

Get Your
Parsi Times
Newspaper!
Hard-Copy,
Now Available
With Vendors!

THE TRUTH. DELIVERED WEEKLY.



BASA
ZORABIAN

Seven Seas Food

Specialist In Imported & Desi
BASA, BOI & PRAWNS

All Types of Fishes & Zorabian Range Of Products Available.

**FOR FREE HOME DELIVERY CONTACT
09321 0000 65 • 09324 776511**



Featherlite®
WORK FROM HOME

**SHOP
ONLINE**

featherlitestore.com

90045 45558 | 080 4719 1010



FKS FOUNDATION

Boman Lodge, Khodadad Circle, Dadar, Mumbai 400 014.
Mob : 9821484146 Timing : 10.00 am - 4.00 pm Monday to Friday.

**MERIT PRIZES FOR
ZOROASTRIAN STUDENTS FROM
MAHARASHTRA FOR THE YEAR 2019 - 2020**

Late BANUBAI & MANEKSHAW R. EDIBAM

Prizes for SSC, ICSE & CBSE

To Top 3 students for SSC securing 90% and above and
To Top 3 students for ICSE / CBSE securing 90% and above
in best of five without the Sports quota.

BEPSY K. FITTER & GODREJ K. FITTER

**Prizes for HSC exam
To Top 6 students
securing 85% and above marks.**

Applications along with attested copy of
marksheet for obtaining Prizes are invited
ONLY BY SPEED POST/COURIER.
No other documents to be attached.

Last date for receiving application 20/10/2020

**Ms. Rukhshana F. Sholapurwala
President & Managing Trustee.**

**Funeral
Rights: The
Inter-
Married
Parsi
Zoroastrian**

Page 06

**'Eedu
Mubarak!'
Says
Cyrus
Broacha!**



Page 06

**Bring
Back
True
Happiness
With
'Khorshed
Yasht'**

Page 04

**CONTEST
RESULTS:
'NO
CAN DO -
WITHOUT
EEDU'**



Page 10

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



Dear Readers,

As expected, and as had been predicted earlier by healthcare professionals, there has been a constant surge in the number of cases testing positive for the Coronavirus, calling for that many more appointments with the doctor. And with October marking a change in season, there will be a greater number of people falling prey to the usual flu and other lesser maladies. So do continue to stay safe and continue practicing the mandatory precautions to ensure October goes Doctor-free.

In fact, going by the results of the National Sample Survey as regards the health of India's different religious communities, which was released in July this year, the Zoroastrian community tops the list as the one most susceptible to ailments, at 31.1 per cent. (More details on Pg. 7). While one need not go into a panic, it would certainly be wise to stay alert and put in the extra effort to maintain good health - both, physical and mental.

The one thing that can boost your overall health is staying happy and doing fun things. And speaking of fun, Team PT applauds all our talented readers who participated in our fun contest, 'No Can Do - Without Eedu!' in celebration of 'World Egg Day' - definitely a day that should be celebrated by every true-blue, egg-relishing Parsi! As always, we received a handsome number of entries and have featured some of the top ones in our Contest Results (Pg. 10).

We have also been receiving a good response to our initiative - Parsi Times LIFELINE, which endeavours to provide rescue and relief to under-privileged community members, especially seniors, who are unable to fend for themselves in these trying times. PT thanks our generous donors for their noble and much-needed support and magnanimity for helping out vulnerable Parsis in need. We request community members to continue writing in to us as regards those in need of help.

Have a safe and fun weekend!

- Anahita
anahita@parsi-times.com



Happy 102nd Birthday Katy Fareedon Jalnawalla



*May this day and year be
memorable and filled with love,
laughter and joy .
We are truly blessed to have you in
our lives , dearest Katy Mamma.
We all love you immensely !
You are our 'Rock Star !'*

Children - Parveen, Bapsy and Dara
Six Grand Children & Eight Great Grandchildren

PARSI TIMES
The Truth. Delivered Weekly.

Parsi Times LIFELINE

'Parsi Times LIFELINE' is a PT initiative that works towards providing rescue and relief to senior community members who are living in appalling conditions of impoverishment.

Parsi Times looks to identify and collect the details of our seniors living in unfortunate conditions. This information will then be shared with our generous community Trusts, which undertake alleviating poverty amongst community members and are committed to helping our community's elders.

We request our readers to share details of elderly Zoroastrians living in abject circumstances, to enable us to gather and share the information with our Trusts, so that we could help provide our seniors a life of dignity and quality, in their twilight years via the initiative - 'Parsi Times LIFELINE'.

Kindly E-mail us the details at: editor@parsi-times.com

Or send your Mails to:

Parsi Times LIFELINE

**2nd Floor, Khaitan Chambers C.H.S. Ltd., 143-145 Mody Street, Fort,
Mumbai 400 001**

MATRIMONIALS

Matrimonial alliances invited for a 37-year-old, Parsi Zoroastrian boy, settled in Toronto, Canada. Looking for a life partner who is simple and of calm temperament, under 30 years of age, and willing to settle in Canada, preferably a graduate and a working woman. Interested parties are requested to e-mail the girl's biodata at: parsigroom2020@gmail.com

SUBSCRIBE TO

PARSI TIMES

THE No. 1 PARSI PUBLICATION!

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

India and Upcountry

Rs. 750/-

E-paper sent to you via e-mail

Rs. 1,500/-

PLUS 5%
GST

Kindly write your Cheques in favour of: Parsi Times Multimedia Pvt. Ltd

Address: 143/145 Khaitan Chambers,
2nd Floor, Modi Street (Opp. GPO), Fort, Mumbai -
400001

Tel. No.: (022) 66330404 / 05

To receive the newspaper (hard copy) in countries out of India,
kindly e-mail us at: editor@parsi-times.com

The PARSİ TIMES LIFELINE Effect

In our issue dated 19th September, 2020, we had launched the 'Parsi Times LIFELINE' initiative, to create awareness in our readers about the financial difficulties that so many of our community members, especially seniors, have been facing, due to the ongoing pandemic. We assured our readers that we would forward cases received by us to generous Parsi donors to consider for providing relief and support to those who are genuinely affected.

We immediately received instances of individuals who were in dire straits:

Case I: A prominent and respected lady from our community wrote to us about a poor, Irani Zoroastrian lady who was finding it very difficult to cook food, due to health reasons as she is prone to fainting; also has a heart problem, and is financially struggling, as she depends on some moneys given to her by a Parsi Trust. Very sadly, the poor lady has been known to go without for food for even two days at a time! She suffers from depression and loneliness and has a brother in Iran, who at times helps her out with some of her bills when she runs short of money. Always living with meagre means, she has, over the last three years been very hard hit by her failing health, especially after she lost her young teenage son to brain-cancer.

Case II: One of the other responses we received was from another single, 67-year-old Parsi lady, living alone in a dilapidated flat that with chunks of plaster falling from everywhere and even the iron rods are visible, especially in the kitchen. With zero income of her own, she depends completely on her sister. She has always had problem in walking and has stopped going out of house after she fell on the road about two years ago. On 6th September, 2020, she had to be urgently admitted to the hospital near her sister's home at D.N. Nagar near Versova, as she could not lift one leg and had lost control over her bowel movements.

She was diagnosed with severe cellulites in the lower limbs, sepsis, pulmonary edema, fluid overload, etc. She was in the ICU for 10 days and her sister and husband, both senior citizens, older to the patient with limited assets of their own, had to pay the substantial hospitalization bill from their own limited resources. Though

discharged from the hospital, the lady is still unable to walk and the doctors having advised that surgery is needed in both knees.

Both the above cases were referred by Parsi Times to WZO Trust Funds, who have, over the last three decades, been very active in raising and providing support to Parsi Irani Zoroastrian families in various forms of distress.

The WZO Trust Funds, after carrying out due diligence, recommended to their principal donors, Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao, who have agreed to extend support to both the cases as follows:

- Arranging for meals to be supplied to the lady on an ongoing basis, in addition to the monthly support that she has been receiving over the last few years.
- Agreeing to reimburse the patient's sister a large part of the amount incurred on hospitalization; as well as extending monthly financial support to the ailing lady, for her sustenance.

Parsi Times is very grateful and satisfied that our initiative - Parsi Times LIFELINE - has, right from the beginning, begun to deliver positive outcomes for those in distress, enabling them to see the sunrise of hope.

It is truly the good fortune of our community to be blessed with caring, considerate and magnanimous donors of the likes of Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao, Mrs & Mr. Pervin and Jal Shroff also of Hong Kong; as well as, our very own compassionate and committed to community service institution - the WZO Trust Funds, whose hallmarks have been greatly helping our community members in distress, alleviating their problems, and nurturing hope where none existed earlier.

Community members in need may continue to send us details of genuine hardships faced by them (**Email: editor@parsi-times.com**), which will be sent by us to various charitable Trusts for their consideration and support, after conducting due diligence.

ઘર અને ઓફિસના સામાનની જાળવણી માટે સુરક્ષિત સ્ટોરેજ રૂમ સર્વિસ ગુરુકૃપા સ્ટોરેજ સોલ્યુશન

તમે શિક્ષક થવાનું વિચારો છો? એક શહેરમાંથી બીજા શહેરમાં જવું છે? વિદેશ જવાનું પ્લાનિંગ છે? કોરોના મહામારીને કારણે વર્ક ફ્રોમ હોમનું ઓપ્શન મળતાં થોડો વખત માટે હોમટાઉન જવું છે? મોટા ઘર કે ઓફિસમાંથી નાની જગ્યામાં સિક્કટ થવું છે? અથવા તો કોરોનાને કારણે થોડો વખત માટે ઘંઘો આટોપવો છે? ઘરમાં ઓફિસ કરવી છે? આ બધામાં સૌથી પહેલાં પ્રશ્ન આવે સામાન ક્યાં રાખશું? કેવી રીતે સાચવશું? પરંતુ તમારા મનપસંદ ફર્નિચર જેમ કે ટીવી, સોફા, બેડ, ફ્રિજ, કબાટ વગેરે સામાનને સાચવશે ગુરુકૃપા સ્ટોરેજ રૂમ સર્વિસ. તમારા ઘર અને ઓફિસના કિંમતી સામાનને સુરક્ષિત બાંહેધરી આપે છે. ગુરુકૃપા સ્ટોરેજ સોલ્યુશન આ સાથે તમારે મુંબઈની બહાર તમારા ઘર કે ઓફિસનો સામાન લઈ જવો હોય કે લાવવો હોય તે માટે પણ સંપર્ક કરો.



Gurukrupa Since 2000
PACKERS & MOVERS
Total Solution for Peace of Mind

ગુરુકૃપા સ્ટોરેજ સોલ્યુશન
ફોન નંબર ૯૮૨૧૫૩૦૭૦૨
૯૩૨૪૨૫૪૪૬૦



વધુ જાણવા માટે વેબસાઈટ વિઝિટ કરો
www.gurukrupastoragesolutions.com

THE WZO TRUST FUNDS SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE

Navsari 396 445

Invites Applications for the post of
RESIDENTIAL MANAGER

At their Senior Citizens Centre at Navsari.

The individual we are looking for should essentially have inherent qualities of respecting the dignity of Senior Citizens and Staff, be understanding and kind, displaying humane qualities in dealing with the residents.

The selected candidate will report to Trustees and Administrator and should diligently follow instructions given.

Duties will entail smooth running of the Centre, caring for residents, assisting them when they fall ill and need medical attention or hospitalisation, overseeing staff members employed, keeping a check on inventories and so on.

Residential service accommodation will be provided at the Centre that shall include both board and lodge. Whilst in service, medical expenses and children's education up to graduation will be taken care of by the Trust. Salary will be commensurate with job responsibilities.

Selected candidate will be on probation for six months, during which time, progress shall be monitored and if found satisfactory will be confirmed thereafter.

Applicants interested in undertaking the assignment should send their resumes to our Mumbai Office at the address given below.

The WZO Trust Funds

C-1, Hermes House, 3rd floor, Mama Parmanand Marg, Opera House, Mumbai 400 004. India.

Khorshed Yasht - I

The Yasht Series



DAISY P. NAVDAR

Daisy P. Navdar is a teacher by profession and a firm believer in the efficacy of our Manthravani. She is focused on ensuring that the deep significance of our prayers is realized by our youth. She credits her learnings and insights, shared in her articles, to all Zoroastrian priests and scholars whose efforts have contributed towards providing light and wisdom for all Zarthostis.

Invite you to join me as I journey through the wonderful teachings shared in a *Khordeh Avesta*, which was printed in 1902 - more than a 100 years ago! Authored by Dinbai Sohrabji Engineer, the teachings, stories and notes in this book speak about the various powers of our prayers, while sharing anecdotes of people who have used these prayers and the tremendous achievements that each has accomplished.

"I wish I could show you, when you are lonely or in darkness, the astonishing light of your own being."

- Hafiz

We are all born with the brilliance gifted to us by our Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda. This brilliance is enhanced by clean living, by hope and joy, by good thoughts, good words and good deeds. In this process of living, Ahura Mazda has granted us so many blessings and powers with which we can overcome the dark forces of the evil one.

Our ability to conquer our own fears and challenges lies largely in our ability to seek and find a divine connect, be it through prayer or just through the power of our own thoughts. Dinbai's book makes an amazing case for chanting our *manthras* daily. It is remarkable how she has, with such alacrity, managed to convey to us the real effect brought about by these prayers. She has enlivened each Yazad and the corresponding powers for our enlightenment.

Today, we discuss Khorshed Yazad. Khorshed or Khurshed is considered to be the body of Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda. It is the brilliance of the sun that shines down on us so freely, every day. The dimensions of Khurshed Yazad are mind boggling - they are 400 farshang broad and 400 farshang tall and each farshang is about 12,000 yards!

Khurshed Yazad is extremely hot; he rides a chariot of horses and they fly swiftly under his reigns. Isn't it strange that the light of the sun also travels in light years and reaches us

on earth, within seconds? This Yazad opens the doors to happiness for all human beings and he also helps them to do good deeds.

An interesting observation here, is that vitamin D, which is considered to be the happiness vitamin, is only derived from exposure to the rays of the sun. People who suffer from depression often also suffer from a deficiency of vitamin D. Khurshed Yazad is beneficial for the *ravans* who have recited his Yasht during their lifetimes. He grants them a wonderful bright space in heaven, especially for those who have recited the Khorshed Yasht / Nyaish in all the three wakes of the day viz. Havan, Rapithwan and Uzhiran.

The last remains of our dearly departed are also laid to rest under the brilliant gaze of Khurshed Yazad - we call it Khurshed Nigarashni. Its heat and brightness helps kill the germs and other noxious emissions from the corpse. It is a vital part of the Dokhmenashini system which we follow even today, an ancient technology which is environment friendly and least harmful to the natural elements around us.

The *noor* or brilliance of Khurshed helps us mere mortals find the grace and strength of Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda. As his presence climbs in the sky and the day advances, this Yazad becomes even more powerful. Using the cover of darkness, the evil Ahriman cloaks our world with dirt, evil and pain, but all these are vanquished with one brilliant stroke of light from Khurshed Yazad.

Happiness and light are an innate part of our nature, we are born with these. Then, why do we bring ourselves to the point where we become so consumed with our own fears and doubts, that we forget our core nature? Let us use the powers of the Khorshed Yasht / Nyaish to bring us back into our natural state of true happiness, yes true happiness - a gift from Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda!

Put Me Thou On The Track Of Truth, Ahura Mazda!

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.

Give me the will and ability to find out truth, Thou that art the Fountain of Truth. Across error lies the way to truth. If I fall in my fight for truth, help me to rise and fight again, till I have vanquished falsehood. Truth may be worsted awhile but it will ultimately triumph. Let not my lips ever lie. Let truth be ever on my lips. Let me speak truth with my whole heart.

Let it never be said about me that often do I promise, but seldom do I make my words good. Let me fulfil in deed, what I say in word. Let me never live a life of untruth. Let me make truthfulness the backbone of my life, that all may count my word as sure as a bond. Let me instinctively turn to the moral light of truth, as the plant turns to physical light. Let me see the light of truth.

Let me not let my days glide on in fleeting pleasures. In my unrestrained fascination for things outward, let me not neglect things inward. Let me work daily from daylight to dark in search of truth. Let me not yield to any obstacle and hardship that come in my way. Let my inquisitiveness and longing to find out and know the truth become a habit with me. Let me discover myself. Let me see



my wrongs and follies and falsehoods, that I may leave them.

Truth accumulates from generation to generation and grows. My earnest desire in life is to know the truth. I hunger and thirst with all my heart to know the truth. Knowing the truth, I will swerve not by one hair's breadth from the path of truth that I have determined to tread.

Lead me into Thy truth, Ahura Mazda. Fill my soul with the light of Thy truth. Truth is religion and Thou art truth, I will make my heart the temple of Thy truth. When Thou wilt come to me, Thou wilt find the image of Thy truth engraved in my heart, O Thou, my Great God!

Gift Health This Festive Season With Pureganic

Most of us, in our school days, were told to munch on a handful of soaked almonds to improve memory or eat a few dates for breakfast. Mothers and grandmothers would religiously soak, grind and blend a combination of dry fruits, added in milk. These were based on recipes passed on through generations for achieving good health and immunity. Good quality dry fruits like almonds, walnuts, cashew, pista, anjeer, dates, raisins etc. are powerhouses of nutrients and serve as excellent healthy substitute for daily snacks.

Consumption of dry fruits enhances energy and stamina. Rich in fibre, it gives better digestion and overall good health. Nuts are good source of protein and iron, especially for vegetarians. Dry Fruits are rich in Calcium, Copper, Iron, Magnesium, Potassium, Phosphorus, Protein, Vitamin A-C-E-K-B6 and Zinc, which promotes healthy bones, muscles, nerves, teeth and skin. It gives protection from anaemia by increasing haemoglobin, prevents heart

diseases & high cholesterol, strengthening of immune system, combat cancer, helps weight loss, fights constipation, depression, anxiety and anti-aging with skin friendly properties.

Pureganic is pleased to introduce healthy, quality and hygienically packed range of dry fruits (Plain and Roasted), as ideal festive gifting options. These include - Almonds: Rich in protein, prevents skin disorders and respiratory diseases, controls blood sugar and cholesterol; Walnuts: Rich in fatty acids and antioxidants help fight stress, reduces risk of cancer, prevents signs of ageing, reduces hair fall; Apricots: Contents of Pro-Vitamin B strengthens optic nerves and it is rich in iron; Cashews: Fight cancer cells; Keeps hair and bones healthy; Pistachios (Pista): High in fiber, mineral, and unsaturated fat, controls sugar, BP and cholesterol; and Black Raisins: Reduce acidity and prevent constipation and piles.

