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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The Fiefdom Of Speech?

Dear Readers.

Touching upon the beliefs of renowned historian, writer and philosopher - Voltaire, in her magnum opus titled, 'The Friends of Voltaire', author Evelyn Beatrice Hall wrote the famous lines, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." This phrase is often cited to

define the essence of the democratic principle - 'Freedom of Speech and Expression' - which has increasingly become an area of concern these days.

While our Constitution states that all citizens shall have the Right to Freedom of Speech and Expression, this Right is subject to limitations which empowers the State to put up 'reasonable' restrictions on various grounds, including Public Order, Decency and Morality, Contempt of Court, Defamation, Incitement of Offence, India's Integrity and Sovereignty, State Security and Foreign Diplomacy.

In this technology-driven age, Social Media Platforms (SMP) greatly empower this Right and are progressively pivotal to both - asserting as well as abusing the Freedom of Speech. Which is why it's difficult to state with absolute certainty, if some of the recent actions taken by the GoI are 'reasonable' enough, especially in keeping with news reports claiming how employees of a certain SMP have been threatened with imprisonment for restoring accounts which the Government wants blocked. Be it views about the ongoing farmers' protest or clamping down on voices from other sectors which do not toe the mandated lines of the preferred 'nationalistic' flavour, it feels more like the 'Fiefdom' of Speech, as opposed to the 'Freedom' of Speech.

That said, there is no denying the need for a greater sense of responsibility as this Constitutional Right is often grossly misused and abused on SMPs and elsewhere, by uninformed masses or those with malicious intent, resulting in adverse consequences. There's a similar need for greater accountability and consideration, when we blindly forward unverified and coloured content on SMPs and WhatsApp, which proves harmful to all in the long run. Surely, we can do better than that - as a community and as a country.

Have a good weekend!

- Anahita anahita@parsi-times.com

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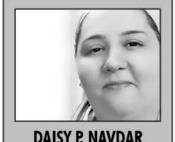
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DAISY P. NAVDAR

"I have come to bring out the beauty you never knew you had and lift you like a prayer to the sky" - Rumi

n recent times, parenting has become a major challenge for couples. The adage, that it takes a village to raise a child, is long forgotten because we all live a nuclear existence. The days when large families all lived together are long past and we like our privacy more than ever before... notwithstanding that, every move, meal, holiday, celebration, death and all our little joys and sorrows are up on social media for public consumption! That is the strange paradox of our times.

However, for the average Parsi couple, the indoctrination of the child into the Zoroastrian faith begins with learning of the prayers and the Navjote. The years between infancy and up to the time of Navjote are merely reminiscent of visits to the Fire Temple on festive occasions with full emphasis on the celebrations that follow.

Little do we realise that when we become parents it is our duty to help our child understand the value of our faith and imbibe it into their day to day lives. This responsibility begins from the moment the child is conceived. The child of a French-speaking mother will grow up speaking French, an English-speaking mother will have English speaking children and so forth. It is a scientifically proven fact that babies who hear classical music in the womb, develop a higher level of intelligence.

Now let me ask you - can you imagine the impact on the foetus who hears the voice of the mother reciting our grand manthra? Even if it is only your kusti prayers or just a Yatha and Ashem, please make it a point 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

to recite our prayers so that your child can experience the grand vibrations in your womb. And this is just the beginning...

When your child is born, recite one Yatha in each ear. Let the baby revel in the joy that is our Holy manthravani. As your child grows older, let them experience the calming powers of our manthras; use the Yatha at all times to calm your child. Maybe your baby will continue to cry but you won't feel so helpless and lost when they do. A child finds security and warmth in the arms of the father and the voice of the father is a major force in shaping the child. Let your child hear you pray. Involve them even when they are babies in arms to look at a divo and help them see your connect.

All babies are deeply spiritual beings and they respond to subtle energy and vibrations. Let them experience and grow into the faith with every experience in their daily life. Show them how to overcome their tantrums, anger and pain by chanting our manthras.

The kind of stress that our children experience is completely different from anything that we can fathom.

They seem to be born with the ability to work a computer and a mobile phone. They also attend play school and other classes online. Their identity needs to be clearly defined to them so that they can understand the difference between reality and virtual existence. A strong sense of belonging and knowing that they have the divine hand of Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda over their heads, keeps them grounded and real.

School is a preparation for the mind, good food is a preparation for good health, good relationships prepare us for human interaction, but it is only our prayers that truly prepares us for all that life throws at us. Finally, here is the truth, your child will not do what you say, it will do what you do! I think this is the bit about parenting that we forget all the time. If you pick up a book and read it, your child will read but if you are on the phone all the time, you can only guess what your child will do.

The single most important thing that you have to do as a parent, is to live the values that you want your child to imbibe. Live the life you want them to have. Follow yourself the faith you want them to follow.

Religious Announcements

Nirangdin Ceremony At Cama Baug Agiary

A Nirangdin ceremony will be held on 13th February, 2021, (Roj Bahman, Mah Meher) Y.Z. 1390, at midnight, at the Cama Baug Agiary (Khetwadi), in memory of late Nariman Dadabhai Master (Nanpur Surat) by his son, Minocheher Nariman Master

'Dudh Ma Sakar' Presentation

Frohar Films' Tele-Serial, 'Dudh Ma Sakar', presents 'Tarapur Gaam Ni Tavarikh' on 7th February, 2021, at 12:00 noon, on DD Girnar channel. This episode will explore Tarpore Agiyari (Daremeher), Cawasji Mobed Dharmsahala, Tarapur nu Dokhmu, Portuguese Fort, seashore and more...

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Let not evil thoughts and vulgar feelings and mean inclinations that mar goodness, lodge in my heart. Let me forget the wrong anyone has done to me. Let me brood not envy against him. Let emulation swallow up envy. Ere I valiantly wrestle and fight evil without, let me fight it and drive it out from within my heart and foster goodness instead

Man has an inborn capacity to grow in goodness. The creator has given him power to bend nature to his will. So has he endowed him with strength to subdue and conquer evil.

Angra Mainyu, the father of

evil, lies ambushed to fall upon me, to force me to leave the path of goodness. I will stand not for surrender and defeat. but for struggle and fight and win my victory over him. I will meet the enemy of my goodness with steadfast face and fight him down with all my might.

Greatness of man fades to a shadow. Goodness never dies. When the mortal body lies cold in death, as if it had never been alive, goodness lives with man till his life upon earth ends and survives his bodily death. When the spirit hovers between life and death, the heavenly hosts, drawn by the goodness of his life, come flying to welcome him to the abode of the good.

As the shepherd leads his flock to pasture, Thou Ahura Mazda, dost guide me on the field of my life where goodness grows. I will plant the seeds of goodness in the depth of furrows that I will dig in the soil of my heart, that the tree of my life may blossom into fragrant flowers of goodness.

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U6 SATURDAY, February 06, 2021 Community News PARSI TIMES Doongerwadi's Renovated Tarachand Bungli Inaugurated Thanks To Munificent Donor Soonu Buhariwalla



January, (Roj Farvardin Mah Shehrevar) commemorated the auspicious re-opening of the newly renovated, century-old Bai Dhunbai M. Tarachand Bungli (Lower Bungli No. 3 and 4), at the sacred Doongerwadi in South Mumbai. This was made possible by generous donor,

Soonu Buhariwalla, who magnanimously stepped forward and donated towards the much-needed revamping of the Bungli, thus ensuring that the last rites of departed souls of our community are done with dignity and their grieving family members can bid adieu, in some physical comfort.

The inauguration took place in the morning in the presence of BPP Trustees Chairperson Armaity Tirandaz, Kersi Randeria, Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur.

A Jashan ceremony was performed by Er. Darius Bajan, priest of the Sagri at Doongerwadi and his son - Er. Yazad Bajan. The dynamic Dy. CEO of BPP, Shehnaaz Khambatta gave a warm welcome to all the invitees. Post the Jashan, CEO-WAPIZ, community service stalwart and BPP Trustee candidate -Anahita Desai introduced donor Soonu Buhariwalla to those present, in praise, saying she is "a living embodiment of the saying, 'Parsi Thy Name is Charity'. She has donated more than Rs. 2 crores to



Tarachand Bungli Newly Renovated



various charities. She even donated her bungalow in Khardi to the organisation Ahura Support, which works with differently-abled persons." In addition to providing the generous donation, Soonu Buhariwalla also took an active interest in providing inputs in all aspects of the renovations, as she wanted to ensure that good comfort would be provided to the grieving families.



Tarachand Bungli Inauguration By Soonu Buhariwalla

found that many people try to cheat you when you have money." She concluded on a melodious note with the rendition of the famous Hindi song (from the film -Dus Lakh), 'garibo ki suno, woh tumhari sunega, tum ek paise doge, woh dus lakh

The excellent renovation, which comprised tiling, painting, roof and bathroom work, was executed in a record time of a month by Khushru H. Sukhadia, who was also felicitated for his selfless work. Known for his attention to detail, he even did the outside grouting work on the stone façade on his own initiative, as well placing a beautiful border of red rose petals around the 'paavis' with 33 lit diyas representing the 33 Farishtas. Speaking on the occasion, he said, "I



Seated BPP Chairperson Armaity Tirandaz with donor Soonu Buhariwalla. Standing (L to R) - Karyesh Patel, Sherry Patel, BPP Trustee Kersi Randeria, Anahita Desai, BPP Trustees Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur

Explaining how the idea of donating towards the renovation of the Bunglis was suggested to Soonu Buhariwalla by her close friends - Karvesh and Sherry Patel, who have also been of great service to community members in need, Anahita added, "She deliberately chose to direct the funds towards the renovation of the Tarachand Bungli, which is one of the lower bunglis, as that is where most of the poor from our community, come to perform the last rites of their dear departed."

Having unfortunately lost her husband last year in July, Soonu Buhariwalla has since been greatly involved in doing charitable work, in his memory. Paying a glowing tribute to her husband, the late Hoshang Buhariwalla, she touchingly shared, "He never hesitated to help the needy. He would always advice that at least 1% of your salary should be given to the poor. He has always guided and protected me and I pray that even in my next life, I should get the same husband but not so much money, because I have

feel blessed to have been able to work on this project which we accomplished in a little over a month."

As always, Vistaspar Cavas Mehta, the Manager of Doongarwadi and his entire team were most helpful during the process of renovation.

BPP Chiarperson Armaity Tirandaz lauded Soonu Buhariwalla for her generous nature and spirit. marvelled at the genesis of the Dakhmas and Bunglis at Doongerwadi, including the Tarachand Bungli which was built in 1921, and was a century old!

Soonu Buhariwalla's family and friends proudly applauded as she unveiled the plaque that honoured her contribution, in the loving memory of her husband Hoshang and son Burzin. She was presented with a floral bouquet and a memento. The occasion ended with a the serving of refreshments to all the

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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The BPP N.N & R.N Wadia Baugs are in possession of a 4 Rooms+ Kitchen flat admeasuring about 1,450 Square Feet Carpet area on the 3rd Floor, being Flat No 8, Building No. 5 at Rustom Baug, Byculla which has reverted to the Trust. The said flat is proposed to be offered on Leave & License basis to prospective offerers who give the highest quantum of Refundable Deposit in excess of Rs. 2.25 Crores for the same.

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For and on behalf of the BPP N. N. & R.N. Wadia Baugs P.N. Siganporia **SECRETARY**

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Budget 2021: What You Need To Know



nion Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman February on presented Union Budget 2021 and revised the expenditure target for FY 2021 at Rs. 34.50 lakh crore. She allocated Rs. 2,23,846 crore for health, Rs. 1.18 lakh crore for road infra, Rs. 1,10,055 crore for Railways, outlay over Rs. 3 lakh crore for power and set the divestment target for FY22 at Rs 1.75 lakh crore, among other things. Over-all, Budget 2-21 is bold and offers a direction for growth with a strong intent for reforms. Here is a preview on how the Budget will broadly impact Employees; Investors; Taxpayers; and Consumers.

EMPLOYEES: Interest earned by Employees' Provident Fund contributions above 2.5 lakhs a year will be taxed at the marginal rate. This will come in effect from April 2021. Employer's contribution does not form part of this. This will impact employers with higher salaries - more than 1.75 lakhs as their basic salary and used to contribute towards Voluntary Provident Fund to create tax free income. VPF is the option where employee contribution to PF can be above the 12% of basic.

INVESTORS: The gains in ULIP policies with a premium of more than 2.5L will now be taxed in the same way as equity Mutual Funds. i.e. More than 1 years Capital Gains will be taxed @ 10% with 1 lakh exemption. If an investor has invested in small premiums, 2.5 lakhs across all the policies will be clubbed to determine the ceiling of 2.5 lakhs. However,

there will be no tax if the exit is due to death of the policy holder. Tax on ULIPs comes with immediate effect. This will bring ULIPs at par with Mutual Funds in terms of taxation. Currently, ULIP investors are exempted from paying capital gains tax. Many HNI investors had redeemed money from Mutual funds and invested in ULIPS due to this tax arbitrage, even though they remain one of the most

development in insurance industry is increase in Foreign Direct Investment Limit (FDI) to 74% now, from the earlier 49%. It is a positive step in growth of insurance sector and will improve insurance penetration.

opaque and expensive way of

investment.

Another big announcement was the IPO of Life Insurance Corporation of India. It will sell part of its holding in LIC through IPO route in FY 2021-22. The IPO size and brand value can bring in lots of investors into the IPO market. LIC policyholders will be eligible to subscribe to the LIC IPO at a discounted price. The government has proposed to reserve up to 10% of the total shares for its existing policy holders. Usually in IPOs, shares are reserved only for employees of the company.



In a major investors and deposit holder of banks under the moratorium of RBI, now you can withdraw up to Rs. 5 lakhs even if your bank is under the RBI withdrawal ceiling. This comes as a welcome move for the depositors of bank like PMC who can withdraw the said amount once the finance bill is passed.

