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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Happy Valentine's Day! Stay Connected!

Dear Readers,

In a few weeks, we would all have survived a year of the coronavirus pandemic. It's been a year filled with myriad experiences for us all... a year of fear and apprehensions, empowerment and empathy, loss and gratitude, introspection and epiphanies, new normals and renewed relationships. But more than all else, it's been a year of immense learning and irrevocable education. It sure could go down as history's most extensive learning curve for the human race!

Of the many things that we have learnt, one of the key highlights is the Human Connect, which kept us going all through the heartbreaks and the rigours. It's the mental, moral and emotional support which has seen us through this devastating nightmare. Love, compassion and hope gently nourished the healing and recovery of broken hearts and spirits. Which is why, more than ever, we should celebrate and cherish the pinnacle of this Human Connect - Love.

Valentine's Day 2021 will be commemorated as an evolved and redefined paradigm. Since love ain't really love till it's been expressed, and the human connect thrives on communication, how about we dedicate Valentine's Day to connecting with ALL our loved ones and sharing a part of ourselves with them! It would definitely be more heart-felt than repeating the boring 'flowers-chocolates-stuffed toy' gifting routine.

Put your skills to good use. Make those Valentine's Day cards yourself or put together a song or prepare a special meal! Share these videos and pics with them and tell them they are missed and loved and precious to you! Love is, after all, in the words of Robert Frost, "an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired!"

Happy Valentine's Day! May we continue to celebrate the Human Connect every single day!

Have a good weekend!

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

All communities are hydra-headed. They have their orthodox and their reformers, fanatics and sober-minded persons, visionaries and men of commonsense, mystics and rationalists, hypocrites and sincere persons.

The orthodox see not the

absurdity of remaining in bondage to the customs of the infant humanity, when it was in swaddling clothes. They are wedded to the beliefs and practices, good and bad, that have come down to them through a long past and whose origin lies buried in obscurity. Blindly do they believe on the dogmas of the bygone days of their primitive ancestors. Stubbornly do they refuse to deliver themselves from the yoke of bigotry fostered by priestcraft.

The mere mention of reform acts upon them like a red rag on a bull. They are daggers drawn over the controversy with the reformers. They indulge

in hair-splitting puerilities. Charlatanism thrives on credulity and superstition.

Save me, my Savior, from bigoted narrowness and sectarian exclusiveness. Let me not take the form for the substance. Let me not live according to the letter of religion, but according to its spirits. Let me see that it is wrong to assert fanatically that whatever is, is right. Let me wisely see that there is much that is wrong and it has to be righted. Let me always unswervingly aim at accuracy and truth in my research work.

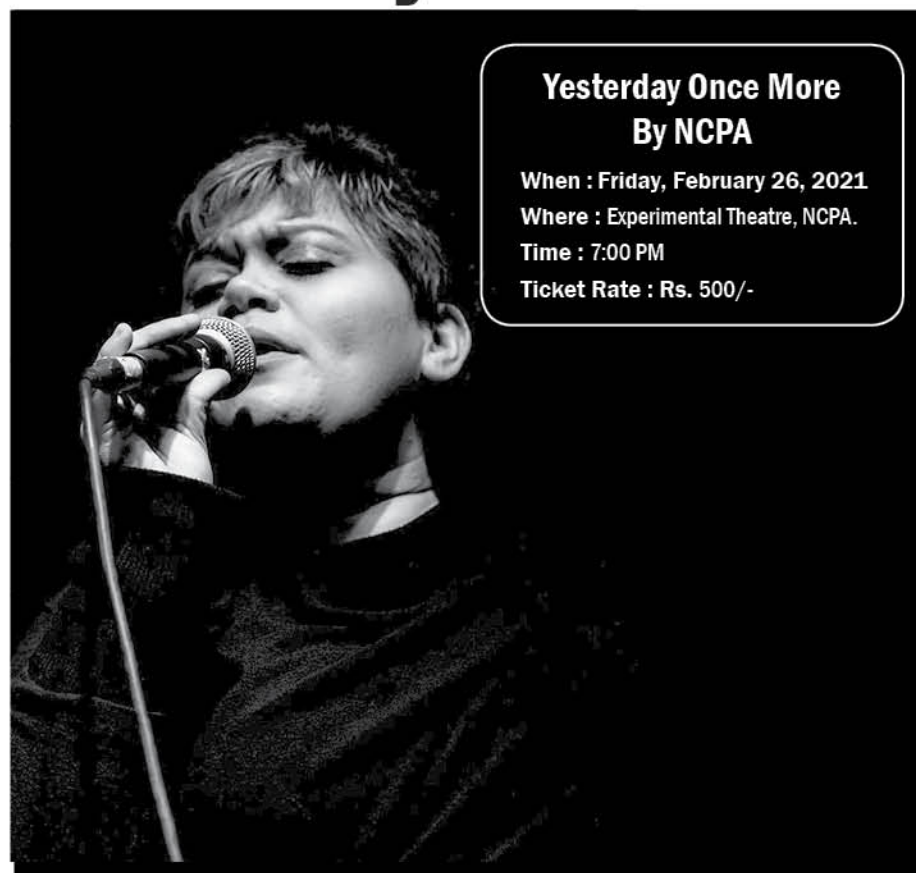
Let me always strive to be just to those with whom I differ. Let me put myself in the place of those who differ from me and know and understand their views that I may be tolerant and forgiving in my dealings with them. Above all, let me always remember that abuse is neither argument nor logic.

Zarathushtra, the wisest priest of my religion, does not forcibly exact implicit, mechanical obedience from me to his teachings. He does not impose his prophetic yoke on my thought, but leaves me

freedom of thought to exercise my will freely.

May the breath of Vohu Manah, Good Mind, blow the mists of superstition and credulity that generate orthodoxy, from my mind and illumine it with the gleams of the sunshine of needful reform. May He, the premier archangel of Ahura Mazda, so guide me that I may not be impervious to the light of the new age. May he prevent me from blindly holding to the old order of the dead past. May he inspire me to move with the times!

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Meatifying Online Commerce

Founded in 2015, FreshToHome Bengaluru-based FreshToHome is a start-up that has a presence across the supply chain, right from directly procuring from the fishermen and farmers, to last-mile delivery for the end customer.

Shan Kadavil is a multi-talented man. From being one of the founding members at Zynga (of Farmville fame) to now running an ecommerce company for fresh seafood and meat, he has worked for and managed companies in varying domains. He chanced upon the idea of building FreshToHome when Mathew Joseph - a large fish exporter who had his own ecommerce venture and admittedly Kadavil's favorite when it came to buying seafood - faced some financial issues with his business.

"The key differentiator between us and any other competitors is the level of backward integration that we have done, and we believe we are the largest today in this segment, doing over a million orders per month," says Kadavil, who believes that the company's offering of quality, chemical-free produce combined with reasonable mass-market pricing, has allowed them to scale faster than those serving a niche consumer segment.

Considering the number of coasts and harbors in India, it was challenging to solve the market fragmentation. Says Kadavil, "So, we gave an App to the fishermen which allowed them to actually trade with pictures; we have an US patent on this technology, it uses AI/ML in the backend." Using this platform, the company is able to cut out the middlemen and increase the income for the source fishermen. Apart from sourcing, the company has built an entire infrastructure of trucks, cold chain, collection centers and employs over 2,000 people.

For freshwater fish, the company has its own cooperative farming. It finances small farmers and fishermen, providing technology and feed. This has been immensely helpful as the network doesn't get affected by supply chain variances. "Similarly, we have also set up poultry supply chains, we have our own birds; we work with farmers, give them day-old chicks and then do a buyback," shares Kadavil.

The biggest challenge for them and other such players is consumer behavior. "From a hygiene perspective, wet markets are really poor, and despite that, Indian consumers equate these with quality. Essentially, the consumer education of moving people online from offline, is really our biggest challenge," he says. FreshToHome combats this by providing numerous certifications for its products. There are quality checks done at multiple levels, right from when the produce is being procured to the processing centers.

Profitable in locations where the business is mature, which includes Bengaluru, Mumbai, Chennai, Kerala and Delhi, the company has major expansion plans in place. It plans to become operational in other major cities like Kolkata and Hyderabad over the next year and launch new product lines such as sausages and burgers.

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Salsette Holds Fun Throwball Tourney

On 31st January, 2021, the youth of Salsette Parsi Colony (Andheri-E, Mumbai) hosted a day-long Throwball tournament, which witnessed the enthusiastic participation of over fifty players, ranging from 10 to 50 years of age.

Upholding the true spirit of sportsmanship and unity in a healthy competition, the

end of the day saw Team D as the victors, led by captain Shanaya Patrawala, with Team A as runners-up under the leadership of Gover Irani. While Yazad Wankadia received the 'Best Player' award, upcoming players Fravash Wadia and Tianna Sidhwa were announced Stars of the Day!

All in all the event was a grand success, thanks to a meticulous

Organizing Team comprising Meherzad Bhadha, Faraz Debara and Anosh Mody; alongside committed volunteers - Avan Bhadha, Ava Bulsara, Delnaz Bhagwagar, Jaanesh Sethna and Taronish Vandrewala; as also to the referees, linesmen, score-keepers and the spirited youth for coming together and making it a fun and sporting event.



Ratan Tata Tweets Regarding Appeal for Bharat Ratna

For a while now, a large number of Twitter users have taken to campaigning for the legendary businessman and Kohinoor of our Community - Shri Ratan Tata, to be awarded the Bharat Ratna. Responding to the ongoing social media campaign demanding the highest civilian honour for him, last week, Ratan Tata tweeted, "While I appreciate the sentiments expressed by a section of the social media in terms of an award, I would humbly like to request that such campaigns be discontinued. Instead, I consider myself fortunate to be an Indian and to try and contribute to India's growth and prosperity."

The 83-year-old heir of the Tata empire is a Harvard Business School graduate



who took Tata Industries to the pinnacle of success while leading India's growth and employment generation.

The hashtag #BharatRatnaForRatanTata started trending on Twitter after motivational speaker, Dr. Vivek Bindra had put out the appeal, "Ratan Tata believes today's generation of entrepreneurs can take India to next level. We confer the country's highest civilian award Bharat Ratna for Ratan Tata. Join us in our campaign #BharatRatnaForRatanTata."

NZ Celebrates Khushali nu Jashan

There was much excitement within the Zoroastrian community in Kiwiland on the eve of 1st February, 2021, as they held the Nava Varas (2021) nu Khushali Jashan, at Faroud Shahlori Dar-Be-Mehr situated at 7-Dowling Place in Pakuranga (Auckland, New Zealand). Chasni was distributed post the Jashan, which was performed by priests - Er. Yazad Karkaria and Er. Behzad Karkaria.

Approximately 45 delighted Zarathostis, attended the event, paying homage at this only go-to place for all auspicious occasions and religious events, where new community members are warmly welcomed by Benifer Porus Irani, who takes the lead in selflessly organising all community events for the Zarthostis settled in NZ.

Writes in Benifer Irani, "A community that prays and eats together stays together! *Apreh New Zealander- Zarthosties are all khaata-peeta, majha-masti-karta folks anne hallih-mallih neh rehiyeach!* There is nothing more nourishing to the soul than our Zoroastrian community offering prayers to Ahura Mazda and sharing



blessed chasni, along with a yummy meal of lamb shanks and Persian murgh polo! It's always a heart-warming sight to watch youngsters of our Kiwi-Zoroastrian community in Auckland, come together in large numbers for Khushali, Meheriyan Jashane Sadeh at apruh Dadgah (Foroud Shahlori Dar-Be-Mehr), at 'ParsiRanga' - Oops, I mean Pakuranga!"

Even the year end saw special festive preparations with a fun X'mas party, where our dynamic NZ-based bawis - Benifer Irani, Mahafirin Variava and Ferzeen Dadabhoy - organised a Spring-Summer Jashan performed delightfully by six mobeds (Ervads -

Jamsheed Tata, Freddy Dastur, Navzad Chhor, Furzan Rao, Zariab Karkaria and Behzad Karkaria) in gratitude for making it through 2020, safe and sound.

It truly was the season to be jolly in Kiwiland with the Kiwi-Zarthosti Christmas Party! Craft projects like making Xmas tree from ice-cream sticks were organised to keep the kids busy so that adults could have a more free and fun time like group dancing with 80 happy Zarthostis rocking away! Delectable starters with chicken charcoal biryani and flavourful kulfis were enjoyed thoroughly by all 120 attendees. There was Mrs. Santa Claus who gave away



gifts to kids and seniors and received lots of kisses in return!

Special thanks was given to Porus Irani of Mazda Builders Limited, for sponsoring the

event, as also to Benifer Irani for her constant participation and support towards keeping the NZ's Zoroastrian community alive and rocking with fun events.

Community Appeal By Young Rathestars

Living out the true essence of the illustrious Parsipanu trait of charity with the firm belief in the adage, 'Happiness to those who help others', every year, the committed members of 'Young Rathestars' of Dadar, Mumbai, reach out to provide help and support to poor Zarthosti families living the hinterland areas of Gujarat and Maharashtra, including the talukas of Mandvi and Mangrol (Surat) as well as around Ankleshwar and in the interiors of Gujarat, such as Ilav, Surali, Zankhvav etc. This annual tradition of charity that has been ongoing for over three decades now, not having missed a single year.

This year too, the Young Rathestars will be conducting their annual Gujarat and Pune grain distribution in March/April 2021, where over 150 under-privileged and financially-disadvantaged Parsi and Irani Zoroastrian families, living in the interior villages of Gujarat (including Gandevi and Nargol) and Pune, will be provided essentials like new sadras, blankets, tea, sugar, pulses, toiletries, towels, napkins etc. and other necessary household items.

Spearheaded by our leading community and social service stalwart, Arnavaz Jal Mistry - President of Young Rathestars, alongside Vice President Homiyar Doctor; Jt. Secretaries - Shiraz Guard and Firuza

Tachakra; and numerous other helpful committee members.

