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**Why Wait Till The Year End?**

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With nearly a third of the year still on our side, this is a good time to renew (and revise) our goals and implement those plans, so can still hit those year-end targets! These could be related to your health, finances, career, relationships or other aspects - just revive those promises you made, especially to yourself, and then deliver them, instead of waiting till the year-end and then ruing your inability!

Remember, it's never too late to work on your goals; and there's no better time than the present to get started!

Have a good weekend!

- Anahita  
anahita@parsi-times.com

**CORRECTION/RETRACTION:**

Parsi Times would like to issue a correction as regards an inadvertent mistake made in the previous issue, dated 28 August, 2021, where the announcement of two separate Jashans - one by 'ZAC' (Zoroastrian Association of California); and the other by 'Worli Prayer Hall' - were mistakenly printed in the same article on Pg. 2.

We regret any confusion and inconvenience caused.

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A Jashan will be performed on Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, (Behram Roj) at 7:30 PM (IST), at the ZAC (Zoroastrian Association of California) Atashkadeh to welcome the GOOD TIMES. This will be streamed over Zoom for the benefit of our community members worldwide.

After the Jashan, our Eminent and the Most Respected High Priests / Vada Dasturs will address our global community with a message of Health, Wellbeing, Peace, Prosperity, and Longevity

**Jashan To Welcome The  
Good Times**

**Date:** Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, (Behram Roj)  
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**A Full Board Of Trustees –  
The Need OF The Hour!**

As a community member who wishes for the growth and welfare of our tiny yet glorious community, I am absolutely aghast at the ongoing at the BPP. The Trustees were elected by us to do good for the community – but for some Trustees, the motto is 'Self before Service'!

Last week, the article in Parsi Times, by BPP Trustee Kersi Randeria, titled, 'BPP Housing: A Donor's Promise, A Beneficiary's Distant Dream', was as eye-opening as it was disparaging. No wonder, our faith in our elected leaders is dwindling faster than our population numbers.

To the deserving Parsi beneficiaries, the dream of being provided free 'Housing' will remain a dream until the 3-in-Majority BPP Trustees have their way. This is not even a real Majority – these 3 Trustees are just getting off on a technicality - when the BPP Board of 7 got reduced to 5.

The only solution is to hold elections and elect candidates who are genuinely concerned and care for the betterment of the community – only then we can have a full and balanced board.

This unethical majority has since been milking the situation to their best advantage - the welfare of the community and the community members be damned!! Headed by BPP Trustee Viraf Mehta, who plays the game in proxy on the diktats of his father, the majority trustees have done more disservice to the community than service. The moving of the Parsi Gate to accommodate the BMC, Allowing the BMC to fly drones over our sacred Doongerwadi and more recently, forcing the BPP Trustees, to yet again allow the BMC to enter our Doongerwadi to lay permanent water pipes... WHY ARE WE PANDERING SO MUCH TO THE BMC?

Another online publication recently shared the original minutes and exchange of emails which shows Viraf Mehta constantly batting for the BMC, holding clandestine meetings with the BMC officials, arguing his case with Kersi Randeria, who thankfully, true to his responsibility as a Trustee, has refused to let the BMC have their way yet again!

Ample proof also shows that Viraf Mehta is pandering to the will of the BMC for the sake of his own personal interests related to his properties. Are Trustees Randeria and Dadrawala simply going to sit back and allow Viraf Mehta to trade off the community's properties and the welfare of the Parsi Community for the personal benefits of the Mehtas???

Obviously, the 3-in-Majority will NEVER want elections to take place! They will keep

doing their best to postpone it. And yet again, Trustees Randeria and Dadrawala seem to have their hands tied behind their backs, as they are the minority trustees, and thus unable to prevent these misdoings by the 3 majority Trustees!

As a community, we need to speak up in one voice against these evils which compromise and destroy our legacy as Parsis. We have to come together and **DEMAND THAT ELECTIONS BE HELD BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!!! A FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES IS THE NEED OF THE HOUR! WE CAN NOT AND MUST NOT WAIT TILL THE MAJORITY TRUSTEES – UNDER THE MEHTA INFLUENCE – STRIPS US CLEAN OF OUR LEGACY AND DIGNITY.**

By Arzan Ghadially

**How Long Are We Going To Delay  
The BPP Elections?**

The pandemic is not going to end soon. But how long can we keep using this as an excuse to delay the BPP elections, when clearly the rest of the world is gradually resuming life as we knew it? How long will this '3:2 Majority' of the BPP Trustees dominate the Board unethically? These three Majority Trustees, who have been elected by the community, seem to have focus their loyalties towards their mentor, who unabashedly takes the credit for their win!!! Is it what is expected from our candidates who made tall promises earlier?

The community is fed up with the present state of affairs in the BPP. Elections should be held, observing strict COVID protocol and following safety measures, as required - and the incomplete (and thus skewed) 5-member BPP Board should be restored to its original number of 7 Trustees.

The candidates can publish their manifesto on posters, or through Parsi publications, can hold Zoom meetings to interact with the voters at different colonies. Arrangements can be made for online voting with help from volunteers in colonies.

This time, let us choose the RIGHT and DESERVING candidates. Since 2008, the first time we voted, we rejected persons of merits due to our biased allegiances. This has hampered our progress and created conflicts in the community. Crores of rupees of public charity trust are frittered away on fruitless litigations emptying the coffers of the trust, thus depriving the poor and needy of their legitimate rights to donors' aid.

In 2008, we voted, for the first time - it was time for rejoicing, but there was no planning. Since then, elections are still conducted without a proper 'Code of Conduct', as it suits the candidates who cannot be disqualified for corrupt practices or penalized for breach of rules. If we want to have free and fair elections, a 'Code of Conduct' MUST BE drafted and legalized before



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Dad, we are so thankful for all the memories we shared together and are hard to be forgotten. How lucky we are to have had a Dad so special who has always guided us, and we shall miss you.

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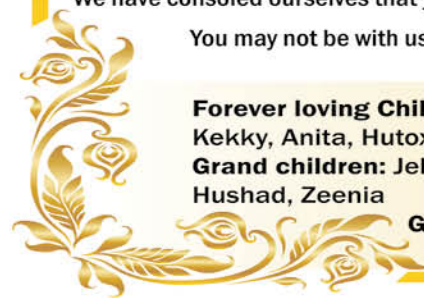
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▶ the next election and implemented during the elections.

In addition, the voters register needs to be updated. To keep the trustees vigilant and focused, the duration of their term be shortened, to about 4-5 years. The security deposit of a mere Rs, 5000/- encourages manipulators to exploit the system and the

elections, by introducing fake candidates to stand for election so as to divide the votes and diminish the chances of other candidates. The deposit should be increased to Rs. 50,000/- with a provision that the deposit would be forfeited if the candidate fails to get a certain percentage of the total votes.

We expect not only austerity

in spending but accountability and transparency from the trustees. They are expected to keep their annual accounts, reports budget, etc. open to public scrutiny. We urgently need to bring the above reforms.

The trustees should diligently manage the trust and the properties - and not advocate the cause of outsiders

at the cost of our community's welfare.

Our religion is based on righteousness and gives us the freedom to follow our hearts. Will the wise Lord Zarathustra and the God of subtle vision the Mazda Ahura be pleased with the way we are practicing religion today?

More than ever, we need

to choose the right candidates during the next elections. But even more importantly, as a community, it is the time to assert our democratic rights to a free and fair election, which has been due for a while now.

- Piroja Homi Jokhi



**Ba Humata Presents Webinar:  
'Frashokereti - Progressing Together'**

On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, the Ba Humata (Good Thoughts) Webinar series presents the Webinar titled, 'Frashokereti - Progressing Together' comprising the Afringan Farokhshi and related prayers, with distinguished speakers - Er. Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia (india); Er. Jimmy Madon (UK); Ashkan Khosropour (France / Iran); Firoz Pestonji (Australia); alongside Founder, Host and Moderator of Ba Humata - Dr. Karishma Koka, the Zarathushti Neuro-scientist from Cambridge University (UK). The audience will be invited to share with Vohu Manah (good mind) how Zarathushti prayers have helped, inspired or enabled them to have different experiences.



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**When:** Sunday, 5th September, 2021  
**Where:** ZOOM platform: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83408826220>  
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Speakers and biographies arranged by Mentor and Facilitator - Meher Amalsad. Technical support provided by Yazdi Tantra.

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All India Radio' (AIR)- 'Akashvani Samvadita Mumbai' channel brings you 'Sports Magazine' hosted by our very own Binaisha M. Surti. Tune in to join her at 9:45 am IST, on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, for an exciting 'Fans Special Episode 1' featuring the most loved group of cricket supporters and enthusiasts - The 'North Stand Gang',

represented by Anish Desouza and Farzan Arjani.

(The 'Samvadita Mumbai' channel is available on the 'NewsOnAir' App. Download it from your App store, select language - English, click on the small radio symbol on your screen; After being directed to the live radio page, type in the name 'Samvadita Mumbai' on the top search tab to get the



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**Courses on Zoroastrian Studies By NAMC Institute**

The North American Mobeds Council (NAMC) presents a month-long, on-line certificate course: 'An Introduction To Zoroastrianism - Faith, History, Modernity and Connections with Major Religions,' conducted weekly on Saturdays, starting 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2021 at 2:00pm (ET) or 11:30pm (IST).

This course will provide a brief introduction to Zoroastrianism, its doctrines, rituals, practices, and history, giving student a window into Zoroastrianism and its influence on other

succeeding faiths and raise appreciation of this ancient, relevant and living faith in our modern society. Er. Tehemton F. Mirza and Kayomars P. Mehta will conduct the course.

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**Avail The 'Naju And Keki Billimoria Scholarship' For College Education**

The Naju and Keki Billimoria Scholarship', has been established by USA-resident Farrokh Billimoria for the benefit of underprivileged Parsi youth of India, who wish to pursue a college education. This endowment will award up to 4 years in scholarships to Indian students who have no means of paying for their education. Students applying to Engineering, Medical, Law or Pharmacy colleges are eligible for the scholarship.

**The two Eligibility Criteria include:**

- (i) Students would need to be admitted to a college in India to be considered; and
- (ii) Family's annual income should be Rs. 2.5 lakhs or less.

This scholarship will be managed by Foundation for Excellence (FFE), which has awarded over 70,000 scholarships over the last two decades and has a proven process for screening and selecting candidates.