In April 2020, Franklin AMC wound up its 6 debt schemes, citing freezing of liquidity in bond market for its lower rated bonds, due to the Covid pandemic. The government's proposal to set up an institution which will buy and sell corporate bonds will be helpful in such situations. The institution will buy and sell investment grade securities, which in turn will help adequate secondary market liquidity.

TAX-PAYERS: Individual taxpayers are relieved that there is no change in Personal Tax slabs or exemption limits, given there was a concern of a possible Covid-cess or higher Capital Gains Tax. However, a senior citizen above 75 years of age, who earns only pension and interest income. will be exempt from filing Income tax returns. They can do so only if full TDS is deducted from pension and interest income and no tax is payable. Senior citizens

Surat's Adariyan Padshah Celebrates Grand 125th Salgreh



2 0 1 marked auspicious 125th salgreh Surat's Adarivan Padshah Saheb. grand anniversary was commemorated with Jahsan ceremony in morning, which was attended by over a hundred humdins. The Kavyani flag was unfolded and flaunted with great pride, with the help of Vada Dasturji Saheb. All the humdins saluted and paid respect to the flag.

Sev, chasni and refreshments were served to all attendees.



who departed with happiness having received Padshah Saheb's blessings.

having income from capital gains will still have to file their Income Tax returns as usual.

Earlier, many salaried employees didn't declare their capital gains or interest/ dividend incomes in their tax returns and they filed their taxes based on their Form 16A salary certificates. With the introduction of prefilled income tax forms with all the details of capital gains, dividend and interest income from banks and post office included, it will become extremely difficult for these employees to evade taxes on income from other sources and capital gains.

Additional deduction on

interest of Rs. 1.5 lakhs paid for affordable housing loan extended to March 2022.

In a relief to tax-payers, time limit for reopening of IT assessments is also reduced from earlier six years to now three years.

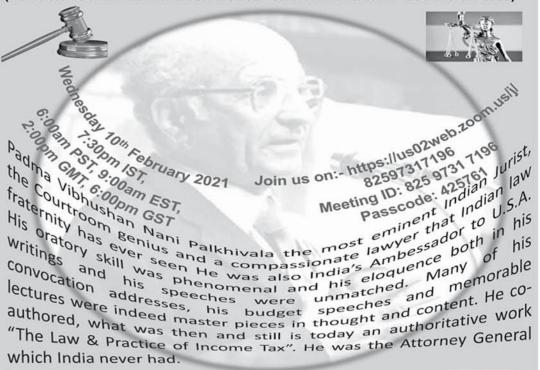
consumers: The prices of smart phones and luxury vehicles will go up as import duty, on various auto parts and electric components which go along the manufacturing of a smart phone, has been increased.

Gold and silver will become cheaper as the import duty has been reduced from the earlier 12.5% to only 7.5% now. This will also help curb smuggling of gold.

WZCC's WEBINAR WATCH



WORLD ZARATHUSHTI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MUMBAI CHAPTER PRESENTS WEBINAR – "NANI PALKHIVALA – THE LEGEND" (HONOURING MR. PALKHIVALA ON HIS 101ST BIRTH ANNIVERSARY - 16 JANUARY 2021)



Speaker:- Solicitor Rajan Jayakar, also known as the Renaissance man, hails from a family of lawyers. Besides being a lawyer he is an ardent art collector and has travelled the world in pursuit of his passion for art & history. He is the creator and curator of the Bombay High Court Museum. He is a die-hard fan of Mr. Palkhivala with whom he had the opportunity to interact on several occasions and whom he considers as his "GURU". Mr. Jayakar strongly feels that Mr. Palkhivala deserves the "Bharat Ratna" and has started a campaign for it strongly supported by Attorney General of India.

n 13th February, 2021, WZCC Pune's WE Wing brings you a Webinar on 'Oral Hygiene and Dental Care', at 8:00 pm (IST) on Zoom, with speakers - Dr. Taronish Bharucha and Dr. Farzana Bharucha.

Oral Hygiene is integral for the overall functioning of the body as numerous conditions including diabetes and heart diseases are all related to oral health. The Webinar explores the best possible technique of brushing, flossing and maintaining good oral hygiene, elaborating on common dental topics including teeth whitening, dental clean up, cavities and replacing missing teeth, implants, root canals, along with insights into options, cost and time duration.

Dr. Taronish Bharucha has been in clinical dental practice for 11 years and is the founder dentist of Pearl White Dental Clinic in Mumbai and Pune. He excels in all general dental procedures with his expertise being root canal treatments. Dr. Farzana Bharucha holds a Masters in Restorative Dentistry from the UK and her area of specialization is Dental Implant Ology and Cosmetic Dentistry. She has national and international publications to her credit in the field of dentistry.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ tZ0odemoqzovGNxMkSN-04HwwBteutNMtvQz For details, contact Tehmasp Bharucha, Chair – WZCC, Pune: 9422004707

Tech-guru, Yazdi Tantra has been holding a series of Zoom Meetings online on **Technology For The Layman**, under the title **'TantraTech'**, on Fridays at 9:30pm (IST).

You can attend these at: https://bit.ly/yazdizoom. (Past recordings available at: https://bit.ly/yazdiyoutube.)

Webinar : 'Travel Apps - 2'

When : Friday, 19 February, 2021 Time: 9:30 PM (IST)

Speaker : Yazdi Tantra Platform : ZOOM

Pis Note: This Webinar is for TEC (TantraTech Exclusive Club) members only. Detailed instructions will be sent directly. To become a member: www.tantratech.in/subscribe

PARSI TIMES Community News SATURDAY, February 06, 2021 Utkarsh Dance Academy Presents For The First Time Tata To Build 'Arangetram' in Bharatnatyam



'Utkarsh Dance Academy LLP' has been teaching the Indian classical dance form Bharatnatyam for the last 26 years (since 1994), under professional tutelage of its Art Director, Behnaz S Todiwala.

On 31st January, 2021, under Behnaz Todiwala's tutelage, Utkarsh presented its first 'Mother and Daughter Dikshant Samaroh' or 'Arangetram' starring Bhumika (mother) and Vidhi (daughter) Choksi in Bharatnatyam. (Arangetram is the debut on-stage performance of a former student of Indian classical dance and music, on the completion of one's formal training.)

In the following week, Utkarsh will present three more such 'Arangetram'. performed by twenty students aged between 13 to 15 years - at the Performing Art Centre (6th February)

Auditorium (7th and February). Keeping alive their passion for art and culture during the challenging times the pandemic, students the have worked hard and will represent Indian culture through dance.

based on mythological events of Mahabharat, Lord Shiva and different incarnations of Lord Krishna. All performances convey a social message which will be easy to comprehend.

Last year in February, twenty students had also performed Arangetram at the famous Guruvayoor Temple followed by a Special Bharatnatyam Workshop at Kerala Kalamandalam. With this Dikshant Samaroh, Utkarsh completes the Arangetram of over 265 students. All necessary COVID regulations have been and will be strictly followed through the

IDMA, Lions Club (Byculla) **Donate Medicines To Hospice**



n an initiative headed by Lion Daara B Patel, IDMA and Lions Club of Byculla completed their annual contribution of medicines to Shanti Avedna Sadan, India's first hospice for the advanced and terminally ill cancer patients, at Bandra, Mumbai, on 26th January, 2021. Shanti

Avedna Sadan offers the specialized care of a hospital along with the warmth of a home. For years now, IDMA and Lions Club of Byculla have been keeping up this tradition of donating medicines to the hospice.

Military Aircraft In India

group, largest conglomerate, is gearing to build a military aircraft to further boost PM Modi's mission of supporting defence capabilities local and reducing dependence on costly imports. In a first for the industry, the Tata Group will develop and manufacture the military aircraft in India, having acquired intellectual property rights for a German-origin platform, as per media reports.

The plan is to integrate indigenous sensors and payloads to convert it into an intelligence gathering asset.

The high-altitude, twin-engine aircraft, which is capable of playing multiple roles from signal intelligence to cross-border surveillance, is currently in the final stages of testing in Germany. It is likely to arrive in India in the next three months for further integration.



flying at 41,000 feet altitude with a maximum altitude of 45,000 feet and can be used for intelligence gathering, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) purposes. It is designed to land on grass and gravel. The low-wing, twin-engine composite aircraft is expected to have a range of 1800 nautical miles and 6-7 hours endurance with a payload capacity in excess of 1,000 kg.

Eye in the Sky

Twin-engine, high-altitude jet to be offered to forces for border surveillance. communications jamming roles

Likely to be based on German Grob G 180SPn

First of the lot expected to arrive in India in three months for sensors integration



No orders in hand but TASI plans to modify and offer it to armed forces according to their requirements.

expected to have a range of 1,800 nautical miles and 6-7 hours endurance with a payload capacity in excess of 1,000 kg

It is designed for flying at 41,000 feet with a maximum altitude of 45,000 feet. Its capabilities to be showcased at Aeroindia in

Bengaluru

This would be the first time that an Indian private entity is looking at making a full military-grade aircraft, which until now has been the domain of the state-owned (HAL) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. So far, only Hindustan Aeronautics has produced the twin-engine HF-24 Marut six decades ago - India's first indigenous fighterbomber - and more recently, developed the light combat aircraft, Tejas.

Tata Advanced Systems (TASL) will showcase the capabilities of the aircraft at the AeroIndia in Bengaluru next week. Though the company has not shared details of the design, the aircraft is likely to be based on the Grob G 180 SPn - a German-made jet that never reached serial production due to financial strains.

TASL is yet to get any orders for the aircraft in India, but top executives say the investment has been done keeping in mind future requirements of the armed forces. A manufacturing plant will be set up for serial production in the future, they added. As per company sources, the aircraft is designed for

"We are now focusing on modifying the aircraft to t special payloads so that it can undertake a demonstration of surveillance capabilities. For a country like India, with multiple mountain ranges spread across the country, including on international borders, this capacity is extremely vital. India has been dependent on foreign suppliers to meet this need," said Sukaran Singh, MD of TASL.

He added that acquiring such technology will enable India to modify and t any payloads it wants within the country, reducing dependence on foreign suppliers. "With TASL bringing this aircraft technology to the table, India will have a cutting edge air-borne surveillance platform, with control over the software, customisation as well as maintenance, based within the country," he said.

The need for effective border surveillance has been a focus after recent tensions with China in Ladakh.

[Courtesy: Economic Times Report]

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Parsi Times

Don't Miss The Second Fresh To Home 'Ba Humata' Webinar!

🖪he '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 7th 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)

You are requested to reserve your time for the same.

Please join us for our Webinar to build a Global Zarathushti Fellowship of Collective Consciousness Sunday 07 February 2021, 8am PST, 11am ET, 4 pm GMT, 9.30pm IST

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 834 0882 6220 Passcode: 545117



Talks relating to Good thoughts and prayers with good actions

Ba Humata is an endeavour

with good thoughts to build

Fellowship via Prayer with Action

and Action with Prayer

We aim to send out powerful

united vibrations of

Peace and Love for the good of all.

propagating Fellowship, World Peace, Happiness (Ushta) and Prosperity for All



Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor (India)



Mobed Zerkxis Bhandara (USA)



Dorab Mistry (UK & Singapore)



Danny Master



Dr. Karishma Koka

The speakers & Biographies are arranged by Mr. Meher Amalsad - Mentor and Facilitator

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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for the Good of All

Principles of Ba Humata:

Ahunavar, Ashem Vohu, Yenghe Haataam, Aa Aairyema Ishyo and

- Thoughts chosen as the foundation to benefit the Peoples of the Planet (Yasna Ha 49.3 Spentomad Gatha)
- Rejoicing all actions done with good mind (Vohuman) as a form of prayer (Yasna Ha. 28.1 Ahunavad Gatha).

Goals and Purpose:

To share a deeper appreciation of the knowledge in the Prayers (With meanings), Principles and Practice of our Zarathushti Deen and how this guides all aspects of life.

Conserve and honour the great legacy of our knowledgeable Respected Dasturjis, Respected Ervads, learned people + build proper respect for

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.

Plans Rapid Expansion

Presence In 56 Indian Cities & Forav Into Saudi Arabia Over 12-24 Months!

reshtohome.com, vertically integrated e-commerce company in the fresh fish and meat space, delivering over 1.5 million orders a month across 10 large cities in India and all of UAE, is planning to expand its operations to 56 cities in the country and foray into Saudi Arabia in the next 1-2 years.

Re-inventing the Food Supply Chain from scratch. by disintermediating the middlemen through the Freshtohome Platform vendors, it provides higher value to farmers and fishermen and 100% Fresh and 0% Chemical food.

Shahnawaz (Shan) Kadavil, co-founder and CEO, Freshtohome.com, states, "The Indian fish and meat sector is a 594 billion market. About 60-70% of this market is the fish segment, remaining is poultry and mutton. Almost 99.7% of the market is unorganized. Purity and hygiene are overly critical in the sector. There were a lot of middlemen in the segment and the cold chain had been largely absent. We wanted to resolve this."

Entrepreneur and multifunctional leader, Kadavil is involved in technology companies and startups in the US and India. He's also credited for having built the first and largest studio outside the US for Zynga, a company in social gaming and maker of popular titles such as Farmville, CityVille, Draw Something, Words with Friends and Mafia Wars.

adds, "Through He our platform, we have ensured chemical-free and antibiotic residue-free food. We have brought in standardization and organization through a

US patent that I owned for 'Commodity Exchange' allows platform that fishermen and farmers to bid virtually. We currently have 1.500 fishermen and farmers trading 10.000 tonnes a product per month. We also have a contract farming platform through which we are doing 2,500 tonnes of fish annually and about 25,000 tonnes of poultry annually."

Market Opportunity: India exports \$2 billion worth of products in these segments to GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) countries. The UAE imports 88% of its fish and meat requirement and thus is a very key market for India, "India's eating habits are remarkably diverse and that's why we had been soft launching products to understand each market before taking up rapid expansion. We have been adapting to the supply chain ecosystem in each city accordingly. After our soft launch in Hyderabad, we are aggressively expanding in the city," explains Kadavil.

The platform vendors have invested in cold chain, created 40 collection centres and six processing units across India, while the company has invested in the technology platform consistently.

