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**FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

Dear Readers,

If we should step back and glance, from the bird's eye-view, at the current ongoings in the world, it would be impossible to miss the striking similarities echoed by various nations, with regard to leadership and leaders.

The greater part of the past decade has been dominated with global news about growing unrest and apprehension amongst citizens, who are made to endure and struggle under a rising sense of dictatorship and intolerance, exhibited by world leaders. A recent study has listed, amongst other world leaders - Putin (Russia), Trump (USA), Xi Jinping (China/Hong Kong), Kim Jong-un (Korea), Bolsonaro (Brazil), Erdoğan (Turkey) and even India under PM Modi, as 'world leaders who don't justify their leaderships'.

Perhaps, all this global turmoil, which had been building up to a crescendo, found its climax in the unleashing of the novel coronavirus on humanity. Maybe it takes a pandemic to restore the pandemonium; to hit 'reset' and bring in a new world order - empowered with an extra-fortified 'new normal'.

Hopefully, the recent change of leadership in the USA, which brings as much relief to its own citizens as to those globally, will set the right precedent for the rest of the world.

Leaders determine the destiny of nations - they're the visionaries and decision-makers who shape and deliver a nation's progress. Be it our nation or our community, the same holds true - we trust our elected leaders to deliver progress and welfare. But when the fundamentals and functionings of leadership get compromised, everyone suffers.

As India commemorates her 72nd Republic Day next week, let us hope that our national as well as our community leaders will uphold and protect the true essence of Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity... and Trusteeship.

Here's looking forward to better times ahead, as citizens of a great nation and members of the world's most glorious community, under an enhanced and revitalised leadership in the new world.

Have a good weekend and Happy Republic Day!

- Anahita  
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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Trusteeship For BPP**

As each BPP election costs about 40 lakhs to the coffers of BPP and a fairly big amount to the candidates, it is better that interim elections be avoided and the candidates are elected, uncontested. This time we have two virtuous candidates contesting - Anahita Desai, who commands an excellent track record of community service; and Berjis Dastur - a qualified Chartered Accountant and respected community luminary - who has agreed to file his nomination. His becoming a trustee will be of immense advantage as his qualifications, experience, wit and wisdom will work wonders for the BPP.

Are we to get any better choices with a cumbersome election draining away a big chunk of community funds? These two may be given a chance to prove their worthiness. The next general election is a year and a half away and we should elect them unopposed now, for the interim period, after which, all seven could put in their papers and seek a fresh mandate together.

Since the first election in 2008 to now, we have not as yet formed a legal code of conduct to encourage free and unbiased election. Though in 2014, some community stalwarts jointly formed a Charter of Coexistence, but that also was shelved. We had been apprised about an advisory committee, but we are not aware of its functionality. If we have guidelines to follow, on important issues, we can avoid this endless infighting on insignificant issues.

Despite being an educated, enlightened community, we are still not emancipated of issues across so many different aspects within our community. During the next elections, let us strive to have perfect planning to make it a success. Till then, let us decide to elect these two worthy candidates, uncontested.

- Piroja Homi Jokhi

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Let my thoughts be for others. Let my whole mind and whole heart go into my work for the good of others. Let me find pleasure in pleasing others. Let me care for others more than for myself. Let me not be indifferent to the welfare of others. Let me deny myself something, that I can give it to the needy and the neglected. Let me never descend from self-denial to self-indulgence. Let me die to myself, that I may live for others.

Zarathushtra, my beloved prophet, says that happiness comes to that man who makes others happy. Faithfully will I strive to live up to that ideal. I will find my pleasure in pleasing others. I will find my happiness in making others happy. I will spend my all and I will spend myself that others may be happy. I will make others happy, before happiness comes to me. I will rejoice in the happiness of my neighbors. I will deny myself that others



around me may be happy.

There is joy to receive what life gives us. But greater indeed is the joy to give from what life gives us. I will not always look to reward for what I do. Let it not be said of me that I do nothing for nothing. Let me do something for nothing. I will serve for the love of service.

I pray for help, Ahura Mazda, that I may be better equipped to serve both Thee and Thy children. Fill my heart with compassion and tenderness for the weak and the weary. Give me soft and sympathetic heart that feels and grieves for the sorrowing and suffering. My life is not my own. Thou hast given it to me that I may live it for others. Give me health and give me vigor, that all the better I may offer my body and my mind and my spirit in serving Thee and Thine. I will serve my fellow human beings for Thee and in Thee with all my will and all my strength for all the days of my life, Ahura Mazda!

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# Anahita Desai And Berjis Desai Speak About Their Respective Nominations As BPP Trustees

On 19th January, 2021, Anahita Desai - popular candidate for the BPP Trusteeship in the oncoming elections in March 2021, formally filed her nomination.

Over the past three decades, Anahita Desai has proven her commitment and dedication to community service with honesty, integrity and wholehearted dedication, making a difference in the lives of innumerable underprivileged community members. A rare combination of a grass-root level worker and a focused leader, Anahita is driven towards the progress of the community, without compromising her principles. Known as a fearless upholder of religious traditions and community causes, she has selflessly devoted not just her time but also her personal funds to many community-related causes.

Speaking to Parsi Times, on the occasion of filing her nomination, she said, "Today I filed my nomination for the forthcoming BPP Elections. This time it is a very emotional time for me. I am contesting for my husband Yazdi's seat as he resigned due to health reasons. His resignation was one of the most painful decisions of our lives. This is the start of a new chapter in my life."

She further shared, "I have been asked why I am contesting the BPP Elections. My reply is simply this, that I am passionate about the wellbeing of our community and I have dedicated my time and much of my life, especially since 2000, to the community. My two-decade long involvement in community affairs is a testimony of my passion and dedication.

What I have realized, experienced and am convinced about, is that the post of a BPP Trustee allows one to do much more than is possible, than when one is working from outside the BPP. My husband, Yazdi, had a vision of what he wanted done through the BPP for our community. I share his vision and much more, and would like to make this vision a reality.

Some of my close friends and well-wishers wonder why I want to be a trustee despite the stress and tension of this political office, which affected my husband, Yazdi Desai's health. My response is as follows - My husband was juggling a demanding job as a Director of a Company together with the responsibilities of being the Chairman of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet and



was constantly dealing with the unpredictable and unsavoury politics prevalent in the BPP. I do not have any career obligations and responsibilities and I will have the luxury to devote my time to the office of the BPP, without the stress of juggling a career. I have battled two elections and I am acutely aware of the political dynamics in the BPP. I am standing as an independent candidate. I am consciously keeping away from any alliance or groupism. In fact, I am ready and geared up for the elections...with all the resultant work, campaigning and questions from the voters.

My candidature has been proposed by my husband Yazdi Desai and I am seconded by Karyesh Patel. He is the one who has stood as a rock with us during these difficult months, after Yazdi's stroke. I am not someone you will see only at election time, but you will see me whenever and wherever there is a problem faced by our community and its members.

I believe in the Parsi Irani Zarthoshti Community, I believe in creating a fair and equity-based community where all our community members are treated as equals. I want to bring improvements to the workings of the BPP. I have dedicated my life to cater to the needs of our community members and this is the best way for me to serve our people and this is why I am standing for trusteeship," concluded Anahita.

Here's wishing her the very best in the elections!

On 21st January, 2021, eminent solicitor, author and community luminary - Berjis Desai, formally filed his nomination for the BPP Trusteeship, in the oncoming March 2021 BPP elections.

In a detailed and self-explanatory letter, Berjis Desai shares about his earlier hesitation to file his nomination and his decision to finally do so:

Dear Co-Religionists,

My decision to file the nomination has surprised many. I owe it to explain.

After being an armchair critic of the Panchayet for most of my adult life, in 2008, I drafted the infamous Scheme of Election by universal adult franchise, a most unwise move according to some. Thereafter, I convinced eminent professionals to contest the elections with a view to transform the BPP, all of whom lost barring my friend, Noshir Dadrawala, who has now proposed me. After this botched up attempt, I meekly retired hurt.

Last year, I was part of the Core Committee to assist the trustees. It was then that I realised that it was necessary to shun one's reluctance to get embroiled in so called 'Parsi politics' and the oft referred 'mess', in order to preserve our community assets and heritage. Several critical actions to safeguard and create precious community resources can be initiated only if one is vested with the legal capacity of a trustee, and not from outside. In Navsari, we have a saying, 'aap moova vagar, swarg e nahin javaay' (without dying first, one cannot enter heaven).

In the last few months, the bitterness and rancour in the BPP has escalated significantly. I was part of a team which tried to defuse the situation, when I further realised that direct involvement was required. Having regard to my long relationship with strong personalities on both sides, I do believe that I can at least minimise the stridency in the BPP and forge a consensus on most matters. However, what finally made up my mind were the two sad circumstanced vacancies, making it even more imperative to restore balance and peace.

I am confident that Anahita will make an optimal trustee. Apart from



being an outstanding social worker, the presence of two ladies including the Chairperson, will soothe the charged atmosphere in the Board room. Women have more emotional intelligence than their testosterone oozing counterparts.

In the election, out of your TWO VOTES, please cast your vote first for Anahita. In any event, considering that this is a charity trustee position, I shall not directly or indirectly canvass or seek votes. Nor will I react to happy or sad or angry or nice messages on the social media. If the Lord so desires, I will serve, otherwise I shall have the satisfaction that I did not shirk my duty to the community and the Faith in these critical times.

If appointed, I shall give myself three years to see if I have been able to value add. If not, I shall make way for a more suitable person. In any event, when I turn 70, after a little more than five years, I shall leave, in keeping with the principle that 70 ought to be a cut-off date.

One's personal views, whether past or present, are independent of his duty and obligation as a trustee. However, over the last few years, I have come to increasingly believe that if we are to survive as a community, we must preserve our uniqueness at any cost and not be swamped. Preserving and protecting our fire temples and Towers of Silence has become a primary passion for me. Rather

► *late in life, I have a strong inner conviction that our traditional values have to be preserved. I shall not deviate in the slightest from any time honoured practice concerning our religious way of life.*

*It is my dream, however utopian it sounds, that if we can create a fund to finance a mini Parsi Welfare State, which provides attractive subsidies from cradle to grave; we will succeed in increasing Parsi births and reverse the demographic decline. The BPP can be that engine to spearhead this endeavour.*

*My only unique ability is my rapport with all the present trustees on the Board. I will use this and my 40 years' experience, as a dispute resolution lawyer and a director of listed companies, to bring about some calm and peace, in the working of the BPP, if nothing else.*

*My decision making on every issue concerning any property or tenancy or any other commercial or legal matter will be based purely on merits, devoid of any bias, and irrespective of what any group or individual wants. Hopefully, we shall stop talking the language of 'majority and minority' and 'factions and groups' in the Board of Trustees. Lastly, we shall endeavour that the administration of the BPP becomes more generous, gentler and user friendly to the beneficiaries and the tenants.*

*This is not a position of prestige or power or honour. It is a duty and obligation of the most sacred nature to ensure that Parsi properties and funds are always safeguarded from threats, both external and internal. Every Trustee is a servant of the community. I consider myself on par with our Doongerwadi workers and will act as a humble instrument of the Cosmic.*

*I have gained immensely in my professional and personal life from being a Parsi Zoroastrian. It is now payback time. Our Religion, our priceless assets, our heritage and our very survival just cannot be permitted to be endangered. Humility, compassion and annihilation of the ego is the need of the hour. The following sums up my thoughts:*

*When the Light is so dim,  
And the Times appear grim;  
If all good men just  
standby and cry,  
The Lord will ask,  
why you did not try.*

*Hence, my nomination.*

Sincerely,  
**BERJIS DESAI**

## ABOUT BERJIS DESAI:

64-year-old Berjis Desai has been practising transactional and dispute resolution laws for the last 40 years. A student of the Bharda New High School, he graduated with first class honours from the Elphinstone College, topping the Bombay University in the LLB exams, as also the Cambridge University (UK) where he studied post-graduate law, after being awarded the Rotary International Scholarship. Not surprisingly, he stood first yet again at the Solicitors' Examination.

He was an ordained priest at age 10, completing his Navar and Martab at Navsari's 880-year-old Vadi Dar-e-Meher, where his direct lineal ascendant - Khurshedji Tehmulji Desai - was the prime force in establishing the Navsari Atash Behram.

He has been the Managing Partner as well as Senior Partner at the prestigious J. Sagar Associates (JSA), a national law firm having more than 300 lawyers. He retired in April, 2017, upon turning 60 and is now an independent legal counsel engaged in Private Client Practice. He continues to be an independent Director of leading listed and non-listed public companies in India, including The Great Eastern Shipping Company Limited, Edelweiss Financial Services Limited, Praj Industries Limited, Emcure Pharmaceuticals Limited and Star Health & Allied Products Limited.

A former working journalist, Desai is a writer and a Parsi affairs columnist with *Bombay Samachar* (2002 to 2013) and *Parsiana* (from 2014) and has authored the bestsellers - 'Oh! Those Parsis - A to Z of the Parsi Way of Life', and 'The Bawaji: Chronicles of a Vanishing Community'. His interests include study of esoteric Zoroastrianism and comparative religion.

