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## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Trustees of the BPP have not conducted any physical / in-person Board Meeting or Public Meeting in the BPP Board Room, at 209 Dr. D N Road, since the lockdown in March, 2020.

With the unlocking, some Trustees are of the view that in-person meetings should be resumed, albeit keeping in mind and strictly following, health and safety standards. Accordingly, us two BPP Trustees - Noshir H. Dadrawala and Kersi J. Randeria - have called for a physical meeting at the BPP Board room on Tuesday, 8th December, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

If the Board meeting does not take place with all five current Trustees, then the two of us Trustees will be available at the BPP Board Room from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm on 8th December, 2020, to meet with beneficiaries and members of the community.

We have requested our other three colleague Trustees - Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur - to confirm their presence, even though so far, they have resisted the idea of a physical meeting in the Board Room.

We look forward to resuming normal meetings in the new normal.

- BPP Trustee Noshir H. Dadrawala  
- BPP Trustee Kersi J. Randeria



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## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### The Best Way Forward...

Dear Readers,

Wow! And just like that we're in December - the end of the year. Undoubtedly, 2020 will go down in history as the 'Year of the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic'. Even as people across the world hope with all their hearts that the end of the year will mark, at least the start of the end of the pandemic, we know that we are still a long way from home.

Speaking to a curious nine-year-old last week, I realised that we all shared her exact same question, "But when will all of this end so I can go out freely?" And similarly, my answer, "Soon," did absolutely nothing for her, like it doesn't for the rest of us. Over the past eight months, we've pondered this question ad nauseum - 'When will this end?' While the news of the vaccine becoming available over the next few months gives some relief, the worldwide spikes in the number of cases, with countries locking down again due to second, third and fourth waves of the virus, pushes back our hopefulness.

Even expert opinions seem divided. Some believe that the virus could be in decline and under control by the second half of 2021, and that we could revert to our 'pre-Covid normal' within two years, with a slight variance. However, some scientists say it's impossible to put a date on it - that would be akin to staring into a crystal ball as the virus is here for a much, much longer time; and that vaccines are more of a 'preventive', as opposed to a 'corrective' measure. Circumspect as this outlook is, it leaves people grappling with its open-ended inconclusivity.

While some of us would cling to the former opinion, some will see greater truth in the latter. But, let's not get hung up on either forecasts - the one resounding lesson we've learnt during the pandemic is, to do our best - here and now; make the most of the present... even if it has to be with our masks on, clutching on to our sanitizer bottles and trading those warm hugs with friends for their smiles on our gizmo screens.

We weren't able to predict the onset of the pandemic and maybe it will be gone in an equally unpredictable manner. Or maybe not. For here and now, let's play the best game with the cards we've been dealt with. The best way forward in these times, lies in the words of the wise Buddha, "The secret of health, for both mind and body, is not to mourn for the past, worry about the future, or anticipate troubles, but to live in the present moment wisely and earnestly."

Have a good weekend!

- Anahita  
anahita@parsi-times.com

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust have received many direct transfers through NEFT into their bank account for treatment of Er. Zahaan Turel, who has been admitted to Masina Hospital for treatment of burn injuries.

Whilst The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust extends sincere gratitude to all the donors, it takes this opportunity to request donors that the bank only informs us of the names of the donor and not the address.

We request donors to advise us of their addresses to enable us to send them our receipts and 80G certificate that will enable them to avail of tax benefits.

- Trustees,  
The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust

## PT Announcement

Dear Friends,

Due to inflation, increasing costs, and reduced revenues because of the pandemic, Parsi Times will be increasing the cost of your favourite news-weekly (by just Rs. 2/-), and will now be available at Rs.7/-, shortly. (This would amount to a very nominal increase of Rs.8/- per month for our subscribers.)

Parsi Times thanks all our readers and well-wishers for your continued readership, participation and support through the years.

- Parsi Times Management

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# Maiden F2 Podium For Jehan!

## Thrilling Battle with Schumacher



Indian racing star - Jehan Daruvala, who has brought great pride to the community with his national and global achievements, earned his maiden FIA Formula 2 podium at the Bahrain Grand Prix Support Race, on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020. The Red Bull Racing Junior is the first Indian to stand on the podium in an FIA Formula 2 Race, in the current iteration of the championship.

overtook multiple race winner, Robert Shwartzman to move up to fifth.

What eventually led to a nail-biting few laps, Jehan, without the option of DRS and a tyre disadvantage, drove one of his best races of the season. With 3 laps to go, he had to defend aggressively into the first corner, both drivers were

side by side for a few corners but Jehan was not giving up in spite of his disadvantage. He held his nerve and placed his Carlin car in exactly the right places, preventing Schumacher from getting ahead.

2 laps before the end of the race, Schumacher momentarily

got ahead of Jehan, but Jehan was not going to allow that and he braked late, to get the position back. Jehan's excellent racing caused Schumacher to make a couple of mistakes. This allowed Jehan room to breathe. He continued his intelligent drive to increase the gap and crossed the line 0.894 seconds ahead of Schumacher, to earn a really well deserved third place. Brazilian Felipe Drugovich won the race ahead of Callum Ilott.

up in the FIA Formula 3 Championship last year. He earns his maiden FIA Formula 2 podium, in his first season in the ultra-competitive championship, which has seen fifteen other racers stand on the podium! Jehan's achievement is also the first podium, by an Indian in the current iteration of the FIA Formula 2 Championship. Here's wishing Jehan the very best to continue and better his wins in future races, and bring even more pride to the nation and the community!

Jehan was the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner

The F2 season moved to Sakhir, Bahrain for the last 2 rounds of the F2 championship, and Jehan immediately showed his pace in the only practice session. In the last fifteen minutes, Jehan posted a lap time of 1:42.782 to go fastest. With just 5 minutes left, Nikita Mazepin of Russia, went faster by a mere 0.122.

Qualifying threatened to completely undo all of Jehan's efforts. He faced traffic on his quick laps, which allowed him to post a time, only quick enough for eighth on the grid, 2 places ahead of Championship leader, Mick Schumacher. Callum Ilott of Great Britain earned another pole position.

The 22-year-old Indian Zoroastrian emerged from the pits down in 18<sup>th</sup> place but reeled of a series of quick laps to climb up the order. He gained more positions as others pitted and was running sixth by lap 19 of the 32-lap race. Jehan soon

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### THE PARSEE GIRLS' SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of The Parsee Girls' School Association will be held via a ZOOM call on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020, at 4.00 p. m., to transact the following business: -

1. To confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
2. To adopt the Report of the Managing Committee regarding the working of the Association for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.
3. To approve and pass the Audited Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Statement for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020.
4. To elect members of the Managing Committee who retire by rotation and being eligible for re-election, offer themselves for the same.
5. To induct new Managing Committee members
6. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.
7. Any other competent business with the permission of the Chair.

Members desirous of attending this meeting, may send an email to [bengalleeschool@yahoo.co.in](mailto:bengalleeschool@yahoo.co.in). The link will be mailed one day prior to the meeting.

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The Parsee Girls' School Association

### 2nd Year Death Anniversary



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In loving and sacred memory of  
Late Khorshed Piroze Khan  
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My lovely wife, not a day goes by when my heart does not shatter at your absence in my life. I pray that you have found eternal peace in heaven. Dear, I believe love is beyond life and death, so our connection would be eternal.

My wife was the sweetest woman in all the time. To this day, I grieve her loss. I am sure she is in a better place. She is no longer in this world; she will always stay alive in my fondest memories. There are no goodbyes for us wherever you are you will always be in my heart. You are alive through my prayers and wishes, so rest peacefully. Remembering you is easy I do it every day. Missing you is heartache that never goes away.

We will always cherish the beautiful memories you shared with us. No words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are remarkably close in every thought and prayer.

I know you are up in Heaven and I hope you realize, how much you are loved by all those you left behind. I think about you all the time. There is not a day when I do not think of you and the love you had shown towards me. You are forever alive in my heart. Having to part ways with you was heartbreaking. But there is comfort in the fact that someday we shall meet again. Losing you is my biggest regret and I miss you every day. May your soul rest in peace!

**Forever loving husband Piroze**

**Children:** Kekky, Anita, Hutoxi, Kayomarz, Rummy, Yasmin, Burzin and Havovi

**Grand Children:** Jehangir, Sheryl, Jimi, Arshee, Shiroy, Jenai, Hushad and Zeenia

**Great Grandchildren:** Johan, Sarah and Ariana



# Mah Bokhtar Mah Yazad Beresad May The Blessings Of The Gentle Beatific Moon Shower Upon Us! (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.

Man has discovered that the magnetic pull of the moon causes the ebb and flow of the tides of the sea. Indian astrology is based on the lunar calendar and the influence of the moon is considered stronger than the sun, due to its proximity to our planet.

Even though we may perceive ourselves as individuals, we are really just tiny particles of a composite universe. This is amply demonstrated by the powers

the features of a cow. The status of Mah Bokhtar is equal to that of an Ameshaspand, the co-workers of Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda, who are in charge of the seven different realms of existence.

The cyclical waxing and waning of the moon, which spans across fifteen days, is a very special rhythm. We now know that this is related to the shadow of the earth falling on the moon, but the scriptures state that the moon



There is something incredibly magical and magnetic about the moon. I have very often been so lost in admiring the moon as I walk on the road that I have tripped over my own legs and fallen. This has never deterred me from soaking in its gentle rays. Every so often, I wake up at night and find the light of the moon streaming in through my window. Many times have I rested my head on that spot on the floor to admire its serene light and fallen asleep under it. It is a very special connection that I feel with this satellite of our planet.

of us reciting our prayers and promptly feeling the benefits of their vibrations. Each of these are related to some or the other aspect of nature or the universe. The 'Mah Bokhtar Nyaish' and the 'Mah Yasht' are litanies of dedication to the moon.

According to the words in Dinbai's book that describe the moon, "a beautiful mirror, giver of gentle light, the face of the Divine Cow". Like Bahman Ameshaspand, Mah Bokhtar is the creator of the *goshpand* (cattle). It is also stated that all the Ameshaspands, Mohor Yazad and Mah Bokhtar have

submits the blessings of the earth and the good deeds done by mankind to the Asho Pak Ravan - the departed souls, who are themselves beings of brightness.

During the stage when it is waxing (growing), it bestows the blessings of abundance of livelihood upon all living beings, especially the ones who regularly recite this Nyaish / Yasht. During the night, its gentle light takes on the blessings of the country and during its waxing, submits it to the country. The light of the moon is a gentle and tender light that does not hurt the

# A Robust And Virile Race Cannot Be Reared In The Slums

*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.*

Life seldom gives as much as we want. Often it gives us less than what we deserve. To many it gives not anything at all. The poor live a life of grinding toil. By day and by night they work to keep starvation at bay. Ill-clad, ill-fed, and ill-housed, they wear out their bodies and work out their hearts. Born and bred in low estate, they grow in anguish. Poverty suppresses intelligence and paralyzes worth.



Life to them is a prolonged agony between the cradle and the grave.

Often do the rich forget that they are the trusted stewards of their riches and they have to help the poor to ameliorate their condition. When they, the epicures, feast satiety and drain the cup of pleasure, the poor, like hungry dogs that slink about the villages, stand in need of the barest necessities of life and cannot quell the hunger of the hungry.

The neglected and castaways of society are crippled and they cannot walk without crutches. The sun may shine bright, fresh earth may shed odor, trees may grow luxuriant, and birds may sing merrily, but the helpless and the poor weep and moan and sigh and seek relief in crying aloud and beating their breasts.

Life to many is an incessant struggle against poverty. Slump throws many out of work. They borrow money at usurious rates. They fall into the depths of degrading poverty. The orphans and the waifs and strays live in squalor of slums. Born in misery, they die in misery. Weary souls seek their rest in wells and rivers.

Man may fail to care for the poor, but Thou, Ahura Mazda, dost never. Thou dost ever help those that are without means of sustenance through no fault of theirs. I will help and greet such of Thy poor. In greeting them, I greet Thee. I serve Thee best, when I serve Thy poor and the down-trodden, that are forsaken of men, Ahura Mazda.

## RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Nirangdin Ceremony At Wadiaji Atashbehram

A Nirangdin Ceremony will be performed at Wadiaji Atashbehram on Friday, 11th December, 2020 (Roj Zamyad, Mah Tir) at midnight, conducted in memory of Late Goolcher Er. Jehanbux Tata, by their daughter Khurshid and son-in-law Dinshaw Variyava.

eye, much like the brilliance of Bahman Ameshaspand, which is gentle upon all living beings.

Just like Vohu Mano, the effect of Mah Bokhtar is also deeply related to the mind. Therefore, it is advised that when you or a loved one is

deeply distressed or has a wavering mind, it is very beneficial to recite the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish for such a person. The peace and tranquillity of the moon will permeate the mind, that is the power of this prayer.



## 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. 6; Lucky Card: Lovers):** You could be in for some sudden travel plans. Love is in the air. Enjoy the romantic month but do not lose all practicality. You need to learn to control your emotions and concentrate more on your work and career. Remember that charity begins at home so stay grounded. You are advised to donate food to needy.

**February (Lucky No. 3; Lucky Card: Empress):** Health will be good. This is an excellent month for your finances – they will peak. You are blessed by the Divine Mother this month. Come out of isolation. Accept new challenges. Be happy. Don't stop taking risks based on past experiences. Remember that every day is a new day.

**March (Lucky No. 2; Lucky Card: High Priestess):** Learn to shoulder your responsibilities. You need to stop day-dreaming and be more practical. This is a great time for students born in March. Take care of your health. This phase will mark the completion or the end of a certain situation in your life.

**April (Lucky No. 10; Lucky Card: Justice):** You need to clear out all your confusions. Don't fight. Stop complaining about the things you feel are missing in your life, and instead, be grateful for and enjoy all that you are blessed with. There would be no financial stress.

**May (Lucky No. 21; Lucky Card: World):** This is the time to take the world in your stride. A very prosperous time awaits you. You are advised to drink water from a silver glass – this will help clear the confusions. This is a great time for ladies who wish to start a family.

**June (Lucky No. 5; Lucky Card: Hierophant):** This is an auspicious and lucky time for those looking for a life partner. This month will prove to be a great month for you in all areas of life. You could be looking to making commitments - in personal relationships or in business. You need to rise above your feeling of being neglected. You could buy new property or renovate the old one.

