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NO FALSE PROMISES OR SOPs

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- Building Trust, Rebuilding Credibility -

BPP Candidate Er. CA. Farhad H. Hozdar: Your 'TRUST'worthy Trustee

Ervad CA Farhad H Hozdar is an ordained Zarthosti priest as well as a practising Chartered Accountant with over 30 years of successful experience in Audit, Taxation and Advisory. He shares his expertise with over twenty Trusts, in matters of Taxation, Legal Compliances, Registration under FCRA and Financial Management. His vast knowledge and insights in these areas would go a long way in serving the BPP and the community.



HOW WILL HIS PRESENCE BE AN ASSET TO THE BPP BOARD & OUR COMMUNITY?

- ✓ BEING AN ERVAD, he possesses a deep religious understanding and respect for our customs and traditions.
- ✓ BEING A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT with over 30 years of practice and experience, being an advisory to over 20 Trusts in Finance, Management and Legal Compliances, he has the requisite wisdom and knowledge to steer the Apex Trust towards prosperity.
- ✓ BEING ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND TRUSTS and leading them successfully, he has first-hand experience and understanding of managing Trusts. He will bring Financial Stability through systematic and disciplined approach to improving financial health.
- ✓ RISING FROM HUMBLE BEGININGS he understands the plight and the issues faced by the poor and middle-class; and above all, he lives life in uncompromising adherence to family values of honesty, integrity and dedication to the cause.
- ✓ He will Make TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNICATION the hallmark of the Trust
- ✓ He will provide STRONG, ASTUTE AND UNIFYING LEADERSHIP and is capable of taking tough decisions in the interest of the Trust and the community.

HIS MISSION AS A BPP TRUSTEE:

- To Win back the Faith and Respect of our donors and beneficiaries
- Youth Engagement and Empowerment
- Benevolence and Welfare for all – ensuring it is delivered with dignity

TESTIMONIALS

"I am very happy to know that Ervad CA. Farhad H. Hozdar has come forward to stand for election as a Trustee of Bombay Parse Punchayet.

I know Farhad since the time he walked into my office when he was in his teens. He has a very clear mind and thought process on what he wishes to achieve in his career. His vision and drive were extraordinary even at that age and it was no surprise to me that he graduated and qualified as a Chartered Accountant, which was his personal goal.

Being also an Ervad, he is passionate about our religion which gives him the required peace of mind to remain fresh for challenges.

Integrity and Honesty are the hallmarks of a Trusteeship and Farhad's integrity and honesty

"Trust is not easily gained. It is earned by sheer Hard Work and Grit, day in and day out. Ervad CA Farhad H Hozdar, a much loved and deeply respected member of our community has earned the trust, love and support through hard work, dedication and sincerity over the years.

A valuable friend to most who know him, Farhad comes from a priestly family and is Religious minded, his impeccable knowledge in running a Trust and heading an Association is quite frankly, unmatched. He is instrumental in doing audits for various Trusts and advising them on financial and legal compliances. His knowledge in Trust related matters will be highly useful for the management and functioning of the Bombay Parsee Punchayet.

Farhad, who comes from humble beginnings, understands middle class issues and family values. He has a loving family, a charming wife, who is a teacher in J. B. Petit Girls High School in south Mumbai, a son, who is also an Ervad and a Chartered Accountant and a loving daughter who has appeared for her final year graduation exams for Major in Psychology. His ability to put the welfare of the Trust above everything else qualifies him over many to be elected as a Trustee in the upcoming Bombay Parsee Punchayet elections.

Farhad, is more than just an exemplary Chartered Accountant having his own firm, he is a

are unquestionable. He believes in hard work and is a patient listener. He is quick to grasp the nuances of problems and is solution oriented. He has been involved with various organizations as a Trustee and Managing Committee member and with his experience in his professional practice, he is ideally suited to be a Trustee of Bombay Parsi Punchayet.

I am confident that Farhad will make an excellent Trustee and the Bombay Parsi Punchayet and the Community will be greatly benefited, if he is elected as a Trustee.

I wish him good luck and will be delighted to see him elected as a Trustee."

By Nadir Modi

wonderful friend and an upright member of our community. He is someone who believes in letting his work do all the talking, that is why his stint as the President of the BJPC Institution Alumni Association has earned him a stellar reputation as an honest and an able administrator. It is with his grit and determination that the Alumni Association has executed stellar programmes for our Alma Mater.

Being highly qualified, honest, religious, helpful, humble, forward looking and solution oriented; it is these qualities that will help him in becoming an able leader of our community and a worthy Trustee of the Bombay Parsee Punchayet.

Hope, the community chooses wisely and elects Ervad CA. Farhad H Hozdar. OUR BEST WISHES ARE WITH HIM!"

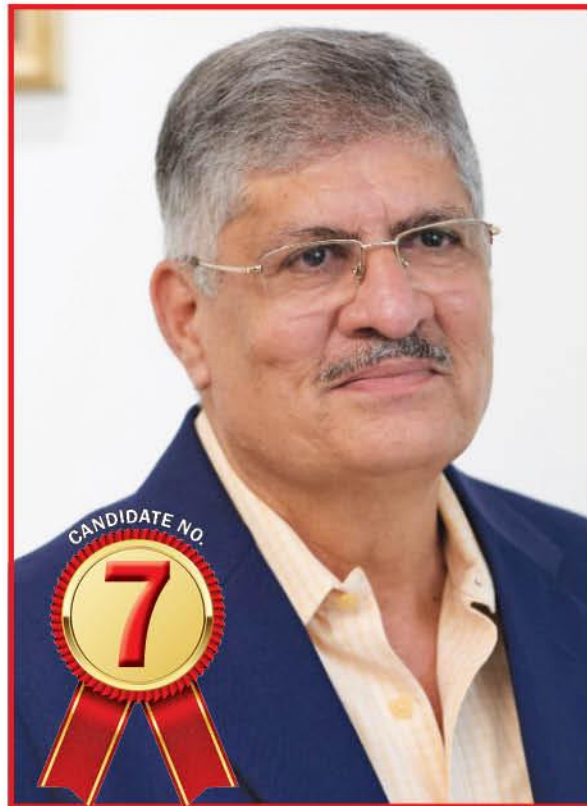
**For and on behalf of the Trustees and Managing Committee Members,
Rohinton C. Padder
Trustee - The Byramjee Jeejeebhoy Parsee Charitable Institution Alumni
Association**

From People's Person; To People's Trustee

Hoshang Jal has been an Officer of the Indian Revenue Service. He has over 35 years of meritorious service, across departments of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (erstwhile Central Board of Excise & Customs). He is the recipient of multiple awards from the heads of various departments of the Ministry of Finance and was also awarded with the prestigious Presidential Award for 'Specially Distinguished Record of Service' – the highest award to be conferred upon a Civil Services Officer. Who better than the President of India, to vouch for his integrity?!

Service To The Nation.

Being an Officer of the Indian Civil Services, Hoshang is proficient in his knowledge of Law and Finance. He possesses excellent Administrative skills to run large scale Depts. at a National level. Having lead large teams across Depts. of the Government of India, he is one of the finest when it comes to Leadership skills and is a Team player. He has been responsible for detection of various cases of Tax evasion as well as seizure of smuggled contraband goods like Gold, Silver, Foreign Currency, Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances etc. Needless to mention he has developed an enviable Negotiation and Investigative skillsets.



HOSHANG JAL (IRS)
Asst. Commissioner of Customs (Retd)

Service To The Community And Beyond.

Ensuring a safe return of around 35 boys back to their homes, during the 2008 Mumbai Terror Attack.

Impacting the safety and convenience of approx. 3,000 individuals from Cusrow Baug and those residing outside the colony, by representing and working closely with the BMC and the Corporator and succeeding in ensuring that the designated area remains a No Hawking Zone.

Assisting and providing guidance to approx 300 community members on Civil, Legal and Police matters in the past three decades. Also advising on matters of the Rent Act.

Touched lives and ensured convenience, safety, medicines, vaccinations, mobile grocery vans, mobile ATM vans, food, water etc to 3,300+ individuals, of the colony as well as Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians living outside the colony plus migrant workers who were stranded in the city. Not to forget, as an animal lover, Hoshang's kindness also extended in taking care of the stray dogs/cats in and around Colaba.

The GO TO person for innumerable Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians for help; on any matter.

If anyone can bring back BPP's lost credibility, it is the forthright and 'Unstoppable' Hoshang Jal!

TESTIMONIALS



"I have known Hoshang Jal for over 25 years. We are also associated with the Cusrow Baug League committee for the past 14 years, where he is a Jt. Hon Secretary. He is also a Trustee in the Bharucha Trust, Mumbai. What I have consistently observed and admire in Hoshang, is his foresight and clarity of thought. His pleasant demeanor, humility and a high level of patience, makes him approachable to individuals of all age groups. He is a boon to community members and has been of stupendous support, to those whose lives have been touched by his service and sincerity. Honestly, I personally don't see a better candidate today for the position of Trustee, BPP than Hoshang Jal."

Aspi Pardiwala – Seconder of Hoshang Jal's Candidature
(Trustee, Pardi Parsee Anjuman Trust / Trustee, Bharucha Trust, Mumbai / President, Cusrow Baug United Sports & Welfare League).



"It was during the last decade that I got to know Hoshi uncle personally as we worked together on the committee of the Cusrow Baug United Sports and Welfare League. As the Jt. Hon. Secretary of CBUSWL, Hoshang Jal ensured that every promise made was fulfilled. He would stand at every AGM and face the questions of the members and provide honest and satisfactory answers to each attendee. He has never shirked any responsibility and gives 100% in every activity of the League.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, if there was one person in Cusrow Baug that everyone turned to for help, guidance, assistance or favours, it was Hoshang Jal. He has been our leader and our pillar of strength and the entire committee was behind him to ensure, that everyone at Cusrow Baug was safe and also ensured that every requirement was fulfilled.

I am truly glad that he has decided to contest these elections because he will be an absolute asset to the Board and will be a person who will ensure that every question is answered and complete transparency is maintained. Here's wishing Mr. Hoshang J.B. Jal all the best from all of us."

Hoshaang Gotla, Founder, XYZ

"Once again, the run-up to the election for Trusteeship for the Bombay Parsi Punchayet has put us in a dilemma. We wonder if the candidate is a 'silent doer of great things' or whether he or she is simply someone who 'narrates fairy-tale promises'.

A candidate that holds great stead and much promise is Mr. Hoshang Jal. He has displayed a natural affinity to help people. Right from grass-root matters concerning its residents - to the complex, he manages it all with élan.

Mr. Hoshang Jal seamlessly balanced his life as a professional Officer of the Indian Revenue Service, while providing unstinting support to the society. He serves with a smile and without expecting anything in return. His ability to function calmly under pressure, has made him solution-oriented. His humble and modest demeanour makes him approachable, not only to those that ally with him, but even to those who may at times, have a difference of opinion.