He is the Founder Trustee of the PZGHF (Parsi Zoroastrian Guards of the Holy Fire), a public religious trust, to safeguard and preserve Parsi fire temples and other Parsi community institutions. He was one of the petitioners fighting against the Mumbai Metro from digging a tunnel underneath our Atash Behrams. He's been a part of the CER (Committee for Electoral Rights) movement which brought in extensive reforms in BPP elections and affairs, and was instrumental in amending the BPP Election Scheme which introduced Universal Adult Franchise. He was the Convenor of the AFP (Adult Franchise for Progress) movement in the 2008 General Elections, which fielded eminent Parsi professionals. Over the years, he has been a trustee of several public religious and charitable trusts; and has extensive experience and expertise in charity management affairs.

A well-respected and highly accomplished community stalwart, Berjis Desai has always been committed to the cause of community welfare and is poised to bring balance and harmony in the Boardroom. Here's wishing him the very best in the elections!

## Western Zone-LIC (India) Donates Fully Air-Conditioned Chowky To Mumbai Police



Continuing its track record of supporting Mumbai Police, LIC of India, Western Zone, donated fully Air Conditioned Portacabin to Mumbai Police at the strategic location opposite Churchgate station. In a simple function, on 18 January, 2021, the Portacabin was inaugurated by Shri C. Vikas Rao, Zonal Manager, Western Zone, in the presence of Mr. Shashikumar Meena, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Zone 1, Mumbai, and senior officials of LIC, Western

and contributed Raincoats in 2019 and 2020.

Earlier on the same day, Shri Vikas Rao had also inaugurated Western Railway local train with LIC Branding on the exterior panels at Churchgate Station. As part of its outreach activities to all Mumbaikars, and increasing Brand Visibility, LIC Western Zone has branded a total of 12 trains, 7 on Western and 5 on Central lines. In interactions with LIC officials, Mr. Raj Kumar Lal, Chief Commercial



Zone and Mumbai Police, as per tradition by breaking coconut. The Portacabin has two chambers, one for the Police personnel, and the second for senior officer. On the occasion, Mr. Meena praised LIC's contributions to society and to Mumbai Police. In the past, LIC donated a Portacabin to Mumbai Police at Gateway of India

Manager, Churchgate Station, narrated his positive experience with LIC across the years, and said that LIC's motto of "Yogakshemam Vahamyaham" is apt, since LIC is always there for the welfare of policyholders. Western Railways also shared photographs of the event on Twitter.

# Don't Miss The Second 'Ba Humata' Webinar!


The 'Ba Humata' Webinar is a Prayer, Leadership and Entrepreneurship Global Webinar series on 'Prayer with Action and Action with Prayers', where our worldwide community's leading priests, leaders and entrepreneurs share their wisdom, insights and guiding principle for the welfare of community members across the globe.

After the tremendous success of the first Webinar, Ba Humata brings you the much-awaited second Webinar with the theme - 'Building Happiness With The Consciousness Of Righteousness (Ashem Vohu)', on 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2021, featuring the Global Zarathushti icons - Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor (India); Mobed Zerkxis Bhandara (USA); Dorab Mistry OBE (Singapore, UK) and youth icon Danny Master (UK), along with founder, host and moderator of the Ba Humata web-series - Dr. Karishma Koka (Ph.D), Neuroscientist from Cambridge University (UK)

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Dr. Karishma Koka  
Founder & moderator

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The audience will be invited to share with Vohu Mana (good mind) how Zarathushti prayers have helped, inspired or enabled them to have different experiences in their lives.



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**Principles of Ba Humata:**

- Ahunavar, Ashem Vohu, Yenghe Haataam, Aa Aairyema Ishyo and
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Build a bridge of communication between our treasured senior generation and our featured future generation

To conserve the Zarathushti knowledge while encouraging the development of the younger generation: empowerment with knowledge, leadership for the good of all.

# Nowroze Baug's G-Block Celebrates Centenary Function



Nowroze Baug was the first of the Parsi colonies to be envisioned and built by the magnanimous benefactor - late Bai Jerbai Wadia, in 1908. Its 'G Block' was the eight of the

adherence to the pandemic-imposed restrictions.

The program started with a karaoke session followed by a fun, 4-team Antakshari competition and the all-time

favorite game of Housie, conducted by G block resident - Firdosh Khambatta. A well-attended Jashan ceremony was held on the morning of 10<sup>th</sup> January, graced by Percy Siganporia, the Secretary of NN and RN Wadia Trusts



Phiroze Tarapore thanked him and the G Block residents for voluntarily contributing towards the centenary celebration expenses. He applauded the

thirteen buildings built at a cost of Rs. 1,54,331 and inaugurated on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 1921 thereby marking its centenary on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January this year.

The residents celebrated this grand occasion over a weekend of celebrations at Nowroze Baug's G block on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of this month. With the façade completely adorned with lights and colourful flowers and beautiful rangoli at the entrance, the building stood proudly for an evening of fun, organized between the G and H blocks. Residents from other blocks joined in the commemoration, with strict



consistent efforts of G block residents - Bomi Dotiwala, Nozer Sutaria, Dali Mohta, Jeroo Tata and Firdosh Khambatta for making the celebrations a success.



# India's F1 Hope Continues With Jehan!

## - Will Race In F2 With Carlin Under Red Bull Junior -

Red Bull Racing have confirmed the extension of their support to Jehan Daruvala in 2021. The Indian racing star created history last month, when he successfully culminated his maiden FIA Formula 2 Championship with a well-deserved victory. The 22-year-old's victory, in his rookie season, was preceded by a hard-fought podium, a week prior.

The Red Bull Junior program has been instrumental in producing some of the world's best F1 racers including four-time World F1 Champion - Sebastian Vettel, Max Verstappen, Daniel Ricciardo, etc. Jehan's continuation in the Red Bull Junior Program was inevitable, given his stand out performances in one of the most competitive F2 seasons ever. 16 different drivers were on the podium while 12 of them won a race. Jehan was also fastest overall in the official post season testing, besides finishing on top, in 2 of the 3 days of testing.

Jehan will continue with Carlin for his second season. His excellent points haul in the last two rounds last season,

helped Carlin rise to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Team's Championship. "I'm thankful to Red Bull for their continued faith in me. I'm extremely excited to stay in F2 and with Carlin for 2021 as a Red Bull Junior. We made good progress last year, it was great to end the season on such a high, with my first F2 win, then backed up with front running pace in post-season testing. I'm extremely proud to carry Red Bull colours again this season. I thank Dr Marko and my sponsors for their continued support and belief in me which I will be looking to repay from the very first race," said Jehan.

Speaking about Jehan, Team Principal Trevor Carlin added, "We're extremely pleased that we have the opportunity to carry on the great progress we have been making with Jehan and have another attack on the FIA F2 Championship. Jehan did a great job last season as an F2 rookie, to really show his true potential by the second half of the season. I expect Jehan to continue where he left off - challenging for wins from the outset in the new season."



The 2021 season kicks off in Bahrain on 26<sup>th</sup> March and will have three races, each weekend. All eight weekends continue to be run concurrently with Formula 1, ending on 12<sup>th</sup> December in Abu Dhabi. Prior to the F2 campaign, Jehan will participate in the Asian F3 Championship for the All-Indian team -

Mumbai Falcons. Indian motorsport fans have been tracking Jehan's progress from his young age and have seen him achieve milestones never achieved by any other Indian. All are awaiting the start of the 2021 season hoping that Jehan will follow Narain and Karun, to become only the 3<sup>rd</sup> Indian in Formula 1.

## SII Working On Four More COVID-19 Vaccines

In addition to Covishield, Serum Institute of India (SII), the largest producer of vaccines in the world based on volumes, is working on four more vaccines against the novel coronavirus, as per its Executive Director, Suresh Jadhav, who shared this announcement during a webinar. He said that SII has been working on five vaccines against the novel coronavirus, including the Covishield, which got approval for emergency use roll-out for mass immunization drive, which began last Saturday.



"For one (vaccine) we have received emergency approval, three others are in different stages of clinical studies while one is in the pre-clinical stage of the trial," he said.

SII has partnered with Novavax Inc to manufacture its potential Covid-19 vaccine for India and other countries. Under an agreement with the US drug developer, SII will develop two hundred crore doses of Novavax's vaccine candidate annually, as also manufacture the antigen component of the vaccine. SII has also partnered with US-based Codagenix to manufacture and supply its coronavirus vaccines.

developed from the masterseed of AstraZeneca/Oxford University's vaccine against the disease, which was approved by India's drug regulator on 3<sup>rd</sup> January, 2021 for emergency use authorization along with Bharat Biotech's Covaxin.

However, some have criticised them for less transparent data in their clinical trials and receiving the approvals without completing the due process of drug licencing. Commenting on the criticism the vaccine manufacturers have been receiving for getting approvals without completing all the trials, Jadhav said that such chances have been taken earlier as well, citing examples of the Ebola outbreak in Africa, four years ago, where the vaccine was used while phase 2 trials were still ongoing; as well as in 2009, during the H1N1 pandemic flu, when the vaccine was administered before all the stages of clinical trial were completed.

The firm's first Covid vaccine is

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# Massive Fire At SII Claims Five Lives – State Orders Probe

## - Vaccines And Production Plants Safe -

During the afternoon hours of 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021, a massive fire broke on the fifth floor of an under-construction building (Terminal 1 Gate), at the Serum Institute of India (SII), in Pune's Manjari area, claiming the lives of five labourers. The complex Manjari is reportedly a few minutes' drive from the facility where the coronavirus vaccines are produced and is believed to be part of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ).

As per sources, four other workers were evacuated from the building when the first blaze, which was apparently caused by an electrical fault, erupted at around 2:00 p.m. A second, comparatively minor blaze, occurred at 7:00 p.m. on the third floor of the same building. Both fires were brought under control, confirmed the fire department authorities. Over 10 fire-tenders from Pune Fire Brigade rushed to the site and were battling the blaze.

The vaccines and the vaccine manufacturing plant were not impacted, fortunately, and are safe. Maharashtra Health Minister, Rajesh Tope assured that the fire had not harmed SII's 'Covishield' vaccine storage, which is sited at a distance from the blaze, in any way.

Shortly after the devastating fire broke out, Deputy CM, Ajit Pawar confirmed that directives have been issued for a detailed probe into the incident, by the Maharashtra State Government, with CM Uddhav Thackeray also taking stock of the situation. "People in the country and abroad have expressed concerns over the incident. I would like to clarify that I have been told that the plant where Covid-19 vaccine is being manufactured is safe. At present, our focus is to douse the fire and minimize the damage caused," added Pawar.

Taking to Twitter, CEO of SII, Adar Poonawalla, expressed condolences, "We have just received some distressing updates; upon further investigation we have learnt that there has unfortunately been some loss of life at the incident. We are deeply saddened and offer our deepest condolences to the family members of the departed." SII has announced a compensation of Rs. 25 lakhs for the families of each of the labourers who lost their lives working at the under-installation facility.

As per State Health Minister, Rajesh



Tope, "Rotavirus plant installation was going on when welding sparks caused the fire due to highly inflammable material present at the spot. It took the local administration three hours to douse the fire completely. They have also recovered five bodies. Police investigation is on and a fire audit of the building will also be conducted."

In another Tweet, assuring those concerned about the safe-keeping and production of the vaccine, Adar Poonawalla shared, "I would like to reassure all governments and the public that there would be no loss of production due to multiple production buildings that I had kept in reserve to deal with such contingencies."

The SII is manufacturing the Covid-19 vaccine, Covishield, developed by the Oxford University and AstraZeneca. Covishield is one of the two vaccines against the novel coronavirus that have been granted emergency use approval in the country. Last year, in November, PM Narendra Modi had visited the SII facility in Pune to review the development of the Covid-19 vaccine ahead of its rollout. India launched the world's largest Covid-19 vaccine rollout on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, after two vaccines - Covishield and Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech's Covaxin - were cleared by the Indian drug regulator, DCGI. SII is producing around 50 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine a month at other facilities in the complex, with plans to increase that to as much as 100 million doses soon. The AstraZeneca vaccine has already been approved in India, which has used

the shot and another home-grown one to inoculate about 1 million people since its roll-out. The AstraZeneca

vaccination has also been shipped to countries such as Bangladesh, Nepal, the Maldives and Bhutan.

## ZAC Holds Sherevar Parabh Jashan

A Jashan was performed in honor of Sherevar Amshashpand (Sherevar Mah, Sherevar Roj), at the Zoroastrian Association of California (ZAC) by Ervads Zarrir and Zerkxis Bhandara. Sponsored by Dhun Alamshaw, the Jashan was attended online by about 40 people over Zoom. After the Jashan, Er. Zerkxis led the Humbandagi, followed by an explanation of the importance of Sherevar Amshashpand.



Sherevar Amshashpand looks after the sky and the attribute of this Amesha Spenta is moral strength and courage. The co-workers of Sherevar are Khurshed and Meher - the giver of light, Asman, and Aneran/Angraheraocha - the endless light. All these Yazatas are givers of light, and the light is synonymous with knowledge, an illumined mind, which is the quality of Dadar Ahura Mazda.

The adversary of Sherevar Amshashpand is bushiashasp, which is fear. Hence, us Parsis have to actively remove any fear from our lives as it is synonymous with Ahriman, and cannot

survive on its own. Hence, it creeps on Ahura Mazda's creations. All fear can be done away with through knowledge to gain strength, courage to lead a good life and praying to Sherevar Amshashpand to overcome obstacles, he explained.