For detailed brochure, price & availability of all Pureganic Products, Whatsapp/SMS: 9820812244.



Dr. Jasvi's Numero Tarot Predictions

(As Per Your Birth Month)

Parsi Times brings you Dr. Jasvi's column on her unique Numero-Tarot monthly readings, based on your month of birth:

January (Lucky No. 8; Lucky Card: Strength): A new sunrise brings light and happiness into your life. Enjoy bright and sunny times in the month ahead. All your pending work will get done. Don't run away from your responsibilities - learn to fight for your right.

February (Lucky No. 2; Lucky Card: High Priestess): Your strength is your power. This is your learning and teaching phase of life. Your confidence can make you conquer the world, so don't let anything bring down your confidence. Be self-assured.

March (Lucky No. 10; Lucky Card: Wheel Of Fortune): You need to learn to cope with new situations and accommodate change. Remember, that nothing but change is permanent. Accept it gracefully and move on. Your health will be in great shape. You have a busy and productive month ahead.

April (Lucky No. 3; Lucky Card: Empress): You must try and focus on things that need to be done. Happiness, success and peace await you in the times ahead. Justice is on the cards. Your legal issues will get sorted out soon. Your self-confidence is the key to your success.

May (Lucky No. 21; Lucky Card: World): Believe in yourself. Learn to stay grounded - everything that glitters is not gold. You need to brush off your illusions and be practical and move on. No one can keep you in any situation against your will. Travel or shift in property is indicated.

June (Lucky No. 4; Lucky Card: Emperor): Hurry will bring you worry. You know where your destiny lies, but you are in search of the path. Slow down and think afresh. Reach out for emotional support which is available to you. You could face a slight, temporary problem of cash liquidity.

July (Lucky No. 11; Lucky Card: Justice): A good laugh and good sleep and rest will wipe away a large number of those irritations that have been troubling you lately. Good sleep is a must for your health, which you need to prioritize and take care of. Think positive. Don't let worries get to you. A sudden travel plan could materialize.

August (Lucky No. 5; Lucky Card: Hierophant): Daily prayers cleanse the soul, so do pray. Your finance will be stable. You are empowered by universe and blessed by your guru. A little juggling on your end will be needed to balance the situation.

September (Lucky No. 17; Lucky Card: Star): Hard work is the key to success, so don't shy away from it or grudge it. Financial support is available this month. A situation that worries you will get balanced and sorted out automatically. You are blessed by the Divine Energy. Students need to study harder.

October (Lucky No. 19; Lucky Card: Sun): The feeling of genuine gratitude is a must for overall growth. Your health will be great through this month. Celebrations and party-times await you. You could buy new property or renovate existing / old ones.

November (Lucky No. 6; Lucky Card: Lovers): These are good times so enjoy the rainbow of happiness, success, victory and satisfaction. Celebrate quality time with your family. This is a good time for you to clear out your confusions. Remember - as you sow, so shall you reap.

December (Lucky No. 1; Lucky Card: Magician): Appreciate the blessings coming your way. You need to take good care of your health. Your finances would be stable. You are advised to bathe with rock salt.

EXCLUSIVELY FOR PARSI TIMES READERS!!

Book Your Personal Numero-Tarot Readings
by Dr. Jasvi herself! Get a 30-minutes
Session worth Rs. 2,499/- for ONLY at Rs. 499/-!!

Call/Whatsapp/Message:

+91 9320839234 / 9323239274

P.T. CLASSIFIEDS

ACCOMODATIONS

IRANSHAH SERVICE APARTMENTS

REOPENS

FOR BOOKING CONTACT
HOSHANG N. TADIWALA
IRANSHAH APARTMENTS
IRANSHAH ROAD, UDWADA GAM
MOB. NO. 9825757843

ANTIQUES

DHIRAJ Old Antique Items

VALUE GIVEN IS
MORE THAN MARKET RATE
We also collect Goods
& give free Home Service
Old Furniture, Watches,
Old Fountain Pens, Kerba,
Old Crockery, Old Resham Kore
And Zari, Old Toys, Old Camera,
Old Notes And Coins,
German Silver.

CONTACT: DHIRAJ
9819774578 / 8369666193
Bldg 12, 52/54 Haveliwala Bldg,
Mint Road, Fort, Mum - 1

AARAV OLD ANTIQUE ITEMS

VALUE GIVEN IS
MORE THAN MARKET RATE
We also collect Goods
& give free Home Service
Gold & Silver Jewellery,
Watches, Old Furniture, Gramophones,
All Records, All Cameras,
Old Fountain Pens,
Gara, Kerba, Old Crockery,
Zari Border, Old Notes, Coins,
German Silver, Household Items

CONTACT: AARAV
9324503876 / 8169751275
181, Shop No. 13, Bora Bazar,
Fort, Mumbai-1

BUYING OF ALL TYPES OF ANTIQUES & FURNITURE

E.g. Coins, Notes, Watches,
Wall Clock etc. Maharashtra
& Gujarat.

Buying/Selling
Of Second Hand Cars
Contact. Mr. Irani
8169835441
WhatsApp: 9322871171



contribute@parsi-times.com



/parsi.times

ASTROLOGY

Online Astrology solution
for all problems related
to health / finance /
education / matrimony /
horoscope match etc.

Online Consultation
WhatsApp 9969105963
Contact No. 8356980988

SERVICES AVAILABLE

PAC n DELIVER INTERNATIONAL COURIER

Send parcels to your Children
& loved ones in CANADA,
UK, USA & WORLD WIDE
including Garments, Farsan,
Chocolates, Sweets, Gifts,
Eatables, Medicines &
any permissible item & get
benefited with SPECIAL rates.

Contact - Mr. ANUJ SANGOI
Tel. - 022-48932230 / 8879991866
Email - sales@pacndeliver.com
"20 Yrs of Quality Service"

Good News

To Buy / Sell / Rent
Flat / Plot / Bungalow
in UDWADA
and All Govt.
Related Works

Call: Mr. Amit Tanna
0 9978850067

DATTA Tempo Service for hire,
shifting with skilled labourers. We
regularly service - Mumbai to Pune,
Nashik, Deolali, Sanjan, Nargol,
Udvada, Navsari. 9821319228

AIR CONDITIONERS Jet Water Wash

Indian/Imported Refrigerators -
Double Door, Frost Free.
Guarantee Genuine Repairs
at your Door Step.
Installation / Maintenance
Contract available for Split &
Window Air-Conditioners.
Contact : FRIZARE on
9820197439.

Disclaimer: The Classified Section of Parsi Times does not endorse any product or service advertised and will not be held responsible by any third party for the same.

Printed and Published by Cyrus Firoz Printer on behalf of Parsi Times Multimedia Pvt. Ltd.,
Published at 2nd Floor, Khaitan Chambers C.H.S. Ltd., 143-145 Mody Street, Fort,
Mumbai 400 001. : Printed at M/s. Dangat Media Pvt. Ltd., 22 Digha M.I.D.C., TTC Industrial
Area, Vishnu Nagar, Digha, Navi Mumbai, Thane - 400 708. Editor: Anahita Subedar.
Contact Nos.: 66330404 Advt.: 66330405. Fax: 66330406
Office Timing: 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Monday - Friday.

Funeral Rights: The Inter-Married Parsi Zoroastrian

27th September, 2020, marked the unfortunate passing of the very popular and much-loved Bahadur Hansotia, a resident of Cusrow Baug (South Bombay) for seventy years. A true Parsi, he was known to help everyone in need, a true friend to many. His nearly three-decade-long tenure at the Central Bank of India (Colaba Branch) also showcased his ever-helpful and compassionate nature. During the pandemic too, he ceaselessly stood in service of those in need, but unfortunately contracted the deadly disease himself in the process, and being asthmatic himself, succumbed to a cardiac arrest.

Late Bahadur Hansotia was married to a non-Parsi lady who had passed away much earlier, and he is survived by his children - two daughters and a son. The request to have his funeral prayers performed at the Karani Agiary, in Cusrow Baug, was turned

away on the basis of his being inter-married. This led to an outpouring of reactions - some hurt and some angry - resulting in a controversy of sorts.

Parsi Time has received a large number of messages and mails sharing their anguish at the refusal for prayers of a man that was as helpful and kind as the Late Mr. Hansotia, especially in keeping with the fact, that male inter-married Parsis (and to a large extent, also the children of male inter-married Parsis) have been largely accepted into the faith. A number of letters we received cited unfair discrimination, criticizing Dasturji Aibara, Panthaky of Karani Agiary, on his decision to not perform the last prayers.

Late Bahadur's daughter, Aafrin Hansotia's anguish went viral on Whatsapp, where she states (excerpts), "My dad... was always running and helping people... he still continued to work for a lot of people even

through COVID-19 and then being diagnosed with this incurable disease... he was asthmatic and succumbed to a cardiac arrest on Sunday. We are stuck in Australia and couldn't even pay our last respect and say goodbye by properly... Does the Zoroastrian faith condemn people to be treated this way? Does a well-respected and loved human like my father not deserve prayers and respects paid by people who he's lived with/spent his whole life with? Is this what it means to be Parsi? Do men who marry outside the religion cease being Parsi?"

Well-regarded and respected for his kind demeanour and helpful nature, Dasturji Yazdi Aibara of Karani Agiary, shared his side with Parsi Times. "Let me first state that Bahadur was very close to me too and he was an extremely helpful person - and I have highest regards for him, but I am cannot go against my beliefs and my conscience

and the commitments to my service as a Priest. I cannot compromise on the pledge I have made to my Dharam - these are the principles and values I have grown with and I will not do a disservice to our religious ethos. That would be wrong.

Whether a man or a woman marries a non-Parsi, both are wrong in our religion. Once you marry a Non-Parsi, you cease to be Parsi and that is the truth. I believe this to be the case for all religions, immaterial of what is being practiced, because once you marry outside, the tokham or the Zoroastrian genes become impure, and this also compromises the other person's genes. We need to maintain the purity of our man (mind), aatma (Soul), Khorshed (energy) and shareer (body) to nurture the aatmik shakti for the progress of the soul. When we marry outside, we impede the progress of our soul, which goes against the very reason that we were put on

earth, i.e., the soul's progress.

I'm hurt myself to have refused his prayers because I have great respect for him. But religious doctrines cannot bow to wrongful and unacceptable changes, just because these are practiced more regularly now. I'm bound by my religion's dictats and I will stay sincere to these, immaterial of what other priests practice or our community members believe. Ten or hundred or thousand wrongs, don't make a right, simply because they are being practiced increasingly. This is not progress when you go against your Dharam na kaayda (religious rules)."

Noshir Dadrawala, known for his encyclopedic knowledge and wisdom of Zoroastrian religion and culture, shares an insightful understanding aimed at addressing the quandary / confusion that numerous community members have communicated, based on this event...

Obsequies Of Inter-Married Parsi Zoroastrians

NOSHIR H. DADRAWALA

This incident is unfortunate because not only was Late Mr. Hansotia a good and helpful human being, but so also is the Head Priest who refused to do the ceremony - an equally gentle, helpful and much respected priest among devout *Behdins*. While every individual, be it priest or laity, is entitled to one's own opinion and has the right to act as per dictates of one's own conscience, it's important to discern facts from fiction and myths from reality.

Before I venture to express my opinion, I wish to clarify that personally I too am not in favour of inter-marriages and neither am I inter-married and nor is any member of my immediate family.

Here are some Historical, Religious and Legal facts...

Historical Facts:

Several Achaemenian, Parthian and Sasanian Kings were inter-married. But we continue to invoke their names with great pride and reverence - Khusro

- I, also known as Anosharavan or Noshirwan-e-Adil, (531-579 AD) was married to a Roman Princess. The marriage was a political alliance to usher peace. The fact remains that it was a formal marriage but we still remember and invoke the name of Noshirwan-e-Adil reverently to this date. Just as we do the name - 'Khusro - II', or Emperor Khusro Parvez (590 AD) who married the Roman Princess Maria, as a political alliance to neutralize the rebellious General Behram Chobin.

Religious Facts:

Marriage from a Zoroastrian point of view is a religious duty/discipline. It is an institution that pleases *Dadaar Ahura Mazda*, according to the 'Vendidad'. A number of religious texts, in particular, the Avestan 'Vendidad' and the Pahlavi 'Dinkard', have proscribed mixed marriages. These texts have considered 'mixing of the seed' (intermarriage) as sinful. But, no where does any Avesta or Pahlavi text explicitly or categorically state, that

on inter-marrying, a Parsi Zoroastrian ceases to be a Parsi Zoroastrian.

The Vendidad lists out a number of sins and some sins are forgivable and some are unforgivable. But, no where does the Vendidad or the Dinkard or any other religious text state that if a Parsi Zoroastrian inter-marries, he should be excommunicated or not considered a Parsi Zoroastrian, once he or she marries outside the community.

Legal Facts:

Justices Dinshaw Davar and Frank Beamon, (as reported in (1909) 33 ILR 509 and 11Bom.L.R. 85), after hearing evidence led before the Bombay High Court by some of the most leading scholars, priests and High Priests of the period, arrived at the conclusion that the Parsi community consists of: (a) Parsis who descended from the original Persian emigrants and who are born of both Zoroastrian parents and who profess the Zoroastrian religion; (b) Iranis from Persia professing

the Zoroastrian religion; (c) children of Parsi fathers by non-Parsi mothers who have been duly and properly admitted into the religion.

While this so-called definition of 'Parsi Zoroastrian' is obiter *dictum* (i.e., a collateral opinion/observation of the judge, which is not binding) it formed the basis of the judgement why the French wife of Ratanji D Tata was not to be considered a Parsi Zoroastrian, despite her Navjote.

Much as this definition is gender-biased, it has not been legally challenged by any priest or High Priest for over a century.

Conclusions:

1. The religious texts do not approve inter-marriages. But there is not a single scripture which states that on inter-marriage, a Parsi Zoroastrian ceases to be one.
2. There are several other sins including murder, cruelty and speaking untruths listed in the scriptures. So, one wonders,

historically, would priests then have to deny prayers to Parsi murderers, sadists or liars?

3. One also wonders if such policy applies to those who are inter-married, then what about live-in couples and those indulging in illicit sexual activities with non-Parsis?
4. In the past and in the present, many priests perform ceremonies for the intermarried rich, be it a Tata or a Wadia - and their portraits adorn their Agyari wall! So, why do the rules change when it comes to the ordinary Parsi?

One is neither questioning nor condemning the decision of our priests - it's their choice. But the question remains, if this becomes a new trend, will this become one more issue for challenge in the courts of law? We need a unified answer from our learned High Priests in this matter, to undo the confusions of our community members on the most integral aspect of religion. As a community, we need to discuss, debate and decide thoughtfully.

Tata Taps Wealth Funds To Buy Out Shapoorji Stake



The Tata Group has reached out to several investors, including sovereign wealth funds, to raise funds to buy out the Mistry family's stake in Tata Sons Ltd, with Chairman of Tata Sons, N. Chandrasekaran leading talks with potential investors, as per media reports (livemint.com). This would, once and for all, put an end to the ongoing feud between the Tata Group and its biggest minority shareholder - the Mistry family representing the Shapoorji Pallonji (SP) Group, which owns 18.4% stake in the Group, held through two investment firms, estimated to be ₹1.5 trillion, according to the valuations submitted to the Supreme Court.

The SP group is likely to broadly decide on the terms of the potential separation, including the final valuation and timelines before 28 October, 2020, when the Supreme Court hears the matter next. As per sources, both groups seek a quick resolution of court matters and the Mistry firms look to a quick exit and want a complete separation.

On 22nd September, 2020, the SP Group released a statement claiming they wished to sever its seven-decades-long relationship with the Tata Group,

when the Supreme Court was hearing an application of Tata Sons, which sought to block Mistry firms from pledging Tata shares. It ordered a status quo on creating pledges on shares of Tata Sons. The cash-strapped Shapoorji Pallonji group was looking to pledge the shares to raise funds.

The two groups have been embroiled in a protracted legal battle since Cyrus Mistry, son of Shapoorji Pallonji group patriarch Pallonji Mistry, was ousted as Chairman of Tata Sons, in October, 2016. While the SP Group wants quick separation, Tata Group is facing a challenge because of the size and timing of the transaction, with senior officials of Tata Sons having gone overseas to figure out the needed funding, by reaching out to European sovereign wealth funds.

Under article 75 of the Tata Sons' Articles of Association (AoA), the company has the right to acquire the shares before they are offered to any other potential buyers. The Mistry firms are yet to formally approach the Tata Group with an offer to sell. Both groups could look to appoint mediators for a smooth resolution.

Zoroastrian Community Most Susceptible To Ailments, As Per NSS

As per the results of the 75th round of the National Sample Survey (NSS) released in July, 2020, as regards the health of India's religious communities, the Zoroastrian community remains the most susceptible to ailments. The Gol's 'Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation' released the report of the survey titled 'Health In India', whose main objective was to gather basic, quantitative information on India's health sector. It details aspects of the role played by government and private sector facilities, and also contains health information of separate religious communities, including

estimates of their susceptibility to ailments.

The report is based on information collected through NSS Schedule 25.0 (Household Social Consumption: Health) spread over the entire Indian Union. Data were collected through a sample survey of 1.13 lakh households covering 5.55 lakh persons. As per this survey, 31.1% of Zoroastrians reported that they were suffering from an ailment at the time the survey was conducted. This was much higher compared to other communities: Jains - 11.2%; Sikhs - 11%; Christians - 10.5%; Muslims - 8.1%; Buddhists - 8%; and Hindus - 7.2%.

SII To Produce 100 Mn Extra Vaccine Doses

On 29th September, 2020, the Pune-based Serum Institute of India (SII) - the world's largest vaccine manufacturer by volume, announced that, along with Gavi - the Vaccine Alliance, a public-private global health partnership that aims to increase



access to immunisation in poor countries, and The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, it looked to accelerate the manufacture and delivery of up to a 100 million doses (or 10 crores) of safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines for India and other LMICs (Low and Middle Income Countries), as part of the Gavi COVAX AMC, a mechanism within the COVAX Facility. The COVAX Facility seeks to pool in resources to accelerate the development of the most promising Covid-19 candidates and to make it equitably accessible to all the participating countries, irrespective of their financial muscle.

The initiative brings the total number of vaccine doses to be covered by the partnership to an aggregate of up to 200 million doses, following the initial agreement for up to 100 million doses, announced in August. Besides other tie-ups, SII has also entered a manufacturing partnership with AstraZeneca to produce the Oxford-AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine. Preparations are in progress to conduct phase 3 trials of the candidate vaccine in India.