Says Young Rathestars President - Arnavaz Jal Mistry, "I speak for all our committee members when I say that it is our privilege to be able to help our less fortunate brethren. I know that the past year has been especially difficult for them we hope to be able to bring some relief to them as they are really going through a very challenging time. More than any other year, they are facing greater needs this year. I request all my dear community members to practice the true essence of being Parsi and kindly donate to this cause so that we can help our brothers in need. It is never an easy journey going way into the interiors of

Gujarat to reach them, but the smiles of gratitude, the happiness and relief and the

warm welcome is what makes the long and challenging journey well worth it."



To support this noble cause, kindly send in your cheques in favour of: **'YOUNG RATHESTARS'** to the President, Mrs. Arnavaz Jal Mistry, 802-A, Ekta Invictus, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Dadar (East), Mumbai 400014.

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As per news reports quoting Jamshyd Godrej, Chairman and Managing Director, Godrej & Boyce, Godrej Appliances, which commands 63 years of experience in refrigeration technologies, is currently deploying vaccine refrigerators which maintain a precise temperature of 2 to 8 degrees Celsius, to store the highly temperature-sensitive Covaxin and CoviShield vaccines being administered in India. "Medical freezing technologies are required not only for vaccines but also for plasma, blood banks, drugs etc. Our latest offering of ultra-low temperature freezers will help make India more ready for vaccines of the future as well," he said.

The company introduced ultra-low temperature freezers which can store m-RNA technology vaccines like the ones developed by US-based Moderna and Pfizer, that require deep freezing of up to -20 and -80 degree Celsius. The current manufacturing capacity for ultra-low temperature freezers is 12,000 units per annum,



which Godrej Appliances is working towards quickly ramping up to 30,000 units per annum. With capacities ranging from 125 litres to 400 litres, these freezers cost between Rs 16,000 to Rs 1.5 lakhs.

Godrej had received orders for 12,000 units in October from the Government, which included 9,000 for medical use refrigerators. Already 2,500 units have been delivered and the rest of the order will be executed by March, as per Kamal Nandi, Business Head and Executive VP, Godrej Appliances. Godrej has 5,000 trained technicians and 680 service centers across India to assist in the vaccination process, he said.

Godrej Appliances has also successfully piloted a mobile clinic in rural Maharashtra, running an ambulance equipped with a vaccine refrigerator, without connecting it to a power source for three days. The temperature was monitored every 2 hours and met the required temperature norms. As India accelerates the pace of vaccinations, the vans can be used by non-Governmental organisations and the Government to deploy vaccines to the last mile remote villages, said company officials.

Update: Parsi Gate - Coastal Road Project

As per some of the latest news reports, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is reviewing an alternative plan for the construction of a ramp for an underground tunnel in the ongoing coastal road project, and has reserved a spot just where the Parsi Gate structure stands at the Marine Drive.

In January community members had met with Municipal Chief - Iqbal Singh Chahal to propose an alternate design for the ramp of the tunnel, according to which, the proposed tunnel could be constructed in the middle of the road, instead of building on the outer edges. This way it would save the century-old Parsi Gate structure from having to be relocated.

As per Chahal's instructions,



the coastal road project's technical team, led by Chief Engineer - Vijay Nighot held a meeting with a delegation of community members led by Municipal Corporator - Harshita Narwekar. In this meeting, which lasted over two hours, a

presentation of the alternate design was made for the civic authorities to acknowledge. The architect of the new alternative design, Alan Abraham, said that the idea was to not shift the tunnel but build the ramp in the middle of the road, instead of building it on the outer edges, thus proving potentially safer. The main concern he voiced was for the work to be initiated in a proper way, so that building the ramp in the middle of the road would not affect the view of the seascape.

The meeting seems to have ended on a positive note and the officials gave a patient hearing. Feedback is awaited. Senior officials of the civic body shared that they were reviewing the proposed plan and were hopeful that a joint decision would soon be taken.

Er. Sarosh Dastoor Awarded Doctorate



Surat's Ervad Sarosh Keki Dastoor recently completed his PhD in Electronics Engineering with the latest technological trend and research thesis titled, 'Cellular Planning and Heterogeneous Network Optimization for the Next Generation Wireless Mobile Communication'. During his tenure as a research scholar, he put in ten research paper publications and overall twenty-six publications in reputed journals and conferences. The Doctorate program was accomplished under the supervision of Dr. Upena Dalal and Dr. Jignesh Sarvaiya, Electronics Engineering Department, Sardar Vallabhbhai National Institute of Technology, Surat.

Currently serving as an Assistant Professor for the last 15 years in the Electronics and Communication Department, Sarvajani College of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Er. Sarosh topped his Masters in Engineering (specialization - Wireless Communication Systems and Networks), in the final year of the course with a 9.1 CPI.

Throwing some light on his subject, he shares, "The next generation wireless communication is the research about the 5th Generation of Wireless Mobile Network; its geometrical design, dimensioning and deployment in a given region and environmental conditions. The main goal is to attain high

data rate (around Gbps = Giga bits/sec = 1,00,00,00,000 bits/sec) without compromising the connectivity and capacity of the network. It means, a HD (High Definition) movie file could be downloaded within few seconds. The 5th Generation of information and communication network is inclined towards a significant paradigm shift, supporting very high frequencies, leading to massive data-rate of Gbps. The solutions proposed in the research could be useful for optimizing the transmission power requirements, at the same time controlling interference at the user side with the maintenance of quality of service."

Also an ordained Navar and Maratab from Mumbai's Dadar Athornan Institute, under the able guidance of the then Principal, Late Er. Rustamji Panthaki and present Principal, Er. Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia, Ervad (Dr.) Sarosh Dastoor is considered as one of the youngest to ordain Navar ceremony at the age of 10 years (standard 4). As a Dastur, he also performs religious ceremonies, when needed. "I am Dastur first, then a Professor and then Doctorate. I'm proud to be a Zoroastrian Dastur first!" he proudly says.

Here's wishing him the very best for a bright future - may he receive success and contentment in his service towards his vocation and his community!

National Award For UK-Based Dr. Khushroo Suraliwala

UK-based Orthopaedic Surgeon - Dr. Khushroo Homi Suraliwala (MBBS MS M.Ch Orth FRCS), was felicitated with a prestigious national award and named the 'Best Musculoskeletal Trauma Principal Investigator', at the National Institute for Health Research Network Awards. Dr. Suraliwala was presented the award at a ceremony in Newcastle, England.



L to R: Prof Matthew Costa; Imran Ullah; Anna Morris & Khushroo Suraliwala

The research was part of a multi-centre project with the potential to alter national clinical guidelines. Prof. Matthew Costa, national specialty lead for Trauma and Emergency care, described the surgeon's work as "outstanding" in what was "a very strong field of applicants." Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Suraliwala said that Anna Morris, Musculo-Skeletal Research practitioner, and her research team, gave invaluable input to the

Orthopaedic department in the study.

Dr. Suraliwala settled in the United Kingdom in 1986 and specialised in Orthopaedics at Liverpool and at Wrightington, with specialist training in knee surgery including torn cartilage, knee arthritis and knee replacement surgery. Based in

Merseyside, and with extensive experience in treating all aspects of Orthopaedic work, Dr. Suraliwala has established and runs a successful knee clinic. His areas of particular expertise include Arthroscopy, Knee replacement, Meniscal surgery including meniscal repair. He also shares his expertise at Fairfield Independent Hospital.

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WZCC's WEBINAR WATCH

Parsi Times brings you the weekly schedule of WZCC's Webinars which have been conducted through the epidemic and have greatly benefitted community members worldwide, with their insightful, informative and highly beneficial sessions, with speakers who are authorities in their respective fields. Our very own tech-guru, Yazdi Tantra has been holding a series of Zoom Meetings online on Technology for the layman, under the title 'TantraTech', Fridays at 9:30pm (IST). You can attend these at: <https://bit.ly/yazdizoom>. (Past recordings available at: <https://bit.ly/yazdiyoutube>.)

'HAMAS-PATH-MAEDEM VIRTUAL GAHAMBAR PRAYER WITH GUIDANCE ON CAREERS IN MEDICAL/SURGICAL FIELDS' [Chicago Chapter & ZAC]

When: 13th February, 2021 Time: 6:30 - 7:30 AM

Speaker: Dr. Mazda K. Turel, Neurosurgeon

Link: (To be provided)

Contact: Mani Rao (maniraogandhi@gmail.com)

'ORAL HYGIENE AND DENTAL CARE' [Pune Chapter]

When: 13th February, 2021 Time: 8:00 - 10:00 PM

Speakers: Dr. Taronish Bharucha and Dr. Farzana Bharucha

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84977446045>
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Contact: Tehmasp Bharucha, Pune Chapter Chair: 9422004707

'FIRST WZCC INTER-CHAPTER MEET - REORIENTING OURSELVES WITH WZCC' [Bangalore, Mumbai & Pune Chapters]

When: 14th February, 2021 Time: 8:00 - 10:00 PM

Speaker: Yazdi Tantra - WZCC Global VP

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84977446045>
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Contact: Shernaz Sigantoria, Secretary WZCC - Bangalore (s.r.sigantoria@gmail.com)

'Travel Apps - 2' [TantraTech]

When: 19th February, 2021 Time: 9:30 - 10:30 PM

Speaker: Yazdi Tantra

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8487251418>
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WINNING CAPTION!!!



Parrot (Right) : I love you baby, Kiss me this instance!
 Parrot (Left) : STOP right there, please! Maintain Social Distance!!

By Natasha Fratoon Patrawala (UAE)

CAPTION THIS!



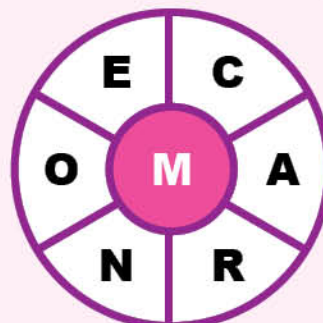
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HOW MANY WORDS?

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:**
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Thought of the Week

"Your flaws are perfect for the heart that's meant to love you."

- Trent Shelton

Congratulations To Our Contest Winners!!

Valentine's Day During The Pandemic!

We thank all our talented and witty participants for the overwhelming entries – in quality and quantity! Heartiest congratulation to our following Top Three Winners! We have also shared some of the poems as part of our Special Mentions Category. [Winners are requested to e-mail us at editor@parsi-times.com to claim the prizes.]

For my sweet love



WINNER 1: Dedicated To That Special Place In My Heart...



Grant Road Meri Jaan!

By **Farzana B. Mistry**

Wo Forjett street ki hawa,
Wo Bhatia hospital ki dawa;
Wo Chor Bazar ki shopping,
Aur Bharda School ki copying;
Wo Cafe Ideal ka khima-pav,
Wo B Merwan ka maska-pav;
Aur kaise bhul jaye Prakash ka outlet-pav!

Wo Marine Lines ki sadke,
Jaha na jane kitne dil dhadke;
Wo Nukkad ke bhai log,
Aur Bhindi Bazaar ke kasai log;
Wo New Year ke ornaments,
Aur Gowalia Tank ke ek se ek tournaments;
Wo Gamadia Colony ka nukkad,
Jaha smoke karne jaate the bhukkad!
Is sheher ki badhati abaadi,
Aur illegal slums se hone wali barbaadi;
Har rasm yahaan hai nibhate,
Aisi hai hamari Grant Road ki baatein!

WINNER 2: Dedicated To Hubby Dearest!



My Pandemic Partnership With Hubby!

By **Fiona Wadia Billimoria**

From seeing you at home for a few hours a day,
To seeing you 24/7, lockdown had its way;
From surprise dinner-dates and weekend trips,
To unplanned game-nights with kaada for sips!

From movie nights and walks by the seashore,
To bingeing on Netflix and Prime to avoid the bore;
From eating out to experiment with multi-cuisine dishes,
To comfort cooking at home to satiate our hunger's wishes!

From doing just nothing on our days of rest,
To sweeping, washing, working from home was our compatibility test!
From tight hugs and kisses whenever we felt like - was easy,
To thinking twice about coming close, if one of us was sneezy!

Times and things may have changed, but our love has not,
Strengthening our bond – the Pandemic has taught us a lot;
Wishing you a Happy Valentine's Day - my hubby dear,
It's 6 feet distancing with all except you - so close and near!



WINNER 3: Dedicated To The Gadget That Kept Us Sane! My Cell Phone - My Valentine!

By **Meher Parvez Sutaria**

Valentine's Day arrives faithfully every year,
When we express our love for our near and dear;
But in this ghastly 'Pandemic', what can be done?
How shall we meet our dears and look out for fun?

Most movie-halls are shut - can't go out for a treat,
With masks on our faces, how shall we greet?
No holding hands and a distance to keep,
Dear Lord, have mercy, it makes one weep!

Then bang comes an idea like a bolt from the blue,
Why don't I use my cell-phone to talk with all of you?
My darling cell-phone, you are worthy indeed,
You've come to my aid, in my hour of need.

I can call my loved ones and chat through the day,
On WhatsApp or Insta - what do you say?
Kudos to my lovely cell-phone, this gadget of mine,
It certainly deserves to be this year's Valentine!

SPECIAL MENTION: Swiggy - My New-found Love!

By **Parizad Sirwalla**

Swiggy is my new bestie,
Everything I order from here is so tasty!
There's no real need now to cook at home,
The dishes are from all over - Mexico to Rome!
A click of a button makes the delivery arrive,
Foodies like me find it easy to survive!
Be it a lockdown or a feast or a rainy day,
Swiggy's at your service, making life happy and gay!
Mammas can relax and watch their favourite show,
Within 30 minutes, yummy food will be at your door!
'Good food - great life' – true to their tag-line,
While chilling at home, you can wine and dine.
Get on the app and enjoy your culinary journey;
The great variety of gourmet choices is easy on the money.
So, tell me who can be a better Valentine?
It's time to order the delicious Eggs Florentine!!