Further, he narrated a couple of stories which highlighted how fear gets the better of people and always leads to destruction and loss. He concluded by asking the community to stay away from fears, shun the naysayers, including one's own self, and to go ahead in life and aim to reach the Sun and shine bright by believing in yourself, saying, 'Atha Zamyad Yatha Afrinami', - may it be so, as I wish!

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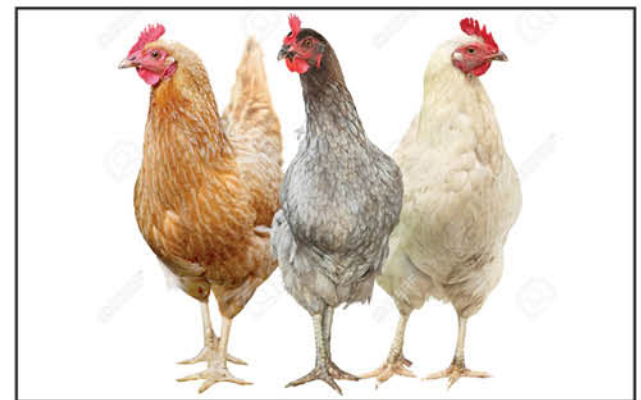
## WINNING CAPTION!!!



Trump: I'm telling you I've won – get another voting check-up!  
 Attendant: For God's sake wear the mask, and shut the heck up!

By Ashishvagh Cowasji (Mumbai)

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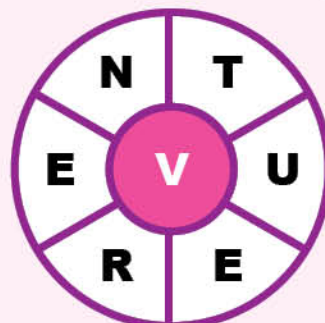
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## Thought of the Week

*"Sometimes the bad things that happen  
 in our lives put us directly on the path  
 to the best things that will ever happen to us."*

# Celebrating The Constitution With A Bow To Bose



NOSHIR H. DADRAWALA

Seventy-one years ago, the Constitution of India came into force. While India attained Independence on August 14, 1947, it didn't have a permanent constitution until 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1950. Prior to 1950, Indian laws were based on the Government of India Act - 1935, which was an Act of the Parliament of the United Kingdom and which happened to be the longest Act of the British Parliament ever enacted until Greater London Authority Act 1999 surpassed it!

Another interesting and less-known fact is 26<sup>th</sup> January has been special, not just from 1950 but from 1930! The Congress party had passed a resolution demanding Purna Swaraj or 'Total Independence' (from British Rule) on the last Sunday of January 1930, which happened to fall on January 26, as Independence Day. The Indian flag was hoisted all over India on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1930.

In his autobiography Jawaharlal Nehru wrote, "Independence Day came, January 26, 1930, and it revealed to us, in a flash, the earnest and enthusiastic mood of the country. There was something vastly impressive about the great gatherings everywhere, peacefully and solemnly taking the pledge of independence, without any speeches or exhortation."

In other words, Independence was proclaimed on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1930, but attained on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947, and the Constitution was adopted on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1950, exactly two decades after the dream and proclamation of total Independence.

The constitution is important because it ensures that those who make decisions on behalf of the public fairly represent public opinion. It also



sets out the ways in which those who exercise power can be held accountable to the people they serve. The constitution is the foundation on which the edifice of democracy is built and functions. It defines the rights and responsibilities of a citizen over state and other persons. It also determines the duty of the state and the duty of the individual vis a vis the country.

26<sup>th</sup> January celebrates the constitution of India. It is a reminder to what 'we the people of India had solemnly resolved to constitute India into' - 'a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic' and to secure to all its citizens:

- a) Justice - social, economic and political;
- b) Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;
- c) Equality of status and of opportunity, and to promote among them all,
- d) Fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation;

### Parallels For Parsis And The BPP

Are there parallels that us Parsis of India can draw? The answer would be in the affirmative. The Constitution of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet is the Trust Deed and it should be every Trustee's solemn resolution to secure for all its beneficiaries the very same deliverables mentioned above related to Justice, Liberty, Equality and

Fraternity - as seen from the purview of the community member and the unity and integrity of the community.

The Trust Deed is important because it ensures that the Trustees, who make decisions on behalf of the community, fairly represent the community's opinion. It also sets out the ways in which trustees who exercise power can be held accountable to the beneficiaries they serve. The trust deed is the foundation on which the edifice of trust is built and functions. It defines the rights and responsibilities of trustees towards the beneficiaries. It also determines the duty of the Board and the duty of the Beneficiary vis-a-vis the community.

It is every Trustee's duty to faithfully follow the provisions of the trust deed regardless of their personal beliefs. A trustee may personally hold traditional or liberal beliefs. However, as trustee must govern the trust as per the provisions of the trust deed and wishes of the Settlers.

A public charitable trust is usually established for the benefit of the poor, needy and deserving. The BPP is no exception and while every trustee, as per law, is required to manage the Trust with such skill and care as a person of ordinary prudence and intelligence would use in managing his or her own affairs or assets, it gives no trustee the right to consider the trust as his

or her private fiefdom.



Along with the Constitution of India, let us also celebrate this 26<sup>th</sup> January 2020, the Constitution of our community and offer our gratitude to our sagacious forefathers who have left such a wonderful legacy for posterity to treasure and cherish.

### Celebrating Bose!

In the meantime, today (23<sup>rd</sup> January) also happens to be the birthday of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. The Union Culture Ministry has announced that in honour of this National hero, January 23 shall be celebrated as Parakram Diwas - day of courage - every year. There are several lessons in leadership that we can learn from him...

Netaji (leader), as he was and continues to be fondly remembered, was initially influenced by the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi and had joined the Indian National Congress.

But he also had the courage of his convictions to differ with Gandhi and the Congress to move on and walk his own path, on his own terms. He refused to follow herd-mentality, which is the test of a true leader.

In 1930, he was imprisoned for a year, during the Civil Disobedience Movement. Later, he was expelled from India to Europe but taking advantage of the situation, he worked to strengthen the ties between the two countries. He had the ability to turn adversity to his advantage, which is yet another quality of a good leader.

Netaji believed that reality is, after all, too big for our frail understanding to fully comprehend. Nevertheless, we had to build our life on

the theory which contains the maximum truth. One individual may die for an idea, but that idea will, after his death, incarnate itself in a thousand lives.

Two quotes of Netaji, apt at this time for reflection by both - our country and our community:

"The greatest crime is to compromise with injustice and wrong. Remember the eternal law: you must give if you want to get."

and

"Freedom is not given, it is taken."

Long live the letter and spirit of our magnificent Constitution and long live the courageous spirit of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose! Happy Republic Day to all!



## વાપીઝે બે ભાઈઓની નવજોત કરાવી

૧૦ મી જાન્યુઆરી, ૨૦૨૧માં, કામા બાગ (નાના ઓટલા) ખાતે વાપીઝ દ્વારા બે ભાઈઓ અસ્પંદિયાર અને ઔરીય નવરોઝ અટાઈની નવજોત કરવામાં આવી. યોજાયેલા કાર્યક્રમમાં પચીસ શુભેચ્છકો સાથે વાપીઝના સીઈઓ અનાહિતા દેસાઈ અને ટ્રસ્ટીઝ, ડોનર સુનુ હોશંગ બુહારીવાલા ઝેડસીબીએલના અધ્યક્ષ - હોમાય દાઝવાલ, અરનવાઝ મિસ્ત્રી અને બીપીપી ટ્રસ્ટી કેરસી રાંદેરિયાએ ભાગ લીધો હતો.

ગત ડિસેમ્બરમાં ૨ પારસી બાળકોના નવજોત સમારોહને પ્રાયોજિત કરવા માટે સુનુ બુહારીવાલા તરફથી ઉદાર દાન મળ્યા બાદ, એક વોટસઅપ સંદેશ મુક્યો હતો જે આ તક મેળવવા માટે લાયક પારસી પરિવાર પાસેથી અરજી માંગતો હતો. જે અરજી પસંદ કરવામાં આવી હતી તે સામાજિક કાર્યકરની ભલામણ રૂપે ૧૩ અને ૧૭ વર્ષના બે ભાઈઓ તરફ આવી હતી, જેમની નવજોત કમનસીબ પરિવારિક સંજોગોને લીધે કરવામાં આવી ન હતી, અને તેઓ નાલાસોપારામાં તેમની માતા નાહિદ સાથે રહેતા હતા.

વાપીઝે એલ્વિકેશનને પ્રમાણિત કરવા અને તેની માન્યતાની પુષ્ટિ કરવા માટે ખૂબ જ મહેનત કરી, ખાસ કરીને તેમની વયને ધ્યાનમાં રાખીને, જે પરંપરાગત રીતે સ્વીકૃત નવજોત વયથી વધુ હતી. દસ્તુરજી કોટવાલે અભિપ્રાય આપ્યો કે તે બે અજાણ્યા છોકરાઓનો કોઈ દોષ ન હોવાને કારણે તે અસાધારણ પરિસ્થિતિ હતી. ટીમ વાપીઝે તેમની માતા નાહિદ સાથે છોકરાઓને મળી અને નવજોત સુધી તમામ જરૂરી પ્રારંભિક ફરજો ઉપાડી લીધી.

ડોનર, સુનુ બુહારીવાલા તેના પરિવાર સાથે નવજોતમાં જોડાયા હતા. કોવિડ પ્રતિબંધોને ધ્યાનમાં રાખીને, ફક્ત ૨૫ શુભેચ્છકો ભાઈઓને આશીર્વાદ આપવા માટે હાજર રહ્યા હતા. વાપીઝના ટ્રસ્ટીઓ - ખોજેસ્તે મિસ્ત્રી અને મહેર પંથકી, વાપીઝના સીઈઓ - અનાહિતા



દેસાઈ, બીપીપી ટ્રસ્ટી અને સમાજસેવક - અરનવાઝ મિસ્ત્રી, બીપીપી ટ્રસ્ટી કેરસી રાંદેરિયા, ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન બેંકના અધ્યક્ષ - હોમાય દાઝવાલા અને તેમના બહેન કેટાયુન, ડૂંગરવાડી મેનેજર વિસ્તાર્ય મહેતા અને તેમની પત્ની દિલનવાઝ, અને સામાજિક કાર્યકર સ્પેન્ટા ઉમરીગર, ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા. ભાઈઓ અને તેમની માતા ખુશીઓ અને ગૌરવ સાથે ઝળહળતા હતા.

કાયરેશ અને શેરી પટેલ, જે ટીમ વાપીઝનો અભિન્ન ભાગ છે, તેમના વગર પ્રોજેક્ટ શક્ય ન બન્યો હોત. આ પ્રસંગોના ફોટો કેપ્શન કરવા બદલ મઝદા ઓડીયોના સરોશ દાઝવાલાનો પણ ખુબ આભાર.

## એસઆઈઆઈએ કોવિશિલ્ડ રસીઓની પ્રથમ બેચ રવાના કરી



કોરોના વાઈરસ વિરોધી લડત સામેના નિર્ણાયક તબક્કામાં ભારતના પ્રવેશની નિશાની, રાષ્ટ્ર અને આપણા સમુદાય માટે ખરેખર ગૌરવની ક્ષણ હતી, કેમ કે ૧૨મી જાન્યુઆર ૨૦૨૧ના રોજ કોવિશિલ્ડ રસીથી ભરેલી ત્રણ ટ્રક રસી રસી બનાવનાર પાસેથી એરપોર્ટ માટે રવાના કરવામાં આવી હતી.

કોવિશિલ્ડ રસી ડોઝ, જે દેશના વિવિધ સ્થળો પર રોડવે અને હવાઈ માર્ગે મોકલવામાં આવ્યા, શરૂઆતમાં વિવિધ રસીકરણ કેન્દ્રો પર વધુ વિતરણ માટે ૬૦ માલવાહક પોર્ટન્ટ પર મોકલવામાં આવી રહ્યા હતા. મહારાષ્ટ્ર સરકારે એરપોર્ટ અને રાજ્યની સરહદો સુધી રસી ડોઝ લઈ જતા ટ્રકોને પોલીસ સુરક્ષા પૂરી પાડી હતી. મીડિયાને આપેલા નિવેદનમાં ડીસીપી નમ્રતા પાટિલે કહ્યું કે વહીવટી તંત્ર દ્વારા રસીના પ્રથમ માલની સલામતી માટે વિસ્તૃત સુરક્ષા વ્યવસ્થા કરવામાં આવી છે.

આદર પુનાવાલાએ સોશિયલ મીડિયા પર આ ગર્વની પળને એક ટ્વિટમાં શેર કરી છે કે, કોવિશિલ્ડનું પહેલું શિપમેન્ટ આખરે ભારતભરમાં અનેક સ્થળોએ રવાના થયું હોવાથી એસઆઈઆઈ ખાતેની ટીમ માટે આ એક ભાવનાત્મક ક્ષણ છે.