The collaboration will provide upfront capital to SII to help increase manufacturing capacity. Once a vaccine gains regulatory approval and the World Health Organisation's (WHO) prequalification, doses can be distributed to LMICs as early as by the first half of next year.

In a statement made by Adar Poonawalla, CEO of SII, "The collaboration further bolsters our

fight against Covid-19! Through the avid support of Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, we will manufacture and deliver up to an additional 100 million doses of immunogenic and safe-proven future Covid-19 vaccines to India and low-and middle-income countries in 2021... At this stage, it is important for governments, global health and financial institutions in the public and private sector to come together in ensuring that no one is left behind in the road to recovery. This association is in line with our efforts to see that the future vaccines reach the remotest part of the world, providing full immunisation coverage in a bid to contain the spread of the pandemic."

The funding will help accelerate the manufacturing by SII for candidate vaccines licenced from AstraZeneca and Novavax, which will be available for procurement if they are successful in attaining full licensure and the WHO's prequalification. The vaccines will have a ceiling price of approximately Rs. 320/- per dose. The price point is enabled by investments made by partners such as the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), the Gates Foundation and SII. Under the new collaboration, AstraZeneca's candidate vaccine, if successful, will be available to 61 Gavi-eligible countries. Novavax's candidate, if successful, will be available to all 92 countries supported by the Gavi COVAX AMC. These countries align with SII's licencing agreements with its two partners.

The survey defines the term 'ailment' as any deviation from a person's state of physical and mental well-being. The 'Proportion of Persons who Responded as Ailing', or PPAR, in a 15-day period when they were approached by the surveyors, were registered as those suffering from ailments. The survey

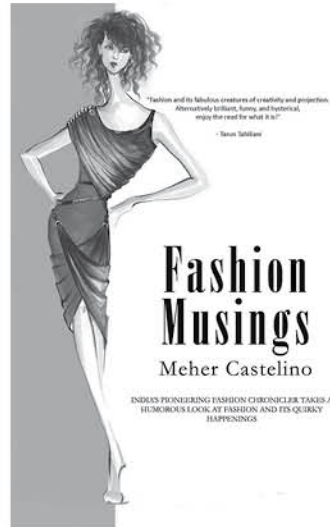
also showed that women remain more susceptible to suffering from ailments than men. While in rural India, the men to women ratio stood at Males:6.1% to Women:7.6%, in urban India, the ratio stood at Males:8.2% to Women:10%.

Book Launch: 'Fashion Musings' By Meher Castelino

Mumbai-based author, fashion celebrity and reckoned as the pioneer of Fashion Journalism in India - Meher Castelino, recently announced the launch of her third book, titled, 'Fashion Musings' - a humorous take on fashion, beauty and films. Available in digital (Rs. 99/-) and print (Rs. 295/-) formats on Flipkart and Amazon globally, 'Fashion Musings' takes a humorous, saucy, cheeky, tongue-in-cheek look at the fashion, beauty and film world in Castelino's unique style.

The unconventional Q & A format of the book makes for easy reading, while taking the reader through various segments of style and glamour. With a foreword by ace couturier, Tarun Tahiliani and stunning cover design/illustrations by Aniket Satam, Meher's racy style, quirky anecdotes and hilarious one-liners, makes 'Fashion Musings' a great travel read or a relaxing bedside book.

Meher Castelino's involvement with fashion and beauty goes back to 1964, when she won the first Femina Miss India crown, soon after



graduating from Lawrence School, Lovedale. She represented the country at the Miss Universe and Miss United Nations Contests. A famous commercial and catwalk model, she has appeared in over 2,000 live fashion shows, many of which she conceived and directed. She



Meher Castelino

has also headed the designing departments of fashion houses and has been the Fashion Editor of Gentlemen's Fashion Quarterly, Flair and Eve's Weekly. Widely travelled, Meher Castelino has modelled around the globe in a career that spanned over 14 years. Multi-award winner, Meher has instituted fashion awards and is the External Examiner for Pearl Academy. She has been a full-time fashion journalist and syndicated columnist for nearly four decades.

Smita Crishna-Godrej Is India's Richest Woman! - Networth Marked At Rs. 32,400 Cr! -

With a whopping networth of Rs 32,400 crore, Smita Crishna-Godrej, the third-generation heir of the Godrej clan, has been pegged as India's richest woman, as per the 'IIFL

Smita Crishna-Godrej came into the spotlight when she purchased the bungalow of late atomic physicist Dr Homi J Bhabha for Rs 371 crore in 2014. Her brother, Jamshyd, runs the consumer goods firm, Godrej & Boyce. Her husband Vijay Crishna, a well-known theatre actor, and daughter Nyrika Holkar, work in the group. She was ranked 1,135 in Forbes' 'The Richest in 2020' list.



Despite the economic challenges posed by the pandemic, numerous IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich Listers' wealth has grown twice as fast as the net market capitalization growth of all the companies listed in the BSE. The combined wealth of India's richest is a staggering \$ 823 billion, equating to a third of India's GDP and more than the combined GDP of Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan and Bhutan!

Wealth Hurun India Rich List'. She holds a one-fifth stake in the family assets of the Godrej family, which controls the \$4.7 billion (revenue) Godrej Group, a 123-year-old consumer-goods giant.

As per Hurun India Rich List 2020, Mukesh Ambani is the richest Indian with a net worth of Rs. 6,58,400 crores. The list identified 828 individuals, including 40 women, with at least Rs 1,000 crore, spread across 111 cities, up from 94 last year. As per Hurun India, 90% businesses in the list are family-run, indicating the success of family-run entrepreneurship in India. With 217 individuals, Mumbai topped the list, followed by New Delhi (128) and Bengaluru (67).

The IIFL Wealth Hurun India Rich List is said to be the barometer of the Indian economy, showing which industries have grown, innovated or lost out. It aims at promoting entrepreneurship through its lists and research, highlighting the stories of wealth creators which reflect the narrative of India's modern businesses.

from Fun ki Pathshala made us all proud with the smooth dramatisation of their roles in the play, 'A Strange Love', despite being kilometres away from each other! And hats off to these little ones for their quick thinking - when one child's net stopped working, another took over with such presence of mind, nobody even realised!"

J B Petit School's creative dance teacher, Ila, synchronised dance movements of Kathak, Bharat Natyam and Odissi styles with poetry recitations, with one student reciting her

poem from her home while another enacted the same poem from hers, giving an appearance like both were performing on one stage. The Principal of The Mahapragya School proudly launched a book of poems written by her students which is getting archived for posterity at the prestigious Stanford University of California. The highlight of the Festival was the founder of 100TPC, American poet - Michael Rothenberg addressing all the children, from the US.

100 TPC Celebrates First Online Festival



100 Thousand Poets for Change (TPC) celebrated its ninth poetry festival, the first of its kind to be celebrated online, on 20th September, 2020. Organised by Rati Wadia - former Principal, Queen Mary School; Katie Bagly, award winning writer of children's books; and Menka Shivdasani - award winning poet and editor,

and ably conducted by Pooja Jaisingh - Founder of Fun ki Pathshala, the fest witnessed participation from students and enthusiasts as young as age 3!

The theme of the ninth episode of 100TPC was 'Love Is A Many Splendored Thing' and the children rose to the occasion and shared words on a range of their cherished people and

things including parents, books, poetry, sports and exploration. Internationally acclaimed award-winning author and poet, Dr. Paramita Mukherjee Mullick, presided as the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The event showcased poems, songs, dances, a skit and a mandolin recital. Katie Bagly said, "The 7 to 8-year-olds

Shahen-ni-Baaj Performed In Udvada To Usher In Good Times



Er. Kobad Bharda performed the Shahen-ni-Baaj Ceremony

A Shahen-ni-Baaj was performed under the auspices of Udvada Nine Families Shahenshahi Athornan Anjuman, on 26th September, 2020 (Roj Mohor - Mah Ardibesht, YZ 1390), wishing away the ill effects that the pandemic has caused to humanity. Er. Kobad Bharda performed the Baaj Ceremony at the Udvada Doongerwadi premises at 9:40 am. Alongside the Baaj, a Jashan ceremony was also performed by Vada Dasturji of Iranshah, Khurshed Dastoor, along with 10 mobeds at the Udvada Doongerwadi.

In olden times, the 'Shahen ni Baaj' ceremony was performed when an unforeseen calamity or disaster posed itself upon a Kingdom or region and the King (the Shahenshah) and his citizens (Anjuman) wished for relief from the calamity. The Shahen Baaj, when duly consecrated, has always proven to be effective. Though this Baaj has seldom been performed in modern times, whenever offered, whether collectively or individually, it has brought about desired positive results.

During earlier times, the onus of performing this Baaj fell upon a senior but retired pious priest. The priest, who had been assigned the task of performing this ceremony, was one who followed the religiously prescribed sacramental lifestyle and who had performed many

liturgical ceremonies in his lifetime. It was believed, that after performing the Shahen ni Baaj, this priest would no longer perform any other religious ceremony because, they opined that by way of performing the Baaj, he himself had offered to take the ill effects of the disaster onto himself.

In this day and age, due to a paucity of good Mobeds (especially those with the ability of performing higher liturgical ceremonies and one of the longest and most complex Baajes, as this one) the practice adopted is to take a short break. This Mobed, who has undergone a Barashnum (a nine-day seclusion) offers this Baaj and in this case, after the Baaj, he absolves himself of the Barashnum.

A set of 7 barsums, 132 droans (daruns), dry fruits, fruits, malido, etc is kept as an offering. A mobed with barashnum offers this Baaj in the name of Siroja, Sarosh and Adrafravash.

May the Shahen-ni-Baaj bear fruit, as it has done in the past, during these trying times!

May human beings once again rejoice and May there be Peace and Harmony on Earth!

May the invoked Angles destroy the Evil Spirits and lessen Suffering!

May the Glory of Iranshah Spread afar bringing Joy and Prosperity to all!

Bombay High Court Grants Extension For BPP Elections

On the 24th of September, 2020, the Bombay High Court ruled in favor of the BPP, granting them the extension period of six months, for fixing the date of elections to fill in the vacancy of a Trustee, due to the passing of late BPP Trustee, Zarir Bhathena, on 24th June, 2020.

The Court stated, "This Hon'ble

Court be pleased to grant extension of the time for appointment of a day for the election (and for holding thereof) to fill the vacancy caused by demise of the trustee Mr. Zarir Manchershaw Bhathena and for carrying out other formalities as per the said Scheme, by 6 (six) months from 23rd September, 2020 or such other reasonable period as this Hon'ble Court deems fit."

Walmart In Talks To Invest In Tata Group's 'Super App'



Walmart Inc is in talks with the Tata Group for a potential investment of up to \$25 billion in the Indian salt-to-software conglomerate's new 'Super App', according to media sources. The 'Super App', proposed to be hosted under a Tata Sons subsidiary, aims to create a digital services behemoth offering a wide range of products in the retail space.

Scheduled for its launch in India in December or January next year, the Super App, with its valuation estimated at around \$50-60 billion, will bring together Tata's consumer business under one channel offering a wide range of products in the retail space. The potential joint venture between Tata and Walmart could leverage the synergies between Tata's e-commerce business and Flipkart, Walmart's e-commerce unit, according to reports.

Should this proposed deal go through, it would be India's largest ever retail deal, eclipsing Walmart's earlier acquisition of a 66% stake in Flipkart (\$16 Bn) in May, 2018. According to ongoing talks, the new digital platform business is proposed to be run jointly by Tata-Walmart, with more foreign investors roped in over time. Goldman Sachs has been appointed as the investment banker by Walmart for the proposed transaction, reported the financial daily, the Mint, which also shared that e-mails sent to Tata Sons, Walmart and Goldman Sachs did not elicit any response.

The Super App will bring together Tata's various consumer businesses under one channel, offering healthcare, food and grocery ordering, insurance and financial services, fashion, lifestyle, electronics, over-the-top services, education and bill payments, etc.

"Walmart is keen to get a strong brand backing its e-commerce business, while Tata group wants a global name and an established player in the online space to boost sales of products currently sold through Tata group's retail subsidiaries and online platforms to be able to compete against Reliance Industries' Jio Platforms and Amazon," said a source in the Mint.

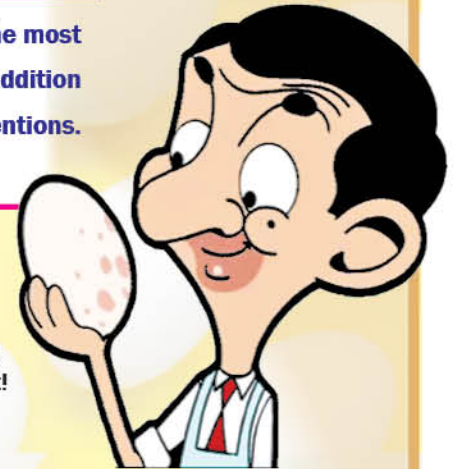
Compared with Jio Platforms or Amazon, Tata group has the largest franchise of its own branded products that are sold to retail customers. Tata Cliq, StarQuik, Tata Sky, and Croma are Tata Group's e-commerce platforms selling various retail products. The promoter entity of the Super App business will have all the retail businesses of Tata group merged into one channel including Tata Consumer Products (selling tea, coffee, water, salt, lentils, spices, ready to eat items, sweeteners, etc.); Titan Co. Ltd. (which manufactures and retails fashion accessories such as watches, jewellery and eyewear); Tata Apparels and Accessories arm Trent which operates Westside and Tata unit Landmark the bookstore chain; Tata AutoComp systems, Cromā (a retail chain for consumer electronics and durables with almost 500 Croma branded products), Tata Swach, Magadi Soda Co., Advinus Therapeutics, Casa Décor and Tata Ceramics, among others.

Founded in 1962, Walmart Inc. is a US-based, globally-leading multinational retail corporation operating a chain of hypermarkets, discount department stores and grocery stores worldwide, operating approximately 11,500 stores, under 56 banners in 27 countries and e-Commerce websites in 10 countries. It employs over 2.2 million associates globally.

'NO CAN DO - WITHOUT EEDU'



We thank all our fabulous participants who wrote in with their hilarious entries, celebrating the most cherished 'eedu' - as a tribute to this heavenly orb, for World Egg Day on 9th October, 2020. In addition to our three winners, we have also shared a few of the other entries as part of our Special Mentions. [Winners are requested to first call/email the office to pick up their prizes.]



WINNER 1: My Yolk Runneth Over!

By **Sharmin Karanjia**



Oh, the glory of an egg... is there anything more sumptuous?
Anything more adored, anything more scrumptious?
Is there any dish that dare challenge this avian miracle?
There be none, and that's the truth empirical!

Ah, the symphony of a cracking shell... thy yolk is now free!
See the way it swims in its albuminous sea;
It obeys the hand that cooks it, eager to be eaten,
Whether fried, poached, boiled or beaten.

My yolk runneth over! I ask for nothing but an egg,
No smoked ham or barbecued chicken leg;
Just a warm wiggling yolk, in a blanket of white -
A creamy, tender, wholesome egg to fill me with delight!

WINNER 2: 'Bawa'rian EGGstasy!

By **Roshan Dastoor**



Here's an egg-of-a-dish for you to sample,
Eggcellent and eggciting - a flavoured egg-scramble.
Few simple ingredients will get you started,
Readily available at home, no need to get them carted!
Two eggs, a dash of ghee, an onion and tomato please,
Coriander, chilli, salt, and a cube of cheese;
Heat a little ghee in a non-stick pan,
Saute them onions, chopped as fine as you can;
Throw in chopped tomato, let the water dry,
Keep the chilli and coriander ready, on stand-by!
Now add finely cut chillies and coriander too
Till the aroma tickles you into sneezing - 'Aacchooo'!
Break two eggs and stir, don't let your hands freeze,
While at it, add some grated cheese;
Bring to a consistency, not too loose nor thick,
Serve with roti or bread - take your pick!
Dear Eedu, our very eggistence depends on you,
For us Bawas - 'No Can Do - Without Eedu'!!



WINNER 3: What's In A Name

By **Ruby Daruwalla**



What is in the name? An egg by any other name
Tastes as good and spreads its fame.
The Brits called it Humpty Dumpty,
Eating it daily at breakfast made them less grumpy!
Indians call it Baida or Anda,
And relish it with all its funda!
For us Bawajis, it's our universal, all-time favourite Eedu,
Be it akouri, bafeloo, poro or charvelu;
The meal is incomplete without Eedu on tamotu, bhaji or Bhida,
In all Parsi homes, where all our Bawajis go fida!
To all the mother hens who gave the world this treat,
We give both - our thankfulness and an apology sweet
9th October, 2020 is celebrated as World Day of Egg,
Let us Bawajis raise a toast to it with a fine Parsi peg!

SPECIAL MENTION: Eggy-Licious!

By **Gulshan D. Morawala**

I love the egg, it makes for a delicious treat,
However be it cooked - it makes one upbeat!
Fried or scrambled or mixed in a dough,
The result always makes the saliva flow!
Eedu is the all-time breakfast specialist,
But for lunch and dinner too, it adds a fine twist -
Bhaji-par-eedu or maybe on sali too,
It's the favourite of all - whether me or you.
Some like it boiled, like humpty-dumpty,
Sandwiched in toast, it fills a tummy that's empty.
I doff my hat to Mama chicken
For giving away her eggs, to grace our kitchens!
The humble eedu truly 'eggsites' all of us,
It's 'eggzistance' is a boon - without fuss.
No one can do without the Eedu
The perfect companion for breakfast and lunch and dinner too!

SPECIAL MENTION: Oh, That Oval!!!

By **Armin Dutia Motashaw**

Bawajis and eggs are synonymous - hand-in-hand they go;
A refrigerator without eggs in a Parsi home brings woe!
In Bawa cookery, eggs are used in most dishes, from tip to toe!

Crazy we are about Eedu - we cherish it more than our pegs,
Be it a rich or poor Parsi - his diet must always contain eggs!
A Bawa from his Bawi, for breakfast - eggs in some form, begs!

Papeta-par-eedu, tamota-par-eedu, bhida-par-eedu -
We are so in love with the Eedu, we even have eeda-par-eedu!

That white oval is a mouth-wateringly staple diet for all us,
Without devouring this oval, we create quite the ruckus!
Don't you agree with me, that eggs and Bawajis are a synonym, thus?

SPECIAL MENTION: The Bawa's Tryst With The Eedu

By **Dr. Aban J. Movdawalla**

Oh, to be a Bawa!
With eedu there and here,
At breakfast, lunch and dinner,
With tea, wine or beer.

