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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

It's December Already!

Dear Readers,

We've entered the last month of 2017! The year seems to have sped by... we look back with mixed feelings - glad to have achieved some of the things we set out to do, and not so glad about a few others that didn't see the light of day. Since it's our actions, and not intentions, which indicate what's truly important to us, reflecting on the things we did (or didn't do) helps us better understand our own priorities - misplaced or otherwise.

It's not been a very good year for our Community, the threads of unity have been in a disarray, tearing at the very fabric of our dwindling existence. More than ever, this is the time to overcome the factionism, to speak as one and resolve all issues in one voice, instead of washing dirty laundry in public and reducing our much respected community to a national circus.

The Iranshah Udvada Utsav, which takes place this month (23rd - 25th) is one such platform which will help strengthen our unity by bringing us together to partake a sense of community culture, pride and celebration. Here's looking forward to more opportunities that will foster our togetherness!

Have a good weekend!

- Anahita

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Adoptathon 2017 For Prospective Pet-Parents!

Book A Smile and World For All presents Asia's largest adoption camp ever for strays 'Adoptathon 2017' on 2nd and 3rd December, 2017, from 11am to 8pm, at St. Theresa's Boys High School, Bandra (W). Over 180 fully groomed, vaccinated and healthy Indian breed puppies and kittens seeking a forever home look forward to your patronage and love! Adopting families will have access to expert advice from veterinary doctors, behaviourists and adoption counsellors and can also purchase premium products for their new furry family members, making the Adoptathon a one-stop-adopt where pets as well as all necessary pet product provisions will be available under one roof. After the adoption process is complete, WFA will continue to assist the new pet-parents by keeping in touch and providing any necessary animal care and assistance. You can also look forward to a number of fun and food stalls and celebrity animal lovers dropping in to show their support. The entry donation is priced at Rs. 50/-. Interested adopters must carry address and ID proof. For details, contact info@worldforall.co



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Throwing Light On The Metro III Alignments by Maneck Engineer

Kudos to Parsi Times for bringing out an excellent article in the issue dated 11th November, 2017, with an exhaustive explanation along with diagrams, to clear the doubts from the minds of the community members, that the Metro does not undermine the sanctity of religious structures and hurts our religious sentiments. As a practising professional with 54 years experience, I decided to pen down my views, to the community, to redress the situation and if possible, try and remove the cobweb of ignorance.

In the last few months, our community stands divided on the alignment of Metro III which, some community members allege, is dangerously close to two Atash Behrams namely, The Anjuman Atash Behram and the Wadiaji Atash Behram and the Metro tube will affect the wells within the precinct. There has been a plethora of mails, WhatsApp and articles in the press that the Metro will affect the foundation of the sacred Heritage Structures and the old buildings along the route. The tube will also affect the Bikha Behram well between Hutatma Chowk and Churchgate station which may run dry. This affects the religious sentiments of the members of this highly educated community, in turn, has dragged the Dasturjis to approach the Cm and PM to realign the Metro tube. There is a fear that the proposed tube will cause vibration, when the trains move at a high speed, which will lead to devastation of the old buildings in a few years. I believe that this undermines the achievements of this highly enlightened and progressive community and therefore, the entire issue needs to be redressed. Who is to be blamed for this fiasco! We as a community or the promoters or the Government? Can the Metro tube route be changed? Yes/No.

The Metro line of Mumbai Metro also referred to Colaba-Bandra-SEEPZ Metro route is totally underground and has an estimated cost of Rs.23,130 Crores (US\$ 3.6 billion) JICA (JAPAN International Cooperation Agency) will fund 57.2% of the cost. Though, this is a Centre-State joint venture with other stakeholders like MMRDA, Mumbai International Airport Ltd. Etc. decision cannot be taken by any one person. A consortium of Hongkong based AECOM Asia jointly with Padco, Japan; LBG Inc. USA; Egis Rail, France; are the consultants to the project. Totally international and therefore, any change will involve all the stakeholders and consultants and therefore, changes are highly improbable. Further, contracts have been awarded for the entire length and work has started in each location. In fact the TBM (Tunnel Boring Machine) for the Girgaon stretch has arrived and lowered and the assembly is in progress. It does not make sense in politicising the issue at this late stage.

The two issues which these conscious keepers of the community are complaining about (1) The Wells will go dry (2) the tunnels are passing below Atash Behrams and therefore, the sanctity of the place is at stake. Well I would not like to contradict our learned Dasturjis as I am not a religious scholar but I can only say our religion is based on purity and care for nature/ environment and that is the essence of Zoroastrian philosophy. This method of mass transit system is totally environment friendly.

As most of you are aware that, for a large city like ours only two set of suburban railways viz. Central Railway and Western Railway constructed over a hundred and fifty years ago is not sufficient to cater for millions of commuters daily. A set of underground metro or an elevated one is the only solution. This should have been done fifty years ago. However, political and financial conditions were different and technology was not available and therefore, the delay. A decade back government decided to plan different routes of Metro, a rapid transit system to make commutation easier and safer and to reduce the traffic on existing road, which unfortunately,

cannot be widened. One such route was earlier planned from Colaba to Bandra and later to SEEPZ (Andheri) and that is at present the bone of contention.

As regards issue of well water being drained off or, sucked into the tube which is impossible as the tube or the bore for the Metro runs totally through hard basalt rock at a depth of 20-30 mtrs. from ground. This boring is done by TBM Machine which has a hydraulic system which creates pressure and move further step by step, when its rotating disk crushes and pulverizes the rock which is taken out by a conveyor. The existing wells at all the locations are not more than 6 -7 mtrs deep and therefore, the water inside the well is only surface water which is replenished in the ground during rains. It is regrettable that nobody in our community has ever gone into the purity of these well water which is one of the essence of our religion and I am compelled to put on record that I have collected and analysed the quality of the water in some of these wells from Agiaries where I am connected and I have found that the pollution in the water increases in summer and is negligible during the monsoon. In other words, there is contamination of water which is a greater problem than boring of the Metro tunnel.

As regards the stability of the structures, no structure will be affected by the TBM machine or the tube bore which is lined immediately after the boring is done and there are remote chances of any collapse inside the tunnel and therefore, the foundation of the building will not be affected in anyway. There will be no controlled blasting inside the Tunnels.

The sewer lines which are running underneath both the roads abutting the Atash Behram for over hundred years are more close to the consecrated chamber of Padshah Saheb than the proposed Metro Tube. Was this ever objected by our predecessors when they were laid, or were they more progressive?!

The stations are the only place where open excavation will be done and four sides walls of the station will retain the earth pressure and the surcharge of the building by construction of secant pile walls. This is a standard practice throughout the world and it is time tested. However, human errors and judgment always is a factor which can be taken care of by site engineers and supervisors and the safety officers in charge. The apprehension we had in case of J N Petit Institute whether construction of the station which is hardly few metres from the building and considering the fact that the building foundation is on sand, we moved the Mumbai High Court. However, the Metro authorities has given us and the Mumbai High Court full assurance that no untoward incident will happen. I had the privilege of talking with Eng Michael William of LandT, a Safety Officer who has worked on similar projects in Spain and Italy and he is confident that nothing will go wrong.

As regards sanctity of Sanctum Sanctorum, according to Dr. Sir Jivanji J Modi in his book "The Religious Ceremonies and Custom of the Parsees", first published almost a hundred years ago, which, I am of the opinion is one of the finest book in English on the subject. In the chapter on consecration of the sacred fires, he has stated that the final consecration of all the 16 fires is done in a consecrated chamber, where it is to be enthroned and is separated from the adjoining place on the ground by 'Pavis' to keep it undefiled. The fire after being carried to its chamber, is placed on a large 'Censer' standing on a large stone pedestal, surrounded by a separate 'pavi' on all sides. In the chamber of the Sacred Fire, there are also permanent furrows cut in stone of the paved floor. We have always been given to understand that, this isolation process is full and final.

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Western Classical Music

Parsi Times brings you our monthly column promoting Western Classical Music by leading connoisseur, Khushroo Suntook, Chairman of the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA). Mr. Suntook re-acquaints you to the joys of this unparalleled form of music and invites us to relive its melodic splendour by taking us on a journey into exploring and falling in love with the great Western Classical Music form.

The preferences for listening to music often springs from your family surroundings, your friends and, most importantly, the initial impressions of concert going that the privileged few are exposed to at a young age. Learning to play the piano was so widespread, particularly in Mumbai and Pune, that familiarity with the music of Chopin, and early Beethoven, was, in the growing up stage, imbedded in our minds. This is not an Indian phenomena but universal. People would flock to great concerts by Mozart and Beethoven, and in Italy, to the operas of Verdi, Puccini, Rossini etc.

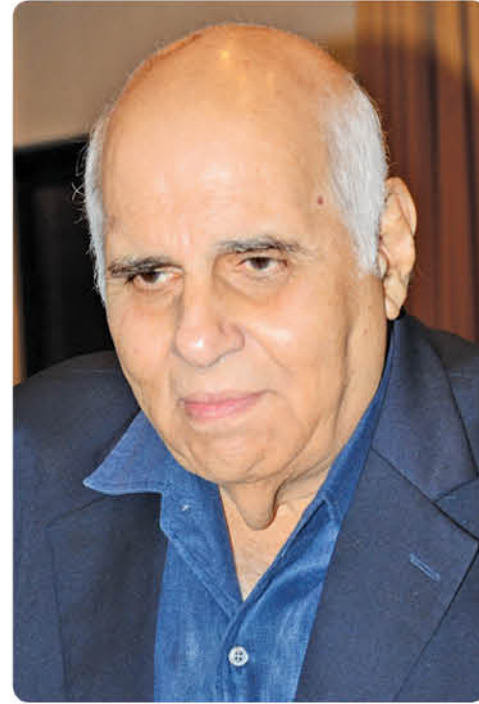
I am suggesting that, while you may start with works which interest you in the first place, you explore the composer further for more masterpieces, and then after having heard most of the works of a particular composer, try and seriously listen to composers who have succeeded the earlier masters. The prime example would be an immersion into the music of Beethoven and then moving on to Brahms. If you like romantic music from the Eastern part of Europe, start with the popular works of Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No.1; Violin Concerto and Symphonies 4, 5 and 6, and move onto Dvorak and Janacek.

You have now plenty of music to start with, and of course, the

availability online is a great advantage you have over the elderly persons who learnt it the hard way! If you can develop the habit of reading the notes given with, say LPs if you are playing them, CDs and if you are listening to either streamed music or have a habit to do so on your computer, do investigate the origins of the music and the circumstances in which the composers took up their pens

Reading, of course, is essential to get into any area of a musical genre, and there may be some need to guide the reader. Towards that end, in the next article that I put up, I will suggest some reading material allied with listening suggestions.

Till the next time, happy listening!



Khushroo Suntook

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We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our relatives, friends and well-wishers, who have been there for us unconditionally and lent their support and condolences during the sad demise of our beloved father, **Ervad Palanji Pirojsha Dastoor**, on Nov 5th, 2017. We also send out our thanks to all those who touched us with your warm and meaningful messages, but due to the overwhelming outpour of messages, we were unable to respond to all individually.

**With Infinite Gratitude,
From Maharukh & Khushroo Sarkari,
Kurush, Meher, Farzaad, Yohann
and the entire extended Dastoor family.**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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In my opinion, if the community members feel that the matter has not been handled effectively who is to be blamed! Community members' minds are confused and are in disarray. It is rightly said that we Parsis are such individuals that when three meet there are four irreconcilable views, none of which are based on logic and rationality. It is high time that this community speaks with one voice. We expect the Dasturs also to speak with one voice and therefore, I fervently appeal to them to find solution to this problem if they so conceive. There is a lack of leadership at all levels. As we are dwindling in numbers, it is necessary to organize ourselves, so that our voice is heard in this fast changing world. The changes which have taken place in the last century are mind boggling and we have to adapt to the same. May Ahura Mazda help us and guide us in this Arduous Task!



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

By P. T. Reporter
Binaisha M. Surti

CRICKET

India Wins Second Test Against Sri Lanka: Stellar batting performances from Virat Kohli (213), Cheteshwar Pujara (143), Murali Vijay (128) and Rohit Sharma (102*) with great bowling from Ashwin and Jadeja, helped India win the second test by 239 runs against Sri Lanka at Nagpur. Batting first, Sri Lanka notched up 205 in 79.1. For India, Ravichandran Ashwin grabbed 4-67 in 28.1 overs while Ravindra Jadeja scalped 3-56 in 21 overs. India declared after scoring a mammoth 610-6 in 176.1 overs - first innings, bundling out the Lankans for 166 in 49.3 overs in the 2nd over, leading to a great victory. Ashwin picked four wickets; Ishant, Jadeja and Yadav snapped up two each. Virat Kohli was Man of the Match.

Mumbai Seal Quarter Final Berth In Ranji Trophy: A complete team effort helped Mumbai win their game at the iconic Wankhede Stadium by 10 wickets against Tripura. During their first innings Tripura put 195 on the board in 60.4 overs. For Mumbai Akash

GAMES TO WATCH OUT FOR IN THE UPCOMING WEEK

CRICKET

- 2nd - 6th December, 2017
- India V/s Sri Lanka 3rd Test Match

Parkar was the pick of the bowlers scalping 5-32 in 16 overs while Dhawal Kulkarni grabbed 3-67. In reply Mumbai declared at 421-8 in 111 overs, courtesy outstanding knocks of 123 each by Jay Bista and Siddhesh Lad. Batting again, Tripura manged 288 in 78 overs as Dhawal picked four wickets. Mumbai finished off their encounter with 64-0 as Prithvi Shaw scored 50 not out.