મુંબઈ એરપોર્ટ ઓથોરિટીએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે દેશના ૨૦ શહેરોમાં કોવિશિલ્ડના ૨,૭૨,૪૦૦ ડોઝ મોકલવામાં આવ્યા

છે. ગો એરની પહેલી ફ્લાઈટ ગોવા ૨૩,૫૦૦ ડોઝ સાથે રવાના થઈ. ત્યારબાદ સ્પાઈસ જેટ, ગોએર અને વિસ્તારા વિમાનો બાગડોગરા, રાજકોટ, રાંચી, ઈન્દ્રાવલ, અગરતલા, કોચીન, ભોપાલ, કાનપુર, જમ્મુ, શ્રીનગર, લખનઉ, ચંદીગઢ, ગોરખપુર, રાયપુર, દહેરાદૂન, વારાણસી, ઈન્દોર, તિરુવનંતપુરમ અને જબલપુરમાં ડોઝ મોકલવામાં આવ્યા હતા.

કોવિડ -૧૯ રસીકરણ અભિયાનનો પ્રથમ તબક્કો ભારતમાં ૧૬મી જાન્યુઆરી, ૨૦૨૧થી શરૂ થયો હતો. જેમાં વડા પ્રધાન નરેન્દ્ર મોદીએ હેલ્થકેર અને ઇન્ટવાઈન કામદારોને અગ્રતા આપીને વિશ્વનો સૌથી મોટો ઈનોક્યુલેશન પ્રોગ્રામ કહ્યો છે. ઇન્ટવાઈન આરોગ્ય કાર્યકરોને આ રસી નિ:શુલ્ક આપવામાં આવશે અને કેન્દ્ર સરકાર પ્રથમ તબક્કામાં ઇન્ટવાઈન કામદારો માટે કોવીડ -૧૯ રસીકરણનો ખર્ચ ઉઠાવશે.

આરોગ્ય મંત્રાલયે કહ્યું છે કે દેશના પ્રત્યેક રસી કેન્દ્ર પર દર સત્રમાં વધુમાં વધુ ૧૦૦ લોકોને રસી આપવામાં આવશે. પ્રથમ ડોઝ પછી, લાભાર્થીઓએ ચાર અઠવાડિયામાં બીજો ડોઝ લેવો પડશે. આરોગ્ય મંત્રાલયે એમ પણ કહ્યું છે કે આગામી દિવસોમાં રસી કેન્દ્રોની સંખ્યા ધીરે ધીરે વધારવામાં આવશે.

શેહરેવરને રોજ શહેરેવર પર થયો હતો. આજના ઈરાની (બંને જરથોસ્તી અને મુસ્લિમો) સાયરસને પિતાની આકૃતિ તરીકે માને છે અને તેથી તેમાંથી ઘણા શહેરવરના ચોથા દિવસને 'કાધર્સ ડે' તરીકે મનાવે છે. આયેમિનીયન સમય દરમિયાન, અગ્નિશામકો પથ્થરના હતા અને આપણે દક્ષિણ ઈરાનમાં નકશ-

એ-રુસ્તમ નજીક આજની તારીખમાં આવા અગ્નિદાહકોના અવશેષો જોયા છે. જો કે, ભારતમાં, પારસીઓ ધાતુનું અફરગન્યુ અથવા વાઝ પર આતશને રાજાની જેમ બેસાડે છે અને તેને આતશ પાદશાહ તરીકે ઓળખવામાં આવે છે અને તે શક્તિના પ્રતીક તરીકે ધાતુ પર આતશ રૂપે બેઠેલા છે.

## શેહરેવર પરબ - દૈવી શક્તિ અને ધાર્મિક શક્તિની ઉજવણી

શેહરેવર (અવેસ્તાન ક્ષત્ર વૈર્ય) એ ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન કેલેન્ડરનો છઠ્ઠો મહિનો છે અને અહુરા મઝદાના 'ઈચ્છનીય પ્રભુત્વ' નું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે. તે ધાતુઓ અને ખનિજો પર અધ્યક્ષતા કરતા અમેશા સ્પેન્ટા છે. શેહરેવરના ગુણો અને શક્તિ છે અને શેહરેવર આ બંને ગુણોનો ઉપયોગ આ વિશ્વમાં શાંતિ અને અહુરા મઝદાની ઈચ્છનીય પ્રભુત્વ લાવવા ન્યાયથી કરે છે.

'શ્રેષ્ઠ શાસન' માટે શેહરેવર એક પહેલવી શબ્દ છે, જે દૈવી શક્તિ અને સદાચાર શક્તિ સાથે આવે છે. પ્રાચીન ઈરાનના રાજાઓ આ દિવ્યતા દ્વારા પ્રેરિત હતા અને તેમના વિશાળ રાજ્યને ન્યાય અને સમાનતાના સિદ્ધાંતો પર શાસન કર્યું. સાયરસ ઘ ગ્રેટ જેવા રાજાઓ અને પૌરનદોષ્ટ જેવી રાણી ક્વાસિક ઉદાહરણો છે. દુષ્ટતા નબળા શરીર અથવા નબળા મન દ્વારા પ્રતિકાર કરી શકાતી નથી. એટલે કે સ્વર્ગ જે શાંતિપૂર્ણ રહેશે અને તેમની શક્તિ અને ન્યાયી શક્તિનો ઉપયોગ કરીને માત્ર

રાજાઓ દ્વારા શાસન થશે.

તંદુરસ્ત અને મજબૂત રહેવા માટે માનવ શરીર પોતે જ વિવિધ ધાતુઓ અને ખનિજોની જરૂરિયાત ધરાવે છે. ઉદાહરણ તરીકે, આયર્નનો અભાવ એક એનિમિક અથવા ખૂબ નબળાઈ અનુભવી શકે છે જ્યારે કેલ્શિયમનો અભાવ હાડકાંને નબળાઈ તરફ દોરી જાય છે. શાહનામે અથવા બુક ઓફ કિંગ્સ અનુસાર શાહ જમશીદ પેશદાદિયન વંશ દરમિયાન ધાતુઓના ઉપયોગની શોધ કરી.

જરથુસ્ત્રનામ નામના પહેલવી પુસ્તકમાં જણાવાયું છે કે અહુરા મઝદા પાસેથી દૈવી પ્રકટીકરણ પ્રાપ્ત થયા પછી, જ્યારે જરથુસ્ત્રને અમેશા સ્પેન્ટા દ્વારા દરેક દ્વારા સલાહ આપવામાં આવી હતી, બીજા શબ્દોમાં કહીએ તો, ધાતુઓનો ઉપયોગ સમજી વિચારીને કરવો શાંતિપૂર્ણ અને



પ્રગતિશીલ હેતુઓ માટે ધાતુઓનો ઉપયોગ કરવો હિંસક હેતુઓ માટે નહીં.

પરંપરાગત રીતે, શારીરવગન અથવા શેહરેવરનું પરબ પ્રાચીન ઈરાનમાં અગ્નિ પ્રગટાવીને ઉજવવામાં આવતું આતશ એ ઉર્જાનું પ્રતિક છે. જ્યારે ધર્મગુરૂઓ બાજ પ્રદાન કરે છે ત્યારે તેઓ ધાર્મિક શક્તિ માટે ધાતુના સળાનો ઉપયોગ કરે છે. વિધિ દરમિયાન, જે પાણી વિધિપૂર્વક શુદ્ધ અને શક્તિશાળી બને છે તેને અગિયારીના કૂવામાંથી ધાતુના કળસિયાથી એકત્રિત કરવામાં આવે છે.

ઘણા માને છે કે સાયરસ ઘ ગ્રેટનો જન્મ તે સમયના કેલેન્ડર મુજબ માલ



# YOUR MOONSIGNS JANAM RASHI THIS WEEK

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અઠવાડિક રાશિક્ષણ: તા. ૨૩.૦૧.૨૦૨૧ થી તા. ૨૯.૦૧.૨૦૨૧



## Aries - મેષ - અ.લ.ઈ.

૩૭ ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલશે. રાહુ હાલમાં તમારી દિવસની ભુખ અને રાતની ઉંઘ બંને ઉડાવી દેશે. ખોટા વિચારોથી વધુ પરેશાન થઈ જશો. પોજીટીવ વિચાર આવશે નહીં. ઘનની ચિંતા વધવાથી તબિયત ખરાબ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. અંગત મિત્રો સાથે નહીં આપે. માથાના દુખાવા અને એસીડીટી જેવી બીમારીથી સંભાળજો. દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૩, ૨૪, ૨૮, ૨૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 23, 24, 28, 29.

Rahu's rule till 3rd February, will take a toll on your appetite and your sleep. You will get upset by negative thoughts. Positive thoughts will evade your mind. Your health could get impacted because of your financial worries. Close friends might not be supportive. You could suffer from headaches or acidity. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



## Cancer - કર્ક - ડ.હ.

તમને આજનો દિવસ જ શનિની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાનો બાકી છે. આજે કોઈ સાથે વધુ બોલચાલ કરતા નહીં. ઘરવાળા નાની બાબતમાં નારાજ થઈ જશો. કાલથી ગુરુની દિનદશા આવતા ૫૮ દિવસમાં તમને ભરપુર સુખ આપશે. તમારા અટકેલા કામો કોઈની મદદથી વીજળીવેગે પુરા કરી શકશો. તબિયતમાં સારા સારી થતી જશે. આજે 'મોટી હમન યજ્ઞ' અને કાલથી 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૫, ૨૬, ૨૭, ૨૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 25, 26, 27, 28.

Today marks your last day under Saturn's rule, so try to avoid talking too much with others. Family members could get upset over a petty matter. Jupiter's rule starting tomorrow, for the next 58 days, will bring you much contentment. You will be able to complete your stalled tasks at lightning speed. Health will continue to improve. Pray the Moti Haptan Yasht today and tomorrow onwards, pray the Sarosh Yasht.



## Libra - તુલા - ર.ત.

તમારી રાશિના માલિક શુક્રના મીત્ર બુધની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે. ૧૮મી માર્ચ સુધી તબિયતમાં સારો સુધારો થતો જશે. કામકાજ કરવામાં જરાબી આળસ નહીં આવે. ભવિષ્યના પ્લાન બનાવીને કામ કરવાથી આંનદમાં રહેશો. કામકાજમાં સફળતા મળશે. મિત્રોના સાથ મળવાથી તમારા કામ વીજળીવેગે પુરા કરશો. આજથી દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૫, ૨૬, ૨૭, ૨૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 25, 26, 27, 29.

The onset of Mercury's rule augers substantial improvement in your health by the 18th of March. You will not feel lethargy in doing your work. Planning for the future and working towards implementing these plans will keep your future secured and happy. Your work endeavours will be successful. You will be able to complete your work at lightning speed, with the help of your friends. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily starting today.



## Capricorn - મકર - ખ.જ.

સુર્યની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી અગત્યના કામો પુરા નહીં કરી શકો. સરકારી કામ કરતા નહીં. કોઈને પ્રોમીશ આપેલ હશે તો પૂરું નહીં કરી શકો. વડીલવર્ગની તબિયત અચાનક બગડી જશે. માથાના દુખાવાથી પરેશાન થશો. કામ કરવામાં આળસ આવશે. અગત્ય વસતુની ખાસ સંભાળ રાખજો ગુમાવાના ચાન્સ છે. દરરોજ હૃદય નામ 'યા રયોમન્ટ' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૩, ૨૪, ૨૭, ૨૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 23, 24, 27, 28.

The Sun's rule will not allow you to complete your important tasks. Avoid doing any government related works. You will not be able to deliver upon the promises you have given others. The health of your elderly could suffer. You could suffer from headaches. You will feel lethargy in doing work. Ensure to be extra careful about important items as you could end up losing or misplacing them. Pray the 96th Name, 'Ya Rayoman', 101 times daily.



## Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.

આજથી શરૂ થતી રાહુની દિનદશા આવતા ૪૨ દિવસમાં તમારા મનન ખોટે રસ્તે લઈ જશે તમારા સીધા કામ પણ સમય પર પુરા નહીં કરી શકો. ૪થી માર્ચ સુધી સરકારી કામ કરતા નહીં સફળતા નહીં મળે. ઘરનું વાતવરણ સુધરવાની જગ્યાએ બગડી જશે. ખર્ચનો ખાડો ઉડી થતો જશે. ખાવા પીવા પર ખુબ ધ્યાન આપજો. આજથી 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૩, ૨૪, ૨૫, ૨૬ છે.

Lucky Dates: 23, 24, 25, 26.

Rahu's rule, starting today, for the next 42 days, will tend to cloud your mind with wrongful ways. You will not be able to complete even your typical chores in time. Try to avoid doing any government related work till the 4th of March, as you might not taste success. The atmosphere at home could get worse instead of improving. Expenses could increase greatly. Ensure to pay great attention to your diet. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



## Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.

તમને સુર્યની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારા રોજબરોજના કામ પણ પુરા નહીં કરી શકો. વડીલવર્ગની તબિયત અચાનક બગડી જશે. તમે પણ પ્રેશરની માંદગીથી પરેશાન થશો. સરકારી કામમાં સફળતા નહીં મળે. તમારી અંગત ચીજ વસ્તુ ગુમાવી દેશો. શેરબજારમાં નુકસાન થવાના ચાન્સ છે. દરરોજ 'મોટી હમન યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૫, ૨૬, ૨૭, ૨૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 25, 26, 27, 29.