Expanding Footprint: Freshtohome recently raised \$121 million (over Rs 890 crore) which will be deployed in expanding its presence in India, foraying into Saudi Arabia, R&D in the technology platform, and adding ready-to-cook and ready-to-eat products with shorter life, without the need for preservatives.

The company has Rs. 600 crore revenues and aims to take this to Rs 1,500 crore in next year. They plan to get into dairy and fresh vegetables segments with a potential to double the company's annual revenues. Acquisitions are also being explored in e-groceries, technology companies aquaculture and poultry in India.

Cama Park Residents' Unique 72nd **Republic Day Celebration!**



ama Welfare Association (Welfare wing Merwanjee Cama Park -Andheri) celebrated India's 72nd Republic Day in a unique way - as proposed by the residents - by running or walking a total of '72' rounds (each comprising approx 400 metres) of the colony!

But owing to the over enthusiastic response, spirited residents attempted 72kms instead, which roughly translates to 180 rounds of the

Post the run, the flag was hoisted by nonagenarian - Neli

M Narielwala. This was followed by a quiz and a sumptuous breakfast for all participants. The Covid-19 protocols were strictly adhered to through the activities.



NCPA Presents 'Unlocking Comedy'

- An Eve Of Wit, Laughter And More! -



Don't miss an evening of fun and laughter with some of Mumbai's leading stand-up comics - Kajol Srinivasan, Navin Noronha, Jeeya Sethi, Seema Golchha and Siddharth Dudeja at the NCPA... all set to take you on a rib-tickling journey as they present 'Unlocking Comedy' in collaboration with 'Unofficial Comedy Ladder'.

'Unlocking Comedy' By NCPA

When: Saturday, 6th February, 2021 | Time: 7:30 PM Where: Godrej Dance Theatre, NCPA Tickets at: http://bit.ly/UnlockingComedy-NCPA

A Custom Royal Enfield Thunderbird 350 **Tribute To Freddie Mercury!**



modified Royal Enfield Thunderbird 350 is a tribute to Freddie Mercury, frontman of the iconic rock band, Queen. Royal Enfield (RE) motorcycles are popular among motorcycle enthusiasts, especially those who like to build custom bikes. RE's excellent aftermarket support in India has seen numerous enthusiasts express their creativity and this one is dedicated to the memory of the legendary rock star started as a Royal Enfield Thunderbird

Built by 'Bulleteer Customs', there are multiple 'Mercury' brandings on the tank, and one each on the shortened fenders. The stunning bike - in teal blue and white, with golden pinstripes - gets spoked wheels on both ends, finished in chrome and shod with Harley-Davidsonstyle balloon tyres. The front end has

a new single-pod analogue instrument console, along with a new handlebar and a new fuel tank - much smaller than the original,





filler cap on top. The single leather seat seems sculpted for adequate comfort.

The centre panels have been removed and the bike gets a new airbox with chrome plating and custom badges. The taillight and number plate are placed on the left swingarm, and the latter is mounted in a tilted fashion. The bike gets disc brakes on both wheels, along with seal protectors for the front telescopic forks. On both the fenders are inscribed the names of two iconic Queen songs, with 'We Will Rock You' in the front and 'A Kind Of Magic' in the rear. This custom-built RE bobber is a magnificent piece of art and a fitting tribute to the music legend.

Freddie Mercury was born on September 5, 1946, to Zanzibar-based Indian-Parsi parents, under the birth name, Farrokh Bulsara, In 1964, his family moved to London and in 1970, he formed the ionic band - Queen. The band's numerous hit songs and Mercury's charismatic performances saw Queen become one of the most decorated rock bands of all times and Freddie Mercury remains an unparalleled rock legend.

earch out the following 18 Lesser Known National Currencies Of The World hidden in the wordjumble box below, in bi-directional, horizontal, vertical and diagonal forms:

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Quetzal (Guatemala) Hryvnia (Ukraine) Shekel (Israel) Naira (Nigerian)

Lempira (Honduras) Somoni (Tajikistan) Pataca (Macau) Zloty (Poland) Bolívar Soberano (Venezuela)

Forint (Hungary) Rufiyaa (Maldives) Ringgit (Malaysia) Tenge (Kazakhstani) Metical (Mozambique) Kwacha (Zambia) Tögrög (Mongolia) Balboa (Panama) Ariary (Madagascar)

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 - 6 or more words Good - 7 or more words Outstanding - 9 or more words

CAPTIONS THIS!



Calling all our readers to caption this picture! Send in your captions at editor@parsi-times.com by 10th February, 2021. Winning Caption and Winner's Name Will Be Published Next Week.

Disclaimer: Some of our 'Caption This' Contest photos are taken from freely available, public online resources and are published in a light and humorous vein, which is the mainstay of the Parsi spirit! No offence is intended to anyone or any situation

ACROSS

- President of the Bar Association of India from 1991 to 2010 (4,7)
- Young dog (3)
- Unnerve or confuse? (5)
- 10 Entrance charge (9)
- 11 Repugnant (9)
- 12 Conscious of (5)
- 13 Reserve funds (4,3)
- 15 Long story (4)
- 18 River in Europe (4)
- 20 Climbs (7)
- 23 Guru in our country (5)

- 24 Unsatisfactorily partnered (9)
- 26 A box or a carton (9)
- 27 Dhan dar accompaniment often (5)
- 28 Possess or have (3)
- 29 Surroundings (11)

DOWN

- 1 Element of the halogen family (8)
- 2 Evening bugle-call (4,4)
- 3 South African province (5)
- 4 Perusing a book (7)
- 5 Those who belong (7)
- Given to fond memories (9)

Original, first (6) 7

TechKnow With Tantra

All-In-One Calculator The All-In-One Calculator is both - a calculator and a converter. It comes with 75 different functions (both calculations and converters), plus a scientific

calculator. You can convert currency and various

types of units, using this app. In financial calculations, it includes

Loan Calculator, Tip Calculator and a Simple / Compound Interest

calculator. Health calculators. Date and Time and also Age

Calculators are all part of the app. The App has good visual appeal

with over 40 colourful optional themes. It is completely free.

Android: http://bit.ly/2kb6u3o

- Made a play on words (6)
- 14 Totally remove (9)
- 16 At your full height, should we say? (2,3-3)
- 17 Accustomed (4,2,2)
- 19 Russian royal house (7)
- 20 One giving the guarantee, perhaps?
- 21 Famous Hitchcock movie (6)
- 22 Constituent of tea (6)
- 25 The flowers of this garden plant may

WINNING CAPTIONS!!!



Amrita: You decided to 'Patau - di - Nawab' - my life's become a gaffe! Kareena: Stop giving me a headache - I'm simply playing it 'Saif'!!

By Jahangir L. Motafram (Pune)

12 Aware, 13 Nest egg, 15 Saga, 18 Saar, 20 Aseer, 28 Own, 29 Environment: Down: 1 Fluorine, 2 Igic, 7 Primal, 8 Punned, 14 Eradicate, 16 On tip-rcho, 22 Tannin, 25 Lupin.

PT Feature

SATURDAY, February 06, 2021

Parsi Times presents our readers 'The Zen Series' by PT Columnist,

Kashmira Shaw Raj – a professional Taichi and Qigong practitioner and teacher, as also a sought-after clinical psychologist and

healer. If you're looking to bring about a positive change in

yourself, 'The Zen Series' will inspire, motivate and facilitate you

in realizing truths about yourself and life, to ultimately set you on

the path of growth, wisdom and happiness. To contact Kashmira,

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Dr. Jasvi's Numero Tarot Predictions

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PARSI TIMES.

(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. 17; Lucky Card: Star): You seem to have mastered the art of balancing things. Victory is on the cards for you. This is a good time for those looking to get married. You just need to break out of the illusions you've been harbouring.

February (Lucky No. 11; Lucky Card: Justice): This is the perfect period for taking on any renovations of the house or other properties. All your legal matters will be sorted out soon. Travel overseas is indicated. Remember that change is a permanent part of life. You could be considering a diversification or change in business.

March (Lucky No. 19; Lucky Card: Sun): An excellent month lies ahead for all born in March! You will find happiness and contentment across all areas that truly matter to you – especially your health and wealth. Peace of mind is within close reach, so just be patient! Enjoy at the fullest.

April (Lucky No. 4; Lucky Card: Emperor): You seem to feel frustrated and are stressed out due to work pressure and some form of domination from other ends. You need to learn to ignore the things that disturbs your inner peace.

May (Lucky No. 6; Lucky Card: Lovers): Your health will be in good condition. Due to a sudden change in circumstances, you could end up feeling low, but understand that is a karmic phase and that you were meant to go through it for the evolution of your own soul. Please don't hesitate to communicate with your loved ones

June (Lucky No. 5; Lucky Card: Hierophant): Your healing has started – especially for those who have not been well physically. A bright and sunny time is awaiting you after a long, dark phase. Learn to shoulder your responsibilities, as opposed to running away from them

July (Lucky No. 21; Lucky Card: World): Travel is on the cards. You could be looking at relocating your house or office in this month. It is always painful to fight with your own people, but you have to fight for your rights and for what is right.

August (Lucky No. 10; Lucky Card: Wheel Of Fortune): This is a new beginning for you, so look forward to starting afresh on a clean slate. Sudden and short travel is indicated. You need to clear out any of your confusions. Learn to live one day at a time. Cleanse your aura by bathing with rock salt.

September (Lucky No. 8; Lucky Card: Strength): You could find yourself stuck in a confrontational situation. Don't let it get the better of your temper. Chant and meditate on religious texts to find the way out. Stay confident – this phase will get over soon.

October (Lucky No. 2; Lucky Card: High Priestess): Due to struggle and unfavourable circumstances, you could be feeling emotionally low. Spend some quality time with your family to cheer you up. This is a good month for students appearing for exame

November (Lucky No. 3; Lucky Card: Empress): Learn to cherish and enjoy what you have, instead of complaining for things that you don't have. This is a good time to start a new partnership. A happy month for women born in November. Celebrate your womanhood!

December (Lucky No. 1; Lucky Card: Magician): Follow your intuitions. You are blessed with an amazing capacity to face any situation, so face it with confidence. You are advised to wear a pearl to clear your confusions.

The Zen Series: The Move



KASHMIRA SHAW RAJ

n this fifteenth part of 'The Zen Series', a Zen master's answer to a monk's innocent question, reveals great wisdom to be applied in life!

Two men visit a Zen master.
The first man says, "I'm thinking of moving to this town. What's it like?"
The Zen master asks, "What

was your old town like?" First Man: "It was dreadful. Everyone was hateful. I

hated it."

Zen Master: "This town is very much the same. I don't think you should move here." The first man leaves and the second man comes in. He says, "I'm thinking of moving to this town. What's it like?" Again the Zen Master asks, "What was your old town like?"

The second man responds, "It was wonderful. Everyone was friendly and I was happy. Just interested in a change now." The Zen master says, "This town is very much the same. I think you will like it here."

[Courtesy: Zen Stories For A Calm, Clear Mind -Personal Growth]

This story elucidates how your internal space determines your external space. When you are happy and at peace within, you are apt to find the same outside too. Often, when faced with inner turmoil, we perceive everything around to be in a state of disarray. A sad heart will find sadness in everything and the person will not be able to enjoy the good that exists.

Being comfortable in any environment depends on:

- How open and receptive you are to change.
- The speed and readiness with which you adapt to it.
- How easily you let new people into your life and mingle with them.
- Whether you try to control situations around you or go with the flow.
- Whether you are ready to look at a particular scenario in a different light.
- Your ability to focus on the positive, rather than the apparently less positive.

Ideally, if you are ready for change and focus on what works for you, everything will fall into place, like the pieces of a solved puzzle. Venture out and be open to change. Be prepared for new challenges. If you aren't facilitating these processes, your happiness will be transient and depend upon extraneous factors.

Your energy should be so high and strong that things around you start working for you. If you are going to be skeptical, worried and unsure, you will attract the same kind of emotions and energy from people around you.

How do you shrug off emotions and feelings that don't work in your favor?

- Strive for happiness. Try to derive pleasure from the simplest of things.
- 2. Try and be as positive and optimistic as you can.
- Even if there are challenges that face you, rather than perceiving them to be



mountains, look upon them as small stepping stones.

- Keep yourself constantly motivated and driven to make things work for you.
- Do not let yourself or others pull you down.

The circumstances may have been the same for the two monks or different, but the way they both handled them is what changed things. One monk was ready to adapt and take things in his stride. He lived positively and enjoyed life without being tied down to things of no consequence. The other monk got taken up with the disturbances of his daily life and consequently found his spaces difficult and inhospitable. For someone who wishes to move spiritually ahead, it is important to understand that it is all in the mind. It is all within.

Nothing external should affect you and make such a difference to your life. If we are able to harmonize with situations and people around us, it is thanks to the mastery over our own inner self. So, remember to first sort out your inner demons before you venture out to tackle those in your physical world!

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બીપીપી ઉમેદવાર અનાહિતા દેસાઈએ સમુદાયના પ્રશ્નોના જવાબો આપ્યા

ટ્રસ્ટી તરીકે આગામી બી.પી.પી. ચૂંટણીમાં લડવાનો અનાહિતા દેસાઈના નિર્ણયથી સમુદાયના સભ્યો માટે ખૂબ જ ઉત્તેજના, અને આનંદનો અનુભવ થયો છે, જે સમુદાય સેવાના આ ગૌરવને જોવાની રાહ જોઈ રહ્યા છે, જે આપણા સમુદાયની સર્વોચ્ચ સંસ્થાને યોગ્ય રીતે લાયક એક ટ્રસ્ટી છે. પારસી ટાઈમ્સ અગ્રણી ટસ્ટી

નોમિની - અનાહિતા દેસાઇ સાથે આવે છે અને તેના નિખાલસ અને સીધા જવાબો સમુદાય સાથે શેર કરે છે.

પીટીઃ તમે તમારી જાતને કેવી રીતે ઓળખશો - કમ્યુનિટિ / સોશિયલ વર્કર તરીકે અથવા એક એક્ટિવિસ્ટ તરીકે?