**July (Lucky No. 11; Lucky Card: Wheel of Fortune):** You need to be confident. You are blessed with the resilience and capacity to even tame a lion! This is a karmic phase for you, so keep in mind - as you sow, so shall you reap. Don't ignore a backache – give it adequate medical attention. Take care of your health. Beware of back stabbers.

**August (Lucky No. 8; Lucky Card: Strength):** This is the time to start afresh. You could be looking at new beginnings. This is the perfect time to start a new venture. Be careful to see through situations and keep in mind that everything that glitters is not gold. Try to break out of any delusions you hold. You're advised to seek expert advice on financial matters.

**September (Lucky No. 19; Lucky Card: Sun):** This is a good month to spend quality time with family. Financially, you could look forward to a very fruitful month ahead. Enjoy the rainbow of happiness, love, laughter and joy. Don't think too much. Try to move on in a stable speed – stay moderate on all matters.

**October (Lucky No. 1; Lucky Card: Magician):** This is the time for you to spread your wings and expand your horizons. You could be looking to start business with a multinational company. Don't give in to getting stuck on a certain thought or incident of the past. Resolve to move on. You need to focus more on the implementation of your plans.

**November (Lucky No. 17; Lucky Card: Star):** You are inwardly aware of where your destiny lies, but are in search of the path to get you there. Don't move fast. Relax, think and then move. This is the time for you to balance the situation. A little juggling would be required. You could get impacted by an unexpected development, but keep in mind that this will ultimately be for your betterment. Happy times galore await you ahead!

**December (Lucky No. 4; Lucky Card: Emperor):** Learn to follow your intuitions. You could feel a little upset, but garner your confidence which will help you seek out the right path for you. Remember - nothing but change is permanent. Accept this truth. You will receive the blessings of your Divine Guru.

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Or collect the Application Forms from the Trust office at Fort, Mumbai On Monday & Friday between 1p.m. to 4p.m.

Or the School office at Bund Garden, Pune.

On the following dates – Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Between 08:30 a.m. and 01:30 p.m.

The duly filled in Applications forms must reach the School office (Pune) by Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

Eligibility age criteria for admission to Nursery – Child completing 3 years 'on' or 'before' 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

For queries regarding admission to other classes, kindly contact -020-26164104 (School Office), Timings – 08:30 a.m. to 01:30 p.m. (Monday to Friday) 022-22622105 (Trust Office) Timings – 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. (Monday & Friday)

## The Alexandra Girls' English Institution The Legacy Continues

The Alexandra Girls' English Institution, founded in 1863 by Manockjee Cursetjee with its mission, "to give an all-round education to our girls and equip them with skills to enable them to take their rightful place in society as contributing citizens with ease and confidence", has been securing cent percent results year after year at the SSC Board Examination, with virtually all students securing distinction and first class marks.

In the March 2020 examination 20 students secured over 90% marks, whilst 46 students secured between 75% to 89% marks and only 6 students between 60% to 74% marks. Along with regular academic subjects, the school also emphasises on several co-curricular activities

including Speech and Drama, Singing and Music, Judo, Eco Club, Ballet, Bharatnatyam, Literary and Debating Society, Girl Guiding, etc. The school has a fully equipped computer laboratory coupled with smart class computers in each class and animated Pre-Primary class rooms. It's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), established in 1956 before it was made mandatory, is probably the oldest in Mumbai, and its Ex-students' Association was founded in 1940.

The school boasts of several alumni who have made a mark for themselves - the most famous including feisty freedom fighter - Madam Bhikhaiji Cama; as also Dr. Firuza Parikh - a pioneer in Pre-Implementation Genetic Screening, serving as Director, Department of

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May the legacy of education continue in this fine temple of learning!



# Do Challenges Make Us Better or Bitter?



**NOSHIR H. DADRAWALA**

“Fire is the test of gold; adversity, of strong men.”  
- Seneca, Greek philosopher

Never is strong leadership more needed than in a crisis. To say that the more than three and a half centuries old Bombay Parsi Punchayet is presently in a crisis would be an understatement. It is riddled with needless controversies and avoidable litigations. Often mountains are made of a mole-hill, thanks to vindictiveness and cussedness on the part of some of the trustees (past and present) of this hallowed institution or their cronies outside it.

Indeed, how much more creatively, effectively and harmoniously this Board could function if it decides not to adopt a confrontational attitude! Almost every trustee is labeled, some more derogatorily than others. It's time for our leaders to rise above petty prejudices and look at leaders having differing ideologies with a modicum of respect and understanding.

Infosys' N R Narayana Murthy's belief, “A leader is an agent of change, and progress is about change”, echoes Robert F Kennedy's famous quote - “Progress is a nice word; but change is its motivator.” Unfortunately, in our so-called ‘enlightened’ community the word, ‘change’ is a dirty word! Let me clarify that I use the term ‘change’ in the ‘socio-economic’ and not in the ‘religious’ context. Sadly, change spells anathema to some of our leaders. However, some policies do require rethinking, keeping in mind, first - the regulatory laws; second - the objects of the trust; and finally - some stark financial realities...

Were the *Baug*s built for the rich or the poor and deserving? Can any and all these apartments be auctioned or sold or is there a middle path where only premium flats are sold selectively on a case-to-case basis, keeping in mind financial challenges? Is housing a



community entitlement? How are other communities, particularly minority communities addressing housing, educational, medical and its other needs?

At every election, prospective candidates talk about group medical insurance and transparency and accountability and accessibility. Why are promises made only to be broken? It is sad and frustrating to see myself approving who can be given permission to repair his or her apartment during the unlocking phase, rather than discussing major repairs of entire buildings and properties or re-development, where the possibility exists.

Are trustees supposed to be ‘managers’ or function as a ‘governing board’? Forget management, the Board

that ‘Leadership’ is about raising the aspirations of the people we serve and enthusing them with a desire to reach for the stars. It is about creating a worthy dream and helping people achieve it. Robert Kennedy summed up leadership best when he said, “Others see things as they are and wonder why; I see them as they are not and say why not?”

But, to think outside the box takes courage and while those with a political bent of mind will have an eye on the next election, it's only statesmen who will have a eye on the next generation and think in terms of what lasting legacy to leave for them.

A leader has to raise the confidence of the people he serves. He should make them understand that tough times are part of life and that they will come



loves ‘micro managing’! Naturally, because that is easier and keeps your voters happy. During the 2015 elections, one fellow Parsi told me, “When my roof was leaking or the sewage pipe had burst, trustee XYZ was on the spot!” I countered, “Isn't there an estate department with really senior and experienced people to ‘manage’ this?”. But my argument cut no ice with the starry-eyed voter.

As a trustee, I have come to realize

out better at the end of it. He has to sustain their hope, and their energy levels to handle difficult times. In any organization the leader has to create hope. He has to create a plausible vision for a better future for the organization and everyone should be able to see the rainbow and catch a part of it. However, this requires creating trust in people. And to create trust, the leader has to subscribe to a value system: a protocol for behavior that enhances the confidence, commitment and

enthusiasm of the people.

Leaders have to walk the talk and demonstrate their commitment to a value system. Mahatma Gandhi said, “We must become the change we want to see in the world.” Trust and confidence can only exist where there is a premium on transparency and accountability. The leader has to create an environment where every stake-holder of the BPP, from the poorest beneficiary to the junior-most employee feels secure enough to be able to disclose his or her mistakes, and resolves to improve.

The BPP is a PUBLIC Charitable Trust and all its records including accounts should be freely available for inspection to any and every stake-holder. I have always believed that if your linen is clean, hang it out to dry in the sun for the entire world to see.

My practice sees me advising numerous charities and I am part of the Boards of some of the biggest trusts, both in India and abroad. However, what I observe and experience in the BPP Board Room (and now on Zoom calls) makes me squirm. The infighting has reached a nadir. Most meetings are unproductive and some even counter-productive!

While concluding I do have a sad confession to make. When I was elected as trustee my daily prayer was, “*Ahura Mazda help me change things for the better at BPP and for the community*”. After five years in that seat, my daily prayer now is, “*Ahura Mazda help me not to change into the person that most succumb into becoming after getting elected!*”

I do wish things could be better. However, I would indeed be failing in my duty if at this point of time I do not thank some of my critics, both within and without the BPP, for making me stronger and even more resolute than ever before. Fortunately, the challenges I face at the BPP have helped make me better and not bitter. When I see standards fall, I tell myself, “*I must make sure, I keep my standards high.*” When I see acrimony all around, I tell myself that I must be the instrument of peace. Most attempts at brokering peace have failed. But, try we must.

*Honour and shame from no conditions rise,  
Act well your part; There all honour lies!*



## Dilshad Billimoria Posnock Performs For US VP Elect - Kamala Harris

It was a rare and prestigious moment of honour for Parsi musician, Mumbai-born flautist - Dilshad (Billimoria) Posnock - for being selected as one of the only two performers in a musical tribute, to the recently elected US Vice President Elect - Kamala Harris. The tribute was organised by 'Classical Movements' - a concert tour company, which promotes cultural diplomacy through music. A recording of the tribute can be viewed on YouTube under: 'A Musical Tribute to Kamala Harris'.



Born into a musical family, Dilshad's musical training started at age 5 on the piano; and she took up the flute when she was 10 years old. A lack of recognised flute teachers in Mumbai had Dilshad self-learning by reading manuals on flute studies. On securing a high distinction in the Grade 8 exams of The Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music, Dilshad got admission into the Royal College of Music, London, on a scholarship - a rare accomplishment for a self-taught student.

During her second year, she was invited to perform at the Commonwealth Observance Service in Westminster Abbey, in the presence of Queen Elizabeth II and the Heads of Commonwealth nations. On graduating and completing her studies at the Royal College,

she was awarded the prestigious Tagore Gold Medal for the Most Deserving Student Of The Year. She then proceeded to the United States where she was admitted on a scholarship to the Carnegie Mellon School of Music for a Master's Degree to study with Jeanne Baxtresser - world-renowned flute teacher and former Principal Flute of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, under Maestro Zubin Mehta.

Dilshad's parents are accomplished pianists and her brother, Farhad, is the Concert Master of a German orchestra. The siblings are familiar figures to Mumbai's regular concertgoers. Before leaving India to pursue their musical ambitions, they often performed in solo recitals and also as members of the Bombay Chamber Orchestra. They have since returned several

times since to perform at the NCPA in Mumbai and in other Indian cities. In 2019, they were invited by Nirupama Rao, former Ambassador for India to the USA and other countries, to join a newly formed South Asian Symphony Orchestra, comprising musicians of South Asian origin - to promote friendship between the countries of the region through music. Dilshad is Principal Flute of the orchestra and Farhad is its Concertmaster.

Dilshad presently lives in Brevard, North Carolina, USA, with her husband, Jason, also a musician and Concertmaster of the Asheville Symphony Orchestra, along with her two children, Max and Lylah. She is a freelance performer and teaches flute and World Music at the Brevard College.

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## WZCC's WEBINAR WATCH

Parsi Times brings you the weekly schedule of WZCC's Webinars which have been conducted through the epidemic and have greatly benefitted community members worldwide, with their insightful, informative and highly beneficial sessions, with speakers who are authorities in their respective fields. Our very own tech-guru, Yazdi Tantra has been holding a series of Zoom Meetings online on Technology for the layman, under the title 'TantraTech'. You can attend these at: <https://bit.ly/yazdizoom>. (Past recordings available at: <https://bit.ly/yazdiyoutube>.)

### 'THE MARKET PLACE- A VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM FOR CHARITY' [Bangalore Chapter]

**When:** December 6th - 13th, 2020 **Time:** 5:00 pm onwards (IST)

A week-long extravaganza of events on the Zoom platform, aimed at fund raising and youth mentoring.

**Contact:** Shernaz Siganporia ([s.rsiganporia@gmail.com](mailto:s.rsiganporia@gmail.com), [themarketplace@gmail.com](mailto:themarketplace@gmail.com))

### 'A NOVELIST'S JOURNEY TO A MID-LIFE CAREER CHANGE - 'Murder in South Bombay' by Nawaz Merchant' [New York Chapter]

**When:** 6th December, 2020 **Time:** 8:30 pm - 10:00pm (IST)

**Speakers:** Nawaz Merchant in conversation with Lila Sidhwa

**Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/8487251418>

**Contact:** Ushta Canteenwalla ( [ushta1@gmail.com](mailto:ushta1@gmail.com) ) / Natalie Gandhi ( [nvania@encouragenewbiz.com](mailto:nvania@encouragenewbiz.com) )

### 'MINIMUM VIABLE PRODUCT: WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAKE A START' [Sydney Chapter]

**When:** 11th December, 2020 **Time:** 7:30 am - 8:30 am (IST)

**Speakers:** Perzen Patel

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87432008624?pwd=K010Zm5hU2lYTXQ4U2UyemxtOTtjQT09>

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## Shahpur F. Captain Passes Away



ZTFE Past President and one of the founding leaders of the World Zoroastrian Organization in the United Kingdom, Shahpur Framroze Captain, passed away peacefully at his home in Wilmington, Kent, on 1st December, 2020 (Mah Tir, Roj Rashne). His Uthamna and Charam prayers were performed at the Zoroastrian Centre at the WZO House.

A much loved and respected Zarthosti, Shahpur Captain was known for his largesse, humanitarianism and for his selfless services across the Global Zarthusti community. He had recently celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on 1st November, 2020. He is survived by his wife - Inderjit Chhabra and daughter - Armaiti Bedford, to whom we convey our sincere condolences, on behalf of the Community.

Numerous tributes in praise of his dedication and generosity have been written in his honour. The following are a few excerpts from some of the tributes that celebrate and honour the life and times of Shahpur Framroze Captain...