The ongoing Sun's rule makes it challenging for you to complete your daily chores. The health of your elderly could suddenly deteriorate. You could also end up suffering from Blood Pressure. You might not be successful in your government related endeavours. You could lose or misplace an important item. You could face losses in the share market. Pray the Moti Haptan Yasht daily.



## Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.પ.

આજનો દિવસ ચંદ્રની શીતળ છાયામાં પસાર કરવાનો બાકી છે. ફેમીલી મેમ્બરને ખુશ રાખજો. કાલથી મંગળની દિનદશા તમારા સ્વભાવમાં ખુબ ચેન્જસ લાવી દેશે. નાની બાબતમાં તમે ચીડાઈ જશો. મંગળની દિનદશા આવતા ૨૮ દિવસમાં ભાઈ બહેન વચ્ચે મતભેદ પડાવીને રહેશે. તમારા અંગત લોકો તમને માન નહીં આપે. આજથી 'તીર યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૩, ૨૪, ૨૭, ૨૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 23, 24, 27, 28.

Today is the last day under the Moon's rule, so ensure to keep your family members happy. Mars' rule starting tomorrow will bring in much changes in your behaviour. You could get angry over small matters. Over the next 28 days, there could be much squabbling and differences, especially between your mother and sister. Those close to you will not be supportive. Pray the Tir Yasht daily.



## Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.

૧૪મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી શુક્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે તમારા મોજશોખ ખુબ વધી જશે. જ્યાં ત્રણનો ખર્ચ કરવા માંગતા હશો ત્યાં ત્રીસનો ખર્ચ કર્યા પછી પણ નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. હાલમાં તમને નાનું પ્રમોશન મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. તમને ઓપોર્ટીટ સેક્સનો સાથ સહકાર મળવાથી તમારા કામ સારી રીતે પુરા કરી શકશો. ભુલ્યા વગર દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૪, ૨૫, ૨૬, ૨૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 24, 25, 26, 29.

Venus' rule till 14th February will bring in a great increase in your inclinations towards fun and entertainment. You could end up spending ten times that of what you had planned, but despite this you will not face any financial difficulties. You could get a small promotion. Support from the opposite gender helps to complete your tasks more efficiently. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



## Gemini - મિથુન - ક.છ.ઘ.

૨૧મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી ધર્મના દાતા ગુરુની દિનદશા ચાલશે. ગુરુની કૃપાથી મિત્રો અને ફેમીલી મેમ્બર તરફથી સારી સલાહ મળી રહેશે. બીજાના મદદગાર બની શકશો. જે પણ કમાશો તેમાંથી ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ અવશ્ય કરજો. શારીરિક બાબતમાં સારા સારી થતી જશે. થોડીઘણી ભાગદોડ કરવાથી વધુ ધન કમાઈ શકશો. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૩, ૨૪, ૨૮, ૨૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 23, 24, 28, 29.

Jupiter's rule till 21st February will bring you good advice coming in from family members and friends. You will be helpful to another. Ensure to make investments from your earnings. There will be improvements in your physical health. You will be able to earn extra with a little added effort. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



## Virgo - કન્યા - પ.ઠ.ણ.

૧૭મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી તમારી રાશિના માલિક બુધની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા હીસાબી કામો લેતીદેતીના કામો પુરા કરવામાં મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. તમારી આપેલી સલાહ કોઈને જીવનમાં મદદવાળા ડીસીઝન લેવામાં મદદગાર થઈ જશે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં થોડી કરકસર કરીને સારી જગ્યાએ ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ કરી શકશો. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૩, ૨૪, ૨૫, ૨૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 23, 24, 25, 28.

Mercury's rule till 17th February helps you to smoothly execute your accounting transactions. Your advice will prove to be helpful for another person's crucial decision-making. With some effort, you will be able to invest your earnings in a good place. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



## Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ફ.

૨૩મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી શાંત ગ્રહ ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા સેલ્ફ કોન્ફીડન્સમાં વધારો થશે. તમારા કરેલ કામમાં સારા સારી થતી જશે. નવા કામમાં સફળતા મળશે. જે પણ કરશો તેમાં આનંદ મળશે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી થતી જશે. વધુ સારા રીઝલ્ટ મેળવવા દરરોજ ૩૪મું નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૫, ૨૬, ૨૮, ૨૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 25, 26, 28, 29.

The Moon's rule till 23rd February boosts your self-confidence. Your work will continue to bear fruit. New ventures will be successful. You will find satisfaction in all you do. Financially, things will keep improving. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.



## Pisces - મીન - દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.શ.

શુક્રની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી નવા કામમાં સફળતા મળશે. નાના ધનલાભ મળવાથી મુશ્કેલીભર્યા કામ પણ સહેલા થઈ જશે. ઘરમાં મહેમાન આવવાથી ઘરનું વાતાવરણ ખુબ સારું રહેશે. તબિયતની અંદર સારા સારી થતી જશે. મનગમતી વ્યક્તિ મળવાથી મનમાં ખુબ આનંદ થશે. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૩, ૨૭, ૨૮, ૨૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 23, 27, 28, 29.

Venus' ongoing rule brings you success in your new ventures. An influx of wealth will help in completing your other projects. The atmosphere at home will come alive with guests. Health will continue to improve. You will feel mentally content on meeting a favourite person. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



## સુખી સંસાર!

મમી ડેડી હસી પડ્યા ને બોલ્યા ઓકે પરમીશન ઈજ ગ્રાન્ટેડ. દાનેશ તો એકદમ ખુશીનો માર્યો મમી ડેડીને ભેટી પડ્યો ને બોલ્યો ઓહ મમી ડેડી યુ આર ગ્રેટ.

ત્યારે શીરાજીએ આય વાત જાણી ત્યારે એ તો ખુશીથી નાચવા લાગી કે હવે તો મને એક ફ્રેન્ડ મળી જશે. શીરીન હસીને બોલી ડાર્લીંગ એ તારી ફ્રેન્ડ નહીં પણ તારી ભાભી કહેવાશે.

બીજે જ દિવસે દાનેશે તરોનીશને પ્રોપોઝ કીધું. તરોનીશ પણ ઘણી ખુશ થઈ ગઈ અને એના મમી ડેડીનું પરમીશન મળી ગયું. એ લોકોને પણ દાનેશ જમાઈ તરીકે ઘણોજ ગમી ગયો. ને બેઉ લવ બર્ડ એકમેને રોજ મલવા લાગ્યા. શીરાજી પણ તરોનીશ સાથે ઘણી જ ફ્રેન્ડલી બની ગઈ. ને એમ મળતા ભેટતા તરોનીશના ભાઈ ડેવિડને પણ શીરાજી સાથે પ્રેમ થઈ ગયો ને ગમવા લાગી ને બન્ને એકમેકની નજદીક આવી ગયા ને લવમાં પડ્યા. એટલે શીરાજીએ પણ પોતાના ડેવિડ સાથના અફેરની વાત કીધી ને પરમીશન માંગ્યું ડેવિડને પણ ગમ્યો એટલે ખુશીથી પરમીશન આપ્યું.

ડેવિડને એક મોટી હાઈ સ્કુલમાં પ્રિન્સીપાલના જોબ પર હતો

તો શીરાજીને પણ ડેવિડની જ સ્કુલમાં એક હેડ ટીચરનો જોબ ઓફર થયો. બન્ને કપલે મમી ડેડીના આશીરવાદ લીધા ને મમી ડેડીએ પણ ચારે બચ્ચાંઓને પોતાના પાસામાં લઈ સારી દુવાઓને આશીરવાદ આપ્યા હવે લગનનો સારો સબકતો દિવસ જોઈ બન્ને જોડકાના લગન એક સાથે જ ઓલબલેસ બાગમાં ખુબ ધામધુમથી કીધા ને બન્ને બચ્ચાંઓ લગન કરીને પરવારી ગયા.

લગન થઈ ગયા પછી શીરાજી બોલી દાનેશ આપણી તો નવજોતે પણ એક જ દિવસે ને લગન પણ એક જ દિવસે થયા. સો લકી અને લર્લીંગ વી આર બન્ને ભાઈ બહેન એકમેકને વલાલથી ભેટી પડ્યા. પછી બધા મહેમાનો હસી બોલીને દીનશાહ શીરીનની થેંકસ માનીને લગનનું ટેરટી ડીનર ખાઈને ઘરે ગયા. ને આઠ દિવસ પછી બન્ને કપલ



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સીંગાપોર હનીમુન પર ઉપડી ગયા ને મમી ડેડીએ બન્ને બચ્ચાંઓને હેપી જર્ની કહીને વિદાય આપી.

સૌ સાડે તેનું છેવટ સાડું.

તો બસ વાંચનાર હવે હું મારી કલમને આરામ આપી લખવાનું બંધ કરું છું. ખુદા લફેઝ.

યજ્ઞદાન પનાહ બાદ. (સમાપ્ત)

## આપણા ભુલાઈ ગયેલા સ્વતંત્રતા સેનાનીઓ!

પ્રજાસત્તાક દિન અથવા ગણતંત્ર દિવસ, ૨૬ જાન્યુઆરી, ભારતનો રાષ્ટ્રીય તહેવાર છે. આ દિવસે ઈ.સ. ૧૯૫૦માં ભારતનું બંધારણ અમલમાં આવ્યું હતું અને ભારત બ્રિટિશ વાલીપણા હેઠળનાં દેશમાંથી સંપૂર્ણ પ્રજાસત્તાક (ગણતંત્ર) દેશ બન્યો હતો.

આપણા ભારત દેશને આઝાદ કરવા ખબર નહીં કેટલાય લોકોએ કુરબાની આપી હશે. આપણે સ્વતંત્રતા સેનાનીઓમાં ગાંધી બાપુ, જવાહરલાલ નેહરુ, શાસ્ત્રીજી, દાદાભાઈ નવરોજી, ભીખાચજી કામા, લાલા લજપતરાય, રાજેન્દ્ર પ્રસાદ, સરદાર વલ્લભભાઈ પટેલ જેવા નામોક્તિ લોકોને ઓળખીએ છીએ પણ તે પહેલા કેટલાય લોકોએ કુરબાની આપી જેમાથી અનેક લોકોના આપણે નામ પણ નહીં સાંભર્યા હશે. તો ચાલો તેમાથી કેટલાક લોકોને ૨૬મી જાન્યુઆરીના આપણા સ્વતંત્રતા દિને જાણીએ અને તેમને શ્રદ્ધાંજલિ આપીએ!

**રાણી ચેન્નામ્મા:** (રાણી ચેન્નામ્મા, જન્મ - ઓક્ટોબર



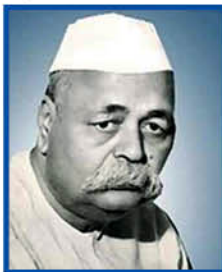
૨૩, ૧૭૭૮, કિટ્ટુર, કર્ણાટક; મૃત્યુ - ફેબ્રુઆરી ૨૧, ૧૮૨૯) એ દક્ષિણ ભારતના કર્ણાટક, સ્વતંત્રતા સંગ્રામના સંદર્ભમાં ઝાંસીની રાણી લક્ષ્મીબાઈની સમાન હતા. ચેન્નામ્માએ બ્રિટીશ સત્તા સામે બે વાર સશસ્ત્ર પડકાર આપ્યો હતો.

**તિરુપુર કુમારન:** (જન્મ - ૪થી ઓક્ટોબર ૧૯૦૪, ચેનીમલાઈ, ઈરોડ, મદ્રાસ પ્રેસિડેન્સી, બ્રિટિશ ભારત. મૃત્યુ - ૧૧ જાન્યુઆરી ૧૯૩૨ (વય ૨૭)) એવું નામ કે જે બ્રિટિશ શાસનની લાકડીઓ સામે તૂટી ન પડ્યો અને પોતાના દેશને

મુક્ત કરવાની લડતમાં ફૂટી પડ્યો. કુમારને સ્વતંત્રતા ચળવળમાં ભાગ લઈને ભારતને આઝાદ કરવા માટે પોતાનું આખું જીવન લીધું, તેમ છતાં ભારતના આ મહાન સ્વાતંત્ર્ય સેનાનીનું નામ ઈતિહાસનાં પાનામાં ક્યાંક ખોવાઈ ગયું છે.

**મ. ઈ. લ. મ. દ. બરકતુલ્લાહ:** (જન્મ ૭ જુલાઈ ૧૮૫૪, ભોપાલ, મધ્યપ્રદેશ; અવસાન - ૨૦ સપ્ટેમ્બર ૧૯૨૭) એક ભારતીય સ્વાતંત્ર્ય સેનાની હતા. મોલાના બરકતુલ્લાહ એક બ્રિટીશ વિરોધી સર્વ ઈસ્લામ આંદોલનથી હમદર્દી રાખનાર ક્રાંતિકારી હતા, જેમણે પોતાનું મોટાભાગનું જીવન વિદેશમાં વિતાવ્યું અને ભારતીય સ્વતંત્રતા ચળવળને ટેકો આપ્યો.