**The following is the Application Procedure:**

1. Candidates should apply online at the FFE Site: [www.ffe.org](http://www.ffe.org). The window to apply is September 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021.
2. Candidates should also follow

up with an email sent to: [scholarships@ffe.org](mailto:scholarships@ffe.org) indicating that they are planning to apply for 'Naju and Keki Billimoria Scholarship', along with their **Name** in full and **contact information** (Email, Address and Tel. no).

3. Candidates are encouraged to also follow up with a call on: (+91) 88615 01155 / 080 2520 1925 to indicate that they are applying for this scholarship.

**Candidates graduating from orphanages are especially encouraged to consider applying for this opportunity. All community members are requested to share and publicize this opportunity as much as possible, as this could make a huge difference in the lives of Parsi youth who have the talent and the intelligence to achieve academic greatness, but are held back due to financial constraints.**

Farrokh Billimoria, Managing Partner and Co-Founder at Green Leaf Capital, has set up this generous endowment in perpetuity, in honour of his parents - Naju and Keki Billimoria - after who the Scholarship has been titled. He prioritizes education as the game changer which secures the future of both - the individual as well as the nation, and credits his educational journey for his successes and achievements.

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FreshToHome, a Bengaluru-based meat, fish and fresh produce e-tailer, plans to scale up its omnichannel presence, expand across its core market India and West Asia, while focusing on deeper supply chain integration in these markets. Currently present in about 28 cities including metros, FreshToHome delivers nearly 2 million orders every month and looks to expand to 56 cities in the next 12 months... increasing from current-count of 14 physical stores to 100. It currently sells 25,000 tonnes of produce yearly and 8 million litres of milk. Meat and fish constitute 70% of its product portfolio, having entered the fresh fruits & vegetables category in 2019.

Last year, FreshToHome closed a \$121 million Series C funding round led by Investment Corporation of Dubai



(ICD) - the principal investment arm of the Government of Dubai, Investcorp and Ascent Capital, DFC, the Allana Group and other investors. "Offline presence and the whole touch and feel experience is important and lends a personal touch. Our offline expansion will be a combination of both standalone as well as multi-branded stores. The second wave was harsh but unlike the first, we were operationally ready," said Shan Kadavil, Co-founder & CEO, FreshToHome.



FreshToHome, which was founded in 2015 by Shan Kadavil and Mathew Joseph, competes with BigBasket, Licious as well as smaller startups. It is the largest player in the business in the UAE and now plans to expand to all GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) countries.

"Our ready-to-cook and ready-to-eat products comprise a sizeable portion of our offering now. We also plan to launch a completely clean label (without preservatives) in 3-6 months, where we will sell cold cuts and burger patty,"

Kadavil said. In UAE, the company also offers meatless chicken, mince, and meatballs in the plant-based product category. "We are doing some R&D on that front and experimenting with meatless products for India as well," he added.

The pandemic helped accelerate online purchasing of meat products as consumers took to branded packaged items and companies improved their supplies and access to the market. A report by RedSeer earlier this year said urban Indian shoppers are increasingly taking to buying meat online, largely driven by the assurance of safety and hygiene, availability of various products under one umbrella, doorstep service provided by online meat providers. This led to a two-fold jump in gross merchandise value reported by online meat players as mapped by RedSeer during January-December last year. In 2020, online meat players saw a 10-15% jump in average revenue per user and reported a 10-15% improvement in customer retention.

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## Yazdi Tantra - The New Captain At The Helm Of Zoroastrian Bank

Earlier this year, in April 2021, the reigns of our community's only Bank - The Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank Ltd (ZCBL) - were placed into the able hands of leading tech-guru and dynamic business entrepreneur - Yazdi Tantra. A Chartered Accountant by training, Computer Consultant by Profession, Entrepreneur Developer by hobby, Trainer in his leisure time, and now ZCBL Chairperson, Yazdi Tantra will lead the bank to greater heights of tech-enhanced banking, innovative products and better services. A popular and much-respected personality of our national and global community, Yazdi Tantra shares with Parsi Times his plans for ZCBL and other interesting facts about the multi-faceted roles he dons...

“I was born in a typical middle-class family - very simple parents and one sister who set the bar high with her achievements. Despite my interest and ability, I could not pursue my higher education at IIT owing to a lack of funds. So, I went in for B.Com as that was known to help secure a bank job easily! Later, I was coaxed to go in for Chartered Accountancy. I rounded it off with a Masters in Financial Management (MFM) from Bajaj,” shares Yazdi Tantra. He went on to work in large companies for a decade before he was bitten by the Parsi entrepreneurial bug which had him embark on to numerous Computer and technology related avenues including Training, Hardware Sales & Service, Software, Websites, Payment Gateways and many more.

Speaking about his journey with ZCBL, Yazdi shares, “I was invited to join the Board of Zoroastrian Bank by the then Chairman in late 2005. I rose to being elected as the Vice Chairman in 2011 and ten years later, in March 2021, I was elected as the Chairman by the existing Board.”

“Zoroastrian Bank is a 94-year-old institution. Starting as a Co-operative Credit Society, we received our Banking License as an Urban State Co-operative Bank in 1994 and grew into becoming a Multi-State Urban Co-operative Bank in 2013. We are a Scheduled Bank running under the strict supervision of the Reserve Bank of India and the Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies,” informs Yazdi. “Our by-line states that we are a “Bank that is Big on Tradition and Trust”. Our depositors have placed trust in our Bank unconditionally - over good times and bad. ZCBL continues its time-tested policy of carefully selecting its advances with good quality assets. Besides offering all the retail loan products to individuals, the Bank is very aggressive on Corporate Lending and has reputed Corporate clients in diverse fields of manufacturing, shipping, services, etc.” he adds.

Has the pandemic had a very adverse impact on ZCBL? “Currently, owing to various factors as we are all well aware of, we are going through challenging times. Despite that, we have maintained a healthy Capital Adequacy ratio of more than two and a half times the minimum requirement as mandated by the RBI. We also continue with healthy reserves, owing to prudent and conservative accounting policies, as expected of a traditional Zoroastrian organization!” he answers.

When asked about the plans for ZCBL, looking ahead, Yazdi shares, “The pandemic has accelerated our transformation to use technology in our day-to-day lives. Studies have found that more than 60% of the population, over the age of 60 years, has been using technology for routine banking transactions. Thus, Banks, as we know them in their brick-and-mortar avatars, will probably cease to exist over the next decade or so. Most transactions will be digital. Therefore, the only way forward is to encourage, embrace and implement technology in diverse ways.

Our immediate goal is to install and implement world class technology from Infosys for our daily Banking transactions. We already have Internet Banking facility for our individual clients. Our Debit Cards, in collaboration with Rupay, can be used at thousands of establishments nationwide, as also online for Bill payments, Travel Bookings, Online Stores, etc.

We will also be launching Corporate Internet Banking for all our clients shortly. Our Mobile Banking App is currently in its testing stage and will be launched simultaneously. Very soon, we should be able to open Bank Accounts online and provide our customers a seamless banking experience, comparable to the best in the industry today.”

But there's way more to the man who takes great pride in his two accomplished children and dotes over his three grand-kids! When we ask him about his other pursuits and interests, we come face to face with a long list of his accomplishments and efforts encouraging entrepreneurship, community service, education,



training and writing professional columns in publications including Parsi Times!!

Yazdi Tantra has been promoting and nurturing a sense of entrepreneurship through the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC) for the last twenty years, with the last five years as its Global Vice President. “It's been a very enriching experience for me. Our youngsters are second to none and come up with such vivid ideas in diverse areas, targeting economic prosperity in the long term. I cherish being a part of the transformation of WZCC into an engine of growth for Economic, Social and Intellectual Entrepreneurship. Our new initiatives include planting seeds of entrepreneurship in young (8-16) minds through Global Youngpreneurs and encouraging the spirit of Social Entrepreneurship to transform the world at large, and our community in particular,” he says.

One of Yazdi's longest entrepreneurial stints comprises running a medium-sized tech organisation - ON-LYNE - for over thirty years now, which is into developing websites, portals, payment gateways, sales and service of computer hardware.

He has also been active in promoting several Zoroastrian Websites, in the firm belief that this modern medium, will help unite our far-flung community across the globe. These include [www.zoroastrians.net](http://www.zoroastrians.net), [www.theparsidirectory.com](http://www.theparsidirectory.com) and the Daily Uthamna Service for the Global Community (via WhatsApp and Telegram).

Yazdi is also actively involved with the Patuck Education Trust - sharing new initiatives, inculcating the need for green technology, encouraging competitive mindset and vocational skills for underprivileged children. He writes a regular column on Android apps for efficiency at the workplace for publications including MoneyLife, Bombay Chartered Accountants Journal, PASCHEEM (a journal published by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) - Western Region), and of course, Parsi Times!

Since the Covid-19 Pandemic and subsequent lockdown, Yazdi has been running a series of very useful webinars, making technology simple, smart and magical for the lay user. These have been appreciated and well attended by people from across the world. The archives are available on his YouTube channel at <https://bit.ly/yazdiyoutube>.

But coming back to his recently acquired position as Chairman of ZCBL, what new services could we expect from the bank and how will these be achieved? “I believe in technology with a minimum carbon footprint. All our technological progress will be tempered by this underlying belief. A bouquet of services including Insurance, Mutual Funds and other Investments and allied financial services, as may be opened up by the RBI, will be part of our offerings.

We will make all this possible by upskilling our honest and dedicated staff to embrace the upcoming challenges, infusing new blood, new skills and new ways of serving full-scale financial services to our growing list of aspiring, new-age, next-gen clientele and wowing them with the superlative experience of dealing with a 94-year old!!

As you can see, People and Technology are the pillars on which we must build - one cannot survive without the other. It is a long and uphill task, but with faith, dedication, perseverance and the support of all our stakeholders - our Members, our Directors, our Staff, our Clients and our well-wishers, we are looking ahead to reach our centenary as a re-invented, rejuvenated and vibrant organization!” says Yazdi, brimming with positivity.

We wish the tech-genius and banking visionary a fulfilling and successful tenure as Chairman of ZCBL. Here's looking forward to the new captain steering *Aapri Bank* - ZCBL, into riding the wave, and matching shoulder to shoulder with the tech-offerings and services of other banks, under his dynamic leadership.