Cusrow Baug has achieved several milestones under his leadership and guidance; and he has never claimed credit for them. In a nutshell, Mr. Hoshang Jal worked selflessly for decades, without ever knowing that he would one day, stand for elections in 2022. He stands for the election not because he dreams of sitting idle in the seat of power, but because he wishes to work for the collective betterment of the Parsi/Irani Zoroastrian community."

Dr. Behram Baria



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Vote-worthy Or Not?

Dear Readers,

As we get ready to go to the polls and elect a new BPP Board of seven Trustees next weekend, we hope that this Board will lead our community into a better future. Hopefully, we have paid enough attention to select good candidates who have proven track records of community service and a strong sense of morality, vision, policies and competence.

Other parameters include transparency, people skills, vision, knowledge of the trust-management and other qualifications. These are guidelines that help us choose the right candidate.

In keeping with the dwindling number of voter-turnouts over the past couple of elections, it won't be surprising if some are wondering, "What's really the point in casting our vote? Does it make any real difference?" Yes it does! Your vote undoubtedly matters. If we are looking for a change to set in, then we need to at least take the effort to vote in those who are geared, driven and equipped to lead our community as change-makers.

Most every candidate promises change, but its tone and direction varies. The community stands at a critical crossroads today. Only level-headed judgment by you, dear community members, can get it back on the right track, when you practice your right to vote in the right candidates.

Do not fall for tall claims and promises. Let it be the deeds of the candidates and not their words, that determine if they are vote-worthy or not.

Have a good weekend!

- Anahita
anahita@parsi-times.com

Religious Announcement

Ava Roj Jashan & Humbandagi At Bhikha Behram Well
On 22nd May, 2022, Ava Roj (Dae Mahino), a Jashan will be held at the Bhikha Behram Well at 10:30am, followed by the Humbandagi at 11:30 am, along with a talk by Er. Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia. All Zoroastrians are invited to attend in large numbers.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Election will be held for the Trustees of Bombay Parsi Punchayet on 29th May 2022 from 10.00 A.M. to 6.00 P.M. at the following venues:

- (1) Cusrow Baug, Colaba.
- (2) Khareghat Memorial Hall, Khareghat Colony, Hughes Road.
- (3) The J. B. Vachha High School for Parsi Girls, Dadar Parsi Colony, Dadar.
- (4) Rustom Baug, Byculla.
- (5) Sir Shapurji Bharucha Baug, Andheri (West).

- N.B.**
- 1.) A member can exercise his/ her voting right at any one of the above voting venues on the date specified above, that is, 29 May 2022.
 - 2.) Certificates collected on production of authority letter by a third party should have the member's signature duly attested either by a Notary or Special Executive Officer.
 - 3.) Members of the General & Donor Register who have been issued two or more separate certificates (one issued earlier and the other taken subsequently) can vote only once and only one certificate will be treated as valid.
 - 4.) Voters must bring along with them **Original Government Issued Photo Proof** of their Identity.
 - 5.) Voter may elect upto a maximum of seven Trustees by pressing the button against the names of the candidate(s) he/she wishes to elect, on the Electronic Voting Machine.
 - 6.) In view of the requirements of the Scheme regarding endorsement by the BPP Staff on the (voter) Certificate of Registration, **voters are requested NOT to laminate their certificates.**
 - 7.) Voters should note that only those certificates bearing the caption 'General Register' or 'Donor Register' will be treated as valid.

Dated this 19th day of May 2022.

BY ORDER OF THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS
(Appointed by the Bombay High Court)

Commodore Aspi Marker, NM
Chief Election Commissioner

TEAM 'COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY'
PEACE! PROSPERITY!! PROGRESS!!!

BPP CANDIDATE DR. ADIL MALIA (1)

BPP CANDIDATE KERSI RANDERIA (9)

BPP CANDIDATE LION DAARA PATEL (4)

BPP CANDIDATE ER. FARHAD HOZDAR (5)

BPP CANDIDATE HOSHANG J. B. JAL (IRS) (7)

BUILDING TRUST RE-BUILDING CREDIBILITY

SCHEDULE FOR THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN

DATE	DAY	PLACE	TIME
21 ST MAY 2022	SATURDAY	PUBLIC MEETING AT RUSTOM BAUG BYCULLA, AT THE PAVILION	7:00 PM.
22 ND MAY 2022	SUNDAY	PUBLIC MEETING AT BHARUCHA BAUG ANDHERI, AT CHILDREN PLAYGROUND	7:00 PM.
23 RD MAY 2022	MONDAY	BALARAM STREET	5:30 PM.
25 TH MAY 2022	WEDNESDAY	PUBLIC MEETING AT CUSROW BAUG COLABA, AT THE PAVILION	7:00 PM.
27 TH MAY 2022	FRIDAY	PUBLIC MEETING AT DADAR PARSİ COLONY, DADAR AT MANCHERJI JOSHI HALL	7:00 PM.

“L&L-To-Tenancy For ALL – Not Just The Rich,” Says Trustee Kersi Randeria

The last few days have seen a spurt of advertisements claiming that while the three trustees wish to convert all Leave and Licences (L&L) to Tenancy, it is one Trustee Kersi Randeria, who is not just objecting but has also stayed the process of converting L&L to Tenancy.

Nothing can be further from the truth.

The L&L-Tenancy controversy started with Trustee Viraf Mehta tabling a very superfluous so-called ‘legal opinion’, on 21st February, 2022, which apparently was hastily prepared and put up before the Board. This legal opinion was, in reply, purportedly to a one-line query raised by Trustee Viraf Mehta which said, what are the impediments to convert L&L to tenancy.

The legal opinion primarily said cancel the L&L and make a fresh Tenancy Agreement, and pay the stamp duty. Period.

Such a superfluous legal opinion, without going into the details of the fiduciary duty of trustees, or the legal impact of such a transaction should it be challenged before the Charity Commissioner or the courts... nothing was dealt with, in this order.

More importantly, it should be noted that on 22nd February, the Divisional Bench of Bombay High Court was to finalize the Scheme of Elections and fix the schedule for the elections, either on that day or within a few days, thereafter.

Since no time was given to the trustees to even read and understand this so called legal opinion, leave aside consulting senior legal, tax and audit experts, Trustees Noshir Dadrawal and Kersi Randeria requested that such a major policy issue as this should not be decided by a Board whose term was scheduled to end shortly.

However, the 3 trustees tried their best to ram it through.

The resolution in itself, when read, clarifies and confirms that none other than Trustee Xerxes Dastoor said, that we had made a commitment to the court not to take any major policy decisions and he also said that we could have a preliminary discussion, but not take any action on this.

Thus, it wasn't Trustees Dadrawala and Randeria who objected, it was Xerxes Dastoor who recorded his objections! This is in the recorded minutes of the meeting.

However, thereafter, the three majority trustees passed a resolution, noting a few very important points:

1. That Deposits taken from beneficiaries would be converted to donations. This very statement indicates that this so-called conversion benefit was more for the rich, who had paid deposits, rather than the ordinary Parsi beneficiary.
2. The resolution also was not a conclusive resolution, as it stated, very clearly, as this resolution was being approved, subject to it being approved by the auditors, legal expert and tax experts. How then, can a resolution be said to have been passed and approved, is anyone's guess

Despite these objections, the three Trustees approved converting 3 L&L agreements to tenancies, once again, subject to certain conditions. Each of these 3 so-called beneficiaries, are known close friends and strong supporters of the Mehta-Tirandaz-Dastoor camp. That this was going to be used as a political tool and an election gimmick was doubly emphasized by the 3 names that were chosen.

Trustee Randeria then approached the Election Commissioner, not from the point of view of objecting to the conversion of the L&L to tenancy scheme, but objecting to the timing of this drama, stating that this was nothing but a political sop, a gimmick to garner votes, with false promises.

The Election Commission upheld his view, and stated that this was indeed a major policy decision and should not have been taken. It also upheld the view that it was a sop being given for electoral benefits, and instructed the three trustees not to take any further action, either generally in terms of the resolution, or specifically in terms of the three names they had approved.

As per Clause 15 of the Code of Conduct: **‘No inducement, financial or otherwise, shall be offered to the voter.’**

Relevant excerpts from Chief Election Commissioner, Commodore Aspi Marker's Order dated 08 Apr 2022:

7. The CEC, in consultation with the five other ECs, has evaluated the submissions made by the Complainant and the Respondents and examined the documents on record. The discussions and the decisions of the CEC are as follows:

(viii) Considering that this proposal to convert L&L into Tenancy was a matter of discussion for so many years in the past, passing the resolution on 21st February 2022 just the evening before the final hearing of the election petition was to commence the next morning, does indicate that the resolution was passed keeping in mind the imminent elections and the curbs which were proposed to be imposed post the Scheme and CoC coming into force.

(ix) The actual act of conversion of three out of the 1900 BPP licensees, on 22nd March 2022 when the CoC was in force, has to be seen in this light. When this is done, there is no doubt that the actual act of conversion does, broadly amount to a premeditated inducement to the voters within the meaning of Clause 15 of the CoC.

(x) The Resolution dated 22nd March 2022 must also be seen independently of the Resolution dated 21st February 2022. Seen even in this light, the same would constitute an inducement to the voters within the meaning of Clause 15 of the CoC.

In gross violation of the direction of the Election Commissioner, the three, in blatant disregard of the Order, have now started advertising it, speaking of it in the minutes and have even used it in a promotional

video for their campaign.

The rather pathetic argument of the 3 trustees was that they were doing this on the grounds that they wished to bring parity between the Licensees and the tenants. They have not dealt with how they intend to protect the Parsi covenant, they have not dealt as to how the poor and middle class should also benefit and they've not dealt with the consequences from the point of view of Income Tax and other tax issues, if such a policy were to go through.

However, Kersi Randeria was aghast at this obvious favouritism towards the rich friends of these trustees. In an email dated 21st March, 2022, he has written:

“1. After completing the conditions recorded in the resolution passed by the three Trustees (conditions underlined for identification) in the Board meeting of 21-2-2022, the Trustees resolve to first consider the poor and middle class Parsi and Irani beneficiaries (and NOT THE RICH AND THE ULTRA RICH) for availing the benefits of any such policy by BPP PAYING THE STAMP DUTY AND REGISTRATION CHARGES FOR AND ON BEHALF OF OUR LESS FORTUNATE BENEFICIARIES AND ONLY AFTER THAT CONSIDER THE MORE AFFLUENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY (INCLUDING THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS) for tenancy.”

2. No rich beneficiaries be given tenancy till each and every poor and middle class beneficiary is given the tenancy rights

3. Trustees to declare on oath their relationship (familial relationship, personal friendship or persons from whom or from whose family members the Trustees or their family members have received any help or advantage) with the beneficiary who is requesting out of turn for tenancy rights.”

This item was put immediately on the agenda as per the Trustee Randeria's request.

Randeria was clear, if such a benefit was legally possible from the tax angle and the audit angle, then it should not be given to the rich. But rather, this protection should be first and foremost given to the poor and middle-class beneficiaries – the ordinary Parsis in the baugs, rather than to those rich Parsis who have given donations and deposits.