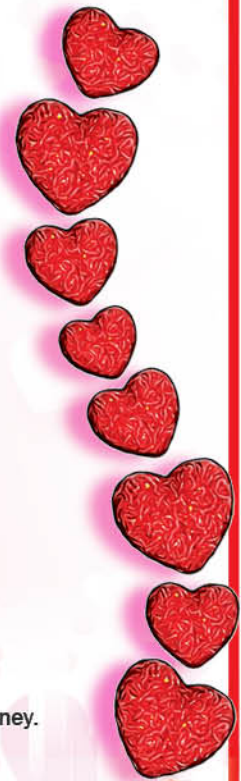
SPECIAL MENTION: My Valorous Valentine

By **Roshan Dastoor**

Globally 'crowned' as the Pandemic – the 'mighty' coronavirus,
Could there be anything more 'mite-y' required to wire us?
My better half, my Valentine, you are a true-blue warrior
Little wonder, with you by my side, I stopped being a worrier!

Bitter times during the lockdown, at anxiety's behest,
You allayed all my fears and put my mind to rest;
Be it sweeping or swabbing, you helped in every household chore,
My boat never ran into troubled waters - you always kept it ashore.

The focus from 'me' to 'us' gave our love a new meaning,
'More Togetherness' as a way of life was a profound feeling!
Your support, my Valentine, has seen us through this pandemic,
Our love has reached greater heights and become even more epic!



Valentale: The Language Of Love



NOSHIR H. DADRAWALA

Naval was boarding the first flight out of Mumbai to Delhi. He was a frequent flyer, especially on this sector. Professional engagements required his traveling to Delhi regularly. He did not quite like the city, much less some of its people. But this cold February morning, he was flying on this sector after a gap of nearly seven months. He wasn't carrying his laptop and briefcase, instead, he just clutched a box of salted caramel chocolates in one hand and his boarding pass in the other.

He preferred the aisle seat, but made an exception today, requesting a window seat, wishing not to be disturbed. He hadn't slept the night and was hoping to catch some sleep. But sleep eluded him. His mind was cluttered with myriad thoughts, anxieties.

The aircraft had taken off smoothly... he was obviously not traveling on business. In fact, until dinner-time yesterday, he didn't even know he'd be making this trip! There was an emergency and he had put everything aside to make this trip. It all started with a frantic phone call from his to-be mother-in-law, Rati, saying in a palpably choked voice, "It's about Mahafriid!" A cold shiver ran down Naval's spine. What could it be? Had Mahafriid decided to break it off with him? A life-time of thoughts passed through his mind in a matter of seconds. "Mahafriid is ill and I thought I should tell you about it", he heard the voice at the other end say. "What happened?" he asked, nearly relieved that his fears hadn't realized. Yet, little did he know what he was about to hear would turn out to be worse than a nightmare...

"Mahafriid is in coma and ..." the voice at the other end began to crack and then completely broke down. "What? When? How?" Naval asked almost in one breath. A male voice took over. Naval recognized it to be Firoze, his to-be father-in-law's. "After Mahafriid's bout of asthma a month ago, the



new prescription has thrown her into what doctors call, a state of hypoxia. She does not recognize anyone. She is in a coma-like state and her heart and lungs aren't functioning too well," Firoze explained.

"And you are telling me about this now?" Naval retorted in grief and rage.

Mahafriid had asthma since childhood and it flared when she was stressed. The new prescription had had an adverse effect, blocking oxygen supply to her brain and leaving her in this miserable state. Naval hadn't spoken with Mahafriid even once in the past seven months. His pride and self-respect wouldn't allow him. He wasn't unduly cussed or stubborn. But he'd had put up with enough humiliation and accusations in the past. He was determined not to give in this time; well, at least not till he received the call last night.

Hot breakfast was being served on board, but Naval had no appetite. His mind raced back to that fateful morning, seven months ago, when he sat at his office desk, grappling with the shock of Mahafriid leaving him - for good. He'd found a sealed envelope on his desk, containing a hand-written note and the ring she'd put on her finger when he had proposed to her. The note eluded more than a hint of finality, as he read, "I am fed up with you. I am fed up with life. I am fed up with everything. I am ending this relationship for good ... for my own good ... please don't bother to communicate any further ... I am done ... I am through ... I am not interested."

Mahafriid was hot-headed and judgmental, but her other redeeming qualities attracted and mesmerized Naval. They'd been colleagues sharing a palpable chemistry. Mahafriid was meticulous, focused and independent-minded; Naval

was multi-faceted and had diverse interests at work and in life. They'd often relax after work at Starbucks over coffee and croissants. She preferred cappuccino while he enjoyed Americano. She'd do most of the talking, Naval enjoyed her banter. It was music to his ears... even though some days she'd just whine! Sometimes, they'd also unwind at the Marine Drive sea-face... hopping across tetra-pods to find a comfortable niche when the tide was low, to just sit silently and watch the sun set. The roaring sea calmed Mahafriid. On one such eve, Mahafriid looked into the sky and exclaimed, "Naval, look! It's Venus, the star of love, always the first in the evening sky!" Naval had lovingly smiled and responded, "Yes, but it's too far away. My evening star, which is always the first in my life, is sitting right besides me!"

Touched, Mahafriid still wanted to tease him. "Will you get me that star?" she asked with a glint of mischief in her eyes. "I will give you something better," Naval had said and held her face in his hands, tenderly kissing her on the forehead, her eyes and finally her chin. "There!" He'd told her, "I've traced out a star of kisses on the face of my evening star!"

Mahafriid was stumped as two tiny tear drops rolled out, saying, "You've such a way with words!" But Naval didn't think so. He felt the language of love is silent. Words can express only partially. Love is best expressed through acts of tenderness and understanding, and by forgiveness towards the person you love. That was the eve when Mahafriid silently decided to spend the rest of her life with Naval.

Their relationship, unfortunately, was against her parent's wishes; Naval always felt uncomfortable in their presence. He dreaded and

shunned her family's functions like the plague, making some health or work-related excuse. Being Delhi based, Mahafriid spent most of her childhood here. When she received a Bombay-based promotion at work, she was reluctant. But, a helpful colleague helped her find a temporary accommodation with a sweet old couple in Colaba.

Orphaned while still in school, Naval had no siblings. He'd lived in Mumbai all his life and always teased Mahafriid about her mood swings being akin to the extremes in climate that her city was famous for. The first few courtship years were exciting since they worked together too. But later, this became a sour and sore point in their lives. It seemed they had too much of each other 24/7 and needed some respite.

Mahafriid would visit her parents over long weekends and almost every festive occasion; Naval was good with that as long as she did not compel him to join her. He'd get lonely without her but the discomfort of loneliness was preferable over the discomfort of cold company. Mahafriid always returned from Delhi with a degree of sadness. She loved her parents dearly, as they adored her. But they could not

best not to force her and leave her be. Mahafriid was angry and feeling let down and neglected. Naval had booked an Uber to drop Mahafriid at Colaba, but they had a major showdown during the ride. There was a barrage of bitter accusations and pent-up feelings were tearing away at every strand of their relationship.

The next morning, Mahafriid didn't show up at work. Naval thought she would soon cool off. After all, this wasn't the first time she'd threatened to end the relationship. Previously, when she wouldn't communicate all day, Naval always called and apologized, even if he was not at fault. He valued his relationship deeply. But this time he was in no mood to compromise. "Why should I always keep apologizing, especially when I'm not at fault?" he argued with himself. Two days later, he found Mahafriid's envelope on his table and the head of human resources had received a copy of her resignation.

A sudden thud jolted Naval out of his light sleep as the aircraft landed in Delhi. His heart was pounding. Mahafriid's dad had come to pick him up and was waiting just outside the terminal. They hugged, a bit warmly for the first time.



It seemed ironic that it took such a disaster to thaw their strained relationship. The ride to the hospital lasted an hour, but to Naval it felt like ages as he was dying to see Mahafriid. When

he saw her, a part of him died - she looked frail and lifeless lying on the bed, surrounded by various medical equipment and accessories. Her eyes were half open with an empty look. "She's been this way for almost a month," her mother said, between uncontrollable sobs.

As per the doctors, only one in a hundred patients ever wakes up from this 'sleep'. They were advised to keep talking to her, just in case... Naval sat by her bed and held her hand. "I'm sorry. I'm so sorry! See I got you a box of your favourite chocolates," he said, as tears streamed down his cheeks.

stand Naval - Mahafriid's father believed his daughter deserved someone better than Naval. With time, Mahafriid's mood swings increased in frequency. She'd judge every decision Naval would make at work or in his personal life. She'd even taunt him at the office in front of colleagues. At company retreats, she would sit grumpy and complain about everything - making it difficult for either of them to enjoy. Seven months ago, one such evening marked a turning point for the worse. While Naval was enjoying the evening, Mahafriid had tuned off. Naval thought it

Yeh Valentine Kaun Hai Bhai?



RUBY LILAOWALA

After the rank commercialisation of the so-called Mother's Day, Father's Day, Doctor's Day, Plumber's Day, et al, we encounter a *tamasha* called Valentine's day in all the big cities in India. But go to the real India which lives in her villages and small towns and talk of this day. Chances are, you'll be asked, 'Yeh Valentine kaun hai, bhai?'

The answer lies in the poignant tale of a Christian saint, who literally died for love in 269 AD. His crime? He persisted in performing marriage ceremonies for young soldiers despite a specific ban on marriages from Emperor Claudius, who thought that wives weakened a soldier's fighting spirit!

Valentine's Day has powerful Pagan origins. Roman fertility rites were held every year to honour Juno - the Goddess of Women, Marriage and Fertility. In a cave called Lupercalia on Palantine Hill (the legendary home of Romulus and Remus and the she-wolf who suckled them), Roman boys and girls drew names of unmarried partners from an urn, like a sort of lucky dip! They were then paired off with the name they picked and married, in a sort of matrimonial pot-luck!

This day is well established in English folklore, literature and poetry. One of Shakespeare's love sonnets is on Valentine's Day; Chaucer wrote in 1381 (Canterbury Tales) how on February 14, birds select partners and mate with them. This is why, in Shakespeare's 'Mid-summer Night's Dream', Theseus tells the sleeping lovers, "Good morrow friends, St. Valentine's past!"

On this day, which is supposed to be dedicated to

love, the concept of love itself is totally about greetings-cards, heart-shaped diamond solitaires, chocolates, greeting cards and blood-red roses. Great romances have started on this day, ending in bitterness as 'love' flies out of the window.

LOVE - four letters encompass both - the best and worst of emotions, it's uplifting highs and despairing depths. Yet, life without love is like soup without salt or a car without fuel. All of us need love. We need to process this emotion to confirm and celebrate our purpose on earth. We need to experience love's entire gamut that spans excitement, insecurity, anticipation, copulation, adoration and finally, deep understanding to know that we are human and alive.

Love cannot be planned. It just happens. It's like the grass that pushes its way up between the cracks in the pavement - a testament to hope. A little sunlight and the small blades grow high. A little love, and we bring out the best in each other in every relationship. But we don't make a big deal about it. That's ridiculous! How often do we whisper to our left lung, "I adore you, left lung!" You don't. You take it for granted until the day it starts to trouble you, and then you realise how essential it is. Love is like the left lung - not to be made a big deal about, but very essential to life.

Love means different things to different people at different times. In youth, it is all-consuming as you walk on the clouds and see your partner through soft-focus lens. When this first flush of love's fever subsides, you face human failings along with human virtues. As a relationship settles down, love deepens into understanding and putting the needs of your loved one first because now, love feels safe and you experience a sense of security and well being.

Lasting love commands respect, loyalty and commitment. Love means you can be angry, share your



feelings, voice your opinion, and go around without make-up, without worrying about being criticised or abandoned. It provides an environment in which one is nurtured. It is supportive and respectful of differences. Its power gives you confidence to develop in any direction.

Life has taught me that in a marriage, the essential ingredient of love is friendship because love grows over 20, 30, 40, or 50 years. Every marriage hits low points (and there are plenty of them) but if you are committed, love flourishes because true love begins when 'being in love' fades and you drop your unrealistic expectations. Love freely, love deeply, love purely. Love well, love often, love everybody - even those who have actively hurt you. Leave them to divine justice since everyone gets their just desserts. Give so much love that you are certain to get some back (this is the Law of Karma which is absolute).

Love all that Mother Earth has to offer - people, places, birds, stones, insects, sky, clouds, insects, trees, animals, oceans, rivers, flowers, grass, breeze... everything! Love with gratitude, for example: When you drink tea, send gratitude to the hands that plucked the tea-leaves. Love that spiritual force larger than yourself. Call it God. Call it nature, call it divinity. Call it the source of everything. Call it love, and if you can do this daily, every day will be a Valentine's Day!

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શિશુઓ અને આપણી શ્રદ્ધા

હાલનાં સમયમાં, યુવા યુગલો માટે પેરેન્ટિંગ એ એક મોટો પડકાર બની ગયો છે. કહેવત છે એક બાળકને આખું ગામ ઉછેરે છે, તે લાંબા સમયથી આપણે ભૂલી ગયા છીએ કારણ કે આપણે બધા પરમાણુ અસ્તિત્વમાં જીવીએ છીએ. તે દિવસોમાં જ્યારે મોટા પરિવારો સાથે મળીને રહેતા હતા તે પહેલાના સમયની વાત છે. આપણી પ્રાયવસી આપણને વધુ ગમતી હોય છે. તેમ છતાં, આપણી દરેક ચાલ, ભોજન, રજા, ઉજવણી, મૃત્યુ અને આપણી બધી જ ખુશીઓ અને વ્યથા લોકો માટે આપણે સોશિયલ મીડિયા પર મૂકીએ છીએ. તે આપણા સમયનો વિચિત્ર વિરોધાભાસ છે.

જો કે, સરેરાશ પારસી ટંપતી માટે, બાળકને જરૂરથી રોપણ દાખલ કરવા માટે પ્રાર્થનાઓ અને નવજાત શીખવવાની શરૂઆત થાય છે. બાળપણ અને નવજાતના સમયગાળા વચ્ચેના વર્ષો ફક્ત ઉત્સવના પ્રસંગોમાં અગિયારીની મુલાકાતની યાદ અપાવે છે જે પછીના ઉજવણી પર સંપૂર્ણ ભાર મૂકે છે.