BADMINTON

PV Sindhu Wins Silver: India's PV Sindhu fought a great contest and clinched the silver in the Finals of the USD 400,000 Hong Kong Super Series, defeated by World Number One, Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei with 18-21, 18-21.

SNOOKER

Pankaj Advani Wins IBSF World Snooker Championship: Indian cueist Pankaj Advani displayed another great performance to win his 18th World Championship title with an 8-2 win over opponent Amir Sarkhosh from Iran.

All-Parsee Table-Tennis Tournney

Organising Secretary of the tournament and PT Special Correspondent Hoshang Katrak reports.

At the recently concluded Parsee Gymkhana (Marine Lines) All-Parsee TT tournament, on 25 and 26 November, 2017, Parsee Gymkhana (PG) won three of the five titles. Percy Mehta prevented a clean sweep by winning the Veterans Singles. Zubin Taraporewalla and Frenaz Chipia (just back from the Belgium Open) reached the Open Singles finals, and combed to win the Open Doubles crown, also winning the prestigious Team title for Parsee Gymkhana.

Traditional rivals, PG and Captain Colony, met in the finals. Percy Mehta managed to take a game off Zubin but it wasn't enough to stop the home team from winning. In the Jumbled Team finals, Zubin beat Frenaz in the first match. In the crucial first doubles, Frenaz's teammates Hoshang Katrak of PG and Peshaan Kerawalla of Captain



Feroze Katrak, Zubin Taraporewalla, Chief Guest Viraf Mehta, Frenaz Chipia, Hoshang Katrak.

Colony pulled one back by beating Yezdi Bhumgara of Surat and Farokh Mistry of PG. In the deciding third match, Zubin's services and powerful topspins saw him and Yezdi run past Frenaz and Hoshang. The tournament saw a good turnout of outstation players, including old-timer Bomi Tamboly from Toronto. Chief Guest, BPP Trustee Viraf Mehta, handed the prizes. PG thanks sponsors Raymond Apparel and Manoj Suri (AMCO) and Parsi Times for media support.

RESULTS

Teams:	Parsee Gymkhana 'A' (Runner Up: Captain Colony 'A')
Open Singles:	Zubin Taraporewalla (Runner Up: Frenaz Chipia)
Open Doubles:	Zubin Taraporewalla and Frenaz Chipia (Runners Up: Percy Mehta and Sarosh Shroff)
Veteran Singles:	Percy Mehta (Runner Up: Sarosh Shroff)
Jumbled Teams:	Zubin Taraporewalla, Yezdi Bhumgara, Farokh Mistry (Runners Up: Frenaz Chipia, Hoshang Katrak, Peshaan Kerawalla)

Iranshah Udvada Utsav 2017

'Iranshah Udvada Utsav' (IUU) invites You to Udvada for three days of fun-filled Community bonding over our cultural, religious and entertainment programs, starting from 23rd to 25th December, 2017.

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The IUU

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- 1) What does FDU stand for?
- 2) What are the three tenets of Zoroastrian religion?
- 3) Who was the Chief Guest at IUU 2015?
- 4) Between which two stations is Udvada located?
- 5) What is the name of our High Priest of Iranshah (Udvada)?
- 6) Name any 5 Parsi dishes that have the prefix '_____per-eddu'.
- 7) Name 2 famous Zoroastrian Kings
- 8) Please enter a line which symbolises the spirit of IUU, in no more than 15 words.

Rush your answers to mailparsitimes@gmail.com or write in to us at Parsi Times, Khaitan Chambers, 143-145, Modi Street, Fort, Mumbai 1, latest by 13th December 2017. Winners will be declared in PT issue dated 16th December, 2017.



The Will To Sin Is Sin

Start your weekend with positive vibes with inspirational excerpts from the acclaimed book, 'Homage Unto Ahura Mazda' by Dasturji Dr. Maneckji Naserwanji Dhalla of Karachi.

Sinlessness is struggle. It is triumph in the war waged against temptation to sin. The sinful act is a sin indeed, but the very will to sin, the inclination to sin, the intention to sin, is also sin. The will to sin may not be realized, the inclination to sin may not succeed, and the intention to sin may not be put into practice. Some hindrance, some interruption, some fear of detection may arrest or frustrate the commitment of sin, yet the sin, has already originated.

Will is the parent of sin. Sin begins with the sinful thought, whether sinful word or sinful deed is its outcome or not. Sin is there as soon as the soul sanctions it and gives consent to it, even if some circumstance prevents its accomplishment. The resolve to sin is as much a sin as sin in word or deed. The soul sins, when it shows its willingness to sin. The soil of the spirit is already soiled and stained, when it receives the seed of sin in its midst, even when the seed may sprout not and bloom not.

Mithra and Sraosha and Rashnu, Thy heavenly judges, Ahura Mazda, judge not appearances and outward results. They hold the soul accountable for the merest contemplation and approval of sin. Help me to conquer my weakness to succumb to sinful inclination. Strengthen me to suppress the sinful thought when it assails me and, ever-vigilant, to crush it the moment it comes creeping to take hold of my heart. Enable me to preserve my soul stainless and pure from the pollution of sinful thought, Ahura Mazda!

A Tribute To Mobed Palanji Dastoor

On the first month death anniversary (Masiso) of the Community's much loved Mobed Palanji Pirojshah Dastoor, which falls on 5th December 2017, nephew, Er. Cyrus Darbari delivers a heartfelt tribute for Mobed Palanji, who has been a guiding light not only to him, but to all priests and laity whose lives he touched and influenced.

It has been exactly 27 days since we lost a father figure, Er. Palanji Pirojshah Dastoor, the torch bearer of Dastoor family of Udvada. It is hard to believe and accept God's will. November 5, 2017, Shehenshahi Roj Ram Yazad, Mah Khordad Ameshaspand, YZ 1386 will be marked as a very sad day in the lives of the Dastoor family of Udvada, Udvada Samast Anjuman, Athornan Mandal, the Tarapore gamvashis and the Parsi community as we all lost a pucca Yozdathregar Mobed and a very fine and humble human being.

Ervad Palanji Dastoor was born to Late Hirabai and Pirojshah Kawasji Dastoor in the little town of Tarapore on September 21, 1933. He underwent Mobedi training at the Dadar Athornan Institute. After being initiated as Navar, Martab and Saamel at the holy Iranshah in Udvada, he assisted his father in Tarapore for years. He served as Panthaki at the 'Panthaki Agiary' (Bandra) for 10 years and Panthaki also at Seth Jeejeebhoy Dadabhoy Agiary (Colaba) for 37 long years before settling in Udvada (2013) where he continued serving Iranashah Atash Behram. He tutored many youngsters from Mobed families, performing their Navar and Martab ceremonies. He performed

Navjotes and weddings of several Zoroastrians and their generations!

He was a simple man and believed in simple living. His passion in life was his 1972 model JAWA bike with a side car, which he maintained in top condition and now, which his son, Kurush continues maintaining. A dotting father, he shouldered the dual responsibility as a single parent after the early demise of his dear wife, Dhun. Ever willing help the needy, he was the 'go to man' for me and all family members and friends when one faced any kind of difficulty. Keeping in mind the feelings of poor Parsi patrons visiting the Seth Jeejeebhoy Dadabhoy Agiary, he offered a variant of Sukhad and Diva at a price as low as Re. 1 - a very noble gesture indeed.

The Dastoor family successfully carried out many Community projects including the construction of a Bungli within the Iranshah complex with his help, supported by his brother Soli for Buoywala Mobed Sahebs. Tarapore was very close to his heart and he remained connected - he was the Trustee of Kawasji Mobed Dharamshalla, and was actively involved in the upkeep of Vicaji Meherji Agiary. I am deeply



indebted to him for his guidance and opportunities given to me. Among the many lessons of life I learnt from him, the one that I hold dearest will remain, as he always used to say, "Do your prayers with fervour and passion, don't bother about monetary gains."

Days will turn to months and months to years, but I am sure he will stay in the hearts of everyone who came across him. May his soul keep rising in Garo Demana (The House of Songs) in the Spiritual world and May his Fravashi continue to assist and guide us in all our endeavours.

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Yazdi Desai, Chairman, BPP, updates the community about the current ongoing in the BPP, with *Parsi Times'* Exclusive Column - BPP Connect.



Ever since I first contested the BPP election in September 2003, it has been my dream that the BPP be an oasis for the less fortunate of our community. Today I can proudly say that my dream has become a reality. Anyone who approaches the BPP for help is readily given succour.

THE CARING SIDE OF THE BPP:

The BPP takes care of more than Housing, maintaining Baugs and Doongerwadi. It also provides medical, educational and monthly monetary help to deserving community members and goes beyond all this to also help individual community members who face unusual problems. The following instances show the BPP's caring side:

...Handling A Tragedy: A family of three - a brother and two sisters in the age group of 50-60 years - who were not residing in any BPP Baug, but in another Trust colony located at Parel, suffered from severe psychological problems. They were ostracised by all the neighbours and relatives as they were seen as a nuisance and sometimes even as dangerous. The BPP and other Trusts supported them financially. The BPP even employed one of the sisters in the BPP Liaison Committee office as a helper, even though it was difficult to deal with her. Many times she was admitted to hospital by the BPP where she would create drama and get aggressive with the hospital staff and doctors. A couple of months ago she came to the Liaison Committee Office with a kitchen knife and scissors threatening to harm herself. With the help of Liaison staff and BPP personnel, she was taken to Masina Hospital for psychiatric help and treatment for her physical ailments. The BPP took responsibility for her as her guardian. Visits and consultations with doctors, providing clothes and snacks to

her during hospitalisation was done by the BPP, treating her as a family member. Unfortunately she succumbed after a week of hospitalisation. The entire hospitalisation expenses were borne by the BPP. Her funeral was done by the BPP at Doongerwadi and her 4 days prayers were also done by the BPP at the BPP Godavara Agiary.

Her brother was deaf and dumb and the BPP was told that he was regularly tied to the balcony of the flat by the surviving sister and was extremely malnourished. The BPP was in the process of shifting him to a Home / Institution, but he too passed away within a fortnight after his sister expired. Here too the BPP, along with his relatives, helped with the last rites. Sadly, not a single neighbour or a Trustee of that Baug extended any help, even on his death.

...BPP 'Adopts' An Orphan: In 2009, a young girl died in Vasai, supposedly due to malnutrition and related medical problems. She was the daughter of a Parsi man who had been a khandia at our Doongerwadi and who had left the Doongerwadi and abandoned his family - his wife and 3 small children. The BPP stepped in along with other generous individuals, to look after this abandoned family. The father, who had abandoned his family, died in 2011, the second child died of AIDS in 2011, as did the mother in 2016. Only the eldest son survives. He is now 13 years old. The BPP has taken full responsibility of the boy. A couple - Daisy and

Dinyar Shroff have agreed to be the official guardians and the BPP co-ordinates with them to provide all that is required for the child, including counselling for the young boy who has had a traumatic childhood. He is in a boarding school now and his holidays are organised in Mumbai by the BPP.

...Keeping You Safe and Sound: A newly married couple, with both outstation-based families, stay in a colony which is not under the BPP. They have been facing a lot of harassment from their neighbours - namely a couple who, the BPP was informed, were terrorising them and other residents with their aggressive and abusive behaviour. Many residents have made police complaints against this aggressive and abusive couple and written letters to the Trustees of this colony complaining about their intimidating behaviour. But no action has been taken by the Trustees. It came to such a point where the young, just married woman was assaulted and her ankle was fractured. It was the BPP who arranged for the frightened couple to be shifted to a hotel to stay for a few days till the girl's mother came from out of town to stay with her. The BPP is now helping them move to a safer home.

...Dignity In The Last Days: An old widower without any children was living in a huge ownership flat in a high class Society in South Mumbai. He had broken off relations with his relatives and was living like a hermit. He had a fall

and was not willing to listen to any neighbour or neighbours/building society persons and was shouting and screaming and lying on the floor. The Chairman of the Society approached the manager of an adjoining Parsi Baug for help as "he is a Parsi and your BPP can do something for him". Our Manager went and helped the old man, bought food for him and even cleaned him up but couldn't convince him to be hospitalised. After a couple of days of the Building Society persons and our Baug manager tried to get him hospitalised, but couldn't, so the Society Chairman said that they would call the Police to move him to a hospital if the BPP could not have him hospitalised. The BPP then decided to forcibly take him to hospital as his condition was deteriorating. He was taken by Ambulance even though he was protesting and shouting. Sadly, he expired on being admitted to Parsi General and the police were informed as per procedure and his body was shifted to the JJ Hospital Morgue. At last his relatives were traced and they took charge of the body after a few days. The relatives expressed their gratitude to the BPP for looking after the old man during his last days.