# 8 WZYC: Spotlight on Co-Chair Xerxes Panthakee

With the 8th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress (8WZYC) to be hosted by the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (ZTFE) in the United Kingdom (UK) in Summer 2023, a dedicated team of youth volunteers have commenced groundwork to start planning and organising this momentous event. Media Partner – PARSİ TIMES shares insights and visions of our 8WZYC organising team, as part of the ongoing series of articles – in keeping with which we are proud to introduce Co-Chair, Xerxes Panthakee, a priest and a qualified Chemical Engineer, who currently works as a Technical Business Analyst...

I'm Xerxes Panthakee, one of the Co-Vice Chairs for the upcoming 8WZYC in 2023. Being part of the Zoroastrian community in London has had a very strong influence in my day-to-day life. I have been a part of this wonderfully special community for as long as I can remember and have had the opportunity to become a Priest. I'm also a keen swimmer and I play in a Water Polo team.



energy that I cannot get from anything else.

It was an honour and privilege to become a Priest at a young age, it was especially enlightening and gave me true purpose and clarity. During my Navar preparations and ceremony, I learnt that each prayer has a special purpose - to help us and our loved ones walk the path of prosperity and happiness. The prayers help me achieve a state of Mushin and

Recently, I decided to take a more active role in helping to grow, shape and network with our Youth Community by

being a part of the Young Zoroastrian Committee. Being on the Committee helps me bring the next generation of Zoroastrians together through activities like sports, socials and other events.

When I heard that the next Youth Congress was heading to London for 2023, I knew this was a once in a lifetime opportunity for me to help organise one of the biggest events in any Young Zoroastrian's calendar! For me, this is my first experience of a congress, having never attended one before! As one of the Co-Vice Chairs, my main duties are to support the Co-Chairs for the overall congress as well as liaising with sub-committees to ensure they are motivated and moving along the path to 2023.

experience is rememberable whether it's their third time attending a congress or their first. These events are so important in bridging the gap between our global youth and facilitate creating a collaborative community. I want to help create a legacy and provide a social experience, as I have done on the YZ committee, for Zoroastrians around the world in London!

To keep up to date with the latest information make sure to follow our Instagram page @8wzyc\_2023 or visit our website [www.8wzyc.com](http://www.8wzyc.com)

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## Dr. Persis Mevawala Felicitated By SMC



Dr. Persis Mevawala was recently felicitated by Surat Municipal Corporation (SMC) for her selfless, dedicated services during the pandemic. As the in-charge lady medical officer at Kadiwala and Bunki Maternity Home, run by SMC, Dr. Persis was awarded the certificate of honor by the Mayor of Surat, Hemaliben Boghawala, in the presence of SMC Commissioner - BN Pani, dignitaries of Surat and South Gujarat from various fields and other invitees.

post-retirement as an exception. She has participated in innumerable national camps and programs for Polio, beti bachao, breast and cancer screening. She has performed many critical surgeries successfully during her career, based on which she was selected by SMC to perform surgeries in outreach campus and different health centers on many occasions. She worked selflessly, round the clock, in 1994 during plague as also in 2006, during the floods.

She commands an unblemished career of nearly four decades, where she worked as a lady medical officer in charge of Asarawala Hospital; and Kadiwala and Bunki maternity home, both run by SMC. In view of her sincere services, SMC offered her an extension

Dr. Persis attained her MBBS education in Jamshedpur and topped her post-graduation in gynecology from Government Medical College, Surat. After retirement, Dr. Persis is keen on continuing to serve society, along with her husband Dr. Homi and younger son, Dr. Cyrus.

## Iran Seeks UNESCO Status For Mehregan Fest

Mehregan, the largest Iranian festival after Noruz, dates back to ancient times when the start of autumn brought the start of the new year. Iran's Research Institute of Cultural Heritage and Tourism is developing a dossier for the possible inscription of Mehregan on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The Persian festival marks friendship, affection, and love. Mehregan is planned to be inscribed jointly with Tajikistan, since it is currently performed among Zoroastrian communities in Iran and the people of Tajikistan, quoted an official earlier this week.



autumnal equinox.

Marking the autumnal equinox, when day and night are equal, Mehregan brings together clusters of Iranian Zoroastrians in celebration of Mithra - the ancient Goddess of Friendship, Affection and Love. The celebrations are usually opened up with keynote speeches by Zoroastrian religious figures and officials, followed by Shahnameh recitations, contests and other joyful customs.

Mehregan falls on the 196th day of the Iranian calendar, which usually equals October 2 in the Gregorian calendar. The festivity used to be a traditional autumn harvest festival with several accounts of its origins. During the Achaemenid era (c. 550-330 BC), Mehregan was observed in an extravagant style in Persepolis at a time for harvest when taxes were collected. Avestan texts divide the Iranian year into two equal parts or seasons - summer and winter.

A key feature for the event is large spreads in purple, laden with various ingredients, dishes, and elements each on behalf of a particular belief. Fruits, vegetables, dried nuts, sweets, rosewater, grilled lamb meat, lotus seeds, and silver coins, and a scale are typically placed, the latter symbolizes

According to legend, Mehregan was a day of victory for Fereydoon and Kaveh, who overcame Zahak. They imprisoned him in Mount Damavand where he later died of his wounds. After the capture of Zahak, Fereydoon was nominated as the king and the people celebrate this occasion with great fervor. The story has been narrated in Shahnameh, the epic poem written by the illustrated Persian poet Ferdowsi (940-1020 CE).

(Courtesy: Tehran Times)



## Apex Court Issues Notices On Alleged Ostracization Of Inter-Married Parsi Women



On 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2021, the Supreme Court issued notices to the Centre and others on a petition challenging the alleged discrimination and ostracization of Parsi women, who marry outside the community, as per media reports. The petitioners - a minor named Rian R. Kishnani and his mother - Sanayaa Dalal - have alleged that women marrying non-Parsis, and their offspring, are not allowed to participate in the community's religious, social and other activities, besides being derided on social media.

The bench comprising Justices Abdul Nazeer and AS Bopanna sought the response of the Centre and the Parsee Central Association Co-operative Housing Society Ltd., after it heard that such discrimination was a violation of Articles 14 (Right to Equality) and 21 (Life and Personal Liberty) of the Constitution; and that Parsi men marrying outside the community were not subjected to such discrimination or harassment.

The petitioners sought that the apex court give directions for the Declaration of any discrimination against the petitioners on grounds of race, ethnicity or parentage as unconstitutional; A directive to community leaders to ensure no discrimination is done against the petitioners on communal or racial grounds, and that they are not excluded from the Parsi community and society; The deletion of social media posts by two groups of orthodox Parsis, that are racist and insulting. The petitioners alleged that these posts targeted inter-married Parsi women and their children,

as well as all non-Parsis in general.

As per the petition, "The petitioners' fundamental rights are circumvented because they face social and religious ostracization, owing solely to factors of lineage, ethnicity and race consequential to the fact that Petitioner No 2 (Sanayaa Dalal) is married to a man considered to be a non-Parsi... Parsis are a race and ethnic group, and ostracization of a Parsi Zoroastrian and her offspring, on the ground of her marriage to an individual of a different lineage, race or religion, is contrary to basic human rights and the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution of India."

The petition, filed through advocate Jasmine Damkewala, contended that marriage being a personal choice, women should be free to exercise it without having to face ostracization. It was submitted that a section of Parsis believes that the community is racially superior being of Aryan descent and insist that intermarriage of Parsis with other races "dilutes" and "contaminates" the ethnicity of the Parsis.

"This is contrary to the human rights of young impressionable children who are victimised simply because their mother is a Parsi but did not marry a Parsi. While some also discriminate against children born of inter-community marriages where the father is a Parsi married to a non-Parsi, the discrimination is prevalent and accepted as the norm where the child's mother is a Parsi but not the father," the petition said.

## Mehrzaad Mogrelia's Debut Anthology Receives Recognition



In July 2020, the young and inspiring author, Mehrzaad Mogrelia, published his debut book, 'A Quest Called Life' - an anthology of poems depicting events, moments and people that influence and shape the direction of our lives. The book was well received and after a year of being published, has brought much recognition and awards for Mehrzaad from various publication houses and organisations including Literary Titan Gold Award for Literary Excellence (USA); Star Icon Award 2021 for Literary Excellence (Hyderabad); Sahityakosh Sanman Award 2021 for Literary Excellence; Litfest 2020 Nominee for Literary Excellence; Best Debut Author; Indian Prime Icon

Award 2021 (Jury Recommendation) for Literary Excellence; Exemplary Youth Awards 2021 for Literary Excellence; Influential Indians Award 2021 for Literary Excellence and Best Author Poetry 2021.

"When I was writing this book, my thought was simple - to create a positive impact and aid people in having a different perspective towards life and its happenings' since COVID-19 pandemic was at its peak during that time," says Mehrzaad.

'A Quest Called Life' is available on Amazon and Flipkart, priced at Rs. 110/- (paperback).

## Lion Daara Patel Honoured With International President's Award

On 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021, Lion Daara B Patel was honoured with the prestigious International President's Award, for his yeoman service to the underprivileged, the migrants as well as the city and state Police Force, for the past two years and through the Covid-19 pandemic. This year, Lion Daara helped over 500 people get vaccinated. This award recognizes his efforts, service and accomplishments.



On the occasion, Lion Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, International President, Lions Clubs International, said, "It is my honour as your President, to present this award for your outstanding service to Lions Clubs International." An excerpt from the award citation reads, "This (award) is an expression of our appreciation for our dedicated service to those in need. You hard work and compassion serve as an example to the Lions, your community

and the world around you. Together we can serve united in kindness and diversity."

Here's congratulating Lion Daara on his services to humanity and this much deserved recognition!



## Nadir Godrej Pens Touching Poetic Tribute To Brother Adi On His Retirement As Godrej Industries Chairman

Recently, veteran industrialist, Adi Godrej announced his retirement as Chairman of Godrej Industries - the holding company of the Godrej Group. Having joined the 124-year-old family business in 1963, the 79-year-old patriarch expanded it exponentially. His brother, 70-year-old Nadir Godrej, will continue as the Managing Director of Godrej Industries, while Adi will continue to be Chairman of the Godrej Group and Chairman Emeritus of Godrej Industries.

Nadir Godrej penned a touching poem marking the occasion for his brother, recounting Adi's journey in the company, and crediting him for its grand success. Known for his penchant for poetry, and having authored a book of poems titled, 'The Poet', Nadir Godrej shared a poetic tribute in a 2.20-minute-long video, reciting his poem titled, 'Adi Farewell'.