This is what Randeria has said and this is what he wants. Therefore to say that one Trustee is opposing the conversion of L&L to tenancy is not true.

The division in the Boardroom, as has been over the last 3 years, is simple. Trustee Randeria stands for the poor and the middle-class and wants that the benefit of this conversion must first be given to them, unlike the three other Trustees who would rather give it to their family and friends.

Those who are unable to pay lakhs of rupees in stamp duty cannot be left as Licensees, whereas those who can afford to pay, get their tenancies. This unfair disparity between rich and poor must not be allowed to be perpetuated further.

DR. ADIL MALIA: Candidate 'No. 1' Indeed!



My Way-forward Approach, If Elected

1. Work towards facilitating a 'positive enabling environment' on the Board where issues are mitigated and not litigated without external interventions.
2. Work to develop time-bound plans to resolve all the critical pending & contentious issues, particularly :
 - The L/L - Tenancy issue
 - Reversing the Adverse Cash flow dilemma
 - Augmenting Donations to build the Trust Corpus
 - Set norms for accountable & transparent Governance
 - Programs to Protect our Vulnerable properties.
3. Drive my Passionate Program - to build 'Future Parsi Talent' by identifying high potential bright youngsters, systematically mentoring them, tying-up with preparatory courses and helping our youth to prepare & enter competitive exams. Leading our youth from 'Baug's To Boards' in their fields of excellence. You cannot win wars of tomorrow with skills and weapons of yesterday. A wise community thrives on the shoulders of its talented people and thus invests in them.
4. Design Interventions to rekindle belief of youth in our Religion and its tenets alongside their careers.
5. Support development of other critical programs for Housing, Elder-care, Entrepreneurship etc.

FOCUS : TO ENHANCE WELFARE & HAPPINESS OF BENEFICIARIES.

PT asked Dr. Adil Malia (Your Candidate No.1): Being an accomplished 'People Professional', what would you suggest to our Parsi / Irani Voters to look out for whilst choosing the 'Best Candidates' in the BPP Elections?

Dr. Adil Malia: Let me share with you a simple frame-work... first of all, vote with your learned consciousness. Let me suggest a small four step process to your readers:

1. Understand what the job of the Trustee entails and do not vote without objectively evaluating the candidates' capabilities to do that job. Under no circumstance should you vote merely because of 'familiarity'. That is never a guarantee of performance. If the job is to
2. Listen to Candidates during 'KYC' and Question them to know more.
3. Evaluate the candidates based on this simple 'PVTV' framework : Persona - Virtues - Traits - Vices

swim, hire a fish! But if the job is to climb a tree, maybe, you need to hire a rabbit. **The familiar fish will fail!**

PERSONA:

- * Grace
- * Generosity of Spirit
- * Respectful
- * Service Orientation
- * Empathy

TRAITS:

- * Intellect and clarity of thinking
- * Wisdom of thoughts
- * Communications
- * Maturity
- * Bias for Action

VIRTUES:

(Displays High Virtues of 'Spenta Mainyu' and born out of 'Ashoi')

- * Reasoning
- * Self-Control
- * Humbleness
- * Trustworthiness
- * Hope

VICES:

(Does not display low Qualities of 'Angre Mainyu')

- * Malice
- * Anger
- * Arrogance
- * Greed
- * Despair

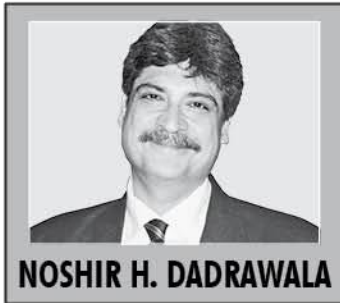
4. Quietly assess each of the candidates through the above filters and promise you, your gut will prompt you and tell you if the Candidate is right or wrong. Listen to your inner voice.

My Report Card

Culled out views from a range of some of our most Reputed and Highly Respected Community Contributors [Firoze Naterwalla, Homi Katgara, Parvez Damania, Jimmy Mistry, Russi Choksi, Mithoo Jesia, Boman Irani, Mickey Mehta and Noshir Dadrawalla], my report card reflects as under (top 7 observations):

- 1 High Integrity & Clean image ✓
- 2 Intelligent and Educated ✓
- 3 Effective Communicator ✓
- 4 Influencing Style ✓
- 5 Humble & Caring ✓
- 6 Empathetic ✓
- 7 Progressive Approach ✓

Do Your Duty - Vote Exercising Due Diligence!



NOSHIR H. DADRAWALA

As the date for electing seven trustees of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet (BPP) draws near, we urge all Parsis eligible to vote, to come out in strength, on Sunday, 29th May, 2022, to cast their precious vote, exercising due diligence. Don't just vote for someone who seems good in print and social media. Vote for those who have a proven track record of providing selfless, good service to the community.

Avoid dream-merchants at all costs for they sell dreams that usually turn into nightmares. Don't fall for fancy academic qualifications for these are not necessarily the measure of a person's character or integrity. As we all know, education is essential but may not necessarily change inherent personality traits.

Check Capability... Unfortunately, in our community every proverbial tinker, tailor and sailor thinks that he or she can become a trustee. Yes, every Parsi is as eligible to vote as he/she is to contest, but would he or she be capable enough?

In our opinion, not everyone can or should become a Trustee. Simply desiring to be a trustee doesn't mean the person has the capability, skills, knowledge, understanding or more importantly, the capacity to think and act independently - with wisdom and integrity. William Shakespeare once said, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them". We have seen what happens at the BPP when leadership is literally thrust upon some... Such trustees do harm to themselves, the BPP trust and to the community.



Since 2008, when Universal Adult Franchise was introduced for the first time under the High Court framed BPP Scheme of Elections, we have

Are we still going to buy dreams that will turn into nightmares? Are we going to fall for sops and freebies, forgetting that in reality, there is 'no free lunch'? If you are promised something free, please don't forget that somewhere, someone else will be paying for it or impoverishing the charitable trust.

place, even if it means the leader takes a back seat or ends up with no seat at all.

Power often comes with leadership, but it's not what drives real, purpose-driven leaders. A purpose-driven leader would have clear thinking and clear vision. However, vision again is not to be confused with dream merchandise that politicians usually market with attractive packaging before elections.

Sop With Mop... A true leader will seldom promise to give you anything. He or she will tell you and show you how collective good of the community can be achieved with cooperation. A good leader would aim for sustainability for all stakeholders and not simply offer sop with one hand and a mop with the other to sweep it away!

Please keep an eye on those who care more about making promises than keeping them. Always remember that leadership isn't about pomposity and grandiloquence - it's about actions. Judge the sitting trustees aspiring for a fresh term by their actions and performance and not their empty words and promises. Judge all other aspirants by their track record of service to the community.

As a voter, be vigilant and well informed! Don't go by what you read in unregistered pamphlets that come free to you by e-mail, WhatsApp and during election season, even in print at your doorstep. Don't get carried away by fake news and what is circulated anonymously or under fictitious names in WhatsApp groups. Talk to the candidates directly or ask them questions at their campaign meetings.

Knowing The Leader... How would you know that the person you are voting for is a reasonably good leader and 'trustee material'?

The first test would be to determine whether the person is chasing the High Position or a Higher Purpose? Find out whether the trustee aspirant is 'Power Driven' or 'Purpose Driven'? After all leadership is about caring about something beyond individual self and leading others to a better

stopped getting surprised seeing the kind of persons aspiring to become trustees... with some even making it to the proverbial hot-seat to wear the 'crown of thorns' before the community's trust (pun intended) is crucified! Likewise, we have stopped being surprised when those charged with Trusteeship can't seem to figure out what constitutes leadership or responsibility.

Are We Ready For Change? The question is, are we, as a community ready for change... and change for the better, or are we still going to vote blindly?

YOUR VOTE IS YOUR CHOICE. USE IT.

Leadership may begin with vision for a better future, but it's delivering the vision that ultimately determines success or worth of leader.

Passion And Integrity... Only leaders who demonstrate integrity can garner trust among their fellow colleagues. These are men and women who are not afraid of the truth and are capable of standing up for what they believe in. Leaders with integrity also often have an enduring passion for what they do. They don't do what they do for name, fame or personal gain but simply because they love what they do or want to change for the good of all. In fact, it is this very passion that becomes the basis for their success, popularity and happiness.



Turn Out To Vote... Remember that exercising your franchise is a duty and responsibility. We know it's summer and very hot outside. We know it's the summer holidays. We know it is a Sunday. We also know that a degree of 'voter fatigue' may have set in. Also, 'nothing will change' is a common refrain that we may hear. But, by not voting, things could change by default for the worse!

Also, if you think that just your one vote in a pool of a few thousand cannot make much of a difference, consider some of the closest elections in the recent history of the BPP where good candidates have lost by just a few votes.

Participating in BPP elections is one of the key freedoms and rights of a Parsi Zoroastrian. No matter what your personal ideology may be or who you may wish to support, it is important for you to exercise your right to vote!

Please do vote and please vote wisely!

Seth B M Mevawala Dar-e-Meher Celebrates 148th Salgreh

Seth B M Mevawala Agiary, located at Byculla (Mumbai) celebrated its 148th Salgreh on 29th April, 2022 (Roj: Sarosh, Mah: Adar, 1391 YZ). The Agiary was decorated with flowers, and well illuminated with lights, with a rich carpet of rangoli designed by Prochi Bhadha.

A Machi was offered in the Havan Gah at 7:00 am, followed by a Jashan in honor of the Agiary's founder, on behalf of the Trustees, by Panthaky Er. Parvez M. Bajan, along with Mobeds.

The evening program started with a Jashan at 5:00 pm on behalf of the well-wishers and residents of Byculla, led by Er. Darayus P. Bajan, followed by a religious function. Well-known legal luminary, Senior Counsel of Bombay High Court, Firoze Andhyarujina graced the occasion as the Chief-Guest. Er. Parvez Bajan introduced



him, highlighting his illustrious career, pointing out how Mr. Andhyarujina has been delivering the 'Union Budget' speech since 1994, which is well received in various forums across India.

Er. Bajan shared an overview of Zoroastrian worship of Fire and the preservation and protection of various established Fire Temples in Mumbai and India.

Speaking on the principles and practice of our religion, Andhyarujina explained specifically how a Parsi/Irani Zoroastrian should lead a life as per the teachings of our ancient Zoroastrian Faith. He highlighted seven issues for the Parsis to survive in this modern and changing world viz. Employment, Environment (that includes Mathra, Mithra, and Yasna), Education, Entrepreneurship, Increase



in Parsi population, Modern days technological nuances and finally safeguarding our religious institutions such as places of worship, Dokhmas and properties of Charitable Trusts. He exhorted youngsters to opt for different professions and excel in their fields so as to bring pride to the Parsi Community.