*"Shahpur served the Zoroastrian community in the UK and globally for over 60 years. He was elected to the ZTFE Managing Committee in the 1960s during the presidency of Jehangirji D. Moos. As a practising Chartered Accountant, Shahpur was quickly appointed (Hon) Treasurer - youngest Treasurer of the ZTFE. Shahpur was elected ZTFE President in 1977 after Dr. (Mrs) Shirinbanoo S. Kutar stepped down. Prior to him being elected President, he held various positions including (Hon) Secretary and Vice President. Shahpur stepping down as ZTFE President in 1986. May Shahpur's soul rest in Garothman. May his Fravashi inspire others to dedicate themselves to serving the Zoroastrian community."*

**- Malcolm M. Deboo, ZTFE President.**

*"Our dear Shahpur was introduced to us by our aunt Ruby Contractor in 1983 when they visited India with others to create awareness about the establishment of WZO. Since then our friendship with Shahpur blossomed into a very close and fulfilling relationship. It was Shahpur's vision that WZO undertake community welfare work in India and it was solely due to his enthusiasm, support and guidance that we took the first tentative steps to establish the WZO Trusts in India. It was our good fortune that in the initial years we had Shahpur to fall back on whenever we needed guidance and support. He regularly visited India once every year till 2007 to visit with us, villages in Gujarat, meet beneficiaries and view the transformation taking place in their lives. The humble Parsi farmers remember Shahpur even at present and consider him to be one of their benefactors. Their prayers will resonate with those of many others for the smooth transition of his soul from the physical to spiritual realms."*

**- Bachi and Dinshaw Tamboly, Chairman, WZO Trust Funds**

*"FEZANA is saddened to hear about the passing away of Shahpur Captain, past-Chairman and one of the founding leaders of the World Zoroastrian Organization in the United Kingdom. Shahpur Captain was a dear friend of FEZANA and we join the community in passing our condolences to his family, and to WZO. Garothman Behest Shahpurji."*

**- FEZANA**

## Hyderabad Parsis Resort To Tech For Last Rites



The dwindling number of vultures in Hyderabad has resulted in its 1,200-strong Parsi community turning to technology for the last rites of its dearly departed, according to state news agencies. To speed up the decomposition of corpses, Hyderabad's Tower of Silence, located in Parsi Gutta, has installed a solar concentrator which focuses the sun's rays onto the bodies.

The Parsi community hopes that the 8,000-year-old tradition of leaving the bodies to nature's elements will see a revival, once the number of vultures increases, as this is a speedier process compared to the solar panel based system which depends on the intensity and extent of the sunshine.

Meanwhile, the Union government's Action Plan for Vulture Conservation (APVC) 2020-25 for the next five years includes prevention of poisoning of cattle carcasses, the principal food of vultures, enhancement of conservation breeding programmes in the country, regular monitoring of vultures across the country, enhancing the vulture safe zone network by creating at least one vulture safe zone in each State and continuing to work on existing efforts of vulture

safe zones.

As most vultures die after consuming carcasses of animals that were administered painkillers such as Diclofenac, a veterinary non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAIDs), the Centre plans to stop the misuse and overuse of NSAIDs by regulating its sale only against prescription and ensuring that all treatment of livestock is done by qualified veterinarians. Scientific management of dumping of carcasses was also suggested. Vultures consume dead animals when they were left in the open. If the animals died because of synthetic pesticides, then vultures or scavenging birds, feeding on it will die around the carcass. If the carcasses have toxic NSAID residue, the birds would die within one week.

In addition to the eight existing conservation breeding centres in the country, establishment of five more centres was suggested, one each in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Tripura. The founder stock for these centres has to be obtained from the existing VCBCs (Vulture Conservation Breeding Centres) in India.

*"Shahpur truly had a heart of a gold for providing humanitarian services to our Global Zarthusti community as well as humanity. His dedicated service to ZTFE and WZO (as the Founding President and Chairman) was selfless. May Ahura Mazda bless his soul with everlasting peace as he now resides in the realm of eternal life, and give his family the solace to bear this loss."*

**- Meher Amalsad, Founder - Iranshah Initiative.**

*"I had known Shahpurji for over three decades. He had strong qualities of leadership and was sincere, meticulous and passionate about everything he took on in life. He was always helpful to those who sought his guidance or assistance."*

**- BPP Trustee Noshir Dadrawala.**



# PM Modi Impressed With SII Facility

## SII To Apply For Emergency Use Of Covid Vaccine In 2 Weeks



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who carried out a three-city visit to get a “first-hand perspective of the preparations, challenges and roadmap in India’s endeavour to vaccinate its citizens,” on 28th November, 2020, spent over an hour at Pune’s Serum Institute of India (SII), headed by Dr. Cyrus and Adar Poonawala. SII has partnered with AstraZeneca and University of Oxford to manufacture the Covishield Vaccine and is currently conducting the phase 3 trials of this vaccine candidate.

79-year-old Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla, Chairman of the Poonawalla Group, along with son Adar, the CEO of Serum Institute of India, and his daughter-in-law, Natasha, welcomed the Prime Minister to the Institute. PM Modi interacted with the scientists at SII and visited the vaccine manufacturing facility at Manjari. He interacted with top scientists to better understand how the scale-up is done and the production capacity is, asking after the status of the trial and also inquiring how the government could help in the effort.

Dr. Cyrus Poonawalla, said, “It was an excellent visit. The Prime Minister was highly impressed with the manufacturing facility at Serum Institute and asked us to come out with the vaccine at the earliest,” as per news reports. Adar Poonawalla expressed his admiration for the PM’s comprehension about vaccines, saying, “We have built the largest

pandemic-level facility in Pune and a new campus in Manjari. It was also shown to the Prime Minister with a tour around the facility and a lot of detailed discussions... Prime Minister is knowledgeable about vaccines and vaccine production... We were amazed. We discussed in brief the pros and cons of different vaccines that are out there.”

PM Modi later tweeted about his visit to the SII as, “Had a good interaction with the team at Serum Institute of India. They shared details about their progress so far on how they plan to further ramp up vaccine manufacturing. Also took a look at their manufacturing facility.” To which Adar Poonawalla responded with the tweet, “Thank you @narendramodi for visiting @SerumInstIndia. We share your vision and continue to work towards ensuring a safe and secure India.”

Briefly after the PM’s visit, Adar Poonawalla announced that SII would be seeking permission for Emergency Use Authorization of ‘Covishield’ in the next two weeks. He said that SII was focused on supplying vaccines to India first. “It is very important we take care of our country first, then go on to Covax after that and then other bilateral deals with countries. So, I’ve kept it in that priority. As of now, we don’t have anything in writing with the government of India on how many doses they will purchase but the indication is that it would be 300-400 million doses by July

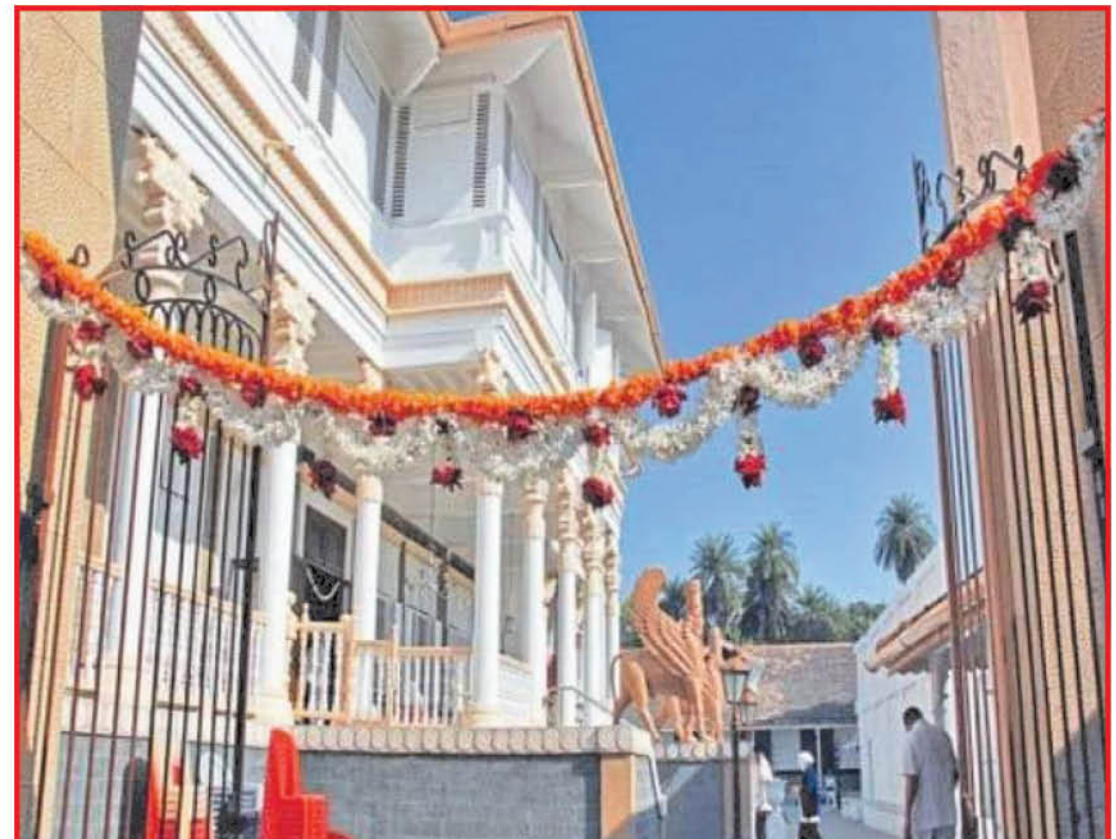
2021. We are manufacturing 50-60 million doses per month. After January it will be 100 million doses. We are in the process of applying in the next two weeks for the emergency use,” he told reporters.

Giving the vaccine candidate a solid vote of confidence, Adar said, “This vaccine is a very good one. What we found with Covishield in its global trial is there were zero hospitalisations, which means even if you do get infected you’re not going to have a severe attack and secondly even those who got



the disease were not infecting others. At the moment the trials were more than enough

for the efficacy. We might look at doing trials on group less than 18 years of age later on.”



**Fasli Iranshah Salgreh:** 24th November, 2020 marked the Fasli salgreh of Pak Iranshah Atashbehram in Udvada (Adar Mah Adar Roj – Fasli Calendar). A Hama Anjuman Machi was offered to the sacred Iranshah in the Havan Geh. This was followed by a Jashan, led by Vada Dasturji of Iranshah Udvada – Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor.



## Kudos To Dr. Persis Doodhwala

In the recent 'Swachhata Sarvekshan Survey' conducted by the Surat Municipal Corporation across all zones of Surat, the 'Kadiwala Maternity Home and Urban Health Centre', ably managed by Dr. Persis Homi (Mevawala) Doodhwala, bagged the prestigious 'Swachhata Sarvekshan Award - 2020', in the central zone of Surat, alongside two other private hospitals. What makes winning this award commendable is that this maternity home is a corporation run hospital, as compared to the other recipients of the award which are private hospitals. In fact, Kadiwala Maternity Home had bagged the 'Clean Hospital' award in the previous year as well!



Having completed her schooling and MBBS from Jamshedpur, Dr. Persis topped her post-graduation in Obstetric

infected with this virus but rejoined her duty on recovery. Her remarkable dedication during the pandemic saw the Surat Municipal Corporation honouring her with an extension post her retirement, where she continues to treat patients.



Dr. Persis is married to senior surgeon in Surat, Dr. Homi Doodhwala, who pioneered a corporation medical college in 2000 and currently serves as a Trustee of the Surat Parsi Panchayat. She has two sons - Sarosh who is a commercial pilot and instructor and Dr. Cyrus, who works as RMO in one of Surat's leading hospitals.

and Gynecology from GMCS, Surat. She has participated in numerous national Health programs on behalf of Surat Municipal Corporation and is known for her long-standing practice in successfully treating patients with sterility.

Here's congratulating Dr. Persis on her good work, which brings pride to our community!

A Corona warrior, she herself got

## It's 'Safety First' As Tata Motors Bubble-wraps Cars For Delivery



In order to ensure safety and precaution during the pandemic, Tata Motors has come up with a unique plan of delivering fully sanitized cars inside bubble wraps to customers.

provide car owners an additional level of safety. Products included air purifier, air filter and sanitisation kits comprising hand sanitiser, N95 masks, hand gloves, safety touch key, tissue box, mist diffuser and more.

Tata Motors shared a few examples of its initiative on social media, where cars are seen inside the 'Safety Bubble' before they are handed over to the customers. Tata Motors Twitter handle share how the new cars "are shielded from germs while they await you at our dealerships."

Earlier in April too, the carmaker had launched its digital, contactless buying program 'Click to Drive' during the first phase of the nationwide lockdown, which aimed to give prospective customers the option of buying cars from the company using digital means. It integrated 750 outlets across the country into one online platform and offered the option to get new cars delivered at home.

Other safety initiatives taken by Tata Motors includes launching a range of health and hygiene accessories in August this year, designed to

## WAPIZ Promotes Self-Sustenance By Distributing Free Sewing Machines

On 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2020, Community service organisation WAPIZ, under the able leadership of its CEO - Anahita Desai, distributed fifteen brand-new Singer Sewing Machines free, to under-privileged community members, to support their families. Earlier in the month, on 23<sup>rd</sup> November, WAPIZ had shared a WhatsApp message asking community

members who could benefit from the use of the sewing machine as a means of income from it, to connect with them.

Within 24 hours they received 32 requests! "We will go through the requests and prioritise giving to the truly needy and deserving. We are also trying to get additional funds for more sewing machines so that we don't disappoint other deserving applicants," Anahita Desai CEO, WAPIZ, had stated.



Speaking to Parsi Times, Anahita Desai said, "It was the donor's idea to give sewing machines to deserving Parsis. The donor wishes to remain anonymous. Helping persons to earn a living, supplement their family income and thereby, become self-sufficient, is much better than handing out doles or monetary help. This enhances their self-



esteem and also infuses a sense of confidence in them in their ability to take care of themselves and their families."

As the CEO of WAPIZ, as well as in her capacity as a Zarthosti



who has dedicated the greater part of her adult life to community service, Anahita Desai truly sets the precedent for all community members to reach out and help fellow Parsis. Much gratitude and kudos to Anahita Desai!





**BINAISHA M. SURTI**

# Don't Forget To Visit The Serene Udvada Lake On Your Next Trip!

Numerous community members repeatedly flock to our tiny, quaint and peaceful village of Udvada, our sanctum sanctorum and holiest of holy place of pilgrimage, to seek blessings and inspiration from the venerated Iranshah, to eat delicious Parsi cuisine and take a break from our everyday, fast-paced and hectic lives. This small, sleepy town welcomes you with open arms, offers positivity galore which recharges the soul, and each time, gives something special to take back home, as lovely, lasting memories.