...A Happy Ending: A senior Irani gentleman came by taxi to Godrej Baug. He was totally disoriented and could not even answer questions regarding his own identity or his address and whom he had come to meet. With the help of a concerned resident, he was taken to the Police Station. The only

identification found on him was a BEST pass. Whatsapp messages were circulated for help to find out where he was from. The next day the BPP was contacted and it was advised to bring him to the BPP run Parakh Dharamshala where the Manager and staff fed him and made him feel comfortable. The Dharamshala staff was instructed to look after the man and make him feel at home till his family could be located. An Iranian man was called to converse with him in Dari language and then he opened up about his family and his relatives were called and he was reunited happily with them.

...BPP Is Here For Those With Nowhere To Go: In October 2016, the BPP received a frantic call from a Parsi Social worker of an Institution which runs a full day workshop for persons with special needs at Grant Road. One of their wards, a man of about 45 years old, who stayed at a Parsi Colony with his brother and sister in law, apparently had no place to go for the night as his brother was hospitalized and his sister-in-law refused to let him stay alone at home as she was in hospital with her husband. The Institution, being a day workshop had no facility to keep the man for the night. No relative was willing to accommodate him either. The BPP immediately told the Social Worker to bring him to the Parakh Dharamshala. The Parsi Social worker, a counsellor from the institute brought the man to the Dharamshala. ▶

► The man was given dinner and shown the ward where he would be accommodated. He seemed very happy to be accommodated at the Parakh Dharamshala. The counsellor, gave her number to the Manager of the Dharamshala in case of any emergency. He is happy at our Parakh Dharamshala and it is now over a year that he is staying there.

THE MOBED AMELIORATION SCHEME:

The payment under the Scheme was temporarily discontinued since July 2015. The BPP has now cleared the monthly reimbursement of Rs 10,000/- to Mobeds of Moffusil areas outside Mumbai upto June 2016. The BPP intends to move all balance payments to a new Trust being set up by the BPP with Mr. Nusli Wadia and the Athornans.

MONTHLY DOLES:

Monthly doles to the poor of our community in Mumbai and upcountry ranging from Rs. 1,200 to Rs. 5,000 per month have been cleared upto December 2017.

2ND CHILD SUBSIDY:

The payouts of Rs. 1,000 per

month under the April 2009 Scheme and payouts of Rs. 3,000 per month under the April 2010 Scheme have been disbursed upto June 2017.

3RD CHILD SUBSIDY:

The payouts of Rs. 3,000 per month under the April 2009 Scheme and payouts of Rs. 5,000 per month under the April 2010 Scheme have also been disbursed upto September 2017.

WASTE MANAGEMENT:

My colleague Trustee, Kersi Randeria has taken a personal interest in exploring various possibilities of managing waste disposal. My thanks to him for his remarkable initiative in this regard.

Our community has always been known to be at the forefront of answering the call of civic responsibility, especially when it comes to being sensitive towards our environment and the upkeep of the city. It is therefore, only natural, that when the BMC insisted upon all large building complexes

and households to manage the disposal of their own wet waste, the BPP stepped in and has taken on the onus of managing the waste discharged from all its large colonies. The new BMC regulation requires that our household waste be segregated into 'Wet Waste' (comprising all food and naturally degradable items) and 'Dry Waste' (comprising plastic, metals, bottles, tins, containers, etc). 'Medical' and 'Hazardous' items like diapers,

medical drugs and pills, etc. would have to be further segregated, wherever

possible.

After the segregation, the responsibility for 'composting' (or converting wet waste into compost or fertilizer, which can be used to nourish the soils in gardens, flower pots, etc.) the wet waste lies upon the residents of such colonies. The BMC will not be collecting this waste from the colonies after the 31st of December, 2017.

As a first step, the BPP has been working towards understanding the various methods in which this waste could be composted. The Trustees, therefore have decided on what they believe to be the best way forward, to achieve this objective in the most ecologically-friendly manner, working towards a greener earth, in tune with Mother Nature. The Trustees visited all the colonies that come under this regulation, to identify the locations where the process of composting the wet waste can take place. All colonies, across the city, where composting is required, have been studied and the locations have been identified.

However, going a step further, the Trustees are also contemplating and studying the possibility of setting up a 'Centralised Waste Management Plant', subject to the solving of various logistical issues as well as determining whether there would be any statutory concerns to the establishment of such a project. If this project works, it could well be one which could showcase the Parsi community's commitment to the Zoroastrian tenet of not polluting mother earth! And its success, as ultimately a self-sustaining waste management model, could well project our Community, yet again, to be one that leads from the front when it comes to such beneficial civic initiatives, as has always been in the case in our glorious past.

Of course, a project of this magnitude will call for the support of the entire community in terms of dedicated individuals, who together with the dedicated BPP Trustees, will come together to form a core team to make this project a success. Community members, who wish to participate in this historic project, as volunteers and supporters, are requested to write in to the CEO of the BPP, to support this Community Movement.



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MEJ Dharmagnan Class Celebrates 38th Annual Day

By PT Reporter
Jamshed Arjani

The Mancherji Edulji Joshi Dharmagnan (MEJ) Class at Dadar, under the auspices of the Mancherji Edulji Joshi Memorial Trust (MEJMT), celebrated its 38th Annual Day on 19th November, 2017, at JB Vachha High School at Dadar. Coordinated by MEJMT Trustee, Mahiyar Dastur and executed by the students of the Dharmagnan class, under the able supervision of Er. Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia and Mithoo Jesia, the Annual Day commenced with a humorous episode of a Parsi couple, along the lines of the Swachha Bharat Abhiyan and GST, followed by a humbandagi, monajat

and the Youth Anthem that highlighted virtues of a true Zoroastrian. A CD of Zoroastrian songs named Naman, produced by this Trust a few years ago, has been introduced by the Dharmagnan class. A dance by the tiny tots choreographed by Urveez Kakalia accentuated the presence of Yazads, Ameshaspands and Farohars, whose help we can invoke at any time through prayer.

The Dharmagnan class comprises two groups - Ahura and Mazda - consisting of eighty junior and senior students who learn prayers, religious practices and insights into our Iranian history, along with games which are thoroughly enjoyed by all. Afreen Mistry spoke of the spectacular audio visual plays, written and directed by Mithoo Jesia, which are staged every Annual Day. Paurush Kerawalla introduced Chief Guest Delraaz Bunshah, tracing her achievements in academics, athletics, singing, and personality events, where she recently featured in the reality singing contest, 'The Stage', aired on Colors Infinity channel. Praising the Dharmagnan class and Er. Dr. Ramiyar for answering all her questions about religion and urging all students to think for themselves, Delraaz awarded thirty students in the junior, middle and senior categories for excellence in prayer, religious knowledge, class participation, all round class excellence and book maintenance. The prizes

for Best Students were awarded to Mahiyar Marfatia and Janine Khajotia, while Team Ahura won the team award. After the interval Delraaz showcased her singing talent, followed by the play 'The Miracle of King Darab', from the Shahnameh.

Praising the function, Vada Dasturji Khurshed exhorted the children to live by the tenets of good thoughts, good words and good deeds, while Mithoo Jesia encouraged the audience to send their kids for the Dharmagnan class to enable them to be good Zoroastrians.

Trustee Mahiyar Dastur thanked Khushroo Daruwalla for serving the Mancherji Edulji Joshi Memorial Trust for 18 years and was felicitated by Senior Trustee, Jimi Jesia. Yazad Pooniwalla and Zrey Dodhi expressed a vote of thanks to the Principal, management and staff of JB Vachha High School

and DPYA High School, Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor and wife Havovi, Havovi Karanjia, Shahnaaz Talati and Hufrih Bamji. The function ended with 'Chhaiye Hame Zarthoshti' and the National Anthem.



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પંચાયત હસ્તકની ગર્લ્સ ઓર્ફનેજ માટે નીચે દર્શાવેલ સ્ટાફની જરૂરીઆત છે.

સુપરિન્ટેન્ડન્ટ

ઓર્ફનેજની છોકરીઓની સંપૂર્ણ સાર-સંભાળ રાખનાર, સેવાભાવી તથા વહીવટી કાર્યમાં કુશળ એવા અનુભવી આદેડ સ્ત્રી ઉમેદવાર આ જગ્યા માટે અરજી કરી શકે છે. નોકરી મેળવનાર કર્મચારીએ ઓર્ફનેજમાં સીંગલ ફરજિયાત રહેવાનું રહેશે.

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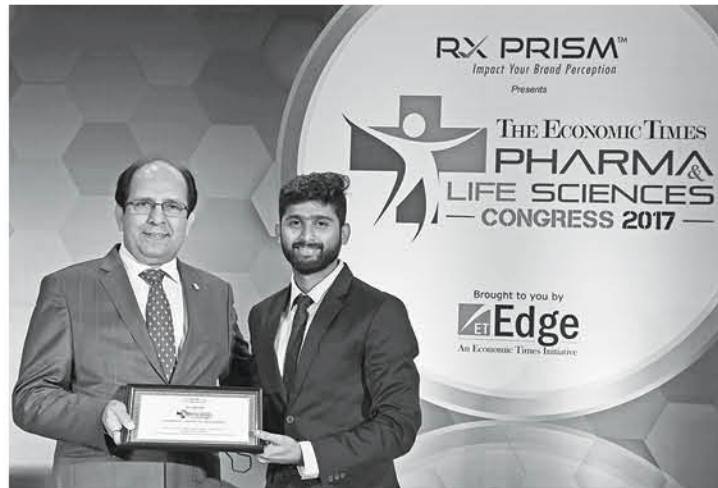
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Economic Times Award For Lion Daara Patel

Lion Daara B. Patel, Secretary-General of Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association (IDMA), received the Economic Times Award and a 'Certificate of Excellence' at the ET Pharma And Life Sciences Congress 2017, on 3rd November, 2017, in Mumbai. A veteran in the pharma industry for over three decades and a crusader of the Indian Pharmaceutical Industry, Daara was felicitated and recognised for his commendable contribution to the pharmaceutical industry.



BPZA Felicitates Naval Dalal On 103rd Birthday

The Bangalore Parsee Zoroastrian Anjuman felicitated Naval Hormusji Dalal on his 103rd Birthday, on 27 November, 2017. Born in 1914 into a horse racing family, Naval's elder brother Rusi, who was just a few years older than him, took him for admission to the Clarence Boys School in Bangalore, where the English headmistress christened him 'Noel' - the name that stuck with him ever since. Being of a mechanical and engineering bent of mind, he has been very good in fixing all household appliances and loved tinkering with cars and bikes - a trait he passed on to his two sons. When Tarapore & Co was constructing the Bangalore HAL Airport's second runway, Noel did a stint with the firm, keeping the heavy machinery running. In 1948, Naval married Nergis (nee Tarapore), who is 95 years old today and together they will be celebrating their 70th Wedding Anniversary next year! Together they raised five kids, two boys and three girls - with the last pair of girls being twins, all of whom are settled abroad and dutifully take turns in visiting Bangalore to spend time with their aged parents.



President BPZA, Air Chief Marshal Fali Major (Retd.) presenting a silver salver to Naval Dalal, seated alongside Nergis Dalal

Although the Dalals have lived in Bangalore for most of their adult lives, they had always kept a very low profile, and it is only some old time Parsis here who remember them because of their shiny DeSoto car - the only one in Bangalore in those days!

XYZ Rustom's Rockstars Celebrate Children's Day

XYZ's Rustom's Rockstars (RR) from Bandra celebrated Children's Day and their recently achieved victory at 'XYZ Extravaganza' by indulging in 'Melting Cheese Factory' where the children savoured every cheesy delicacy, rounding up their appetite with a New York Cheese cake. Thanking the team at The Melting Cheese



an evening full of fun and outdoor activities, on 19th November, 2017. Initially keeping the location of the picnic a secret so as to add to the excitement, the bus finally reached Upvan lake, Thane where the children and volunteers enjoyed motor and pedal boat rides, before spending some quality time in the adjacent



garden. The group proceeded to their next destination, 'The Factory, the group returned home with fond memories.

Free Dental Camp At WGU

Masina Hospital Department of Dentistry headed by Dr. Arnavaz Havewala, along with Pediatric Dentist, Dr. Shahid Shaikh and dentist, Dr. Shabana Khan, conducted a Free Dental Check-up Camp as part of the Masina Outreach Program, at the Women Graduates Union (WGU), Colaba, on 26th July, 2017. Fifteen tiny-tots of WGU's Balwadi center and forty students of WGU's Study Center were checked for



dental caries, gingival and mucosal lesions, while the findings were meticulously recorded and handed over to the respective patient or authority. An 'Oral Health Awareness' lecture was conducted with emphasis on maintaining oral hygiene (OH) which concluded with OH packs being distributed to every child, courtesy Indian Dental Association and Colgate.

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Shiamak's ConfiDance 2017

Catch Shiamak's 'ConfiDance' show performed by the Special Potential Batch (SPB) at Andrews Auditorium, Bandra on 2nd December, 2017, at 8pm. Tickets available on bookmyshow.com or call 61543000 for details.

Frohar Films' 'Dudh Ma Sakar' Series

Frohar Films' 'Dudh Ma Sakar' series presents an episode on 'Dharmagnan Class - Monajats and Songs on 3rd December, 2017 at 12 noon on DD Girnar Channel.