અનાહિતાઃ બંને - એક સમુદાય / સામાજિક કાર્યકર તેમજ એક્ટિવિસ્ટ તરીકે. હું નિશ્ચિતપણે માનું છું કે ઉમેદવારને તેના / તેણીના ટ્રેક રેકોર્ડ દ્વારા નક્કી કરવાની જરૂર છે. મારી પાસે સામાજિક કાર્યકર અને એક્ટિવિસ્ટ બંને હોવાનો ૨-દાયકાનો લાંબો રેકોર્ડ છે. હમણાં જ, મેં સંકટમાંથી પસાર થઈ રહેલા બે પારસી

પરિવારોને સહાય કરી છે - એક કુટુંબ પોતાનો એકમાત્ર કમાવનાર ગુમાવી ચૂક્યું છે - એક વિઘવા, જે સંભાળ રાખવા માટે ત્રણ બાળકો છે અને પોતે અંઘ છે; અને અન્ય કુટુંબ, ગંભીર માનસિક બીમારીથી પ્રભાવિત સભ્ય સાથે વ્યવહાર કરે છે.

વધુ માટે જુઓ પાનુ ૧૫

ક્રિકેટ અમ્પાયર પીલુ રિપોર્ટરનું સન્માન કરાયું!

આપણા સમુદાયના ગૌરવ, ભૂતપૂર્વ આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય ક્રિકેટ અમ્પાયર - પીલુ રિપોર્ટર -૨૫મી જાન્યુઆરી, ૨૦૨૧ ના રોજ ઘ ક્રિકેટર્સ ફાઉન્ડેશન દ્વારા ભારતીય ક્રિકેટમાં તેમની અપવાદરૂપ અને ઉત્કૃષ્ટ સેવા બદલ સન્માનિત કરવામાં આવ્યા

હતા. ૮૨ વર્ષીય સજ્જન, જે ૧૪ ટેસ્ટમાં, ૨૨ વન ડેમાં, જેમાં ૧૯૯૨ ના વર્લ્ડ કપમાં ૭ મેચનો સમાવેશ થાય છે, તેમાં લગભગ ત્રણ દાયકા – ૨૮ વર્ષનો સમય ચોક્કસ હતો – અને ફાઉન્ડેશન દ્વારા તેમને નાણાકીય ઇનામ રૂ. ૭૫,૦૦૦/– એનાયત કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા.

મકરંદ વાયંગંકર, જે ૭૦ વર્ષથી વધુ ઉંમરના તમામ સિનિયર ક્રિકેટ ખેલાડીઓનું સમર્થન કરે છે, જેમણે મુંબઈ ક્રિકેટને વિશિષ્ટ રીતે સેવા આપી છે.

મહારાષ્ટ્રના થાણેમાં જન્મેલા અને ઉછરેલા, પીલુ રિપોર્ટર તેમની સૌમ્પતા અને શિષ્ટાચાર માટે ક્રિકેટિંગ ક્ષેત્રના સૌથી મોહક વ્યક્તિત્વમાંના એક છે, જે અન્ય લોકોને મદદ કરવા માટે જાણીતા છે. એક ઉત્કૃષ્ટ બાવાજી -મી. રિપોર્ટર પ્રામાણિકપણે અને સીધા હોવા માટે, તેમજ તેમના ઘૈર્ય અને ઉત્સાહી સ્વભાવ માટે પણ જાણીતા છે.

નાનપણથી જ ક્રિકેટ પ્રત્યે ઉત્સાહિત, પીલ રિપોર્ટર હંમેશાં અમ્પાયર બનવાની ઇચ્છા રાખ-તા હતા અને મેદાન પર અમ્પાયરની મેચો પર ઉતરેલી દરેક તકને પકડતા હતા. પ્રથમ, હું ક્રિકેટર્સ ફાઉન્ડેશનનો આભાર માનું છું કે ક્રિકેટની રમત પ્રત્યેની મારી સેવાઓનો સ્વીકાર કરવા માટે. હં ખાસ કરીને પારસી જીમખાનાના મેદાનમાં ઘણાં ક્રિકેટ રમ્યો છું. હં મોટાભાગે મારી કંપની, મહારાષ્ટ રાજ્ય વીજળી બોર્ડ માટે મેચ રમતો હતો. ૩૮ વર્ષની ઉંમરે, મેં રમત રમી, પરંતુ પછી કમનસીબે ઇજાઓ વધી ગઈ અને મેં રમત રમવાનું છોડી દેવાનું નક્કી કર્યું. હં ઓલરાઉન્ડર હતો, સ્પિન બોલિંગ કરતો હતો અને પછીથી, બેટસમેન બન્યો હતો, જે ઝડપી બોલરોનો સામનો કરવાનું પસંદ કરતો હતો. અમે સુરત, અમદાવાદ વીજળી મંડળ સાથે ઇન્ટરકંપનીની મેચ પણ રમી હતી.

આજે પણ, ઘણા પ્રખ્યાત પદ્ધતિને યાદ કરે છે જેના દ્વારા રિપોર્ટર બાઉન્દ્રીનો સંકેત આપતા હતા - જેને ક્રિકેટ ટીકાકાર હેનરી બ્લોફેલ્ડ દ્વારા મિલ્કશેક નામ આપવામાં આવ્યું હતું.

અમ્પાયરિંગ તરફના તેમના પગલા વિશે વાત કરતા તેઓ કહે છે કે, તત્કાલીન બોમ્બે ક્રિકેટ એસોસિએશન (બીસીએ) એ ૧૯૬૧ માં અમ્પાયરની પરીક્ષા યોજવાની જાહેરાત કરી હતી, જે મેં બીજા વર્ષે પાસ કરી. આ રીતે મારી



અમ્પાયરિંગ કારકિર્દીની શરૂઆત થઈ. પછીથી, ૧૯૬૫માં, મારી બીસીએની વરિષ્ઠ પેનલ તરીકે બઢતી થઈ. ૧૯૬૬માં, મેં રણજી ટ્રોફી રમતોમાં ભાગ લેવા મે પરીક્ષા આપી, જે મેં પ્રથમ પ્રયાસમાં પાસ કરી. ૧૯૭૫ માં, મેં બીજી પરીક્ષા આપી, જે રણજી પેનલથી ઓલ-

ઇન્ડિયા પેનલમાં બઢતી માટે હતી. તે મૌખિક, વ્યવહારુ તેમજ તબીબી હતું, જે તે સમય માટે ખૂબ જ આવશ્યક હતું. મે પાછળ ફરી કયારેય જોયું નહોતું, હું આગળ વધતો ગયો.

૧૯૮૬માં, અમ્પાયર વી કે રામાસ્વામીની સાથે, પીલુ રિપોર્ટર લાહોરમાં પાકિસ્તાન અને વેસ્ટ ઈન્ડિઝ સાથે જોડાયેલી ટેસ્ટ મેચમાં ઉભા હતા ત્યારે ભારત તરફથી પ્રથમ ન્યુટ્રલ અમ્પાયર બન્યા હતા. આ પહેલી વાર છે કે જ્યારે ૧૯૧૨ પછી તટસ્થ અમ્પાયરોએ કોઈ ટેસ્ટમાં પદભાર સંભાળ્યો હતો. પાછળથી, ૧૯૯૨માં, રિપોર્ટર ક્રિકેટ વર્લ્ડ કપમાં કાર્યરત એકમાત્ર ભારતીય અમ્પાયર બન્યા!

આજકાલ, અમ્પાયરિંગ વ્યક્તિને સારા પૈસા પણ આપે છે! મારા દિવસોમાં જ્યારે હું શરૂ કરતો ત્યારે તેઓ અમને રૂ. ૫૦ દીઠ. ત્રણ દિવસની મેચમાં અમને રૂ. ૧૫૦ મળતા.

તે તેમની એક બેસ્ટ રમતોની યાદ અપાવે છે જ્યાં તેમણે કોલકાતા, ઈન્ડિયા/ઇંગ્લેન્ડમાં ટેસ્ટ મેચની અમ્પાયરીંગ કરતી, ૧૯૯૩-૧૯૯૪માં, સચિન તેંડ્લકર અને વિનોદ કાંબલી રમી રહ્યા હતા - આ એક સરસ રમત હતી અને અમને તેની ખબ પ્રશંસા મળી હતી. ભારતના એક અને અગ્રણી ક્રિકેટર સચિન તેંડલકર સાથે પોતે ઓસ્ટેલીયા જતા તેઓએ એક જ કોચમાં મસાફરી કરી હતી અને ઘણી બાબતો શેર કરી હતી અમે એક જ હોટેલમાં રહ્યા અમે એક બીજા સાથે સ્વતંત્રપણે બોલતા. બધા ખેલાડીઓએ મારી સાથે મૈત્રીપૂર્ણ સમીકરણ શેર કર્યું. પીલુ રિપોર્ટરની પૌત્રી, ફ્રેની દારૂવાલા તેના શબ્દોમાં સંપૂર્ણ નિષ્કર્ષ પૂરી પાડે છે, નાના, જેમ કે હં તેમને કહં છું, તે જીવનના સૌથી મજબૂત અને શક્તિશાળી આધારસ્તંભ રહ્યા છે. તે માત્ર મને જ નહીં, પણ સંપર્ણ ક્રિકેટ બિરાદરો માટે સાચી પ્રેરણા છે. જો કે, આ બધી સફળતા પાછળ તેમની જબરદસ્ત મહેનત છે. તેમણે હંમેશા મને ધીરજ રાખવાનું શીખવ્યું છે. તે કહે છે કે જો તમે કંઈ ઇચ્છો છો, તમારા હૃદયથી, તે પ્રાપ્ત કરવામાં સમય લાગશે પણ તમે યોગ્ય સમયે તેને પ્રાપ્ત કરશો. તે માને છે કે વ્યક્તિએ કદી શીખવાનું બંધ ન કરવું જોઈએ. પીલુ રિપોર્ટરની પૌત્રી તરીકે ઓળખાવાનું મારા માટે સન્માનની વાત છે.

પારસી ગેટને બચાવવા વૈકલ્પિક કોસ્ટલ રોડ પ્રોજેકટ ડિઝાઇન સૂચિત



ફ્રી પ્રેસ જર્નલના સમાચારોમાં જણાવ્યા મુજબ, પારસી ગેટ સ્ટ્રકચરને સ્થળાંતરથી બચાવવાના પ્રયાસમાં સમુદાયના સભ્યોએ ચાલુ કોસ્ટલ રોડ પ્રોજેકટ માટે વૈકલ્પિક યોજનાની દરખાસ્ત કરી છે. બૃહદમુંબઈ મ્યુનિસિપલ કોર્પોરેશન (બીએમસી) એ અગાઉ, મરીન ડ્રાઇવ સીધાની બાહ્ય ધાર પર એક ટનલ બનાવવા માટેના સો વર્ષ જુના માળખાને સ્થળાંતર કરવાની જાહેરાત કરી હતી. નાગરિક સત્તાએ બોમ્બે પારસી પંચાયત (બી.પી.પી.) નો સંપર્ક પણ કર્યો હતો.

સપ્તાહની શરૂઆતમાં, સંબંધિત નાગરિકોના એક જૂથે મ્યુનિસિપલ કમિશનર - ઇકબાલ સિંહ ચહલને મળ્યા હતા અને નવી વૈકલ્પિક રચનાની દરખાસ્ત કરી હતી, જે મુજબ સૂચિત ટનલ રસ્તાની વચ્ચેથી બનાવવામાં આવી શકે છે, જેનાથી પારસી ગેટની રચનાને અસર નહીં થાય. આ પ્રોજેક્ટના આર્કિટેક્ટ એલન અબ્રાહમે જણાવ્યું હતું કે, બાહ્ય ઘાર પર ટનલ બનાવવાની અસર ફ્ટપાથ પર પડે છે અને રસ્તાની વચ્ચે એક ટનલ હોવી સંભવિત સલામત

છે અને વાહનોની અવરજવરને પણ અસર કરશે નહીં. નવી ડિઝાઇનની નોંધ લઈને ચહલે સીઆરપી વિભાગના વરિષ્ઠ અધિકારીઓને ૧૫ દિવસની અંદર સંયક્ત તકનીકી બેઠક બોલાવવા સૂચના આપી છે.

કમ્યુનિટી મેમ્બર હવોવી સુખડવાલા નાગરિક અધિકારીઓને પત્ર લખી રહ્યા છે કે તેઓ સ્ટ્રક્ચરને શરૂઆતથી નહીં ખસેડવા વિનંતી કરે છે અને સહી અભિયાન પણ શરૂ કર્યું હતું. તેમણે જણાવ્યું હતું કે મ્યુનિસિપલ કમિશનરે નવી ડિઝાઇન સંદર્ભે સકારાત્મક પ્રતિસાદ આપ્યો હતો અને તેઓ સંયુક્ત બેઠકની રાહ જોઈ રહ્યા હતા.

આ બેઠકમાં કોલાબાના ધારાસભ્ય - રાહલ નારવેકર અને કફ પરેડના કોર્પોરેટર - હર્ષિતા નાર્વેકર પણ હાજર હતા. આ રચનામાં નાગરિકની ભાવનાઓ જોડાયેલ છે; જો આપણે વૈકલ્પિક ડિઝાઈનથી સ્ટ્રક્ચરનું રક્ષણ કરી શકીએ, તો તે દરેકની જીત છે, એમ હર્ષિતા નારવેકરે કહ્યું. રાહુલ નારવેકરે ઉમેર્યું હતું કે, કમિશનરે નવી ડિઝાઇન અંગે વિચારણાની ખાતરી આપી છે. તારાપોરવાલા એકવેરિયમની બરાબર સામે મરીન ડાઈવ પ્રોમેનેડ પર સ્થિત, પારસી ગેટની રચના પ્રાચીન પારસી સ્થાપત્યના આધારે બનાવવામાં આવી છે જેમાં પથ્થરથી બનેલા બે-પાંચ થાંભલાઓનો સમાવેશ થાય છે. પારસીઓ આજ સદીથી આ દરવાજા પર આવાં યઝદ (જળ દેવતા) ને માન આપી રહ્યા છે: પૂર્ણીમા દરમિયાન હિન્દુઓ પણ દરિયાને ચઢાવો ચઢાવવા માટે આ દ્વારનો ઉપયોગ કરે છે.