થોડું આપણે સમજી શકીએ જ્યારે આપણે માતાપિતા બનીએ ત્યારે બાળકની આપણી શ્રદ્ધાની કિંમત સમજવામાં અને તેમના રોજિંદા જીવનમાં આત્મસાત કરવામાં મદદ કરવી એ આપણી ફરજ છે. આ જવાબદારી બાળકની કલ્પનાની ક્ષણથી શરૂ થાય છે. ફેન્ય ભાષી માતાનું બાળક ફેન્ય બોલતા મોટું થશે, અંગ્રેજી બોલતા માતાને અંગ્રેજી બોલતા બાળકો હશે. તેમજ વૈજ્ઞાનિક રૂપે સાબિત તથ્ય છે કે જે બાળકો ગર્ભાશયમાં શાસ્ત્રીય સંગીત સાંભળે છે, તેઓ ઉચ્ચ સ્તરની બુદ્ધિ વિકસાવે છે.

હવે હું તમને પૂછું છું કે માતાના અવાજ સાંભળનારા ગર્ભ પરની અસરની તમે કલ્પના કરી શકો છો કે જે આપણા ભવ્ય મંત્રનો પાઠ કરશે? જો તે ફક્ત તમારી કસ્તીની પ્રાર્થના અથવા ફક્ત એક યથા અને અશેષ ભણાવે આપણી પ્રાર્થનાઓનો પાઠ કરો જેથી તમારું બાળક તમારા ગર્ભાશયમાં ભવ્ય કંપનો અનુભવી શકે. અને આ માત્ર શરૂઆત છે.

જ્યારે તમારા બાળકનો જન્મ થાય છે, ત્યારે દરેક કાનમાં એક યથાનો પાઠ કરો. બાળકને આનંદિત થવા દો

જે આપણી પવિત્ર માથવાણી છે. જેમ જેમ તમારું બાળક મોટું થાય છે, તેમને આપણા મંત્રોની શાંત શક્તિનો અનુભવ કરવા દો; કદાચ તમારું બાળક રડતું રહેશે પરંતુ ત્યારે તમે હારશો નહીં તમ-રા બાળકને શાંત કરવા માટે દરેક સમયે યથાનો ઉપયોગ કરો. બાળકને પિતાની બાહોમાં સલામતી અને હુંફ મળે છે અને પિતાનો અવાજ બાળકને આકાર આપવા માટે એક મોટી શક્તિ છે. તમ-રા બાળકને તમે પ્રાર્થના સાંભળવા દો. બાળકો દીવો જોતા હોય તો જોવા દો કનેક્ટ થવા દો. આપણા મંત્રોચ્ચાર કરીને તેમના ક્રોધ અને વેદનાને કેવી રીતે દૂર કરવી તે તેમને બતાવો.

આપણા બાળકો જે પ્રકારનો તાણ અનુભવે છે તે આપણે જાણી શકીએ તે કોઈપણ કરતાં સંપૂર્ણપણે અલગ છે. તેઓ કમ્પ્યુટર અને મોબાઇલ ફોનમાં કામ કરવાની ક્ષમતા સાથે જન્મેલા છે. તેઓ ઓનલાઇન શાળા અને અન્ય વર્ગમાં પણ ભણે છે. તેમની ઓળખને તેમને સ્પષ્ટ રીતે વ્યાખ્યાયિત કરવાની જરૂર છે જેથી તેઓ વાસ્તવિકતા અને વર્ચુઅલ અસ્તિત્વ વચ્ચેનો તફાવત સમજી શકે. તેમની માલિકીની અને પાક દાદાર અલુરા મજદાનો દેવી હાથ હોવાનો અને તેમના પ્રત્યેની મજબૂત ભાવના, તેમને આધારીત અને વાસ્તવિક રાખે છે.

શાળા એ મનની તૈયારી છે, સારો ખોરાક એ સારા સ્વાસ્થ્ય માટે એક તૈયારી છે, સારા સંબંધો આપણને માનવ ક્રિયા પ્રતિક્રિયા માટે તૈયાર કરે છે, પરંતુ તે ફક્ત આપણી પ્રાર્થના છે જે જીવન માટે તૈયાર કરે છે. તમારું બાળક તમે જે કહો છો તે કરશે નહીં, તે તમે જે કરો છો તે કરશે! જો તમે કોઈ પુસ્તક પસંદ કરો અને તે વાંચશો, તો તમારું બાળક વાંચશે પરંતુ જો તમે આખા સમય પર ફોન પર હોવ, તો તમે ફક્ત અનુમાન કરી શકો છો કે તમારું બાળક શું કરશે.

માતાપિતા તરીકે તમારે જે કરવાનું છે તે એકમાત્ર સૌથી અગત્યની બાબત એ છે કે તમે તમારા બાળકને આત્મસાત કરવા માંગતા હો તે મૂલ્યોને જીવો. તમે ઈચ્છો તે જીવન જીવો. તમે જેનામાં વિશ્વાસ કરો તેનું પાલન કરો જાતે અનુસરો.

- ડેઝી પી. નવદાર

સુરતના આદરીયાન પાદશાહ સાહેબની ૧૨૫માં વરસની શુભ સાલગ્રેહની ઉજવણી

૨૯મી જાન્યુઆરી, ૨૦૨૧માં, સુરતના આદરીયાન પાદશાહ સાહેબની ૧૨૫મી શુભ સાલગ્રેહની ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવી હતી. સવારે જશનની પવિત્ર ક્રિયા કરવામાં આવી હતી. સોથી વધુ હમદનોએ આ ઉજવણીમાં ભાગ લીધો હતો. વડા દસ્તુરજી સાહેબની સલાયથી કાવ્યાની ઝંડો ફરકાવવામાં આવ્યો હતો. બધા હમદનોએ ઝંડાને સલામી આપી અને માન આપ્યું હતું.



સગનની સેવ, ચારની અને લાઈટ રિફેશમેન્ટ બધા ઉપસ્થિતોને



પીરસવામાં આવ્યું હતું, હમદનોએ પાદશાહ સાહેબના આશીર્વાદ મેળવીને ખુશી સાથે વિદાય લીધી હતી.

ડુંગરવાડીની નવીનીકરણ કરેલ તારાચંદ બંગલીનું ઉદઘાટન થયું : પરોપકારી ડોનર સુનુ બુહારીવાલાનો આભાર



દાતા સુનુ બુહારીવાલા સાથે બેઠેલા બીપીપી અધ્યક્ષ આરમઈતી તિરંદાઝ, સ્ટેન્ડિંગ (એલ ટુ આર) - કાયરેશ પટેલ, શેરી પટેલ, બીપીપી ટ્રસ્ટી કેરસી રાંદેરિયા, અનાહિતા દેસાઈ, બીપીપી ટ્રસ્ટીઓ વિરાઈ મહેતા અને ઝર્કસીસી દસ્તુર



૩૧મી જાન્યુઆરી, ૨૦૨૧ને દિને દક્ષિણ મુંબઈના પવિત્ર ડુંગરવાડી ખાતે નવીનીકરણ કરાયેલી, સદીઓ જૂની ધનબાઈ એમ. તારાચંદ બંગલી (નીચેની બંગલી નંબર ૩ અને ૪) નું ઉદઘાટન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. આ ઉદાર દાતા, સુનુ બુહારીવાલા દ્વારા શક્ય બન્યું હતું, જેમણે બંગલીને ખૂબ જ જરૂરી સુધારણા માટે દાન આપ્યું, આમ આપણા સમુદાયના મૃતદેહના અંતિમ સંસ્કાર સન્માન સાથે કરવામાં આવે અને તેમના દુઃખી પરિવારના સભ્યો વાતચીત કરી થોડો શારીરિક આરામ કરી શકે.

ઉદઘાટન સવારે બી.પી.પી. ટ્રસ્ટીઓ - અધ્યક્ષ આરમઈતી તિરંદાઝ, કેરસી રાંદેરિયા, વિરાઈ મહેતા અને ઝર્કસીસી દસ્તુરની હાજરીમાં થયું હતું.

જશનની પવિત્ર ક્રિયા એરવદ દારાયસ બજાં અને તેમના દીકરા એરવદ યજદ બજાં દ્વારા કરવામાં આવી હતી. બી.પી.પી. ના સીઈઓ, શહેનાઝ ખંભાતા દ્વારા તમામ આમંત્રિતોને હાર્દિક આવકાર આપવામાં આવ્યો હતો. વાપીઝના સીઈઓ બીપીપી ટ્રસ્ટી ઉમેદવાર - અનાહિતા દેસાઈએ દાતા સુનુ બુહારીવાલાને ત્યાં હાજર લોકોને પરિચયમાં રજૂ કરતાં કહ્યું કે તે પારસી તમારૂં બીજુ નામ ચેરીટી કહેવતનું જીવંત સ્વરૂપ છે. તેમના દ્વારા વિવિધ સખાવતી સંસ્થાઓને ૨ કરોડ રૂપિયા દાનમાં અપાયા છે. તેમના દ્વારા ખર્ડીમાં પોતાનો બંગલો અલુરા સાપોર્ટ સંસ્થાને દાનમાં આપ્યો છે, જે જુદા જુદા સક્ષમ લોકો સાથે કામ કરે છે. ઉદાર દાન આપવા

ઉપરાંત, સુનુ બુહારીવાલાએ પણ નવીનીકરણના તમામ પાસાંના ઈનપુટસ પૂરા પાડવામાં સક્રિય રસ લીધો, કારણ કે તે સુનિશ્ચિત કરવા માંગતા હતા કે, દુઃખભર્યા પરિવારોને સારી સુવિધા મળી શકે.

બંગલીના નવીનીકરણ માટે દાન આપવાનો વિચાર સુનુ બુહારીવાલાને તેના નજીકના મિત્રો - કાયરેશ અને શેરી પટેલ દ્વારા સૂચવવામાં આવ્યો હતો, જે સમુદાયના સભ્યોને જરૂરિયાતવાળી સેવા આપે છે, અનાહિતાએ ઉમેર્યું, તારાચંદ બંગલી જે નીચેની બંગલીમાંની એક છે જ્યાં આપણા સમુદાયના મોટાભાગના ગરીબ લોકો તેમના પ્રિય લોકોના અંતિમ સંસ્કાર કરવા આવે છે.

વધુ માટે જુઓ પાનુ ૧૫

દાંપત્યજીવનના સ્વીટ દોમાં વેલેન્ટાઈન ડે ઉજવવાનું ભુલશો નહીં!

દાંપત્યજીવનમાં પણ એક પછી એક વર્ષો વીતતાં જાય છે. સ્ત્રી અને પુરુષ બંને પોતપોતાની ભૂમિકામાં પરોવાતાં જાય છે. પુરુષ વ્યવસાયમાં-કારકિર્દીમાં અને બહારની દુનિયામાં વ્યસ્ત રહે છે, તો સ્ત્રી એની પારંપરિક ગૃહિણી અને માતાની ભૂમિકામાં-ઘરસંસારમાં ખૂંપી જાય છે. હવે સંતાનો મોટાં થઈ જાય છે. ક્યારેક પરણીને કે અભ્યાસાર્થે બહાર જતાં રહે છે, ઘર ખાલી થઈ જાય છે બંનેને શું કરવું, શું થઈ ગયું, કશી જ સમજ પડતી નથી. બંને એકબીજાંથી ખોવાઈ ગયા હોય એમ લાગે છે. બંનેને જીવનમાં કશુંક ખૂટતું લાગે છે-ખાલિપો લાગે છે. એમને થાય છે, એમનાં શરૂઆતના સંબંધમાં જે કંઈ મધુર તત્ત્વ હતું એ ક્યાં ગયું? ક્યાં ગઈ એ આત્મીયતા? ક્યાં ગઈ એ મિલનની ઝંખના? આવું કેમ થયું!

દાંપત્ય સંબંધના આ સ્વરૂપને સમજવામાં જ આપણી ઘણી વખત ભૂલ થતી હોય એટલે જ જે સંબંધ અન્યોન્ય માટે સ્નેહપૂર્ણ અને આધ્યાત્મિક બની રહેત, જીવન હર્ષભર્યું બનત અને જીવનપથ વધુ સોલામણો અને સુંવાળો બનત તેને બદલે દુષ્કર બની રહે છે.

ગમેતેવો કરમાયેલો છોડ પણ પ્રેમભર્યાં જતનથી-સુંવાળા સ્પર્શથી ફરી

પાંગરી ઊઠે છે, દાંપત્ય સંબંધને પણ આ વાત લાગુ પડે છે. હવે ફરી પાછો એકબીજાંની સંગે વધુ સમય વીતાવવાનો હોય છે. સાથે પર્યટન-પિકનિક-સિનેમા જોવાનો આનંદ માણવાનો હોય. સંતાનો અને તેમનાં સંતાનો-પૌત્ર-પૌત્રીઓ સાથે હળવા-મળવાનો આ આનંદભર્યો સમય છે. આ રીતે દાંપત્ય સંબંધને નવું પરિમાણ આપવાનું હોય છે. એમ જ કહોને કે નવો યુગલધર્મ આચરવાનો હોય છે. સંબંધમાં સ્નેહ-સાથ-સાહચર્ય બધું ખરું પણ સાથે સ્વતંત્રતા અને



મોકળાશ ઉમેરવાના હોય છે. દબાવ કે તાણ વગરનો મૈત્રી સંબંધ હોય. સફળ, સુખદ અને સંવાદી દાંપત્ય માટે કોઈ એક ફોર્મ્યુલા નથી પણ એક વાત તો સુનિશ્ચિત છે કે સફળ લગ્નજીવનમાં કશુંયે એકતરફી કે એક પક્ષીય હોતું નથી. આ યાત્રા પતિપત્ની બંનેની સહિયારી છે. હેપ્પી વેલેન્ટાઈન ડે!