**ગોવિંદ વલ્લભ પંત:** (જન્મ ૧૦ સપ્ટેમ્બર ૧૮૮૭; અવસાન: ૭ માર્ચ ૧૯૬૧) ઉત્તરપ્રદેશના પ્રથમ મુખ્યમંત્રી અને સ્વાતંત્ર્ય સેનાની હતા. તેમનું મુખ્ય પ્રધાનપદ ૧૫ ઓગસ્ટ, ૧૯૪૭ થી ૨૭ મે ૧૯૫૪ સુધી ચાલ્યું હતું. બાદમાં તેઓ ભારતના ગૃહ પ્રધાન પણ બન્યા (૧૯૫૫ - ૧૯૬૧). ભારતીય બંધારણમાં,



હિન્દી ભાષાને રાષ્ટ્રીય ભાષાનો દરજ્જો અપાવવા અને જમીંદારી પ્રણાલીને નાબૂદ કરવામાં તેમનો મુખ્ય ફાળો હતો. ભારત રત્ન તેમના સમય ગાળામાંજ પ્રદાન કરવામાં આવ્યો. બાદમાં આ સન્માન તેમને રાષ્ટ્રપતિ રાજેન્દ્ર પ્રસાદ દ્વારા ૧૯૪૭માં તેમની આઝાદીની લડતમાં ફાળો આપવા, ઉત્તર પ્રદેશના મુખ્ય પ્રધાન અને ભારતના ગૃહ પ્રધાન તરીકેના ઉત્કૃષ્ટ કાર્ય કરવા માટે એનાયત કરાયો હતો.

**ભાઈ પરમાનંદ અથવા પંડિત પરમાનંદ:** (જન્મ - નવેમ્બર ૪, ૧૮૭૬ - મૃત્યુ ૮ ડિસેમ્બર, ૧૯૪૭) ભારતના સ્વાતંત્ર્ય સંગ્રામના મહાન ક્રાંતિકારી હતા. તે બલુભાષી વ્યક્તિત્વ ધરાવનારા એક મહાન માણસ હતા. પરમાનંદજી આર્ય સમાજ અને વૈદિક ધર્મના સાચા પ્રચારક હતા, તો બીજી તરફ તેમણે ઈતિહાસકાર, સાહિત્યકાર અને પ્રખ્યાત શિક્ષણવિદ તરીકે પણ નામના મેળવી હતી. ભારતની આઝાદીમાં મુખ્ય ભૂમિકા ભજવનારા સરદાર ભગતસિંહ, સુખદેવ, રામપ્રસાદ બિસ્મિલ અને કરતારસિંહ જેવા કેટલા દેશભક્ત યુવાનોએ તેમની પાસેથી પ્રેરણા મળી હતી.

**સુચેતા કૃપાલાની:** જન્મ ૨૫ જૂન ૧૯૦૮ ના રોજ ભારતના હરિયાણાના અંબાલા શહેરમાં થયો હતો. (મૃત્યુ ૧ ડિસેમ્બર ૧૯૭૪) તેમનું શિક્ષણ લાહોર અને દિલ્હીમાં થયું હતું. તે ૧૯૬૩ થી ૧૯૬૭ દરમિયાન ઉત્તરપ્રદેશના મુખ્ય પ્રધાન



હતા. સુચેતા કિષ્વાની દેશની પ્રથમ મહિલા મુખ્ય પ્રધાન હતા. પાર્ટીશન દુર્ઘટનામાં તે મહાત્મા ગાંધીની ખૂબ નજીક હતા. બાપુની નજીક રહીને દેશની આઝાદીનો પાયો નાખનાર કેટલીક મહિલાઓમાં સુચેતા કૃપાલાની પણ હતા. તે નોવાખલી યાત્રામાં બાપુની સાથે હતા.

**તારા રાણી શ્રીવાસ્તવ:** જન્મ બિહારની રાજધાની પટણા નજીકના સરન જિલ્લામાં થયો હતો. તેના વિશે એવું કહેવામાં આવે છે કે તે તિરંગાને એટલો પ્રેમ કરતા કે તેના માટે તે મરી પણ શકતા હતા. નાની ઉંમરે જ તેમના લગ્ન જાણીતા સ્વાતંત્ર્ય સેનાની કુલેન્દુ બાબુ સાથે થયાં. તેમના પતિ કુલેન્દુ બાબુની જેમ, તારા રાણી શ્રીવાસ્તવ પણ દેશમાં આઝાદી લાવવા માટે દરેક પગલા પર તેમની સાથે રહેતા હતા.



એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. ઠે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Viraf Pesi Chinoy વિરાફ પેસી ચીનોય	59 ૫૯	12-01-2021	E2/506, Bharat Nagar, 342 Grant Road, Mumbai 7. ઈર/૫૦૬, ભારત નગર, ૩૪૨, ગ્રાન્ટ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે મહાફિર વિરાફ ચીનોયના ઘણી તે નેવિલ વિરાફ ચીનોયના પપ્પા તે મરહુમ બાનુ અને મરહુમ પેસી જાલ ચીનોયના દીકરા તે મરહુમ આલુ અને મરહુમ ફરામરોજ પેસ્તનજી બાટલીવાલાના જમાઈ.
Minoo Dosabhai Hansotia મીનુ દોસાભાઈ હાંસોટીયા	86 ૮૬	14-01-2021	2nd Floor, 9, Narielwalla Building, Station Road, Mahim (West), Mumbai 16. ૯ નારીવેલવાલા બિલ્ડિંગ, સ્ટેશન રોડ, માહિમ, મુંબઈ ૧૬.	તે મરહુમ ડોસાભાઈ ને તહેમીનાના દીકરા તે રોશન મીનુ હાંસોટીયાના ખાવિંદ તે ફરોખના પપ્પા તે દેવનાના સસરાજી તે બીનાયશાના બપાવાજી તે મરહુમો હોમાય, જીની ને રોશનના ભાઈ તે નીલુફર, ફીરૂઝી, અનાઈતાના મામાજી તે મરહુમ ધનજીશા ને મહેરામાય અરેઠનાના જમાઈ.
Khurshid Vistasp Patel ખુરશીદ વીસ્તાસ્પ પટેલ	66 ૬૬	15-01-2021	1405, Morning Glory, Everest World, Kolshet Road, Opp. Bayer India Co. Kolshet, Thane (West), Thane 400 607. ૧૪૦૫, મોર્નિંગ ગ્લોરી, એવરેસ્ટ વર્લ્ડ, કોલશેટ રોડ, બેયર ઈન્ડિયા કંપની સામે, કોલશેટ, થાણા (વે.), મહારાષ્ટ્ર ૪૦૦૬૦૭.	તે વીસ્તાસ્પ તેહમુરસપ પટેલના ઘણીયાણી તે પીનાજ વિસ્તાસ્પ પટેલ તથા બેલનાજ વીસ્તાસ્પ પટેલના માતાજી તે મરહુમો મેહરૂ તથા માણેક દમન્યાના દીકરી તે ફિરોઝા ત. પટેલ, ફૂતમ ત. પટેલના ભાભી તે દીવશાદ વિરાફ ચીચઘરના કાકી તે મરહુમો મહેર તતા તેહમુરસપ પટેલના વલુ તે યાસ્મીન જાલનાવાલાના કઝીન તે શીરીન ફૂતમ પટેલના જેઠાણી.
Jal Limji Dastur જાલ લીમજીભાઈ દસ્તુર	73 ૭૩	15-01-2021	5, C. D. Baug, S. V. Road, Grd. Floor, City Centre, Goregaon (W), Mumbai 400 104 ૫, સી. ડી. બાગ, એસ. વી. રોડ, ભોંપતળિયે, ગોરેગામ (વે.), સીટી સેન્ટ્રેની બાજુમાં.	તે કેટીના ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમા જરબાનુ તથા લીમજીભાઈ દસ્તુરના દીકરા તે મરહુમો શીરીન તથા જહાંગીર એન્જિનિયરના જમાઈ તે દીન્યાર, મેહરનોશ ને બાનુના ભાઈ તે શેહરનાજ ને નવઝાદના બાવાજી તે બહેરામ ને પર્વના સસરાજી તે હુખ્તા, ઝેનાના મમાવાજી તે શાહદાનના બપાવાજી તે કેકી પરસીસ એન્જનીયરના બનેવી.
Baheram Ratansha Antroliwala બહેરામ રતનશા અન્દ્રોલીવાલા	75 ૭૫	17-01-2021	5/12/11, Sangam Apartments, Sector No.11, Nerul (East), Navi Mumbai, Thane 400 706 ૫-૧૨-૧૧ સંગમ એપાર્ટમેન્ટ, સેક્ટર નં. ૧૧, નેરૂલ (પુ), નવી મુંબઈ, થાને, મહારાષ્ટ્ર ૪૦૦૭૦૬.	તે પરવીન બહેરામ અન્દ્રોલીવાલાના ખાવિંદ તે નવાજ અન્દ્રોલીવાલાના પપ્પા તે મરહુમો કેટી તથા રતનશા અન્દ્રોલીવાલાના દીકરા તે મરહુમો પરીનબાનુ તથા જહાંગીરજી ભેસાન્યાના જમાઈ તે કેશમીરા ટે. પટેલ, નોશીર, ફેની સં. જંગલવાલા તથા રોહીનટનના ભાઈ તે સાયરસ, નોશીર, દારા, તથા મરહુમો ગેવ તથા સોલીના બનેવી.
Khorshed Sam Katrak ખોરશેદ સામ કાતરક	72 ૭૨	18-01-2021	17/A/07, Rustom Baug, Byculla (East), Mumbai 27. ૧૭/એ/૦૭, રુસ્તમ બાગ, ભાયખલા, મુંબઈ ૨૭.	તે મરહુમ સામ ફરામરોજ કાતરકના ઘણીયાની તે મરહુમો ધન અને નરીમાન દસ્તુરના દીકરી તે પરીઝાદ અને શયામકના માતાજી તે મરહુમ જુબીનાના સાસુજી તે વીસતાસ્પના બપયજી તે શેરવી અને રોહિન્ટનના બહેન.
Roda Jehangir Balsara રોડા જહાંગીર બલસારા	93 ૯૩	18-01-2021	B/3, Cuffe Castle, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 5. બી ૩, કફ કાસલ, કફ પારેડ, મુંબઈ ૫.	તે મરહુમ જહાંગીર ફૂતમજી બલસારાના વિધવા તે મહાફિર હોમી ડોક્ટર તથા ઝીનોબ્યા બરજીસ પટેલના માતાજી તે મરહુમો મેહેરા તથા બરજોર બ. મોદીના દીકરી તે હોમી દારા ડોક્ટર તથા બરજીસ કેકી પટેલના સાસુજી તે બીનાઈફર કયોમર્ઝ દાવર તથા તુશાદ બરજીસ પટેલના મમઈજી તે મરહુમો સરોશ બરજોર મોદી, હોશી બરજોર મોદી તથા રોહીનટન બરજોર મોદીના બહેન તે મરહુમો આલામાય તથા ફૂતમજી બલસારાના વલુ તે અરઝાન કયોમર્ઝ દાવરના ગ્રેટ ગ્રાન્ડ મધર.
Noshir Kaikhasroo Tantra નોશીર કેખશરૂ તાન્ત્રા	84 ૮૪	18-01-2021	1301/02, Swapnalok 2, Marve Road, Adarsh, Malad West, Mumbai 64. ૧૩૦૧/૦૨, સ્વપન લોક ૨, મારવે રોડ, આદર્શ, મલાડ (વે.), દેવી એસ.ઓ., મુંબઈ ૬૪.	તે ખોરશેદ નોશીર તાન્ત્રાના ખાવિંદ તે આદીલ નોશીર તાન્ત્રાના બાવાજી તે મરહુમો ધનમાય તથા કેખશરૂ સ. તાન્ત્રાના દીકરા તે નવાજ આદીલ તાન્ત્રાના સસરાજી તે સનાયા આદીલ તાન્ત્રા તથા ઉરવીજ આદીલ તાન્ત્રાના બપાવાજી તે મરહુમો ફીરોઝ, જાલ, મીનુ તથા રોશનના ભાઈ, તે મરહુમો ગુલામાય તથા દારબશા સી ગપુરવાલાના જમાઈ તે દારા કેકોબાદ દસ્તુર તથા શ્રીતી દારા દસ્તુરના વેવાઈ.
Ervad Peshotan Keikhushru Mogal એરવદ પેશોતન કેખશરૂ મોગલ	81 ૮૧	19-01-2021	Flat No.1, C. M. Banaji Bldg., Forjett Street Cross Lane, Gowalia Tank, Mumbai 36. સી. એમ. બનાજી બીલ્ડિંગ, ફેલ્ટ-૧, ફોરજેટ ક્રોસ લેન, ગોવાલિયા ટેન્ક, મુંબઈ ૩૬.	તે મરહુમ ઓ. પીરોજ તથા કેખશરૂ ભીખાજી મોગલના દીકરા તે ખુશમ નોજર વીમાદલાલ અને દિલખુશ મરજી સ્કુવાલાના પપ્પા તે સનાયા, સેરીલ, માયરા તથા નીલના મમાવાજી તે શેરૂ ભીખાજી મોગલ અને પરવીજ જીમી મોબેદ અને વીલી, ગુલશન, શ્રીટી જીમી સીધવા અને બેહરોજ જહાબક્ષ કાસદના ભાઈ તે નોજર તથા મરજીના સસરાજી.
Roshan Gustad Divecha રોશન ગુસ્તાદ દિવેચા	80 ૮૦	20-01-2021	Contractor Bldg., 1st Floor, Flat No. 6, Sussex Road, Byculla, Mumbai 27. કોન્ટ્રેક્ટર બિલ્ડિંગ, પહેલે માળે, ફ્લેટ નં. ૬, સુસેક્સ રોડ, ભાયખલા, મુંબઈ ૨૭.	તે ગુસ્તાદ પીરોજશાહ દિવેચાના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમ ટેલમીના તથા ફીરોઝ ફરામજી હુદીના દીકરી તે મરહુમો બાનુભાઈ તથા પીરોજશાહ દિવેચાના વલુ તે ફરીદા કિશોર સાલુનકે, ફીરોજ તથા મરહુમ વીસ્પીના માતાજી તે રૂબી કેકી પટવાના બહેન તે અનીતા ફીરોઝ દિવેચા તથા મરહુમ કિશોરના સાસુજી તે રાજવના મમયજી તે અરઝાન ને અરપીતાના બપયજી તે જહાંગીર પીરોજશાહ દિવેચાના ભાભી તે દીનુ જહાંગીર દિવેચાના દેરાણી.
Perin Behram Bamboat પેરીન બેહરામ બામબોટ	79 ૭૯	20-01-2021	Bharati Apartments, Flat No. 28, Caesar Road, Ambale, Andheri (West), Mumbai 58. ભારતી એપાર્ટમેન્ટ, ફ્લેટ નં. ૨૮, સીઝર રોડ, અમ્બોલી, અંધેરી (વે.), મુંબઈ ૫૮.	તે મરહુમ બેહરામ જાલભાઈ બામબોટના વિધવા તે ખોરશેદ આદમ દાયસ, ફીરૂઝા બામબોટ ડીઝુઝાના માતાજી તે બેન્ડેન, રીવ, ઈથન, યોહાનના ગ્રેન્ડ મધર તે મરહુમો ખોરશેદ તથા કાવસજી એદલજી પટેલના દીકરી તે કેકી કાવસજી પટેલ તથા મરહુમ રૂમી કાવસજી પટેલના બહેન તે મરહુમો જાલામાય તથા જાલભાઈ હોરમસજી બામબોટના વલુ.
Frene Bomi Crawford ફ્રેની બોમી ક્રાફર્ડ	93 ૯૩	21-01-2021	615, Dhun Villa, Jame Jamshed Road, Dadar (East), Mumbai 14. ૬૧૫, ધન વીલા, જામે જમશેદ રોડ, દાદર (ઈસ્ટ) મુંબઈ ૧૪.	તે મરહુમ બોમી જાલેજર કોફર્ડના ઘણીયાણી તે ખુશરાવના માતાજી તે મરહુમ નવરોજજી તથા મરહુમ માનેકભાઈ પટેલના દીકરી તે મરહુમો જાલેજર તથા નાજામાય કોફર્ડના વલુ તે મરહુમ રૂશા પટેલના બહેન તે મરહુમ આલુ બચાના કઝીન.
Rusi Jalejar Bengali રૂસી જાલેજર બેંગાલી	74 ૭૪	22-01-2021	C/01/12, Contractor Baug, Mori Road Mahim, Mumbai 16. સી/૦૧/૧૨ કોન્ટ્રેક્ટર બાગ, મોરી રોડ, માહિમ, મુંબઈ ૧૬.	તે મરહુમ શ્રીતી રૂસી બેંગાલીના ઘણી તે મરહુમો જાલેજર અને નાજના દીકરા તે હનોઝ અને રયોમંદના પપ્પા તે અનાહીતાના સસરાજી તે વહીસ્તાના બપાવાજી તે નરગીશ જહાંગીર, યજદીના ભાઈ તે રાજુના બનેવી તે સુનીતા, દીલનવાઝના જેઠે તે માનેક શહેરેયાર ગાઈ તથા મરહુમો દાદીબા, ધનજીશાહ, હોશંગના બનેવી.
DIniar Shavaksha Dick દીન્યાર શાવકશા ડીક	85 ૮૫	18-01-2021	Enfield UK. Roxana, 109 Mahershhi Karve Road, Mumbai 20. એનફીલ્ડ, યુ.કે. રોક્ષાના, ૧૦૯ મહર્શી કરવે રોડ, મુંબઈ ૨૦	તે પેરીનબાનુ તથા શાવકશાહ ડીકના દીકરા તે ખોરશેદ ડીક, મની કાલી મોદી અને ફેની શાપુર દાડવાલાના ભાઈ તે શાપુર દાડવાલાના બનેવી તે મરહુમ રોશન સામ દસ્તુર તથા ખરશેદ શાવકશાહ ડીકના ભાઈ તે મરહુમ સીહુ ખરશેદ ડીકના દેર તે ડો. મહેરનોશ, ફેડી, અસ્પી ને ડેલનાના મામા તે શીરાઝ ને શેલનાઝના કાકા તે મરહુમ સામ દસ્તુર, કાલી મીનુ મોદીના સાલા.