-બિનાયશા એમ. સુરતી

પારસી ટાઈમ્સ



જીવનમાં વિનમ્ર રહો!

ખૂબ જ જૂના સમયની આ વાત છે, એક ડાક અને એક સંત ની મૃત્ય એક જ દિવસે થઈ ગઈ. વિધિના વિધાન કહો કે જે પરંતુ આ બંનેનો અંતિમ સંસ્કાર પણ એક જ દિવસે થયો અને આ બધું થયા પછી બંનેની આત્મા યમલોક ગઈ. યમ-રાજે બંનેના કર્મોના લેખા-જોખા જોઈને એ બંનેને કહ્યું કે શું તમે તમારા કર્મો વિષે કંઈ કહેવા માંગો છો? તો તમને તમારી વાત રજૂ કરવાની અનુમતિ છે. આથી તમે જે પણ કંઈ કહેવા માંગતા હોય તે વિના સંકોચે કહેવા માંડો. ડાક વિનમૃતા સાથે કહ્યું કે પ્રભ હં એક ડાક હતો. અને મેં આખા જીવન દરમિયાન પાપ જ કર્યા છે. તમે મારા કર્મોનું જ ફળ મને આપશો, તે મને સ્વીકાર્ય રહેશે. એવી જ રીતે સાધુએ પણ પોતાની વાત રજૂ કરતાં કહ્યું કે મેં આખા જીવન દરમ્યાન તપ કર્યું છે, ભગવાનની ભક્તિ કરી છે, મેં આખા જીવન દરમ્યાન એક પણ ખોટું કામ કર્યું નથી. અને મેં હંમેશા ધર્મ-કર્મ નું કામ કર્યું છે. આથી મને સ્વર્ગ મળવું જોઈએ એવી મારી ઈચ્છા છે. યમરાજે બંનેની વાત સાંભળી અને ડાકુ ને કહ્યું કે હવે તમે આ સાધુની સેવા કરો આ જ તમારો દંડ છે. અને આ વાત સાંભળીને ડાકુ આ કામ માટે તૈયાર થઈ ગયો.પરંતુ આ વાત સાંભળીને સંત એકદમ ક્રોધિત થઈ ગયા, સાધુએ યમ-



રાજને કહ્યું કે મહારાજ આ તો પાપી છે, આની આત્મા અપવિત્ર છે. આ માણસે એના જીવનમાં કોઈ પણ સાર્ડું કામ કર્યું નથી. જો એ મને સ્પર્શ કરશે તો મારો પણ ઘર્મભ્રષ્ટ થઈ જશે. આટલું બોલ્યા પછી સાઘની વાત સાંભળીને યમરાજ પણ ક્રોધિત થઈ ગયા, તેને કહ્યું કે જે વ્યક્તિએ જીવનભર લોકોને લૂંટ્યા છે, અને કાયમ પાપ કર્યું છે. તેમજ લોકો પર રાજ કર્યું છે તેની આત્મા આટલી વિનમ્ન થઈ ગઈ છે અને તમારી સેવા કરવા માટે પણ તૈયાર છે. પરંતુ તમે આખી જીવનભર ભક્તિ અને તપ કર્યું છે છતાં પણ તમારા સ્વભાવમાં અહંકાર છે. મૃત્યુ પછી પણ તમારામાં વિનમ્નતા આવી નથી, આથી આ જ કારણે તમારી તપસ્યા અઘુરી છે. હવે તમને હું સજા આપું છું કે તમે આ ડાકની સેવા કરશો.

ભલે આ એક સ્ટોરી છે પરંતુ આ સ્ટોરીનો નિચોડ માત્ર એટલો જ છે કે આપણને શીખવા મળે છે કે આપણે જીવનમાં સારા કામ કરતા રહેવું જોઈએ. અને દરેક લોકો ને લગભગ આ વાતની ખબર હશે, પરંતુ જીવનમાં ક્યારે ઘમંડ કરવં જોઈએ નહીં. જે

લોકો ઘમંડી હોય છે, ખૂબ જ અહંકારી હોય છે તેની બધી સારી વાતો અને પુણ્ય પણ નષ્ટ થવા લાગે છે. આથી તમે ગમે તે સ્થાન પર પહોંચી જાઓ, તમે ગમે તેટલા સારા કાર્યો કરતા હોય પરંતુ હંમેશા વિનમ્ર રહેવું જોઈએ.

ुं तंहुरस्त रहेवा...

સલાડ ખાવાના ફાયદા!

ઘણા લોકોના મનમાં સવાલ થાય છે કે, કાચું ખાવું એટલે કે રાંધ્યા વગરનો ખોરાક ખાવો સારો ગણાય? સલાડ ખાવાથી શું ફાયદો થાય? તે ખાવું યોગ્ય છે? જો તમારા મનમાં પણ આવા સવાલો થઈ રહ્યા હોય, તો આજે આ લેખના

મારફતથી તેના જવાબ મળી જશે. તો આવો જાણીએ આજના લેખમાં તમારા માટે શું ખાસ છે?

જણાવી દઈએ કે, સલાડ ખાવાના અઢળક ફાયદા થાય છે. તેનાથી પાચન વહેલું થાય. સલાડ એટલે રાંધ્યા વગરનું કાચુ ખાવાનું જે ખાવાથી ખોરાકનું પ્રાકૃતિક બંધારણ નથી તૂટતું.

કાચું ખાવાથી એસીડીટી, કબજિયાત,

કમરનો દુઃખાવો, માથાનો દુઃખાવો, અપચો, લોહીની બીમારી, બ્લડપ્રેશર, ડાયાબિટીસ, ડાયાલીસીસ, સાંધાનો વા, થાઇરોઇડ, સ્ત્રી રોગ, ચામડીના રોગ, એલર્જી, કાયમી શરદી, ખરજવું, સોરાયસીસ, વધારે પડતું ભોજન વગેરે સમસ્યાઓથી સુરક્ષા થાય છે.

મિત્રો કાચું ખાવાથી ફાયદા તો ઘણા થાય છે, પણ કોઈપણ વસ્તુનો અતિરેક ન કરવો. તેને સલાડ તરીકે અને ઓછી ભુખ હોય ત્યારે લઇ શકાય. તમને માફક આવતું હોય તો કોઈ જ વાંઘો નથી. પણ બધું અચાનક બંધ કરીને સીધું જ કાચું ખાવાનું શરૂ કરી દેવું યોગ્ય નથી. માત્ર કાચું ખાઈને દિવસ ન કાઢશો. પરંતુ દિવસમાં એકવાર એક પ્લેટ સલાડ અવશ્ય ખાજો. કોઈ પણ પ્રયોગ કરતા પહેલા ડોક્ટર અને નિષ્ણાંતની સલાહ જરૂર લો.

બીપીપી ઉમેદવાર અનાહિતા દેસાઈએ સમુદાયના પ્રશ્નોના જવાબો આપ્યા

પાના નં. ૧૪થી ચાલુ

તાજેતરમાં જ, હું મેટ્રો વિરુદ્ધ અમારા આતશ બહેરામ માટે યોજાયેલ પાટકર હોલમાં સપોર્ટ મીટીંગના સંગઠનમાં સામેલ થઈ હતી.

પીટીઃ એવી અફવાઓ ફેલાઇ રહી છે કે તમારી પાસે સમજ છે અથવા બીજા ઉમેદવાર સાથે ગોઠવાયેલા છો. શું તમે તથ્યો પર થોડો પ્રકાશ પાડી શકો છો?

અનાહિતાઃ સંભવિત ઉમેદવારો દ્વારા જોડાણ રચવા અને સક્રિય ટેકો આપવા માટે મને સંપર્ક કરવામાં આવ્યો છે, પરંતુ મેં તે સ્પષ્ટ કર્યું છે કે હું સ્વતંત્ર ઉમેદવાર તરીકે ઉભી છું, કોઈ પણ કહેવાતા સમજણ અથવા બીજા કોઈની સાથે જોડાણ કર્યા વિના.

પીટીઃ તમે બે મકાનો કબજે કર્યા હોવાનું અંગે ઘણું લખાયું છે – એક રસ્તમ બાગમાં અને એક ગોદરેજ બાગમાં. તમે કૃપા કરી સ્પષ્ટ કરી શકો હો?

અનાહિતાઃ ગોદરેજ બાગ ફ્લેટ, જે આપણે ડિસેમ્બર ૨૦૨૦માં બીપીપીને પાછો આપ્યો. ૧૯૯૦માં નવરોઝ બાગના તેમના એક ઓરડાના ફ્લેટના બદલામાં મારા પતિ, યઝદીના ભાઈના અચાનક નિધન પછી, મારા સસરાને તે ફાળવવામાં આવ્યો હતો, મારા સસરાના અવસાન પછી, મારા બ્રધર ઈન લો ત્યાંજ રહેતા હતા.

અમારો રસ્તમ બાગનો ફ્લેટ મારી માતાને, રજા અને પરવાનો પર ૨૦૦૨ માં રિફંડપાત્ર ડિપોઝિટ યોજના હેઠળ કાળવવામાં આવ્યો હતો. આ ક્લેટ મારી માતાના નામે છે. મારી માતાએ ગોવાલીયા ટેન્ક પર અમારા ક્લેટના અમારા ભાગને વેચી દીધો જેમાં અમે અમારા પિતાના કાકાના પરિવાર સાથે સંયુક્ત કુટુંબ તરીકે રહેતા હતા. અમે વેચાણમાંથી મળેલી રકમ સાથે રૂસ્તમ બાગમાં ફ્લેટ ખરીદ્યો અને બાકી યઝદીએ ઉમેર્યું. ગોવાલીયા ટેન્ક ખાતે યઝદી ઘર-જમાઈ તરીકે અમારી સાથે રહેતા હતા. હું આશા રાખું છું કે આપણી પાસે બહવિધ ફ્લેટ્સ હોવા વિશેની બધી કથાઓ સાફ થઈ ગઈ હશે!

પીટી: બધા જ જાણે છે કે બીપીપીમાં જૂથવાદ છે. તમે કયા જૂથની તરફેણ કરશો અથવા તેની સાથે જોડાણ કરશો? અનાહિતાઃ જૂથવાદ યુગથી બીપીપીમાં છે. તે રાજકીય કાર્યાલય છે અને ત્યાં જોડાણ અને જૂથવાદ ન હોવાની અપેક્ષા કરવી મૂર્ખામી હશે. પરંતુ કોઈપણ ટ્રસ્ટીએ સમુદાય અને

સંસ્થાના સુખાકારીનું બલિદાન આપવું જોઈએ નહીં. પ્રશ્ન પર પાછા આવીને, હું સમુદાય અને ટ્રસ્ટ માટે જે યોગ્ય છે તેની માટે ઉભી રહીશ. આમ કરવાથી, હું કદાચ એક મુદ્દા માટે ચોક્કસ સમયે એક જૂથની તરફેણ કરીશ અને બીજા મુદ્દા માટે – બીજા જૂથની તરફેણ કરીશ. મારી અગ્રતા અને વફાદારી, હંમેશની જેમ, સમુદાયના કલ્યાણ અને પ્રગતિ સાથે હશે.

પીટીઃ જ્યારે તમે બી.પી.પી.ની ચૂંટણી લડ્યા હતા ત્યારે તમારા પહેલાના બે પ્રયાસો, જેમાં તમને કઈ ન મળ્યું.

અનાહિતાઃ છેલ્લી વખત મેં ૨૦૧૮માં, હું ખૂબ જ સાંકડા માર્જિનથી હારી હતી - ફક્ત ૨૬ વધુ મતદારોએ મારા વિરોધીની તરફેણ કરી - ઝર્કસીસ દસ્તુર. એક વિરોધ જે મારા વિરોધીઓ દ્વારા મોટો મુદ્દો બનાવવામાં આવ્યો હતો અને જે મારી વિરુદ્ધ ચાલ્યો હતો તે તે હતો કે તે સમયે મારા પતિ અધ્યક્ષ-ટ્રસ્ટી પણ હતા અને કેટલાક લોકો એવા પણ હતા જેમને લાવ્યું કે એક જ પરિવારના બે વ્યક્તિઓ છે, તે જ સમયે, બોર્ડ પર, યોગ્ય ન હતા.

પીટીઃ તમે બીપીપીમાં લાવવા માંગો છો તે તાત્કાલિક ફેરફારો કયા છે?

એક અનેક

આં ઘારાનો સુર્ય એક, ચંદ્ર એક, ભલે હોય તારાઓ અનેક; રાઘાનો મોહન એક, મીરાંનો ગિરિઘર એક, ભલે હોય ગોપીઓ અનેક જેમ ખુદા એક, ખાવિંદ એક, ભલેને હોય ભક્તો અનેક; તેમ, મારો પ્રીતમ પ્યારો પણ એક, ભલે હોય મિત્રો બીજા અનેક. પ્રીત કરી મે એક વાર, દિલ આપિયું એક વાર, પણ વસે તું મારા શ્વાશોમાં અનેક. પહેલો પ્યાર, કે આખરી પ્યાર, જે કહો તે તું; ભલે દુનિયામાં માનવ હોય અનેક. ભલે નથી તું મુજમા, હું તો છું તુજમાં, સાગર એક, નદીઓ હોય અનેક તું સાગર હું નદી, તું સુર્ય હું વાદળિ, તું ચંદ્ર હું ચકોર, તું એક, તારામાં સમાય અનેક.