Annual Day Of Dadar Athornan Institute

The Annual Day of Dadar Athornan Institute, will be held on 10th December 2017 at 6pm at the Institute's Mancherji Joshi Memorial Hall. Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor will preside over the function, while Principal of the JB Vachha High School, Bannu Makoojina, will be the Chief Guest. The prize distribution will be followed by students' skit and other programmes. All are cordially invited.

Learning From The Best: ZAAN2017

Last month, the greats of the Community came together to celebrate and cheer the achievements and successes of some of the Community's leading individuals and organisations, at the glittering Zoroastrian Achievers Awards Night (ZAAN) 2017 function. Seventeen exemplary community luminaries were felicitated with the much-coveted ZAAN for doing the Community and the nation proud, with their accomplishments. It was indeed an eve that filled the chest of every Parsi/Irani Zoroastrian with pride, in keeping with all three aspects - the awe-inspiring profiles of the proud awardees; the prestigious profiles of the personalities who gave away the awards; and of course, the motivating achievements. Marking its second chapter, ZAAN 2017 - the flagship event of the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of India (ZTFI) - has indeed proven to be the unparalleled community platform that recognizes and honours the exemplary achievements of Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians, who keep our Zoroastrian flag flying high.

The significance of celebrating the fabulous endeavours of our Community's star-achievers and go-getters, is further heightened as these also serve as vital motivating factors for the rest of our community, especially our youth. In keeping with the same, here are a few guidelines from those, who add to the proverbial feather in our Community's cap, and who success seems to unabashedly smile upon...



Chief Guest Nadir Godrej presents the ZAAN 2017 Lifetime Achievement Award to the great Theater Legend, Dinyar Contractor, who comes on stage, supported by Kersi Randeria

“There are many members in our miniscule community who have achieved great heights in their chosen fields. Many of these achievers are recognised and acknowledged only within their limited spheres of work. The community is largely unaware of all their achievements. ZAAN, by highlighting and acknowledging their contributions and achievements, inspires and motivates our youth to aspire to emulate the achievers.”

BPP Chairman Yazdi Desai and wife Anahita Desai

“Firstly, one must have a passion for what one wants to achieve. One has to work at it with a singular mindset. That may involve forgoing a dinner party, seeing a movie or spending a precious Sunday afternoon with the family. Hard work cannot be bound by the clock or the day of the week. Also one must enjoy what one is doing. Some of the Do's that empower your journey into becoming an achiever are:

- Have faith in yourself
- Have a team approach
- Work hard
- Pray! That is the most powerful resource!”

Dr. Firuza Parikh, Awarded ZAAN2017 for Outstanding Zoroastrian in the field of Medicine



Yazdi and Anahita Desai Felicitate Dr. Firuza Parikh

“Success is not about coincidence, accident or luck - it is about dreaming big and preparing to make that dream come true with hard work, perseverance, dedication, humility and the ability to learn from failure. You can't just dream of becoming an achiever - you have to wake up and work towards your achievements. Talent itself is not enough, because talent loses out to hard work, when talent doesn't work hard! To the youth, I would like to say - redefine your sense of success... let it not just be about how much money you make, but about how much difference you are able to make in the lives of others.”

Yasmin Mistry, Convenor of ZAAN2017, ZTFI Trustee and Entrepreneur.



Yasmin Mistry



Arnavaz Mistry Awards Shaheen Mistri For Outstanding Zoroastrian In Social Work

“Being dedicated to a cause bigger than yourself has always been the way forward for me - and putting the 'Community First' is one of the finest stepping stones towards achieving success on both levels - personal and professional. As a Community, we are blessed with an enterprising and intelligent youth and with a little focus and perseverance they can do wonders, as is the case with our wonderful ZAAN 2017 Awardees.”

Arnavaz Mistry, Community Service Crusader and Ex-BPP Trustee.

“Sports is an education by itself, in fact, it's much, much more! Sports teaches you things that books can't, like discipline, hard work, victories, defeat, and how to deal with ups and downs. You get to meet different people, experience different cultures, open up and adapt to different situations. Sports has changed people's lives - it teaches you to never give up, someone like Michael Jordan was dropped from his high school team. He persisted and kept going and went on to become one of the greatest athletes ever! I would like to urge parents to allow their children to dream and dream with them and help them achieve their dreams.”

Kyra Shroff, Awarded ZAAN2017 for Outstanding Zoroastrian Sports Person



Kyra Shroff



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Dr. Mickey Mehta Enters Into Strategic Alliance With Asian Fitness Giant Talwalkars



Dr. Mickey Mehta and Prashant Talwalkar, MD and CEO of Talwalkars

Global leading Holistic Health Guru, Wellness Wizard and Corporate Life Coach, Dr. Mickey Mehta, announced a strategic alliance with Talwalkars Better Value Fitness Limited (Talwalkars), Asia's leading fitness giant. The two titans of fitness - Dr. Mickey Mehta and Prashant Talwalkar, MD and CEO of Talwalkars - partnered in a global endeavour to jumpstart a wellness revolution for human evolution, signing the agreement on November 23, 2017.

The visionary guru has been revolutionizing the gym workouts by transforming mindsets from conventional fitness modalities to adopting ancient wellness wisdom and philosophies. Today Dr. Mickey has 15 wellness centers across Mumbai, propagating his exemplary and highly effective wellness programs. Talwalkar's industry leadership and national footprint comprising over 220 fitness centers will promote Dr. Mickey's signature wellness offerings and branded IPs in India towards building a global brand. Some of the wellness offerings/branded IPs include Wellness Foods, Nutraceuticals, Fitness/Sports Merchandise And Programs such as 'Learn Swimming In 24 hrs', 'Grow Tall With Mickey Mehta', 'Be Stronger, Live Longer - Age Reversal Program', and most importantly, the 'Eco-Friendly Go Green Workouts' - the first ever green work-out in the world.

This partnership consolidates Dr. Mickey's leadership position in the industry enabling him to make world-class holistic health and wellness offerings accessible to everyone across India and the globe, as both brands complement each other to collectively reinvent fitness standards, and



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Speaking about the alliance, **Dr. Mickey Mehta** says, "I want to make wellness the religion No.1, and this partnership takes me one step closer to fulfilling that dream. This alliance represents the coming together of a fitness and wellness brand who share the same ideologies, values and vision to bring a holistic offering to consumers in the health and wellness category. My partnership with Talwalkars gives me a national platform and is just the first step in building a global brand footprint."

Prashant Talwalkar, MD and CEO of Talwalkars say, "We believe in Mickey's vision and want to create more value through wellness foods, nutraceuticals, merchandise, digital Mickey and Mickey's IPs and services via the Talwalkars network. We are excited about this partnership, and believe the synergies will benefit not only our audiences but thousands of people pan India in our effort to healthier and happier souls walking this earth."

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આ અકલ્પિત તારાઓથી ભરપૂર રાતનો યાસ્મીન મિસ્ત્રીએ આભાર વ્યક્ત કર્યો હતો.



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હેલ્થ એન્ડ વેલનેસ ક્ષેત્રમાં ઉત્કૃષ્ટ જરથોસ્તી	ડો. મીકી મહેતા
સોશિયલ વર્ક ક્ષેત્રમાં ઉત્કૃષ્ટ જરથોસ્તી	શાહીન મિસ્ત્રી
સંસ્કૃતિ ક્ષેત્રમાં ઉત્કૃષ્ટ જરથોસ્તી	ફિરોઝા મિસ્ત્રી
મેડિયા ક્ષેત્રમાં ઉત્કૃષ્ટ જરથોસ્તી	બચી કરકરિયા
વર્ષના ઉત્કૃષ્ટ જરથોસ્તી પુનન પ્રોફેશનલ	ઝરીન દાડવાલા
કોર્પોરેટ સોશિયલ રિસ્પોન્સિબીલીટી ક્ષેત્રમાં ઉત્કૃષ્ટ જરથોસ્તી (ઓર્ગ)	શાપુરજી પાલનજી ગ્રુપ (રીસીવબાય કેકુ કોલાહ)
પ્રોફેશનલ ઓફ ધ યરના ઉત્કૃષ્ટ જરથોસ્તી	પિરોજશા સરકારી
ડિકેન્સ સેક્ટરના ઉત્કૃષ્ટ જરથોસ્તી	મેજર જનરલ (રિટાયર્ડ) સોલી પાવરી
આન ૨૦૧૭નો લાઈફટાઈમ અચીવમેન્ટ એવોર્ડ	દિન્યાર કોન્ટ્રાક્ટર
આન ૨૦૧૭નો રેકગનીશન એવોર્ડ:	વડા દસ્તુરજી ખુરશેદ દસ્તુર
આઉટસ્ટેન્ડીંગ કોન્ટ્રીબ્યુશન ટુ કમ્યુનીટી	
આન ૨૦૧૭નો રેકગનીશન એવોર્ડ:	ડબ્લ્યુએડઓ ટ્રસ્ટ (રીસીવબાય દિનશા તંબોલી)
આઉટસ્ટેન્ડીંગ કોન્ટ્રીબ્યુશન ટુ કમ્યુનીટી (ઓર્ગ)	
આન ૨૦૧૭નો રેકગનીશન એવોર્ડ:	પારસી ટાઈમ્સ (રિસીવ બાય પારસી ટાઈમ્સ ટીમ)
આઉટસ્ટેન્ડીંગ કોન્ટ્રીબ્યુશન ટુ કમ્યુનીટી (ઓર્ગ)	

એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. કે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Najoo Burjor Panthaky નાજુ બરજોર પંથકી	88 ૮૮	23.11.2017	721 A, Choksi Building, Parsi Colony, Dadar, Mumbai 14. ૭૨૧એ, ચોકસી બિલ્ડિંગ, રૂમ નં. ૧૧, પારસી કોલોની, દાદર, મુંબઈ ૧૪.	તે મરહુમ બરજોર રતનજી પંથકીના વિધવા તે ઝરીર બરજોર પંથકી, હવોવી દારાયસ પટેલ, અનાહીતા હોરમજદીયાર એન્જીન્યરના માતાજી તે મરહુમો બાનુબાઈ તથા મંચેરશા ચારનાના દીકરી તે મરહુમો રતામાય તથા રતનજી પંથકીના વડુ તે મરહુમો મની જમશેદ એન્જીન્યર, નવલ મંચેરશાલ ચારનાના બહેન તે યાસમીન ઝરીર પંથકી, દારાયસ નાનાબાઈ પટેલ તે હોરમજદયાર નોશીરવાન એન્જીન્યરના સાસુજી તે કેઝાદ, સાયરસ, માજયાર ને ઝીન્યાના મમઈજી તે મરહુમ નરગીશ રૂસી દસ્તુર, મરહુમ નાજુ નાનાબાઈ પટેલ, નરગીશ તથા મરહુમ નોશીરવાન સદરીના વહેવાણુ.
Freny Behram Irani ફેની બેહરામ ઈરાની	77 ૭૭	23.11.2017	162-A, Batliwala Agiary Compound, Tardeo Road, Mumbai 34. ૧૬૨-એ, બાટલીવાલા અગ્યારી કમ્પાઉન્ડ, ભોઈતળિયે, નં. ૪, તારદેવ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૩૪.	તે મરહુમ બેહરામના ઘણીયાણી તે પરવેઝ અને શીરીન ડુસ્તમ માસવાના માતાજી, તે ડુસ્તમ જમશેદ માસવાના સાસુજી, તે રુકશીનના મમઈજી, તે શેરયાર અને તીનાઝના કાકીજી તે મરહુમો સાવર મહીયર દેહમરીના દીકરી તે મરહુમો શીરીન અવયલા ઈરાનીનાં વડુ તે રશીદ ને મીનોચેર તથા મરહુમ ખોદાબકશનાં બહેન.
Jal Firoze Tata જાલ ફીરોઝ તાતા	87 ૮૭	24.11.2017	219, S.V. Road, Tata Blocks, Flat no. 5, Bandra (w), Mumbai 50. ૨૧૯, એસ. વી. રોડ, તાતા બ્લોકસ, સર દોરાબ તાતા બિલ્ડિંગ નં. ૨, ફ્લેટ નં. ૫, વાંદરા (વે) મુંબઈ ૫૦.	તે મરહુમ નરગીશ જાલ તાતાના ખાવિંદ, તે હુઆઈશ તથા નવઝાદના બાવાજી, તે ભાવના તથા ફરોખના સસરાજી, તે મરહુમો ફીરોઝ તથા હોમાય તાતાના દીકરા, તે મરહુમો મીનોચહેર તથા મહેરામાય ખોરીના જમાઈ તે સનાયા, ઝીનીયાના બપાવાજી તે ફીયાનાને ઝરાનનાં મમાવાજી.
Bahadur Sorabji Nanji બહાદુર સોરાબજી નાનજી	95 ૯૫	24.11.2017	619, Banoo Mansion, B Winf, 1st Floor, Dadar Parsi Colony, Mumbai 14. ૬૧૯, બાનુ મેન્શન, 'બી' વિંગ, પહેલે માળે, જામે જમશેદ રોડ, દાદર પારસી કોલોની, મુંબઈ ૧૪.	તે મરહુમો પેરીન સોરાબજી નવરોજી નાનજીના દીકરા તે હોરીના પપા ને એવરીના સસરાજી.
Roshni Firoz Motisha રોશની ફિરોઝ મોતીશા	-	25.11.2017	4/558. Adenwala Road, Matunga, Mumbai 17. ૪/૫૫૮, એદનવાલા રોડ, માટુંગા, મુંબઈ ૧૭.	તે મરહુમ ફિરોઝ મોતીશાના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમ સુનાબાઈ અને ફરામરોઝ કોન્ડ્રાકટરના દીકરી તે નરગીશ અને જાલેબર મોતીશાના વડુ તે સોલી કોન્ડ્રાકટરના બહેન તે શીરીન કોન્ડ્રાકટરના નણંદ તે ખુશનુમા, કાવસ અને ગુલનારના મમ્મી તે અનિલ અને શહેનાઝના સાસુ તે ગુલ કોન્ડ્રાકટરના ભાભી તે વિલુના જેઠાણી તે સારા રચનાના મમઈજી તે વૈભવના મમઈજી સાસુ.
Goolbanu Darayas Pestonji ગુલબાનુ દારાયસ પેસ્તનજી	83 ૮૩	26.11.2017	G-5, Mahavir Complex, B wing, Sai Nagar, Vasai Road (W). ૭-૫, મહાવીર કોમ્પ્લેક્સ, બી વિંગ, સાઈનગર, વસઈ રોડ વેસ્ટ ૪૦૧૨૦૨.	તે મરહુમ દારાયસ નોશીરવાન પેસ્તનજીના વિધવા તે નોશીર તથા માલકમના માતાજી તે મરહુમો પિરોજી તથા નાદિરશા અંકલેશરીયાના દીકરી તે કેશમીરા ને લીનાના સાસુ, તે ફરહાદ, જેલંગીર, અરનાઝ ને ફરાહના ગ્રાન્ડ મધર તે ડોલી, ફેની, રોશન, બહેરામ, હોમાય, શહેનાઝ તથા મરહુમો આલુ, નસરવાનજી તથા સોહરાબના બહેન.
Piloo Nusserwanji Coachbuilder પીલુ નસરવાનજી કોચબીલ્ડર	84 ૮૪	26.11.2017	D 19, Rustom Baug, Byculla, Mumbai 27. ડી ૧૯, રૂસ્તમ બાગ, ભાયખલા, મુંબઈ ૨૭.	તે મરહુમો ગુલબાનુ તથા નસરવાનજી કોચબીલ્ડરના દીકરી તે મરહુમો સોરાબના બહેન તથા મરહુમ હોશેદર બાસવાના કઝીન તથા ઝરીન હોશેદર બાસવાના કઝીન બહેન.
Nergis Jamshed Homavazir નરગીસ જમશેદ હોમાવઝીર	80 ૮૦	26.11.2017	D/5/502, Krishna Kaveri Co-op Housing Society, Andheri (W), Mumbai 53. ડી/૫/૫૦૨, ક્રિષ્ના કાવેરી કો. ઓ. હાઉસિંગ સોસાયટી, ઓફ અંધેરી લિંક રોડ, યમુના નગર, અંધેરી (વેસ્ટ), મુંબઈ ૫૩.	તે જમશેદ અમનશા હોમાવઝીરના ઘણીયાણી તે રોડા, રોલિનટન ને મેહરનોશના માતાજી તે મરહુમો આવામાય તથા નરીમન નવરોજી કુપરના દીકરી તે દિનાઝ તથા દિનયાર લંગરાનાના સાસુ, તે આર્થોમિંદ ને સેરા લંગરાનાના મમયજી તે ફેની નરીમાન પટવા તથા મરહુમો કેકી, ડોલી ને પેરિનના બહેન તે મરહુમો મેહેરુ દરોગા ને શહેરુ હોમાવઝીરના ભાભી.
Freny Behram Irani ફેની બેહરામ ઈરાની	80 ૮૦	27.11.2017	20/322, Adarsh Nagar, Worli, Mumbai 30. ૨૦/૩૨૨, આદર્શનગર, વરવી, મુંબઈ ૩૦.	તે મરહુમ બેહરામ અરદેશીર ઈરાનીના ઘણીયાણી તે હોશંગ તથા શીરીન સાયરસ કારભારીના માતાજી તે મરહુમો પિરોજી તથા નરીમાન હોરમસજી સીગનપોયાની દીકરી તે ખોરશેદ કેરસી તારાપોર, ધન દારા પંથકી, પરવીન નોશીર વાડિયા ને મરહુમ હોમાય અદી પટેલના બહેન તે મરહુમો દોખમલ તથા અરદેશીર ઈરાનીના વડુ તે જેસીકાના મમઈજી તે ગાયત્રીના સાસુજી.
Cyrus Jamshed Irani સાયરસ જમશેદ ઈરાની	63 ૬૩	27.11.2017	Daruwala Building, B Block, Flat No. 15, Grant Road, Mumbai 7. દારુવાલા બિલ્ડિંગ, બી બ્લોક, ભોયતળિયે, ફ્લેટ નં. ૧૫, ગ્રાન્ડ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે દિલનવાઝ સાયરસ ઈરાનીના ખાવિંદ તે જેનીફર ક્યોમર્ઝ રાના ને મેહરસાનના બાવાજી તે મરહુમો પેરીન તથા જમશેદ દીનશાહ ઈરાનીના દીકરા તે મીનુ ને અસ્પનદીયાર તથા મરહુમ દીન્યાર ને દારાયસના ભાઈ તે મરહુમો હોમાય તથા શાપુર વરઝાન્દીના જમાઈ તે તનાઝ રોલિનટન રગાબી ને મનાઝ પરવેઝ ઈરાનીના બનેવી તે ગુલશન મીનુ ઈરાની ને રોશન દારયુસ ઈરાની ને મહાજી અસ્પનદીયાર ઈરાનીના દેર.
Arnavaz Minoo Vakharia અરનવાઝ મીનુ વખારિયા	83 ૮૩	28.11.2017	Panthaky Baug, Kapadia Building No 21, Andheri (E), Mumbai 69. પંથકી બાગ, કાપડીયા બિલ્ડિંગ નંબર ૨૧, ફ્લેટ નં. ૧, અંધેરી કુર્વા રોડ, અંધેરી ઈસ્ટ, મુંબઈ ૬૯.	તે મરહુમ મીનુ મંચેરશાલ વખારીયાના ઘણીયાણી તે પીરોજી તથા જેલંગીરજી મરચંટના દીકરી તે બહેરામ, યઝદી, ખુશરૂના માતાજી તે બેરોઝ, જેસ્મીન તથા કમલના સાસુજી તથા ડાયના, તનાઝ, પર્વ, જેહાન, માલકમ તથા જેનીફરના બપઈજી તે સાવક તથા મરહુમ સોલી, અદીના બહેન તે મરહુમ પેરિન તથા મંચેરશાહ ફરામજી વખારીયાના વડુ તે મરહુમ જાલ, સાયરસ, ફિરોઝ, દારાયસ તથા ફેનીના ભાભી.
Phiroz Behram Ayrton ફિરોઝ બેહરામ આયતન	84 ૮૪	28.11.2017	Bariya House, 3rd Floor, 184 Mody Street, Mumbai 1. બારીયા હાઉસ, ત્રીજે માળે, ૧૮૪, મોદી સ્ટ્રીટ, મુંબઈ ૧.	તે મરહુમો શીરીન બેહરામ ફરામરોઝ આયતનના દીકરા, તે ધનનાં ભાઈ.
Naval Darasha Bandorwalla નવલ દારાશાહ બેન્દોરવાલા	96 ૯૬	29.11.2017	63, Monalisa, Bandra (W), Mumbai 50. ૬૩ મોનાલીઝા, સ્ટે. જોન બેપટીશા રોડ, બાન્દ્રા (વે.), મુંબઈ ૫૦.	તે મરહુમ રોશનના ખાવિંદ તે રશના સાયરસ ઈરાનીના બાવાજી તે મરહુમો પીલામાય તથા દારાશાહ બેન્દોરવાલાના દીકરા તે શાહરઝાદ ને રોશનેલના મમાવાજી તે સાયરસ ખોદુ ઈરાનીના સસરાજી તે મરહુમો ટેલમીના તથા અરદેશર નાહાદાઈના વડા જમાઈ તે મરહુમો કેકી, સામ, અરનાવાઝ અરદેશર ભરૂચા ને કુમી કેકી જાલનેવાલાના ભાઈ તે દારા કેકી જાલનેવાલા તથા મરહુમો જેલંગીર ને હુતોક્ષીના મામાજી

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Bomi Buhariwala બોમી દિનશાહજી બુહારીવાલા	Dinshawji ૮૪	21-11-2017	303, Ganga Kaveri Apartment, Rajnagar, Chavni, Nagpur. ૩૦૩, ગંગા કાવેરી અપાર્ટમેન્ટ, રાજનગર, છાવની, નાગપુર	તે મરહુમ હોમાયનાં ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમો માણેકબાઈ તથા દિનશાહજી બુહારીવાલાના દીકરા તે મરહુમો શીરીનબાઈ તથા જાલેબર બુહારીવાલાના જમાઈ તે મરહુમો બાનુશાવકશાલ મહેતા, તેમીના દિનશાહજી બુહારીવાલા તથા મરહુમ દોલી ફરેદુન બુહારીવાલાના ભાઈ તે મરહુમ અરચ તથા બહેરામ, રૂસ્તમ, ફરોખ પરવેઝ તથા આરમીન ફરોખ પુનીવાલાનાં બનેવી તે દિનાઝ જમી રાના તથા ખુશરૂના બાવાજી તે જમી અરચ રાના તથા ઝીયાના સસરાજી તે મહેરુ તથા મરહુમ દારા એદલજી વાસનીયાના વેવાઈ તે મરહુમ કેટી, કેટુ, કમલ, શ્રીદીના નણંદવઈ તે ફરોખ મીનુ પુનીવાલાના સાહુભાઈ તે ઝરવીન, ઝીયેન, જેનાઈ, નેસ, જેનાઈના ગ્રાન્ડપા તે ઝાહાનાના ગ્રેટ ગ્રાન્ડપા તે નરગેસ, દિન્યાર, ઝરીન, રોશન, કેશમીરા, પોરસનાં મામાજી તે બીનાયફર, પોરસ, એરિકને જમશેદના કુવાજી.
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Death Announcements from Prayer Hall, Worli

Jeroo Baldevinder Chandiook જેરુ બલદેવિન્દર ચાંદીઓક	73 ૭૩	22-11-2017	703, L2C, Oakland Park, Yamuna Nagar, Andheri (W), Mumbai 53. ૭૦૩, એવરસી, ઓક્લેન્ડ પાર્ક, યમુના નગર, અંધેરી (વે), મુંબઈ ૫૩.	તે બલદેવિન્દર સિંગ ચંદલોકના પત્ની, તે મરહુમ ખોરશેદ અને મરહુમ બોમન સાવકશા ચોથીયાના દીકરી તે ચંચલ અને ઈસ્મિતના માતા તે ગુલચેર અને મરહુમ પીલુ તથા મરહુમ કેરસીના બહેન, નિકોલાના સાસુ.
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તંદુરસ્ત રહેવા... ઉંઘમાં નસકોરા

ઘણાંને ઉંઘમાં નસકોરા બોલાવવાની ટેવ હોય છે. ઉંઘમાં નસકોરા બોલતાં અટકાવવા હોય તો દિવસમાં ચાર-પાંચ વખત કોગળા કરી મોં સ્વચ્છ રાખવું. વળી, નાક પણ અંદરથી સાફ સ્વચ્છ રાખવું અને હમેશા પડખું ફરીને સુવું. સીધા ઉંઘા કદાપિ સુવું નહીં! વધુ પડતું વજન ધરાવતી વ્યક્તિઓમાં આ જોવા મળે છે તેથી વજનને નિયંત્રણમાં લેવું જોઈએ.

- ડૉ. કૌશિક કુમાર દીક્ષિત

પૈસો અને સ્વાર્થ

માણસનો સ્વભાવ પહેલેથી જ લોભી છે. 'લોભને થોભ નહીં'. લોભની સાથે સ્વાર્થ વધે છે, અને આ લોભ અને સ્વાર્થ મોટા ભાગે પૈસા માટે વધુ હોય છે. 'પૈસા જોઈને મુનિવર ચળે'. તેમ દરેક માણસ પૈસાને માટે સ્વાર્થી બની ગયો છે. પૈસાને ખાતર સગા પણ પારકા થાય છે. 'મા જુએ આવતો અને બેરી જુએ લાવતો' એ કહેવતમાં હવે સાસુ-વહુ બંને સાથે ઊતરે છે. દેશાભિમાન કે કુટુંબ-પ્રેમપ્રત્યેની લાગણી ઘટીને હવે 'મારું-તારું' વધી ગયું છે. 'જર, જમીન અને જોરુ એ કબ્રિયાના છોરું' એ મુજબ પૈસાથી કબ્રિયાકંકાસ વધે છે. 'પૈસા લાથનો મેલ છે' એમ સમજી દરેક માણસ પૈસાનો વધુ પડતો લોભ છોડી દેશે તો સ્વાર્થવૃત્તિ પણ નીકળી જશે અને સઘળે ઠેકાણે સુખશાંતિનું સામ્રાજ્ય સ્થપાશે.