During our stay in Udvada, we usually like to step out in the evenings and drive down to or visit near-by visitor attractions like Udvada Beach, Silvasa, Devka, Kolak, Daman and so on. But not many are aware of a gorgeous and alluring location that has been painstakingly developed at Udvada - the beautified Udvada Lake. This large project was undertaken by Smriti Zubin Irani, Union Minister of Textiles and Minister of Women and Child Development, through the Aadarsh Gaam Yojna Scheme 2017-18, costing Rs. 2,57,94,600/-. The project was initiated by Vada Dasturji of Iranshah - Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor, who is also the Zoroastrian Member in the National Commission for Minorities and the Chairman of Foundation for Development of Udvada (FDU).

A fabulous concept - the promenade built around the lake covers a large area, which is just behind the water filter



station. The lake's beauty and serenity can be absorbed by all tourists. The walking and jogging track contributes towards the wellness of people's health, while the abundant flora and plant life around the place provides ample oxygen supply. The area around Udvada Lake is a haven for bird watchers.

One is highly recommended to partake of these simple but extremely fulfilling pleasures that nature gifts us by visiting the lake area when in Udvada. It truly energises you internally and soothes your mind and body with calmness making for great relaxation.

Speaking to Parsi Times about the genesis of the beautification of Udvada



Lake, Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor said, "The lake has been there for ages but hardly ever noticed. Once during a visit, we had to dig the lake deeper so that we could store more water. Standing there with the Gram Panchayat, I thought that since this is such a lovely and beautiful place, why not make its surroundings better? We wanted to

make it attractive and accommodating for people to visit and take in the beauty, sit in peace and also take a walk. The original idea was conceptualized in 2007-08 but it didn't work out then. Much later, on one of her visits to Udvada, Smriti Irani showed great interest in this concept. Post our discussion, she provided funds from her MP quota, which saw the whole project come to life in 2017-18. She also paid a visit to Udvada when the

work was in progress. Now this facility is open for the welfare of the public."

The Zoroastrian residents of Udvada as also the locals visit the Udvada Lake for their daily morning walks. In fact, during the evenings, the spot draws people even from Kolak and nearby places, to take in the pleasant evening breeze and sit and chat with friends and family. It has increasingly become the favourite rendezvous for people to relax, walk a couple of rounds, and spend some quality evening time. A stall close to the lake, sells tea and snacks, which further adds to lure. "I myself go there for a walk in the mornings. We are now planning to add more stone benches so more people can come, sit and have a nice time. There is a small play-area as well for children," informs Vada Dasturji Khurshed.

Sharing a message for the community, he signs off saying, "Come and visit the place, enjoy the beauty of the lake which will make you feel very calm and relaxed, especially during early mornings or late evenings. We are trying



our best to keep Udvada environmental and eco-friendly. For my next project, we plan to build a promenade on the sea front where people can come and relax, just opposite J J Dharamsala, and I hope this too will be implemented and made available for public use, very soon. It will be a beautification and environment protection project which will help protect soil erosion and also the houses near the sea-front."

So, the next time you visit Udvada, do try and take in the beauty and the calm offered to one and all by the serene Udvada Lake.





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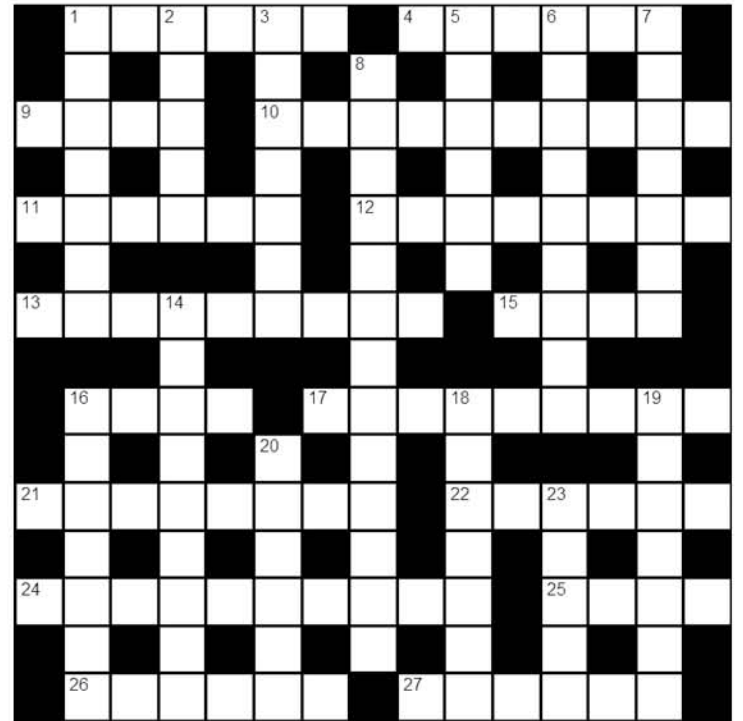
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- Horrible (9)
- Musical work (4)
- Bustles or fuss (4)

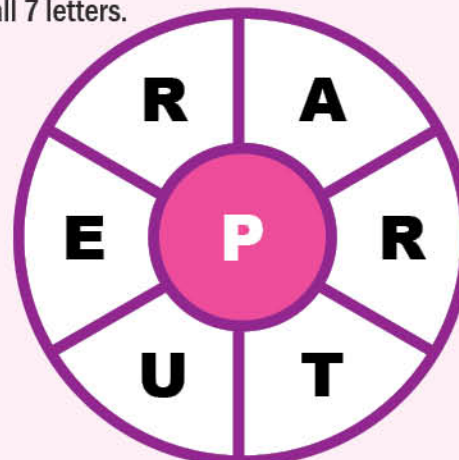
- General who served as Vice Chief of Army Staff from July 1980 to December 1982 (3,6)
- Advocate (8)
- Ill (6)
- Releasing by exploding? (7,3)
- Irish parliament (4)
- Obedient employee (3-3)
- At a great cost (6)

#### DOWN

- Horrific fire (7)
- Understood (5)
- Opportunities (7)
- Very thin (6)
- Became ruined or deteriorated (4,2,3)
- Sewing implements (7)
- Housing (13)
- One sixth of one year? (3,6)
- Fear or mental anguish (7)
- Mix up or sift through? (7)
- To make void (7)
- A rupture (6)
- Greater in width (5)

## 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 - 7 or more words  
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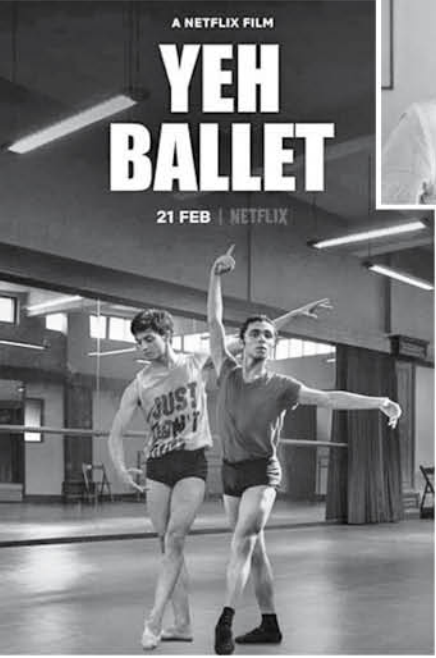
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## THE TRUTH. DELIVERED WEEKLY.

### સુની તારાપોરવાલા 'યે બેલે' ફિલ્મફેર એવોર્ડ માટે નામાંકિત: તમારા મતો ઓનલાઈન કાસ્ટ કરો !!

પારસી ટાઈમ્સ શેર કરીને આનંદ અનુભવે છે કે પદ્મશ્રી એવોર્ડ વિજેતા ફિલ્મ નિર્દેશક, સુની તારાપોરવાલાની ટીકાત્મક વખાણાયેલી



'યે બેલે'માં, તારાપોરવાલા બે યુવા નર્તકોના જીવનને અનુસરે છે - એક ટેક્સી ડ્રાઈવરનો પુત્ર અને વેલ્ડરનો પુત્ર - જેમાં તેઓ બેલે ડાન્સર્સ બનવા માટે સમાજ અને કુટુંબના દબાણને તોડીને વ્યવસાયિક બેલેના સપનાને અનુસરે છે.

બધાએ એક વાર અવશ્ય જોવી જોઈએ, જો તમે ફિલ્મની મજા માણી રહ્યા છો, તો મત આપો અને સોનીને 'બ્લેક લેડી' માટે એવોર્ડ આપવામાં આવેલો શબ્દ શેર કરો. તમારે આ લિંક પર લોગ ઈન કરવાની જરૂર છે: <https://www.filmfare.com/awards/filmfare-ott-awards-2020/vote#15> અને બેસ્ટ ફિલ્મ, વેબ ઓરિજિનલ શીર્ષક પર જાઓ અને શેર કરો.

પારસી ટાઈમ્સના માધ્યમથી સમુદાયના સભ્યો સાથે વાત કરતા સુની તારાપોરવાલા કહે છે, અમે ઘણાં હૃદયથી યે બેલે બનાવી છે. કૃપા કરીને તેના માટે મત આપીને અમને તમારો પ્રેમ બતાવો.

તો ચાલો હવે આપણે ઓનલાઈન મત આપીએ. સુની તારાપોરે પોતાની સિદ્ધિઓ અને સમુદાયના ગૌરવમાં હજી વધુ એક પીછું ઉમેર્યું છે!

### અનાહિતા દેસાઈએ 'પરત કરી' મેળવેલું ઉત્તમ ઉદાહરણ

બે દાયકાના વધુ સમયથી, સમુદાયની સેવા કરવાનો તેમનો ટ્રેક રેકોર્ડ અપવાદરૂપ રહ્યો છે. સમુદાય પ્રત્યેનું તેમનું સમર્પણ અને પ્રતિબદ્ધતા નિર્વિવાદ છે, સમુદાય સેવા પ્રત્યેનો તેમનો ઉત્સાહ અમર્યાદિત છે, કારણ કે આપણા સમુદાયના સભ્યો પ્રત્યેની તેમની કસ્ટોડિયન છે. અનાહિતા દેસાઈ વાપીઝના સીઈઓ ઉપરાંત, બીપીપી અને તેના ઘણા પ્રોજેક્ટ્સ માટે માનદ ક્ષમતામાં કામ કર્યું છે, તથા ભારતના પારસી ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન અંજુમન ફેડરેશન માટે પણ કામ કર્યું છે. તેમણે વ્યક્તિગત રીતે પણ, અસંખ્ય સમુદાય સંગઠનો અને વ્યક્તિઓની સેવા કરી છે, મદદ કરી છે અને આર્થિક સહાય કરી છે, જાણે કે તે સમુદાયની સમસ્યાનું નિરાકરણ છે.

૨૦૨૦ અનાહિતા દેસાઈ માટે પડકારોના વાજબી હિસ્સા કરતાં વધુ લાવ્યો, અને તેમ છતાં તે આ પડકારોને આગળ ધપાવે છે, તે પ્રામાણિકતા, અખંડિતતા અને દિલથી સમર્પણ સાથે સમુદાયની સેવા કરવાનું ચાલુ રાખે છે.

તાજેતરમાં, તેમણે બીપીપીનો એક ફ્લેટ પરત કર્યો. જે ફ્લેટ તેમના બ્રધર ઈન લો વાપરતા હતા અને તેમના મૃત્યુ પછી તેમણે તે ફ્લેટ પરત કર્યો હતો. એવા સમયે જ્યારે સમાજના સંખ્યાબંધ સભ્યોએ પોતાના માટે અને તેમના પરિવારના સભ્યો માટે શાબ્દિક અને સ્વાર્થી રીતે ખાલી ફ્લેટ્સ રાખવાનું પસંદ કરે છે. ત્યારે અનાહિતા અને યજ્ઞી દેસાઈએ ટ્રસ્ટ પર સંપૂર્ણ દાખલો બેસાડવાનો નિર્ણય કર્યો, આવાસ, જે માટે બનાવવામાં આવ્યું હતું અને આવાસની સાચી જરૂરિયાતવાળા પારસી માટે છે. કમનસીબે કેટલાક સમુદાયના સભ્યો આ ટ્રસ્ટના ફ્લેટ્સનો ઉપયોગ લોહિડે હોમ્સ તરીકે કરે છે. તેમના પોતાના માલિકીના ફ્લેટ્સ ભાડા પર આપે છે અને સંખ્યાબંધ લાયક પારસીઓને વંચિત રાખે છે જેઓ ટ્રસ્ટ આવાસની સારી અને સાચી જરૂરિયાત છે.

પારસી ટાઈમ્સ અનાહિતા દેસાઈની મુલાકાત લેતાં..

**પીટી:** વર્ષ ૨૦૨૦ એ વિશ્વ માટે એક મોટો પડકાર સાબિત થયો છે. શું તમે આપણા બીપીપી અધ્યક્ષ, યજ્ઞી દેસાઈની રિકવરી વિશે થોડુંક કહેશો?

**અનાહિતા દેસાઈ:** યજ્ઞીમાં સુધારો થઈ રહ્યો છે પરંતુ રિકવરીમાં ધારવા કરતા વધુ સમય લાગી રહ્યો છે. કારણ કે રોગચાળા અને લોકડાઉનને લીધે ચાર મહિનાથી તેઓ કોઈ ઉપચાર કર્યા વગર હતા.

**પીટી:** આ મુશ્કેલ સમયમાં, અને ઓછી સગવડમાં પણ તમારી અવિરત સમુદાય સેવાઓ કઈ રીતે ચાલુ રાખી શક્યા?

**અનાહિતા દેસાઈ:** હું યજ્ઞીને માટે ખુબ પરેશાન હતી. શરૂઆતના થોડા અઠવાડિયા ભાવનાત્મક અવ્યવસ્થામાં હતા અને મને ડબલ ડર મારવા લાગ્યો



એક હતું લોકડાઉન અને બીજો યજ્ઞીનો સ્ટ્રોક. મારી સ્થિતિ અતિશય તણાવપૂર્ણ હતી હું અન્ય લોકોને મદદ કરવામાં અસમર્થ હતી. પરંતુ થોડા મહિના પછી, મને સમજાયું કે મને મારા પાછલા જીવનની રૂઝિયાતમાં પાછા ફરવું હતું. બીજાને મદદ કરવી એ ખૂબ પરિપૂર્ણ છે અને તે મને કૃતજ્ઞતાની ભાવનાથી ભરી દે છે. જ્યારે તમે આપણા કેટલાક પારસીઓની દૈનિક દુર્દશા વિશે જાગૃત થશો, ત્યારે તમારી પોતાની પીડા અને પડકારોને પરિપ્રેક્ષ્યમાં મૂકવામાં આવશે.