Adi Godrej is an alumnus of the Sloan School of Management at MIT, from where he received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2013 and the Rajiv Gandhi Award in 2002 for his contribution to the industry. Nadir Godrej has a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from MIT, a Master of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Stanford University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

**The following is the lovely tribute by Nadir Godrej for his brother - Adi Godrej:**

### 'ADI FAREWELL'

By Nadir Godrej

Adi is my elder brother,  
For good advice, there was no other.  
He always took the greatest care  
And in all things was very fair.  
At school he was extremely smart,  
Excelled in all, except for art.  
For fame he never seemed to hanker,  
In SSC he was first ranker.  
Then Xavier's college up to Inter.  
He then had to contend with winter  
As his next step was MIT,  
Where, when just twenty-one, you see,  
He was both Bachelor and Master.  
And few have ever done it faster!  
Once back home he started work.  
No matter what, he'd never shirk.  
This was way back in '63.  
The years have passed as you can see.  
His arrival meant rising hopes  
For forty-year-old Godrej Soaps.  
Just two crore was then the size.  
And Adi set out to modernise.  
MBAs were soon recruited  
And cars for managers were mooted.  
The marketing was revamped,  
And those who couldn't change  
decamped.  
He introduced cost accounting



And soon the sales started mounting.  
But hair dye was his greatest coup  
And over the years, it grew and grew.  
The nineties then brought quite a change  
The landscape now seemed very strange  
With multinationals at the door  
We hardly knew what was in store.  
Pepsi and Coke bought all in sight.  
Should we sell or should we fight?  
We chose a path that's in between.  
In hindsight now it can be seen  
That Indian firms that learnt to hone  
Their skills easily held their own.  
But then we thought that we should seek  
Strong partners or we would stay weak.  
And so, we formed the odd joint venture,  
Which proved to be quite an adventure,  
We learnt a lot and that's for sure.  
It helps us still to endure.  
An acquisition that was bold  
Brought HI into our fold.  
And many more were unfurled  
As we spread around the world.  
Though Godrej Soaps began to soar  
On market price we couldn't score.  
Then our advisors thought it fit  
That Godrej Soaps should be split.  
GCPL came into being.  
And Adi, very quickly seeing,  
The trend for better governance,  
Put into place all at once,  
With lots of help from CII,  
Best practices that surely vie  
With the very best in the world.  
When our new stock was then unfurled,  
It very soon began to fly  
And to this day it still stays high.  
GIL came into being  
In recent days we are seeing  
Our chemical business steadily rise  
As we diversify and specialise.  
Our new products should ensure  
That the rapid growth will endure.  
The shares we hold, as you can tell,  
Are also doing very well.  
In these companies at the start

Adi played a major part!  
And so today one clearly sees  
That now Godrej Properties  
Which he served with fealty  
Has really arrived in realty.  
For Agrovet, Animal Feed,  
Can be considered our core creed.  
But it was not always so  
And many of you may not know  
The way we stumbled into feed.  
For compound feed they saw no need.  
Then Buhler sought out L&T  
Together they had tried to see  
If a market might exist  
There were no takers on their list.  
They chose to make a clean swipe  
But were left with a prototype  
A discount customer was sought  
And Adi was the one who bought.  
Serendipity and not a vision,  
Thus, gave birth to this division.  
In time the business forged ahead  
Geographically we chose to spread.  
And on my watch, we diversified,  
New businesses were then tried.  
Over the years it has grown  
And now it's listed on its own.  
But it was Adi who laid the seed  
That permitted us to succeed.  
Is Adi's success because of skill,  
Or is it more his iron will?  
For Adi was always organised  
And punctuality was prized.  
By dusk his desk is very neat,  
His paperwork is all complete.  
Not agonising is the trick,  
Decisions must be very quick.  
Adi can't stand the status quo  
All novel things he wants to know.  
And if he thinks that it is right  
He puts in all his will and might  
Behind the new initiative  
And with support that he can give  
We quickly learn the latest ways,  
Make sure the group sees better days.  
But while he strove for the group

The industry was in the loop.  
He's always ready to lend a hand,  
Be President or take a stand  
With government on policy  
And he'll persist till industry  
Gets exactly what it needs.  
And once he headed CII  
Ensuring that it would fly high.  
And anybody that you ask  
Will state this is no easy task.  
Requiring traveling incessantly  
And persuasive advocacy  
How he survived I'll never know  
In fact, he had a cheery glow.  
And now of course we all see  
We have a working GST,  
A cause he pursued relentlessly  
Almost monomaniacally.  
And for this selfless contribution  
He deserves his Padma Bhushan!  
All who see him are inspired.  
For all he does, he's never tired  
Where did he get the energy?  
It shouldn't be any mystery,  
Adi of course, was very fit.  
He didn't seem to want to sit.  
There's not a sport, he hasn't tried  
For he can even paraglide.  
He really loved to water-ski,  
Not on a lake but on the sea.  
And on a trip to Mt. Kailash,  
Although conditions were quite harsh,  
The mount was circled in a day.  
Most folks his age would say, "No way".  
And none of us can fail to see  
That he is full of energy.  
He always set a rapid pace  
As he led us in the race.  
Though all of us most surely know  
That we have many miles to go  
But still we're sure it can be done.  
Indeed, this race must be won.  
And if we stay on the proper way  
And never let our values sway,  
If all of us fulfil our roles  
We will surely reach our goals.  
A billion Indians, we can say,  
Will use our product every day  
And everywhere it will be seen  
That we are great, good and green.  
Adi's spell was truly great.  
The years he worked were fifty-eight!  
But all good things come to an end.  
Let's hope we can maintain the trend.  
He's stepping down, as you can see,  
The mantle has been passed to me.  
His shoes are big and hard to fill  
But with your support, I think we will  
Continue well in the same way  
As Adi did in his own day.  
He will be Chairman Emeritus  
And I'm sure he'll merit us  
With his presence and advice,  
Invaluable beyond any price.  
Now hearing praise can be quite tough,  
I'm sure by now he's had enough.  
But all the same why don't we stand  
And then give him a rousing hand?  
For service to both group and nation  
He deserves a standing ovation!



# The Bawa Word Search

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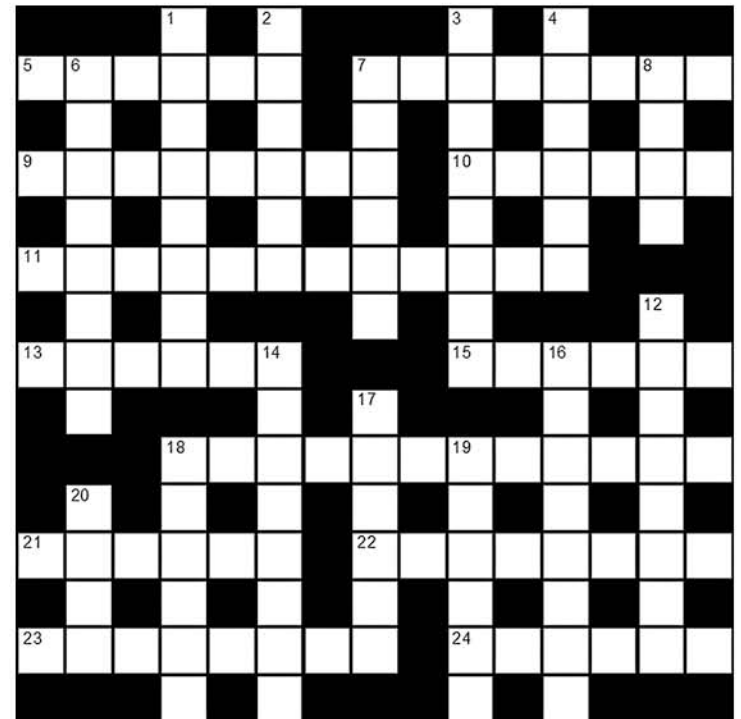


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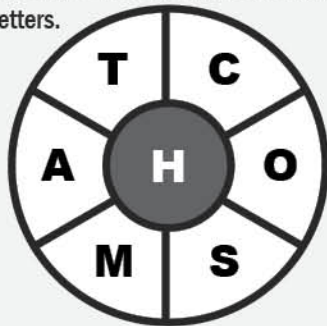
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## BAWAJI BHEJA FRY



## HOW MANY WORDS?

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



### RESULTS:

- Average - 5 or more words
- Good - 7 or more words
- Outstanding - 9 or more words

### ACROSS

- 5 Programme of business (6)
- 7 Endeavour to contact and help those in need (8)
- 9 Stoutly partisan (8)
- 10 Immense star system (6)
- 11 Police force (12)
- 13 Underhand remarks (6)
- 15 Type of confection (6)
- 18 Behind the times (3,9)
- 21 Sharp, darting pain (6)

### DOWN

- 1 Examined critically (8)
- 2 Ms Pithawalla who appeared on MTV's Warrior High (6)
- 3 Motionless (8)
- 4 Loyalty (6)
- 6 Deteriorate or become poorer (3,5)
- 7 Production (6)
- 8 161 in the old Roman figuration (4)
- 12 Plan again (8)
- 14 Made unhappy (8)
- 16 Buoyant (8)
- 17 Easily remembered (6)
- 18 Possessors or proprietors (6)
- 19 Priam's wife (6)
- 20 Monetary unit of Angola (4)

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Modi: First you hug me on national TV, and now you're winking!  
 Rahul: Please erase your 'mann ki baat'- it's not what you're thinking!!

By Farida T Sanjanwalla (Canada)

BAWAJI BHEJA FRY ANSWERS Across: 5 Agenda, 7 Outreach, 9 Stalwart, 10 Galaxy, 11 Constabulary, 13 Asides, 15 Jiffy, 18 Old fashioned, 21 Twinge, 22 Cocktail, 23 Fiercely, 24 Banana. Down: 1 Analyzed, 2 Sanaya, 3 Stagnant, 4 Feathy, 6 Get worse, 7 Output, 8 CLX, 12 Redesign, 14 Sudented, 16 Floating, 17 Catty, 18 Owners, 19 Hecuba, 20 Lwei.