Next, Navaz and Marzban Wadia gave a rendition of Parsi

Monajats praising the tenets and teachings of our Zoroastrian Faith Trustee Vispi Mistry and Feroze Sethna advised the youth on careers. Er. Bajan gave the vote of thanks to all present for their support in making the function a success. The program ended with the rendition of the Parsi Anthem - 'Chhaiye Hame Zarhosti' and distribution of Chasni and light refreshments (catered by Neville Dordi).

Dr. Coomi Vevaina Bestowed 'Professor Emeritus' By Christ University, Pune

Dr. Coomi Vevaina, PhD, the Founder-Director of the Global Tipping Point Summit (GTPS) was honoured with the prestigious designation of 'Professor Emeritus', by Christ University, Pune, in recognition of her meritorious contributions to scholarship and her distinguished career. This esteemed rank is awarded to very select professors on retirement and they retain this honorary title for life.



Dr. Coomi Vevaina is also the Founder Director of Centre for Connection Education and Management and is the retired Professor and Head of the Department of English, University of Mumbai, India. She holds two Ph.D degrees to her credit - one in Literature and the other in Education. She has published nine books and fifty-eight papers that have appeared in peer-reviewed national and international journals and critical anthologies.

Speaking to Parsi Times,

Dr. Coomi Vevaina said, "I passionately love teaching (and learning) and do my work with immense joy, without thinking of rewards. However, last evening when I received a mail from Christ University, Pune, conferring on me the designation of Professor Emeritus, I felt genuinely glad that my work in Literature and Education had been given recognition. I know that I will continue to teach in innovative ways and keep writing books and leading workshops till my dying day (God willing)!"

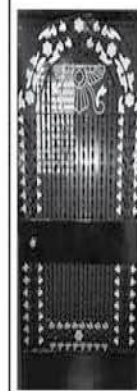
Well-wishers and students alike, poured in congratulatory messages. While Environmental Activist, writer, and the founder of Sanctuary Nature Foundation - Bittu Sahgal, said, "Congratulations Coomi. You are a dedicated educationist and this is such a richly deserved honour!", Kanchan Aneja, one of Dr. Coomi's M.Phil students, exclaimed, "You have spent your life totally committed and dedicated to teaching all who came into your life in an intense, caring and loving way. I am just one of the hundreds of students whose lives you have touched with your concern, empathy and sheer love. It has been a great privilege and joy."

In the field of Education, Dr. Coomi Vevaina is deeply involved in innovative, learner-centric curriculum designing, teaching pedagogy and evaluation techniques. Her book on Education, Sourcefull Intelligence: Understanding Uniqueness and Oneness

through Education, was selected as among the eighteen best books published in the USA, in 2013. Her most recent book, 'What Children Really Want', has been hailed as a path-breaking innovation by educationists, parents, writers and psychologists from across the world.

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Community Stalwarts Root For Community Centric BPP Candidate: Lion Daara Patel



Lion Daara B. Patel, Past District Governor of Lions Club International and Secretary General of the Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association, is known to me for more than a decade. He is most suitable to be elected

as a Trustee on the BPP board.

He has a great personality, administrative competence and above all is a philanthropist and a great human being.

His experience in several very important positions in multinational companies and large business houses has given him great experience and expertise in handling people and leading large teams. This will be a great advantage for the community.

He has also been the PRO of The Human Rights Organisation. I have seen him working hard in organizing mega medical check-up camps and blood donation drives. His experience in the corporate world and Lions International will be a great asset for the BPP.

He is also a great orator and motivator. All these qualities make him the most ideal candidate for being elected as BPP trustee.

I wholeheartedly recommend him as we require such a forward-looking and well-meaning person to lead our community.

Capt. Percy M. Master
(WZCC Global President &
Chairman - Master Group of Companies)



I have known Mr Daara Patel through the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce. It would be very useful for a Trust like the BPP to have on its Board, individuals with a proven track record and experience in matters of business and management.

Daara Patel squarely meets this requirement. He brings with him vast experience and expertise in matters of management and administration that will indeed be of great use to the Trust. He comes from a business background and is currently the Secretary-General of the Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association. In addition, he is also a member of Lions club and an active social worker. He has shown commitment and dedication in all that he has undertaken. He will indeed add good value to the BPP Board.

Zerick Hosi Dastur
Founder - Zerick Dastur, Advocates and Solicitors



Lion Daara Patel Service Always, In All Ways



I have known Lion Daara Patel for the last four decades and found him to be very helpful, honest and sincere, accessible and a thorough Gentleman. He has rich professional experience and being a go-to Man, his

socio-professional experience will be of a great help to the community. He will be an asset to the Bombay Parsi Punchayet.

Daara rose to the occasion in serving the community at large, specially the Dadar Parsi Colony during the pandemic. Daara has my full support for being elected as a Trustee of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet as I'm sure he has yours too!

Dr. Behram J Bunshah
Eminent Physician



I have known Daara for the last four decades and it has been a real, real pleasure knowing this young man. He's personable, affable, ever smiling and ever ready to reach out. He has been a Lion over the last 40 years

and through sheer hard work has risen to the position of District Governor of the Bombay District for Lions Clubs International.

What I find most engaging about Daara is that the venture need not be a Lionistic one, it could be anything, but Daara is ever ready and willing to reach out to all and sundry. In fact, it is in his very genes to do so.

He has also very rich professional connect and experience of 40 years with various Multinational companies. He has the ability to work with people and carry them along with him. He's totally Committed and a totally Community Minded person. I've personally experienced that when he worked with us in our struggle to preserve our Dadar Parsi Colony's rich heritage and identity.

I certainly feel we need dedicated and committed people on our Apex body who have much to offer to the Community. People like Daara who have the courage of their convictions and the ability to see them through with honesty and integrity. My wholehearted support goes out to you Daara.

Mithoo Jimmy Jesia



I have known Lion Daara Patel well since the past more than two decades, on account of his long association with Dadar Athornan Institute and also personally. Daara has been involved with many humanitarian activities,

especially connected with medical and relief work. He has distinguished himself as the District Governor of the Lions District.

Daara has always been a community minded person who has contributed immensely towards the good of the community, even in an individual capacity.

I am certain that with co-operation and support of like-minded people, he will be able to do a lot for the Parsi-Irani community and Zoroastrian religion.

Daara is enthusiastic, earnest, sincere and devoted. He has the will, vision and ability to make positive changes, and the affability and humility to inspire others to go with him.

I am glad that Daara is offering himself as a Trustee of the Bombay Parsee Punchayet. Having managed a very professional and successful career, his administrative acumen will help him to give a professional approach to community service. He will be an asset to the Bombay Parsee Punchayet and the Parsee Community.

Today, Daara has the zeal, wisdom, energy, experience, enthusiasm, sincerity, devotion and time, all on his side. I wish him success and sincerely pray that may Ahura Mazda bestow success, long life, strength and happiness to enable him to fulfil his mission.

Er. Dr. Ramiyar P. Karanjia
Principal, Dadar Athornan Institute

ANAHITA DESAI Candidate No. 2 – For BPP Trusteeship

She has earned your trust...and deserves your Vote!

Donors have confidence in Anahita Desai

Not only can Anahita Desai raise funds but she sees to it that she is involved in a project from start to finish and ensures that the project is completed on time - This is her special skill set.

- Anahita Desai has been responsible for single handedly raising lakhs for the repair and renovation of four bunglis at Doongerwadi. She not only initiated the renovations but supervised and ensured their completion.
- At Parukh Dharamshala which is again run by the BPP and where Anahita Desai is a Committee Member of the Ladies Committee, she raised 34 lakhs for the repair and civil work of the Dharamshala and another 2.5 lakhs for providing bedside cabinets for the inmates.
- At the Godavara Agiary also run by the BPP, Anahita personally co-ordinated with the architect and the Panthaki of the agiary for the complete repair and restoration of the agiary. (Anahita and Yazdi personally donated 10 lakhs towards the renovation)

The above 3 are all BPP properties! Yet it was Anahita who initiated and completed these projects, raising funds on her own, from generous donors

IMAGINE HOW MUCH MORE ANAHITA WILL ACHIEVE AS A BPP TRUSTEE!

Track Record of community service... actions speak louder than words

- Organized with N K Dhabhar Cancer Foundation, Free Breast Cancer Detection Camps in our various colonies.
- Repaired and renovated the Sodawaterwalla Agiary at Charni Road.
- Organised the WAPIZ Cama Baug Sale which provides a platform for home industry and small-scale entrepreneurs of our community.
- Provided Oxygen Concentrators to Colonies and Baugs during the Pandemic at a time when concentrators were in short supply for the use of its residents for medical emergencies.
- Started the WAPIZ Adult Diaper Project which gives free adult diapers to deserving community members.
- Distributed free Singer Sewing Machines focusing on women who stitch sadras, lenghas etc., to augment their family incomes.
- Started a Medical Fund aimed at helping deserving persons who have difficulty in paying for monthly medicines for chronic ailments.
- Started a Medical Fund for Mobeds over 60 years old, concentrating on those mobeds who have difficulty in paying for monthly medicines for chronic ailments.
- CCTV Cameras installed at Doongerwadi for the approach road and parking area.

MY PLEDGE TO MY BELOVED COMMUNITY

I believe in cooperation and I am willing to collaborate and work with all my co-trustees on issue-by-issue basis. Being an independent candidate, I have the advantage, if elected, to strengthen the hands of any elected trustee whose proposal is aimed towards improving the lives of our community members and is for the greater good of the community.

Have housing for the middle class – a segment of our community for whom the BPP presently has no housing policy.

Improve communication of the BPP with the community – bring out an official periodic newsletter from the BPP. Officially share information such as Audited accounts, list of vacant flats, locked flats, amounts spent on various Schemes and projects, status of undertaken projects etc.

Take decisions and pass resolutions ONLY based on the fact that the decision will be for the good of the community and the Trust and not for selfish political mileage and popularity.



Kick start and vigorously follow up with practical timelines the many stalled projects – Ownership Building at Godrej Baug, Building at Bamji Sanatorium at Navsari etc.

Form a Committee of Financial experts to guide the Board in terms of resource mobilisation, restructuring its finance and help the BPP out of its financial crisis.

Have a consultative committee of legal experts to guide the Board on vexing issues such as the Property Tax demands, lapsed leases of properties etc.

Maintain, safeguard, repair and look after the structures (bunglis, dokhmas, sagdi) and 55 acres of precious Doongerwadi land that is sacred to our community. Strengthen the system of Dokhmenishini.

Liaising with members of different Baugs to understand the issues they face and bring about a solution to their problems.

Will work with our representative on the Minorities Commission to get Reservation for Parsi students, in Medical, Engineering and other Educational Institutions.