શાપુરશા ખંધાડિયા

હસો મારી સાથે

બા: મેં આજે ટોકીઝ માં પા પિકચર જોયું...
બાપુ: ડોબી ગઈ હતી તો આખું જોયું તું ને પા કેમ જોયું?

ગણિત શિક્ષક: બેમાંથી બે જાય તો કેટલા રહે?
ચિન્ટુ: સર, સમજણ નથી પડતી. કોઈ ઉદાહરણ આપીને સમજાવોને.
ગણિત શિક્ષક: ધારો કે, તારી પાસે બે રોટલી છે, તું બંને રોટલી ખાઈ જાય તો પછી તારી પાસે શું વધે ?
ચિન્ટુ: સર, શાક.

પ્રશ્ન: પત્નીને બેગમ કેમ કહેવાય છે?
જવાબ: કેમ કે લગ્ન પછી તેના બધા ગમ તેને પતિના ભાગે ચાલ્યા જાય છે એટલે પત્ની બની જાય છે બેગમ.

પિતા: રાજુ, તું દરેક વખતે ઈતિહાસમાં શા માટે નાપાસ થઈ જાય છે?
રાજુ: કારણ કે આ વિષય ના બધા પ્રશ્નો તે સમયના હોય છે જ્યારે મારો જન્મ પણ નહોતો થયો.



લખનાર: અરના હોમી પેસીના

'શું જી?'
અજાણી પામતાં તે બાલાએ પૂછી દીધું કે ઝરી જુલકનાં નેનજ ફરી ગયા.
'લે તું ને નથી ખબર કે પેલા ધોધ જોવા જવાની કંઈ પાર્ટી ઉભી કીધીછ તે હું તો સમજી કે પરણ્યા પછી હવે સુઘરશે, તેને બદલે પાટી ને પાર્ટી ચાલુ જ છે હજી.'
'જી, તેની તો હજી વાત ચાલેછ ને..ને..'
પછી શિરીન ફેઝરને ચકકર આવી જવાથી તેણી આગળ બોલી શકીજ નહીં ને એક ખુરસી પર લપેટા ખાઈ તેણી બેસી પડી કે ઝરી જુલકે તેણીને બારીકીથી નીલાળતાં તરત પૂછી દીધું.
'શિરીન, કંઈ સારી વધઈ છે?'
'હા, મંમા' તેણીએ શરમઈને તે

વિગત જણાવી નાંખી કે ઝરી જુલકે ફરી એક બેરીસ્ટરની અદાથી તે પોરીને સવાલો પુછવા માંડ્યા.

'ને ફિરોઝ જાણે છે?'
'નહીંજી, પણ...પણ આજે રાતે કહેવસ.'

'મરે તેથી જ દુકતાએ આંધ ધોધ જોવાની પાર્ટી ઉભી કીધી. જે શિરીન, હવે જ તું ને ઘણું સંભાળવાનું તેથી તંઈ હુલસઈ કરીને જતી બતી ના. મુવા વરસાદના દિવસની અંદર આપણે ઠેકાણે ઠેકાણે પાણીનાં ધોધ નહીં જોતાં હોઈએ તેમ વળી દુકતો બીજો ધોધ જોવા લઈ જાયછ.'

શિરીનનાં ત્યાંથી વિદાય થયા પછી પણ ઘણોક વાર ઝરી જુલકનાં ભેજમાં એનો એજ ખ્યાલ ભમ્યા કીધો કે એ પાર્ટીને કેમ કરી માંદવાલ કરવી?

કરકસરમાંજ પોતાનું આખું જીવન ગુજારેલું હોવાથી તેવણને પોતાના દીકરાનાં લખલુત ખરચો મુદલ પસંદ આવતા નહી ને તેથી જ લાલમાં ફિરોઝ ફેઝર 'સુવાસમુદમ ફોલ્સ'ની ઉભી કીધેલી પાર્ટી તરફ તે માતાએ સખત અણગમો બતાવી દીધો.

ને પછી તરત જ તેમણે તે ચાન્સ મળી ગયો. અનુતન હમેશ મુજબ જ્યારે ગાડીની ચાવી લેવા આયો કે રખે હુલર જેવો દુકતો બધું નક્કી કરી નાખે તે બીકથી તેવણે તે વાત છેડી. 'અનુતન, તું શેઠ આગળ ગાડી લઈને જાયછ?'
'હા બાઈજી.'

'તો તારા શેઠને કહેજે કે મોટાં બાઈએ કહેવાડયુંછ કે લાલમાં શેઠાણીની તબિયત મુસાફરીને લાયક નહી હોવાથી ધોધ જોવાની પાર્ટી ઉભી નહીં કરી નાખે સમજ્યો?'

'વારું બાઈજી.'
પોતાની ટોપીને બે આંગળી લગાડી રાતો મારી આવી અનુતન ત્યાંથી વિદાય થઈ ગયો કે ઝરી જુલકે પણ છુટકારાનો દમ ભરી લીધો.

મોડી સાંજ પડતા જ્યારે ફિરોઝ ફેઝર પોતાની મીટીંગ પૂરી કરી પાછો આયો, ત્યારે તે મીટી ઘણીયાણી હમેશ મુજબ હરખથી તેણીને ભેટવા દોડી ગઈ.

તેણીને પોતાના લાથોમાં ઝીલી લેતાં તે ચેરિઝ જેવા લાથો પર વલાલથી એક કીસ આપતા તે ઘણીએ કાળજી કરી પૂછી લીધું.

કેમ છે, ડાર્લિંગ?
'ફિલ મને કંઈ... કંઈ ન્યુસ કહેવાની છે.'

ઓશકથી પોતાનો મુખડો પોતાનાં વલાવાના કોટમાં છુપાવતાં તેણી બોલી પડી કે તે જવાને રમૂજ પામી કહી દીધું.
'મને તે ન્યુસની ખબર પડીછ, શિરીન.'

'ઓ એમ?'
'હા ડાર્લિંગ, ને એક ઘણીને તે ન્યુસ પોતાની વાઈફ તરફથી જાણવાનો પહેલો લક છે, ખરુંની શિરીન?'

'સો સોરી, ફિલ, પણ...પણ આજે તો હું તમોને કહેવાનીજ હતી, તેટલા મંમા તરફથી તમોએ જાણ્યું.'

'મંમા તરફથી જાણતે તો પણ હું એટલું માર્ઈન્ડ નહીં કરતે, પણ આં તો મને અનુતને કહ્યું.'
'ઓ ફિલ.'

એ સાંભળતાં ફક્ત બેજ બોલ અજાણી સાથ તે કોમલ મુખડામાંથી નીકળી પડ્યા કે તે ઘણીએ તેણીને વલાલથી કહી સંભળાવ્યું.
(વધુ આવતા અંકે)



કર્મના નિયમો

શ્રીમોટા આ યુગના એક મહાન સંત થઈ ગયા. શ્રીમોટા કોઈને જાણ ન થાય એ રીતે પોતાની સાધના કરતાં હતા. તે આમ તો હરિજન સેવાનું કામ પણ કરતાં હતા. એમાં જરાયે ક્યાશ આવવા દેતા ન હતા. દર વરસે એક મહિનો શ્રીમોટા રજા લેતા. શ્રીમોટા કોઈ એકાંત સ્થળે એકલા જતા. ત્યાં ગુરુ મહારાજના આદેશ પ્રમાણે સાધના કરતાં. મોટાનો પુરુષાર્થ ભારે. અગવડભર્યા નિર્જન સ્થળે સાધના કરવાનું તેમણે ખૂબ ગમતું. જબલપુર પાસે નર્મદા નદી પર ધૂવાધાર

નામની જગ્યા છે. એક વાર શ્રીમોટા ત્યાં સાધના કરવા જવા નીકળ્યા. ગાડીમાં તેમનું ખીસું કપાયું! સાથેની બધી રકમ જતી રહી! હવે શું થાય? મોટાને મારગ સૂઝી આવ્યો. તે જબલપુરના ગુજરાતી વેપારીને ત્યાં ગયા. ખીસું કપાયાની વાત કરી. પછી મોટાએ વિનયપૂર્વક વિનંતી કરી કે શેઠજી, મારે આટલી રકમ મેળવવા થોડા દિવસ નોકરી કરવી પડશે. કંઈ કામકાજ હોય તો આપવા કૃપા કરો. હું મહેનત-મજૂરીનું કામ પણ કરવા તૈયાર છું. વેપારીએ કહ્યું: મારી પાસે એવું કામ હાલ તુરતમાં નથી. પણ હા, તમે ઘરકામ કરવા તૈયાર છો? વાસણ માંજવાં પડશે, કપડાં ધોવા પડશે.બોલો, આવું બધું ઘરકામ તમને ફાયદા? તૈયારી હોય, તો કહો.

મોટા તરત ઉત્સાહથી બોલ્યા: આવું બધું કામ કરવું મને ગમે, હું ખુશીથી કરીશ.

શેઠે રાજી થઈ ઘેર ખબર આપી: આપણને નવો નોકર મળી ગયો છે. હું એને ઘેર મોકલાવું છું. એને કામ સોંપજો. કેવું કામ કરે છે એ જોજો. ઠીક લાગે તો

રાખીશું. મોટાને શેઠે ઘેર મોકલ્યા. શેઠાણીએ ઢગલો વાસણ માંજવાં આપી દીધાં. નાનપણમાં શ્રીમોટાએ આવું કામ કરેલું હતું. એટલે વાસણ કેમ સારા માંજીને સાફ કરવાં, એ તેમને આવડતું હતું. મોટાએ ઝડપભેર વાસણો માંજી નાખ્યાં. ઘોઈને સૂરજના તાપમાં સૂકવવા મૂકી દીધાં. ચોકડી બરોબર સાફ કરી નાખી. વાસણ સરસ મંજાયાં હતાં. તાપમાં ચમકી રહ્યાં હતાં. શેઠાણીએ દૂરથી વાસણ જોયાં. એ જોઈને તે રાજી રાજી થઈ ગયાં.

શેઠાણી બોલી ઊઠ્યાં: વાહ, સરસ નોકર મળી ગયો! પછી મોટાને ગાંસડો ભરીને કપડાં ધોવા શેઠાણીએ આપ્યાં.

મોટાને કપડાં ધોતા પણ સરસ આવડતું હતું. મોટાએ કપડાંને ત્રણ વિભાગમાં છૂટાં પાડ્યાં. સૌથી ઓછા મેલાં, જરા વધારે મેલાં અને સૌથી વધારે મેલાં. સાબુના પાણીમાં એ બધાં જુદાં જુદાં બાફ્યાં. પછી સૌથી ઓછા મેલાં કપડાં પહેલાં ધોયાં. ત્યાર પછી જરા વધારે મેલાં કપડાં ધોયાં. છેવટ ખૂબ

જ મેલાં કપડાં ઘસી ચોળીને બરાબર ધોયાં. બધા કપડાં સરસ ધોઈ-નિચોવીને તડકામાં સૂકવવા નાખ્યાં. બગલાની પાંખ જેવાં ચોખ્ખાં કપડાં જોઈને શેઠાણી બહુ રાજી થયાં.

શેઠ બપોરે ઘેર જમવા આવ્યા. શેઠાણીએ નોકરનાં ખૂબ વખાણ કરતાં કહ્યું: આવો લાથનો ચોખ્ખો નોકર જિંદગીમાં પહેલી વાર જ જોયો! શું એનું કામ છે! રાતે જમી-પરવારીને, વાસણ માંજીને, ચોકડી ધોઈને મોટા પરવાર્યાં. એટલે પથારી કરવાનો વખત થયો. દરેક પથારી એવી સરસ રીતે પાથરી કે જોનાર રાજી રાજી થઈ જાય. પથારી પરની ચાદર બરાબર ખેંચીને પાથરી. ક્યાંય જરાય કરચલી ન દેખાય. રાતે થોડો સમય મળે. તે વખતે મોટા ઘરના બાળકોને ભેગાં કરે. રામાયણ, મહાભારતની વાતો કહે. બાળકો પણ આનંદ પામે.

રાતે બધા સૂઈ જતાં. એટલે મોટા પથારીમાં નામ-સ્મરણ કરવા મંડી પડે. હરિનું સ્મરણ કરતા કરતા મોટા ઊંઘી જતાં. આખો દિવસ દિલ દઈને કામ

કર્તું હતું. એટલે એક જ ઊંઘમાં સવાર પડી જાય. પાછા મોટા ઘરકામમાં જોડાઈ જાય. થોડા દિવસમાં મોટાને જોઈતી રકમ થઈ ગઈ. મોટા શેઠની રજા લેવા ગયા. મોટાનું આવું સુઘડ અને ચોખ્ખું કામ જોઈને શેઠને થતું હતું. આ માણસ સામાન્ય ગરીબ મજૂર લાગતો નથી. પૈસાની ભીડને લીધે જ આવું કામ ખુશીથી કરવા તૈયાર થયો હશે. એ પુરુષાર્થી જીવ લાગે છે. કોઈની આગળ લાચારીથી લાથ ધરવા તૈયાર નથી. એટલે શેઠે મોટાને કહ્યું, ભાઈ, તમે નોકર માણસ લાગતા નથી. તમે આવ્યા ત્યારથી તમારું કામ અમે જોતાં આવ્યાં છીએ. નોકર માણસને આટલી બધી સૂઝ-સમજ સામાન્ય રીતે ન હોય. તમે મને પેટ છૂટી વાત કરો. જેથી મને સમજ પડે. મોટાએ નમ્ર ભાવે બધી વાત કરી. એ સાંભળીને શેઠને થયું, અરેરે, આવા ભગત માણસ પાસે બધું ઘરકામ કરાવ્યું! પ્રભુભજનના થોડા દિવસ બગાડ્યા! પછી શ્રીમોટા શેઠશેઠાણીની રજા લઈ ધૂવાધાર જવા નીકળી પડ્યા.