**પીટી:** પાછલા અઠવાડિયામાં તમારા બ્રધર ઈન લોના મૃત્યુ પછી તમે ફ્લેટ પરત કર્યો તે માટે સમુદાયના સભ્યોમાં, સોશિયલ મીડિયા પર ખૂબ પ્રશંસા જાણવા મળી. તમે ક્યે કારણ ફ્લેટ પરત કરવાનું નક્કી કર્યું.

**અનાહિતા દેસાઈ:** હકીકત એ છે કે ફ્લેટને પકડી રાખવાનું શું સારું છે કે જેને આપણે હંમેશાં લોક રાખીએ અને તેને ઉપયોગમાં ન રાખીએ? જે કરવાની જરૂર છે તે કરવામાં વિલંબ કેમ કરવો? આપણા પરિવારોની લાંબી સૂચિથી અને તેમના જીવન શરૂ કરવા માટે ધરની રાહ જોતા નવયુગિત યુગલોની તીવ્રતાથી આપણે વાકેફ છે.

**પીટી:** તમે સમુદાયની સેવાઓ માટે જાણીતા છો. લોકો દેશની બહાર રહેતા હોય ત્યાં તેમના પોતાના મકાનો હોય પરંતુ તેઓ દેશના પોતાના ઘરને ભાડે આપી આવક મેળવે છે.

**અનાહિતા દેસાઈ:** આપણો એકમાત્ર સમુદાય છે જે તેના સમુદાયના સભ્યોને મફત આવાસ પૂરો પાડે છે. આ બાબત મને ખુબ શરમજનક લાગે છે જ્યારે લોકો વરસોથી વિદેશમાં રહેતા હોય અને તેઓ ફક્ત રજાઓમાં પોતાના ઘરોનો ઉપયોગ કરે અને એમજ ટ્રસ્ટના ફ્લેટોને લટકાવી રાખે છે.

વધુ માટે જુઓ પાનુ ૧૭

## ભાગ્યનું તીર

આપણે અજાણતાં કર્મના બીજ ઉત્પન્ન કરીએ છીએ અને જ્યારે અનુકૂળ સમય આવે છે ત્યારે આ અંકુર ફૂટતા હોય છે અને પોતાનું ફળ આપે છે.

કર્મ બ્રહ્માંડના સંતુલનનો એક ભાગ છે, દરેક પ્રતિક્રિયાને તેની ગતિ દ્વારા આગળ આવવા દે છે.

કર્મ કેવી રીતે કાર્ય કરે છે? તમે જેવા કર્મ કરો છો તેનું વળતર તમને મળે છે. સારા કામનું વળતર સાફ પાછું આવે છે.

કોઈ પણ મનુષ્યનું અસ્તિત્વ તેની મુશ્કેલીઓ વિના નથી. અલંકાર તેના તેની પોતાની મુશ્કેલીઓનો ઉજ્જર કરે છે. તેમ છતાં કર્મ વ્યક્તિ જે કરે છે તેના દ્વારા ખેંચાય છે, તે હકીકતમાં, જે લાંબા સમયથી વિચારે છે અને જે ભારપૂર્વક અનુભવે છે, અથવા માનસિક ધ્યાન કેન્દ્રિત કરે છે તેના દ્વારા પણ બનેલું છે. વળતરનો કાયદો તેના ઈનામો અને દંડને માનસના મન મુજબ માપતો નથી. વાતાવરણ તમને તમારા અંગત કર્મના આધારે તમારી જરૂરિયાત મુજબ આકર્ષિત કરે છે. તમને જેની જરૂર છે તે સમાજ મુજબ, જાતિ, અથવા રાષ્ટ્ર કે જેનાના તમે સદસ્ય છો, તે શું કરે છે તેની



જરૂરિયાત છે તેની માંગ કરે છે - વધુ સારી રીતે જાણીએ તો તે છે. સામૂહિક કર્મ.

કર્મ પોતાને એવી ઘટનાઓ દ્વારા વ્યક્ત કરે છે જે આકસ્મિક લાગે છે, પરંતુ તે ફક્ત સપાટી પર હોય છે.

આપણામાંના દરેક બ્રહ્માંડમાં ગાઈએ છીએ અને બ્રહ્માંડ એ જ ધૂનમાં તમને જવાબ આપે છે. કર્મ તમને મોટે ભાગે તમે જે આપ્યું તેજ તમને પાછું આપે છે.

આપણું બાહ્ય દુઃખ એ આપણી આંતરિક નિષ્ફળતાના પ્રતીકો અને લક્ષણો છે. યાદ રાખવા માટે, દરેક સ્વયં-સર્જિત દુઃખ, અનિષ્ટ ટાળી શકાય તેવું છે. ઘટનાઓ તમને કેટલી દાનિ પહોંચાડી શકે છે તે સંપૂર્ણપણે તમારા પર નિર્ભર છે.



## YOUR MOON SIGNS JANAM RASHI THIS WEEK

લખનાર: મરહુમ મહારાજ શ્રી સ્વયંજયોતિના સહકાર્યકર્તા જયેશ એમ. ગોસ્વામી

અઠવાડિક રાશિક્ષણ: તા. ૦૫.૧૨.૨૦૨૦ થી તા. ૧૧.૧૨.૨૦૨૦



### Aries - મેષ - અ.લ.ઈ.

ગુરૂની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે તમારા મનથી કોઈ ધર્મ કે ચેરીટીનું કામ કરી શકશો. અંગત વ્યક્તિને તમારાથી બનતી મદદ કરી શકશો. ગુરૂની કૃપાથી તમે નાણાકીય બાબતની અંદર મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. ઈનવીઝીબલ હેલ્થ મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. ઘરવાળા તરફથી મનને આનંદ મળે તેવા સમાચાર મળશે. ધનને બચાવતા શીખી જશો. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ૦૭, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 06, 07, 08, 09.

Jupiter's ongoing rule will have you performing religious and charitable works. You will help someone close to you to the best of your ability. You will not face any financial difficulties, with the grace of Jupiter. You could receive anonymous help. You will receive news that will make you happy, from your family members. You will learn how to save money. Pray to Sarosh Yasht daily.



### Cancer - કર્ક - ડ.હ.

બુધની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે જે કામ કરશો તેમાં ભવિષ્યમાં કેટલો ફાયદો થશે તે બાબતમાં ધ્યાન વધારે આપશો. જે પણ કમાશો તેમાં કડકસર કરી શકશો. ખોટા ખર્ચા પર કાબુ મેળવશો. રાજ્યપુશીમાં દિવસ પસાર થાય તેવા ગ્રહની દિનદશા ચાલુ છે. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૫, ૦૭, ૧૦, ૧૧ છે.

Lucky Dates: 05, 07, 10, 11.

Mercury's ongoing rule has you thinking of long term benefits when planning your current works. You will be able to save from your earnings and get a control over unnecessary expenses. The stars foretell a phase of happy existence for you. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



### Libra - તુલા - ર.ત.

૨૬મી ડિસેમ્બર સુધી ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા મનની નેક મુરાહ પુરી કરવામાં ચંદ્રની કૃપા પુરે પુરી થઈને રહેશે. ઘરમાં કોઈ સારા પ્રસંગ આવવાના ચાન્સ છે. બીજાની ભલાઈનું કામ કરવાથી તેની ભલે દુવા મેળવશો. તમારી મહેનત પ્રમાણે ધન મળી રહેશે. તમારા ઘરેલુ કામ સમય પર પુરા કરી શકશો. દરરોજ ૩૪મુ નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૫, ૦૭, ૧૦, ૧૧ છે.

Lucky Dates: 05, 07, 10, 11.

The Moon's rule till 26th December will ensure to make your sincere wishes come true. You could expect to celebrate a good occasion at home. You will receive ample blessings by helping others. Your earning will be equal to your efforts. You will be able to complete your planned works on time. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.



### Capricorn - મકર - ખ.જ.

૧૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી શુક્ર જેવા ચમકતા ગ્રહની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમે ન્યાં જશો તમારી ઈમ્પ્રેશન ખુબ સારી પડશે. વડીલવર્ગ તરફથી ફાયદો મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. તમારી પસંદગીનો જીવનસાથી મળી જશે. નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલીમાંથી બહાર આવવામાં સફળ થશો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ૦૭, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 06, 07, 08, 09.

Venus' rule till 14th January ensures that you leave a great impression wherever you go. You could receive benefits from the elderly. You could find your ideal life-partner. You will be successful in resolving financial difficulties. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



### Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.

૨૨મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી તમને ગુરૂની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમે જે પણ કામ કરશો તેમાં સફળતા મળશે. તમારો વિરોધ કરનાર વ્યક્તિ તમારો વિરોધ નહીં કરે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં ફસાયેલા નાણા પાછા મેળવી શકશો. જે કમાશો તેમાં સંતોષ માનશો. ધનની બાબતમાં સારા સારી રહેશે. આજથી ભુલ્યા વગર દરરોજ 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૫, ૦૭, ૧૦, ૧૧ છે.

Lucky Dates: 05, 07, 10, 11.

Jupiter's rule till 22nd January brings you success in all you do. Those opposing you will withdraw before you. You will be able to retrieve finances that have been stuck for a while. You will feel contentment in your earnings. Financially, things will be good. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



### Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.

તમને બુધની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે તમારા દરેક કામ વીજળીવેગે પુરા કરી શકશો. નાણાકીય સ્થિતિને સુધારવા થોડી ભાગદોડ કરવી પડશે. નોકરી કરતા હશો ત્યાં પ્રમોશન મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. આડોશી પાડોશી સાથે સંબંધ સુધારી શકશો. કોઈ પાસે પૈસા ઉઘાર લેવાનો સમય નહીં આવે. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ૦૭, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 06, 07, 08, 09.

With the onset of Mercury's rule, you will be able to complete all your tasks at lightning speed. You will need to put in some effort to improve your financial condition. Those who are employed could expect a promotion soon. You will be able to improve relations with neighbours and relatives. You will not need to borrow money from others. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



### Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.પ.

ફક્ત આજનો દિવસ સુર્યની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાનો બાકી છે આજે બેન્કિંગ કે સરકારી કામો કરતા નહીં. વડીલવર્ગની ચિંતા હશે તો કાલથી ઓછી થતી જશે. કાલથી ૫૦ દિવસ માટે શરૂ થતી ચંદ્રની દિનદશા તમારા મનની નેક મુરાહ પુરી કરશે. ઘરમાં નિરાશાનું વાતાવરણ આનંદમાં ફેરવાઈ જશે. તમારા કામમાં સફળતા મળતી જશે. આજે ૯૬મુ નામ 'યા રયોમંદ' તથા કાલથી 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ૦૭, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 06, 07, 08, 09.

With today as the last day under the Sun's rule, avoid any government or banking related work. Worries about your elderly will lessen tomorrow onwards. The Moon's rule starting tomorrow for the next 50 days, will realise all your sincere wishes. The gloomy atmosphere at home will change to a joyful one. You will be successful in all your works. Today, pray the 96th Name, 'Ya Rayomand', and tomorrow onwards, pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.



### Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.

તમારે આજનો દિવસ જ રાહુની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાનો બાકી છે. ઉતરતી દિનદશામાં કોઈ પણ જાતનું જોખમ લેતા નહીં. જે વ્યક્તિ સાથે મતભેદ પડી ગયા હશે તે વ્યક્તિ કાલથી ૭૦ દિવસની અંદર કડવાશ ભુલાવી મીઠાસ બતાવી દેશે. કામકાજમાં પ્રમોશન મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. નવા કામ શોધવામાં સફળ થશો. આજે 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' અને કાલથી 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૭, ૦૮, ૧૧, ૧૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 07, 08, 11, 12

Today marks the last day under Rahu's rule, you are advised to refrain from taking any risks during this period. Those individuals whom you have had quarrels with, will come back to you within 70 days, with their bitterness turned to sweetness. Promotion at your work is indicated. You will be successful in getting new work projects. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish today and from tomorrow pray to Behram Yazad daily.



### Gemini - મિથુન - ક.છ.ધ.

શનિની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે શાંતિથી રહી નહીં શકો. નાની બાબતમાં ઈરીડિટ થશો. કોઈનું ભલુ કરવા જતા તમારું નુકસાન થશે. તમારા ઘરવાળા માન સન્માન નહીં આપે તે વાતનું દુઃખ લાગશે. ત્રણની જગ્યાએ ત્રીસનો ખર્ચ કરવો પડશે. શનિને શાંત કરવા દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ૦૭, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 06, 07, 08, 09.

Saturn's ongoing rule will not let you be in peace. You will get irritated over small matters. Trying to help others could end up in you bearing losses. You will be hurt about family members not showing you respect or appreciation. You could end up spending ten times over of what you expected. To pacify Saturn, pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



### Virgo - કન્યા - પ.ઠ.ણ.

મંગળની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારા સ્વભાવમાં થોડા ચેન્જસ આવશે. ભાઈ બહેનમાં મતભેદ પડશે. તેમની સાથે એડજસ્ટમેન્ટ નહીં કરી શકશો. તમારા નાણા ખોટી જગ્યાએ ખર્ચ થઈ જવાથી વધુ પરેશાન થશો. અચાનક તબિયત બગડી જવાના ચાન્સ છે. ઉપરી વર્ગનો સાથ સહકાર મળશે નહીં. દરરોજ 'તીર યજ્ઞ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ૦૭, ૦૮, ૦૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 06, 07, 08, 09.

Mars' ongoing rule will cause changes in your behaviour. Quarrels between siblings is indicated. You will not be able to adjust with them. You will get further stressed over spending your money in the wrong places. Your health could go down. Senior colleagues might not be supportive. Pray the Tir Yasht daily.



### Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ફ.

૧૬મી ડિસેમ્બર સુધી શુક્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી ઓપોઝીટ સેક્સની સાથે ખુબ સારા સારી રહેશે. જે પણ કામ કરશો તેમાં આનંદ મળશે. રોજના કામમાં સારા સારી થતી જશે. અને તો તમારા ખર્ચ પર કાંપ મૂકીને ધનને બચાવવાની કોશિશ કરજો. હાલમાં કરેલી ભવત તમોને ખરાબ સમયમાં ઘણી રાહત આપશે. મિત્રોથી સારા સારી રાખજો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૫, ૦૮, ૧૦, ૧૧ છે.