## Meherbai's Mandli Holds A Dental Conference



RUBY LILAOWALA

Meherbai's Mandli was like one big happy family who were always there for each other - in good times and bad. Whenever a Mandli-member had a problem, Meherbai would hold a meeting and sort out that problem. She was a mother-figure and almost everyone in her Parsi colony reached out to her for counselling, since she was a wise, old woman - a sort of life-coach to others.

Meherbai and Meherwanji were sitting hand in hand, silently, on one of the colony benches after their morning walk, when she received an SOS from Vikaji Vaghmaru, who had a sudden toothache in his molar and was miserable. He requested Meherbai to hold a dental-meeting at her residence, where he would put the problem before the members and take suggestions and guidance and then decide the best course of action.

Meherbai immediately swung in action and got the Mandli to meet at her residence at an appointed time. *Khadhri* Farida of Rustom Baug wanted to know if the meeting would be over, lunch, dinner or snacks. She also wanted to know if she could bring along her boyfriend, Soli Sales-Tax.

"Vikaji is in such agony and all you can think of is food? Just come!" said Meherbai. And so, the meeting commenced with Vikaji asking - which dentist would be most suitable! He remembered his grandma's Chinese dentist, around 1950, who had charged her Rs. 50/- for her dentures. His granny called it 'daylight robbery' and the dentist - a *chor* - prompting the poor Chinaman to give her a discount of Rs.10/- . Unfortunately, the dentist was fed up with Parsi women's *Khit-Pit* and returned to China.



The Mandli warned Vikaji that today's dentists fill up just one tiny cavity but make a bigger cavity in your wallet!

**Vicaji:** I'll bargain with the doctor.

**Freny Fatakri:** Oh, hello! He's a dentist - not your *bhaji-tarkari-wala!*

Meherwanji remembered his old deceased dentists - Dr. Soonawala just outside Cusrow Baug and Dr. Porus Tarapore near VT station.

**Viloo Vajradanti:** There was also a Dr. Antia above Akbarally's on Veer Nariman Road - such a good soul! But my all-time favourite was Dr. Umrigar opposite Strand cinema, whose hand was light as a feather and he kept TIME and NEWSWEEK magazines in his waiting room with cool A/c and soft piped music. I would make it a point to go much before the appointed time to read and relax.

**Keki Colgate:** No one to beat my chess partner - the late Dr. Aspi Surveyor who was soft spoken and gentle in dentistry but very aggressive in Chess! He always check-mated me in

game after game while his late wife, Nergish, made hot cups of coffee for us at their Colaba residence.

**Kety Kanjoos:** I did some window-shopping for the cheapest dentist in town and went to someone I don't want to mention. His long beard was all over my face and his arm-pits were stinking so bad - I could not bear it any longer, so I excused myself, pretending to visit the loo and never returned. Of course, I sent his fees for the turn!

**Alamai Eienstein:** He must be deliberately never washing his arm-pits so they stink - that way, he saves on anaesthesia! One whiff from his *fuverdi-bagal* and the patient faints. My old dentist, Dr. Kapadia, at Fort, always exuded Yardley Lavender after-shave.

**Kolamai-Cavity:** Yes, I remember another dentist, Dr. Rusi Bam who practiced at Borivali and was very good and jovial. He had a large number of patients, mostly staying in Western suburbs of Mumbai. I met him last year on a senior citizens trip to Panchgani and he made us laugh with his jokes. His sweet wife Ruby is a

Homeopath and his son, an eye-doctor.

**Alamai Eienstein:** *Oh maire!* Then they must be having a big problem in their house! Each time the phone rings and someone asks: May I speak to Dr. Bam? They must be asking: "Which Dr. Bam?"

**Vikaji:** I want the cheapest dentist in town!

**Alamai Eienstein:** Then go to Dr. Burjorji Bun-Pao. He puts all his 200 kilos of weight on your tooth and is so clumsy and heavy-handed, that I call him Burjorji - the Butcher!

**Meherbai:** But tell me, Vikaji, why do you always hanker after a cheap dentist? You must ask for a good dentist! These days dentistry is not cheap, to set-up a dental clinic costs a bomb! Also, the materials used by today's dentists are very advanced and expensive! You are not poor and should go for the best!

**Dinoo Dentures:** Go to one of those state-of-the-art latest dental-clinics with a host of dental-specialists who all dress-up to look like astronauts in their bleach-white outfits, white shoes, aprons and face-masks!

**Meherbai:** Yes! Yes! My old friend Dr. Porus Turner has a very good one at Kemp's corner. His son and daughter, also dentists, practice there but I prefer to go only to Porus who is like a father figure to other dentists and whose healing-hands have a lighter-than-a feather touch. I have known him since many years once he invited me to judge a May Queen Beauty Contest at Rustom Baug.

**Vikaji:** He is that old??

**Meherbai:** But like old wine, he gets better by the year. Remember, the older the violin,

the sweeter the music!

**Vikaji:** But I would like to shop around a bit more before I zero-in on a dentist. I understand that there is one tribal dentist who sits on the foot-path opposite VT station. After he does your teeth, he tells your fortune through his parrot who picks out a card for you. He also cleans your ear-wax and gives you some *jadi-booti* for virility!

**Freny Fatakri:** *Arey mareyrey!* Don't even think about this *sub-bandar-ka-vepari!* *Mari jata rehso!*

**Vikaji:** I am so scared and nervous! Even the problems in my life are like a mouthful of overcrowded teeth!

**Meherbai:** Don't worry Vikaji, I'll pray that your problems are like an old man's teeth - few and far apart! I'll also send Meherwanji with you for moral support.

**Vikaji:** What if the dentist, by mistake, takes out the wrong tooth from the right man?

**Meherwanji:** Or worse - what if the dentist takes out the right tooth from the wrong man? Meaning me!!

**Meherbai:** Come on, you two! This happens only in a Laurel and Hardy film. I'm fixing an appointment for you Vikaji, and my Meherwanji will come with you. The end!

**Vikaji:** No! I still want to window-shop a bit more. There's this dentist on Chinchpokli Bridge footpath who is also a *tantrik*. He fills up cavities with Fevicol and charges Rs. 10/- (Rs.5/- for Fevicol and Rs.5/- for his effort)

**Alamai Eienstein:** Bawa, if you don't want our advice, this dental meeting is over - *tamuney jyaa javoo hoi tyaa* window-shopping *karva jao*. We are all going home. I think you have changed more dentists than Liz Taylor has changed husbands!!

The Mandli parted after *Kisi-Koti*, Take-care and God Bless while Vikaji Vaghmaru went for some more window-shopping for his painful tooth!

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Market moods tend to swing rapidly, and FY 2020-21 had on display both the extreme highs and lows. We are very close to touching 50,000 points on the Sensex. When I had penned my article in March, 2020, 'Follow the rules and Investment Karona', we were close to 26,000 points, never did I imagine I would be writing this article on investment behaviour in bull markets so soon!

It is hard to believe even at these index levels there are investors who have made losses for themselves or have managed to just about break even. While it is an established fact that equity is the best performing asset class in the long term, I still wonder how these individuals managed to make losses!

Mr. Nozer Sadri, an engineer in a Tech firm, believes in googling the symptoms and self-prescribing his medical requirements. He is confident that this ability will take care of his health plans! He firmly believes that doctors are always hand in gloves with medical stores and diagnostic centres, that they prescribe drugs and tests they probably wouldn't



themselves take! Moreover, he sees no value in paying fees to the doctors.

When I met Mr and Mrs. Daruwala, who are in search of a suitable boy for their daughter Rashna, at a wedding reception last week, they were elated to share they had found the match - "We met this boy online while surfing matrimonial sites. He and his family are all NRI's. Rashna spoke to him and his family on a video call - they both seemed very happy; I think he suits my daughter very well. We have gone through his FB profile too and the profile seemed quite impressive. We have decided to go ahead with it!"

Mehernosh, my neighbour,

lost his job in the lock down. He withdrew money from his portfolio. When asked about why such a large sum of redemption was required, he said he has started an online pharmacy business which advertised aggressively in this lock down, and he now understands everything to make this business successful.

My college friend Shirin never wears a helmet while riding her scooty. She feels a lot of burden on her head and her hairstyle gets spoilt because of it. Moreover, if caught, she can easily bribe the traffic cop and get away with it.

Maybe these behaviours

stocks directly. No harm in doing that, except that he neither has any frame work for selecting his stocks, nor does he have a buy, hold or sell policy in place. His stock picking happens randomly based on news and reports floating around on business news channels. He asserts that it is always better to lose money by his own

mistakes, than to pay fees to Fund Managers and let them lose his money.