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Aries - મેષ

અ.લ.ઈ.

ગુરુની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે જાણતા કે અજાણતા કોઈ સારા કામ કરી લેશો. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારાસારી રહેશે. તમારા કરેલા કામમાં તમને સ્ટેટીસ્ટિક્સ મળશે. ઉત્તરતી ગુરુની દિનદશાથી ધર્મના સ્થળે જવાનો ચાન્સ મળશે. ઘરવાળાની પાછળ ખર્ચ કરવામાં આનંદ મેળવશો. હાલમાં દરરોજ 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણવાનું ભુલતા નહીં. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨, ૫, ૬, ૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 2, 5, 6, 7

With Jupiter ruling over you, knowingly or unknowingly, you will do good deeds. A good week financially. You will be satisfied with work and may get a chance to visit your religious place. You will be happy to splurge on family members. Pray 'Srosh Yasht' every day without fail.



Cancer - કર્ક

સ.ઈ.

૧૯મી ડિસેમ્બર સુધી બુધની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી આ અઠવાડિયામાં તમે ગામ-પરગામથી કોઈ મનને આનંદ મળે તેવા સમાચાર મળીને રહેશે. નાણાકીય પરિસ્થિતિને સુધારવા માટે સીધો રસ્તો મળી જશે. રોજબરોજના કામ કાજ જલદીથી પુરા કરી લેજો. મિત્રોની સાચી સલાહ મળવાથી ધનલાભ મળશે. ભુલ્યા વગર 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૩, ૫, ૭, ૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 3, 5, 7, 9

Mercury rules you till 19th December, bringing in delightful news. You will find an easy way out of financial situations. Complete your tasks efficiently. Heeding a friend's advice can bring financial profits. Pray 'Srosh Yasht' every day.



Libra - તુલા

ર.ત.

૨૬મી ડિસેમ્બર સુધી ચંદ્ર તમને તમારા કામમાં જરાબી મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવા દે. તમારા મનને મજબૂત કરીને લીધેલા ડીસીઝનને ચેન્જ નહીં કરો. વધુ ધન મેળવવા માટે વધુ ભાગદોડ કરી શકશો. ચંદ્રની કૃપાથી ફેમલી ગેટ ટુ ગેઠર જેવો કાર્યક્રમ કરવામાં સફળ થશો. નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલીને દૂર કરવા માટે કોઈની મદદ મળી જશે. ઘરનું વાતાવરણ વધુ સાફ બનાવા માટે ૩૪મુ નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧ વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૩, ૫, ૬, ૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 3, 5, 6, 7

The Moon's rule till 26th December helps smoothen your life. You will stay firm on your decisions. You will work harder to earn more money. Family get-togethers will be fruitful. Someone will help you financially. Pray the 34th name, 'Ya Beshtarna' 101 times.



Capricorn - મકર

ખ.જ.

૧૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી શુક્ર તમને ભરપુર લીલા કરાવીને રહેશે. મોજશોખ વધી જવા છતાં તમને નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. બીજાના મદદગાર થઈને રહેશો. શુક્રની કૃપાથી ઘણી-ઘણીયાણીમાં પ્રેમ વધી જશે. તમારા ઈશ્વારાથી બીજાને સમજાવી શકશો. નવાકામ કરવાનો ચાન્સ મળે તો ગુમાવતા નહીં. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૪, ૫, ૬, ૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 4, 5, 6, 7

Venus' rule brings in a lot of fun. A good week financially. You will help others. Love between spouses will increase. You will communicate effectively through gestures as well! Grab any opportunity to start a new venture. Pray 'Behram Yazad' every day.



Taurus - વૃષભ

બ.વ.ઉ.

૨૨મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી ગુરુ જેવા શુભ ગ્રહની દિનદશા ચાલશે. હવે તમારા બગડેલા કામને સુધારવાનો ચાન્સ મળી જશે. કોઈક જગ્યાએ ફસાયેલા નાણાંને પાછા મેળવી શકશો. રોજબરોજના કામમાં વધુ ફાયદો થશે. નવા કામ મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. ઘરમાં કોઈ સારો પ્રસંગ આવશે. દરરોજના ભણતરની સાથે 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૩, ૪, ૫, ૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 3, 4, 5, 8

Jupiter's rule till 22nd January brings your life back on track. You will be able to retrieve your money. Routine work will bring profits. A new job opportunity is indicated. Time for celebrations at home. With your routine prayers, pray 'Srosh Yasht' every day.



Leo - સિંહ

મ.ટ.

તમને બુધની દિનદશા ૨૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી ચાલશે તેથી તમારા કામકાજને વધારવા માટે બહાર જવાનું થાય તો તે ચાન્સ જવા દેતા નહીં. ચાલુ કામમાં મોટો ધનનો ફાયદો મળીને રહેશે. નવા મિત્રો મળશે. જે પણ વિચાર કરશો કે પ્લાનિંગ કરશો તે લાંબા ગાળા ફાયદો થાય તે વિચારી કરજો. 'મેહર નીઆયેશ' ભણવાનું ભુલશો નહીં. શુકનવંતી તા. ૩, ૪, ૫, ૬ છે.

Lucky Dates: 3, 4, 5, 6

Mercury rules you till 24th January. If you have to travel due to work, make the most of that opportunity. Your current work will bring in huge profits. You will make new friends. Make long term beneficial plans. Pray 'Meher Nyaish' every day.



Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક

ન.ચ.

પહેલા ૪ દિવસ સુર્યની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાના બાકી છે તેથી બને તો આ અઠવાડિયામાં કોઈ પણ સહી સિકકાના કામ કરવાની ભૂલ કરતા નહીં. બાકી દૈવીથી ચંદ્રની દિનદશા તમને મનની શાંતિ આપવાની શરૂઆત કરી નાખશે. જે અટકેલા કામો હશે તે તમને દૈવીથી ૨૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી પાછા શરૂ કરી શકશો. આ અઠવાડિયામાં 'યા રયોમંદ' ૩૪મુ નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧ વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૩, ૬, ૭, ૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 3, 6, 7, 8

The Sun rules you for the next four days, so avoid any signing work. From the 6th, the Moon brings in peace. You will be able to commence pending tasks from the 6th to 24th January. Pray the 34th name, 'ya Beshtarna' 101 times.



Aquarius - કુંભ

ગ.શ.સ.

દૈવીથી શુક્રની દિનદશા શરૂ થશે તે તમારા બધાજ દુઃખ હરી લેશે. તેમજ તો ઉત્તરતી રાહુની દિનદશા તમને અંધારામાં રાખી પરેશાન કરવાની કોશિશ કરશે. મનને શાંત રાખી જે પણ કામ કરવા માંગો તેમાં નેગેટીવ વિચાર ખૂબ જ આવશે. અજાણી વ્યક્તિ પર વિશ્વાસ રાખતા નહીં. આખું અઠવાડિયું 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૩, ૪, ૫, ૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 3, 4, 5, 7

Venus rules you from the 6th, ending any misery. The descending rule of Rahu might trouble you but keep cool and stay positive. Do not trust anyone blindly. Pray to 'Behram yazad' every day.



Gemini - મિથુન

ક.ઇ.ઇ.

૨૬મી ડિસેમ્બર સુધી તો શનિની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી મેરેજ લાઈફ, લવ લાઈફ કે શોસાયલ લાઈફમાં મુસીબત આવતી રહેશે. શનિ તમને શારિરીક બાબતમાં પરેશાન કરી મુકશે. સાંધાના દુખાવાથી પરેશાન થઈ જશો. ખર્ચનો ખાડો ઉડો થતો જશે. માથા પર ચિંતા બોજો રહ્યા કરશે. ખોટું ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ કરી નાખશો. શનિને શાંત કરવા માટે 'મોટી હમન યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨, ૩, ૫, ૬ છે.

Lucky Dates: 2, 3, 5, 6

Saturn rules you till 26th December. Pay attention to your marriage, love and social life. Take care of your health, especially if you are suffering from joint pains. Expenses could increase. Deal with stress and tension positively. Be careful while investing money. Pray 'Moti Haptan Yasht'.



Virgo - કન્યા

પ.ઠ.ઇ.

૨૪મી ડિસેમ્બર સુધી મંગળની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી તમારો સ્વભાવ ખૂબ જ ચીડીયો થઈ જશે. નાની બાબતમાં ગુસ્સો આવશે. તમારા ગુસ્સા પર કંટ્રોલ નહીં રાખો તો તબિયત ઉપર તરત અસર કરશે. તાવ-શરદીથી તથા હાઈપ્રેશરથી પરેશાન થશો. ડોક્ટરની સલાહ અવશ્ય લેજો. મંગળને શાંત કરવા માટે રોજ 'તીર યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨, ૪, ૭, ૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 2, 4, 7, 8

Mars rules you till 24th December. Try to control your irritation and anger. Take care of your health and consult a doctor immediately, especially if you're suffering from cold, fever or high pressure. Pray 'Tir Yahst' every day.



Sagittarius - ધન

ભ.ઇ.કુ.ઠ.

૧૬મી ડિસેમ્બર સુધી શુક્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી ઓપોજીટ સેક્સને મનાવી લેવામાં સફળ થઈને રહેશો. રોજના કામકાજમાં તમે તમારા કામો સારી રીતે કરી શકશો. નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલીને દૂર કરવામાં સીધો અને સાચો રસ્તો અપનાવીને તમારા કામ કરી લેશો. બીજાના મદદગાર બનીને રહેશો. શુક્રની વધુ કૃપા મેળવવા માટે 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨, ૩, ૪, ૫ છે.

Lucky Dates: 2, 3, 4, 5

Venus rules you till 16th December, helping you make-up for misunderstandings with people from the opposite gender. Routine work will move smoothly. You will find a straight and easy way out of your financial situation. Help others. Pray to 'Behram Yazad'.



Pisces - મીન

દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.ફ.

૫મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી ખોટા વિચાર ખૂબ આવશે. બનતા કામ બગડી જશે. તબિયતમાં બેદરકાર રહેતા નહીં. મોટી બીમારીમાં ફસાઈ જશો. ખોટા ખર્ચાંથી પરેશાન થઈ જશો. આવક વધશે નહીં પણ ખર્ચ વધી જશે. ખર્ચનો ખાડો ઉડો થતો જશે. રાહુના જોરને ઓછું કરવા ભુલ્યા વગર 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆયેશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૩, ૪, ૭, ૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 3, 4, 7, 8

Rahu rules you till 5th January. Strive to stay positive. Work hard and do not worry about the results. Take care of your health. Avoid unnecessary expenses. Pray 'Maha Bokhtar Nyaish' every day.

Your Monthly Numero-Tarot

(As Per Your Birth Month)



Parsi Times brings you Dr. Jasvi's monthly column on her unique Numero-Tarot readings.

By Dr. Jasvi

January (Lucky No. 21; Lucky Card: World): Health will be fine. You need to clear your confusion. Drinking water from a silver vessel will be beneficial. There might be sudden changes in life but remember, an end is always a new beginning. Be confident. You may travel abroad for higher education.

February (Lucky No. 19; Lucky Card: Sun): A week full of glamour, name, fame and prosperity. You are an intelligent person, capable of making wise decisions. You are aware of your destiny, so seek the right path to get there. Be flexible with your thoughts and your approach towards things.

March (Lucky No. 8; Lucky Card: Strength): You will clear your confusions. Financial stability is indicated. Confidence is your strength, so do not get perturbed by any situations as these are just temporary.

April (Lucky No. 3; Lucky Card: Empress): Lucky month ahead for women born in April. You will find all the happiness, health and emotional support that you are looking out for. Hard work is your key to success, so overcome any feelings of exhaustion or frustration.

May (Lucky No. 6; Lucky Card: Love): Love is in the air. Have patience and you will achieve what you desire. There might be small conflicts with people around. Beware of backstabbers.

June (Lucky No. 2; Lucky Card: High Priestess): Overcome insomnia and get over heartbreaks by starting to trust people once again. You do not have to judge people by past experiences. Emotional stability is a must, and with some meditation, you will be able to calm down.

July (Lucky No. 4; Lucky Card: Emperor): Get clarity and a hold over your decisions. Remember, running away from situations is not the solution. Enjoy life as it comes, along with its rainbow of happiness, satisfaction, love and laughter with family.

August (Lucky No. 5; Lucky Card: Hierophant): Come out of your illusion. Everything that glitters is not gold. Fight for your right. You have to be practical rather than being emotional. Health will be good.