Lucky Dates: 05, 08, 10, 11.

Sagittarius: Venus' rule till 16th December indicates the blossoming of relations with the opposite gender. You will find joy in all your works. Your daily works will prove gainful. Try to control your expenditure and save money. These savings will prove to be very helpful in time of need in the future. Keep good relations with your friends. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



### Pisces - મીન - દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.ફ.

રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે નેગેટીવ વિચારોથી ઘેરાયેલા રહેશો. તબિયત ઉપર ખુબ ધ્યાન આપવું પડશે. માંદગી પર ધ્યાન નહીં આપો તો મોટી મુશ્કેલીમાં ફસાઈ જશો. તમારી ચીજ વસ્તુ મેળવવામાં ખુબ ભાગદોડ કરવી પડશે. રાહુને કારણે માથાના દુખાવા, શરદી, ખાંસીથી પરેશાન થશો. દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૫, ૦૬, ૦૯, ૧૦ છે.

Lucky Dates: 05, 06, 09, 10.

Rahu's ongoing rule will cloud your mind with negativity. Pay a lot of attention to your health. If you do not take care of any small illness, it could land you in big trouble. You will have to put in a lot of effort to achieve what you set out for. You could suffer from headaches, cough or cold. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. કે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Gayomartz Jamshid Illavia ગયોમર્ટ જમશીદ ઈલાવ્યા	89 ૮૯	27-11-2020	94/B, Ashiana John Baptist Church, Bandra (W), Mumbai 56. ૯૪/બ, આશિયાના જોન, બેપતીસ્ત ચર્ચ, બાન્દ્રા (પ.), મુંબઈ ૫૬.	તે દોલત ગયોમર્ટ ઈલાવાયાના ઘણી તે સીલુ તથા મરહુમ નરીમનના ભાઈ તે મરહુમ જલ અને હોમાઈના જમાઈ તે રોહિન્ટનના બનેવી.
Dogdo Mahyar Patel દોગડો માહયાર પટેલ	89 ૮૯	27-11-2020	H-24, 3rd Floor, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Road, Mumbai 39. એચ ૨૪, ત્રીજે માળે, ખુશરૂ બાગ, એસ. બી. રોડ, મુંબઈ ૩૯.	તે મરહુમ માહયાર બેરામજી પટેલના વિધવા તે મરહુમો ફેની તથા ખરશેદજી જમશેદજી દસ્તુરના દીકરી તે આડેલના માતાજી તે કાર્વના બપઈજી તે શનાયાના બપઈ સાસુજી તે મરહુમો રતન ખરશેદજી દસ્તુર ને એડી ખરશેદજી દસ્તુરના બહેન તે મરહુમો તેમીના તથા બેરામજી બરજોરજી પટેલના વડુમાય.
Aspi Cawasji Mistry અસ્પી કાવસજી મીસ્ત્રી	73 ૭૩	28-11-2020	Petit Block No. 4, Room No. 2 A, Grant Road, Mumbai 7. બ્લોક નં. ૪, રૂમ નં. ૨૪, ગ્રાન્ટ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે ઝીનોબીયાના ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમ કાવસજી અને પીરોજીના દીકરા તે સુનુ, રોશન અને મરહુમ શાવકના ભાઈ તે સરોશ, હનોઝ, ઝરીર, ખુશનુમાના મામા તે હનોઝ શવક મીસ્ત્રીના કાકા તે નાદીર, જલુના બનેવી તે મરહુમ મેહરવાનશા અને જરબાનુ તાકયાદાના જમાઈ તે દારા અને મરહુમ જમીના સાલા.
Roshan Kersi Mukadam રોશન કેરસી મુકાદમ	87 ૮૭	28-11-2020	Lady Dorab Tata Bldg., Block No.1, Tata Blocks Flat No. 3, S. V. Road, Bandra (W), Mumbai 50. લેડી દોરાબ તાતા બિલ્ડિંગ, બ્લોક નં. ૧, તાતા બ્લોક, ફ્લેટ નં. ૩, એસ. વી. રોડ, બાન્દ્રા, મુંબઈ ૫૦.	તે કેરસી ફરામરોજ મુકાદમના ઘણીયાની તે મરહુમો નવરોજી અને બચુબાઈ અંધીયાજીના દીકરી તે નેવીલ અને વીરાના માતાજી તે તુશના અને જમી જલ તારાપોરના સાસુજી તે માલકમના બપયજી તે જરવન, ફરશીદમીમના મમયજી તે મેહરૂ, મરહુમ નોશીર, ઘનમાઈ, દોલીના બહેન તે મરહુમ જલ, કુમી તારાપોર તથા સામ, મની વઝીરના વેવાન તે મરહુમો ફરામરોજ અને રતનબાઈ મુકાદમના વડુ.
Behram Sam Sanjana બેહરામ સામ સંજાના	77 ૭૭	28-11-2020	M20, Godrej Baug, Off. Nepeansea Road, Cumballa Hill, Mumbai 26. એમ ૨૦, ગોદરેજ બાગ ઓફ નેપ્પન્સી રોડ, કમબાલા હીલ, મુંબઈ ૨૬.	તે મરહુમો તહેમીના અને સામ દીનશાજી સંજાણાના દીકરા તે મહેરૂના ઘણી તે ડો. ખુશીદ ઝરકસીસ મરચંટ તથા ડેલનાઝના પપ્પા તે મરહુમો દીના તથા જલ કોલાબેવાલાના જમાઈ તે કેરસી તથા મ. અદીના બનેવી તે મીની રૂસી વાડિયા તથા રોશન પિયુ નાણાવટી તથા મરહુમો ગોસ્પી, મહેરૂ, યાસ્મીન તથા દોલી નરીમાન ઈરાનીના ભાઈ તે નીલુફર તથા નીનોશકાના મમાવાજી.
Aloo Pervez Dee આલુ પરવેઝ ડી (દોટીવાલા)	79 ૭૯	29-11-2020	G/24, Nowroze Baug, Dr. S. S. Rao Road, Lal Baug, Mumbai 12. જી/૨૪, નવરોઝ બાગ, લાલબાગ, મુંબઈ ૧૨.	તે મરહુમો નરગેશ તથા સાવકશા એદલજી પુનાવાલાના દીકરી તે પરવેઝ એરચશાહ ડી ના ઘણીયાની તે માણેકશાહ, હોરમજદ, મરહુમ શારમીનના માતાજી તે પરીનાઝ ને અરનાઝના સાસુજી તે પશમીન, કેહાન ને જસાદના બપઈજી તે કાવસ પુનાવાલા તથા મરહુમો પેશોતન, હોશી, બાનુ, કુમીના બહેન તે કેટી પુનાવાલા તથા મરહુમો નવાઝ પુનાવાલા, ફલી ને ફીરોઝના ભાભી તે બોમી દોટીવાલા તથા મરહુમો અદી, દાવી ને દોલત દોટીવાલાના દેરાણી તે મરહુમો પીરોજી તથા એરચશા નાદરશા દોટીવાલાના વડુ તે યઝદી, ફરોખ, બરજીસ, શેહરનવાઝ, મોનાઝ, જેરોઝ તથા મરહુમ ઝરીર, શેહરૂ, શીરીન, દેઝી, પોરસ, હુઝવક, આશતાદના આન્ટી.
Nergish Minoo Pavri નરગીશ મીનુ પાવરી	94 ૯૪	01-12-2020	Flat No. 9, Puran Niwas, Arthur Bunder Road, Colaba, Mumbai 5. ફ્લેટ નં. ૯, પુરન નિવાસ, આર્થર બર્ન રોડ, કોલાબા, મુંબઈ ૫.	તે મરહુમો પીરોજી તથા ભીખાજી દાડવાલાના દીકરી તે મરહુમ મીનુ રૂસ્તમજી પાવરીના વિધવા તે મેરગીશના માતાજી તે મેહઝાદીન ને નાઝીરના ગ્રેન્ડ મધર તે મરહુમો ખોરશેદ બરજોર, ઘનજીશા, ફકીરજી, મેહરા ને મનીના બહેન.
Perin Jal Birdy પેરીન જાલ બરડી	90 ૯૦	01-12-2020	14, Lady Meherbai Tata Bldg., Tata Blocks, S. V. Road, Bandra, Mumbai 50. ૧૪ લેડી મેહરબાઈ, તાતા બિલ્ડિંગ, તાતા બ્લોક, એસ. વી. રોડ, બાન્દ્રા (ઈ.), મુંબઈ ૫૦.	તે મરહુમો નાજમાય તથા નવરોજી બરજોરજી ઈટાલીયાના દીકરી તે મરહુમ ઓસ્તા જલ માનેકજી બરડીના વિધવા તે ઓસ્તી જરૂ જલ બરડીના માતાજી તે મરહુમો ડોસાભાઈ, ઘનજીશાહ ને માનેકજી ઈટાલીયાના બહેન તે મરહુમો આસ્તી જરબાઈ તથા ઓસ્તા માણેકજી ભીખાજી બરડીના વડુ તે અરનાવાઝ ઈટાલીયા ને મરહુમ પરીન ઈટાલીયાના નરન તે નીલુફર કુપર, રૂબીન ઈટાલીયા, હુતોક્કી કાસદ ને જેનીફર ચલ્વાના કુઈજી.
Ervad Firoze Fardoonji Kattrak એરવદ ફીરોઝ ફરદુનજી કાતરક	91 ૯૧	02-12-2020	4, Shroff House, 1st Floor, Dadi Suntok Lane, Dhobhi Talao, Kalbadevi, Mumbai 2. ૪ શ્રોફ હાઉસ, ૧લે માળે, દાદી સંતોક લેન, ધોબી તલાઉ, કાલબાદેવી, મુંબઈ ૨.	તે મરહુમો એરવદ ફરદુનજી તથા ઓસ્તી પીરોજી કાતરકના દિકરા તે મરહુમો એરવદ મીનુ, એરવદ ખરશેદ તથા ઓસ્તી તેહમીનાના ભાઈ તે ઓસ્તા જહાંગીર બરજોર કાતરક તથા ઓસ્તા જમશેદ બરજોર કાતરકના કાકા તે ઓસ્તી મેહર જહાંગીર કાતરક તથા ઓસ્તી તીનાઝ જમશેદ કાતરકના કાકા સસરા તે ઓસ્તા પીરોઝ, ઓસ્તી બીનાઈફર, ઓસ્તા જહાન તથા ક્યઝીનના ગ્રાંડ કાકા તે મરહુમ ઓસ્તા બરજોર કાતરકના કઝીન ભાઈ.
Freny Dinsha Irani ફેની દીનશા ઈરાની	92 ૯૨	02-12-2020	B-501, M. A. Patel Chs Ltd. Paliram Road, Andheri (West), Mumbai 58. બી-૫૦૧, એમ. એ. પટેલ સી. એચ. એસ. વિમિટેડ, પાલીરામ રોડ, અંધેરી (પ.), મુંબઈ ૫૮.	તે મરહુમ દીનશાહ શેહરીયા ઈરાનીના વિધવા તે શાહરૂખ, વીરાફ ને દાનેશના માતાજી તે પેરીન, ફેની ને કેશમીરાના સાસુજી તે શારમીન, શાહવીર, આફસીન, ફરઝીન ને સીમોનના બપઈ.
Khorshed Rustomji Bilimoria ખોરશેદ રૂસ્તમજી બિલ્લીમોર્યા	85 ૮૫	02-12-2020	Dhun Building, 1st Floor, Batliwalla Villa Compound, Grant Road, Mumbai 7. ઘન બિલ્ડિંગ, પહેલે માળે, બાટલીવાલા વીલા કમ્પાઉન્ડ, ગ્રાન્ટ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે મરહુમો કોલામાય તથા રૂસ્તમજી બિલ્લીમોર્યાના દીકરી તે મરહુમ પેરીન બહેરામ ભાભાના માસીના દીકરી તે શ્રીતી સાયરસ બલસારા ને પરવીઝ નેવીલ ગાંધીના ગ્રેટ ગ્રેન્ડ માસી.
Roshan Dara Dumasia રોશન દારા દુમસ્યા	76 ૭૬	03-12-2020	1/13, A. H. Wadia Baug, 3rd Floor, Parel Tank Road, Kala Chowki, Mumbai 33. ૧/૧૩એ, હ. વાડિયાબાગ, ૩જે માળે, પરેલ, તેનક રોડ, કાલાચોકી, મુંબઈ ૩૩.	તે દારા પીરોજશાહ દુમસ્યાના ઘન્યાની તે મરહુમો રશીદ તથા ગુલબઈ ઈરાનીના દીકરી તે મરહુમો પીરોજશાહ તથા નાજમાય દુમસ્યાના વડુ તે અનાહિતા જમશેદ દુબાશના માતાજી તે જમશેદ કેરસી દુબાશના સાસુજી તે આરીશ જમશેદ દુબાશના મમયજી તે મરહુમ નોશીર રશીદ ઈરાનીના બહેન.

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Sillu Soli Wadia સીલુ સોલી વાડીયા	74 ૭૪	20-11-2020	207, New Sherdiwala Block, 2nd Floor, Shapore, Surat 395003. ૨૦૭, ન્યુ શેરડીવાલા બ્લોક, બીજે માળે, શાહપોર, સુરત ૩૯૫૦૦૩.	તે સોલી પીરોજશા વાડીયાના ઘણીયાણી તે મ. બાનુબાઈ, મ. જહાંગીરજી દીનશાજી બચાના દીકરી તે મ. નાજમાય, મ. પીરોજશા પેસ્તનજી વાડીયાના વડુમાય તે મ. અદી, મ. કેકી, મ. જર ફીરોઝ વાડીયાના ભાભી તે ગુલશન શહેરીયાર ઈરાની તથા કમલ ઝરીર જબ્બરના મમ્મી તે શહેરીયાર ઈરાની તથા ઝરીર જબ્બરના સાસુજી તે ખુશફીન, કરીજ્મા તથા હરવેસ્પના મમયજી તે મ. કેશ્મીરા, મ. ખુશરૂ ઈરાની તથા મ. આબાન, મ. એરચશા ડોસાભાઈ જબ્બરના વહેવાણ તે રતનશા બચા, મ. પરવેઝ બચાના બહેન.
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## શું તમે પણ આવું કરો છો?

