'તીર યરત' ભણજો તેનાથી શાંતિ મળશે. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮ ને ૨ છે.

Mars will rule over you till the 24th of September. There will be temperamental changes. You will get irritated in the smallest of things. Your family members will irritate you with their talks. While trying to help others, it might backfire. You might incur loses while traveling. You will be troubled by headaches. Pray 'Tir Yasht' to get peace.

Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 2.



Virgo - કન્યા પ.ઘ.ઇ.

૧૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી શુક્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી તમારા મનની મુશ્કેલી પૂરી થશે. અગત્યના કામો સહેલાઈથી પૂરા કરશો. વિરૂધ્ધવ્યક્તિની વ્યક્તિનો સાથ મળશે અને નાણાકીય લાભ કેમ મળશે તેના સલાહ સૂચનો પણ મળશે. ગુસ્સા પર કાબુ રાખજો. સૂર્યને ઠંડો પાડવા ૯૬મું નામ ૧૦૧ વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬ થી ૩ છે.

Venus will rule over you till the 16th of September. You will be able to achieve your dreams. You will complete important jobs efficiently. Opposite gender will support you and advice you on financial matters. Control your temper. Pray the 96th name 101 times.

Lucky Dates: 26th to the 3rd.



Sagittarius - ધન ભ.ઇ. ફ. ડ.

૬મી ઓક્ટોબર સુધી રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તેથી દિવસની ભૂખ અને રાતની ઉંઘ બંને ઉડી જશે. નહીં જાણતા હો તેવી બાબતમાં ફસાઈ જશો. રાહુને કારણે વિચારશક્તિ ખરાબ રહેશે. દરેક બાબતમાં નેગેટિવ વિચાર આવશે. પેસાનો ખર્ચ પાણીની જેમ થશે. 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૮, ૨૯, ૩૦ ને ૩૧ છે.

Rahu will rule over you till the 6th of October. You will have appetite and sleep loss. You will get stuck in unknown problems. Your memory will be affect. You will get negative thoughts. There will be too many expenses. Pray 'Mahabokhtar Niyash'.

Lucky Dates: 28, 29, 30, 31.



Pisces - મીન ઈ.ચ.ઝ.થ.ઇ.

૨૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી શનિની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી હાલમાં તમને નાના કે મોટા કામ પૂરા કરવામાં અડચણ આવશે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં મુશ્કેલી આવશે. શનિને કારણે કોઈ પણ કામ સીધી રીતે પૂરા નહીં થાય. જૂના કામ પૂરા નહીં થાય ત્યાં નવા કામ આવશે. માનસિક તથા શારીરિક મુશ્કેલીનો સામનો કરવો પડશે. હાલમાં મોટી 'હમન યરત' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૩૦ થી ૨ છે.

Saturn will rule over you till the 26th of September. There will be hurdles in completing small and big jobs. There will be financial problems. No work will be done flawlessly. Before pending work gets complete, you will get new tasks. You will have to face physical and mental problems. Pray, 'Moti Haptan Yasht'.

Lucky Dates: 30th to the 2nd.

BREAKING NEWS!!!**'2013' SET TO MAKE A COMEBACK!****MUNCHI CAMA MOVES CC OFFICE FOR A STAY ORDER**

Even as PT publishes in this issue about BPP Chairman Yazdi Desai's letter expressing angst about Trustees Viraf Mehta's and Armaity Tirandaz's refusal to sign the agreements of our hopeful community members, who have been allotted housing in the last few weeks, it appears that Muncherji Cama has added his weight behind their efforts.

At around 4:00 pm on 26th August, 2016, Cama's lawyers served the BPP Trustees a notice u/s 41-E r/w 41-A. Simply put, Cama has moved an application before the Charity Commissioner (CC) praying that the work of the BPP be stayed by an order of the CC. The prayer includes policy decisions, administrative work and the all-important stay on allotment of houses.

It's interesting to note the chronology of events as well as the players involved in this latest drama. On June 2015, Cama resigned. He made very serious allegations against all the then BPP Trustees, and called upon the CC to *suo-moto* appoint an administrator.

Dinshaw Mehta challenged both, the validity of the resignation and the procedure adopted in accepting the same. From records available with PT, Cama did not file his reply for almost six months, leading members of the community to assume that Cama had left the decision of whether he continued as a Trustee or not, in the hands of the authorities. In fact, Cama had said exactly this, quite often, to people who asked his views about his resignation and the subsequent challenge. One believed that Cama, a man who held his own word in high regard, would not try and back out from his resignation, which was a well thought out and well recorded letter.