Oh, to be a Bawa!
A cute, brainy egghead,
Who loves to smack his lips
When he eats his eggs with bread!

Relishing Eedu in every form,
Hurrah to each and every Bawa!
Goopy scrambled eggs, fried eggs
Or Russi Modi's eighteen egg pora!

Sali, wafer and bhida-par-eedu,
Tomato, kolmi and even eeda-par-egg!
Yummy, beauteous orbs everywhere,
Dear God, it's only Eedas we beg!

Eschew the doctor, damn the cholesterol!
Embrace the Eedu, our Food-for-the-Soul' -
Protein in the white, vitamins in the yellow,
The Eedu truly is a Jolly Good Fellow!



Cyrus The (Not So) Great! Eedu Mubarak!



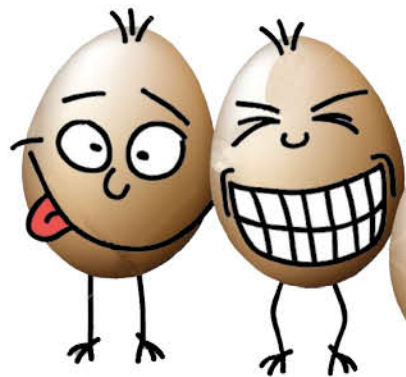
Celebrating the occasion of World Egg Day, Aapro Cyrus Broacha, the Brand Ambassador of Humour, unleashes his hilarious take on the 'Eedu', in our monthly column, Cyrus The (Not So) Great!

- Dorabshaw Bharucha, the word, 'Gas', was switched to 'Petrol'.

It's time to show courage, Dickras and Dikrees! We must feel no shame! We must not bow down!! We must not look away!!! We must accept our characteristics wholeheartedly. We must learn to embrace what is ours. People of alternate sexuality often behave the same way. "Why?" I ask. They have nothing to be ashamed about. Tax evaders also feel much the same anxiety. Ok sorry, they should hide. My mistake, sorry. Please pay your GST.

However, coming back... Dickras and Dikrees, we should feel not an ounce of shame, that we are proud 'Eggetarians'. First, let me clarify that the word - 'Eggetarian'. It means those who like to eat eggs with everything. It doesn't mean those who only eat eggs. For the latter, there is another word that is applicable - 'Cheap'!!

On the glorious occasion of World Egg Day, October 9th, 2:30 p.m., (actual celebration as per *chogaryu*), let us show the love and affection,



as also the debt we owed to that 3 inches of white shell, which is commonly known in Encyclopaedia Britannica, (under the title commonly known), as 'The Petrol Of The Parsis'. It was originally titled 'The Gas Of The Parsis'... primarily because of its American author. You see, Americans prefer the usage of the word gas, instead. But, you and I both know that, 'Gas', as a word, has too many connotations, and is too close to many truths, vis-à-vis the relationship between Mr. Parsi and Mr. Eedu. Hence, after a public litigation, by a very private individual

However, it is very important that we get a small introduction to the egg. The egg was first discovered by the Persian Emperor Cambyses the 1st. Cambyses had an awful singing voice. Whenever he sang, people left the country, never to return. In fact, that is how the nearby country of Iraq was created! On one such occasion, the Emperor's singing caused many hens and chickens to leave the roost in panic. Thus, leaving thousands of eggs unattended. The ancient Persians had a peculiar habit - anything new would always have to be tasted. And that's how the 'Idu Culture in Persia' was born.

Later on, Arthur Xerxes - The Magnificent, used eggs as a fool-proof strategy in war. Before hand to hand combat with the ferocious Spartan Warriors, the Persian soldiers were asked to consume eggs. At close quarters, the aroma got to be too much for the Spartans. They begged to be excused. Even today, modern day Greeks have no love for eggs. They prefer cottage cheese. Sadly, 'World Paneer Day' is three months away, so I'll save that story for later.

Now, to fast forward this story, as I'm running out of paper, you are running out of patience, and Faredoon uncle is running out of eggs, let's move this up to the Parsi travellers, who escaped persecution, and landed on the Gujarat Coast. It is they, who brought the eggs to India. India, in fact, had to that point refused to indulge in chicken or eggs. Not on moral grounds, or hygienic grounds, but because through the length and breadth of this beautiful country, no wise man could provide the correct answer, to the age-old perplexing question, 'What came first, the chicken or the egg?' India, without the Parsis, was always asking questions. Thanks to the arrival of us Parsis, they finally got some answers.

On the monumental occasion of



World Egg Day, let me end by reading out a note by a Champion Parsi power-lifter, (7 Golds and 3 Silvers at the Parsee Olympics held online in August) Faredoon Furniturewalla. This is what he said:

"Dear Eedu,

I hold you below our Lord, but equal to my parents. Your love, support, and protein has healed me when I was sick, clothed me when I was naked, fed me when I was hungry. And reminded me to go the toilet. Many times. Many, many times.

If you had feet, I'd wash them. Just as I wash my hands after consuming you. In the words of Aapro Freddie, 'You are the Champion, my friend'."

The rest is in Gujarati, and in poetry form. However, Eedu has many rhyming options, so much so that the poem never ends! Thankfully, this article does.

Dikras and Dikrees, with head held high, join me in downing a Parsee Peg, to salute our friend, the 'Petrol Of The Parsis' - The Eedu! Happy World Egg Day. Eedu Mubarak!!



Reader's Corner

Parsi Times is delighted to present the writings of our talented readers with the Community, via our promotional platform - Reader's Corner. We encourage and promote our budding writers, to share your original works - poetry or prose, by offering the opportunity of getting your work published in Parsi Times - the Community's leading Newspaper! Mail us with your contributions at editor@parsi-times.com

How Far Is Heaven By Gulshan D. Morawala

Come, let's seek out our Lord, wherever
He might be,
Let us find out, who really is He!
We know He is our Father, our all in all,
But, how does He look - is He fair and tall?

It seems, He lives in heaven,
But how far is heaven?
Let's muster courage and go up there,
Let us seek Him out from anywhere.

We'll look on mountain tops and valleys below,
We'll dive into oceans, right to its floor.
Is He hiding in temples and places of prayer?
It is He who is the master - we are the players.

In every nook and cranny, we moved around,
But Him we did not see, nor ever found.
Forlorn and glum, we sat chin in hand,
Where can we find God in our land?

Then a voice spoke gently from within me ...
"Open your heart, your eyes, and you will see,
I am so close to you, I'm never ever far,
You can see me through nature, hour after hour.

I'm in flowers and fruits and birds and bees,
Those mountains I'm in, and in the trees;
I'm the oceans and rivers, the rain and
the breeze,
As also the snow on the peaks, that in
winter freeze.

The sun and the moon and glittering stars,
Are all Me, who you see from afar;
That rhythmic beat of your heart,
Shows that of you, I am a part.

Close your eyes and peen within,
You'll see a silent flame - warm, serene;
That's Me, your Father, your all in all
I am neither fair, nor am I tall.

Heaven is around you, within you,
It's a place neither far, nor new.
Heaven is just a state of your mind
Fix it on Me, and God you shall find!"

The Bawa Word Search

Search out the following 16 Delectable Egg Dishes hidden in the word-jumble box below, in bi-directional, horizontal, vertical and diagonal forms:

Z	J	I	O	M	P	O	K	S	C	R	A	M	B	L	E	D	N	A	W	T	S	C	C	B
E	S	T	N	C	G	E	L	W	M	E	Q	X	S	L	D	W	M	R	D	K	F	Q	X	Q
E	C	F	Z	G	E	V	L	X	F	B	C	J	S	E	F	A	Z	L	J	P	F	X	T	D
K	O	U	Y	M	A	F	Q	R	Q	T	B	U	L	G	Y	W	K	T	A	P	L	F	G	I
G	T	A	J	R	P	E	L	M	Y	Y	T	I	Y	O	R	R	G	J	C	N	O	C	E	S
C	C	S	J	U	V	D	H	O	F	I	J	N	N	W	L	H	N	C	F	R	O	Q	Z	O
K	H	U	G	A	H	X	H	J	R	S	I	N	H	B	X	F	K	K	Y	G	I	T	X	V
L	E	F	J	G	C	U	Z	X	H	E	A	H	Q	U	E	E	D	U	I	V	Q	Y	Z	A
X	G	T	A	V	E	W	Y	R	I	I	N	Z	P	R	S	E	Y	T	K	C	P	I	D	K
O	G	T	I	Q	H	L	M	Q	S	H	S	T	H	L	Q	O	J	C	U	P	K	E	H	F
B	S	B	A	I	A	H	I	E	E	S	N	S	I	V	E	X	T	R	I	L	E	I	V	C
E	A	I	U	V	I	T	W	V	T	X	O	M	O	N	Y	J	Z	D	U	R	N	S	C	U
F	R	K	R	M	H	P	C	K	E	C	J	U	H	Y	E	M	D	L	A	H	J	Y	Z	W
U	Y	N	S	B	U	C	D	P	S	D	I	B	F	C	Z	E	Q	P	L	U	B	P	Y	D
W	X	P	P	K	T	Y	J	A	K	U	V	D	K	F	L	D	I	N	E	M	V	D	T	W
M	Y	E	I	D	Z	D	D	I	T	L	N	Y	E	I	L	R	M	X	S	I	D	Q	Q	L
N	R	G	A	W	E	I	Q	M	A	V	Y	N	O	N	A	E	H	L	E	N	A	C	U	Z
X	D	Y	Z	H	R	X	L	N	Y	V	J	B	Y	A	E	A	F	Y	Q	V	H	T	A	M
S	G	I	C	O	L	W	F	J	R	B	F	A	K	S	C	B	L	R	I	W	X	G	P	E
O	M	A	O	H	G	K	F	T	B	L	K	R	C	N	I	N	S	Z	I	V	I	T	T	J
N	O	K	W	N	Z	Y	S	T	A	F	A	U	C	C	X	D	T	G	E	T	D	B	P	C
P	A	P	J	S	U	P	I	H	F	T	H	F	M	D	Y	J	E	W	G	S	T	F	W	Y
H	H	A	R	D	B	O	I	L	E	D	K	R	K	E	Y	R	S	U	V	E	T	A	G	G
J	S	P	A	N	I	S	H	O	M	E	L	E	T	T	Q	L	G	X	P	X	O	G	T	H
Y	A	N	P	X	Z	S	H	A	K	S	H	O	U	K	A	I	M	O	Z	L	W	N	D	A

- | | | | |
|---------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Eggs Benedict | Sunny Side Up | Spanish Omelet | Tarkaari Par Eeda |
| Akoori | Scrambled | Devil Eggs | Shakshouka |
| Poached | Bhurjee | Mayonnaise | Florentine |
| Scotch Eggs | Half Boiled Dippy | Souffle Frittata | Hard Boiled |



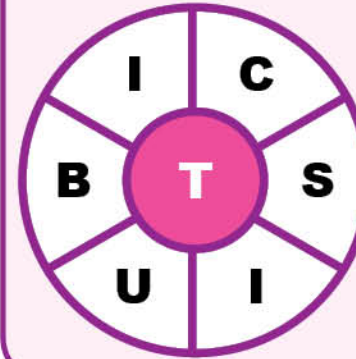
TechKnow With Tantra

Tidy

Tidy is a Photo-sorter. Sort your gallery with easily - drag and drop photos and videos into folders. Create space storage in an intuitive, simple, fast and fun way. 'Tidy Organize' mode helps you drag and drop photos and videos into an existing album or to an album you'll create. You may filter your media by size, period, specific album and also look for duplicate media. Just swipe right to keep and swipe left to delete! The free version is versatile. Upgrade to Tidy Gold gives unlimited access to Organize Photos and videos in folders without any Ads.

Android: <http://bit.ly/33Gg7ca>

HOW MANY WORDS?



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters below? Every word must contain the letter in the center. You should make at least one word using all 7 letters.

- RESULTS:**
 Average - 5 or more words
 Good - 7 or more words
 Outstanding - 9 or more words

BAWAJI BHEJA FRY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9				10			
				11			
12					13		
		14	15		16		
17	18						
19			20	21			
						22	23
24			25		26		
27				28			
29					30		

ACROSS

- A geometric curve? (8)
- Fragment, piece, morsel (6)
- Be humiliated? (4,4)
- Dispose of, discard or scrap (6)
- Without warning; not one by one? (3,2,4)
- Of equal value? (2,3)
- Incandescence (4)
- 50th name of Ahura Mazda (7)
- Make poisonous (7)
- Group of people (4)
- Strikes with the foot (5)
- Login necessities (9)
- Panacea, nostrum (6)
- Forgiven (8)
- Scorches (6)
- Insulates, isolates or sequesters (8)

DOWN

- Wodehouse's first name (6)
- Outcome (6)
- Be suitable for; become (5)
- Capital of Uttar Pradesh (7)
- Pillaged or looted (9)
- Pedestrian walkway (8)
- Standing or bearing (8)
- Star Wars princess (4)
- Variety of avalanche (9)
- Without caution (8)
- Legal oyster (8)
- Brood or fret (4)
- Late journalist Behram Contractor's pen name (7)
- Established as true (6)
- Stage whispers (6)
- Fingerprint feature (5)

WINNING CAPTIONS!!!



Karan: Who wants to come to my party?
 Sara: We...eed!!
 Deepika: Ha...shhh!!

By Jennifer Kasad



Thought of the Week

"Do not let your fire go out, spark by irreplaceable spark in the hopeless swamps of the not-quite, the not-yet, and the not-at-all. Do not let the hero in your soul perish in lonely frustration for the life you deserved and have never been able to reach. The world you desire can be won. It exists.. it is real.. it is possible.. it's yours."

- Ayn Rand (Atlas Shrugged)



CAPTIONS THIS!



Calling all our readers to caption this picture!
 The wittiest caption will win a fabulous prize!

Send in your captions at editor@parsi-times.com by 7th October, 2020.

BAWAJI BHEJA FRY ANSWERS
 Across: 1 Parboiled, 2 Whort, 3 Bhatti, 4 Lard, 5 Morsel, 6 Ransacked, 7 Footpath, 8 En-
 during, 9 Lard, 10 Landslide, 11 Reckless, 12 Evis-
 29 Singes, 30 Seduces. Down: 1 Pelham, 2 Result, 3 Bhatti, 4 Lard, 5 Morsel, 6 Ransacked, 7 Footpath, 8 En-
 during, 9 Lard, 10 Landslide, 11 Reckless, 12 Evis-
 13 Al por, 14 Glow, 15 Aekhan, 16 Envenom, 17
 Body, 18 Kicks, 19 Passwords, 20 Elitist, 21 Absolved,
 22 Trifle, 23 Loose face, 24 Unfold, 25 All at once,
 26 Whort.

PARSI TIMES

The Illusion Of Life



RUBY LILAOWALA



A great sage in ancient India was giving a discourse on attachment and how it hinders the soul's progress. "Give up everything to the Lord," said the sage, upon which a foolish pupil got up from the crowd, saying that the piece of cloth covering his body was all he had by way of worldly possession. The sage pulled off the cloth and threw it into a nearby pond, saying, "Now you have no attachment to this cloth. Go to the forest and take God's name until I return to this village in a few years' time."

As soon as the sage left, the pupil pulled out the piece of cloth from the pond and hung it on a tree to dry. Seeing some rats chewing the cloth, to shoo them away, he brought a cat. To feed milk to the cat, he got a cow. The cow gave excess milk, which he sold and became rich. To feed the cow, he bought a plot of grassy land. His friends helped to till the land and grow rice on it. He sold the surplus rice and married the rice-merchant's beautiful daughter, who bore him twins. He forgot all about the sage and chanting God's name.

Five years later, the sage returned and found a wealthy farmer, totally attached to his farms, wealth, wife and kids. "What happened to your quest for God and promising to be my pupil?" asked the sage. "It happened because the cloth had to be saved. It was all I ever had." replied the pupil.



The sage said, "I saw the potential in you to achieve moksh (liberation) in this lifetime itself and that is why I chose you as my pupil. You threw away the chance, all for a piece of cloth!"

We are all like the foolish pupil. We all have the potential to achieve liberation 'right here, right now', but we are so attached and preoccupied with our worldly possessions, that chanting God's name features last on our list of priorities. As for attachment, as long as we have any sense of possession, whether it's material possession (money, shares, job, house, farm etc), or a mental possession (as in 'this belongs to me') or even an emotional possession (of parents, spouse, kids, family, siblings, grandchildren etc.), so long as we have thoughts of these, we are attached and cannot let go sufficiently, when the divine call to transform our life comes.

To be detached, your consciousness should constantly function at a higher level. You don't need to renounce the world. You may have the most luxurious life and a wonderful family

but your luxuries and family bonds should not dominate your consciousness. If you can live like that, you are not attached to the good things that you've 'earned' with your past good karma.

You have to feel strongly from every pore of your body, that immaterial of how attractive your world and your possessions may be, it is all but part of a shadow-play, a passing show (like a movie we see for three hours) and the manifold happenings, the various events, are merely moving pictures, as temporary as the passing clouds that come and go. Everything in life is fleeting. There's no permanent joy or sorrow. No permanent friends or enemies. Great loves turn to great sorrows. Great friends stab you in the back. Near and dear ones, spouse, children can turn on you. Nothing has real abiding power, except God's name.

To practice detachment, you need strong inner renunciation. Let go of things in your heart.

Own your possessions but don't let your possessions own you. This world, which seems so real, so solid, so substantial like the chair you are sitting on right now, the paper you are holding in your hand, this article which travelled from my innermost thoughts to the newspaper-office - all these are dreams within a big dream we call life. Reflect on your whole life... all upto this morning. Where is it? Where has it all gone? Into memory! All those years that you lived so intensely, through the greatest exaltations and tragic disappointments, the most poignant emotions, the strongest lust and gentle passions, most terrible sufferings - where are they now? They are just a memory!

But what is memory? It's a simple thought about the past, a mere idea in your mind - nothing more than that. But, if all your past is a mere transient thought, what about the future? Or your present? Well, your present will become your past, since past, present and future constitute the whole of human existence. From the highest standpoint, they are all illusory.

So, when you are attached to anything in life, you are attached to an illusion. This material world is a classroom to learn certain spiritual lessons. In school you didn't get attached to your blackboard, desk or the teacher - so why be attached to anything in life and behave like the foolish pupil?