Voters must bring their BPP Voter Certificate



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Without these 2 documents you will not be allowed to vote on 29th May, 2022.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Hear her, Ask any questions, Clear any doubts

Saturday 21st May, 7 pm	- CUSROW BAUG
Sunday 22nd May, 6.30 pm	- GODREJ BAUG
Monday 23rd May, 7 pm	- BANDRA TATA BLOCKS
Tuesday 24th May 7 pm	- GAMADIA COLONY
Wednesday 25th May, 7 pm	- TATA COLONY (C.J. COLONY)
Friday 27th May, 7 pm	- RUSTOM BAUG

ENDORSED BY PROMINENT COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Vada Dasturji Meherjirana, Keki Ravji saheb – High Priest of Navsari Atash Behram & Panthaki of Cama Baug Agiary

Dr. Anahita Pundole – Leading Gynaecologist associated with the Jiyo Parsi Fertility Project, committed environmentalist and activist.

Arnavaz Mistry – Ex-BPP Trustee, Trustee of ZTFI & Young Rathestars

Diana Doctor – Founder, Doa Bakshidan, committed Social worker

Fareedoon Amrolia – Managing Trustee, Amroli Agairy and Anjuman

Feroze Sethna – Managing Partner, Feroze Foods & Flavours

Ervad Firdaus Pavri – Panthaki of Godavara Agiary

Hanoz Mistry – Company Secretary – Tata Co, well known community activist associated with the traditional newsletter “The Parsee Voice”

Homai Daruwalla – Former Chairman/ Managing Director Central Bank of India, Former Chairman of Zoroastrian Bank

Hutoxi Doodhwalla – Trustee, Ahura Support, committed Social Worker

Jimmy Mistry – Chairman Della Group, Ex-Trustee BPP

Khojeste Mistree – Religious Scholar, Ex BPP Trustee, Trustee of WAPIZ, AET, ZS and Amroli Agiary

Limji Nanabhoy – Trustee – The Association for the Performance of the First Year Necessary Death Ceremonies, Trustee Sodawaterwalla Agiary

Mrs. Mithoo Jesia – Trustee & Hon. Sec of Mancherji Edulji Joshi Memorial Trust

Nasha R Jassawalla – Managing Trustee, Rustom Faramna Agiary

Padma Shri Pinaz Masani – Nightingale of our Community

Roshan J. Lentin – Trustee, Edulji Allbless Baug and Allbless Charities

Rustom Jasoomoney – Vice President Rustom Baug Welfare Association, Trustee NarYman K Dubash Foundation, Managing Committee Member of Parsee Gymkhana

Sam Chothia – Managing Trustee, Valsad Parsi Anjuman, Vice President, West Zone B, FPZAI

Shirin Katgara – Member of Ladies Committee, Parukh Dharamshala

Soonu Buhariwalla – Major donor for Community Institutions & Welfare

Dr. Vispi Jokhi – Orthopaedic Surgeon, CEO, Masina Hospital

Yasmin Charna – Head of Boarding Section of Avabai Petit Girls High School

Zareen J. Engineer – granddaughter of Mancherji E Joshi. President of Mancherji Joshi Resident's Ass, President of M.E. Joshi Education Fund, Member of Parsi Central Ass.Co.op.housing Soc. Ltd.

Zerick Hosi Dastur – Founding Partner – Zerick Dastur, Advocates and Solicitors.

WAPIZ Trustees – Homi Ranina, Khojeste Mistree & Meher Panthaki

N K Dhabhar Cancer Foundation – Pouruchisti Boman Dhabhar & Khurshid Mistry

Trustees of Sodawaterwalla Agiary – Mr. Dinshaw Variava, Capt. Percy Master, Mr. Limji Nanabhoy, Mr. Burzis Taraporevala

The Atashbehram & Atash Adarian, Machi Trust – Dasturji Kotwal, Ervad Hormuz Dadachanji, Ervad Aspi Rao, Hanoz Patel.

Nowroze Baug Project Group – Bahadur Sanjana, Nozer N. Sutaria, Dali J. Mohta

Winning Strokes By Khaiz Gheewala At GMAAA

Khaiz Cyrus Gheewala, studying in class IX at the JSS International School (Dubai), won the 'Individual Championship' in the Under-14 age category, in GMAAA's (Greater Mumbai Amateur Aquatic Association) Annual Sub Junior and Junior Aquatic Meet 2022, which was held from 14 - 16 May, at Celebration Club, Mumbai. Competing with about 205 swimmers who had participated from across Mumbai, Khaiz won an impressive four Gold medals (in 50m, 100m, 200m Breast Stroke and 400m IM) and a Silver medal in 200m IM.



Arun Kumar Vaidya Swimming Pool in Mumbai (coached - Anup Radhakrishnani) and in Dubai he trains with Gators Swimming Academy (coach - Mohamed El Zanaty).

Here's looking forward to many more such winning strokes by swimming champ, Khaiz!

The son of proud parents, Meher and Cyrus Gheewala, Khaiz has been professionally competing in swimming only since the past five years - which makes this milestone truly commendable. He owes this trophy to the hard work and dedication of his coaches. Khaiz represented General




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FOZAWAC Table-Tennis: Parsee Gymkhana Reigns Supreme



The ebbing of the pandemic prompted FOZAWAC to hold the Table-tennis tournament after a gap of two years. 55 players, from places including Pune, Navsari and Surat, participated in the 2-day event, held at the Sir Ness Wadia Pavilion, in Rustom Baug, on 14th and 15th May, 2022.

The first morning kicked off with the Under-14 league, where 11-year-old Hormuz Patel of Pune, carrying on his fine form from the Parsee Gymkhana tournament in February, quickly proved his supremacy. In the Open Singles league qualifying rounds, 16 players advanced to the main draw, where it ultimately came down to the



husband-wife team - Zubin-Frenaz final.

In the Veteran singles, Sarosh Shroff bagged the title. In the team event, Parsee Gymkhana had little trouble in retaining their crown. But it was the Doubles Final which

provided the maximum thrills. CCI's Nekzaad Kerawalla, partnering newbie Shihaan Palkhiwalla, offered stiff opposition to the fancied pair of Zubin-Frenaz, before bowing out in five tough fought games. Parsee Gymkhana thus retained the top three titles - 'Open Singles', 'Open

Results of the Finals

Open Singles
Zubin Taraporewalla (PG) bt Frenaz Chipia (PG)
Teams
Parsee Gymkhana (Hoshang Katrak, Zubin Taraporewalla, Frenaz Chipia) beat Slim 3 (Sarosh Shroff, Pearl Amalsadiwalla, Farzan Malesaria)
Open Doubles
Zubin Taraporewalla & Frenaz Chipia (PG) bt Nekzaad Kerawalla & Shihaan Palkhiwalla (CCI)
Veteran Singles
Sarosh Shroff (Bandra) bt Rayomand Marolia (PG)
Under-14
Hormuz Patel (Pune) bt Naomi Amalsadiwalla (Salsette)
Jumbled Doubles
Zubin Taraporewalla & Peshaan Kerawalla bt Rayomand Marolia & Rayomand Farudi

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હિંદમાં આગમન થયું, તેની અગાઉનાં બનાવો

કુદરતમાં જે કાંઈ સાચુ હોય તેવું જ્ઞાન મેળવવું તે કાંઈ ગુનાહ નથી. કારણ ઈનસાનનો એજ ખવાસ છે કે આદશ પછવાડે તે ખંચાય પછી ભેલેને તે પૂર્ણ રીતે અમલમાં નહિ મુકાય.

ધાર્મિક જ્ઞાન બે કીસમનાં હોઈ શકે છે: (૧) ફક્ત જાણવા માટે (૨) અમલમાં મુકવા માટે.

ફક્ત જાણવા માટેનું જ્ઞાન દીન યાને ધર્મ ઉપર આંધળો નહિ પણ મુસ્તકીમ, કોઈથી હીલાવી શકાય નહિ તેવા જ્ઞાનમય એતેકાદ ઉભો કરવા જરૂરનું છે. જ્યારે અમલમાં મુકવાનું જ્ઞાન દીન તરફની ફરજો, ગુજરેલાં તરફની ફરજો વિગેરેનું ભાન કરાવે છે. આથી કેતાબમાં બેઉ પ્રકારના જ્ઞાનનો સમાવેશ કરવામાં આવ્યો છે.

ઈતિહાસનાં કોઈક બનાવો બન્યા પછી, લાંબો વખત પસાર થવા પછી, તેનું સ્વરૂપ બદલાઈ જાય છે અને તેમાં ભલતીસલતી ખોટી હકીકતો ઘુસી જાય છે.

દાખલા તરીકે આજને અર્વાચીન અભ્યાસ એમ કહે છે કે આ દુન્યાં ઉપર સપ્પર પહેલો ઈનસાન જે પેદા થયો તે જંગલી હતો. જ્યારે ઈલ્મે-ફનુમ પ્રમાણે તો તે અર્ધ યજ્ઞદી હતો. હા, તે વખતે જંગલી કુદરતની કાળી બાજુની પુજા કરનારા પણ હતા. પણ એમાં તો આજેથી આફ્રીકાના જંગલોમાં યાને માણસ ખાઉ ઈનસાનો વસે છે તો તેથી કોઈ એમ નહીં કહી શકે કે દુન્યાની વસ્તી માણસ ખાઉ હતી.

તેવી જ રીતે આજે એમ મનાય છે કે જેમ ૧૯૪૭માં આય બીચારા સિંધીઓ રેફ્યુજીસ તરીકે સિંધથી નાસી આવ્યા તેમજ આપણે પારસીઓ ઈરાનથી નિરાશ્રીતો થઈને નાસી આવ્યા હતા. વળી કેટલાકોએ તો પોતાના કહેવાતા અભ્યાસથી એવી પણ ગુસ્તાખી કીધી છે કે આરબોના હુમલા વખતની અંધાધુધીમાં ઓરતો અને બચ્ચાંઓને નહીં લાવી શકાયા એટલે હિંદ આવ્યા તે તો ફક્ત મરદો જ હતા.

ખરી બાબત એ છે કે આપણે

યોજના પૂર્વક કોઈક ભલી નેમથી આ ભલા દેશમાં આવ્યા છીએ.

બધી બાબતોનો અભ્યાસ કરતા એક સવાલ ઉભો થાય છે કે બુરા જમાનામાંથી બાતેનમાં આવા મોટા સાહેબો હોવા છતાં એમ કાંય નિર્માણ હતું કે ઈરાનમાં જાહેર દીન ટકી શકે નહીં, જ્યારે હિંદુસ્તાન ભૂમિ ઉપર એ શક્ય કાંય બન્યું?