However, recent events show that things might not be as straight forward as they seem. On the 25th of July, Trustees Viraf and Armaity sent out a letter to prevent the registration of all Leave and Licence and Tenancy Agreements. The same day, Cama's lawyer also issued a notice, and two days later, the lawyer for Armaity and Viraf did ditto – par for course!

The notice served by Cama (Applicant No 1) on Friday is co-signed by Kersi Sethna, the long-time friend of Dinshaw Mehta (the proxy candidate, who lost his deposit in the last elections) who stays in Cama Park, in a flat registered in the name of Pansy Dinshaw Mehta.

Facts, dates and the people involved point towards a negative concerted effort by a few individuals to prevent the Trustees from serving the community. This leaves us with a few unanswered questions: Is this a diversion from the hottest issue doing the rounds of the community? Who are the people involved and are they connected by an invisible chord?

One can only lament and feel sorry for the poor of our community, who may once again be forced to wait for God knows how long for their dream homes! Ultimately in the fight between Charity and Politics, Politics wins hands down, every time. Even as the actors in the fight gloat and feel happy in their tiny successes, they do not see the tears in the eyes of the members of the community who come close to being housed, only to be pushed away by the animal called politics.

**SPORTS
ROUNDUP**

By P. T. Reporter Binaisha M. Surti

CRICKET**India Lose Number 1 Ranking As 4th Test Match Gets Abandoned**

Rain played spoil sport yet again as the fourth Test match between India and West Indies was abandoned after just 22 overs were bowled at the start of the game. This particular Test match goes down in history as the third shortest match ever. India won the series 2-0. Ashwin was awarded with the 'Man of the Series'.

Sri Lanka's Tilakaratne To Retire

Tilakaratne Dilshan, the pillar for the Lankan Lions, has decided to retire after a 17 year illustrious international

career, having played 87 Tests, 329 ODIs and 78 T20s. Dilshan will retire from International Cricket after the end of the Australia series.

England Win 1st ODI Against England

Pakistan put up 260/6 on the board. In reply the Englishmen started well with Roy and Root hitting half centuries. Morgan and Stokes looked all set to pocket the match for England but could not due to rains. Pakistan looked out of steam; due to the D/L method, England clinched the game with 44 runs victory and Jason Roy was the 'Man of the Match'.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OLYMPICS**PV Sindhu Wins Silver Medal At Rio Olympics 2016**

Sindhu won India's second medal at Rio, a silver, losing out to World Champion Carolina Marin

(Spain) 21-19, 12-21, 15-21.

Brazil Beat Germany In Penalty Shoot Out To Win Football Gold

A great contest is what the world witnessed between Brazil and Germany in the men's Gold Medal Match. Skipper Neymar scored the winning goal, as the hosts beat the Germans 5-4 on penalties

FOOTBALL**Barcelona Win Against Real Betis In La Liga**

Luis Suarez scored a hat-trick and helped his side Barcelona start of their title defence with an outstanding 6-2 finish over Real Betis.

TENNIS**Richard Gasquet Enters ATP Quarter Finals**

Richard Gasquet outplayed his French opponent Stephane Robert 6-1, 6-3, and thus reached the quarter finals of the ATP tour's Winston-Salem

GAMES TO WATCH OUT FOR IN THE UPCOMING WEEK**FOOTBALL****La Liga**

- 27th August Real Madrid V/s Celta Vigo
- 28th August Athletic Bilbao V/s Barcelona

English Premier League

- 27th August Tottenham V/s Liverpool; Chelsea V/s Burnley; Watford V/s Arsenal; Hull City V/s Manchester United
- 28th August Manchester City V/s West Ham

CRICKET

- 27th August 1st T20 - West Indies V/s India
2nd ODI - England V/s Pakistan
- 28th August 2nd T20 - West Indies V/s India
- 30th August 3rd ODI - England V/s Pakistan

Open.

Leander Paes And Andre Begemann Enter Quarter Finals Of Winston-Salem Open

Indo-German pair, top

seeds Leander Paes and Andre Begemann beat the Australian-Brazilian pair Chris Guccione and Andre Sa 6-4, 6-4 to advance into the quarter finals of Winston-Salem Open.