APPEAL

AWARE Ashram For Animals, Ganeshpuri



ANIMAL WELFARE AND RESCUE EFFORTS

The Pandemic and the deluge of these monsoons has been a very challenging time at the AWARE Ashram for Animals in Ganeshpuri. Many of our regular sources of donations have diminished considerably or dried up and our 'kids' are in urgent need of help.



I am so grateful to Parsi Times and the generous readers for supporting me in the past. I once again make a fervent appeal to lend us a helping hand. We have many rescued cats and dogs that are in our care, some of them handicapped and many that are very unwell. Apart from food and medicine, the electrical, maintenance



and lease expenditures for providing a loving and clean home for our furry friends is close to Rs. 90,000/- per month. Our coffers are close to empty and we desperately need your generosity and help. Additionally, we need to conduct spay/neuters and annual vaccinations. This is approximately Rs. 45,000/-

Our ashram home is surrounded by Adivasis and our association with them and other locals have also provided much direct and indirect benefit to them. Donations in any kind and form that would enhance their lives during these trying and difficult times would also be welcome.

Kindly direct your Donations to:

Via Cheque:

AWARE Foundation, HDFC Bank, Hughes Road Branch, N S Patkar Marg, Mumbai - 400007

Or Via Net Banking:

Account Number: 50200009083407
IFSC/RTGS/NEFT: HDFC 0000567.

Note: Donors can avail of 80g tax benefits before March 2021. Our 80g certification is underway.

Alternatively, you could donate online on our worldwide Impact Guru campaign and available of tax benefits right away at this link: <https://www.impactguru.com/fundraiser/help-genevieve>

For details and queries, connect with Founder of AWARE Foundation - Genevieve Dubash, at:

Ph: +91 9930041609/ +91 8411882199/ +91 8605471151,
or Email: gdubash@gmail.com

Visit the AWARE Ashram at: Pandhari Bungalow, Foothills of Mount Mandagni, Hamlet Wadpada, Village Goraad, Nimboli, Ganeshpuri - 401206.

THE TRUTH. DELIVERED WEEKLY.

મરીન ડ્રાઈવ પર આવેલા પારસી ગેટને બચાવવા ઓનલાઈન પીટીશન

મરીન ડ્રાઈવ પર આવેલ પારસી ગેટને બીએમસી દ્વારા આગામી દરિયાકાંઠાના રસ્તે ખસેડવાની સંભાવના છે. સંબંધિત નાગરિકોના જૂથે પારસી ગેટને બચાવવા માટે એક ઓનલાઈન પીટીશન અરજી શરૂ કરી છે. પીટીશનમાં કહેવામાં આવ્યું છે કે મરીન ડ્રાઈવ બનાવતા પહેલા પાલનજી મિસ્ત્રી અને ભાગોજીશેઠ કીર દ્વારા ૧૯૧૫માં આ દરવાજો બનાવવામાં આવ્યો હતો અને અરજીનો આરંભ કરનાર હવેવી સુખાડવાલાએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે દરવાજો જરથોસ્તી સ્ટાઈલમાં અને તેના પગથિયા માલાડ પત્થરોથી બનાવવામાં આવ્યા હતા. અને મુંબઈના લોકો દરિયાને ત્યાંથી ચઢાવો ચઢાવતા હતા.

મુંબઈના જરથોસ્તીઓ મરીન ડ્રાઈવ સ્થિત પારસી ગેટ પર એક સદી કરતા વધારે સમયથી આવાં યજ્ઞ (જળ દેવતા) ને માન આપતા આવ્યા છે. હિન્દુઓ ખાસ કરીને મરીન લાઈન્સ ખાતેની ચંદનવાડી સ્મશાનગૃહમાંથી લાવેલ રાખ અને પૂર્ણિમાને દિવસે ચઢાવો ચઢાવતા હોય છે.

પિટીશનમાં કહેવામાં આવ્યું છે કે મુંબઈ કોસ્ટલ રોડ પ્રોજેક્ટના ૨૦૧૬



ના પર્યાવરણીય અસર આકારણી (ઈઆઈએ) ના અહેવાલમાં દરવાજાને ધાર્મિક સ્થળ તરીકે ઓળખવામાં આવે છે, જેને બીએમસીએ હવે એક કિમી દૂર હટાવવાનો અને સ્થળાંતર કરવાનો નિર્ણય લીધો છે.

સુખાડવાલાએ કહ્યું કે બીએમસીએ મુંબઈ હેરિટેજ કન્સર્વેશન કમિટી પાસેથી એનઓસીની માંગ કરી નથી, પારસી ગેટ ખરેખર માસ્ટર કારીગરોનું કામ છે, જેમના પ્રેમના પરિશ્રમથી અરબી સમુદ્રની વિશાળતા સામે તે ટકી રહ્યો છે. પારસી ગેટ માટે મુંબઈ હેરિટેજ કન્સર્વેશન કમિટીની સલાહ સાથે પ્લાનિંગ ઓથોરિટી દ્વારા 'બાહ્ય પરિવર્તન' માટેની પરવાનગી મેળવવી પડશે.

બીએમસી નક્કી નથી કરી શક્યું કે

૨૦મી સદીની શરૂઆતમાં પારસી ગેટને દરિયાકાંઠાના માર્ગ માટે મરીન ડ્રાઈવ પર તારાપોરેવાલા માછલીઘરની સામે ખસેડવામાં આવશે કે નહીં. ટીએઆઈ મુજબ, બીએમસી અધિકારીઓએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે ગેટને હંગામી અથવા કાયમી ધોરણે સ્થાનાંતરિત કરવાનો નિર્ણય લેવામાં આવ્યો નથી, એવો દાવો કરતા, પારસી સમુદાયમાં એક વિભાગ છે જે થાંભલાઓને ખસેડવાનો વિરોધ કરે છે કારણ કે તેઓ દાવો કરે છે કે સ્થળનું ધાર્મિક મહત્વ છે. આ જૂથે દરિયાકાંઠાના રસ્તાના કામ પૂર્ણ થયા પછી થાંભલાઓને અસ્થાયી રૂપે સ્થાનાંતરિત અને તે જ સ્થળે સ્થાપિત કરવા જણાવ્યું હતું.

કર્ટસી: નોઝર ભરૂચા ટીઓઆઈ

તાતા ગ્રુપ 'ફેલુડા' શરૂ કરશે - ભારતની પહેલી લો કોસ્ટ કોવિડ - ૧૯ ટેસ્ટ

કોવિડ છે કે નહીં તે ફક્ત એક કલાકમાં જ ખબર પડી જશે.

૧૯ સપ્ટેમ્બર, ૨૦૨૦ ના રોજ, ડ્રગ કંટ્રોલર જનરલ ઓફ ઈન્ડિયા (ડીસીજીઆઈ) એ ભારતના પ્રથમ ક્વસ્ટરને લોન્ચ કરવા મંજૂરી આપી. ટાટા ગ્રુપ



અને સીએસઆઈઆર- આઈજીઆઈબી દ્વારા વિકસિત, નિયમિતપણે ઈન્ટરસ્પીડ શોર્ટ પાલિન્ડ્રોમિક રીપીટ્સ (સીઆરઆઈએસપીઆર) કોરોના વાયરસ ટેસ્ટ, ને 'ફેલુડા' કહેવામાં આવે છે. એક દિવસની જરૂરી આરટી-પીસીઆર પરીક્ષણની તુલનામાં 'ફેલુડા' માં લગભગ એક કલાકમાં પરીક્ષણ થવા પામશે. ફેલુડા પરીક્ષણ, સાર્સ-કોવી -૨ શોધવા માટે આરટી-પીસીઆર પરીક્ષણના ચોકસાઈના સ્તરો સાથે મેળ ખાય છે, જ્યારે ઓછા ખર્ચાળ ઉપકરણો અને વધુ સરળતા સાથે ઝડપી પરિણામો મેળવે છે. ટાટા ગ્રુપ ટૂંક સમયમાં ડાયગ્નોસ્ટિક ટેસ્ટ કીટ શરૂ કરશે.

સાયન્સ અને ટેકનોલોજી મીનીસ્ટ્રીએ કરેલી રજૂઆત મુજબ, આ પરીક્ષણ વાયરસના જિનોમિક સિક્વન્સને શોધવા માટે સ્વદેશી રીતે વિકસિત, કટીંગ એન્ડ સીઆરઆઈએસપીઆર ટેકનોલોજીનો ઉપયોગ કરે છે અને તે ૯૬% સંવેદનશીલતા અને ૯૮% ચોકસાઈ સાથે ઉચ્ચ ગુણવત્તાની બેંચમાર્કને નોવેલ કોરોના વાયરસ શોધવા પૂર્ણ કરે છે.

તેમાં ઉમેર્યું હતું કે આ પ્રક્ષેપણ ભારતીય સાયન્ટીફિક સમુદાય માટે

એક નોંધપાત્ર સિદ્ધિ છે, જે સંશોધન અને વિકાસથી ૧૦૦ દિવસથી ઓછા સમયમાં ઉચ્ચ-ચોકસાઈ, સ્કેલેબલ અને વિશ્વસનીય પરીક્ષણ તરફ પ્રયાણ કરે છે. ટાટા મેડિકલ અને ડાયગ્નોસ્ટિક્સ લિમિટેડના સીઈઓ ગિરીશ કૃષ્ણમૂર્તિએ આ વિકાસ અંગે ટિપ્પણી કરતાં કહ્યું કે, કોવીડ-૧૯ માટે ટાટા સીઆરઆઈએસપીઆર પરીક્ષણ માટે મંજૂરીથી વૈશ્વિક રોગચાળા સામે લડવાના દેશના પ્રયત્નોને વેગ મળશે. ટાટા સીઆરઆઈએસપીઆરનું વેપારીકરણ પરીક્ષણ દેશની પ્રચંડ આર એન્ડ ડી પ્રતિભાને પ્રતિબિંબિત કરે છે જે વૈશ્વિક આરોગ્યસંભાળ અને વૈજ્ઞાનિક સંશોધન વિશ્વમાં ભારતના યોગદાનને પરિવર્તિત કરવા સહયોગ કરી શકે છે.

પ્રકાશન મુજબ, ટાટા ગ્રુપે સીએસઆઈઆર-આઈજીઆઈબી અને આઈસીએમઆર સાથે મળીને એક ઉચ્ચ ગુણવત્તાની પરીક્ષણ બનાવવા માટે કામ કર્યું છે, જે દેશમાં મેડ ઈન ઈન્ડિયા વિશ્વસનીય, સરતું અને સુલભ ઉત્પાદન સાથે, કોવિડ-૧૯ પરીક્ષણ ઝડપથી અને આર્થિક રીતે આગળ વધારવામાં મદદ કરશે.

આઈકોનિક તાતા-મિસ્ત્રી ભાગીદારીનો દુઃખદ અંત



૨૨ સપ્ટેમ્બર, ૨૦૨૦ એ આપણા સમુદાયના બે અને આપણા દેશના સૌથી પ્રચંડ વ્યાવસાયિક જૂથો - તાતા સન્સ અને શાપુરજી પાલનજી ગ્રુપ વચ્ચેના ૭૦થી વધુ વર્ષના આઈકોનિક જોડાણના અંતની શરૂઆત થઈ. સાયરસ મિસ્ત્રી વર્ષ ૨૦૧૬માં પદભ્રષ્ટ થયા પછી, શાપુરજી પાલનજી (એસપી) જૂથે તાતા સન્સમાંથી તેમને લઘુમતી શેરહોલ્ડર તરીકે બહાર નીકળવાની પુષ્ટિ કરી, તેઓ ૧૮.૩૭% હિસ્સો ધરાવે છે.

તાતાને તેમની વ્યાવસાયિકતા, કુશળતા અને નમ્રતાથી પ્રભાવિત કર્યા

પછી, એસપી ગ્રુપનું નેતૃત્વ ધરાવતા સાયરસ મિસ્ત્રીને રતન તાતાના અનુગામી અને ૨૦૧૧માં તાતા જૂથના છઠ્ઠા અધ્યક્ષ તરીકે ઘોષણા કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. તેમણે ૨૦૧૨ના અંતમાં ઔપચારિક રીતે તાતા સન્સની અધ્યક્ષ પદ સંભાળી.

પરંતુ રતન તાતા (તાતા ટ્રસ્ટ) અને સાયરસ મિસ્ત્રી (તાતા સન્સ) વચ્ચેના કથિત શક્તિ-સંઘર્ષને કારણે મુશ્કેલીઓ ઉભી થઈ હતી જેના પગલે ૨૦૧૬માં બિઝનેસ મેનેજમેન્ટ અને ટ્રજિસ્ટમાં વિરોધાભાસ થતાં મિસ્ત્રીની હકાલપટ્ટી

થઈ હતી. દા.ત., એનટીટી ડોકોમો સાથે કાનૂની લડાઈ, વોડાફોન સાથેની વાટાઘાટમાં નિષ્ફળતા વગેરેથી તાતા ટ્રસ્ટ પણ નારાજ થયા હતા. ૨૦૧૭ની શરૂઆતમાં, મિસ્ત્રીને ટાટા ગ્રુપ બોર્ડમાંથી હટાવવામાં આવ્યા હતા અને તત્કાલીન ટીસીએસ અધ્યક્ષ એન ચંદ્રશેકરણને ટાટા સન્સના અધ્યક્ષ બનાવવામાં આવ્યા હતા.

ડિસેમ્બર, ૨૦૧૬થી કોર્ટની બોલાચાલી ચાલી રહી છે, જ્યારે મિસ્ત્રી પરિવારની બે સમર્થિત રોકાણ કંપનીઓ, 'સાયરસ ઈન્વેસ્ટમેન્ટ્સ' અને 'સ્ટર્લિંગ ઈન્વેસ્ટમેન્ટ્સ' તાતા સન્સ દ્વારા લઘુમતી હિસ્સેદારોના ગેરવહીવટ અને દમનનો આરોપ લગાવીને એનસીએલટી મુંબઈ ખસેડ્યું હતું, અને કંપની દ્વારા મિસ્ત્રીને હટાવવાનું વધુ પડકારજનક હતું. ગુપ્તતાના ભંગનો આરોપ લગાવીને તાતા સન્સે મિસ્ત્રીને કાનૂની નોટિસ આપી

હતી. એનસીએલટીએ જરૂરી માપદંડની અપૂરતી પરિપૂર્ણતાના આધારે મિસ્ત્રીની અરજીને નકારી કાઢી હતી.

ડિસેમ્બર, ૨૦૧૯માં, મિસ્ત્રીને તાતા સન્સના એક્ઝિક્યુટિવ ચેરમેન તરીકે પુન સ્થાપિત કરવામાં આવ્યા, પરંતુ એનસીએલટીએ અમલીકરણને ચાર મહિના માટે સ્થગિત કરી દીધા, તાતાને અપીલ દાખલ કરવા માટેનો સમય આપ્યો, જે તેઓએ કર્યું - એનસીએલટીના આદેશને સુપ્રીમ કોર્ટમાં પડકારવો, જેણે આ આદેશ પર સ્ટે આપ્યો. મિસ્ત્રીએ કહ્યું હતું કે તેઓ

તાતા સન્સના અધ્યક્ષ તરીકે પાછા ફરવા માંગતા નથી, પરંતુ લઘુમતી શેરહોલ્ડર તરીકે તેમના હકોનું રક્ષણ કરવા ઈચ્છતા હતા. મૂડી એકત્ર કરવા માટે, એસપી ગ્રુપે તાતામાં તેનો ૧૮.૩૭% હિસ્સો વેચવાનું નક્કી કર્યું છે, જેનું મૂલ્ય આશરે ૨૦ અબજ ડોલર અથવા આશરે ૧.૫ ટ્રિલિયન ડોલર હોવાનું માનવામાં આવે છે, જે અંતર્ગત ઓપરેટિંગ કંપનીઓના મૂલ્યના આધારે છે. તાતા સન્સને હવે હિસ્સો ખરીદવાની જરૂર રહેશે, આથી કોર્ટની લડાઈઓ અને અંતિમ વ્યાપારિક ભાગીદારીનો અંત આવશે.

લગ્ન સંબંધી

લગ્ન સંબંધી આમંત્રણ આપે છે ૩૭ વર્ષની ઉમરનો પારસી જરથોસ્તી છોકરો કેનેડામાં આવેલ ટોરોન્ટોમાં સ્થાયી છે. ૩૦ વર્ષની અંદરની સરળ, શાંત સ્વભાવ ધરાવતી ગ્રેજ્યુએટ, નોકરી કરતી છોકરી જે કેનેડામાં સ્થાયી થવા તેયાર હોય તેવી જીવનસાથી જોઈએ છીએ. ૩મી ધરાવતા પક્ષો છોકરીનો બાયોડેટા નીચેના સરનામે મેઈલ કરે: parsigroom2020@gmail.com



અમારો જૂનો જમાનો!

ધોરણ પાંચ સુધી સ્વેટ ચાટવાથી કેલ્શિયમની ઉણપ પૂરી કરવી એ અમારી કાયમી ટેવ હતી પણ ખબર નહોતી પડતી કે તેનાથી કેલ્શિયમની ઊણપ પૂરી થાય છે...!! અને આ અમારી કાયમી ટેવ હતી તેમાં થોડી ઘણી બીક એ પણ લાગતી હતી કે સ્વેટ ચાટવાથી ક્યાંક વિદ્યા માતા ગુસ્સે ના થઈ જાય! અને ભણવાનો તણાવ?

પેન્સિલવના પાછલો હિસ્સો ચાવી ચાવી ને તણાવમુકત થઈ જતા હતા! અને હા, ચોપડીઓના વચ્ચે વિદ્યાના ઝાડનું ડાળુ અને મોરના પિછાને મુકવાથી અમે હોશિયાર થઈ જઈશું એવી દૃઢ માન્યતા હતી! અને કપડાની થેલીમાં તો ચોપડા ગોઠવવા એ અમારું આગવું કૌશલ્ય હતું અને ચોપડા ગોઠવવા એ જ એ જમાનામાં હુંગ્ર મનાતું હતું! અને જ્યારે જ્યારે નવા ધોરણમાં આવતા ત્યારે ચોપડીઓ ઉપર પુઠા ચડાવવા એ અમારા જીવનનો વાર્ષિક ઉત્સવ હતો.