Mr Daruwala needs money next year for his daughter's marriage. In this lock down he has read lots online how stocks listed on NASDAQ index in US has doubled or tripled investor's wealth in few months. He is confident that if he invests now, the money will be available and intact next year.

Mehernosh has lot of time on his hands now because of

his job loss. Instead of posting his CV on job portals online, he has decided to try his hands on equity and Futures Trading. Though he doesn't have any prior experience, he's confident of making money. He has seen lots of videos on youtube and he thinks he understands the trading strategies like a pro.

Shirin feels having mediclaim is such a waste of money. According to her, the premium amount paid to the company can be saved and invested, if and when required for hospitalisation the premium amount saved can make good the hospitalisation bills.

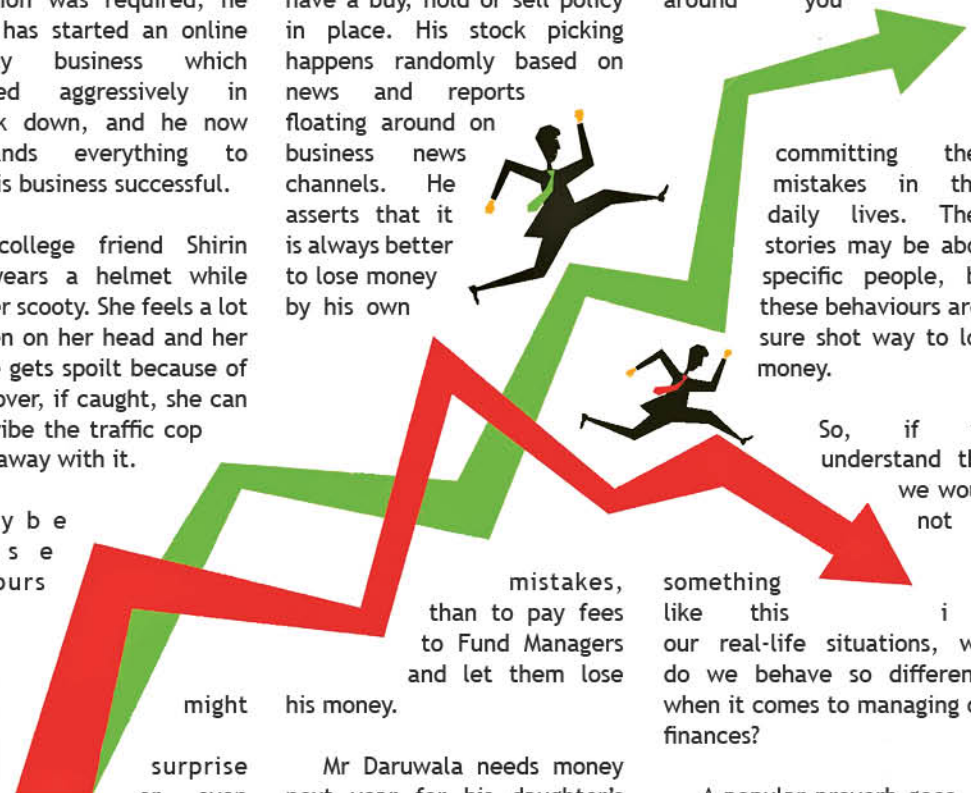
So now, do these stories make sense to you readers? You would know many people around you

committing these mistakes in their daily lives. These stories may be about specific people, but these behaviours are a sure shot way to lose money.

So, if we understand that we would not do

something like this in our real-life situations, why do we behave so differently when it comes to managing our finances?

A popular proverb goes, "It takes a wise man to learn from his mistakes, but an even wiser man to learn from others." Learn also from the mistakes that you don't make with yourselves, and apply it when it comes to managing your money! Professional Wealth Management is therefore crucial for all who wish to have a stable and well-guided present and a secure future.



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# A Tribute To Late Noshir Tantra – Cricketer Par Excellence!



**BINAISHA M. SURTI**

Mumbai has time and again added to the rich heritage of India's extraordinary cricketing talent... one such great personality, who was highly respected and appreciated by family, friends, team-mates and the fraternity, was the former cricketer, Late Noshir Tantra. This humble and down-to-earth gentleman, who served the game with distinction, passed away on 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021. The outstanding all-rounder played with his heart for the cause of his team, never for self-applause. He's remembered as an ever-smiling yet determined man of steel, always encouraging youngsters, sharing tips and his encyclopedic knowledge.

Noshir, fondly known as 'Nosh', was a champion, ever striving for excellence, be it during training or actual games; always rated amongst the best in the fraternity thanks to his exceptional skill sets as a leg spinner and batsman. Walking down memory lane, Noshir Tantra's son, Adil shares an endearing anecdote with Parsi Times. He shares how his father once took him to a Mumbai maidan to bowl in the nets - marking his first encounter with red-ball cricket. On seeing Adil's bowling action too akin to that of a leg spinner, Noshir proudly stated, "Son, you have my genes!" This made Adil very happy, but after a few unfortunate local stints, he confessed to his father that cricket was not meant for him as he did not possess bowling variations needed. Noshir never forced Adil to play, saying, "To play cricket and find a spot in the playing 11, you have to be the best in your department, be it batting or bowling." That was the day Adil learnt his father,



Noshir Tantra was probably the best leg spinner of the game that 'India never had'!



**Noshir Tantra**

Irani, Behram Irani, Hosie Amrotiwala, Behram Gowadia, Salim Durrani, Abbas Ali Baig, Homi Mehta, Karsan Ghavri and many other celebrated personalities. One can only imagine what a glorious team this would have been!

Noshir is widely remembered for picked up 5 wickets in 1 over, including a hat-trick, without conceding a single run, in a Talim Shield game. Playing for his employer - State Bank of India (SBI), he was always amongst wickets in spite of being in the elite company of star players like Baloo Gupte, Sharad Diwadkar, Surya More and Bharat Narvekar.

The book, 'My Innings in Mumbai Cricket' by Vilas Godbole (as told to Pradeep Godbole), commends Noshir Tantra's exemplary batting and how, despite this, Noshir's batting position was never fixed as the SBI team comprised

many international and national level players. One of his most memorable knocks recalled, was when he opened the innings for SBI and scored 165 runs against the ACC attack which included Ramakant Desai, Babu Nadkarni, Polly Umrigar and Bal Kadbet. Adding another feather to his cap, while playing for Parsi Cyclist, he scored a century in each innings in the Purshottam Shield final V/s Khar Gymkhana.

While at his peak in his career, Noshir caught the attention of Mumbai Selectors, who picked him for the Ranji Team, but destiny had other plans for him, and, sadly, one of the most deserving players missed out on a Ranji Trophy berth.



**Nari Contractor**

Noshir is fondly remembered by the cricketing fraternity. Speaking to Parsi Times, Ex-India Captain - Nari Contractor, said, "We played a lot of cricket together and he was a very good all-rounder. When on field, he always gave his hundred per cent and tried his very best in all departments."



**Farokh Engineer**

"Noshir and I played together regularly in our younger days for Parsee Gymkhana, Parsi Cyclists and Sassanian CC. A very talented leg spinner, good batsman and fielder. Apart from being an excellent cricketer, Noshir was a wonderful man and a very dear friend," shared Ex-Indian cricketer, Farokh Engineer.

Renowned journalist, columnist, cricket administrator, talent spotter and researcher - Makarand Waingankar

shares, "My first memory of Noshir was when he played against a side led by Manohar Hardikar, a former Test cricketer and Bombay captain, where Noshir scalped 6-25 on a great batting wicket at Parsee Gymkhana, in 1965. Later, I watched him play for the main team of State Bank, with skipper Ajit Wadekar, other players included were Hanumant Singh, Budhi Kunderan, Diwadkar, Baloo Gupte. Though Gupte was a top-class leg spinner, the team would play Noshir, as he was very accurate."



**Milind Rege**

India's former first-class cricketer, Milind Rege, stated "Noshir was the quintessential spirit of Mumbai's cricket - a true gem, one of Mumbai's top club cricketers. A typical bawa - honest and straightforward. He was a flattish leg spinner targeting the stumps and had a great loop with tremendous accuracy as bowler, giving nothing away freely to batsmen. Mumbai has lost an outstanding cricketer."

Former Cricketer Vilas Godbole added, "In the Bank Shield tournament, I represented Reserve Bank of India and Noshir was with SBI, so we always played against each other for years. He enjoyed bowling and had a typical bowling action, with a slight jump before release. Even though SBI had good spin bowlers, Tantra was their main go-to bowler - that shows just how good he was!"



**Dinesh Nanavati**

Noshir's SBI teammate and former Indian first-class cricketer, Dinesh Nanavati, recalls, "We played together in the SBI team since 1976; Noshir was one of the best readers of the game. A true team-player, he helped me greatly to better my game and made me feel comfortable as a newcomer. In my very first match for the bank, I got out on a duck and Noshir put his shoulder around me saying many more opportunities would come my way to score many runs, and later his forecast did come true!"

"I faced Noshir a number of times in the Bank Shield, Times Shield and Club Cricket - he was a pure breed Parsi, always wanting to win games for his team, having that never-say-die attitude," shares former cricketer, Nagesh Thakur.

Noshir Tantra left an everlasting impression on everyone he met - on and off the field. May his great soul attain Garothman Behest and rest in eternal peace with our Maker!

# Immunity And COVID 19



**Padma Shri Dr. Mukesh Batra  
(Homeopathy)**

According to the WHO, the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly disrupted critical mental health services in 93% countries, globally. Bereavement, isolation, loss of income and fear, have triggered mental health conditions or exacerbated existing ones. Many people have faced increased levels of alcohol and drug use, insomnia and anxiety. Meanwhile, COVID-19 itself led to neurological and mental complications, such as delirium, agitation and stroke. Dr. Mukesh Batra explains how you can help your loved ones combat mental health issues with homeopathy...

### How can homeopathy help deal with mental health?

A clinic trial conducted showed that 58% people with stress and anxiety, benefited from homeopathic treatment. Homeopathy, being holistic, is considered a mind and body medical science. The initial stages of the pandemic recorded a 20% increase in cases of depression and anxiety stemming from fear (Indian Psychiatric Society).

**In homeopathy, the following remedies are recommended to deal with the following common mental health complaints relevant to this period:**

**Symptom:** Fear of Death

**Recommendation:** Aconite 30C, 5 pills (1 dose), once a day, for a few days till symptoms subside

**Symptom:** Fear of Isolation

**Recommendation:** Aurum Metallicum 30C which is made from gold. A single dose, to be repeated only after consulting your local homeopath.

**Symptom:** Fear of Viral Infections

In a career spanning four decades, the world's leading Homoeopath, Padma Shri Dr. Mukesh Batra, has revolutionised the way homeopathy is practiced today. The Founder-Chairman of Dr Batra's™ Group - the first and largest homeopathy corporate worldwide, he has treated over a million patients, including Presidents, Prime Ministers and prominent film personalities and celebrities. He has authored several books and has been honoured with numerous fellowships and over 50 national and international awards, including the Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian honours.



**Recommendation:** Nux Vomica 30C, 1 dose taken in the evening for a few days, till symptoms subside.

**Symptom:** General Anxiety

**Recommendation:** Argentum Nitricum 30 C which is prepared from silver taken once a day helps to relieve Anxiety.

**Symptom:** Anxiety about Health

**Recommendation:** Kali Arsenicosum 6C, 1 dose once a day for a few days till symptoms subside

**Symptom:** Depression from loss of a loved one

**Recommendation:** Ignatia 30 C, 1 dose once a day, for a few days, till symptoms subside.

**Imp. Note:** As your triggers and symptoms may differ from others, it is important not to self-medicate. Speak to your homeopathic doctor who will guide you on your journey to recovery

**The following are a few Coping Tips:**

**Minimizing News Consumption:** It's good to stay informed about the

on-going status of the Coronavirus. Don't fall for fake news being circulated on social media. Go through authenticated news sources once or twice a day.

**Create Routine Patterns:** Getting comfortable with a routine will help you manage your anxiety better.

**Stay Connected:** A certain sense of connection is important for your physical and mental well-being. Use virtual mediums to stay in touch with your loved ones.

**Pay Heed To Your Needs:** Eat healthy, engage in physical activities to stimulate your health and stay in touch with your loved ones.

**Be Empathetic To The Affected And Yourself:** If you know someone in your vicinity that has tested positive for COVID-19, don't shun them. Be compassionate towards them. Similarly, don't give yourself a hard time if you are out of a job or even if you have been infected. Reach out to people and let them help you.

Our elders (especially active persons) might find this period extra difficult to deal with. Their movements are restricted and they are confined to the home. When dealing with elders, the most important thing is to engage and not ignore. Don't lose your patience. The following tips help deal with your elderly loved ones better:

- **Set them tasks** around the home, which will occupy both - their time and their minds.
- **Set up family Game hour**, where even though they might not be able to interact with their friends, they will find a connection with family members.
- **Ask them about their lives...** very often we don't really know their stories, when they reminisce, it takes them back, triggering memories as well as creating a bond between you and them.

**[If you wish to have your queries answered by Dr. Mukesh Batra, mail the same at: editor@parsi-times.com]**