લવ ઈન ધ ટાઈમઝ ઓફ કોરોના વાયરસ

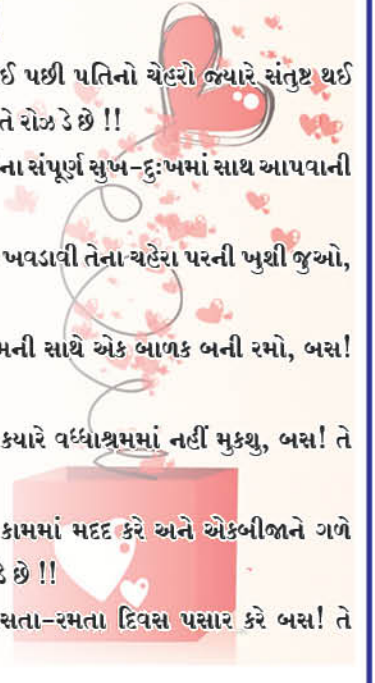
કોરોના વાયરસએ પ્રેમીઓને માર્યો એવો ઠપકો જેથી રસભરી રાસલીલામાં પડ્યો ભારે ફટકો લોકડાઉન વરસાદ જેવો વરસ્યો હુ મારી પ્રેમીકા ફેનીને ભેટવા માટે તરસ્યો મારક અને દીરસ્ટન્સ સીંગે બજાવ્યો ભારે ડંકો શું કામ લીધો હશે માથુકાઓ સાથે પંગો? કહેવા આઝાદીથી ફરતા હરતા ને પાનીપુરી ખાતા મોજ મસતી મનાવતો અને ઠંડી ઠંડી આલે ભરતા મળવાની પાબંદી ને લીધે ફોનપર જ મન મનાવતા અફસોસ કીસ કોટા કરી ના શકતા આ સમયે લાલચી અને સ્વાર્થી બનેલી માનવ જાતને સારો પૈગામ આપ્યો અને આ જીવનને ફેરનો સાચો માર્ગ અને અર્થ શું છે એ દર્શાવ્યો.



- બખ્તાવર રૂ. અપ્પુ

વેલેન્ટાઈન ડે એટલે!

- * પત્નીના હાંથોના ગરમ ગરમ રસોઈ પછી પતિનો ચહેરો જ્યારે સંતુષ્ટ થઈ ગુલાબની જેમ ખીલી જાય છે, બસ! તે રોઝ ડે છે !!
- * જ્યારે પતિ-પત્ની એક સાથે હાંધીના સંપૂર્ણ સુખ-દુઃખમાં સાથ આપવાની વાત કરે છે, બસ! તે પ્રપોઝ ડે છે !!
- * કોઈ પણ અનાથ બાળકોને ચોકલેટ ખવડાવી તેના ચહેરા પરની ખુશી જુઓ, બસ! તે ચોકલેટ ડે છે !!
- * બાળકો માટે ટેડી ખરીદવા કરતા તેમની સાથે એક બાળક બની રમો, બસ! તે ટેડી ડે છે !!
- * માતા-પિતા અને સાસુ-સસરાને ક્યારે વધ્યાશ્રમમાં નહીં મુકશું, બસ! તે પ્રોમીસ ડે છે !!
- * કુટુંબના બધા સભ્યો એક બીજા કામમાં મદદ કરે અને એકબીજાને ગળે લગાવી પ્રોત્સાહિત કરે, બસ! તે હગ ડે છે !!
- * રજાના દિવસના પરિવાર સાથે હસતા-રમતા દિવસ પસાર કરે બસ! તે ફેમિલી વેલેન્ટાઈન ડે છે !!



ડુંગરવાડીની નવીનીકરણ કરેલ તારાચંદ બંગલીનું ઉદઘાટન થયું

પાના નં. ૧૪થી ચાલુ ગયા વર્ષે જુલાઈમાં કમનસીબે પતિ ગુમાવ્યા બાદ, સુનુ બુહારીવાલા ત્યારથી તેમની યાદમાં, સેવાભાવી કાર્ય કરવામાં ખૂબ જ સામેલ થયા છે. તેમના પતિ મરહુમ હોશંગ બુહારીવાલાને ઝળહળતી શ્રદ્ધાંજલિ અર્પીને તેણીએ સ્પર્શપૂર્વક કહ્યું, તે ક્યારેય જરૂરતમંદોને મદદ કરવામાં ખચકાતા નહોતા. તે હંમેશા સલાહ આપતા હતા કે તમારા પગારનો ઓછામાં ઓછો ૧% ગરીબોને આપવો જોઈએ. ટાઈલીંગ, પેઈન્ટિંગ, છત અને બાથરૂમનું કામ ધરાવતા ઉત્તમ નવીનીકરણ ખુશરૂ એચ. સુખડિયા દ્વારા એક મહિનાના રેકોર્ડ સમયમાં ચલાવવામાં આવ્યું હતું, તેમના નિઃસ્વાર્થ કામ માટે તેમને સન્માનિત પણ કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. આ પ્રસંગે બોલતા તેમણે કહ્યું કે, અમે આ પ્રોજેક્ટ પર કામ કરી

શક્યા છે તે બદલ મને આનંદ થાય છે કે જે અમે એક મહિનામાં પૂર્ણ કર્યું. હંમેશની જેમ, ડુંગરવાડીના મેનેજર વિસ્તાસ્ય કાવસ મહેતા અને તેમની આખી ટીમ નવીનીકરણની પ્રક્રિયા દરમિયાન સૌથી વધુ મદદરૂપ થઈ. બીપીપીના ચેરપર્સન આરમઈતી તિરંદાઝે સુનુ બુહારીવાલાના ઉદાર સ્વભાવ અને ભાવના બદલ તેમની પ્રશંસા કરી. તે એક સદી જૂની ૧૯૨૧માં બંધાયેલા તારાચંદ બંગલી સહિત ડુંગરવાડીના દખામા અને બંગલીઓની ઉત્પત્તિ પર આશ્ચર્યચકિત થયા. સુનુ બુહારીવાલાના પરિવાર અને મિત્રોએ તેમના પતિ હોશંગ અને પુત્ર બુરજીનની પ્રેમાળ સ્મૃતિમાં તેમના કાળને સન્માનિત તકતીનું અનાવરણ કરાવતાં જ તેઓએ ગર્વથી વખાણ કર્યા.

- રાજવીન નામદારીયન

વેલેન્ટાઈન ડે સ્પેશિલ



દાદા: આખો દિવસ મોબાઈલ...!! ફેસબુક ...કંટાળતો નથી? શું દાટ્યું છે એમાં? પૌત્ર: દાદા, એક કામ કરો, તમે તમારા જુના ફેન્ડઝ શોધો દાદા: અરે એ બંધાય મારી સાથે ત્રણ-ચાર ચોપડી ભણોલા! એ લોકોને વળી આ બધું...? પૌત્ર: દાદાજી, ટ્રાય તો કરો...ને ૭૮ વરસની ઉંમરે રમણલાલનું ફેસબુકમાં ખાતું ખુલ્યું... અડધા કલાકમાં રૂમાલજી દાકોર, ત્રીભોવન ભટ્ટ, જીવણ પટેલ અને દિલુભા જાડેજાની ફેન્ડઝ રિકવેસ્ટ આવી... દાદાની આંખ ચમકી કહે બેટા, જો તો...આમાં શારદા સોની... ચંપા શાહ ને ઊર્મિલા જોધી મળે છે કે?

અગર મને કોઈ ચોકલેટ ડેના દિવસે કોઈ ચોકલેટ આપવા માંગે તો પ્લીઝ ડે આપજો. મારે બે બાળકો પણ છે.

આજે સવાર સવારમાં પત્ની ને ખૂશ કરવા હેપ્પી ટેડી ડે કહ્યું.. ભૂલમાં ડ ને બદલે ડ બોલાઈ ગયું.. બસ.. આખા ખાનદાનના આંબાના મુળીયા ઉખાડી નાખ્યા ઓણે.

વેલેન્ટાઈન અને કોરેન્ટાઈનમાં શું ફરક છે? વેલેન્ટાઈન ડે ૧૪મી ફેબ્રુઆરીએ આવે છે અને કોરેન્ટાઈન ૧૪ દિવસ માટે.

પાના નં. ૧૬થી ચાલુ

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Death Announcements from Lucknow Parsee Anjuman

Jamshed Nariman Sidhwa	70	06-01-2021	Lucknow.	તે સનોબર જમશેદ સિધવાના ઘણી તે મરહુમ ગુલ તથા મરહુમ નરીમાન અરદેશર સિધવાના દીકરા તે મરહુમ પરવેઝ સિધવા તથા રોલિન્ટન સિધવાના ભાઈ તે પરવીન પરવેઝ સિધવા તથા રશ્મા રોલિન્ટન સિધવા, જરૂ અને મરહુમ એરવદ જાલ પિરોજશા બામજીના બ્રધર ઈન લો મરહુમ મહેરૂ અને મરહુમ દાલી હોરમઝદી બિલીમોરિયાના સન ઈન લો તે સાપરસ, શાહરૂખ રોલિન્ટન સિધવા, આફીન વિસ્પી ભાઠેના, મહાતાબ પરવેઝ સિધવા, હોશમંદ, જીમી જાલ બામજીના અંકલ તે અલીઝા વિસ્પી ભાઠેનાના ગ્રાન્ડ અંકલ.
જમશેદ નરીમાન સીધવા	૭૦		લખનો.	

Death Announcements From Prayer Hall

Nina Dara Pavri	85	06-01-2021	Firdos, 2nd Floor, 47 A B Desi Road, Mumbai 26.	તે મરહુમ દારા રૂસ્તમજી પાવરીના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમ મહેરૂ અન અરદેશર દુબાશના દીકરી તે મરહુમ રૂસ્તમ અને કમલના મમ્મી તે શારમીકા અને સેમના સાસુજી તે દારા, નરી, જેહ, ઈવાનાના ગ્રાન્ડ મધર તે શ્રીટી નાલાદાઈના બહેન તે મરહુમ ધનમાય અને રૂસ્તમ પાવરીના વહુ.
નીના દારા પાવરી	૮૫		ફિરદોશ, ૨જે માળે, ૪૭ એબી રોડ, મુંબઈ ૨૬.	
Freny Dara Irani	74	09.01.2021	B-8, Deep Sagar, Opp Regency Hotel, Andheri (E), Mumbai 69.	તે દારા હોરમસજી ઈરાનીના ઘણીયાણી તે ધનમાય તથા દાદાભાઈ મહેતાના દીકરી તે રૂઝબે દારા ઈરાનીના મમ્મી તે ફરીદા રૂઝબે ઈરાનીના સાસુજી તે રૂઝાન ઈરાની તથા રોલન ઈરાનીના ગ્રેન્ડ મદર તે મરહુમ બહેતા, સામ મહેતા, જાંગુ મહેતાના બહેન.
ફેની દારા ઈરાની	૭૪		બી-૮, દીપ સાગર, રીજેન્સી હોટલની સામે, અંધેરી (ઈ), મુંબઈ ૬૯.	
Noshir Rustomji Daruvala	82	10.02.2021	Sheri House, 3rd Floor, Cawasji Patel Street, Mumbai 1.	તે મરહુમ ધનમાય તથા મરહુમ રૂસ્તમજીના દીકરા તે મરહુમ ગુલુ, મરહુમ દોલત, મરહુમ હોમાયના ભાઈ.
નોશીર રૂસ્તમજી દારૂવાલા	૮૨		શેરી હાઉસ, ૩જે માળે, કાવસજી પટેલ સ્ટ્રીટ, મુંબઈ ૧.	

એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. ઠે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Parvez Dosabhai Sarkari પરવેઝ દોસાભાઈ સરકારી	86 ૮૬	05-02-2021	Flat No, 8, Khareghat Colony Building No.7, Near Babulnath, Grant Road, Mumbai 7. ફ્લેટ નં. ૮, ખારેઘાટ કોલોની, બિલ્ડિંગ નં. ૭, બાબુલનાથની નજદીક, ગ્રાન્ટરોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે પરવીન પરવેઝ સરકારીના ઘણી તે મરુદુમો દોસાભાઈ અને બાનુબાઈના દીકરા તે સાયરસ અને દારાયસના બાવાજી તે કેશમીરા અને શેહેરઝાદના સસરાજી તે કેઝર, ક્યાન, યઝદના બપાવાજી તે મરુદુમો મીનુ, અરદેશર, મરઝબાન, આલુ, તેહમીના ભાઈ તે મરુદુમો જાલેજર અને ગુલબાનુ નાનપોરીયાના જમાઈ તે મરુદુમ જમી જાલેજર નાનપોરીયાના બ્રધર ઈન લો.
Nozer Jalejar Patel નોઝર જાલેજર પટેલ	70 ૭૦	05-02-2021	B-28, Borivali Lucky Apt., Dr. Kalpana Chawla Road, Near Shanti Ashram, Borivali (W), Mumbai 103. બી-૨૮, બોરીવલી લકી એપાર્ટમેન્ટ, કલ્પના ચાવલા રોડ, શાંતિ આશ્રમ પાસે, બોરીવલી (વે.), મુંબઈ ૧૦૩.	તે મરુદુમો નાજામાય તથા જાલેજર હીરજીભાઈ પટેલના દીકરા તે મરુદુમ હીલ્લા નોઝર પટેલના ઘણી તે ફરઝાન નોઝર પટેલ ને મોનાઝ પટેલના બાવાજી તે મરુદુમો દીનશાહ, મની તથા દોલી ને એનીના ભાઈ તે મરુદુમો દીનામાય તથા ખુરશેદજી પેસ્તનજી પંથકીના જમાઈ.
Keki (Kekoo) Aspandiar Irani કેકી (કેકુ) અસપંદયાર ઈરાની	75 ૭૫	05-02-2021	Irani Bungalow, Near Krishna Nagar Gate, Boisar, Khairapada, Boisar (E), Thane 401 501. ઈરાની બંગલો, ક્રીશ્નનગર ગેટ પાસે, બોઈસર, ખેરાપાડા, બોઈસર (પૂ.), થાને, મહારાષ્ટ્ર-૪૦૧૫૦૧.	તે દીલનવાઝ કેકુ ઈરાનીના ખાવિંદ તે મરુદુમો તેહમીના તથા અસપંદયાર ઈરાનીના દીકરા તે ખુશરૂ અને ખુશનુર ઈરાની તથા ખુશનુમા સંખેના બાવાજી તે નાઝરીન ખુશરૂ ઈરાની, ફરઝીન ખુશનુર ઈરાની તથા હીતેશ મ. સંખેના સસરાજી તે મહીયાર ખુશરૂ ઈરાની તથા પાશાન ખુશનુર ઈરાનીના બપાવાજી તે ગેવ અરુષી મરઝબાનના ભાઈ તે મરુદુમો શીરીન તથા નરીમન આલુનાના જમાઈ.
Amy Behram Chothia એમી બેહરામ ચોથીયા	84 ૮૪	06-02-2021	Building No. 1, Flat No. 404, Behram Baug, Parsi Colony, Jogeshwari, Mumbai 102. બીલ્ડિંગ નં. ૧, ફ્લેટ નં. ૪૦૪, બેહરામ બાગ, પારસી કોલોની, જોગેશ્વરી, મુંબઈ ૧૦૨.	તે મરુદુમ બેહરામના ઘણિયાની તે નીલુફર અને ઝુબીનના માતાજી તે ફેદી અને રશીદાના સાસુજી તે મરુદુમ હોમાય તથા (અલાઈવ) દીનયાર એરચ તારાપોરના બહેન તે દેલનાઝ, નોઈઝર, સનાયા, અરીયાનાના બપઈજી તે શહાયન, ફીયા. ઝરસીસ, યનાહના મોટા બપયજી તે મરુદુમો શીરીન અને હોરમસજી ચોથીયાના વહુ.
Vera Navroji Lam વીરા નવરોજી લોમ	88 ૮૮	06-02-2021	Flat No.5, 2Nd Floor, Fair Lawn, 28, M. Karve Road, Opp. Oval Maidan, Marine Lines, Mumbai 20. ૨, ફ્લેટ નં. ૫, ૨જે માળે, ફેર લોન, મરીન લાઈન્સ, મુંબઈ ૨૦.	તે મરુદુમો આલાન તથા ડો. નવરોજી ન. લોમના દીકરી તે મરુદુમો નોશીર ન. લોમ તથા અદી ન. લોમના બહેન તે ઝરીન ઉનવાલા, ફવી ઉનવાલા તથા જમશેદ લોમના ફુઈ તે વીલુ લોમ તથા મરુદુમ આલુ અ. લોમના નરન.
Dinyar Manchershah Pithawalla દીનયાર મંચેરશાહ પીઠાવાલા	78 ૭૮	06-02-2021	Petit Block No.5, 3Rd Floor, Balaram Street, Mumbai 7. પીટીટ બ્લોક નં. ૫, ૩જા માળે, બાલારામ સ્ટ્રીટ, મુંબઈ ૭	તે વીરા દિન્યાર પીઠાવાલાના ખાવિંદ તે કુંવરબાઈ મંચેરશાહ પીઠાવાલાના દીકરા તે દીલશાદ ખુરઝાન દોરડી તેમજ ડેલઝાદના બાવા તે જેનાઝ તેમજ ફરાઝના બપાવા તે જેરાઝના મમાવા તે તેમૂવ, રતન, મહેરનોશ અને રોહીનતન તેમજ ડોલી કેકી બલસારા અને બેપસી ગોદરેજ મહેતાના ભાઈ.
Osta Hormazdyar Dinshaw Hathiram ઓસ્તા હોરમઝદયાર દીનશા હાથીરામ	70 ૭૦	09-02-2021	201, Shanti Kunj, 87, Naigaum Cross Road, Dadar (East), Mumbai 14. ૨૦૧, શાંતિકુંજ, ૮૭ નાપગામ ક્રોસ રોડ, દાદર (પૂ), મુંબઈ ૧૪.	તે ઓસ્તા શહેરનાઝ હોરમઝદયાર હાથીરામના ખાવિંદ તે ઓસ્તા અરનાઝ ને ઓસ્તા નાઝરીન હાથીરામના બાવાજી તે મરુદુમો ઓસ્તા મહેરૂ તથા એરવદ દીનશાહ નસરવાનજી હાથીરામના દીકરા ને શ્રીતી સરોશ દસ્તુર, રતી સોલી કાંગા તથા મની હોરમઝદયાર દીગરીયાના ભાઈ તે સરોશ કે.દસ્તુર, સોલી કાંગા, હોરમઝદયાર દીગરીયા, જેસ્મીન રામદેવ રાવના બ્રધર ઈન લો તે મહેરઝાદ, પાકઝાન, પરીચહેર, આફીન, આશતાદ, ફીરોજના મામાજી તે સોહેલ તથા મરુદુમ પ્રશમના માસાજી તે મરુદુમો ખોરશેદ તથા પેસી ખરશેદજી બલસારાના જમાઈ.
Bomi Dhunjishaw Vania બોમી ધનજીશાહ વાણીયા	78 ૭૮	10-02-2021	10/12, Bhiwandiwalla Building, 2Nd Floor, Wadia Street, Tardeo, Mumbai 34. ૧૦/૧૨, બીવંડીવાલા બિલ્ડિંગ, બીજે માળે, વાડીયા સ્ટ્રીટ, તારદેવ, મુંબઈ ૩૪	તે કેટી બોમી વાણીયાના ખાવિંદ તે હુફરીશ એ. જાની તથા હોરમઝદ વાણીયાના બાવાજી તે મરુદુમો નરગીશ તથા ધનજીશા વાણીયાના દીકરા તે અજય એમ. જાનીના સસરાજી. તે મરુદુમો રોશન તથા જલંગીર કારભારીના જમાઈ તે મેહરૂ એમ. કુપર તથા મરુદુમ હોમી ડી. વાણીયાના ભાઈ તે આરમઈતી વાણીયાના જેઠ તે ઝરીન તથા બહાદુર બચાના બનેવી તે નતાશા, બેનાફશા જાનીના મમાવાજી તે જેસ્મીન તથા કમલના અંકલ તે મીનુ કુપરના સાવાજી.
Shavak Pestonji Billimoria શાવક પેસ્તનજી બીલ્ડીમોરીયા	92 ૯૨	10-02-2021	C/12, Contractor Baug, 1St Floor, Mori Road, Mahim, Mumbai 16. સી/૧૨, કોન્ટ્રેક્ટર બાગ, ૧લે માળે, મોરી રોડ, માહીમ, મુંબઈ ૧૬.	તે મરુદુમ ઝરીન શાવક બીલ્ડીમોરીયાના ખાવિંદ તે વીરાફ અને કેશમીરાના બાવાજી તે મરુદુમો તેહમીના તથા પેસ્તનજી નશરવાનજી બીલ્ડીમોરીયાના દીકરા તે નોશીર પેસ્તનજી તથા અંજલી બીલ્ડીમોરીયાના સસરાજી તે મરુદુમો શેરા તથા ધનજીશા કાસદના જમાઈ તે એરચ, નોશીર, જર, શીરીન, કેટી, સરોશ તથા મરુદુમો ફીરોઝ અને ખોરશેદના ભાઈ તે ફરહાદ અને અરનાઝના મમાવાજી તે બીનાયફર અને બીનાઝના બપાવાજી તે ખોરશેદ, હુતોક્ષી, કેરસી તથા મરુદુમો કાવસ, ગેવ, સોરાબજી, માલકમ, હોમી, માણેક તથા દારબના બ્રધર ઈન લો.
Parin Gav Dubash પરીન ગેવ દુબાશ	85 ૮૫	10-02-2021	A-15, Mistry Building, Dr. S. S. Shirodkar Road, Opp. M. D. College, Parel, Mumbai 12. એ-૧૫, મીસ્ટ્રી બિલ્ડિંગ, પારેલ, મુંબઈ ૧૨.	તે ગેવ માણેકશા દુબાશના ઘણીયાણી તે ફરોઝ અને ઝુબીનના માતાજી તે ખુશનુમા, માહઝરીનના સાસુજી તે નાઝનીન, વીઆન, માફરીન અને બેરજાદના બપયજી તે દારા કાવસજી પટેલ, આરમઈતી રૂસી તારાપોરવાલા, મરુદુમ બજી, અદી, ફેનીના બહેન.
Rohinton Burjor Mehta રોહીનતન બરજોર મેહતા	78 ૭૮	11-02-2021	N-01, Shapurji Bharucha Baug, S. V. Road, Andheri (West), Mumbai 58. નં.-૦૧ શાપુરજી ભરૂચા બાગ, એસ. વી. રોડ, અંધેરી (વેસ્ટ), મુંબઈ ૫૮.	તે ઝોમીના ઘણીયાની તે મરુદુમો ધનમાઈ અને બરજોર મેહતાના દીકરા તે હરવસપ, પ્રીન્સીના બાવાજી તે તનવી અને ક્યાનાઝના સસરાજી તે મરુદુમો ઝૂસ્તમ અને હોમાઈ ઈરાનીના જમાઈ.
Hilla Cawas Marfatia હીલા કાવસ મારફતીયા	80 ૮૦	11-02-2021	02/21, Irani Dharamshala, 26, Pandita Ramabai Marg, Gamdevi, Mumbai 7. ૦૨/૨૧ ઈરાની ધરમશાલા, ૨૬ પંડિત રમાભાઈ રોડ, ગામદેવી, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે મરુદુમ કાવસના ઘણીયાની તે મરુદુમો મનચેરશા અને ધનમાઈની દીકરી તે પરસી અને રશનાના માતાજી તે નેનસી અને તુષારના સાસુ તે બોનાઈતાના બપઈજી અને દીશાના મમઈજી તે મરુદુમ ઓરતા પરવેઝ, પીરોજા, બેલદીન બેપસીના બહેન તે મરુદુમ ફરોખ અને કેટી તોડીવાલાના વહેવાઈ તે મરુદુમો શાવકશા અને આલામાયના વહુ તે કુમી પરવેઝ તારાપોરવાલાના નાણંદ તે મરુદુમ નરગીશના ભાભી.

Death Announcements from Mississauga, Canada

Keki Pirojsha Illava કેકી પિરોજશા ઈલાવા	100 ૧૦૦	02-02-2021	Mississauga, Canada. મીસીસાઉગા, કેનેડા	તે મરુદુમ પિરોજશા અને મહેરબાઈ ઈલાવાના દીકરા તે અરુષી ઈલાવાના પપ્પા તે તનાઝના સસરાજી તે શેરેઝાદ, નેકઝાદના ગ્રાન્ડ ફાધર તે મરુદુમ ગોદરેજ, મરુદુમ ફવી અને મરુદુમ હોશંગબાનુના ભાઈ.
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Death Announcements from California, USA

Daraius Jamshed Tarapore દારાયસ જમશેદ તારાપોર	65 ૬૫	07-02-2021	California, USA. કેલિફોર્નિયા, યુએસએ	તે દીલનવાઝ તારાપોરના ઘણી તે ક્યાન, એરીક, નેવિલ તારાપોરના પપ્પા તે એરીકા ક્યાન તારાપોરના સસરાજી તે પિરોજા જમશેદ તારાપોર, હવોવી ઝરસીસ બરડીના ભાઈ તે એરવદ ફવી અને સુનુ કાંગાના જમાઈ.
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Death Announcements from Udwarda Athornan Anjuman Trust

Dina Homi Sheriarjina દીના હોમી શેરીયારજીના	86 ૮૬	04-02-2021	Sea View Street, Udwarda. સી વ્યુ સ્ટ્રીટ, ઉદવાડા.	તે મરુદુમ હોમી બરજોરજી શેરીયારજીનાના ઘણીયાણી તે મરુદુમ મહેરબાઈ તથા મરુદુમ જીવનજી મોબાદના દીકરી તે નરગીશ રતનશા ગીલ્ડરના મમ્મી રતનશા અરદેશીર ગીલ્ડરના સાસુજી તે રયોમંદ અને બેઝાન રતનશા ગીલ્ડરના ગ્રાન્ડ મધર તે મરુદુમ મહેરબાઈ તથા મરુદુમ બરજોરજી શેરીયારજીના વહુ તે મરુદુમ ફરામરોઝ બરજોરજી શેરીયારજીના, મરુદુમ ગુલ સોરાબજી ભરડા, મરુદુમ નાજુ દાદીબા તાતા, મરુદુમ રૂસી બરજોરજી શેરીયારજીના, મરુદુમ તેહમીના બરજોરજી શેરીયારજીના, મરુદુમ જરૂ ફરામરોઝ શેરીયારજીનાના સીસ્ટર ઈન લો તે ગોદરેજ, ખુરશીદ ભરડાના આન્ટ તે રોશની આદીલ સિગનપોરિયાના મામીજી તે જર અરદેશીર ગીલ્ડરના વહેવાણા.
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લખનાર: મરહુમ મહારાજ શ્રી સ્વયંજ્યોતિના સહકાર્યકર્તા જયેશ એમ. ગોસ્વામી

અઠવાડિક રાશિક્ષણ: તા. ૧૩.૦૨.૨૦૨૧ થી તા. ૧૯.૦૨.૨૦૨૧



Aries - મેષ - અ.લ.ઈ.

તમારી રાશિના માલિક મંગળના મિત્ર શુક્રની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારા કામકાજની અંદર ધનલાભની સાથે પ્રમોશન મળવાના પણ ચાન્સ છે. જે પણ કામ કરશો તેમાં ક્ષતેહના ડંકા વગાડીને રહેશો. નવા કામ મેળવવામાં સફળ થશો. ઘરવાળાને ખુશ રાખવામાં ભાગદોડ કરી શકશો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૩, ૧૪, ૧૫, ૧૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 13, 14, 15, 18.

Venus' ongoing rule could bring you profits as well as a promotion at your workplace. You will be extremely successful in all your endeavours. You will also be successful in landing new work projects. You will put in effort to keep your family members happy. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Cancer - કર્ક - ડ.હ.

તમારા મિત્ર ગ્રહ ગુરૂની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી ધર્મના કામો આનંદથી કરશો. મુસાફરી કરવાના ચાન્સ છે. સગાઓ તરફથી સારા સમાચાર મળશે. ફસાયેલા નાણા પાછા મેળવવા માટે ધોડી મહેનત કરવાથી નાણા પાછા મેળવી શકશો. કોઈ મિત્રના મદદગાર બની તેની ભલી દુવા મેળવશો. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૩, ૧૪, ૧૬, ૧૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 13, 14, 16, 17.

You will be inclined to do religious works under Jupiter's ongoing rule. Travel is on the cards. You could receive good news from relatives. You will be able to retrieve your stuck funds if you put in a little added effort. You will receive the blessings of a friend for having helped them in their time of need. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



Libra - તુલા - ર.ત.