માતા-પિતાને અમારા તો ભણતરની કોઈ ઢિકર કે ચિંતા જ નહોતી અમારું ભણતર એ તેમના ઉપર એક આર્થિક તણાવ ઉભો કરવા વાળો બોજ હતો.વર્ષોના વર્ષો વીતી જતા છતાં અમારા માતા-પિતાના પાવન પગલા ક્યારેય અમારી સ્કૂલ તરફ પડતા ન હતા. અને અમારા દોસ્તો પણ કેવા મજાના હતા. જ્યારે સાયકલ લઈને જતા હતા ત્યારે એકને ડંડા ઉપર અને બીજાને કેરિયર પર બેસાડતા અને કેટલીયે મંઝિલો ખેડી હશે. એ અમને યાદ નથી, પરંતુ થોડી થોડી બસ અસ્પષ્ટ યાદો અમારી સ્મૃતિ પટલ પર છે!

એ જમાનામાં નવા નવા ટેલિવિઝન આવ્યા હતા. કોઈ કોઈના ઘરે ટેલિવિઝન હતા જોવા જઈએ તો ક્યારેક ક્યારેક અમને કાઢી મૂકવામાં પણ આવતા, છતાં અમને કોઈ અપમાન જેવું લાગતું ન હતું અને પાછા બીજા દિવસે ત્યાં જઈ ગોઠવાઈ જતા.

નિશાળમાં શિક્ષકનો માર ખાતા ખાતા અને અંગૂઠા પકડતા પકડતા ક્યારેય શરમ સંકોચ અનુભવ્યો નથી કારણ કે તે વખતે ક્યારેય અમારો ઈગો હટી નહોતો થતો. કારણ કે અમને ખબર જ નહોતી કે ઈગો કઈ બલાનું નામ છે. ?

માર ખાવો એ અમારા જીવનની દૈનિક સહજ પ્રક્રિયાનો ભાગ હતો અને મારવાવાળો અને માર ખાવાવાળો બંને ખુશ થતા હતા કારણ કે એક ને એમ હતું કે ઓછો માર ખાધો અને બીજાને એમ થતું હતું કે અમારો લાથ સાફ થઈ ગયો આમ બંને ખુશ. અમે ક્યારેય અમારા મમ્મી પપ્પા કે ભાઈ-બહેન ને એવું ન બતાવી શક્યા કે અમે તેમને કેટલો પ્રેમ કરીએ છીએ કારણકે અમને આઈલવયુ બોલતા જ નોતુ આવડતું.

આજે અમે દુનિયાના ઉતાર-ચઢાવ નીચે દુનિયાનો હિસ્સો બની ચૂક્યા છીએ કોઈ મિત્રો ને પોતાની મંઝીલ મળી ગઈ છે, તો કોઈ મિત્રો મંઝિલ શોધતા-શોધતા આ દુનિયાની ભીડમાં ક્યાં ખોવાઈ ગયા તેની ખબર નથી...!! એ સત્ય છે કે અમે દુનિયાના કોઈપણ છેડે લોઈએ પરંતુ અમોને સચ્ચાઈ અને હકીકતો એ પાળ્યા હતા. અમે સચ્ચાઈની દુનિયામાં જીવતા હતા. અમો પોત પોતાના ભાગ્ય સાથે આજે જે પણ સપના જોઈ રહ્યા છીએ. તે સપના જ અમને જીવિત રાખી રહ્યા છે. નહીતો અમે જે જીવન જીવીને આવ્યા છીએ. તેની સામે હાલનું આ જીવન કાંઈ જ નથી! અમે સારા હતા કે ખરાબ એ ખબર નથી પણ, અમારો પરિવાર અને અમારા મિત્રો એક સાથે હતા એ જ મહત્વનું હતું.

- હોશંગ શેઠના

પારસી ટાઈમ્સ પારસી ટાઈમ્સની લાઈફલાઈન

THE TRUTH. DELIVERED WEEKLY.

થોડા સમય પહેલા, પારસી ટાઈમ્સનો સંપર્ક એક સારા સજ્જન દ્વારા કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો, જેણે અમને એક ૮૭ વર્ષના વૃદ્ધ-પારસી સજ્જનની જાણ કરી હતી, જે પોતે અસામાન્ય પરિસ્થિતિમાં જીવી રહ્યા હતા અને ખૂબ બીમાર હતા. તેથી, તે વૃદ્ધ માણસના ઘરે તેમની તપાસ માટે ગયો અને તેમને જમીન પર પાથરેલા ગાદલામાં સુતેલાજોઈને આઘાત લાગ્યો. તેમણે અમને માહિતી આપી કે વૃદ્ધા પાસે બેડ, ગેસ, રેફ્રિજરેટર, ટેલિવિઝન, રસોડું પ્લેટફોર્મ, જમવાનું સ્થળ, પીવાના પાણીની સુવિધા અથવા ગરમ પાણી જેવી સુવિધાઓ પણ નથી.

કોવિડ-૧૯ નો કેસ હોઈ શકે છે એવી ધારણાના લીધે પેલા સજ્જન પરીક્ષણ કરાવ્યું હતું, અને તે વૃદ્ધ ખરેખર ભયાનક વાયરસથી પીડિત હતા. કોવિડ પરીક્ષણના પરિણામો હકારાત્મક હોવાના લીધે, તેમણે દિવસ દરમિયાન ઘણી વખત બી.એમ.સી. સાથે સંપર્ક કર્યો, પરંતુ આખરે જાણ કરવામાં આવી કે સરકારી દવાખાનાના પલંગ ઉપલબ્ધ નથી અને કોઈ સકારાત્મક પરિણામ આવ્યું નહીં.

ઘણા પ્રયત્નો પછી, આખરે, તે સજ્જનને તે વૃદ્ધ વ્યક્તિને પારસી જનરલ હોસ્પિટલમાં, મફત દર્દી તરીકે દાખલ કર્યા. તે સજ્જનને સલામ જેણે નિઃસ્વાર્થપણે દર્દી માટે જે કર્યું!

આ મુસાફરીનો ભાગ બન્યા પછી, પારસી ટાઈમ્સને જાણ છે કે આપણા સમુદાયમાં ઘણા વડીલો અને સિનિયરો છે જેઓ ગરીબીની ભયાનક પરિસ્થિતિમાં જીવન જીવે છે અને અમે અમારી પહેલ દ્વારા બદલ થવાની ઈચ્છા રાખીએ છીએ - 'પારસી ટાઈમ્સની લાઈફ લાઈન.'

પારસી ટાઈમ્સ કમનસીબ પરિસ્થિતિમાં જીવતા આવા વ્યક્તિઓ વિશેનો ડેટા એકત્રિત કરવાનો વિચાર કરે છે. ત્યારબાદ આ ડેટા અમારા ઉદાર સમુદાય ટ્રસ્ટ સાથે શેર કરવામાં આવશે જે સમુદાયના સભ્યોમાં ગરીબી દૂર કરવાના કામ કરે છે.

પારસી ટાઈમ્સ અમારા વાચકોને વિનંતી કરે છે કે ગરીબ પરિસ્થિતિમાં રહેતા વૃદ્ધ ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન લોકોની વિગતો શેર કરો, જેથી અમને અમારા ટ્રસ્ટ સાથે માહિતી એકત્રિત કરવામાં અને શેર કરવામાં સક્ષમ બનાવવામાં મદદ મળે. જેથી આપણે આપણા વરિષ્ઠોને તેમના સંઘાકાળના વર્ષોમાં, માન અને ગુણવત્તાનું જીવન પ્રદાન કરવામાં મદદ કરી શકીએ.

તમારી વિગત નીચેના મેઈલ પર ઈમેલ કરો અથવા નીચેના સરનામે મોકલો

editor@parsi-times.com

પારસી ટાઈમ્સ લાઈફલાઈન: ૨જે માળે, ખેતાન ચેમ્બર્સ સીએચએસ લીમીટેડ.,

૧૪૩-૧૪૫ મોટી સ્ટ્રીટ, ફોર્ટ, મુંબઈ ૧.

આવાં યશ ૨-સમુદ્ર ખારો કેમ છે?

બાળકો તરીકે, આપણે વાંચેલી એક ખૂબ જ આશ્ચર્યજનક વાર્તાઓ તે હતી કે સમુદ્ર કેવી રીતે ખારો બને છે. તે વાર્તા અહીં તમારા માટે રજૂ કરી છે.

વાર્તા શરૂ થાય છે, આશ્ચર્યજનક રીતે, તે સમજાવીને કે સમુદ્રનું પાણી પહેલા ખાઈ નહોતું, તે પી શકાય તેટલું મીઠું હતું! સમુદ્રનું ખાઈ-પાણી માટે જવાબદાર હતા એક મહાન રાજા. રાજા પાસે પથ્થરની એક ઘંટી હતી. અને રાજા જે ચાહે તે તેમાંથી મેળવી શકતા હતા. સોનાથી લઈને મસાલા સુધી બધુંજ. એક ચોર તે ઘંટીને ચોરી કરવાનું નક્કી કરે છે. તે રાજાના રાજમહેલમાં જાય છે અને ત્યાંના એક માયાળુ રક્ષક સાથે તે રાજ મહેલમાં ફરે છે અને પથ્થરની ઘંટી વિશે પૂછે છે. અને રાજા બધું કેવી રીતે મેળવી શકે છે તેના માટે પૂછે છે. ચોર ઘંટી લઈ બોટમાં બેસી ભાગી નીકળે છે. અને તે વિચારે છે કે પથ્થરની ઘંટી થકી તે શું માંગે. ભૂખ લાગી હોવાથી તે પોતાની પાસે રાખેલું પાવ ખાય છે તેને તેમાં મીઠું ઓછું હોવાથી તે પથ્થરની ઘંટી પાસેથી મીઠું માંગે છે. પથ્થરની ઘંટી ચાલુ થાય છે તેમાંથી મીઠું નીકળે છે પરંતુ તે બંધ નથી થતી અને મીઠું નીકળ્યાજ રાખે છે. ચોર થોડા સમય પછી સુઈ જાય છે. બોટ ડૂબી જાય છે. અને ચોર કિનારે આવતા રાજા તેને પકડી લે છે. પથ્થરની ઘંટીની વાત કરીએ તો

હજી પણ સમુદ્રમાં તે પથ્થરની ઘંટીમાંથી મીઠું નીકળ્યાજ રાખે છે. - લેખક: રોઝી ડિકિન્સ આશ્ચર્યજનક રીતે, દિનબાઈની ખોરદેલ અવસ્થામાં સમુદ્ર ખારો કેમ છે તેની બીજી એક વાર્તા છે. આપણી ફિલસૂફીમાં દોષક અથવા નરક એ એક ખૂબ જ વાસ્તવિક ખ્યાલ છે. એવું કહેવામાં આવે છે કે સમુદ્ર ખારો છે કારણ કે તે નરકના દરવાજામાંથી પસાર થાય છે અને ત્યાંથી બહાર આવે છે. ભરતી ૨૪ કલાકમાં બે વાર આવે છે, જ્યારે નીચી ભરતી હોય છે - પાણી તેને શુદ્ધ કરવા નરકના દરવાજામાં નીચે તરફ ધસી આવે છે. તેથી જ નરકમાં રહેલા રાવણો શુદ્ધ થઈ જાય છે અને થોડા કલાકો સુધી શુદ્ધ રહી શકે છે. દાદર અહીં મજદા દ્વારા નરકમાં તિરસ્કાર પામેલા આત્માઓને પણ શુદ્ધ કરવામાં આવે જેથી નરકમાં પણ તેઓ ખૂબ મુશ્કેલીનો અનુભવ ન કરે. રાવણોને થોડા સમય માટે રાહતનો અનુભવ થાય છે.

જે પાણી ભરતીથી પરત આવે છે તે ખૂબ જ ગરમ હોય છે જ્યારે તે દોષકથી આવે છે, એવું કહેવામાં આવે છે કે તે ઝવાહરકશ સમુદ્રમાં વહે છે. તે સમુદ્રમાં ત્રણ પગવાળો એક રામ છે, અને આવનારા ભરતીમાં વધારો થાય છે જ્યારે તે રામ પાણીને એકીટશે જુએ છે, ત્યારે તે પાણી ઠંડુ થાય છે અને શુદ્ધ બને છે. આ રામના સંપર્કમાં આવતા પાણીમાં એકઠી થતી

બધી દુષ્ટ અને ગંદકી શુદ્ધ થઈ જાય છે. અહીં મજદા દ્વારા બનાવેલ આ પાણીની નજીક એક પવિત્ર ગાય છે જેની પીઠ પર સળગતી અગ્નિ છે, તે આ ઘટનાની સાક્ષી છે. પરંતુ, શુદ્ધિકરણની આ સમગ્ર પ્રક્રિયા હોવા છતાં, પાણી ખાઈ રહે છે.

આપણે માની શકીએ કે ખાઈ પાણી જીવનના કોઈપણ વપરાશ માટે અયોગ્ય છે. કદાચ દોષકની દૃષ્ટિ અસરો અને તેના અશુદ્ધિઓના કોઈપણ અવશેષોથી બધી જીવંત સૃષ્ટિને બચાવવા. જો કે, આપણે જાણીએ છીએ કે, સૂર્યની ગરમી આ જ ખારા પાણીને બાષ્પીભવન કરે છે અને ત્યાં પાણીને શુદ્ધ થાય છે અને જે શુષ્ક વરસાદ તરીકે આપણા પર પડે છે. અહીં મજદાના આશ્ચર્યને જુઓ! ઘણા લોકોને લાગે છે કે આ બધી માત્ર એક વાર્તા છે, પરંતુ વાસ્તવિકતામાં, આ સંપૂર્ણ સત્ય છે. આપણા પોતાના ધર્મ વિશે આપણને બહુ ઓછું જ્ઞાન છે કારણ કે સમયના વલણ સાથે મુખ્ય શાસ્ત્ર નાશ પામ્યા છે અથવા ખોવાઈ ગયા છે. આ જ કારણ છે કે આપણા ધર્મમાંની શ્રદ્ધા ઓછી થઈ રહી છે કારણ કે તે બધા અસ્પષ્ટ લાગે છે. આપણે પોપટની જેમ પ્રાર્થના પાઠ કરીએ છીએ પરંતુ જો આપણે પ્રાર્થનાના મહત્વ અને તેના દ્વારા પ્રગટ થતી અસરોને સમજીશું, તો આપણી પ્રાર્થનાના પાઠમાં આપણને વધુ વિશ્વાસ જાગશે!