અનાહિતાઃ મને લાગે છે કે બીપીપી વાત કરે છે અને સમુદાયને તેની પ્રવૃત્તિઓ, નિર્ણયો, ફ્લેટ્સની ફાળવ-ણી, સિલ્દ્રિઓ, તેમાં સામેલ મહત્વપૂર્ણ કેસોની સ્થિતિ, તેની નાણાકીય બાબતો, અવરોઘો અને સમસ્યાઓ વિશે અપડેટ કરે છે તે વાતની જાણ કરે અને રાખે તે જરૂરી છે. હું ખરેખર અમારા કમ્યુનિટી અખબારોમાં બીપીપી તરફથી સમુદાય સાથેના માસિક સંચારને ફરીથી પ્રારંભ કરવાનું પસંદ કરું છું.

હું અપીલ કરું છું કે બીપીપી લેન્ડલાઈન મહિનાઓથી કામ કરવાની સ્થિતિમાં નથી કારણ કે ટેલિફોન ઓપરેટર કામ પર નથી આવતા!!! જો કોઈ સમુદાયના સભ્ય બીપીપી સાથે સંપર્ક સાઘવા માંગે છે, તો ત્યાં સુઘી કોઈ રીત નથી કે જ્યાં સુઘી તે વ્યક્તિ સ્ટાફ અથવા ટ્રસ્ટીને વ્યક્તિગત સંખ્યાને જાણતા ન હોય ત્યાં સુઘી તે આવું કરી શકે. ઘણા લોકો મને બોલાવે છે અને પૂછે છે કે બીપીપી સાથે કેવી રીતે સંપર્ક સાઘવો. આશા છે કે, આ ખૂબ નાનો પણ ખૂબ જ મહત્વપૂર્ણ મુદ્દો હું ટ્રસ્ટી બનતા પહેલા હલ થઈ જશે, નહીં તો આ પહેલી વસ્તુ છે જે હું કરીશ. અમારા બી.પી.પી. ઉમેદવારો દ્વારા તમારા પ્રશ્નોના જવાબો મેળવવા માટે, કૃપા કરીને આ પર લખોઃ editor@parsi-times.com

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| અંક નજર પારસા નરણા ઉપર | | | | |
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| Perin Minoo Daruwalla પેરીન મીનુ દારૂવાલા | 90 eo | 28-01-2021 | F/02 Captian Colony, Haji Ali, Mumbai 34. એક/૨, કેપ્ટન કોલોની, હાજી આલી, મુંબઈ ૩૪. | તે મરહુમ મીનુ અરદેશર દારૂવાલાના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમ દીનામાય તથા મરહુમ જાલેજર ઈચ્છાપોર્યાના દીકરી તે મરહુમો પીલામાય તથા અરદેશર દારૂવાલાના વહુ તે મરહુમ કેટી સાયરસ બમન બહેરામ, બખ્તાવર બહેરામ દુબાશ અને કાવસના માતાજી તે તુશાદ, રીયા, જેસ અને કરાહના મમયજી. |
| Kashmira Sharukh Irani કેશમીરા શાહરૂખ ઈરાની | 69 ६€ | 28-01-2021 | 1967 Guffar Baug Street, Pune Camp, Pune 411001 ૧૯૬૭, ગુકરબાગ સ્ટ્રીટ, પુણે કેમ્પ, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૦૧. | તે શાહરૂખ કેકુ ઈરાનીના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમો ઘનમાય તથા હોમી હકીમના દીકરી તે મરહુમ સોહરાબ, શેહરઝાદના માતાજી તે બેહઝાદ પાતરાવાલાના સાસુજી તે દાસતાન, તહમીરના બપયજી તે કેટી, ઝરીન, બાનુ, આલુના બહેન તે મરહુમ કેકુ તથા દોલી ઈરાનીના વહુ. |
| Bahadur Hiraji Broacha બહાદુર હીરાજી બ્રોચા | 78 92 | 28-01-2021 | 19, Piroj Bai Bld. Flat No 1, Ground Floor, Sleater Road, Mumbai 7. ૧૯, પીરોઝબાઈ બિર્લ્ડીંગ, ફ્રલેટ નં. ૧ ભોંયતળિયે, સ્લેટર રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭. | તે થ્રીતી બહાદુર બ્રોચાના ધણી તે એરવદ જંગુ બહાદુર બ્રોચા ને એરવદ નેવીલ બહાદુર બ્રોચાના બાવાજી. તે નીલુફર જંગુ બ્રોચાના સસરાજી તે ફરાહ ને યઝદના બપાવાજી તે મરહુમો ખોરશેદ તથા હીરાજી પેસ્તનજી બ્રોચાના દીકરા તે રોશન, દોલી તથા મરહુમ રૂસીના ભાઈ તે મરહુમો ધનમાય તથા જાલ દીનશાહ દીવેન્ત્રીના જમાઈ તે હનોઝ અને અનાઈતાના કાકાજી તે ઝુબીન ને જેસ્મીનના મામાજી તે યાસ્મીન રૂસી બ્રોચાના જેઠ તે રોની ને સામ દીવેન્ત્રીના બનેવી. |
| Rutton Hormusji Kavarana રતન હોરમસજી કાવારાના | 80 | 29-01-2021 | C/1 Avabai Petit Lane, Balaram Street, Grant Road, Mumbai 7. સી/ ૧, આવાબાઈ પીતીત લેન, ગ્રાંટ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭. | તે મરહુમ હવોવીના ખાવિંદ. તે મરહુમો હોરમસજી અને બાનુબાઈના દીકરા. તે બરજીસ રોહિન્તન બીલીમોરીયાના અંકલ (નેબર). |
| Neville Dady Writer નેવીલ દાદી રાઈટર | 72 ૭૨ | 30-01-2021 | 2, Batliwala Building, Khan Estate, MMC Road, Mahim (West) Mumbai 16. ૨, બાટલીવાલા બિલ્ડિંગ, ખાન એસ્ટેટ, એમ.એમ.સી. રોડ, માહિમ (પ.), મુંબઈ ૧૬. | તે મરહુમ આરમાયટીના ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમો દોલી તથા દાદી જહાંગીરજી રાઈટરના વડા દીકરા તે કેકોબાદ (કેકુ)ના ભાઈ તે ડાયાના વરૂન ચીખલીવાલા તથા ખુશનાશ ને હનોશ દારૂવાલાના કાકાજી તે મરહુમો કુમી તથા સોલી એન્જિનિયરના જમાઈ તે કેશમીરાના જેઠ તે મરહુમ બેહરામ એન્જીનીયરના બનેવી. |
| Aban Rusi Chinoy આબાન રૂસી ચીનોય | 70 90 | 31-01-2021 | N/2, Bharucha Baug, Parsi Colony, Opp. Stopper's Shop, S. V. Road, Andheri (West), Mumbai 58. એન/૨, ભરૂચા બાગ, પારસી કોલોની, શોપર્સ શોપ સામે, એસ. વી. રોડ, અંધેરી (પ), મુંબઈ ૫૮. | તે મરહુમ ઓસ્તા રૂસી નોસીર ચીનોયના ઘણીયાની તે એરવદ કયઝાદ અને દિલસાદના માતાજી તે સેરૂ હવલદારના દીકરી તે મીઠીબાઈ જમશેદજી હવલદારના પૌત્રી તે ઓસ્તી રસના ને આદિલના સાસુજી તે મેદીઆરેમના બપઈજી તે ફરેદુનના મમયજી તે મેહરૂ અને ખુશરૂ એન્જીનીયરના વેવાણ તે કેશ્મીરા અને મીનુ પટેલના વેવાણ તે નાઝા અને નોશીર ચીનોયના વહુ, |
| Rohinton Sheriarji Patel રોહિન્ટન શહેરયારજી પટેલ | 81 ८٩ | 01-02-2021 | Central Bank Co-Op. Housing Society, 3rd Floor, Dadabhoy Cross Road, Vile Parle, Mumbai 56. સી-૧૩, સેન્ટ્રલ બેન્ક કો. ઓ. હા. સોસાયટી, ત્રીજે માળે, દાદાભાઈ ક્રોસ રોડ, વિલેપાર્લે, મુંબઈ. | તે હિલ્લાના ખાર્વિદ તે માલકમ તથા દીનાઝના બાવાજી તે મરહુમો ધનમાય તથા શહેરયારજી એદલજી પટેલના દીકરા તે ઝારા, મેકસ તથા રોની તથા આરયનના ગ્રાન્ડ ફાધર તે મની કાવસ તુકીના, મહેરૂ ગોદરેજ ઝવેરી, જોલી હોશંગ મેધોરા, જીમી શહેરયારજી પટેલ તથા મરહુમો ટહેમુરસ શહેરયારજી પટેલ તથા પેરીન રતનશાહ મેધોરા, તે મરહુમો પેરીન તથા કેકી દોકતરના જમાઈ તે કેરસી, કેકી સોરાબજી દોકતરના સાલા. |
| Faredoon Khurshed Satarawalla કરેદુન ખુરશેદ સતારાવાલા | 72 ૭૨ | 02-02-2021 | P1. Godrej Baug, N. P. Godrej Marg, Off. Nepeansea Road, Cumballa Hill, Mumbai 26. પી ૧, ગોદરેજ બાગ, કંબાલા હીલ, મુંબઈ ૨૬. | તે રોશન ફરેદુન સતારાવાલાના ઘણી તે મરહુમો મહેરૂ, રોશન તથા ખુશરૂ સતારાવાલાના દીકરા તે બેઝાદના બાવાજી તે મરહુમો યઝદી ખુશરૂ સતારાવાલા, રૂસી ખુશરૂ સતારાવાલાના ભાઈ તે ગેવ યઝદી સતારાવાલા, પરીઝાદ રૂસી સતારાવાલાના કાકા તે મરહુમો આલુ તથા બેહરામ ખરાદીના જમાઈ. |
| Maneck Framroze Mistry માનેક ફરામરોઝ મીસ્ત્રી | 89 | 02-02-2021 | 46A. Gowalia Tank Building, 2Nd Floor, A.K. Marg, Mumbai 36. ૪૬-એ, ગોવાલીયા ટેંક બિલ્ડીંગ, ઓગસ્ટ ક્રાંતિ માર્ગ, બીજે માળે, મુંબઈ ૩૬. | તે મરહુમ કુમી માનેક મીસ્ત્રીના ઘણી તે મરહુમો પીરોજા તથા ફરામરોઝ મીસ્ત્રીના દીકરા તે મરહુમો ભીખામાય તથા જાલેજર પસ્તાકીયાના જમાઈ તે બહેરામના ભાઈ તથા મરહુમ નરગીશના ભાઈ તે પેરીન જાલેજર પસ્તાકીયાના બનેવી. |
| Bapsy Dinshaw Chinoy બેપસી દીનશાહ ચીનોઈ | 87 ८७ | 02-02-2021 | 11/2, Rustom Baug, Sant Savta Marg, Byculla (E), Mumbai 27. ૧૧/૨ રૂસ્તમ બાગ, સંત સાવતા માર્ગ, ભાયખલા (ઈ), મુંબઈ ૨૭. | તે મરહુમ દીનશાહ બેહરામજી ચીનોઈના વિઘવા તે એરીકના માતાજી તે બેહરામ અને રૂબીના મોટા માસીજી તે મરહુમ આયમાય તથા બેહરામજીના વહુ તે મરહુમ ખોરશેદ અને પીરોજશા રૂસ્તમજી ઈરાનીના વડા દીકરી તે ડોલી, રૂસ્તમ તથા જમશેદના બહેન તે અરનવાઝ તથા હુતોક્ષીના નણંદ તે કુમી તથા મરહુમો ફરામરોઝ, ફીરોઝ, કેટી, હોમી, ગીનીના ભાભી તે મરહુમ હોમસીના જેઠાણી. |
| Khurshed Cavasji Sheriar ખુરશેદ કાવસજી સેહરીયાર | 94 ev | 03-02-2021 | 2, Summer Breeze, 15th Road, Bandra (West), Mumbai 50. ફલેટ નં. ૨, સમર બ્રીજ બિર્લ્ડીંગ, ૧૫ રોડ, બાંદરા (વે.), મુંબઈ ૫૦. | તે મરહુમ સુન્નુ ખુરશેદ સેહરીયારના ઘણી તે ડો. નોઝર અને ફિરુઝા, મહારૂખના પપ્પા તે રૂબી, ફિરોઝ અને રૂમીના સસરા તે શીરીન, ડો. ઝુબીનના બપાવાજી તે નતાશાહ, તરોનીસ, સનાયા, ઝીનીયાના મમાવાજી, તે પરવેઝ બાપુના ને એમીના બપાવાજી સસરા તે ઝકસીસ, ઝાલ, યઝદના ગ્રેટ ગ્રેન્ડ ફાધર તે ભીખુ, પેસીબા, મરહુમ જહાંગીર, જાલુ, સોરાબ, આલુ, દીના, રતિના ભાઈ તે મરહુમ ધનમાય અને મરહુમ કાવસજીના દીકરા તે મરહુમ બાનુ અને હોશંગના જમાઈ તે પોરસ અને મરહુમ દારયસના બનેવી. |
| Hoshang Jehangir Tarapore હોસંગ જહાંગીર તારાપોર | 89 ८૯ | 03-02-2021 | Burjor Building No. 4, Wadia Street, Tardeo, Mumbai 34. બરજોર બિલ્ડીંગ નં. ૪, બીજે માળે, તારદેવ, મુંબઈ. | તે મરહુમ દીના ને જહાંગીર તારાપોરના દિકરા તે હોમાઈ તથા મરહુમ વિકાજી અને વિરાના ભાઈ તે મહારૂખ, પરવેઝ, સાયરસ, મરહુમ મેરૂના કજીનભાઈ. |
| Dr. Kali Hormusji Kapadia ડો. કાલી હોરમસજી કાપડ્યા | 91 eq | 04-02-2021 | Dina Lodge, 3rd Floor, Garden Road, Colaba, Mumbai 1. દીના લોજ, ૩જે માળે, ગાર્ડન રોડ, કોલાબા, મુંબઈ ૧. | તે મરહુમ ઓલગા કાલી કાપડ્યાના ખાવિંદ તે શેહેરેઝાદ આસીમ મરચંત તથા નીલુકર જેકોબ ઈપેનના બાવાજી તે મરહુમો પીરોજા તથા હોરમસજી કાપડ્યાના દીકરા તે આસીમ મરચંત તથા જેકોબ ઈપેનના સસરાજી તે રીઝ, અલીશા, ટીયા તથા રેહાનના મમાવાજી તે નરગીસ ખુરશેદ મીસ્ત્રી તથા મરહુમો માણેક ધનજીશા કાપડ્યા તથા દૌલત જીજીભોય પસ્તાકીયાના ભાઈ તે જાંગુ મીસ્ત્રીના મામાજી તે મરહુમો ધનજીશા કાપડીયા, જીજીભોય પસ્તાકીયા તથા ખુરશેદ મીસ્ત્રીના સાલાજી તે મરહુમો મ્યુટલ તથા રોજર ભ્રેયના જમાઈ. |
| Hoshang Hormajshaw Sahiwalla હોશંગ હોરમજશાહ સહીવાલા | 94 ev | 04-02-2021 | O/5, Bharucha Baug, Parsi Colony, Lalubhai Park Marg, Andheri, Mumbai 58. ભરૂચા બાગ, પારસી કોલોની, લક્ષુભાઈ પાક માર્ગ, અંઘેરી, મુંબઈ ૫૮. | તે કુમી હોસંગ સહીવાલાના ખાર્વિદ તે ફરઝાન ફ્રેડી મહેતા તથા મરહુમ શીરાઝ હોશંગ સહીવાલાના બાવાજી તે ફ્રેડી દાદી મહેતાના સસરા તે તીશના સાહીયાર ફરોખમનેશના મમાવાજી તે સાહીયાર ફરોખમનેશના મમાવા સસરા તે મરહુમ દીનામાય તથા હોરમશા સહીવાલાના દીકરા તે મરહુમો મહેરબાઈ તથા એદલજી શાસ્ત્રીના જમાઈ તે રૂસી હોરમસા સહીવાલા તથા મરહુમો અદી, નરગીશ ગણદેવીયાના ભાઈ. |
| | | | Death Announcements from P | oona Parsee Panchayat (Trust Office) |
| Freny Piroj Maherhomji ફ્રેની પીરોજ મહેરહોમજી | 85 ૮૫ | 30-01-2021 | C/5, Bld., Flat No 19, Kuber Park, Kondhwa Raod, Pune. સી/૫, બિલ્ડિંગ, ક્લેટનં. ૧૯, કુબેર પાર્ક, કોંઢવા રોડ, પુણે. | તે મરહુમ પીરોજ સાવકશા મહેરહોમજીના વિઘવા તે મરહુમોદોલતબાનુ તથા અરદેશર માસ્તરના દીકરી તે પેરીન નોતાની તથા રોશન મોદીના બહેન તે મરહબુમો જરબાનુ તથા સાવકશા મહેરહોમજીના વહુ તે ગુલ તારાચંદ, પરવીઝ, રૂસી તથા મરહુમો મની મૌદાવાલા ને નોશીરના ભાભી તે આરમેતી તથા ડેઝીના જેઠાણી. |
| | | | | ments From Prayer Hall |
| Mehru Hoshang Billimoria મેહેરુ હોશંગ બિલિમોરિયા | 91 e9 | 30-01-2021 | Siddhesh Jyoti 2603, E Wing,Grant Road, Mumbai 7. સિલ્દ્રેશ જયોતી, ૨૬૦૩, ઈ-વિંગ, બલરામ સ્ટ્રીટ, ગ્રાન્ટ રોડ (પ.), મુંબઈ ૭ | તે હોશંગ બિલિમોરિયાના પત્ની તે ઘનમાઈ અને નરીમાન તારાપોરના દીકરી પરવિન, રુસી, મેહેરનોશના માતા કેરસી નોસિર ભાજીવાલા, શેફાલી રુસી બિલિમોરિયા, હુતોકસી મેહેરનોશ બિલિમોરિયાના સાસુ ડેલના, કરાહ, જેહનાફ્રીઝ, જિમ, ઝુબિન, કૈઝાદ ખુશનાઝ, તયન અને ઝારાહ, કૈનાઝ, ખુશનાઝ ના ગ્રાન્ડ મઘર તે દારા, સીક્ષુ, જીનના બહેન તે તેહમીના તથા બરજોરજી બિલિમોરિયાના વહુ. નેફયુ/નીસઃ નોઝર, સરોશ, પરસીસ, હોશંગ, પ્રીતી |