બુધની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે વાણીયા જેવા બની જશો ત્યાં ફાયદો થતો હશે ત્યાં તમારી નજર પહેલા જશે. મુશ્કેલીભર્યા કામ પણ બુદ્ધિ વાપરી સહેલા બનાવી દેશો. ધન બચાવવા કરકસર કરશો. મિત્ર મંડળમાં માન સન્માન મળશે. નાના ધનલાભ મળતા રહેશે. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૩, ૧૬, ૧૭, ૧૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 13, 16, 17, 18.

Mercury's ongoing rule makes you focused and keen towards areas that will bring you profits. You will be able to tackle even difficult tasks easily, with the use of your intelligence. You would put in much effort to save money. Friends will shower you with praise and admiration. You will keep receiving small profits. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Capricorn - મકર - ખ.જ.

૨૩મી માર્ચ સુધી તમને શીતળ ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે. ગામ-પરગામની મુસાફરી કરી શકશો. તમારા કરેલા કામની લોકો કદર કરશે. નવા કામ શરૂ કરવા માગતા હશો તો શરૂ કરી શકશો. થોડીઘણી મહેનત કરવાથી ધનલાભ મેળવવામાં મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. દરરોજ ૩૪મું નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૪, ૧૫, ૧૬, ૧૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 14, 15, 16, 17.

The Moon's rule till 23rd March suggests that you will be able to travel locally and overseas. People will appreciate your works. You will be able to start new ventures. A little added effort will bring you wealth. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.



Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.

૪થી માર્ચ સુધી રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારી અંગત વ્યક્તિ પણ સાથે સહકાર આપવા તૈયાર નહીં થાય. બચત કરવા જશો ત્યાં ત્રણની જગ્યાએ ત્રીસનો ખર્ચ થઈ જશે. કોઈપણ બાબતમાં બેદરકાર બનશો તો મોટી મુસીબતમાં ફસાઈ જશો. તમારા કામમાં વધુ ધ્યાન આપજો. ત્યાં સુધી કામ પુરું નહીં થાય ત્યાં સુધી કોઈ સાથે પણ વાતચીત કરતા નહીં. દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૬, ૧૭, ૧૮, ૧૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 16, 17, 18, 19.

Rahu's rule till 4th March could result in losing the support of even those close to you. Despite your attempts to save, you could end up spending ten times over. You need to be very alert and cautious in all areas of life as even the smallest mistake could land you in a huge fix. Ensure that you are very focused in your work and avoid all distractions until your work is completed. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.

૨૩મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી શનિની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા માથાનો બોજો જેટલો ઓછો કરવા જેટલો તેટલો વધી જશે. અચાનક તબિયત ખરાબ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. શનિને કારણે ખર્ચ કરવા માટે કોઈ પાસે લોન લેવાનો સમય આવશે તેવા હાલના ગ્રહો છે. કોઈ કામ વિચાર કર્યા વગર કરતા નહીં. દરરોજ 'મોટી હમન યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૪, ૧૫, ૧૬, ૧૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 13, 14, 15, 16.

Saturn's rule till 23rd February could end up increasing your mental tensions, despite your trying to reduce them. Your health could suddenly go downhill. You could end up having to ask for a loan to meet your expenditures. Ensure to think things over very carefully before doing them. Pray the Moti Haptan Yasht daily.



Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.પ.

૨૧મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી મંગળની દિનદશા હોવાને લીધે કોઈપણ જાતની મુસીબતનો સામનો કરવો પડશે. ઘરમાં ભાઈ-બહેન સાથે આપવાની જગ્યાએ તમારી સાથે મતભેદ થશે. ઘરમાં કોઈપણ વસ્તુ વસાવતા નહીં. મગજને શાંત રાખવા દરરોજ 'તીર યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૩, ૧૪, ૧૭, ૧૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 13, 14, 17, 18

Mars' rule till 21st February suggests that you be prepared for all kinds of challenges. There could be fights with siblings as they would not be supportive. Avoid installing any items in the house. To keep your mind peaceful, pray the Tir Yasht daily.



Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.

આજથી ૨૦ દિવસની સુર્મની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે. સરકારી કામમાં ખુબ મુશ્કેલીઓ આવશે. સુર્ય માથાને ખુબ તપાવશે. ગુરુસામાં કે ઉતાવળીયું કોઈપણ કામ કરવાથી નુકસાની ભોગવવી પડશે. મિત્રો પણ વગર કારણસર તમારાથી દૂર રહેવાની કોશિશ કરશે. વડીલવર્ગની તબિયતની ખાસ સંભાળ લેજો. દરરોજ ૯૬મું નામ 'યા રયોમંદ' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૫, ૧૬, ૧૭, ૧૮ છે.

Lucky Dates: 15, 16, 17, 18.

Starting today, the Sun's rule, over the next 20 days, predicts that you could face difficulties in executing any government-related works. You could end up getting quite hot-headed. Any work done in temper or haste will result in a loss. Friends will avoid you without reason. Ensure to take extra caution of the health of the elderly. Pray the 96th name, 'Ya Rayomand', 101 times, daily.



Gemini - મિથુન - ક.છ.ઘ.

૨૧મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી ગુરૂ જેવા ધર્મના દાતાની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા હાથથી કોઈની ભલાઈનું કામ થઈ જશે. ઘરવાળા સાથે સંબંધ સારા રહેવાથી તમારા કામો વીજળીવેગે પૂરા કરી શકશો. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં અચાનક ધનલાભ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. ગુરૂની કૃપાથી મુશ્કેલીભર્યા કામને સહેલાઈથી કરી શકશો. તબિયતમાં સારો સુધારો રહેશે. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૬, ૧૭, ૧૮, ૧૯ છે.

Lucky Dates: 16, 17, 18, 19.

Jupiter's rule till 21st February will facilitate your being helpful or doing some noble work for others. You will be able to complete your work with lightning speed with the support of your family members. You could be the recipient of an unexpected financial windfall/gains. You will be able to tackle even challenging tasks with ease. Health will show good improvement. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



Virgo - કન્યા - પ.ઠ.ણ.

તમારે છેલ્લા ચાર દિવસ બુધની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાના બાકી છે. નાણાકીય લેતી-દેતી ૧૬મી સુધી પૂરા કરી નાખજો નહીં તો ૧૭મીથી ૩૬ દિવસ માટે શરૂ થતી શનિની દિનદશા તમને દરેક બાબતમાં બેચેન બનાવશે. ખોટા વિચારોમાં ફસાઈ જશો. નાના કામમાં પણ મુશ્કેલી આવશે. સમય પર કામ પૂરા નહીં થવાથી ઉપરીવર્ગ પરેશાન કરશે. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' સાથે 'મોટી હમન યજ્ઞ' ભણજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૩, ૧૪, ૧૫, ૧૬ છે.

Lucky Dates: 13, 14, 15, 16.

With the last four days under the rule of Mercury, you are advised to complete all financial transactions related to lending and borrowing by the 16th of February. Saturn's rule starting from 17th February, will bring in much angst in all areas. You could get wound up in negative thoughts. You will find it challenging to do even small tasks. Your senior colleagues could cause trouble for you as you will find it hard to meet your professional deadlines. Pray the Moti Haptan Yasht along with the Meher Nyaish.



Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ફ.

છેલ્લા ૧૦ દિવસ ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે. સમય બગડ્યા વગર અગત્યના કામો પહેલા પૂરા કરી લેજો. ઉત્તરતી ચંદ્રની દિનદશા તમને તન-મન-ધનથી સુખી કરશે. મનગમતી વ્યક્તિને સામેથી મલવા જશો. ઘરવાળાનો પ્રેમ મળતો રહેશે. દરરોજ ૩૪મું નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૩, ૧૫, ૧૬, ૧૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 13, 15, 16, 17.

With 10 days remaining under the Moon's rule, you are advised to first complete all important tasks, without wasting any time. The descending rule of the Moon blesses you with mental, physical and financial prosperity. You will arrange to meet a favourite person. You will receive the love of your family members. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.



Pisces - મીન - દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.શ.

શુક જેવા મોજલા ગ્રહની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી મોજશોખ ઘટવાની જગ્યાએ વધી જશે. ઓપોજીટ સેક્સના મદદગાર થઈ તેને મુશ્કેલીમાંથી બહાર કાઢશે. તમારા મનની વાત બીજાને કહેતા મનનો બોજો ઓછો થશે. ઘરમાં મહેમાનની અવરજવર વધી જશે. ઘરમાં નવી વસ્તુ વસાવી શકશો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુક્રવંતી તા. ૧૩, ૧૪, ૧૫, ૧૬ છે.

Lucky Dates: 13, 14, 15, 16.

Venus' ongoing rule adds to your inclinations towards fun and entertainment. You will prove to be helpful to members of the opposite gender and get them out of a difficult situation. Speaking out your mind to another will help reduce your mental stress. There could be an increase in the flow of guests at home. You will be able to install new items at home. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.

Adarji, Dhunmai And Valentine's Day!!



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Adarji Writer, also known as 'Adarji-the-Angrej', steps out of his building in a once smart, but now frayed Trilby hat, atop his almost balding crown and a scarf around his neck. A confirmed anglophile and a great fan of *Aapri Rani*, Adarji meets his cronies who congregate near the entrance of the Baug daily.

"Aadoo! Adar! Aadarjiiiiii!" Dhunmai calls her other half, who had replied in affirmative to the officiating priest's 'pasand-e kardim' (the Parsi 'I do') nearly forty years ago. A part of the close circle of friends in the baug's 'Kootla-Committee', the pretty and amiable Dhunmai is known as Dhun-'Bafat' or 'Duh'-Dhun for her unfailing ability to commit faux pas every ninth time she opens her mouth. Yet again she screeches even louder - "Aaaaaadarjiiiiiii! Thobho, kah jaoch????"

Adarji, more British when irritated, quips, "Dash it! I say, my dear old thing, what now? I have something rather important to discuss with the colony chappies. So, for now, toodle-o n' ta ta!"

"Tahme ne tamaro 'something impo-tant'!"

"Mughi bes!" hissed the irritated Angrej, "I said something imporrntant, not 'impo-tant'. Jah hoi tya chabardo karech!"

"Oh, Tomato-tamato-tambotu, badhuj sarkhu!" Dhun Bafat is not an easy person to be distracted, "It must be about the Sunday's races or placing bets on some cricket match. I'm sure! Now listen carefully, aapra pavilion per thi aapri colony-na secretary pass thi ek 'Fun 'n' Frolicking Fourteenth Feb Fiesta no form lavjo. Bhulta-naaaaaaa!" A chill ran down Aadarji's spine. Since the last several years, the 14th of February had played havoc in his otherwise



pleasantly sabbatical life. He asked, "E-vari su che? Sano form?"

Dhunmai: "Chiba na thao! Aapri colony-na very enterprising welfare body has *orgasa*-----"

Aaderji froze mid-step. Clenching his teeth, he hissed, "Mughi bes! The word is '*orga....nized*,' How many times have I told you not to use more than single syllable words? The Queen's language is not your forte. And don't shout from the window. It runs contrary to the code of etiquette of the civilized society!" pronounced Adarji pompously and shot off before Dhunmai could come up with another Malapropism.

"Aai bijo Shashi Tharoor chaalio!" muttered Dhunmai, but Aaderji was out of audio range of Dhunmai's soprano scream.

Adarji returned a couple of hours later for lunch and was immediately accosted by Dhunmai. "Form laya ke?" asked she, purring like a cat about to pounce upon an unsuspecting mouse.

Adarji, at his prevaricating best, replied, "Sorry my dear lass, the secretary was not at the pavilion....He took the high road before I could reach his damned office. A pity!"

"Yes, a pity! A pity, indeed that you are such a liar! You are no better than that fellow Jim Curry in that movie 'Liar Liar. A *comprehensive*, offhand and talented liar. Adarji tried to correct her, saying "Compulsive dear, not comprehensive and that fellow is Jim Carey, not Curry," but Dhun was unstoppable. She went on throughout lunch, where Adarji's favourite fried Bombay-ducks, dhan-daar and methia-nu achar turned to ashes in his mouth, listening to her tirade.

Finally, he was saved by a bell, a phone call from his Madam Editor. Her words might have been different. No Malapropisms of course, but the tone was the same as Dhunmai's, if not colder. After a half hour of rebuke on a missed deadline, and about offending both, the clergy and the laity, the orthodox and the progressive in the same issue the week before, a feat rarely achieved by any writer before. After exhausting all the invectives and expressing doubts about Adarji's qualifications, Madam Editor hung up.

4:00 pm marks the time for a cuppa tea - a sacred ritual to all Brits as to our Adarji. Tea is served dutifully by Dhunmai, but today no bhakras, no karkarias, no chapats and

certainly not her specialty - the popatjis. None! Dhunmai is angry.

"Er Dhun, Dhanu, *su che, rusai gaich?* Sorry, slipped my mind to get the form. Tomorrow it will be a done thing by lunchtime. Ok?"

"*Besi rhaol! Bajuna jaiji-no ever-obsessing son mara mate lai avyo.*"

"You mean obliging dear!"

It was now Happy Hour, Adarji's sacred time to recline on his motabawa's easy-chair with a glass of amber fluid. Dhunmai brings a bowl of cashew-nuts and says, "Adar, I'll let the dead past bury its dead. Let us now plan for the 'Fun 'n' Frolicking Fourteenth Feb Fiesta!"

"Fiesta, whazzat!" During times of extreme stress, Adarji sometimes lapsed into Americanese! 'Fourteenth Feb' struck terror in his heart. Dhunmai, a confirmed romantic, sprouted some weird and expensive ideas, "Adar, this time let's not have expensive champagne and caviar dinner at some exclusive restaurant or travel to some exotic location. Let's simply take part in our Baug's Fiesta - there's a Contest for the 'Best Traditionally Dressed Couple' who will dance and declare their love on the stage. Oooooooh! C'est très



armoureux!!"

"Dhun, please spare French! The word is '*amoureux*' Not armor.... we are not going to war! Darling Dhanu, you're my valentine since four decades. Everyone knows 'I love you and you love me', so why make an exhibition of it?"