- ડેઝી ઈરાની

એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. કે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Jehanbux Furdunji Minbattiwalla જાહબક્ષ ફરદુનજી મીણબત્તીવાલા	93 ૯૩	24-09-2020	C-606, Poonam Apartments, Shiv Sagar Estate, Worli, Mumbai 18. સી. ૬૦૬ પૂનમ એપાર્ટમેન્ટ, શીવ સાગર એસ્ટેટ, વરલી.	તે કોલાના ખાવિંદ તે કેરમાન મેહેરના બાવાજી તે મરહુમ ઓ. જીલ્લામાઈ ને ફરદુનજીના દીકરા. તે બરબોર, હોમી, ફીરોજ ને અરનવાજના ભાઈ તે મરહુમો એરચ, અદી ને પરવેજના ભાઈ તે ધનમાઈ, આદરજી ભુજવાલાના જમાઈ.
Siloo Kekobad Pithawalla સીલુ કેકોબાદ પીથાવાલા	94 ૯૪	26-09-2020	3302/B, Avalon Cliff Avenue, Powai, Mumbai 76 3302/બી, એવોન ક્લિફ એવેનીયુ, પવઈ, મુંબઈ ૭૬.	તે મરહુમ કેકોબાદના ઘણીયાણી. તે સાયરસ તથા ફરસોશના માતાજી. તે કેટાપૂન તથા પ્રીતીના સાસુજી. તે ખુરશીદ, યાસમીન અને જુબીનના બપયજી. તે મરહુમો તેહમીના મંચેરશા પટેલના દીકરી. તે મરહુમ હીરજીભાઈ પીથાવાલાના વડુ તે મરહુમો હોમાય, રતી, નરગીશ તથા મહેરૂના બહેન તે રૂસી, રોશન, અરુષી તથા કેશમીરાના માસીજી.
Firoz Bamansha Naterwalla ફીરોજ બમનશા નેતરવાલા	82 ૮૨	27-09-2020	New Cama Bldg. No.13, Flat No.8, 2nd Floor, Zoroastrian Colony, Mumbai 7. ન્યુ કામા બિલ્ડિંગ નં. ૧૩, ફ્લેટ નં. ૮, ઝોરાસ્ટ્રીયન કોલોની, તારદેવ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે નરગીશ નેતરવાલાના ખાવિંદ તે ખુશરૂ તથા પરસીના ડેડી તે ખુશનુમાના સસરા તે કેયા ને દેવજીનના બપાવાજી તે મરહુમો મનીમાય ને બમનશાહ નેતરવાલાના દીકરા તે ઝરીન બેલી ભાઈના ને બેલી નેતરવાલાના ભાઈ તે રોડાના જેઠ તે મરહુમો માણેક ને દીનશાહ સંતોકના જમાઈ તે મહારૂખ પરવેજ સંતોકના બનેલી તે મ. આબાન તથા મીનુ મીઠાઈવાલાના વેવાઈ તે પરવીન સંતોકના નણંદવઈ તે કેઝાદ, મહાફીનના કુવા.
Mahru Bomi Mistry મેહરૂ બોમી મીસ્ત્રી	90 ૯૦	27-09-2020	R/24, Navroz Baug, Dr. S. S. Rao Road, Lal Baug, Mumbai 12. આર. ૨૪, નવરોજ બાગ, ડો. એસ. એસ. રાઉ રોડ, લાલબાગ, મુંબઈ ૧૨.	તે બોમી ફામરોજ મીસ્ત્રીના ઘણીયાણી તે કમલ જુબીન મીસ્ત્રી તથા રશના ખુશરૂ ફોર્સના માતાજી તે મરહુમો શીરીનભાઈ તથા કાવસજી મહુવેવાલાના દીકરી તે જુબીન સામ મીસ્ત્રી તથા ખુશરૂ રોહિન્ટન ફોર્સના સાસુજી તે અરઝાન, સીમોન, મેહેરનોશ તથા કયાનના મમઈજી તે વીહાના મેહેરનોશ એન્જિનિયરના ગ્રેટ ગ્રાંડ મધર તે મરહુમો ફરદુન તથા ફીરોજ મહુવેવાલાના બહેન તે મરહુમો રતામાય તથા ફામરોજ મીસ્ત્રીના વડુ તે હોશી તથા કેટી, ફેની તથા ફીરોજ, જીમી તથા શેરનાજ તથા શેરૂ તથા મરહુમ ધનજીશાના સીસ્ટર ઈન લો તે સામ, આલુ મીસ્ત્રી, રોહિન્ટન તથા મરહુમ આલુ ફોર્સના વેલવાણ.
Shera Nasservanji Bhot શેરા નસરવાનજી ભોટ	97 ૯૭	27-09-2020	9, Patel Chambers, 2Nd Floor, Gunbow Street, Fort, Mumbai 1. ૯ પટેલ ચેમ્બર્સ, ૨જે માળે, ગનબોવ સ્ટ્રીટ, ફોર્ટ, મુંબઈ ૧.	તે મરહુમો બાનુભાઈ તથા નસરવાનજી ભોટના દીકરી તે મરહુમો કેકી, નરગેશ તથા આલુના બહેન તે ડો. પરસીસ હોમી દૂધવાળાની ફઈજી તે કેરસી, યાસમીન બહેરામ મિસ્ત્રી તથા ઝવેરના માસીજી તે બહેરામના માસી સાસુજી તે મરહુમ રોશન કેકી ભોટના નણંદ તે નાદરશા સોરાબજી ભોટના સાલી તે ડાયના ને મોનાઝના મોટા માસી.
Roshan Dossabhoy Patel રોશન દોસાભોઈ પટેલ	79 ૭૯	28-09-2020	A-602, Evershine Embassy, Veera Desai Road, Opp. Country Club, Andheri (West), Mumbai 53. એ-૬૦૨, એવરશાઈન એમ્બસી, વીરા દેસાઈ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૫૩.	તે દોસાભોઈ જમશેદજી પટેલના ઘણીયાણી તે વીસ્તારપ તથા યાસમીનના માતાજી તે મરહુમો મનીજેલ તથા બરબોરજી કોન્ટ્રાક્ટરના દીકરી તે મરહુમો કુમી તથા જમશેદજી પટેલના વડુ તે તુલકા તેમજ જોનના સાસુજી તે અનોશ, જીયાના બપઈજી તે રેશેલના મમઈજી તે મરહુમો શેરૂ કોન્ટ્રાક્ટરના બહેન.
Aloo Adi Patel આલુ અદી પટેલ	92 ૯૨	28-09-2020	Flat No.6, Bai Ratanbai Tata Building, Tps Iii, 38th Road, Bandra (West), Mumbai 50. ફ્લેટ નં. ૬, બાઈ રતનબાઈ તાતા બિલ્ડિંગ, બાંદ્રા (પ.), મુંબઈ ૫૦.	તે મરહુમ અદી લવજી પટેલના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમો હીલ્લા તથા જાલ ખરાસના દીકરી તે મરહુમો શહેરબાનુ તથા લવજી મા. પટેલના વડુ તે કેકી ખરાસ તથા મરહુમ કુમી કેરસી વાડિયાના બહેન તે દાદી નીલકર વાડિયા, ઝીનોબીયા હોરમઝ ભમગરા, મરહુમો અરનવાજ ને મેહેરના માસીજી તેમ જ મરહુમ નરગીશ જમશેદ પટેલના ભાભી તે શીરીન કેકી ખરાસના નણંદ તે કેશમીરાના મામી.
Dolly Noshir Patel દોલી નોશીર પટેલ	80 ૮૦	28-09-2020	A/1203, Blue Horizon, Link Road, Malad (West), Mumbai 64. એ/૧૨૦૩ ભલુ હોરાઈઝન, લીંક રોડ, મલાડ (વે.), મુંબઈ ૬૪.	તે મરહુમ નોશીરના ધન્યાની. તે અરુષી, મેહેરનોશ ને સાઈરસના માતાજી. તે શીરીન, રૂકશાના ને કેશમીરાના સાસુજી. તે પંડુરશસપ, આફરીન, કેઝાદ, મઝદીયાર, શારમીનના બપઈજી.
Bapuji Rustomji Driver બાપુજી રૂસ્તમજી ડ્રાઈવર	96 ૯૬	29-09-2020	A/403, Pink Pearl Chs, Papai Lake Garden, Vasai (West), Palgar 401 207. ૧/એ, પીન્ક પર્લ સીએચએસ, પાપડી લેક ગાર્ડન, વસઈ, પાલઘર.	તે મરહુમ શેરબાનુના ઘણી તે મરહુમો ધનમાય રૂસ્તમજી ડ્રાઈવરના દીકરા તે દોલી, મરહુમ મની, હોમાય, નરગેશ, ને રૂસીના પપ્પા તે ગુલાના સસરા તે બીનાયફરના બપાવાજી તે મીનુ તથા મરહુમો કેતી ને અદીના ભાઈ.
Aban Firouze Marawala આબાન ફિરોઝ મરાવાલા	68 ૬૮	30-10-2020	E-9, Jer Baug, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Byculla, Mumbai 27. ઈ-૯, જર બાગ, ડો.આંબેડકર રોડ, ભાયખવા, મુંબઈ ૨૭.	તે મરહુમો ધનમાય પેસ્તનજી કરંજીયા તથા એરવદ પેસ્તનજી જાલેબર કરંજીયાના દીકરી તે ફીરોઝ બેહરામ મરાવાલાના ઘણીયાણી તે રૂકશાદ પીરાન દુબાશના માતાજી. તે પીરાન દુબાશના સાસુજી તે ફેહાન ને જીયાના પીરાન દુબાશના ગ્રેન્ડ મધર તે એરવદ નૈરીયોસંગ પેસ્તનજી કરંજીયા, એરવદ હોશી પેસ્તનજી કરંજીયા તથા મરહુમ રોશન રોહિન્ટન ખાદીવાલાના બહેન તે મરહુમો આલામાય તથા બહેરામશા મરાવાલાના વડુ તે બપ્તાવર તારાપોરના નણંદ.
Dhunji Ratanshaw Sarkari ધનજી રતનશા સરકારી	95 ૯૫	01-10-2020	19, Pirojsha Building, Room No. 9, 2nd Floor, Off Sleater Road, Mumbai 7. ૧૯, પીરોજશા બિલ્ડિંગ, રૂમ નં. ૯, લેડી પોચખાનાવાલા રોડ, ઓફ સ્લેટર રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે મરહુમો બાનુભાઈ રતનશા સરકારીના દીકરા તે મરહુમો પીલુ ને આલુના ભાઈ તે નરગીસ, ઝરીન, ફરીદા, ખુશરૂ, રૂકશાના તથા મરહુમ હોમીના કાકા.

Death Announcements from Prayer Hall

Amyrah Adil Ghadiali અમીરા આદિલ ઘડીયાલી	04 ૦૪	25.09.2020	Fleming, Flat no. 9, Bandra West, Mumbai 50. ફ્લેમીંગો, ફ્લેટ નં. ૯, બાન્દ્રા વેસ્ટ, મુંબઈ ૫૦.	તે નીયોમી અને આલિ ઘડીયાલીની દીકરી તે થ્રીટી ખુરશેદ ઘડીયાલી અને સોફી જ્યોર્જ લોબોની ગ્રાન્ડ ડોટર તે દોરાબ, સફના, દિલનવાજ, લેઝલી, એન, લેઝલીની નીસ તે એદેન, યોહાન, એલીશા, આરોનની બહેન.
Khurshed Manchershaw Billimoria Currimbhoy ખુરશેદ મંચેરશા બિલ્મીમોરિયા કરીમભોય	93 ૯૩	26.09.2020	Seacroft, Gr floor, Flat no 402, Colaba, Mumbai 5. સીક્રોફ્ટ ગ્રાઉન્ડ ફ્લોર, ફ્લેટ નંબર ૪૦૨, કોલાબા, મુંબઈ ૫.	તે મરહુમ શેરા અને મરહુમ મંચેરશાના દીકરી તે અઝીઝ કરીમભોયના ઘણીયાણી તે દીના, મરહુમ મેહરૂના બહેન તે માયકલ શેરના આન્ટી તે અસપી, મહેલી, ફરીદા, હુતોક્ષીના કઝીન.
Bahadur Jamshed Hansotia બહાદુર જમશેદ હાંસોટીયા	71 ૭૧	27.09.2020	E-11 Custow Baug, 1st Floor, Colaba, Mumbai. ઈ-૧૧ ખુશરૂ બાગ, ૧લે માળે, કોલાબા, મુંબઈ.	તે મરહુમ જમશેદ અને પીલુના દીકરા તે મરહુમ જેનેટના ઘણી તે કમલ, આફીન અને કાર્વના પપ્પા તે પ્રાર્થના સસરા.
Burjor Shiavaxsha Shroff બરજોર શ્યાવક્ષશા શ્રોફ	76 ૭૬	28.09.2020	401, Blacksmith Irish, Sector 12, Plot F/51, Kharghar, Navi Mumbai 410210. ૪૦૧, બ્લેકસ્મીથ ઈરીશ, પ્લોટ ૫૧, ખોટ એફ/૫૧, ખારઘર, નવી મુંબઈ.	તે મરહુમ અરનવાજ (દોલી) અન મરહુમ શ્યાવક્ષશાના દીકરા તે મરહુમ કેટાપૂનના ઘણી તે પરવીન, સરોશ, ચીરાગના પપ્પા તે સતીશ, વૈશાલી અને વૈશાલીના સસરા તે દર્શીલ, દિશા અને વેદના ગ્રાન્ડ ફાધર તે મરહુમ કોલામાય અને રૂસ્તમજી મીસ્ત્રીના જમાઈ.

Death Announcements from Bangalore

Rita Sohrab Kamdin રીટા સોહરાબ કામદીન	80 ૮૦	26.09.2020	Flat No. 9187, Prestige Tranquility, Bengaluru. ફ્લેટ નં. ૯૧૮૭, પ્રેસ્ટીજ ટ્રાન્ક્વિલીટી, બેંગલુરુ.	તે ડો. સોહરાબ તેહમુરસ કામદીનના ઘણીયાણી તે રશ્મા અને દિનાઝના મમ્મી તે ફેયાના, રોહન અને કાવી ના ગ્રાન્ડ મધર તે મરહુમ બાનુ ભરૂયા, ફિરોઝ કોટવાલાના બહેન તે મરહુમ કુમી અને તેહમુરસ કામદીનના ડોટર ઈન લો તે નોશીર અને જીમી કામદીનના સીસ્ટર ઈન લો.
--	----------	------------	---	--

Death Announcements from Jamshedpur

Keki Boman Malegaumwalla કેકી બમન માલેગામવાલા	75 ૭૫	02.09.2020	15-A, Parsi Colony, Pipeline Road, P O Bistpur, Jamshedpur 831001. ૧૫-એ, પારસી કોલોની, પાઈપ વાઈન રોડ, પી. ઓ. બીસ્તપુર, જમશેદપુર.	તે મરહુમ ફેની કેકી માલેગામવાલાના ખાવિંદ તે બરજીસ, બેહરોઝ ને શેરીના પિતાજી તે મરહુમો બમન તથા મની માલેગામવાલાના દીકરા તે મરહુમો બેહરામ તથા બાનુ ભરૂયાના જમાઈ તે કેઝાદ ને બરજીસના સસરા તે દીન્યારના બપાવાજી તે શાહરૂખ ને આરીશના મમાવાજી.
---	----------	------------	--	---

YOUR MOONSIGNS JANAM RASHI THIS WEEK

લખનાર: મરહુમ મહારાજ શ્રી સ્વયંજયોતિના સહકાર્યકર્તા જયેશ એમ. ગોસ્વામી

અઠવાડિક રાશિક્ષણ: તા. ૦૩.૧૦.૨૦૨૦ થી તા. ૦૯.૧૦.૨૦૨૦



Aries - મેષ - અ.વ.ઈ.

શનિની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે ચારેબાજુથી પરેશાન રહેશો. ઘરવાળા તમને માન નહીં આપે તેનાથી તમને દુઃખ થશે. બીજાની સેવા કર્યા પછી પણ તમને જશ નહીં મળે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં પરેશાન થશો. ખાવાપીવા પર ધ્યાન નહીં આપો તો તબિયત ખરાબ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. સાંધાના દુખાવાથી તથા પેટના દુખાવાથી પરેશાન થશો. દરરોજ 'મોટી હમન યજ્ઞ' ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૩, ૦૫, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 03, 05, 08, 09.

Saturn's ongoing rule will tend to bring you problems from all quarters. You will feel hurt by the lack of respect from you family members. You will not get appreciation despite being helpful to others. Financially, this could be a difficult phase. You could lose your health if you don't pay attention to your diet. You could suffer from stomach-ache or joint pains. Pray the Moti Haptan Yasht daily.



Cancer - કર્ક - ડ.હ.

૨૫મી ઓક્ટોબર સુધી મંગળની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારી ભુલ તમને ઉપરથી નીચે લાવી દેશે. તમે નાની વાતમાં ગુસ્સે થઈ જશો. મનગમતી વ્યક્તિ તમારાથી નારાજ થશે. ઉપરી વર્ગ તરફથી સાથ મળશે નહીં. ઘરમાં ખોટો ખર્ચ કરવો પડશે. ખર્ચ કર્યા પછી પણ શાંતિ નહીં મળે. દરરોજ 'તીર યજ્ઞ' ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૪, ૦૫, ૦૬, ૦૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 04, 05, 06, 07.

Mars' rule 25th October could end up making your mistake your biggest fall. You could end up angry over small issues. Your sweetheart will get upset with you. Seniors will not be supportive. You could end up spending on avoidable expenses. Despite spending, you will not get peace of mind. Pray the Tir Yasht daily.



Libra - તુલા - ર.ત.

છેલ્લા બે અઠવાડિયાજ શાંતિમાં પસાર કરવાના બાકી છે. ઘણી-ઘણીયાણીના કામ કે ઓપોર્ટીનિટી સેકસના કામ પહેલા પૂરા કરી લેજો. ૧૭મી ઓક્ટોબર પછી તમારા બધાજ કામમાં અડચણ આવતી રહેશે. ઉતરતી શુકની દિનદશામાં નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. મનગમતી વ્યક્તિને મળી શકશો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૩, ૦૪, ૦૫, ૦૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 03, 04, 05, 07.

You have two more weeks to spend in peace. Ensure to first complete any commitments related to your spouses or to the opposite gender. Challenges could get in the way of your endeavours starting the 17th of October. Venus' descending rule will not cause any financial upsets. You will be able to meet your sweetheart. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Capricorn - મકર - ખ.જ.

રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારા સીધા કામ પર પૂરાં નહીં કરી શકશો. ઘરવાળા સાથે મતભેદ પડતા હોવાથી સમય બહાર પસાર કરશો. બહાર મિત્રો પણ તમને સાથ નહીં આપે તેનું દુઃખ થશે. સારા સમાચાર મળવાના ચાન્સ નથી. કામ વધારે અને બોલવાનું ઓછું રાખજો. દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૪, ૦૫, ૦૬, ૦૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 04, 05, 06, 07.

Rahu's ongoing rule gets in the way of even your straight and easy works. Squabbles with family members could have you spending time outside the house. However, it will pain you when even your friends outside are unsupportive. There won't be good news on the horizon for now. Try to listen more and speak less. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.

૨૧મી ઓક્ટોબર સુધી બુધની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા કામો પૂરા કરવામાં સફળ થશો. બીજાના સાચા સલાહકાર બની શકશો. તમારી સલાહથી કોઈને ધન અચાવવામાં મદદ મળી રહેશે. તમારા કામમાં ધનલાભ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. બચત કરીને ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ અવશ્ય કરજો. દરરોજ 'મેહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૪, ૦૫, ૦૬, ૦૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 04, 05, 06, 07.

Mercury's rule till 21st October will bring you success in completing your works. You will be a genuine advisor to others. Your advice could help a friend in saving money. You could earn good profits in your work. Ensure to save and make investments. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.

૨૬મી ઓક્ટોબર સુધી ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે. ગામ-પરગામથી કોઈ સારા સમાચાર મળશે. ચંદ્રની કૃપાથી ઘારેલા કામમાં સફળતા મળશે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી હોવાથી ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ કરી શકશો. મનગમતી વ્યક્તિ તરફથી સારા સમાચાર મળશે. મનને શાંત રાખવા દરરોજ ૩૪મું નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧ વાર ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૩, ૦૪, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 03, 04, 08, 09.

The Moon's rule till 26th October augurs good news from abroad. With the Moon's blessings, you will be successful in ventures you wish to accomplish. You will be able to make investments as your finances keep improving. Your sweetheart will give you good news. To stay calm, pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times daily.



Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.પ.

શુકની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી દિવસો આનંદમાં તથા હરવા કરવામાં જશે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી રહેવાથી બીજાની મદદની જરૂર નહીં પડે. મિત્ર મંડળમાં વધારો થશે. નવા મિત્રો તરફથી ફાયદો મળશે. અપોજીટ સેકસને મનાવી શકશો. ઘરમાં નવી ચીજ વસ્તુ લઈ શકશો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૪, ૦૫, ૦૬, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 04, 05, 06, 09.

Venus' ongoing rule will have you spending your days in happiness and fun and travel. You will not need any financial help from others. Your friend circle will increase. You will benefit from your new found friends. You will be able to win over the opposite gender. You will be able to make new purchases for the house. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.

ગુરુની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી બીજાના મદદગાર બનશો. ધનલાભ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. તમારા કામકાજ ખુબ સારી રીતે પુરા કરી શકશો. તબિયતમાં સુધારો થતો જશે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ કરી શકશો. ઘરમાં સારા સારી રહેશે. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૩, ૦૫, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 03, 05, 08, 09.

Jupiter's ongoing rule makes you helpful to others. Profits are indicated. You will be able to complete your work very effectively. Health will improve. You will be able to make financial investments. The house atmosphere will be cordial. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



Gemini - મિથુન - ક.છ.ધ.

બુધની દિનદશા ૨૦મી નવેમ્બર સુધી ચાલશે. જે પણ ડીસીઝન લેશો તેમાં સફળતા મળશે. ભવિષ્યમાં તમે ઓછા પરેશાન થાવો તેવા પ્લાન બનાવી શકશો. કામકાજમાં સારા સારી થતી જશે. જે કામ કરતા હશો તેમાં ધનલાભ થશે. દરરોજ ભુલ્યા વગર 'મેહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૩, ૦૫, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 03, 05, 08, 09.

Mercury's rule till 20th November brings you success in all your decisions. You will be able to make less worrisome plans in the future. There will be an upswing at the workplace. You will profit in all your ventures. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Virgo - કન્યા - પ.ઠ.ણ.

આવતા ત્રણ દિવસ જ સુર્યની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાના બાકી છે. અગત્યના કામો દટી ઓક્ટોબર પછી કરવાથી કામમાં સફળતા મળશે. ઉતરતી સુર્યની દિનદશા તબિયતને ખરાબ કરશે. તાવ, ખાંસી જેવી માંદગીથી પરેશાન થશો. તબિયત સારી રાખવા ખાવા પીવા પર અવશ્ય ધ્યાન આપજો. દરરોજ 'યા રયોમંદ' સાથે 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧ વાર ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ૦૭, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 06, 07, 08, 09.