YOUR JANAM RASHI THIS WEEK

લખનારઃ મરદ્દમ મહારાજ શ્રી સ્વયંજયોતિના સદકાર્યકર્તા જયેશ એમ. ગોસ્વામી

અઠવાડિક રાશિફળઃ તા. ૦૬.૦૨.૨૦૨૧ થી તા. ૧૨.૦૨.૨૦૨૧



Aries - મેષ - અ.લ.ઈ.

તમને ૧૩મી એપ્રિલ સુધી શક્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે તમારા અટકેલા કામો પૂરા કરી શકશો. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી થતી જશે. થોડીઘણી ભાગદોડ કરવાથી વધુ ધન કમાઈ શકશો. શક્રની કૃપાથી ધનનો ખર્ચ વધુ કરવા છતાં ધનની મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. જે પણ કમાશો તેમાંથી ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ અવશ્ય કરજો. ફેમીલીનો સાથ મળશે. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. ભણજો. શકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ૦૯, ૧૦, ૧૧ છે.

Lucky Dates: 06, 09, 10, 11.

Venus' rule till 13th April helps you complete your stalled works. There will be financial progress. With a little extra effort you will be able to earn a lot of money. Despite an increase in your expenses, there will be no financial strain, with Venus' grace. Ensure to invest from your earnings. Your family members will be supportive. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Cancer - 35 - s.e.

૨૩મી માર્ચ સુધી ગુરૂની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમોને શારીરિક બાબતમાં ચિંતા નહીં આવે. મનથી ખુબ આનંદમાં રહેશો. નાણાંનો સદ ઉપયોગ કરી શકશો. ફેમીલી મેમ્બરને સાચી સલાહ આપી તેમનું દિલ જીતી લેશો. ફેમીલી સાથે નાની મુસાફરીનો પ્લાન બનાવી શકશો. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યશ્ત' ભણજો. શકનવંતી તા. ૦૮, ૦૯, ૧૦, ૧૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 08, 09, 10, 12,

Jupiter's rule till 23rd March ensures that you will not have to worry as regards your physical health. You will live with great mental peace. You will be able to employ your finances gainfully. You will win over family members with your sincere advice. You could be looking to make a short travel plan with your family. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



Libra - तुला - र.त.

તમને બુધની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારૂં કામ પુરૂં કરી બીજાનું દિલ જીતી લેશો. નવા મિત્રોની મલાકાત ભેવિષ્યમાં ફાયદો અપાવશે. ઉપરીવર્ગની સલાહથી તમારા અગત્યના કામ સહેલાઈથી કરી શકશો. બીજાના મદદગાર થઈને રહેશો. સારા સમાચાર મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ૦૮, ૧૧, ૧૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 06, 08, 11, 12.

Under Mercury's rule, you will be able to complete your work and win over others. Making new friends will bear beneficial fruit in the future. You will be able to do your important tasks well with advice from your senior colleagues. You will be of help to others You will receive good news. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily



Capricorn - मधर - พ.જ.

તમને શીતળ ચંદ્રની દિનદશા થરૂ થયેલી . બગડેલા કામો સુધારી શકશો. નાની મુસાફરી કરી શકશો. તમારી આવકમાં વધારો થશે. જો કોઈ વ્યકિત તમારાથી નારાજ થયેલી હશે તો તમે મીઠી જબાન વાપરીને પોતાના બનાવી શકશો. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં ધીરે ધીરે સારા સારી થતી જશે. બીજાને ખુશ રાખી પોતે પણ સખી થશો. આજથી ૩૪મ નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૯, ૧૦, ૧૧,

Lucky Dates: 09, 10, 11, 12.

With the onset of the Moon's rule, you will be able to resolve any works that need help. You will be able to make short travel-trips. A gain in your income is predicted. You will be able to win over all those who have been upset with you, with your sweet words. There will be gradual financial progress. You will feel great contentment by making others happy. Starting today, pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna'. 101 times, daily.



Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.

રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી રોજબરોજના કામો કરવામાં ખુબ મુશ્કેલી આવશે. તબિયતનું ધ્યાન રાખજો નહીં તો મુશ્કેલીમાં આવશો. તમારી નાની બેદરકારી મોટી મુસીબતમાં મૂકી દેશે. ખોટા વિચારોમાં ખોવાયેલા રહેશો. ડોક્ટરની પાછળ વધુ ખર્ચ થશે. આવક આવ્યા પહેલા ખર્ચનું લીસ્ટ તૈયાર થઈ જશે. દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૭, 0८, 06, 92 છે.

Lucky Dates: 07, 08, 09, 12.

Rahu's ongoing rule could pose a lot of challenges in your daily chores. You are advised to take good care of your health to avoid health-related issues. The slightest carelessness on your part could land you in a lot of trouble. You could end up spending on medical expenses. Your mind will be occupied with negative thoughts. Your list of expenses will be ready even before your income comes in. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.

૨૩મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી શનિની દિનદશા ચાલશે. નાની બાબતમાં મુશ્કેલીમાં આવશો. અચાનક તબિયત બગડી જાય તેવા હાલના ગ્રહો છે. આવકમાં વધારો થવાની જગ્યાએ ઘટાડો થશે. શનિ તમારા હાથે ખોટો ખર્ચ કરાવશે. સરકારી કામમાં સફળતા નહીં મળે. સાંધાના કે માથાના દુખાવાથી પરેશાન થશો. દરરોજ 'મોટી હપ્તન યક્ત' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ०७, ०८, ११ छे.

Lucky Dates: 06, 07, 08, 11.

Saturn's rule till 23rd February could get you in trouble over petty matters. Your health could suddenly deteriorate. You could end up with losses instead of profits. You could end up making unnecessary expenses. You will not be successful in government-related work. You could suffer from joint-pain or head-aches. Pray the Moti Haptan Yasht daily.



જી Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.ય.

૨૧મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી મંગળની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા લીધેલા ડીસીઝનમાં કન્ફયુઝ થઈ જશો.ખોટા વિચારો આવતા રહેશે. વાહન ચલાવતા હોતો વાહન સંભાળીને ચલાવજો, એકસીડન્ટ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. તાવ-માથાના દુખાવાથી પરેશાન થશો. ભાઈ-બહેન સાથે મતભેદ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. મંગળને શાંત કરવા 'તીર યક્ત' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૭, ૦૯, ૧૧, 92 89.

Lucky Dates: 07, 09, 11, 12.

Mars' rule till 21st February will bring in confusions as regards your decisions. Your mind will get filled with negative thoughts. Ensure to drive/ride your vehicles with great caution as you could meet with an accident. You could suffer from fever or headaches. Squabbles with siblings could take place. To pacify Mars, pray the Tir Yasht.



Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.

તમારે છેલુ અઠવાડિયું મોજશોખમાં પસાર કરવાનું બાકી છે. આ અઠવાડિયામાં ખર્ચ પર થોડો કાપ મુકજો. મનપસંદ વ્યક્તિને તમારા મનની વાત કહી દેજો. કોઈ પણ જાતની લેતી-દેતી કરવી હોય તો તે વ્યક્તિ પાસે એક મહિનાનો સમય માંગી લેજો. સરકારી કામો જલદીથી પૂરા કરી લેજો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ૦૭, ૦૮, ૧૦ છે.

Lucky Dates: 06, 07, 08, 10.

This is your last week of fun and entertainment. Ensure to have a strong hold over your expenses this week. Speak your mind with your favourite person. Ensure to ask for one month's grace period from anyone with whom you mean to do transactional business. Complete your government-related work quickly. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Gemini - મિથુન - ક.છ.ઘ.

૨૧મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી ગુરૂની દિનદશા ચાલશે. હાલમાં તમને માન-ઈજ્જત આપનાર વ્યક્તિઓ વધી જશે. મિત્રો તમારો સાથ આપી સેલ્ફ કોન્ફ્રીડન્સ વધારી દેશે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી રહેશે. કોઈ ગરીબની મદદ કરી શકશો. ગુરૂની કૃપાથી ધનલાભ થશે. ધર્મનું કામ કરી શકશો. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યસ્ત' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૬, ૦૭, ૧૦, ૧૧ છે.

Lucky Dates: 06, 07, 10, 11.

Jupiter's rule till 21st February will bring in an increase in the number of people who appreciate and respect you. The support from your friends will boost your self-confidence. Financial progress will be ongoing. You will be able to help someone underprivileged. With Jupiter's grace, you will come into good wealth. You will be able to perform religious works. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



Virgo - કન્યા - પ.ઠ.ણ.

૧૭મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી બુધની દિનદશા ચાલશે. ધન બચાવીને સારી જગ્યાએ ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ કરજો. ધનનો સારી જગ્યાએ ઉપયોગ કરી શકશો. મીઠી જબાન વાપરી બીજાના દીલ જીતી લેશો. જે પણ કામ કરશો તેમાં સફળતા મળશે. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૭, ૦૮, ૦૯, ૧૦ છે.

Lucky Dates: 07, 08, 09, 10.

Mercury rules you till 17th February. You are advised to save money and invest it fruitfully. You will be able to employ your funds in a good place. You will win over the hearts of others with your sweet words. You will be successful in all that you do. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ફ.

તમારા મનની વાત જેને કહેવા માંગતા હો તો કહી દેજો. તમારા કામ પૂરા કરવા માટે સમય નહી જુઓ. મનને શાંત રાખવામાં સફળ થશો. તમારા દરેક કામમાં સફળતા મળશે. ઘરવાળાને કામમાં મદદ કરશો. તેમની ડિમાન્ડ પૂરી કરી શકશો. દરરોજ ૩૪મુ નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ०६, ०७, ०८, १० छे.

Lucky Dates: 06, 07, 08, 10.

Ensure to speak up what's on your mind to the one you wish to communicate with. You will lose track of time in trying to complete your tasks. You will be able to be mentally at peace. You will be successful in all your endeavours. You will be helpful to your family members and cater to their wants. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.