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## એસપીપી ઉદાર ઉત્સવના યોગદાન માટે એક્સવાયઝેન્સી બહેરામ બટાલિયનનો આભાર



મોટાભાગના લોકોનું સમાજમાં યોગદાન આપવાનું સપનું હોય છે, ત્યારે સુરત પારસી પંચાયત (એસપીપી) એક્સવાયઝેન્સી ફાઉન્ડેશનની બહેરામ બટાલિયન તે કરવા બદલ આભાર માને છે!

રોગચાળા દ્વારા ઉદભવેલા પડકારોને કારણે દૂરના ગામોમાં બાળકોના શિક્ષણમાં વિરામ આવ્યો છે. ઓનલાઈન શિક્ષણ, જે એક નવું માધ્યમ છે, ઘણા લોકો માટે સસ્તું છે, ઘણાઓ પાસે ઉપકરણ નથી. પરંતુ મુંબઈથી બહેરામની બટાલિયન દ્વારા ચલ-વવામાં આવતી ડોનેટ ટુ એન્જ્યુકેટ ડ્રાઈવે નરીમાન

પારસી ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન ગર્લ્સ ઓફનેજ અને સુરત પારસી બોયઝ ઓફનેજના બોર્ડર્સ માટે સફળતાપૂર્વક આડત્રીસ મોબાઈલ ફોન પ્રાયોજિત કર્યા છે. દાતાઓનો મોટા પ્રમાણમાં આભાર, ૫ ઓગસ્ટ, ૨૦૨૧ ના રોજ નરીમાન હોમ અને ઈન્ફર્મરીમાં વરિષ્ઠ નાગરિકોને દાનમાં લીનિન હેમ્પર્સ સાથે બોર્ડર્સને આરચર્ચજનક સ્ટેશનરી વસ્તુઓ પણ ભેટમાં આપવામાં આવી હતી.

એક્સવાયઝેન્સી એ નરીમાન હોમમાં પતેટી, પારસી નવું વર્ષ અને ખોરદાદ સાલ પર વરિષ્ઠો માટે ઉદારતાથી ભોજનનું પ્રાયોજન કર્યું. ફેડી મિસ્ત્રીનો મોબાઈલ ફોનના સંકલનમાં મદદ માટે અને અનાથ આશ્રમ અને ઘર સાથે સંકલન કરવા માટે માહરૂખ ચિચગરનો ખાસ આભાર.

- રોહિન્ટન બી. મહેતા, સીઈઓ, સુરત પારસી પંચાયત

## ખોરદાદ સાલ અને નવા વર્ષની ઉજવણી માટે સ્વિટરલેન્ડનો પારસી સમુદાય પ્રથમ વખત ભેગા થયો

૨૨મી ઓગસ્ટ, ૨૦૨૧ ના રોજ, આપણા પારસી નવા વર્ષ અને ખોરદાદ સાલની ઉજવણી કરવા માટે, લ્યુસર્ન જેવા મનોહર શહેરના, રેસ્ટોરન્ટ - ગૌર્મઈન્ડિયામાં, સ્વિટરલેન્ડના પારસી જરથોસ્તી સમુદાય



બખોરના કન્ટ્રીબ્યુટરી જમણ માટે ભેગા થયા. સ્વાદિષ્ટ પારસી ભોજા માટે તેઓ બે કલાકથી વધુ ડ્રાઈવર કરી તેઓ સારી સંખ્યામાં જમા થયા. લૌઝેન, સેન્ટ ગેલેન, બેસેલ, ન્યુચેટેલ, એન્જેલબર્ગ અને જુરિચના પારસી પરિવારોએ પણ આ મેળાવડાને વધાવ્યો હતો. લ્યુસર્નમાં ગૌર્મઈન્ડિયામાં, હોમ્યાર અંતાલીયા અને પરિવારની માલિકી ધરાવે છે, જે એન્જેલબર્ગમાં હોટલ પણ ચલાવે છે. તેમની પત્ની - ગુલચેર, પુત્ર

- રૂસ્તમ, પુત્રી - મનશની, અને પુત્રવધૂ - ફીયા, ખૂબ મહેનતથી અને મનોરંજક મેનુ ગોઠવ્યું, અને દરેકને મોરા દાર ચાવવ, પ્રોન પાટિયો અને સલી બોટી સહિત સ્વાદિષ્ટ પારસી ભોજન પીરસવામાં આવ્યું.

આ પ્રથમ વખત હતું જ્યારે પારસી સમુદાય સ્વિટરલેન્ડમાં એકત્ર થયો હતો. દરેક વ્યક્તિએ પોતાનો સંપૂર્ણ આનંદ માણ્યો અને ઘરે પાછા ફર્યા!

- ખુશનુમ આઈબારા

## ફરોખ બિલિમોરિયાએ નાજુ અને કેકી બિલિમોરિયા સ્કોલરશીપની સ્થાપના કરી



ગ્રીન લીફ કેપિટલમાં મેનેજિંગ પાર્ટનર અને કો-ફાઉન્ડર, યુએસએ સ્થિત, ફરોખ બિલિમોરિયાએ કોલેજના શિક્ષણની ઈચ્છા ધરાવતા ભારતના વંચિત પારસી યુવાનો માટે ધ નાજુ અને કેકી બિલિમોરિયા સ્કોલરશીપની સ્થાપના કરી છે. આ એન્ડોમેન્ટ ભારતીય વિદ્યાર્થીઓને ૪ વર્ષ સુધીની શિષ્યવૃત્તિ આપશે, જેમની પાસે તેમના શિક્ષણ માટે ચૂકવણી કરવાનું કોઈ સાધન નથી. એન્જિનિયરિંગ, મેડિકલ, લો અથવા ફાર્મસી કોલેજોમાં અરજી કરનારા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ શિષ્યવૃત્તિ માટે પાત્ર છે.

બે પાત્રતા માપદંડમાં શામેલ છે:

(૧) વિચારણા કરવા માટે વિદ્યાર્થી ઓને ભારતની કોલેજમાં દાખલ

કરવાની જરૂર પડશે; અને (૨) કુટુંબની વાર્ષિક આવક રૂ. ૨.૫ લાખ કે તેથી ઓછા.

આ શિષ્યવૃત્તિનું સંચાલન ફાઉન્ડેશન ફોર એક્સેલન્સ (એફએફઈ) દ્વારા કરવામાં આવશે, જેણે છેલ્લા બે દાયકામાં ૭૦,૦૦૦ થી વધુ શિષ્યવૃત્તિ આપી છે અને ઉમેદવારોની તપાસ અને પસંદગી માટે સાબિત પ્રક્રિયા છે.

અરજી પ્રક્રિયા નીચે મુજબ છે. ૧. ઉમેદવારોએ એફઈઈ સાઈટ: [www.ffe.org](http://www.ffe.org) પર ઓનલાઈન અરજી કરવી જોઈએ. અરજી કરવાની વિન્ડો ૧ સપ્ટેમ્બર, ૨૦૨૧ થી ૩૧ ડિસેમ્બર, ૨૦૨૧ છે. ૨. ઉમેદવારોને આના પર મોકલવામાં

આવેલા ઈમેઈલ સાથે ફોલોઅપ કરવું જોઈએ:

[scholarships@ffe.org](mailto:scholarships@ffe.org) સૂચવે છે કે તેઓ નાજુ અને કેકી બિલિમોરિયા સ્કોલરશીપ માટે તેમના નામ સાથે સંપૂર્ણ અને સંપર્ક માહિતી (ઈમેઈલ, સરનામું અને ટેલીફોન નંબર) માટે અરજી કરવી.

૩. ઉમેદવારોને આ કોલ સાથે ફોલોઅપ કરવા માટે પ્રોત્સાહિત કરવામાં આવે છે: (+૯૧) ૮૮૬૧૫ ૦૧૧૫૫ /૦૮૦ ૨૫૨૦ ૧૮૨૫ એ સૂચવવા માટે કે તેઓ આ શિષ્યવૃત્તિ માટે અરજી કરી રહ્યા છે.

ઓફનેજમાંથી સ્નાતક થયેલા ઉમેદવારોને ખાસ કરીને આ તક માટે અરજી કરવાનું વિચારવા માટે પ્રોત્સાહિત કરવામાં આવે છે. તમામ સમુદાયના સભ્યોને વિનંતી કરવામાં આવે છે કે આ તકને શક્ય તેટલી વહેંચો અને પ્રચાર કરો, કારણ કે આ પારસી યુવાનોના જીવનમાં મોટો ફરક લાવી શકે છે, જેમની પાસે પ્રતિભા અને શૈક્ષણિક મહાનતા પ્રાપ્ત કરવા માટે બુદ્ધિ છે, પરંતુ નાણાકીય

અવરોધોને કારણે તેઓ પાછળ રહે છે.

ફરોખ બિલિમોરિયાએ તેમના માતાપિતા - નાજુ અને કેકી બિલિમોરિયાના સન્માનમાં કાયમી ધોરણે આ ઉદાર સંપત્તિની સ્થાપના કરી છે, જેમને સ્કોલરશીપનું શીર્ષક આપવામાં આવ્યું છે. તે શિક્ષણને ગેમ ચેન્જર તરીકે પ્રાથમિકતા આપે છે જે વ્યક્તિ અને રાષ્ટ્ર બંનેના ભવિષ્યને સુ-રક્ષિત કરે છે અને તેની સફળતા અને સિદ્ધિઓ માટે તેની શૈક્ષણિક યાત્રાને શ્રેય આપે છે.

ફરોખે પૂણે, ભારતની કોલેજ ઓફ એન્જિનિયરિંગમાંથી ઈલેક્ટ્રિકલ એન્જિનિયરિંગમાં સ્નાતકની ડિગ્રી અને સ્ટીવન ઈન્સ્ટિટ્યૂટ ઓફ ટેકનોલોજીમાંથી કમ્પ્યુટર સાયન્સમાં માસ્ટર ડિગ્રી મેળવી છે, તેમજ સ્ટેનફોર્ડ યુનિવર્સિટીમાં એક્ઝિક્યુટિવ મેનેજમેન્ટ પ્રોગ્રામ પણ ધરાવે છે. તે



ફુલબ્રાઈટ સ્કોલર્સ પ્રોગ્રામ માટે સ્ટેનફોર્ડ યુનિવર્સિટીની ફુલબ્રાઈટ સ્કિર્નિંગ કમિટીમાં હતા અને સ્ટેનફોર્ડ બિઝનેસ સ્કૂલ અને સ્કૂલ ઓફ એન્જિનિયરિંગ માટે સલાહકાર પરિષદમાં સેવા આપી છે. તે ક્લિવન્ટન પહેલ / એઆઈએફ (અમેરિકન ઈન્ડિયા ફાઉન્ડેશન) ફેલોશિપ પ્રોગ્રામની સલાહકાર પરિષદમાં છે, અને કોલેજ ઓફ એન્જિનિયરિંગ પુણે ઈન્ડિયાના ટ્રસ્ટી બોર્ડમાં હતા અને કેલિફોર્નિયામાં ભારતીય સમુદાય કેન્દ્ર (આઈસીસી) ના બોર્ડમાં સેવા આપી છે.