"Don't interrupt! We shall dance! I am going to wear my *mummai-ji-no garo*, with spaghetti, or is it fettuccine strap blouse, and stiletto heel shoes. You wear your new designer dagli, aapra lagan-na brown and white Oxford design-na shoes and pagri. You always look taller in your '*pagri*'. We'll dance to Blue Danube or Emperor Waltz. Or maybe Tango!"

"Kaun-na bawani paghri, Dhun?" exploded Adarji, a rare phenomenon. "Remember that that big-in-bulk-small-in-brain brother of yours! *Maroj premium scotch pee ne mari pagri per besi gailo*. Now my Jarthosti regalia is one pagri short, the one and only pagri I ever had! That damned %^#@** nincompoop!"

"Muga beso!" Every time my *jee-bharu* brother Jamsu's name crops up you become *historical*. I will not *titillate* it."

"Oh, there you go again. The word is hysterical not historical. *Taro Jamsu kai Jamshed Padsha nathi. Just plain Jamsu. No historical figure. Ne aai got-pit, sot-git karvanu bund kar. Badha mari per hasech!* And the other word is tolerate, not *titillate!* *Aapri Rani* would have needed smelling-salts if she heard you!"

"Bus! Enough arguments! Now get your *bawa-adam na jamana nu* record player, put on some waltz music and let's practice!" insisted Dhun.

"I can't! My arthritic knee is playing up, maybe anohter time. *Koi saro-sapormo divas joi-ne we will start. Ok?*"

But Dhunmai refused to accept defeat! Her voice, rising several decibels and tone growing colder by several degrees below zero, lets out,

How Stir Crazy Are We In Love?

► “Adar (without ‘ji’) get up and get going. Chalo! Slow quick-quick, slow quick-quick, slow! Chalo, chop-chop. Stop slouching!”

After several bloody days of slow-quick-quick Blue Danube and Emperor Waltz, Adarji revolted, “Dhun, this is silly. I can’t do it! The last time I danced was ages ago. I’m no longer the dashing Darab of the twinkle-toe-fame. Dash it! It’s not that I love you less, b-b-but I love my reputation more. The colony boys will laugh at me!”

“Mare-re! Why should they laugh at you? Next door-ni Tehmi and Tehempton are learning the Moonwalk. Char number na Jehengirji and Shirin are learning that Walk-like-an-Egyptian thing, Rutimai and Darabsha are going to jive, *aapra* courageous Kali and Coomie are going to dance a la Michael Jackson! Ane tamaro tea-addict brother-in-law Sorab and your sister Perinbanu are performing cha-cha-cha!

“That terror sister of mine, Perinbanu, could have made even Hitler do the Bharat Natyam!”

This went on for a week. Adarji, an agnostic, even started praying at night for some miracle to occur and the shindig being cancelled. He prayed for freak floods, terrifying typhoons or even a humble cyclone. Anything to stop this shindig, anything!

Come Saturday morning and like Abu bin Adam, an angel came upon Adarji too - in form of a postman. He brought glad tidings. It was an invitation to the wedding of Jamsu’s (the destroyer of ‘pagris’) wife’s sister’s daughter. She was getting married on fourteenth February, St. Valentine Day. Her marriage has been hurriedly arranged (*no, not for the reason normally attributed to the hurriedly arranged marriages*). Her fiancé was leaving for Washington DC for work reasons, after a few days. Now this being *en famille* event with no getting away from, Adarji was overjoyed, but was careful to not break into a jig. Stiff upper lip was highly recommended and so with a long face, he simply said, “Dash it Dhun, after all the dance practice, we won’t be able to participate in the Baug’s Valentine Day’s Dance Competition... coz the family comes first!”

Adarji had always compared Jamsu to the human organ - ‘appendix’ as no one knew what was its function - Jamsu’s life too had no *raison d’etre* (reason to exist). But today it occurred to him that even Jamsu was here for a reason... even if via his wife’s brother’s sister-in-law’s daughter’s wedding!

Dhunmai reacted to the news, “We will keep on hold our *Pas de ducks* till the next year.”

Dhun! Not ducks. It’s *pas de deux*! A ballet term in French, *a dance for two*. Not for ducks! Bataknu-bafat na kar! Now here’s my credit card, go and buy a new saree for the wedding. It’s going to be a Happy Valentine’s Day after all!”

“Oh mercy bokhu monchair!”

“STOP! Leave French alone! No Bokhu, no dantwallu, no Munchi, no Muncher! I’ll thank you for that. It should be ‘Merci beaucoup ma chère’. Anyway, all of you ‘Passez une joyeuse Saint-Valentin’!, he said assuming his Brit personality, “Or as *Aapri Rani* would say to her Prince Consort, “I say, Phil old chap, have a Happy Valentine’s Day, wot!”



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So, it’s Valentine’s Day tomorrow... we’ll have those packs of love-crazed wolves howling at the moon, all ready to jump off cliffs, swim the deepest seas and climb the highest mountains - all in the name of love. These love junkies have you wondering where that magic and blush of first love has disappeared. While the teenyboppers and the youth ride the skies on Aladdin’s magic carpet, you wonder years later, cleaning that carpet (now nothing but a dishevelled worn-out, old rug) where that fervid appeal simply vanished! Those rose-tinted glasses, long replaced with those bifocal’s, have cleared that tunnel vision, all the while questioning this hype about love and its mushy-gushy effects!

It’s true - the initial stage of love is all about falling madly in it! It’s a veritable phenomenon, pretty damned hard to explain. Have you seen that young infatuated couple walking around every evening? That idiotic prance, that silly dance they do, then that vexatious a dozen by-the-minute shrill laugh by the girl with those goofy eyes? And to top it, that annoying liturgy - their daily ceremonial ritual, while turning the corner to say their respective goodbyes to each other, sort of remind you of those knee-knocking moments, hidden deep somewhere in the foggy recesses of your clouded brain.

They all seem to live in this bubble - these pairs of new found lovers, making their moves and animated gesticulations that appear nothing but borderline ridiculous to anyone who is a spectator to their weird public displays! Unaware, unnoticed they make their bold moves in the only way their hormone-infused emotions know how, slowly but energetically advancing to the grandest vision of that love universe they seem to cohabit solely and exclusively. Somehow, new-found couples in love have no regard for public propriety; their amorous advances fall insensitively on less-fortunate and more-disillusioned souls!

Yes, blame this lovesickness on the mood, the moon, the spell, the chemistry... but no matter what, sooner or later it gets you tied up in knots, turns our wits and senses upside down, makes fools of the wise and wises up long-standing fools! Romantic infatuation has you swinging from vines proclaiming to the world, “Me Tarzan - You Jane!” Besotted and beguiled, many have fallen astray to its primal call, while it alters the brain chemistry, making smitten lascivious fools of us all.

The thought of being without it makes even the

stoic heart crave its unbalanced charm. All love is fuelled by a secret desire for fusion, validation and aliveness. There’s nothing on earth that can make you feel more alone, unworthy, dead and numb, in one swift stroke, like unrequited love can. Corny love songs and poignant poems soon become the order of the day. Heartbreaks are almost as upsetting and frequent as broken pieces of well-loved, delicate crystal-ware... the morning-after the party.

Lovesickness is a serious disorder. You cannot deny its power to destabilise and distort. It’s funny how love mimics all symptoms of mental illness. Recklessness, agitation, irrational behaviour, just some of it, has perfectly reasonable people suddenly going crazy in love! Catch that lover with a cleanliness fetish suddenly going all gung-ho about sharing his lover’s toothbrush! And what is it about love that makes it really fine to use that same razor as your man to shave your legs? Where does it say in that love manual that all personal hygiene flies out the window, when love walks through the door? And what is this penchant with these lovelorn girls with broken hearts, of stealing their boyfriends’ Tees and shirts, to then aimlessly amble around the house in them, wearing off carpets and floors, wondering how it all went wrong!

I have often asked where does love begin and common sense end? When does it become ok to lose all sense of self, so that a steak dinner with fries is now your Sunday favourite, along with reruns of the Avenger series, fast becoming your weekly tradition! How and where did the colour pink surreptitiously creep into a large part of your attire, where previously it was regarded as a wardrobe malfunction! And then, you have that stage where the two are so enmeshed, they complete each other’s sentences, communicate without talking, refer to each other by ridiculously corny love names that could make you barf every time you hear those saccharine-sweet, sugar-coated endearments! None of them remotely appealing or strangely befitting. And way better suited to some furry animal, stout vegetable or plump fruit!

That inane desire to please the object of your affection has the most sensible of women behaving like foolish, vacuous schoolgirls, all giggly and ridiculously enamoured, making you believe that save for those pigtails and braces, she could well be one. And the men, on the other hand, will jump through ridiculous hoops, trying to win over the ladylove, keeping the wine and the credit flowing, as much as those first flushes of love!!

Oh yes, people in love do some ridiculously stupid things... give up identities, change names, relinquish independence. As though that were not enough, you merge your assets, move base and move home, adopt all kids and pets, change friendships, quit jobs... but worst of all, put blinders on. Lovesickness causes a severe case of atrophy to every living, breathing, coherent, rational part of the human brain. While love has long been claimed to be blind, deaf and dumb, and falling in love may yet be the hardest thing you do remember, it’s not gravitation that is responsible for people falling in love!



Valentine's Day And COVID!

Cyrus The (Not So) Great!



Aapro Cyrus Broacha, the Brand Ambassador of Humour, is back to trigger unlimited giggles and guffaws in you with his hilarious take on Valentine's Day in PT's exclusive column - Cyrus The (Not So) Great!

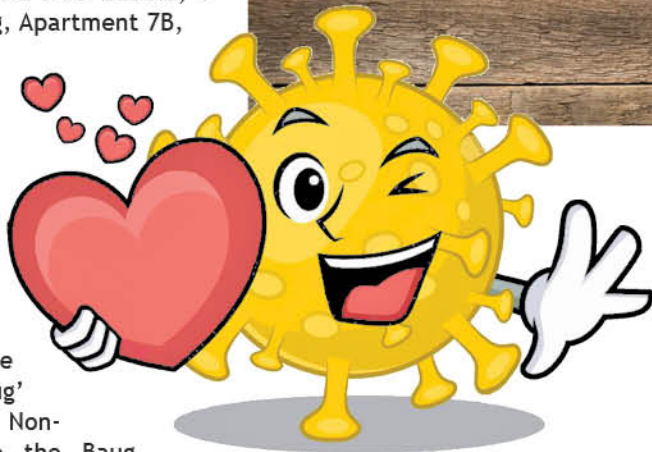
As the world grapples with this situation, (I'm talking of poor connectivity of Wifi), I would like to apologise to the readers for being somewhat dormant in the last few months. Apparently, there's some sort of illness out there, for which all of us investigative journalists, Parsi and Non-Parsi, but not Chinese, were forced to live in a Covid-free bubble. And by Covid-free bubble, I mean Paras Building, Apartment 7B, Behind Fab India, (please don't ask which branch), and bang opposite Sharma Ganna juice-wala.

Now, let's talk of the 'Haves' and 'Have-Nots'... also to be called the 'Baug' Parsis, and the Non-Baug Parsis. Since the Baug Parsis anyways live in a bubble, for them it's business as usual. For the Non-Baug Parsis, it was a difficult existence...

Your mother, being your only companion, is challenging in the best of times, though not for her. But 11 months of lockdown with one person? Just one person? Let's call it by its real name. It's not a 'Lockdown'. It's being in a 'Lock Up'! However, I survived this horrible phase, thanks to advice from my Uncle Vistasp. He said, "Clean the toilet, use the toilet, think of the toilet."

But Dikraas and Dickrees, and err others... as we get closer to normal life, a new threat has dawned. What to do on Valentine's Day?

Just a few years ago Valentine's Day, was about to become the Parsi 'Navratri'!! Huge celebrations, festive atmosphere, only difference being cars would be parked properly, in adherence to parallel parking requisites.



In 2021, Valentine's Day is going to be a serious challenge. Think Edmund Hillary - the mountaineer. No-no, I don't mean his challenge of climbing Mount Everest, but the challenge of explaining to his wife why he was missing for six months ostensibly climbing a bloody mountain!

With the whole Social Distance challenge, I decided to get the advice of the greatest Parsi lovers since Errol Flynn - 'Farzaad the Fornicator'. Now, please remember that this is an affectionate title, and a mark of great respect, in these difficult breeding times, for India's premier community.

Here is what Farzaad had to say. As a foot note, please don't try and contact Farzaad the Fornicator, on your own. He's notoriously shy, especially for a fornicator. He lives in Montreal, Canada, and wants his privacy to be respected. And in Canada, he goes by the name 'Freddie the Faltoo', so it's highly confusing to try and get in touch with him. Anyway, since he attends the same stamp collecting class as my Aunt Freny, I did contact

him and here's his excellent sermon, which I recorded on my phone:

"See Baba, love is the most important emotion in the world. Us Parsis are distracted by love for many things, so much that we forget to love ourselves! By many things, I mean, Gustaad loves bikes, Shiavax loves fashion, Parvez loves body-building, and Dolly loves Doggies. Now being a Parsi, your threshold and volume of love is greater than others. So Dolly pours all her love into feeding and caring for dogs, thus she neglects her husband, Framjee, who in total spite, ran away with her pet Dashund - 'Sindbad'! You see, too much love is the problem. Too much love for one thing means love does not get spread around.

This Valentine's day also might have to be practiced in a safe way. What with the social distancing, and limit to entry in public places, not to mention timing restraints. I humbly



request all Parsis to invite their loved ones to join in their celebration of their 'other' love. For instance Dara must invite Delnaaz to enjoy his passion for motorcycles with him, by watching an old episode of 'Top Gear' together. This way, and only for this pandemic calendar year, the love must be spread around. Next year, Dara is free to ignore Delnaaz, and focus on his bikes in peace.

A word of caution, though. If the love and passion is for your 'mother', then avoid the sharing concept. 'Saas bhi kabhie bahu thi', doesn't translate well in Gujarati.'

Dear friends, we can't, we must not, and we will not argue with the wise words of, Farzaad the Fornicator. So, with our Government's permission - here's wishing you all a 'Happy Valentine's Day'! And Night!!