Pisces - મીન - દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.ક્ષ.

તમને ભરપુર સુખ આપનારી શુક્રની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી દુશ્મન પણ તમને માનથી જોશે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી થતી જશે. ફસાયેલા નાણા પાછા મેળવવા થોડી ભાગદોડ કરવાથી પાછા મેળવી શકશો. નવા કામમાં સફળતા મળશે. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૦૮, ૦૯, ૧૧, ૧૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 08, 09, 11, 12.

Under the contentment-providing rule of Venus, even your detractors will grow respect for you. Financial progress will continue. You will be able to retrieve your stuck finances with a little added effort. You will be successful in your new ventures. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



s soon as Farida Fuiji's club announced Sunday Brunch, there was no peace in her third-floor Rustom Baug flat, since her hubby - henpecked Hormusji wanted a romantic brunch for two, while Farida wanted to take along her boy-friend, the karka-baroos Soli. This was exactly why Hormusji called him 'Soli Sales-Tax', since, like the tax, there was no avoiding Soli!! When Hormusji married Farida, it was love at first sight, with her Bank-account and at that time, she acted like a garib-gai but after the wedlock, it was a deadlock for the poor guy as she soon became a wild-buffalo!

And so, the day of the Sunday-Brunch arrived and Khadhro Soli didn't have breakfast that day so that, in his words, dabavi ne khavai! He arrived at Farida's flat from his house in Chikalwadi, at seven o'clock in the morning and plonked himself on her dirty vaas-marto black and golden tapestried sofa. gangubai, who never The liked Soli asked him, "Sales-Tax sahib, tumcha ghar-baar naahi? Roi roi vethev vetev? Sharam nahi?" Soli, the gherbhangoo pretended not to hear!

It was time to go and Hormusji drove his car while Farida and Sales-Tax sat at the back like two peas in a pod. Soli, in his stupid Safari, which looked like a baba-suit and Farida, in her stupider whitelace mini-dress, displaying her thunder-thighs. frightening They arrived at Farida's midtown club and soon settled on their table.

Khadhri Farida went to the buffet-hall and opened each vessel only to find that it was empty. She marched into the manager's office and fired the manager, Shri Murlidhar Mangalam Muttuswamy saying,



"Where's the food? You are only heating the vessels! You have mentioned 12 noon in your circular and it is now almost 12:30! What kind of service are you giving us?" The manager pacified her and politely said, "Sales-Tax Sir and you can order beer. By that time, the food will

The food finally started arriving and Farida announced to all sitting on her big table: "Come on folks, the food has come. Let's all run to catch our place in the line. So saying, she ran like a bull and stood first in the line. Soli stood behind her. Lo and behold! They were the only two people in the line as everyone knew that only papads, kachumber and achar had come. The dummies stood there for 15 minutes like bhikharis and finally returned to their table for more beer. Soli, as usual, got drunk and recited a poem:

> "Apna Saath, Apna Vikas, Hormusji Ka Daru, Aur Mera Glass!"

Farida: Wah! Wah! Solimian! Kya Farmaya! Mashah Allah!! Now, I'll say a shayari...

> Aam Gaye, Anar Gaye, Kachchey Limboo Reh Gaye, Sachchey Aashig Mar Gaye Aur Hormusji Reh Gaye!!

Everyone on the clubvaranda clapped

requested ek aur shayari but in Guirati so all the Parsis can understand it better. Farida nev chaavi laagi and off she rattled:

> Tapeli Par Tapeli Tapeli Ni Ooper Paan, Hoon Toh Katrina Kaif, Aney Soli - Salman Khan!

Now, while this zabardast shavari mehfil was going on, the first batch of members had already helped themselves to the buffet and about 80 were waiting in a looooooooong queue, but our half-drunk hero, Soli, jumped the line and stood first, only to be told, "Excuse me sir, there's a line of about 80 people." Soli lagaoed the Amitabh Bachchan dialogue:

Hum Jahan Khadey Hotey Hai, Line Vahan Sey Shuroo Hoti Hai.

Three members physically lifted up this half-pint Solibatak and carried him right till the end saying, "Stand here for your turn." Farida came running to her lover's rescue and they quietly stood without any further Chooo-

They stood for more than half an hour before their turn came but everything was practically over. No ham, bacon or salami, which were Soli's favourite. That's why he

huge salami-like arms! They were the last in line, standing like sophisticated beggars, only to be told to return to their table! Soli had more mafat no beer and was in no position to walk. Every time that half-pint tried to get-up, he automatically fell back into his chair and became a sitting duck for jokes on the adjoining tables.

Hormusii: Eat

Soli: Who says I am drunk?

something, Tuney laagi gayoj!

I can stand my drinks. So saying, he got up to sing: (Courtesy: Namak Halal)

Thodi Si Jo Pee Lee Hai, Chori Toh Nahin Ki Hai! Oh Silla, Oh Pila, Oh Mehra, Koi mahney pakro, Koi Sambhalo,

Kahin Hum Gir Na Padey!! By now Farida was

item number, singing: Oh Saaki, Saaki Re! She even tried to do belly-dancing like Norah but fell flat on her papeta jevoo naak. The other guests were totally cheesed-off and called the Manager, Shri Murlidhar Mangalam Muttuswami to see the vulgar spectacle. The Manager was a very practical person. He stuffed some sandwiches into Farida's and Soli's mouth, requesting Hormusji to get some food for

Hormusji, who was a cashier at Ram Bharosey Hindu Hotel, before marriage, loaded three plates with spaghetti as that was the only food item left, balancing the three plates when khadhri Farida got hyper and impatient like every time she saw food. She gave one hard dhamelo on the poor husband's back saying, "Chaloni, Chaloni, here we are dying of hunger and you are walking like bava-nabagicha-ma!!"

Now all clever readers of Parsi Times already know that Farida's hand is like Sunny Dhai-Kilo-Ka-Haath Deol's -Aadmi Oothta Nahin, Ooth Jata Hai! This is exactly what happened. Poor Hormusji fell down like Humpty Dumpty, had a great fall, and while falling, a plate full of spaghetti fell on Soli Sales-Tax's head, giving him the latest hairstyle you ever saw!! Even his ugly little face was all covered with spaghetti!

Hormusji: Now I'll call you Soli-Spagetti!

The Manager, Murlidhar Mangalam Muttuswami got really annoyed. He admonished Farida, "Madam, what sort of behaviour is this every time? We have tolerated enough. Whenever there's a dinner or brunch or Bar-b-q, you are the first to book your table. But this is the limit. I'll request the Committee to change your membership and put you on probation.

Dear PT readers, as this goes to print, Farida is on probation and Soli Sales-Tax na mafat-nameva-na-jhaar-sukai-gaya!!

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ailway services have been reinstated on our Mumbai locals. And what was possibly our 9:00am-Borivali-Fast, the one to which our blue-collar Mumbaikar set his watch to, could now well be the new 12:00-noon-Chugger! As stated - '12:00 to 4:00 pm, train service started for all passengers' - Mumbai slowly and cautiously inches back into its crazy, frenzied normalcy, one train at a time.

As the lifeblood of our city. Mumbai's local trains across Mumbai on two principles - a dauntless spirit and the love of all things chaotic. Ask a pre-Covid regular exactly what that entails, and he can enlighten any clueless ignorant Mumbai bourgeois on this everyday meritorious feat... all the while remaining unfazed by a routine that has nothing, if not an underlining method to its madness.

Trains continue to ply up and down, while the burgeoning masses of millions packed each day, morning and evening, in time frames called the rush hour, do so with an impervious disdain and nonchalance. Stuffed like sardines, they perform life-threatening, jawdropping feats - much on the lines of skilled acrobats and circus performers. Jumping, swinging, just hanging from rails and handles, doors and other odd protrusions that somehow enable a grip, they cling on to dear life just by the tip of their fingers. Entire journeys made attached to fellow passengers and bodies, expertly risking life and limb, but no sweat there!

Taking a local five times a week, years on end, they set their body clock, mechanisms and life schedules in tangent with the 9:05 or the 9:20, to that exact minute, on the hour, best suited to their schedules.

The 9:05 Borivali-Fast

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The same follows on the feeterial Feetaleuserival of the train, there is run - these journeys back and forth, all set to coincide with the appointed hours of their jobs, businesses and employment.

The regularity is comforting and agreeable to a person of habit, yet completely incomprehensible to errant newcomers - that you would be unavoidably squeezed, thrown and bounced! It's almost like charging into a battlefield unawares and defenceless. With every embarkation or disembarkation upon a sea of the masses, you're lifted and placed inside the carriage without any bodily effort or strain on your part, almost like floating on a wave that carries you with the tide... your entries and exists marked by the marauding masses, all seeking a fixture into this death-defying serpentine means of travel. It serves as a slipway along which one is gently but firmly launched into the waters of daily business routines.

Invariably, the time of your travel dictates the penetration of familiarity in a sea of washed-out faces. In this everevolving world of travel, you soon recognise people whose routines are set to yours. You become that group of regulars that rarely changes and when a new face suddenly appears on that platform minutes prior to

a certain declamatory feel, in and around. Protest ripples all around, like a new bird added in a cage of friendly canaries.

You can imagine the horror when this new companion follows you into your own compartment. Everything's an unwritten rule here and it's best to understand quickly enough that people have seniority here too. As any hierarchy, you've got to climb the ranks. That place next to the window is long reserved for that able bodied veteran whose only interaction during the entire hour is to glance up from time to time from the pages of his newspaper. Now that exotic feel of that bright new plumage bears heavy for a couple of days following which you learn to recognise the shrug of that shoulder and half-given sign

greeting, morning after morning.

Then

there are those sighs of exasperation against common enemy running late by two minutes, that really changes everything. Bound now by chords of concern and displeasure at the lateness of that train, you realise

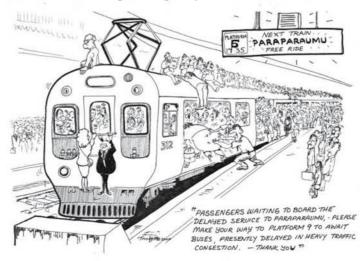
that your compartment will be over brimming this morning with the spillage of a previously scheduled delayed train. If it is a really buoyant morning, you may even generously consider making room next to you on that already packed berth. The journey, often, is neither too long nor too short, feeling almost like a healthy perambulation along tracks, crowded with fellow commuters all proceeding to their places of work on the same orderly schedule as each other.

It gives one a sense of comforting assurance to be moving among these dependable, dignified people, month after month, knowing there are others who have stuck to their jobs and don't go gadding around all over the place, seeking greener pastures. The lives of these

daily travellers are regulated by the minute hand of a very accurate watch. Also having their paths cross daily, at the same time and same place, each day offers the mellow comfort of familiarity. Then there are those penetrating body odours, sweat and smells that there is just no getting

You soon learn to recognise the tell-tale signs, the mood, pointing to the disposition of your fellow passengers, like that lady seated across you... that vermillion red sari - a definite indicator of the Friday fun she is looking forward to, after office hours or maybe it's a movie after work with colleagues. Mr. Rao's gentle dozing (Oh yes! over time, you put names to those faces) next to her is a sure indication of the rough night he's had. You know the regulars - you recognise them while culling out the rest from that daily dose of overburdening humanity.

Within that compartment for an hour each day, every day, lies a sense of entitlement and belonging. For that one hour, while the world races past you at the speed of those engines, a false sense of calm and peace rocks and lulls you with that calming, rocking motion. Outside, the earth disintegrates into fragments of speed while within there's nothing but routine and regularity for preserving one's peace of mind. They make this journey a thousand times over and learn to love it and live it the best they can. They talk in curiously crisp, familiar voices, clipping their words and spitting them out hard and loud, small and quick. While you may lose a sentence or two there are places where the words fall discernible. and quite surprisingly heard over the choo and the chug of that rhythm. They become your friends - these few from that sea of familiarity. Cause after all, you are that friendly canary in that 9:00am local!



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Here's To You By Freyan Wadia

For the searching eyes and restless

For those who have lost their way: For those who bleed in silence, For those swallowed by the grey.

May the Winds of Time and Change Blow away the tears off your cheeks, May the hazy mists of life Dissolve into the fortunes you seek;

May your dreams blossom and thrive, May you always hold them dear, Away from poisonous Despair. Away from the axe of Fear.

May your strides be long despite The words of mirrors and mouths; The essence of you lies within, And not in the casing without.

May the sparkle in your diamond

And the stardust in your veins, Remind you each and every day That the Universe calls your name.

Whether you walk on the well-beaten Or cut out a path of your own,

Look for the footprints alongside vours -

And remember, you're never alone.

The Urchin **And The Mannequin** By Meher Parvez Sutaria

An urchin walked a busy street, Without a stitch on his back. He walked along with his naked feet, Wearily, carrying a sack.

He keenly looked at a garbage heap, And scanned the stinking pile. He pulled out things he wished to

Rummaging all the while.

His little feet were buried in filth,

Foul odour and flies he ignored. He moved about in the muck and silt, As the garbage pile he explored.

Moving forward across the street, He spotted a glitzy shop. What he saw, to his eye was a treat, He came to a sudden stop.

He stared at a lifeless mannequin. Clothed in finery of gold. While he, a living human being, Was standing out in the cold!

Well, that's the irony of life. The poor urchin thought; He had always lived a life of strife, To the wide world, he was nought.

His silent heart throbbed with pain, He hoped his star would shine. He knew there was always sun after rain.

So, he would wait for blessings divine

Words Can Hurt Words Can Heal

By Farida Bamji

Chew one's words Before one speaks, Think them over Before they leak. People lacking confidence Ans under-achievers. Usually do cobwebs weave.

Be deaf ears to these naysayers, They're just balls of fluff, Discard them as they Are up to no good stuff

Traveling the pathways And byways Of life, We face lots of struggles As well as strife; Some will take you Down the wrong pathway, Do not flinch or cower Having Faith in one's prayers And using one's Vohu Mano You will be able to say: "I did it My Way"!!!