એમાં વર્ણોના બાતેન લેણદેણની વાત છે. એક તો એ કે બરજસીઓનો કેસાસ ઘણો જ ખરાબ હતો. ખુદ સાસાન જમાનામાં ઈરાનીઓએ મોટી ભૂલો કીધી હતી. કમનસીબે દુન્યામાં જેમ બધી જાતની નેકીઓ ઈરાનમાંથી નીકળી તેમજ બધી બદીઓનું મૂળિયુંબી ઈરાનમાંથી જ નીકળ્યું. પહેલવી ખાંઓએ બુધની જીરમને એક મોટો આરામ લેવાનો ઓટલો (શામિયાનો કહ્યો છે. જીરમોનો શામિયાનો જ્યાં આગળ બધી જીરમો પોતાના મુશ્કેલીભર્યા વખતમાં ઠરીઠામ રહી શકે. બીજું એ કે પામર ઉપર અઈર્ધનએમ વએજોની નજદીકમાં નજદીકની જગા તે હિંદુસ્તાન છે. બરજસોનો કેસાસ ખરાબ હતો અને તારદ (બુધની જીરમ) સાથનો તેનો કેસાસ બાકી હતો. આપણા વડવાઓ ઈરાનથી આવીને જાદવ રાણાના આસરા હેઠળ રહ્યા તે કાંઈ અકસ્માતીક નહીં હતું. નેયાસંઘ ઘવલ સાહેબ ચાલુ બાતેન કશમાના સાહેબો સાથે મશવરતમાં રહેતા હતા અને સરોશની પણ બસારતો એવણને મલ્યા કરતી હતી. ઈરાનમાં જ રમલ (પાસા) નાખીને નકકી કીધેલું હતું કે યાદવ ખાનદાનનો આ નબીરો એક જ એવો છે કે જેના રાજમાં પાવમહેલ ઉભો કરી શકાશે. (જે કાંઈ જાણવું હોય તે પાસા નાખીને યાને રમલથી જાણવાની વિદ્યા સંપૂર્ણ રીતે મોટા આત્મિક શક્તિવાલા સાહેબો જાણતા હોય છે. (કમશ)

- શ્રીજી પાક ઈરાનશા પુસ્તકમાંથી

પવિત્ર દએ મહિનો

બાર મહિનાના ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન કેલેન્ડરમાં દએનો મહિનો સૌથી પવિત્ર માનવામાં આવે છે કારણ કે તે સર્વોચ્ચ અમેશા સ્પેન્ટા (બાઉન્ટિયસ ઈમોરટલ), દાદાર હોરમઝદ (દએ દાદાર) - સર્જકને સમર્પિત છે. ઘરમાં, ઓફિસમાં કે આતશ બહેરામ કે અગિયારીમાં જશન સમારોહના પ્રદર્શન સાથે સર્જકને ધન્યવાદ આપવાનો મહિનો પણ છે.

ચાર વધારાના-વિશેષ દિવસો: મહિનાના પ્રથમ દિવસે (એટલે કે હોરમઝદ), આઠ દિવસ (એટલે કે, દએ આદર), પંદરમો દિવસ (એટલે



દેવતા તરીકે જોવામાં આવે છે (વિશેષણ - ભગવાનનો ડર અંગ્રેજી લેક્સિકોનમાં સામાન્ય છે) અથવા ભગવાન અથવા માસ્ટર તરીકે. જો કે, પારસી પરંપરામાં અહુરા મઝદાથી ન તો ડરવું જોઈએ કે ન તો ડરથી તેમની પૂજા કરવી જોઈએ. પારસી પરંપરામાં અને ખાસ કરીને ગાથામાં, સર્વોચ્ચ દિવ્યતાને ફ્યા (સંસ્કૃત પ્રિયા) અથવા ફિયાઈ તરીકે ઓળખવામાં આવે છે જેનો અર્થ મિત્ર અથવા પ્રિય છે. બીજા શબ્દોમાં કહીએ તો, ભગવાન સાથે પારસીનો સંબંધ ભય અને



કે, દએ મહેર) અને ત્રીસમો દિવસ (એટલે કે, દએ દીન) અને સર્જકનું પાસું ધરાવતા યજ્ઞાતા - અગ્નિની અધ્યક્ષતા (દએપ આદર), પ્રકાશ અને ન્યાયની અધ્યક્ષતા (દએપ મહેર) અને સારા ધર્મની અધ્યક્ષતા (દએપ મહેર) (દએપ દીન) મહિનાના આ ચાર દિવસમાંથી દરેકને દાદગાલ (સર્જક)ના જશન તરીકે ઓળખવામાં આવે છે.

પ્રાચીન ઈરાનમાં દએમાહની ઉજવણી:

પ્રાચીન સમયમાં, જ્યારે પારસી ધર્મ ઈરાનનો રાજ્ય ધર્મ હતો, ત્યારે માહ દએ અને રોજ હોરમઝદ પર, જૂના મહાન રાજાઓ તેમના સિંહાસન પરથી નીચે ઉતરતા, સાદા સફેદ વસ્ત્રોના પોશાક પહેરતા, બધા શાહી પરિચારકોની ફરજો દિવસ માટે સ્થગિત કરતા અને રાજા સાથે વાર્તાલાપ કરવા ઈચ્છતા કોઈપણ સામાન્ય નાગરિક માટે પોતાને ઉપલબ્ધ કરતા હતા.

રાજાઓ નાના જમીનમાલિકો અને ખેડૂતો સાથે બેઠકો યોજતા - તેમની સાથે સાદું ભોજન પણ વહેંચતા. આ પરંપરા વાર્ષિક સ્મૃતિપત્ર હતી કે સર્વોચ્ચ દિવ્યતા માટે, દાદાર હોરમઝદ, રાજા અને સામાન્ય બધા એક સમાન છે. તે ભગવાન અને તેની બધી રચનાઓ સાથેની મિત્રતાની ઉજવણી કરે છે - ખાસ કરીને મનુષ્યો વચ્ચેની મિત્રતા, શ્રીમંત કે ગરીબ, શાહી અથવા સામાન્ય.

ભગવાન સાથે મિત્રતા:

અમુક ધાર્મિક પરંપરાઓમાં ભગવાનને ભયાનક

ડરના આધારે નહીં પરંતુ મિત્રતા અને પ્રેમના આધારે બાંધવામાં આવે છે.

ભગવાનને પ્રેમ કરવો જોઈએ, તેના ક્રોધથી ડરવું નહીં. ભગવાનને મિત્ર તરીકે માનવા જોઈએ અને માંગણી કરનાર અથવા પ્રભુત્વ ધરાવનાર ભગવાન તરીકે નહીં કે જેઓ સતત તેની પ્રજાને પરીક્ષણ અને બલિદાનમાં મૂકે છે. પારસી પરંપરામાં ભગવાનને બલિદાન અથવા શરીરને ત્રાસ આપવાથી પ્રસન્ન થવાના નથી. વાસ્તવમાં, એક મિત્ર તરીકે અહુરા મઝદા ઈચ્છે છે કે તેના તમામ મિત્રો ઉશ્તા અથવા સુખનો આનંદ માણે.

ભગવાન સાથે મિત્રતા કેવી રીતે કરવી? દાદાર હોરમઝદ સાથે આપણે કેવી રીતે શ્રેષ્ઠ મિત્રતા કરી શકીએ?

જેઓ પરોઢિયે હોશબામ ખાતે પ્રાર્થના કરે છે તેઓ પ્રાર્થનાને યાદ કરી શકે છે: "Asha vahishta, asha sraeshta, daresāma thwā, pairi thwā jamyāma, hamem thwā hakhma.", જેનો અર્થ છે - તમારા દર્શન અને અમે તમારી નજીક આવીએ અને તમારી શાશ્વત મિત્રતાને પ્રાપ્ત કરીએ.

ઉપરોક્તમાંથી એક જોઈ શકાય છે કે આપણે ફક્ત આશા (સત્ય, શુદ્ધતા અને સદાચારી આચરણ)ના માર્ગ પર ચાલીને ભગવાનની શાશ્વત મિત્રતા મેળવી શકીએ છીએ.

દએના આ પવિત્ર મહિનામાં, આપણામાંના દરેક આશાના માર્ગ પર ચાલવાના આપણા દૈનિક પ્રયત્નો દ્વારા અહુરા મઝદાની મિત્રતા મેળવવાનો પ્રયત્ન કરીએ. ત્યાં એક જ રસ્તો છે, તે આશાનો, બીજા બધા રસ્તા ખોટા છે.

એક સુંદર સંદેશ

એક વૃદ્ધ નદી કિનારે બેઠા હતા. ત્યાં એક વ્યક્તિ આવીને પુછે છે : શું કરો છો?

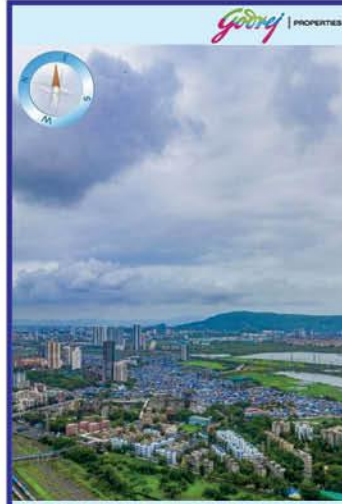
વૃદ્ધ કહે : રાહ જોઉં છું કે, નદીનું પાણી વહી જાય તો નદી પાર કરી લઉં!

ત્યાં એ વ્યક્તિ કહે : કેવી વાત કરો છો, આ બધું પાણી વહી જાય એની રાહમાં તો તમે ક્યારેય નદી પાર નહીં કરી શકો!

વૃદ્ધ કહે : હું પણ તમને એ જ સમજાવવા માંગું છું કે, તમે લોકો જે હંમેશાં કલો છો કે, જિંદગીની જવાબદારીઓ પુરી થાય તો મોજ કરું, ક્યાંક ફરવા જાઉં, બધાને મળું, સેવા કરું, બસ, જે રીતે નદીનું પાણી ક્યારેય પુરું નહીં થાય, જીવનના કામો પૂરાં થશે જ નહીં, ને સમય મળશે જ નહીં!

આપણે જ નદી પાર કરવાનો રસ્તો કાઢવો પડે છે.

તે જ રીતે, જિંદગી જીવવાનો અને માણવાનો સમય કાઢવો પડે. જિંદગીનાં કામ ક્યારેય પુરાં નથી થતાં! માટે આજને જ જીવી લઈએ, કાલની ક્યાં કોઈને ખબર છે?



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પતિ: આઈડીયા ફેઈલ ગયું.
પત્રકાર: કેમ શું થયું ?
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For Kidney failure patients, NO DIALYSIS means EARLY DEATH!

Nashik Dialysis Support Foundation, a charitable non-profit trust provides dialysis and consumables to underprivileged kidney failure patients who are not eligible for any government schemes. Costs are subsidized through donations from like-minded citizens like yourself!