September (Lucky No. 11; Lucky Card: Justice): Share your experiences with others. Confiding in a well-wisher will prove to be beneficial. A good time for those born in September, especially for those who intend on starting a family. Balance out your income and expenses.

October (Lucky No. 14; Lucky Card: Temperance): You are blessed by the divine. It's time to make peace with any confrontational situations. Stop day dreaming. Balance out all aspects of your life. You might buy new property or renovate it.

November (Lucky No. 10; Lucky Card: Wheel of Fortune): Change is constant. Travel is indicated, while celebrations and success is on the cards. Do not feel neglected and try to socialise with others.

December (Lucky No. 17; Lucky Card: Star): Healing has already started. You are in control of your life. Stop cribbing about what you don't have, rather focus on what you have. Your health will be fine.

Film Review

By Hoshang Kattrak

VIRAAM

In one of the scenes in the film, Maatun (Urmila Mahanta), promoted from a lowly housemaid position to a responsible post in the office, is the only one who doesn't arise from her chair to greet her boss, Abhiraj Malhotra (Narendra Jha). That eloquence just about sums up the genre of the film, besides the relationship between the two. Abhiraj, a highly successful industrialist (though in a scene he is shown putting up in a 2-star hotel - probably the producer couldn't afford the extra stars) in Dehradun, is in semi-depression after the death of his wife Sunita (Monica Ravan) a decade ago. When he chances upon a desolate girl (Maatun) from Purulia and offers her shelter in his house as a househelp, his life changes.

With every move of hers (and there are plenty of them!) he is reminded of his late wife and very soon, the shelter he afforded her turns more from sanctuary and emotional support to physical. Director Ziaullah Khan makes it plainly obvious within the first hour in which direction the film is heading. Whereas it's a tailor-made role for Urmila Mahanta, Jha clearly seems uncomfortable in his romantic avatar, particularly as the director loses no time to change genres midway through the film. Maatun's wardrobe, especially the hues, would surely give established dress designers an inferiority complex. The expected twists and turns arrive in due course but the acting is pedestrian, as is the script.



Genre	Drama, Thriller
Minutes	110
Director	Ziaullah Khan
Rating	1.5 ★★☆☆☆

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Mediterranean Chicken



Ingredients:

4 - Boneless Skinless Chicken Breasts; ¼ - cup plus 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil leaves; 1 tablespoon - Olive Oil; ¼ Tsp - Salt; 1 ½ cups - Cherry Tomatoes, halved; ¼ cup - Olive Paste.

To Make The Olive Paste:

Blend together 250gms pitted Black Olives; 2 Spring Onions; 3 Garlic cloves; 2 tbsp freshly squeezed Lemon Juice; 1 tbsp - fresh parsley; ½ Cup - Olive Oil; 4-5 Pepper corn balls; Salt to taste

Method:

Sprinkle salt evenly over chicken breasts. Also, sprinkle 2 tablespoons of the basil leaves on the chicken and press lightly. Turn the chicken breasts over and repeat. Place the breasts in sheets of waxed paper and pound chicken with rolling pin to half-inch thickness. In a pan, heat olive oil over medium heat. Add chicken breasts. Cook 5 to 6 minutes on each side or until golden brown on the outside. Remove chicken onto plate and cover to keep warm.

Heat the same pan on medium heat. Add tomatoes and the Olive Paste and cook, stirring 2 to 3 minutes or until tomatoes just begin to soften and mixture is heated through. Serve tomato mixture over chicken - top with remaining basil.

White Russian



(A smooth and sweet, cream-based vintage cocktail with a vodka and coffee liqueur base.)

Ingredients:

60ml - Heavy Cream; 30 ml - Coffee Liqueur like Kahlua; 30 ml - Vodka.

Method:

Combine cream, coffee liqueur and vodka in a cocktail shaker filled with ice. Shake vigorously and strain into a glass filled with ice.

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 - by Urvax Porbandarwala

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RBI Monetary Museum: Located at Fort, Mumbai, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Museum was inaugurated by former President of India, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam in 2004 and aims at depicting the evolution of money in the Indian subcontinent, right from the ancient days of barter system to the present era of plastic money. There are various galleries in the museum where coins, paper money and other monetary artefacts are preserved, that range from 6th century BC to present day. Visitors can witness important anecdotes, bank seals and can buy souvenirs like posters on currency and coins, greeting cards and postcards.



Snow World: First of its kind in Mumbai, Snow World, located in Kurla's Pheonix Market City, give you a chance to experience a hill-station like ambience where temperature drops to below 10 degrees and real snow drizzles around you! The area also provides a number of sports and adventurous activities including snow sledding, ice sliding, ice-skating, snow falling, skiing/snowboarding, snow war game and snow dance. You can get items like ice-skating shoes, snowboards and parka jackets from the counters present outside.



RUBY LILAOWALA

No Time For Meditation? Really?



Many people say, "I would love to practice meditation but I really don't have the time." After studying their lifestyles, we usually find that they are so busily occupied doing so many useless things, that they have no time to do the one thing that really matters. The petty, the trivial, the frivolous and the unimportant claims their attention. They dare not sacrifice even one moment of playing a round of different 'games' when the greatest game of all - life itself - is still to be played! They can't find the time to reconnect with themselves, go within and connect with the inner supreme reality, and yet they manage to find time for whatever else they regard as necessary. They do not realise that a much more necessary task than self-knowledge cannot be discovered.

Everybody has time for the things he or she values most and if you value your mental peace, quietness, centeredness, you will find the time. It doesn't matter whether that time is the morning, afternoon or night. It doesn't matter how short a time you give it (though 20 minutes is the most practical minimum since it takes several minutes to get started and get going before you can enter proper practice). Surely, twenty minutes a day out of 24 hours is not too long a period but if you really can't spare them, then 12 minutes would matter profoundly if you sat down and thought... For these 12 minutes, I shall blot out everything. I'll forget my personal life totally and seek the ultimate truth.

Anyone can do this. I can't imagine any human being who is in such an unfortunate position of not having 12 minutes to spare. When we have no time to meditate, we don't grasp the tremendous value of physical existence. We must try to find some fair proportion between activity and repose (to connect with higher realms) or we lose the only good which life has to offer us. We always find time to indulge in eating, drinking,

going for parties and engaging in meaningless cocktail-conversations and chit-chats of who wore what at which party. We have time for movies and TV!! Some women waste several hours at kitty-parties, shopping, race-courses and beauty parlours. We accept blindly and without question the society in which we are born and submit freely when it impounds and imprisons us - it's as though we set our own traps and select our own poisons to obtain a recognised place in society, but commoner or king, we pay the price of freedom with the words, "I don't have the time."

It doesn't matter when you practice meditation but if you have a choice, then choose one of these three periods - Morning: the mind is free, less burdened and fresh. Ideally, one should meditate in Brahma Muhurat (4:30 am) according to our ancient Indian religious literature. The mind, at the moment of awaking, is like a delicate thread tied to your spiritual self and hence, the first activity of the day must be to get in touch with this spiritual self because at this moment, your effort will meet the least resistance. The second time which is conducive to the 'seekers' is the mysterious hour of twilight or sunset, simply because nature once again experiences a hush, a pause in her external activity, during the

union of day with night. The third time (not as good as the previous two), is noon.

However, if your life is so disorganised that dawn, sunset and noon are not available for practice, even then, it doesn't matter. Just find a few minutes any time of the day

when you will be alone, quiet and undisturbed, and meditate. Find an environment that will help and not hinder your practice. It's very important that once you set aside a time, keep that (same) time every day because this will help in eventually making meditation easier for you.

It is also useful to keep one room or a corner reserved. If you can do this, you will build up an invisible mental atmosphere in that place and every time you enter that corner, your mind will revert to the tendency of spiritual-awareness. The place becomes your shrine where your entrance raises your mental vibration. If any other like-minded persons enter this corner, they too will feel spiritually uplifted because the sublime atmosphere created by you, still hovers over this sacred space.

Now that you've finished reading this article, meditate on it. Your time starts NOW!



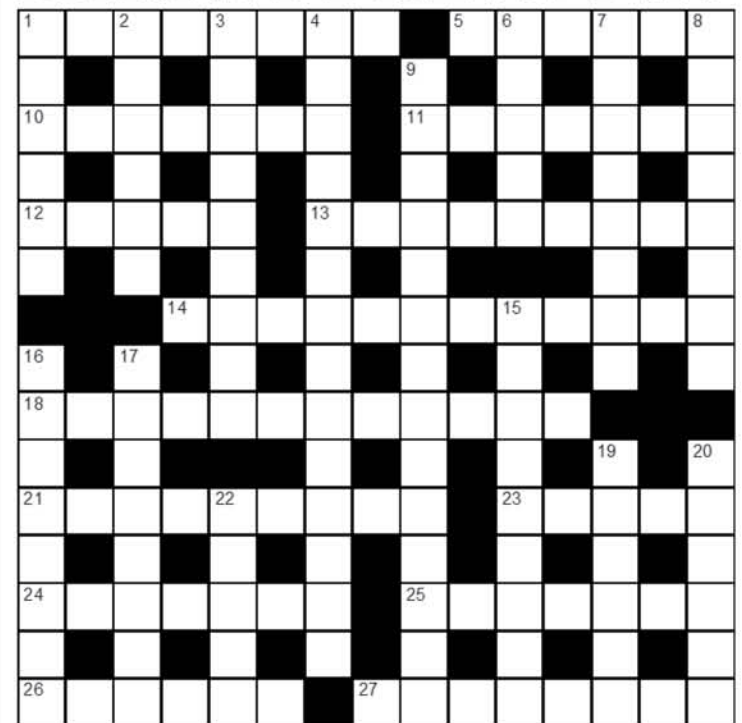
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BAWAJI BHEJA FRY



Across

- 1 Commencing or starting again (8)
- 5 Scandinavian - "in cord" anagram? (6)
- 10 Disappointment or humiliation (7)
- 11 Broad oceanic expanse (4,3)
- 12 Farewell (5)
- 13 The bases of statues (9)
- 14 Extremely wealthy people (12)
- 18 Unaided, without anyone's support or help (6-6)
- 21 Declaration made in writing under oath (9)
- 23 Santa ___ : Californian city? (5)
- 24 Beginning (7)
- 25 Midwest US state (7)
- 26 Breakfast cereal (6)
- 27 Capital of Tripura (8)

Down

- 1 Ethnic (6)
- 2 Sports grounds (6)
- 3 Lively and volatile (9)
- 4 Indian Ambassador to the United States from 1977 to 1979 (4,10)
- 6 Berlin Olympic star Jesse ___ (5)
- 7 Aches, pains, suffers (8)
- 8 Most rough or crude or rude (8)
- 9 Worthless (4-3-7)
- 15 Macedonian conqueror responsible for burning some of our scriptures (9)
- 16 Philosophy of those who want to run away from reality? (8)
- 17 Occupying a clerical position, perhaps? (2,6)
- 19 Shrill night insect (6)
- 20 Occult theosophy (6)
- 22 Boring tool (5)

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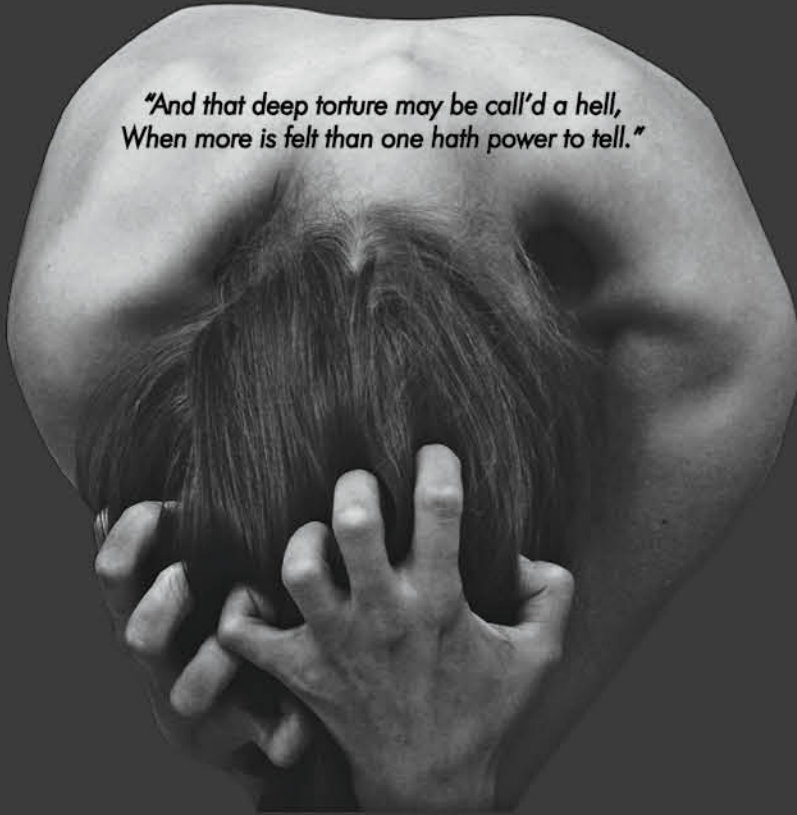
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