એક સ્ત્રી એક કુટ વેચનારા વ્યક્તિ પાસે જાય છે, જે વ્યક્તિ ઉંમરમાં ખૂબ જ ઘરડા હોય છે. તેની પાસે જઈને તે પૂછે છે કે આ સફરજન તમે ક્યા



ભાવે વેચી રહ્યા છો? એટલે પેલા ઘરડા માણસ તેને જવાબ આપે છે કે બેન આ તમને ૮૦ રૂપિયાના એક કિલો મળશે. આથી તરત પેલી સ્ત્રી જવાબ આપે છે

કે જો ૬૦ રૂપિયામાં આપવા હોય તો આપો નહીં તો મારે નથી જોઈતા.

આથી પેલા ઘરડા વ્યક્તિએ થોડી રકમ કરી પરંતુ અંતે પેલી સ્ત્રીએ કહ્યું તે ભાવમાં તેને સફરજન આપી દીધા. કારણકે આજના દિવસમાં મેં એક પણ સફરજન નથી વેચ્યું.

તે સ્ત્રી એ તેની પાસેથી સફરજન ખરીદી લીધાં. અને જાણે મોટી જંગ જીતી લીધી હોય તે રીતે ત્યાંથી સફરજન લઈને પોતાની કિંમતી ગાડીમાં બેસીને ચાલી નીકળી.

થોડા સમય પછી પોતાના મિત્રો સાથે એક મોંઘા રેસ્ટોરન્ટમાં પહોંચી ગઈ, ત્યાં જઈને તેને અને તેના મિત્રોએ પોતાની માટે ઘણું બધું જમવાનું મંગાવ્યું અને જેટલું ખવાય તેટલું ખાય ને ઘણું બધું અન્ન પડતું મૂકી દીધું.

થોડા સમય પછી ફિંગર બાઉલ આવ્યા અને દરેક લોકોએ હાથ ધોઈને પાણી પીને નવરા થયા એટલા માં બિલ આવ્યું. બિલમાં કુલ ૧૪૦૦ રૂપિયા થયા હતા.

એ તરત જ પેલી મહિલાએ તેના પરસમાંથી ૧૫૦૦ રૂપિયા કાઢીને મૂકી દીધા, ત્યાર પછી તેઓ ત્યાંથી ચાલી નીકળ્યા.

એટલે કે પેલી મહિલાએ ૧૪૦૦ ની જગ્યાએ ૧૫૦૦ મુક્યા જેમાં ૧૦૦ રૂપિયા ટીપ પેટે રાખ્યા.

આ ઘટના કોઈપણ રેસ્ટોરન્ટના માલિક માટે કદાચ ખૂબ જ સાધારણ ઘટના લાગી રહી હશે, પરંતુ જ્યારે આપણે પેલા ઘરડા અને નાના વેપારીઓ ના દ્રષ્ટિકોણથી જોઈએ તો તેના માટે આ ઘટના ખૂબ જ પીડાદાયક કહી શકાય.

જ્યારે આપણે કોઈ એક જરૂરિયાત મંદ વ્યક્તિ પાસેથી ખરીદી કરીએ છીએ તો આપણે એવો દેખાડો કરતા હોઈએ છીએ કે આપણે શક્તિશાળી છીએ, પરંતુ જ્યારે કોઈ અમીર વ્યક્તિ પાસેથી ખરીદી કરીએ છીએ ત્યારે આપણે પોતાને ઉદારવાદી દેખાડવા માંગતા હોઈએ છીએ, ભલે સામેવાળા વ્યક્તિ ને આપણી ઉદારતાની જરા પણ જરૂરિયાત ન હોય તેમ છતાં.

## અનાહિતા દેસાઈએ 'પરત કરી' મેળવેલું ઉત્તમ ઉદાહરણ

**પાના નં. ૧૩થી ચાલુ**  
સમુદાયના સભ્યો ખોટી લાગણી સાથે જીવે છે કે ચેરીટીના ફલેટને રાખી મૂકવો તે તેમનો જન્મસિદ્ધ અધિકાર છે, ભલે તેઓની પાસે મુંબઈમાં મોટા વૈકલ્પિક રહેઠાણો હોય અથવા તે માટે પણ વસાહતોમાં બહુવિધ ફલેટ્સ હોય.

**પીટી:** આવાસના અભાવથી આપણા સમુદાયના સભ્યોને મકાનોની જરૂરિયાત પર કેવી અસર પડી છે.

ટ્રસ્ટને ખાલી ફલેટ્સ પરત કરવા તે સમુદાયના સભ્યો માટે કેવી રીતે મદદરૂપ સાબિત થશે?

**અનાહિતા દેસાઈ:** ફલેટની માંગ ઘણી વધારે છે. નવાં પરણેલાઓ અલગ રહે છે જ્યાં સુધી તેમને ફલેટ નહીં ફાળવવામાં આવે. કેટલાકો ભાડેના ઘરમાં રહે છે કેટલાક યુગલો ગીચ મકાનોમાં રહેવાના કારણે અલગ થઈ ગયા છે. જોકે બીપીપી પાસે તેની વસાહતો અને બાગમાં કેટલા એકલા લોકો રહે છે. સામાન્ય રીતે તેમના મૃત્યુ પછી કેટલાક સબંધી અચાનક ફલેટ ઉપર દાવો કરવા ઉતરી જાય છે! એટલે એકલા રહેનારના મૃત્યુપછી તરત બીપીપી ફલેટને તાળું મારે તો તેમને

હાઈલેસ કહેવામાં આવે છે.

**પીટી:** તમે આપણા સમુદાયના સભ્યો સાથે શું સંદેશ શેર કરવા માંગો છો?

**અનાહિતા દેસાઈ:** હું વસાહતોમાં એક કરતા વધારે ફલેટ ધરાવતા લોકો પોતાના ફલેટને બંધ કરીને રાખે છે હું તેમને વિનંતી કરવા માંગુ છું. ઘણા વર્ષોથી રાહ જોઈ રહેલા વ્યક્તિઓ અને પરિવારોને ફલેટ ફાળવવા માટે રાહ જુએ છે જેઓ સંપૂર્ણ ભીડભરેલા ઘરોમાં, અથવા વહેંચાયેલ શૌચાલયોની ચાળીઓમાં, ભાડેના અને દૂર પરાઓના ઘરોમાં રહેતા હોય છે. સિવાય આપણા સમુદાયની તબીબી સુવિધાઓનો લાભ લઈ ન શકતા હોય ત્યારે આપણે સમજી શકીશું કે ફલેટને લોક કરી રાખવા કરતા તેને છોડી દેવાની જરૂર છે અને તમે એક પરિવારને ખુશ રહેવામાં મદદ કરી શકશો.

**અનાહિતા દેસાઈ:** હકીકત એ છે કે તે કરવું યોગ્ય હતું. જેનો આપણે ઉપયોગ ન કરીએ તે વસ્તુને શા માટે રાખવી. અને આપણાજ પારસી પરિવારોના નવયુગલો તેમનું નવું જીવન શરૂ કરવાની રાહ જોઈ રહ્યા હોય છે.

### વાડીયાજી આતશબહેરામમાં નીરંગદીનની ક્રિયા

શુક્રવાર તા. ૧૧-૧૨-૨૦, રોજ જમ્યાદ, માલ તીરની મધરાતે નીરંગદીનની ક્રિયા મરહુમ ઓસ્તી ગુલચહેર એ. જહાબજી તાતાની નેયતે એમના દીકરી જમાઈ ખુરશીદ દીનશાહ વરીયાવા તરફથી કરવામાં આવશે. સર્વે હમદીનોને પધારવા આમંત્રણ છે.

### એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. કે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
<b>Death Announcements from Parsi Zoroastrian Anjuman of Secunderabad and Hyderabad</b>				
Banu D. Mehta બાનુ ડી. મહેતા	93 ૯૩	05-10-2020	Secunderabad. સિકન્દરાબાદ	તે પરવેઝ, વિરાઢ અને ફરીદાના મમ્મી તે ખુશનુમના સાસુજી.
<b>Death Announcements from Prayer Hall</b>				
Silloo Jimmy Bandrawala સિલ્હુ જીમી બાન્દરાવાલા	81 ૮૧	21.11.2020	11, Monalisa 1st Road, Bandra, Mumbai 50. ૧૧, મોનાલીસા, ૧લો રોડ, બાન્દરા, મુંબઈ ૫૦.	તે જીમીના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમ પીરોજી તથા મરહુમ બરજોરજી દાડવાલાના દીકરી તે નેવિલ, ડેઝીના મમ્મી તે વૈભવ, નીકોના સાસુજી તે ટીયાનેના ગ્રાન્ડ મધર તે આરમઈતી, મરહુમ ફેની, મરહુમ પેરીન, મરહુમ નોશીરના બહેન તે મરહુમ તેહમીના તથા મરહુમ ફરામરોજના વહુ. નેફ્યુ, નીસ: દાદી, યાસ્મીન, હોશી, ફેડી, હમજાસ્પ, તીનાઝ, કેલી, એદી, સાપરસ.
Gev Framroj Kakalia ગેવ ફરામરોજ કકાલિયા	67 ૬૭	27.11.2020	21/64, C Parl Building, Bandra Reclamation, Mumbai 50. ૨૧/૬૪, સી પર્લ બિલ્ડિંગ, બાન્દરા રેક્લેમેશન (૫), મુંબઈ ૫૦.	તે આપરીનના ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમ નરગિશ તથા મરહુમ ફરામરોજના દીકરા તે નરગિશ ભામરાના પપ્પા તે મનમીત ભામરાના સસરા તે નરમિયા ભામરાના ગ્રાન્ડ ફાધર તે ગુલ તેમ જ પરવિઝ અને મરહુમ હિલ્ડાના ભાઈ તે મરહુમ લુયા આલ્વા અને મેરી આલ્વાના જમાઈ. નેફ્યુ, નીસ: ફેડી તથા મેહેર.
<b>Death Announcements from Poona Parsee Panchayat (Trust Office)</b>				
Jerry Hosi Mistry જેરી હોસી મીસ્ત્રી	78 ૭૮	15-11-2020	C 805, Pune Parsi Colony, Lulla Nagar, Pune - 411040. સી૮૦૫, પુના પારસી કોલોની, લુલા નગર, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૪૦.	મરહુમ બાનુ અને મરહુમ દારબશા મીસ્ત્રીના દીકરી તે મરહુમ હોશી બ સજોરજી મીસ્ત્રીના ઘણીયાણી તે રૂખશાના, શનાયાના મમાજી તે સબીન અને બરજીસના સાસુજી તે ફરોખ તથા યાસ્મીનના બહેન તે દાદી મીસ્ત્રી તથા મહેરગીસના ભાભી તે પીલુના નણંદ તે સરોશના સાલી.
Katy Firoze Vandrewala કેટી ફિરોઝ વાન્દરેવાલા	78 ૭૮	26.11.2020	B 305, Lavendar Building, Wanovari, Pune 411040. બી ૩૦૫, લેવેન્ડર બિલ્ડિંગ, રહેજા ગાર્ડન, વાનોવરી, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૪૦.	તે મરહુમ ફીરોઝ નવરોજી વાન્દરેવાલાના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમ નવરોજી ને હીદ્રામાય કારપેન્ટરના દીકરી તે જેસમીન રૂમી કુપરના માતાજી તે રૂમી પદમજી કુપરના સાસુજી તે વાહબીજ અને તરોનીશના મમયજી તે ગુલશન જાલ દરબારીના બહેન.
Perviz Noshir Kapadia પરવીઝ નોશીર કાપડીયા	85 ૮૫	29.11.2020	Little Lamb Nursery, 6 Sahni Sujan Park, Lulla Nagar, Kondhwa, Pune 411040. લીટલ લેમ્બસ નર્સરી, ૬ સાહની સુજન પાર્ક, લુલાનગર, કોઢવા, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૪૦.	તે મરહુમ લેફ. કર્નલ નોશીર જાલ કાપડીયાના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમ એલીશ ને હોરમજી ભીવંડીવાલાના દીકરી તે આર્જાન, રૂશબે, જુબીના ના માતાજી તે ઝરીર કુપર, ફરીદા કાપડીયા ને આદીલ માલીયાના સાસુજી તે અરવશક, દારાયુશ, કાપરસ ને ફરજાદના બપયજી તે દોરાબ ને મરહુમ સામી, ડોસુ અને લુલુ કાપડીયાના બહેન.



# Pilamai No Popat Udi Gayo!!



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Pilamai and Pallonji's marriage had become unexciting, ho-hum, humdrum and boring after 50 years of togetherness. Normally, a good marriage becomes better after five decades, but in Pilamai's case, it was in a routine-rut with Pallonji never paying attention to what Pila said. They hardly spoke to each other and as we all know, where there's no regular communication, there's no relationship!

To cope with the boredom, Pilamai brought home a *popat* (parrot), called 'Polly' and fussed over him all day. The *popat* got chocolate, cheese, pastries and *badam-pak...* while Pallonji got *dar-chaval* and *masoor-pau* daily. Also, Pilamai would greet the *popat* with good-morning *mithoo*, *jaanu*, *sweetu*, etc.

She would never allowed Pallonji to leave the house without her permission but Polly could roam the house freely and even visit the next door neighbour, Sorabji, who taught him the choicest swear words - what we Parsis call - 'second language'.

Polly often sat on Pilamai's shoulder or head and never made any attempt to fly away. The *pao-walas* and the *doodh-wallas* would fear him as he tried to peck them



some times. When Pallonji complained, his wife would always take Polly's side, never Pallonji's.

Pallonji went next door, complaining to Sorabji, who said, "*Polly is very clever - Jevu hoi tevu bolai*. What? He calls me *Alsoo*, *Luchcho*, *Lafango*, *Gado*, *Ghelo*, *Gadhero* and some other unmentionable things.