Infrastructure & Activities of NDSF

- 22 state of the art dialysis machines, began with 4 machines in 2013
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- 4 top nephrologists as honorary consultants
- Modern, fully equipped pathology lab
- OPD at subsidized rates, INR 30 per visit with free medicines
- 55,000+ dialysis sessions conducted till date
- Dialysis technician course for poor students at subsidized cost

Monthly Expenses of a Kidney Failure patient on Dialysis & Medicines	Cost at Private Hospital	Cost at Nashik Dialysis Support Foundation
	₹ 24,560/- to ₹ 31,200/-	₹ 6400/- (Subsidized/ Free in most cases)



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No. of Dialysis sessions	Support a Patient	
	Your Donation	Days added to patients life
12 sessions	₹ 4,800/-	1 month
36 sessions	₹ 14,400/-	3 months
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એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. ઠે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Cyrus Framroze Poonawala સાયરસ ફરામરોઝ પુનાવાલા	80 ૮૦	13.05.2022	22, Wadia House Road, Khareghat Colony, Kemps Corner, Grant Road, Mumbai 7. ૨૨ વાડીયા હાઉસ, છુઝીસ રોડ, ખરેઘાટ કોલોની, કેમ્પસ કોર્નર, ગ્રાન્ટ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે મરુદમો આવાં તથા ફરામરોઝ પુનાવાલાના દીકરા તે રોકશાનના ખાવિંદ તે નેવીલના બાવાજ તે આવાના સસરા તે દાદી તથા મરુદમ બરજોરના ભાઈ.
Viloo Neville Pir વીલુ નેવીલ પીર	57 ૫૭	14.05.2022	1/B, Flat No-5, Tata Mills C.H.S., Ambedkar Road, Parel, Mumbai 12. ૧/ બી, ફ્લેટ નં.૫, તાતા મીલ કો. હા. સો. આંબેડકર રોડ, પારેલ મુંબઈ ૧૨.	તે નેવીલના ઘણિયાની તે મરુદમો ફેની હોશંગ બાલદાવાલાના દીકરી તે હનોઝ ને વીનાઝના માતાજી તે યજ્ઞદીના બહેન તે ખુશનાઝ ને મેહરઝાદના સાસુજી તે વેહાનના અપઈજી તે શાઝનીના કુઈજી તે કાઈરસ ને જોસમીનના કાકીજી તે મરુદમો આલુ માનેક પીરના વલુ તે યજ્ઞદીના ભાભી તે તેહનાઝના નણંદ તે ફરીદા ને રૂબીના વહેવાણ તે નેવીલ ને ઝરીનના વેવાઈ તે ફરઝાન અને કેનાઝના ગ્રાન્ડ આન્ટી.
Banoo Phiroze Banaji બાનુ પીરોજ બાનાજી	93 ૯૩	14.05.2022	B/5, Shireen Mansion, 228 Tardeo, Above Tardeo Post Office, VTC Mumbai, 7. બી-૫, શીરીન મેનશન ૨૨૮, તારદેવ પોસ્ટ ઓફીસની ઉપર, વી. ટી. સી., મુંબઈ ૭.	તે મરુદમો રતનશા અને ખોરશેદ કોન્ડ્રાકતરના દીકરી તે મરુદમ પીરોજ માનેકજી બાનાજીના ઘણિયાની તે પરશિયસ અને મેહર નેવીલ સાલુકારના માતાજી તે ખુશનુમા અને નેવીલના સાસુજી તે મરુદમો દાલી, વીલુ અને જરના બહેન તે શહાઝખ અને દેવારાના અપઈજી તે મરુદમો માનેકજી અને જરબાનુ બાનાજીના વલુ.
Dinaz Ratan Sahiwala દીનાઝ રતન સહીવાલા	79 ૭૯	15.05.2022	Rustom Baug, 17-C, No 25, Sant Savta Marg, Mumbai 27. રૂસ્તમ બાગ, ૧૭-સી, નં. ૨૫, સંત સાવતા માર્ગ, મુંબઈ ૨૭.	તે રતન નાદીરશા સહીવાલાના ઘણિયાણી તે અરનાઝ દેવકર તથા નાઝનીન વીરાફ ફનીબંદાના માતાજી તે મરુદમો ગુલચેર તથા અદી ક. જાવરાવાલાના દીકરી તે વીરાફ પ. ફનીબંદાના સાસુજી તે ઝેરીક અદી જાવરાવાલા તથા મરુદમ નોશીર અદી જાવરાવાલાના બહેન તે મરુદમો મેહરબાઈ તથા નાદીરશા સહીવાલાના વલુ તે પરીનાઝ વીરાફ ફનીબંદા, કરીના વીરાફ ફનીબંદા તથા દેવાશીશ અને દુરગેશ દેવકરના મમઈજી.
Diana Dara Vevaina દાયના દારા વેવઈના	63 ૬૩	15.05.2022	669, Flat No 7, 1St Floor, Katrak Road, Wadala, Mumbai 31. ૬૬૯, ફ્લેટ નં. ૭, ૧લે માળે, કાત્રક રોડ, વડાલા, મુંબઈ ૩૧.	તે મરુદમ દારા મ. વેવઈના વિધવા તે મરુદમો ધનમાય તથા બરજોરજી ક. ભગવાગરના દીકરી તે દોલી સ. ખંભાતા, દીનાઝ પ. પટેલ, ગુલશન સી. મોદી તથા મરુદમ બેપસી દુબાશના બહેન તે કેવાન સ. ખંભાતા, અનાલીઝ, ઉરમેઝ પ. પટેલ તથા નેવીલ દુબાશના માસીજી તે મરુદમો દીનામાય તથા મરુદમ વેવઈના વલુ.
Kersi Motaji Anklesaria કેરસી મોતાજી અંકલેસરીયા	84 ૮૪	18.05.2022	Bldg.no 137, 2Nd Floor, Corner Of Kashinath Street, Tulsiwadi, Tardeo Road, Mumbai 34. બિલ્ડિંગ નં. ૧૩૭, બીજે માળે, કોરનર ઓફ કાશીનાથ સ્ટ્રીટ, તુલસીવાડી, તારદેવ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૩૪.	તે મરુદમો મોતાજી અને કુંવરબાઈ અંકલેસરીયાના દીકરા તે સીલુના ખાવિંદ તે હુનોકશી નોઝર બીલીમોરીયા અને કયઝાદ કેરસી અંકલેસરીયાના બાવાજી તે નોઝર અને બાનુના સસરાજી તે ફીરોજ તથા મરુદમો કેતી, બકતાવર, જીમી, નસવાનના ભાઈ તે હોફરીદ નોઝર બીલીમોરીયાના મમાવાજી તે મરુદમો મીનુ અને એમી બીલીમોરીયાના જમાઈ તે સાયરસ કેઝાદ અંકલેસરીયાના બપાવાજી.
Sam Nariman Songhadwala સામ નરીમાન સોગડવાલા	89 ૮૯	18.05.2022	Chaitanya Chs., Flat No 6, 6Th Floor, Plot No 48, Bhim Wadi, Wadala(E), Mumbai 37. ચૈતાનીયા હાઉસિંગ સોસાયટી, ફ્લેટ નં. ૬, ૬ઠે માળે, પ્લોટ નં. ૪૮, ભીમવાડી, વડાલા (ઈ), મુંબઈ ૩૭.	તે મરુદમ સીલુના ખાવિંદ તે મરુદમો હીલ્લામાય તથા નરીમાન દોસાભાઈ સોગડવાલાના દીકરા તે મરુદમો ભીખામાય તથા ફરામરોજ દિવેચાના જમાઈ તે મોનાઝ શ્રોફ તથા પરીઝાદના બાવાજી તે મરુદમ કેકી શ્રોફના સસરાજી તે હુઝાન ને દેરીયસના મમાવાજી તે મરુદમો દારાયસ ને દીન્યારના ભાઈ તે નોશીર દીવેચાના બનેવી તે મરુદમો મની ને નરગેસના જેઠ તે ધન નોશીર દીવેચાના નંદોઈ તે કેશમીરા, ફીરદોશ તથા મરુદમ પીરોઝના કાકા તે રૂઝબેલ નોશીર દીવેચાના કુવાજી.
Kersi Behramshah Pithavala કેરસી બેહરામશાહ પીઠાવાલા	85 ૮૫	19.05.2022	3rd Floor, Shirin Menasion, Flat No 3, Grant Road, Mumbai 7. ૩જે માળે, શીરીન મેનશન, ફ્લેટ નં. ૩, ૬૦ સ્વેટર રોડ, ગ્રાન્ટ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે મરુદમ દોલી કેરસી પીઠાવાલાના ખાવિંદ તે રૂખશાના નેવીલ તાંત્રા તથા યજ્ઞદી કેરસી પીઠાવાલાના બાવાજી તે મરુદમો આલામાય તથા બેહરામશાહ પીઠાવાલાના દીકરા તે નેવીલ ફીરોઝ તાંત્રાના સસરાજી તે સમન્નાઝ ઝર્કસીસ બીલીમોરયા તથા રોખસાર નેવીલ તાંત્રાના મમાવાજી તે નરીમન બ. પીઠાવાલા, રતી કેકી બાલા તથા મરુદમો દીનશાહ, યજ્ઞદી તથા હોમાય બ. પીઠાવાલાના ભાઈ તે મરુદમો જાલામાય તથા હોરમસજી નસવાનજી છોઈના જમાઈ તે કેકી બાલાના સાવાજી તે સનાયા તથા મેહર કેકી બાલાના મામાજી તે મરુદમો વીલુ તથા ફીરોઝ તાંત્રાના વેવાઈ.

Death Announcements From Deolali

Banu Sohrab Sarifabadi બાનુ સોહરાબ સરીફાબાદી	83 ૮૩	13.05.2022	326, Irani Lodge, Devali Camp, Dis Nasik 411401. ૩૨૬, ઈરાની લોજ, લેમરોડી, દેવાલી કેમ્પ, ડીસ્ત્રીક નાસીક ૪૧૧૪૦૧.	તે મરુદમ સોહરાબ કેખશરૂ સરીફાબાદીના ખાવિંદ તે મરુદમ શીરીન અને મરુદમ બહરામના બેટી તે નીલુફર નોશીર માર્શલના માતાજી અને મેહરાન સોહરાબ સરીફાબાદીના માતાજી તે તાયરાના ગ્રાન્ડ મધર તે નોશીર માર્શલના સાસુજી.
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Death Announcements From Udwarda

Farida Kersi Dubash ફરીદા કેરસી દુબાશ	71 ૭૧	14.05.2022	Udwada. ઉદવાડા.	તે કેરસી પેસી દુબાશના ઘણિયાણી તે મરુદમ પેરીન તથા મરુદમ બોમી જાલભાઈ બીલીમોરયાના દીકરી તે મરુદમ કોલાંમાય તથા મરુદમ પેસી સોહરાબજી દુબાશના વલુ તે માહરૂખના બહેન.
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Death Announcements From Prayer Hall

Armin Jamshed Fatakia આરમીન જમશેદ ફટાકીયા	76 ૭૬	16.05.2022	Vijay Apt., Andheri West, Mumbai 58. વિજય અપાર્ટમેન્ટ, અંધેરી વેસ્ટ, મુંબઈ ૫૮.	તે જમશેદના ઘણિયાણી તે મરુદમ ધન અને મરુદમ દિનશાના દીકરી તે ફરહાદના મમ્મી તે બેલફીઝના સાસુજી તે ફરઝીન અને હુફીયાના ગ્રાન્ડમા તે કેતુ, મહાઝખ, ફિરોઝના બહેન તે મરુદમ નાજમાય અને મરુદમ કેકોબાદના વલુ.
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જીવી લે.....