# YOUR MOONSIGNS JANAM RASHI THIS WEEK

લખનાર: મરહુમ મહારાજ શ્રી સ્વયંજયોતિના સહકાર્યકર્તા જયેશ એમ. ગોસ્વામી

અઠવાડિક રાશિમંત્ર: તા. ૦૪.૦૯.૨૦૨૧ થી તા. ૧૦.૦૯.૨૦૨૧

**Aries - મેષ - અ.લ.ઈ.**  
બુધની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી બુદ્ધિ વાપરીને કરેલ કામની અંદર જશની સાથે નાણાકીય ફાયદો પણ થશે. તમારા કરેલ કામમાં કોઈ ભૂલ નહીં કાઢી શકે. ૨૦મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી થોડી રકમ બચાવવામાં સફળ થઈ જશે. મનગમતી વ્યક્તિને મળી શકશે. ધનની કમી નહીં આવે. તબિયતમાં સારો સુધારો થતો રહેશે. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૮, ૯, ૧૦ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 7, 8, 9, 10.**  
Mercury's ongoing rule brings you financial benefits along with popularity and praise, in your endeavours where you use your intelligence. No one will be able to fault your work. You will be able to save some money upto the 20th of September. You will be able to meet your favourite person. There will be no shortage of funds. Health will continue to improve at a good pace. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.

**Cancer - કર્ક - ડ.દ.**  
ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે તમારા મગજને શાંત રાખી અગત્યના ડીસીઝન લેવામાં સફળ થશો. નાના કામ પણ પ્લાનિંગ કર્યા વગર નહીં કરો. તબિયતમાં સારો સુધારો જણાશે. તમારી પસંદગીની વ્યક્તિ તમને મલવા આવશે. તેમની તરફથી આનંદ મળે તેવા સમાચાર મળશે. આડોશી પાડોશી તથા સગાઓ સાથે તમારા સંબંધ સુધરી જશે. જે પણ મેલવશો તેમાં સંતોષ રહેશે. ૩૪મું નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૫, ૬, ૭, ૮ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 5, 6, 7, 8.**  
The Moon's ongoing rule helps you to keep calm and make important decisions which are well thought out. You will plan even the smaller works. Your health will improve significantly. Your favourite person will come to meet you and give you news that will make you very happy. Relations with neighbours and relatives will improve. You will be satisfied with what you get. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtama', 101 times, daily.

**Libra - તુલા - ર.ત.**  
શુક્રની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે મુશ્કેલીભર્યા કામ સહેલાઈથી પુરા કરી શકશો. નવા કામ મેળવવામાં સફળ થશો. ફેમીલી મેમ્બરની સાથે સારા સારી હોવાથી નાણાકીય ખર્ચ વધતા છતાં પણ મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. મનગમતી વ્યક્તિ સામેથી મળવા આવશે. ચેલેન્જિંગ કામ કરવામાં ખુબ આનંદ થશે. ઘણી ઘણીયાણીના સંબંધમાં સુધારો આવશે. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૪, ૫, ૬, ૧૦ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 4, 5, 9, 10.**  
Venus' ongoing rule helps you complete even your challenging works with ease. You will be successful in getting new work projects. Being on cordial terms with family members could lead to an increase in expenses; even so, there will be no financial shortage. Your favourite person will approach you. You will feel excited to work on challenging issues. Affection between couples will increase. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.

**Capricorn - મકર - ખ.જ.**  
૨૪મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી તમે ધર્મ કે ચેરીટીના કામો કરવામાં સફળ થઈને રહેશો. તમારા રોજબરોજના કામ ખૂબ સારી રીતે કરી શકશો. ફેમીલી મેમ્બરનો સાથ સહકાર મળતો રહેશે. તે લોકોની ડિમાન્ડ પૂરી કરવા થોડું વધારે કામ કરી લેશો. વડીલવર્ગની સેવા કરી તેમની ભલી દુવા મેળવી લેશો. ગુરૂની કૃપાથી મિત્રમંડળમાં તમારું માન ઈજાજત ખુબ વધી જશે. ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ અવશ્ય કરજો. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યશત' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૪, ૬, ૯, ૧૦ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 4, 6, 9, 10.**  
Till the 24th of September, you will be inclined towards religious and charitable works. You will be able to efficiently execute your daily chores. Family members will be supportive. You will work a little extra to cater to their wants. You will receive the blessings of the elderly with your service for them. With Jupiter's blessings, your popularity and respect will increase manifold in your friend circle. Ensure to make investments. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.

**Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.**  
૨૧મી ઓક્ટોબર સુધી બુધની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી તમારા રોજના કામો વીજળીવેગે પૂરા કરવામાં સફળ થશો. ધનમાં આવક વધવાના ચાન્સ છે. તમારી મીઠી જબાન વાપરી પારકાને પોતાના બનાવી લેશો. ક્રકસર કરી નાણાનો સારી જગ્યાએ ઉપયોગ કેમ કરવો તે તમને બુધ શીખવાડી દેશે. મનગમતી વ્યક્તિને મનની વાત કહી શકશો. હાલમાં દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૪, ૫, ૬, ૮ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 4, 5, 6, 8.**  
Mercury's rule till 21st October helps you complete your work at lightning speed. An increase in your income is on the cards. You will be able to win over strangers with your sweet language. Under Mercury's influence, you will learn, with effort, how to employ your finances in the right places. You will be able to speak what's on your mind with a favourite person. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.

**Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.**  
આજ અને કાલનો દિવસ સુર્યની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાનો બાકી છે. બેન્કીંગના કામ કરતા પહેલા દસ વાર વિચાર કરજો. દક્ષી સપ્ટેમ્બરથી ચંદ્રની દિનદશા તમારા ગરમ મગજને શાંત કરી નાખશે. અગત્યના ડીસીઝન દક્ષી પછી લેજો. તમારો કોન્ફીડન્સ વધવા લાગશે. તબિયતમાં સારા સારી થતી જશે. વડીલવર્ગની ચિંતા ઓછી થશે. ઘરવાળાનો સાથ મળશે. આજે અને કાલે ૯૬મું નામ 'યા રયોમંદ' અને દક્ષી પછી 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૮, ૯, ૧૦ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 7, 8, 9, 10**  
Today and tomorrow mark the last two days under the Sun's rule. You are advised to think thoroughly before doing any bank-related work. The Moon's rule, starting from 6th September, will help cool down your hot temperament. Make all important decisions only after the 6th. Your confidence will increase. Health will start improving too. Concerns for the elderly will reduce. Family members will be supportive. Today and tomorrow, pray the 96th Name, 'Ya Rayomand', and post the 6th, pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtama', 101 times each, daily.

**Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.પ.**  
આજ અને કાલનો દિવસ જ રાહુની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાનો બાકી છે. ઉત્તરની રાહુની દિનદશા તમને શારીરિક બાબતમાં પરેશાન કરશે. બાકી દક્ષીથી ગુરૂની દિનદશા તમારા તમામ દુ:ખને ધીરે ધીરે દૂર કરવામાં મદદગાર થઈ જશે. નાણાકીય બાબતની અંદર સારા સારી થતી જશે. શુક્ર તમારા અટકેલા કામોને ફરી ચાલુ કરવા કોઈ મદદગાર મોકલી આપશે. રોજના ભણતરની સાથે 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૮, ૯, ૧૦ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 7, 8, 9, 10.**  
Today and tomorrow mark the last two days under Rahu's rule. Rahu's descending rule could result in physical ailments. Jupiter's rule starting 6th September, will help in relieving all your pain and suffering gradually. Financially, things will get better. Jupiter's blessings will enable you to restart your stalled work with the help of another. In addition to your everyday prayers, pray to Behram Yazad daily.

**Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.**  
તમને ગુરૂની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી ઘણી-ઘણીયાણીમાં પ્રેમ ખુબ વધી જશે. તમે કોઈના પ્રેમમાં હશે તો તેમની તરફથી કોઈ સારા સમાચાર મળશે. જે પણ કામ કરશો તેમાં ભવિષ્યમાં કેટલો ફાયદો થશે તે પહેલા જોશો. ગામ પરગામ જવાના ચાન્સ મળી રહેશે. બાળકોની ડિમાન્ડ પૂરી કરી શકશો. બને તો ગરીબ વ્યક્તિને અનાજનું દાન કરજો. તમે રોજ 'સરોશ યશત' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૫, ૬, ૭, ૮ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 5, 6, 7, 8.**  
Jupiter's ongoing rule makes the affection between couples, blossom greatly. Those who are in love will receive good news from their partners. You will be selective of the projects you undertake based on the financial profits these can bring you. Travel abroad is predicted. You will be able to cater to the wants of your children. You are advised to feed the poor. Continue to pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.

**Gemini - મિથુન - ક.ઇ.ઘ.**  
મંગળની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારા ગુસ્સા પર કાબુ રાખવામાં સફળ નહીં થાવ. નાની બાબતમાં ગુસ્સો આવશે. ઘરવાળાનો સાથ ઓછો મળશે. નાની બાબતમાં ભાઈ બહેન સાથે મતભેદ પડશે. વાહન ચલાવતા હો તો વાહન સંભાળીને ચલાવજો. કોઈ અંગત વ્યક્તિ તમારી સાથે મીઠી વાત કરી ચીટીંગ કરશે. મંગળને શાંત કરવા દરરોજ 'તીર યશત' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૪, ૭, ૯, ૧૦ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 4, 7, 9, 10.**  
Gemini: Mars' ongoing rule does not allow you to be in control of your temper. You will get angry over small matters. Family members will not be as supportive. You could end up squabbling with your siblings over petty issues. You are advised to drive or ride your vehicles with caution. You could get deceived by someone close to you, who uses sweet words and then cheats you. To placate Mars, pray the Tir Yasht daily.