**Sorabji:** *Polly manas joi ney vaat karej!!*

Poor, frustrated Pallonji got a *brilliantine-idio*. He brought home a *Popti* (a female-parrot) to keep Polly occupied. What do you know? It actually worked!! Polly followed the female all over the house like a good husband and shared his food with her. They became inseparable like *Romeo and Juliet*, *Shirin and Farhad*, *Laila and Majnu* and *Meherbai and Meherwanji!*

One day, while Pilamai was taking her afternoon nap, *chaploos* Sorabji from next door, who hated Pallonji but as old neighbours, had free access to Pilamai's house, deliberately took the *Popti* to the window and let her fly away. Polly started screaming and this woke up Pilamai who was shocked to see Polly fly out of the window chasing his *popti!*

Pilamai started screaming at Pallonji, "Go get them both! There's Polly on the lawn with other parrots. Go grab him!" Poor Pallonji said, "They all look the same to me!" "*Tamey jao to khara* - our Polly is sitting on the lawn with a dozen other *popats*....identify him,

grab him and bring him home!!" screamed Pila.

So poor Pallonji went down to the lawn but couldn't for the life of him identify Polly. He caught a parrot and brought him home to pacify Pilamai who was inconsolable by now. When Pilamai caressed the parrot, saying, *Popat-Mitthu*, the parrot immediately bit her finger. "This is not my parrot!" she said. "Go put him back on the lawn!!"

So Pallonji climbed down three floors yet again to put the parrot back on the lawn, when Pilamai shouted from their third floor balcony, "Look at that parrot on that tree - it's my Polly!" So Pallonji climbed the tree but just as he reached out to grab Polly (who wasn't Polly anyway), the parrot flew away. Pallonji lost his grip and fell flat on the soft grass. Luckily, he wasn't hurt.

**Pilamai:** You scared the popat!

**Pallonji:** No! The popat scared me!!

**Pilamai:** *Ek kaam tamare thi padhru nahi thai! Jarak jhar par chari ney popat pakarva kahyu, tetlu bi nahi thai!! Ok* - now go to the shrub, so many parrots are sitting there - one of them has to be Polly. I think that Polly is on the extreme left.

Pallonji went to the shrub. The moment he was there, all the ten parrots flew away and Pallonji slipped in the wet mud, falling flat on his *popat-jevu-naak!* "Stop slipping and doing *festa-fajeta* on the lawn!" Pilamai screamed from

her third-floor window.

Sorabji, who was watching and enjoying all this *tamasha* like a comedy film, told Pilamai, "Just get the *Popti* back and Polly will follow her. "*Marerey Sorabji - tamaru toh taddan Einstein nu bheju chey!* Why didn't I think of it before? Sorabji, please go down and tell my stupid husband - *Polly nahi - popti sodho!*"

**Pallonji:** *Popto ke Popti?*

**Pilamai:** *Popti...Popti...* If she comes back, Polly will follow automatically.

**Sorabji:** *Barabar sodho!* I am sitting on this garden-bench and keeping an eye on you - your wife has asked me to supervise you.

So poor Pallonji ran after every female parrot for a good two hours until he somehow managed to capture a female parrot. Meanwhile, Pilamai had taken out her *fuiji's* huge parrot-cage from the *maryu* (attic) and cleaned it. She also did *chowk-chadan-sagan*. The couple managed to put the *popti* in the cage on their third-floor balcony in the hope that her doting partner will soon join her.

**Pallonji:** What if Polly has lost interest in her?

**Pilamai:** All husbands are not like you!

As we know, news travels faster than the speed of light in any Parsi Colony and it also gets distorted, so by evening, everyone was gossiping and giving their own versions about it, as under...

*"Pilamai no Polly nahsi gayo!"*  
*"No! That's not what I heard!"*  
*"What did you hear?"*

*"Pilamai's husband Pallonji nahsi gayoj!"*  
*"No! No! Guys - you have got it all wrong - Vat em chhey key Pilamai has run-off with her next door neighbour, Sorabji!"*  
*"Poor Sorabji!!"*  
*"What poor Sorabji! Say poor Pallonji!"*  
*"No! Congratulate Pallonji!"*

Meanwhile, a frustrated Pallonji had slipped a violet-coloured-Gandhiji (a 100 Rupees note) into the *mali's* (gardener) hand, requesting him to grab a parrot - any parrot and give it to him secretly. Seeing Pallonji's desperation, the clever *mali* asked for a green-Gandhiji (a 500 Rupees note). The job done, Pallonji announced, "Pila, see who has come? *Tahro-vahlo* Polly is back. I am putting him in a cage with *Poptimai* so they can both have a good time."

Actually, it was a totally different pair of male and female parrots. But it was love at first sight and the birds got along extremely well with each



other. What's more, the male parrot didn't abuse Pallonji at all. Not a single bad word. This got Pilamai suspicious. She observed them for two full days - all lovey-dovey and hunkey-dorey!! She said, "These are not Polly and Popti. *Koi bija chey.*"

"How do you know?" asked Pallonji.

**Pilamai:** They look too happy to be married!!



## Swearing Ain't All \*@#\$\$\*\*# Bad!

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Cussing, swearing or letting a profanity trip out of your mouth is looked down as socially unacceptable forms of interaction. Raised eyebrows and a distasteful shake of the head from the opposite party in utter disdain cannot be deemed a largely catastrophizing response. But, in general, attitudinal surveys have shown that both men and women tend to cuss, but one tends to judge women's swearing much more harshly. Swearing is generally regarded as lazy language or an abusive lapse in civility.

Now swear words have a great many functions and uses. They are used for emphasis, for expressing utter angst or grief, even pain and joy. It is used for comic effect; or used as a technique to translate the boring into the graphic, the bland into the spicy. It may be a shared linguistic tool that can stretch the envelope of imagination and verbal tirade, to the next level.

Viewed as a method to guise a completely lacking vocabulary, it is oft used by the timid to mask their weakness or the strong to bask in their strength. The funny thing about cursing is that it can sometimes strengthen social bonds and even maintain relationships,

while at others, can cause great offence, umbrage and shock. There are words used that can be emotionally electrifying and others that can comatose you into a state of unnerving

familiarity. We can express utter horror, disdain or just frustration through the utterance of a simple four-letter word and you may be amazed at the plethora of thoughts, emotions and feelings that a simple word can convey.

Ask any Parsi and he could probably write a thesis on the same. Now whether you hail from the English speaking part of the world or some other remote corner, there have been swear words floating about from the inception of time and perhaps even before any formal language was ever used! For many the use of obscene language isn't just a sign of boorish behavior, but a common assumption that people swear mainly because they lack civility, vocabulary, education or even intelligence to express oneself articulately.

'Profanity is the common crutch of the conversational cripple'. In simple words, when language fails, we curse. But



the person to whom the conversation is addressed, I assure you, would not only share and understand

throw light to the point I am making. While it's just another evening of social fun and raucous conversation, the communication is so uniquely Parsi that to anyone who is not, it would be wildly outrageous and a completely unacceptable form of behaviour. Every emotion is communicated in a language so uniquely flavoured and peppered with the cussing, that after a while you may almost start believing that it's a skill-set rather than a disadvantage!

now it seems this is a form of cultural stereotype and a form of linguistic snobbery to naturally presume a link between swearing and intelligence. Now research claims that 'fluency is fluency', regardless of linguistic content. And psychologists have even found that an individual's fluency in English language was actually linked to fluency in swearing! (Could that be the reason why Parsis are so damned fluent in English!?) In other words, swearing may actually be a sign of greater intellect, not less, and a more robust vocabulary! Scientists have gone a step further and have now ascertained, "People who are good at producing language are good at producing profanities as well!" and it's not because they don't have language - it's because they have a whole toolbox full of words!

Now as Parsis, we've secretly always known just what these scientists are talking about. Our language is nothing but a woven litany of swearing interspersed with a scant smattering of words and vocabulary just reasonably enough to suffice our need to communicate in a language we can call our own... stringing along whole sentences with only swear words. And yet,

the context, nuance and associated feelings completely, but almost as easily, as those spoken in any other known language from any part of the globe.

Our Parsi culture values, honours and respects highly - a n idea hardly ever



mirrored in the way we speak - with potty-mouths, normally flying loose every opportunity they get or don't... Where our language, rife with colour and our tongues sordidly creative in ways to shock, yet somehow so perfectly skilled to impart the right emphasis or insult without undue offence! Scientifically speaking, studies have shown that swearing actually helps relieve stress, additionally dulls the sensations of pain and panic, and fosters camaraderie especially among peers.

Have you ever watched the final playoffs of a Manchester v/s Arsenal match closeted with a room full of Bawas, all vying for the team of their choice, for the better part of an evening? This will certainly

The effects of cursing are physical as well as mental. A recent study in Psychology of Sport and Exercise found that letting out a few choice words during a workout can actually make you stronger. Psychologists also think that humans have partly developed taboo language as an emotional release valve, thus evolving a very efficient and worthy way of venting our emotions and thoughts to convey them in a precise and contrite manner to others. If this one is to be believed then we can theorize about Parsis and safely say - we are all in excellent physical and mental form. And all that cussing and yelling could well be the secret to our longevity.

Another recent study has proven that while swearing may well be less savory, people who cuss a lot often lie a lot less, and have a higher degree of integrity. Since there is a positive link between profanity and honesty, cursing was associated with less deception on an interpersonal level, and higher levels of integrity overall. So, us Parsis have a lot to be proud of there too. Since the two are directly proportional to one another, we can safely and surely believe ourselves to be the most honest set of people that ever walked the planet earth!

Now go and figure all this out and have a great #@%&# weekend!







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## 'Joint' Custody!

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Joint pain is extremely common, particularly amongst the elderly. Many different conditions can lead to painful joints, including osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, bursitis, gout, strains, sprains and other injuries. Knee pain is the most common complaint, followed by shoulder and hip pain, but joint pain can affect any part of your body, from your ankles and feet to your shoulders and hands.

Joint pain can range from mildly irritating to debilitating. It may go away after a few days (acute), or last for several weeks (chronic). Even short-term pain in the joints can affect the quality of your life. Whatever the cause of joint pain, you can manage it with medication, physiotherapy and alternative treatments. Physiotherapy is the main stay in having supple and pain-free joints in old age.

People tend to use the term arthritis to refer to painful joints, particularly age related. Arthritis is an umbrella term for a group of disorders that affect your bones and joints. Osteo-Arthritis (OA) and Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) are the most well-known types of arthritis. Constant wear and tear of the bones and their protective cartilages lead to osteoarthritis and it progressively worsens as you grow older. Rheumatoid arthritis is triggered by an autoimmune disorder when your immune system mistakenly attacks the body's healthy cells. It is characterized by pain and stiffness of joints, loss of mobility and joint inflammation. The former is more common with advanced age and the latter can be triggered at almost any age.

While there is no quick fix cure for arthritis, people with joint pain can try out a few tips to help deal with the pain:

**Lose Weight:** Numerous people diagnosed with Osteoarthritis tend to be overweight. The sheer pain of movement can make a person suffering from arthritis think twice about exercising. They lead a sedentary life and gain more

weight in the long run. This increases the pressure exerted on the joints, thus completing a vicious cycle. So, the first thing that people with joint pain should do, is focus on losing weight, if they are tip the weighing scale on the wrong end.

**Physiotherapy And Exercises:** Arthritis limits the joints' range of movement and only exercise will prevent the joints from worsening. Regular physiotherapy can restore much of the lost mobility and subdue pain. I strongly recommend exercising in water. It can be as simple an exercise as walking in a chest-high water pool. Water is thought to provide many times the resistance of air. In other words, as you walk you are building and strengthening your muscles, without the additional load on the joints. Use a flotation belt to stay upright and do a simple deep-water walking. But, avoid water exercises if you are experiencing a severe rheumatoid arthritis flare-up. Also, it is advised that people who experience heavy swelling related to knee osteoarthritis wait to attempt swimming or any other water exercise that would put the joints through a lot of movement.

Water exercise is a great option for arthritis pain relief; however, I would strongly advice sessions with an expert physiotherapist to prevent complications from any pre-existing conditions.

**Cold And Hot Therapy:** Alternate hot and cold therapy works wonders with arthritis. If possible, start and end your

day with a hot and cold shower. To do this, first take a long and soothing warm bath or soak in a hot tub mixed with some Epsom salt. Then, take a cold-water shower and make sure the afflicted joints feel the effects of both the warm and cold water. Alternately, you can try warm and cold compresses. Apply warm compresses and then alternate it with a cold ice pack.

**Massage Therapy:** Regular therapeutic massage of the joints affected by arthritis can, to a large extent, reduce pain and stiffness. There are plenty of ointments and gels that reduce pain and inflammation on application. Try these with essential oils for added benefits. Remember to consult your physician before you use any topical application agents, just as with any medications.

**Follow A Healthy Diet:** A diet rich in fresh fruits, vegetables and whole foods boosts your immune system and your overall health. There is scientific evidence that dietary choices affect people with both RA and OA. A plant-based diet provides antioxidants, which can help reduce inflammation by eliminating free radicals from the body. On the other hand, a diet rich in meat, processed foods, milk and saturated fat, added sugar and salt may aggravate inflammation, which is a characteristic of arthritis.



**Added Consumption Of Turmeric:** Turmeric contains a chemical called curcumin. It has anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. Research suggests it helps reduce arthritis pain and inflammation.

**Alkalise Water With Baking Soda:** An apple a day may keep the doctor away... but a new study also indicates that some baking soda each day may keep arthritis at bay. Baking soda is often touted for its many uses, ranging from household cleaning to dental care and more. Now, treating rheumatoid arthritis (RA) may be added to its ever-growing list of purposes.

Baking soda (sodium bicarbonate) helps the body to calm down its autoimmune response and strengthen the anti-inflammatory response. For your overall health, it's important to maintain a proper pH balance in your body. An environment that's too alkaline or too acidic can result in a wide array of health problems and negative physical symptoms. Research indicates baking soda can help alkalize a highly acidic environment in your body. Many holistic and naturopath doctors, as well as nutritionists, health coaches and dietitians recommend an alkaline body environment to be better than an acidic one. While that's true in general, it's still important to note that being too acidic or too alkaline can result in medical concerns.

I would recommend one-eighth of a teaspoon in a regular size glass of water every day. If you feel short of breath or your heart starts racing, then reduce the dosage.

**Prayer And Meditation To Cope With Pain:** Meditation and relaxation techniques have helped reduce the pain of arthritis by lowering stress and enabling you to cope with it better. Reducing stress helps lower inflammation and pain. Anxiety, stress and depression are common complications of conditions that involve chronic pain, such as arthritis.

Here's wishing you all pain-free and happy joints!!