The Sun's rule extends over the next three days, hence you are advised to start doing all your important works only from the 6th October onwards. The descending rule of the Sun could cost your health - you could suffer from fever and coughing. To maintain good health, ensure to pay attention to your diet. Pray the 96th Name, 'Ya Rayomand', along with the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.



Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ફ.

પહેલા ત્રણ દિવસ જ રાહુની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાના બાકી છે. તબિયતની ખાસ સંભાળ લેજો. તમારા ઘરવાળા તમારી વાત માનશે નહીં. દટી ઓક્ટોબરથી શરૂ થતી શુકની દિનદશા ૭૦ દિવસ ચાલશે. તમારી મુશ્કેલીમાંથી બહાર નીકળવાનો રસ્તો મળી જશે. અગત્યના કામો દટી પછી કરજો. દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તારની આએશ' સાથે 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૩, ૦૭, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 03, 07, 08, 09.

With the last three days under the rule of Rahu, you are advised to take good care of your health. Family members might not be in agreement with you. Venus' rule starting from 6th October, for the next 70 days, provides you a way out of all your difficulties. Ensure to do all important works only post the 6th of October. Pray to Behram Yazad along with praying the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



Pisces - મીન - દ.ય.ઝ.થ.જ.

ગુરુની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારા કામ સફળતાથી કરી શકશો. ધનની ચિંતા ઓછી થતી જશે. તમારા કામમાંથી થોડી ઘણી એકરૂટા ઈન્કમ મેળવી શકશો. ગુરુની કૃપાથી તમારી તબિયતમાં સારા સારી રહેશે. ફેમિલી મેમ્બરનો સાથ મળશે. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણાવો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૪, ૦૬, ૦૭, ૦૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 04, 06, 07, 08.

Jupiter's rule helps you successfully complete all your works. Financial worries will fade away. You will be able to earn extra income at work. Health will be good. A family member will be supportive. Pray the Sarosh Yasht.

The Zen Series: The Four Monks



KASHMIRA SHAW RAJ

Parsi Times presents our readers 'The Zen Series' by PT Columnist, Kashmira Shaw Raj – a professional Taichi and Qigong practitioner and teacher, as also a sought-after clinical psychologist and healer. These Zen stories will resonate with you and help you connect within, at a deeper, inner level to encourage and empower you to reflect. These make for good reading across people of all ages and speak to the reader at several levels. If you're looking to bring about a positive change in yourself, 'The Zen Series' will inspire, motivate and facilitate you in realizing truths about yourself and life, to ultimately set you on the path of growth, wisdom and happiness.

In this twelfth part of 'The Zen Series', the short story, 'The Four Candles' throws much light on that which needs to be deeply understood!

Four monks decided to meditate silently, without speaking for two weeks. They lit a candle as a symbol of their practice and began. By nightfall on the first day, the candle flickered and then went out.

The first monk said: "Oh, no! The candle is out."

The second monk said: "We're not supposed to talk!"

The third monk said: "Why must you two break the silence?"

The fourth monk laughed and said: "Ha! I'm the only one who didn't speak."

Courtesy: Zen Stories for a Calm, Clear Mind

How many times have you noticed, how sometimes, we end up doing exactly what we advise others not to! This may stem from us thinking that we are better, more competent or knowledgeable than others. Confidence is good, but being over-confident can lead to errors in judgement. Giving advice and showing others the path is great, provided we walk it ourselves.

It should not matter to us whether the person takes our advice or not. When we actually want others to heed our advice and they don't, we often feel it has been a waste of time and feel affronted, vowing that we will never waste our breath again. We forget that that decision is not ours to make. Your choice was to give the advice. It is up to the other to accept or reject it.

When there is ego that comes into play, there is unhealthy competition and that rarely works. Wanting to be the best is great but if it's at the cost of others, no matter what, we may need a rethink. Each monk in the story thought he was better than the other. And therefore, they all let go of the path they needed to adhere to and lose sight of their goal. The



purpose of the entire practice was lost. Rather than focus on what they were meant to do, they shifted focus on to what the others were doing and how to correct them.

Understanding And Implementing What Really Matters:

1. Single minded focus on the process, without getting distracted.
2. Cutting off the head. In other words, sacrificing one's ego.
3. Not wasting time and energy proving things to others.
4. Being self-assured. This will protect you from harboring approval issues. Know your strengths. That is all that matters.
5. Witness, but withhold your opinion until expressly asked for.
6. People around may lack awareness and realization, which you might have more of. That's alright. Each one of us is a work in progress. Don't judge or criticize others.

Even when the first monk blurted out that the candle had gone off, had the others kept their council, maybe he would have also quietened down. Sometimes, being silent is the best solution, especially when

you know a conversation may get escalated unnecessarily. It is easy to misunderstand, get angry and irritated or try to prove oneself right.

Does it really matter? Will it make any difference to your life and environment if someone around thinks he knows better but in reality, doesn't? Calm down because sooner or later, he will be found out. It's just a matter of time. Here are three important considerations to be practiced at all times:

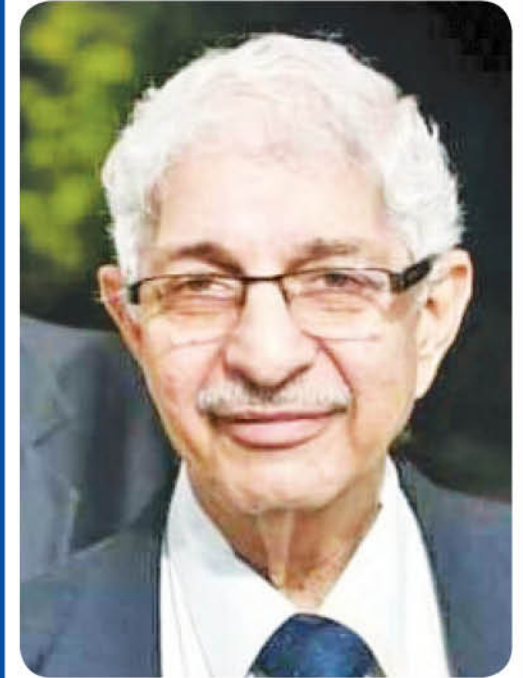
1. No matter how tempting it might be to add your opinion, refrain until asked for it.
2. Before reacting, think about whether your reaction/words will help the situation or stir it up... and then speak.
3. Yes, you can make mistakes, too! Please accept this very human trait and ensure that you are not sitting on a high horse!

This story also tells us that no one is perfect. Rather than chasing perfection, just try to understand and go with the essence of what it is that you are doing. That will make you successful in everything you do. After all, it is all within, not outside!

Kashmira Shaw Raj is a professional Taichi and Qigong practitioner and teacher. Also, a successful clinical psychologist, psychic and healer, Kashmira runs 'The Tai-Qi Touch' with her husband, Dr. Brijesh Raj, a healer and a Vet. Taichi practitioners for over fourteen years now, they are instructors in Sifu Carlton Hill's Tao Taichi Qi Gong organization, and Shibashi Instructors under Sifu Wing Cheung from the Feng Shui and Taichi Institute, Hongkong & Canada.

The Tai-Qi Touch offers classes for adults and children at 'Infinite Studio' (Opp. Starbucks Café, Chowpatty, Mumbai). To contact Kashmira, M: 9323874418 or Email: kash.shaw@gmail.com

Tribute Navzar Phiroze Dotiwala



(Passed away on 30th September, 2020)

With deep grief, we break the sad news of the passing away of Parzor's Friend and Supporter - Navzar Phiroze Dotiwala, of Jamshedpur, on 30th September 2020.

Always smiling and ready to help, his unassuming personality hid a deep determination to always be at hand to help humanity, and particularly his community, across India.

With his late wife Silloo, who too passed away far too early, he stood for the true values of the Jamshedpur Parsi community - helpfulness, joy in life and protection of the environment, as well as a belief in the values of the Zoroastrian faith.

His Good Thoughts, Words, Deeds were legendary. He was always there when Parzor or any Parsi needed him - at the Udvada Utsav, keeping the Delhi Farohar children in great humour and yet maintaining discipline, at Exhibitions in Delhi and Calcutta, at our Parzor Crafts Exhibitions in Bombay. Holding high positions and a beloved leader of the Jamshedpur Anjuman, Navzar enabled Parzor to bring the invaluable portraits from the Jamshedpur Agiary for the Everlasting Flame Exhibition.

Survived by his mother Viloo, beloved daughter Kainaz and her family - Daraius, Zara and Arish Shroff; and sons - Xerxes, Yim and daughter-in-law Jayeeta, he succumbed to complications from Covid. Despite his health issues, he put humanity first to ensure food for patients during their COVID quarantines, only to suffer the COVID contagion himself, which he fought bravely.

Our gratitude to all the doctors at the Tata Hospital, Jamshedpur; his friends and well-wishers across the world for their prayers and assistance. He has joined his beloved Silloo in Garothman Behest. He would always say - 'Ushta Te' - the motto Navzar personified through his life.

**From Dr. Shernaz Cama
On Behalf of PARZOR Foundation**

Smile Therapy

Veera is a published Author ('Endured' and '#LoveBitesLifeHacks') and Columnist; a passionate Educator and Counsellor; Poet and Philosopher... but most of all, a lover of all things literary.



VEERA SHROFF SANJANA

Did you know it was World Smile Day on the 2nd of October, 2020? A smile can win a thousand hearts. A smile can mend a broken heart. Try smiling a bit more and you'll see a noticeable difference in the fabric of the air around you. Do you want positivity to illuminate your life? Would you want that law of attraction trekking on the 'mind'-fields of your desires? Well then, learn to smile just a little bit more.

The benefits of an authentic smile are profound and contagious. I've seen the dazzle, felt the magic of a simple smile. I've had long, engaging conversations with practically strangers, spending an hour or two of an otherwise long, tedious journey flying by, or exchanged pleasantries in long queues, amazed in the knowledge that it really only takes so little to break the ice! I have forged friendships, made contacts, taken back rich experiences just on the basis of a smile!

Smile when you have a reason to, smile when you don't, smile when the world is shining but smile a bit more when its grey. Smiling is a universal language that needs no filter. In the words of Emily Dickenson, "I kiss the corner of your smile and I can taste the laughter in your soul," smiling creates an aura of attraction and irresistibility around you. More than all else, smiling is



free therapy; it improves your emotional and physical well being. It's the best make up you can wear - you're never fully dressed without a smile.

Smiling produces happiness hormones - basically a mix of chemicals: dopamine, serotonin, oxytocin and endorphins. Smiling is a giddy cocktail that has a positively intoxicating effect on your life. Smiling actually makes you look a lot younger - I sure am grateful for this one! I have been walking around sometimes peering into mirrors, making a conscious effort even when I don't feel like it, plastering a silly smile or a loopy

grin on my face, regularly checking to see the visible effects of those paradoxical laughter lines fading! Nope, those greys and wrinkles cannot belie the age! But what the heck, I walk the day with my age-defying smile, hoping that someday, someone doesn't cart me off to the loony-bin all in my pursuit for that mini- facelift.

Now here's one for all you Chocoholics - we all know that chocolate can elevate one's mood. But now British researchers have discovered that a smile can generate the same level of brain stimulation, as up to consuming 2000 bars of chocolate!! While I'll merrily accept these findings, my question is, who participated in this experiment and what happened to the person who ate those 2000 bars? For now, I will take their word for it and continue smiling, irrespective.

Smiling people are a lot more likable for sure. When you smile, you make others around you comfortable. You are unconsciously sending a message

of reaching out to them and the world at large. Smiling is all about putting on that Happy Face. It's a gesture that tricks your mind and others into feeling buoyant. Walk into your favourite Starbucks, put on a happy smile and chances are you'll land up with that extra dollop of cream on your frappe or some extra sprinkling of cinnamon and chocolate on your brew!

That happy curve on your face makes you more fulfilled in your relationships - happy couples smile a lot more. Smiling has been shown to increase creativity, confidence, productivity and positive relations between clients, employees and management. The funny thing about smiling is, even if you don't work face-to-face, it can still enhance your work, environment and relationship. It's because you can almost hear and feel a smile.

Smiling can actually rewire your brain into expecting positive things. Lost your Mojo coz you're down in the dumps? No problem, cheat your brain and your senses into a happy vibe. Each time you smile, you are actually throwing a feel-good party in your brain. These 'happiness smiling loops' can serve up a mean drink of endorphins acting as natural pain relievers, stress busters and your body's own opiates.



Finding it difficult in these times to flash that brilliant smile, all masked and covered? Don't fret - a true smile speaks through one's eyes. Women in the Middle East and elsewhere too, all covered in Abayas and masks, have communicated and expressed their beauty and sentiments perfectly well for centuries. Their beautiful eyes can flash smiles more brilliant than those diamonds they flaunt on their hands!

So walk a mile in your smile, and make it the prettiest thing you wear!

Benefits of Smiling

1. Studies have even proven that people are more attractive when they smile
2. Smiling puts you in a better mood.
3. Smiling is contagious
4. Smiling boosts your immune system
5. Smiling makes you look younger
6. Smiling burns calories
7. Smiling makes other people happy
8. Smiling leads to laughter



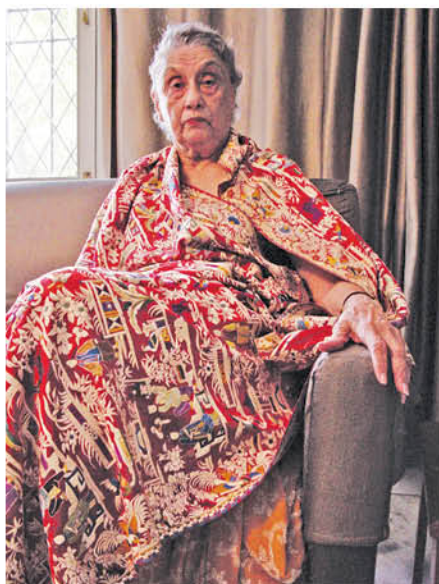
Parsi Embroidery: A Heritage Of Humanity – III



DR. SHERNAZ CAMA

(In Association with Sociomartini)

In the early stage of development, embroidered yardage was covered on all four sides as if bordered within a frame. This yardage is called *gala* in Gujarati and its enclosed patterned space gave its name to the *Gara*. Parsi women following Indian tradition began designing *kors* or borders to match the inner embroidery, then frontage or the *pallav* designed to highlight the design and soon Chinese yardage had developed into the Parsi gara sari.



* The late Mrs. Bhicoo Manekshaw of Delhi was the owner of this gara, made for an engagement in her family in the late 19th Century. It includes motifs of the Divine Fungus and plants which symbolize fertility, as well as scenes of lovers. The red colour was used for engagement garas following Indian tradition.

The colours favoured in the Persian tradition were imperial purple and other dark shades. As Indian influence developed, the auspicious Indian *Kunku* red or vermillion became a favourite, particularly for engagement saris. In India, there began a tradition of using red for the engagement sari. Here, we can see a vermillion engagement gara which combines Persian trellis patterns, the flowers and birds from the Iranian

Parsi Zoroastrians have carved a niche for themselves in the country... from leading industrialists like Ratan Tata and Godrej to an army of talented Bollywood actors, prodigal Parsis are an asset to India's culture and economy. With a population of less than 55,000 Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians in India, our lip-smacking food, peculiar surnames, stellar Bollywood movies, acting skills and the sweet mentions - from 'dikra' to 'gadhera' - are a part of India's popular culture, but our expertise and contribution to the fashion world is lesser known... more specifically, the Art of Parsi Embroidery. Parsi Times is delighted to present the Feature Series - 'Parsi Embroidery: A Heritage Of Humanity' - a labour of love and much research, by Dr. Shernaz Cama, the Director of the UNESCO Parzor Project for the Preservation and Promotion of Parsi Zoroastrian Culture and Heritage, sharing the vibrant history of Parsi embroidery.



Ashdeen the Designer House has re-created this complete China Chini or Chinese style gara. © ASHDEEN

tradition with the Endless Knot from the Chinese cultural vocabulary.



* Indian Peacocks combine with Persian trellis and flowers, joined with the Endless Knot, to create a combination of auspicious symbols for this engagement Gara.

Parsis, men, women and elders wear white, symbolizing purity at weddings. Following introduction of trade with Europe and the coming of Europeans to India, particularly the trading stations



* This archival photo clearly shows the rich gara, lace blouse and white net *sudreh* descending from beneath the blouse.

at Surat and later Bombay, western styles in textiles were added to the Parsi vocabulary. Lace became a favourite, especially lace blouses under saris, which were favoured because they matched the white sacred *sudreh*, every woman wore, showing under the blouse. Parsi women preferred white and cream embroidery on their saris, rather than typical Chinese multi-coloured embroidery because it matched the white lace *sudrehs*. Thus, Parsis who were important to Chinese embroidery sales in the East, made a change even in the embroidery of the great Chinese Schools of embroidery which flourished across that country.



* Tvisha wears a white embroidered lace sari with delicate sequin work for her wedding.

Intercultural a m a l g a m continued. The Indian Ambi and Persian Cypress combined to create powerful motifs for *pallavs*, which included Chinese baskets symbolizing plenty, within their space.

The Imperial presence of Europe brought amalgamation of scallops, bows and ribbons and thus four cultures came together in the Parsi sari.



* This ambi stole from Parzor, combines within it the Chinese basket of plenty for good luck.

To understand how Chinese embroidery and Persian motifs blended with European design and Indian patterns to create 'Parsi embroidery' in India by Parsi women in their homes, we have to look at the grass root settlements of South Gujarat.



House of Ashdeen, inspired by an original Japanese kimono, this contemporary sari uses dramatic colours and combination of styles of the original garas to make a work of art. Cranes in Eastern tradition symbolize longevity. © ASHDEEN

Until the early 1960s, Chinese 'Pherawallas' or textile vendors, came regularly in the winter season to family homes across Gujarat, the Deccan, Bombay as well as Calcutta, wherever

Parsi settlements were to be found. Unlike their Jain neighbours, even in the heat, Parsis favoured silk rather than cotton because it could take the heavy weight of embroidery. So, the Chinese traders came primarily to Parsi homes. They came as a group but divided places into specific regions, so only one Chinaman would come regularly to a household.

(Watch this space for the concluding part of the series in the next issue of Parsi Times.)

* [Images Courtesy: Parzor Archives]