**Virgo - કન્યા - પ.ઠ.ણ.**  
૧૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી શુક્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી અપોઝીટ સેક્સ તરફથી સારો સાથ સહકાર મળતો રહેશે. અટકેલા કામો પહેલા પુરા કરવાની કોશિષ કરશો તો તેમાં સફળ થશો. મોજશોખ વધતા જશે. અધુરા કામ પુરા કરવા માટે મિત્ર કે સાથે કામ કરનારનો સાથ મેળવી લેશો. અપોઝીટ સેક્સને નારાજ કરતા નહીં. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૪, ૫, ૭, ૮ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 4, 5, 7, 8.**  
Venus' rule till 16th September will bring you good support from the opposite gender. If you try to attempt completing your stalled works first, you will be successful. You will be able to get the help of friends to complete any of your unfinished works. Your inclination towards fun and entertainment will be on the rise. Do not disappoint the opposite gender. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.

**Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ફ.**  
દક્ષી ઓક્ટોબર સુધી રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલશે માથાનો બોજો ખુબ વધી જશે. માથાના દુખાવાથી પરેશાન થશો. તબિયતની ખાસ દરકાર લેજો. તમને જે નાની બીમારી લાગતી હશે તે મોટું રૂપ લઈ લેશે. ખોટા ખર્ચાઓ ખુબ વધી જશે. ઘરવાળાની ખોટી ડિમાન્ડથી પરેશાન થશો. કોઈ અંગત સગાઓને મદદ કરવા જતા તમે મુશ્કેલીમાં મુકાવ જશો. રોજ ભુલ્યા વગર 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૪, ૫, ૭, ૮ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 4, 5, 7, 8.**  
Rahu's rule till 6th October will increase your mental pressures. You could suffer from headaches. Take special care of your health as even a small illness could turn into something big. There will be a spike in unnecessary expenses. The unnecessary demands of family members will upset you. Trying to help someone close could land you into trouble. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.

**Pisces - મીન - દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.શ.**  
૨૬મી સપ્ટેમ્બર સુધી શનિની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી તમે થોડા આળસુ બની જશો. તમારા રોજ બરોજના કામ સમય પર પુરા નહીં કરી શકો. જ્યાં ત્રણનો ખર્ચ કરવા માંગતા હશે ત્યાં ત્રીસનો ખર્ચ કર્યા પછી પણ શાંતિ નહીં મળે. વડીલવર્ગની તબિયત અચાનક ખરાબ થઈ જશે. તમે સાંધાના દુખાવાથી પરેશાન થશો. દરરોજ 'મોટી હમન યશત' ભણજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૪, ૭, ૯, ૧૦ છે.

**Lucky Dates: 4, 7, 9, 10.**  
Saturn's rule till 26th September makes you lazy. You will not be able to complete your daily chores on time. Even after spending three times the amount on things, you will not be able to get mental peace. The health of the elderly could suddenly go down. You could suffer from joint pains. Pray the Moti Haptan Yasht daily.



### એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased	Date	Address	Relations
Bhickhoo Darabshaw Fitter	86 27.08.2021	Voyage Scheme, A bldg., 4th floor, Flat no 401, Borade Wadi, Pune -412105.	Father: Late Mr. Darabshaw Cawasji Fitter, Mother: Late Mrs. Jerbai Darabshaw Fitter, Brothers/Sisters: Late Mrs. Dhun Phiroze Kalapesi, Late Mrs. Dolly Dara Karbhari, Nephews/Nieces: Mrs. Rashna Mehemoth Sutaria, Mr. Cusrow Dara Karbhari, Brother-In-Law of: Late Mr. Phiroze Nusserwanji Kalapesi, Late Mr. Dara Ardeshir Karbhari, Masi Sasu of: Mr. Mehemoth Burjor Sutaria
Khurshed Sam Hodiwala	87 29.08.2021	93, PATEL Apartments, Agiary Lane, Tembhi Naka, Thana - 400601.	Husband: Late Sam B. Hodiwala, Mother: Late Mehramai Burjorji Balgir, Father: Late Burjorji Balgir, Son/Daughter in Laws: Vistasp Hodiwala, Navroze Hodiwala, Anahita Vistasp Hodiwala, Zarine Navroze Hodiwala, Grand Children: Kainaaz, Mehran, Ushtana Brothers/Sisters: Ketu Minoo Wadia, Late Shera Balgir, Late Pervez Brujorji Balgir, Father/Mother-in-law: Late Coomamai Behramshah Hodiwala, Late Behramshah Hodiwala
Dinshaw Hormusji Mehta	83 30.08.2021	D-8, Godrej Baug, N.P. Godrej Marg, Next To Simla House, Mumbai- 400026.	Wife: Mrs. Nivedita Dinshaw Mehta, Mother: Late Tehmina Hormusji Mehta, Father: Late Hormusji Dinshawji Mehta, Children: Hormazd Dinshaw Mehta, Brothers/Sisters, Khushrow Hormasji Mehta, Coomi Keki Patel, Nephews/Nieces: Dr. Hinoo Patel, Kaizad Mehta, Father/ Mother-In-Law: Late Kobad Boga, Late Dolly Boga
Aspi Cawasji Shaher	79 31.08.2021	J/2, Flat No 206, Kalpita Enclave CHS, S.N. Marg, Andheri(E), Mumbai - 400069.	Wife: Mrs. Homai Aspi Shaher, Father: Late Cawasji Merwanji Shaher, Mother: Late Mrs. Dhunmai Cawasji Shaher, Children: Miss Tinaz Aspi Shaher, Brothers/Sisters: Late Miss Aloo C. Shaher, Mrs. Aloo Jai Sagar, Mrs. Dinoo Adi Katrak, Father/ Mother-In-Law: Late Najamai Dinshaji Kolsawalla, Late Dinshaji Dhanjisha Kolsawalla
Dr. Zarin Keki Langdana	94 31.08.2021	Sea Lord 'A', Cuffe Parade, Colaba, Mumbai - 400005	Husband: Late Keki Darabshaw Langdana, Father: Late Faramroze Daruwala, Mother: Late Goolmai Faramroze Daruwala, Son/Daughter in law: Dr. Farokh Keki Langdana, Dr. Fali Keki Langdana, Dr. Baji Keki Langdana, Mary Farokh Langdana, Annu Fali Langdana, Hena Baji Langdana, Grand Children: Rehan & Ashad Fali Langdana, Father/Mother-In-Law: Late Darabshaw Nusserwanji Langdana, Late Meheramai Darabshaw Langdana
Dr. Zarina Hormusji Vesuna	65 31.08.2021	676, Fareoon Terrace, Katrak Road, Wadala, Mumbai - 400031.	Father: Late Hormasji Dossabhoy Vesuna, Mother: Late Gool Hormasji Vesuna, Brothers/Sisters: Roshan Burjor Chothia, Jehangir Hormasji Vesuna, Hoshang Hormasji Vesuna, Nephews/Nieces: Natasha, Late Havovi
Dina Erachshaw Gandhi	89 31-08-2021	B-7, Peace Heaven Society, St. Andrews Road, Opp Holy Family Hospital, Bandra(W), Mumbai- 400050.	Father: Late Erachshaw Gandhi, Mother: Late Gaimai Erachshaw Gandhi, Fujji: Khorshed Rustomji Gandhi, Brothers/Sisters: Barjor, Bejan, Phiroze, Late Aloo Bahadur Arethwala, Rusi, Jamshed, Sister In Law: Prochi Bejan Gandhi, Doli Phiroze Gandhi, Late Jeroo Barjor Gandhi, Dolly Rusi Gandhi, Arnavaz Jamshed Gandhi
Dolly Homi Ogra	88 01.09.2021	5/9, c.t.colony, ratan tata road, tulsiwadi tardeo, mumbai 400034.	Husband: Late Homi Dhunjisha Ogra, Father: Late Dorabji Beheramji Acidwala, Mother: Late Nergishbanoo Dorabji Acidwala, Brothers/Sisters: Late Parin Framroze Ashavaid, Late Noshir Dorabji Acidwala, Late Homi Dorabji Acidwala, Nephews/Nieces: Tester F. Ashavaid, Armaity A. Parulekar, Rashna Gev Nakra, Jehangir J. Nagarwala, Hormuz J. Nagarwala, Maharukh P. Madan In Laws : Silloo H. Chavda, Late Dolly J. Nagarwala, Father/Mother In Law: Late Piroja & Dhunjisha Ogra
Hosi Hormusji Damania	85 02.09.2021	Khira Nagar, S.V. Road, Akash C.H.S Bldg., B-3, Flat 25, Santacruz W, Mumbai - 4000054	Wife: Mehru Hosi Damania, Parents: Late Hormusji Cawasji Damania, Late Banoobai Hormusji Damania, Sister: Late Dinoo Manek Kalvachwalla, Father In Law/ Mother In Law: Late Baimai Maneckshaw Bhathena, Late Maneckshaw P. Bhathena
Rohinton Godrej Chichgar	73 02.09.2021	14, Fariddon Court, 73, Bhagat Singh Road, Colaba, Mumbai- 400 005	Wife: Shemaz Rohinton Chichgar, Parent: Gul and Godrej Chichgar, Brother: Maneck Godrej Chichgar, Nephew: Zubin Maneck Chichgar, In Laws: Dr. Dilnavaz Dinyar Gamadia, Hoshang Maneckji Havewala, Navroz Maneckji Havewala, Shirin Bomy Elavia, Late Arnavaz, Father in Law / Mother In Law: Late Nergish and Maneckji Havewala
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Shirin Khodi Irani	89 25.08.2021	Viloo House, 616A, Samapir Street, Camp, Pune - 411001.	Husband : Late Khodi Irani, Mother : Gover, Yazdi, Mother In Law of: Sohrab and Kashmiri, Grand Mother of: Amira, Spenta, Nazneen, Great Grand Mother of: Dastan
Aloo Erachshhaw Bhateathena	94 28.08.2021	H,24, Nawroze Baug, Lalbaug, Parel, Mumbai 400012.	Wife of : Late erachshaw Merwanji Bhatthena, Daughter Of : Late Coverbai and Maneckshaw Daruwala, Sister Of: Late Minocher, Late Nariman, Late Dinyar, Mother of : Sheroo Sam Sukheswalla, Zarin Percy Tantra, Oofish Vistasp Contractor, Grand Mother Of: Kaitayun, Parvez, Farhad, Urvaksh, Ashivangh, Varjavand, Vayvai of Dhanjisha Contractor



# Worli Prayer Hall Completes 6 Years In Service Of The Community



Worli Prayer Hall  
(Photo Credit: Sarosh Daruwala)



Dinshaw Tamboly

On 1st September, 2021, (Roj Sarosh, Mah Farvardin), the Prayer Hall located at Worli in Mumbai completed six years in the service of providing facilities and prayers for the last rites of deceased community members. A Jashan commemorating the occasion was performed at 11:00 am, by Worli Prayer Hall coordinator - Er. Framroze Mirza along with Er. Adil Navdar.

Parsi Times caught up with Dinshaw Tamboly who has been instrumental in the establishment of the Worli Prayer Hall, which has been a much-needed option for those who wanted to opt for an alternative means of performing the last rites of their dearly departed. The Worli Prayer Hall has proven to be especially beneficial to the community, in keeping with the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, where those succumbing to the virus were not allowed the traditional last rites, in keeping with the safety protocol mandated by the State Government. From its inception to date, the Worli Prayer Hall has serviced over 600 funerals.

**PT:** Could you share with us the genesis of the Prayer Hall and the ideology behind its establishment for Parsis who wished for an alternative choice of funeral rites for their dearly departed?

**Dinshaw Tamboly:** From the early 1980's, we were faced with the reality of vultures fast vanishing from the Indian skies, to never return. India lost over 97% of its original vulture population before the turn of the last century. This was something that had never been contemplated earlier by residents of this city; and several community members began questioning the functioning of the dokhmas and started opting for the cremation of family members.

The problem was the state of public crematoria and the absence of a place where prayers could be carried out in peaceful surroundings, over the first 4 days of a person's passing. The need was felt for a Prayer Hall where Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians, who opted for cremation, could be assured of obsequies being carried out over the first 4 days, which the majority of Zoroastrians consider very important.

The late Mr. Jamsheed Kanga, the then Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai, made several attempts to locate such a place, as did several other groups of individuals including the Association for Revival of Zoroastrianism. Mr. Kanga persevered well after he retired as Commissioner, to continue the quest for a Prayer Hall. Thanks to the high regard his successors had for him, the MCGM agreed, around 2009, to allot a plot of land where a Prayer Hall could be constructed within the Worli Crematorium complex, at the community's cost, but in which Zoroastrians would have priority of use at the times when our prayers are normally held.



Er. Framroze Sohrabji Mirza

"I believe the community should be thankful to those who helped founded this establishment and services for having taken so much effort in securing the funds and various permissions, and providing these alternative funeral services, which came to be of crucial help throughout the Covid outbreak, and continues to be so. My colleagues and I have been dedicated and committed full-time, to performing the last rites and prayers, for all the Covid victims, at a time when not many others are being as accommodating. Of course, we ensure that all precautions are strictly followed and protocol is adhered to. We are able to provide these services only because of the presence of this Prayer Hall - we ensure that all prayers are performed for those who have passed away, including the 4-day prayers post the passing. We try and do our best to ensure the peace and divinely progress for the *Ruvaan* of the deceased. That is what matters to us, most of all."

**- Er. Framroze Sohrabji Mirza, practicing priest for 54 years and Coordinator at Worli Prayer Hall**

The establishment of the Prayer Hall has been the result of cohesive teamwork of many, but the main credit goes to two mentors - Jamsheed Kanga and Homi Khusrookhan, who worked tirelessly to build and commission the facility.

I have always believed that there should be dignity in death. During my stint as a BPP trustee, I had advocated to my fellow Trustees that the *bunglis* at Doongerwadi be made available for recitation of the four days prayers for those who opted for alternate funeral modes. This was not found acceptable.

Having always held that the departed should be given a dignified farewell and being a believer in the efficacy of our prayers, especially the first four days obsequies which were denied to those opting for cremation, I felt a great injustice being done to families who had opted for alternate modes of disposal. I therefore, readily participated in establishing the Prayer Hall at Worli, from where, those opting for cremation would be accorded a dignified farewell, with the customary obsequies being performed by priests who also believe in this philosophy.

The Prayer Hall is being increasingly used now and has proven to be a blessing, particularly during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, where cremation is now mandated for those whose death certificates show that they passed away because of the virus.

**PT:** Tell us about the efforts needed to set it up, in terms of funding, permissions, et al..

**Dinshaw Tamboly:** The Municipal Corporation extended full cooperation in allocating a plot of land of our choice within the Worli Complex. Our architects were Messrs 'Epicons Consultants', and our building contractor Mr. Ashok Punjabi of A. P. Enterprises, who had been associated with the House of Godrej; all worked as a well-knit, dedicated and committed team and brought the project to fruition in very good time.

To fund the construction of the Prayer Hall, we initially circulated an appeal to various individuals, and





Worli Prayer Hall  
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► some of us Trustees also dug into our own pockets. We also discussed the proposal with the Trustees of A H Wadia Trust and requested their support, in response to which they sanctioned a magnificent donation of Rs. 15,000,000 (Rupees fifteen million). Without their generous donation it would not have been possible to complete the construction of the facility within 16 months.

**PT:** When did the Prayer Hall commence its services for the Community and how many has it serviced so far?

**Dinshaw Tamboly:** The Prayer Hall was commissioned in September 2015 and till the end of August 2021, it has enabled a dignified farewell to over 605 Zoroastrians who opted for an alternate method of disposal.

The following is the year-wise count of funeral services provided:

2015: 33 (September to December)

2016: 97

2017: 77

2018: 73

2019: 90

2020: 116

2021: 119 - (January to August)

**TOTAL - 605 funeral services offered from September, 2015 to August, 2021**

**PT:** What are the prayer services offered to community members and what are the charges?

**Dinshaw Tamboly:** The Prayer Hall Services and Maintenance Trust does not charge for use of the Prayer Hall. The facilities are provided gratis to families wishing to utilise the Hall for performing the 4-day obsequies. As the Hall is tucked-away in one corner of the Worli complex which is a secluded area, a sense of privacy is maintained where the prayers can be recited in tranquil surroundings.

Families using the facility can opt for Mobeds of their own choice to perform the ceremonies and those who are unable to do so, are free to utilise the services of Er. Framroze Mirza, the Coordinator of the Prayer Hall and his team of Mobeds. It has been clarified time and again that the charges for services rendered by the Mobeds, should be a matter between the Mobeds and the

families who opt for their services in which the Prayer Hall Services and Maintenance Trust has no role to play.

**PT:** What rules are to be observed (especially during Covid times) when entering the Hall?

**Dinshaw Tamboly:** Rules framed by the Government of Maharashtra and Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai have to be strictly observed. The maximum number of mourners permitted have to be adhered to. As of now, it is 20 persons.

For those who have passed away because of Covid, it is not permitted to bring the body into the Hall and the geh sarna prayers are recited alongside the hearse / ambulance, in which the body has been transported to the Hall. Subsequent obsequies can however be performed inside the Prayer Hall. All ceremonies for non-Covid deaths are performed as was done earlier, in the Prayer Hall.

## Dr. Jasvi's Numero Tarot Predictions

(As Per Your Birth Month)



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

**January (Lucky No. 19; Lucky Card: Sun):** Victory is on the cards. You know where your destiny lies but are in search of the path. It is up to you to select the right path. There could be a temporary problem of liquidity in finance. You need to be careful while making new investments.

**February (Lucky No. 8; Lucky Card: Strength):** This is the time for a new beginning, a time to start afresh. Don't feel depressed - keep in mind that everything happens for a reason. Hold on to your faith and have courage and confidence. You are advised to do some charity this month.

**March (Lucky No. 4; Lucky Card: Emperor):** You health will be in good shape this month. You will be more emotionally stable. Financial stability is also indicated. Overall, this will be a balanced and steady month ahead in all areas of life. Ensure to get proper sleep.

**April (Lucky No. 1; Lucky Card: Magician):** You are blessed by the Divine Energy this month. This is the most apt time to start a new partnership. You could be looking to buy new property or renovate the old one. Keep in mind that your true strength lies in your confidence. So, ensure to clear any of your confusions.

**May (Lucky No. 17; Lucky Card: Star):** You are a confident person. Follow your intuitions. Your universal healing has already started. You will need to work really hard, as half of your efforts could go in vein. Learn to take the world in your stride.

**June (Lucky No. 10; Lucky Card: Justice):** This month brings good luck to you! Celebrate your successes! Any legal matters will be sorted out soon. You are advised to beware of back-stabbers. Short travel is on the cards.

**July (Lucky No. 21; Lucky Card: World):** A bright sunny period has started for you, after a long dark night. You will have name, fame and prosperity. Health will be in great shape. Take care of your precious things as there is a chance of things being stolen or misplaced.

**August (Lucky No. 5; Lucky Card: Hierophant):** You need to take care of your health. Finances will be stable. You are expert at your job and will do your best. Follow your intuition and learn to move on. A little juggling may be required to balance a particular situation.

**September (Lucky No. 2; Lucky Card: High Priestess):** A magical month awaits you, blessed with the best of health, wealth and happiness. You need to overcome your feelings of neglect and resolve a confrontational situation. There will be a lesson to be learnt from your past experiences.

**October (Lucky No. 3; Lucky Card: Empress):** This month is excellent, especially for ladies born in October. You will enjoy life at its fullest! Diversification in your business looks like a possibility. You are advised to bathe with rock salt.

**November (Lucky No. 6; Lucky Card: Lovers):** Love is in the air. Be focused and take decisions. You need to clear your confusions - prayer and chanting will help you achieve more clarity mentally. Students will do well. You are advised to do some charitable deeds this month.

**December (Lucky No. 11; Lucky Card: Wheel Of Fortune):** Enjoy this month with your family - in the rainbow of love, laughter, happiness and success. Remember that nothing but change is permanent in life. So, accept it. Get over past grudges and try to end unnecessary hostilities.

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### UPON TRUST...

*(bestowed on BPP Trustees who are supposed to undertake and ensure)*  
**the provision of clean comfortable and inexpensive residential quarters for poor and middle class members of the Parsee Community professing the Zoroastrian faith**

**On Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021, at 6:00pm, the Charity Flat at Rustom Baug, Bldg. No.: 13/3, was auctioned by the BPP Trustees and sold for 3.30 crores.**

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