હરી-ફરી લે, હમણાં તબિયત છે કાંકડી,
કાલે કેડે થી વળેલો હશે ને હાથમાં હશે લાકડી.
નીરખી લે, નીરખી લે, હમણાં નજર છે વશમાં,
કાલે આવશે મોતિયો ને આંખે હશે કાળા ચશ્મા.



નીકળી પડ મિત્રો સાથે ફરવા, મોજ મસ્તી કરવા,
કાલે બધા આવશે તને બીમાર ખાટલે મળવા.
આજે જ ઝંઝૂ મળવાનો છે પુરેપૂરો સ્કોપ,
કાલે સામે બેઠો હશે ડોક્ટર લઈને સ્ટેથોસ્કોપ.
કરી નાખ ઉજાણી, પી લે પાણી લીટર બે લીટર,
જોજે કદાચ કાલે મોમાં ખોસેલું હશે થર્મોમીટર.

ચાલો દોસ્તો ભેગા થઈએ,
છોડો વ્હોટ્સએપ, ઈન્સ્ટાગ્રામ ને ટ્વિટર,
કોઈ નથી જાણતું...
ક્યારે પુરા થઈ જશે આ હૃદય ના કિલોમીટર...!
ઝંદગી ડોક્ટર ની ગોળી સાથે નહીં.
પણ મિત્રો ની ટોળી સાથે જીવવાની હોય છે.

YOUR MOONSIGNS JANAM RASHI THIS WEEK

લખનાર: મરહુમ મહારાજ શ્રી સ્વચંજયોતિના સહકાર્યકર્તા જયેશ એમ. ગોસ્વામી

અઠવાડિક રાશિક્ષણ: તા. ૨૧.૦૫.૨૦૨૨ થી તા. ૨૭.૦૫.૨૦૨૨



Aries - મેષ - અ.વ.ઈ.

૨૫મી જૂન સુધી ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે તમે સોશીયલ વર્ક ખુબ સારી રીતે કરી શકશો. પ્લાન બનાવી તમારા કામ પુરા કરી શકશો. રોજ બરોજના કામ વધુ ધ્યાન આપી કરતા ઉપરીવર્ગનું દીલ જીતી લેશો. નાણાકીય ફાયદો થશે. દરરોજ ૩૪મુ નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણાજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૧, ૨૨, ૨૬, ૨૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 21, 22, 26, 27

The Moon's rule till 25th June will enable you to do social works very effectively. You will be able to complete your work with good planning. In addition to executing your daily chores well, you will also win over your seniors at work. Financial profits are indicated. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.



Cancer - કર્ક - ડ.ઈ.

તમને મોજબા શુકની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે તમારા મોજશાખ પુરા કરવા માટે ગામ પરગામ જવાનો પ્લાન બનાવી શકશો. ઘરવાળા સાથે સંબંધ સારા રહેશે. ઘરમાં રીનોવેશન કરાવી શકશો. અપોજીટ સેકસનો સાથ મળવાથી ધન સહેલાઈથી મેળવી શકશો. આજથી 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૨, ૨૩, ૨૪, ૨૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 22, 23, 24, 27

Venus' ongoing rule could have you making plans to travel abroad for fun and pleasure. Relations with family members will be good. You will be able to renovate your home. You will be able to earn income easily with the support of those from the opposite gender. Starting today, pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Libra - તુલા - ર.ત.

ગુરૂની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી રોજ બરોજના કામ સારી રીતે કરી શકશો. ફાયદા મલતા રહેશે. નાણાકીય મુસીબતમાં બહાર નીકળવાનો રસ્તો મળી જશે. કોઈ નવી વ્યક્તિ મલવાના ચાન્સ છે. માથા પરનો બોજો ઓછો કરી શકશો. ધર્મના કામ કરી શકશો. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યક્ષ' ભણાજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૨, ૨૩, ૨૪, ૨૫ છે.

Lucky Dates: 22, 23, 24, 25

Jupiter's ongoing rule will help you do your daily tasks in a good manner. You will continue to benefit. You will find a way out of your financial problems. A new person could come into your life. You will be able to lessen your tensions. You will be able to do religious works. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



Capricorn - મકર - ખ.જ.

૧૮મી જૂન સુધી બુધની દિનદશા ચાલશે તમારા દરેક કામ બુધિ વાપરી જલદી પુરા કરી શકશો. જૂના કરેલા ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટમાં ફાયદો થશે. તમે બીજાને ખુબ સારી રીતે સમજાવી શકશો. મિત્ર મંડળમાં માન ઈજ્જત મળતા રહેશે. કરકસર કરી ધન બચાવી શકશો. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૧, ૨૪, ૨૬, ૨૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 21, 24, 26, 27

Mercury's rule till 18th June will help you complete all your work in a more speedy manner by using your intelligence. Old investments will yield profits. You will be able to convincingly put your point across to others. Friends will continue to appreciate and praise you. You will be able to save money with some effort. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.

સુર્યની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી માથાના દુખાવા અથવા ગ્રેશર જેવી બીમારીથી પરેશાન થશો. સરકારી કામો કરતા નહીં. તમારી નાની ભુલ મોટી મુસીબતમાં મુકશે. સુર્યના તાપને ઓછો કરવા લદમુ નામ 'યા રયોમંદ' ૧૦૧વાર ભણાજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૨, ૨૩, ૨૪, ૨૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 22, 23, 24, 27

The ongoing Sun's rule could bring on bouts of headaches or high Blood Pressure. Avoid doing any government-related work. A small mistake of yours could land you in big trouble. To reduce the heat of the Sun, pray the 96th Name, 'Ya Rayomand', 101 times, daily.



Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.

તમારે છેલ્લા બે અઠવાડિયા રાહુની દિનદશા પસાર કરવાના બાકી છે. તમારી આજુ બાજુવાળા સાથે સંબંધ ખરાબ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. કોઈપણ કામમાં સફળતા નહીં મળે. ૪થી જૂન પછી શરૂ થતી શુકની દિનદશા તમને ભરપુર સુખ આપશે. દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૧, ૨૩, ૨૪, ૨૬ છે.

Lucky Dates: 21, 23, 24, 26

Rahu's rule will last another two weeks. Relations with the neighbours could get bad. You might not taste success in any of your ventures. Venus' rule, starting 4th June, will bring you lots of happiness. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.ય.

પહેલા ત્રણ દિવસ જ શનિની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાના બાકી છે. ઉતરતી શનિની દિનદશા તમને શારિરિક બાબતમાં પરેશાન કરશે. તબિયતની ખાસ સંભાળ લેજો. ૨૪મીથી શરૂ થતી ગુરૂની દિનદશા તમને ભરપુર સુખ આપશે. અટકેલા કામો કરી ચાલુ કરી શકશો. દરરોજ 'મોટી હમન યક્ષ' સાથે 'સરોશ યક્ષ' ભણાજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૧, ૨૩, ૨૬, ૨૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 21, 23, 26, 27

You have the last three days under the rule of Shani. Its descending rule could impact you physically. Take special care of your health. Jupiter's rule, starting from 24th May, will bring you immense contentment. You will be able to restart your stalled works. Pray the Sarosh Yasht along with the Moti Haptan Yasht daily.



Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.

આજનો દિવસ મંગળની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાનો બાકી છે. બને તો ડ્રાઈવિંગ કરતા નહીં. ઘરથી દૂર જવાનું સાખતા નહીં. કાવચી શરૂ થતી બુધની દિનદશા ૨૦મી જુલાઈ સુધી તમારા અટકેલા કામો ફરી ચાલુ કરી તમને સીધો રસ્તો બતાવશે. ફસાયેલા નાણા પાછા મેળવી શકશો. જે મળે તે લેતા જાજો. આજે 'તીર યક્ષ' અને કાવચી 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૨, ૨૪, ૨૫, ૨૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 22, 24, 25, 27

Today is the last day under the rule of Mars. Try to avoid driving/riding your vehicle. Do not get out of the home. Mercury's rule starting tomorrow, till 20th July, will help you restart your stalled works and show you the right path. You will be able to retrieve your stuck funds. Take whatever you can get. Pray the Tir Yasht today, and starting tomorrow, pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Gemini - મિથુન - ક.ઇ.ઘ.

શુકની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમને દરેક કામમાં મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. મુશ્કેલીભર્યા કામ સહેલાઈ અને જલદીથી પુરા કરવામાં સફળ થશો. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી રહેશે. ખર્ચ કરવામાં કરકસર નહીં કરો. જેટલો ખર્ચ કરશો તેટલું કામઈ લેશો. બીજાના મદદગાર બનશો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યઝદ'ની આરાધના કરજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૧, ૨૩, ૨૫, ૨૬ છે.

Lucky Dates: 21, 23, 25, 26

Venus' ongoing rule will help you get all your work done with ease. Financial prosperity is indicated. You will not hold back on your expenditures. You will be able to earn back all that you spend. You will be able to help others. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Virgo - કન્યા - પ.ઠ.ણ.

આજનો દિવસ શાંતિમાં પસાર કરી શકશો. કોઈના મદદગાર બની શકશો. આવતી કાલથી રાહુ તમને આવતા ૪૨ દિવસમાં પરેશાન કરી નાખશે. તમારા સીદા કામ ઉલટા કરી નાખશે. ખર્ચનો ખાડો ઉડો થશે. આવક ઓછી અને જાવક વધી જશે તેથી વધુ પરેશાન થશો. મનને શાંતિ મળે તે માટે દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૧, ૨૫, ૨૬, ૨૭ છે.

Lucky Dates: 21, 25, 26, 27

You will be able to spend today in peace. You will be able to help another. Starting tomorrow, Rahu's rule for the next 42 days, will harass you greatly. It will turn your tasks topsy turvy. Expenses will rise. Increase in expenses and decrease in income will have you worried. For mental peace, pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ફ.

શનિની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારે તબિયતની ખાસ દરકાર લેવી પડશે. તમારી નાની બેદરકારી મોટી મુસીબતમાં મુકશે. ધન ખર્ચ કરીને પણ તબિયતમાં સુધારો નહીં આવે. રોજના કામ કરવામાં મુશ્કેલી આવશે. ખોટી ભાગદોડ કરતા નહીં. પાક પરવરદેગારને બંદગી કરજો. દરરોજ મોટી 'હમન યક્ષ' ભણાજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૨, ૨૩, ૨૪, ૨૫ છે.

Lucky Dates: 22, 23, 24, 25

Saturn's rule calls for you to take extra special care of your health. A small carelessness could land you in big trouble. Despite spending money, there will not be much improvement in your health. You will find it challenging to do your daily chores. Avoid running around unnecessarily. Pray with your heart to God. Pray the Moti Haptan Yasht daily.



Pisces - મીન - દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.શ.

ત્રણ દિવસમાં અગત્યના ડીસીઝન લઈ લેજો. કેમીલીની ડિમાન્ડ પુરી કરજો. ૨૪મીથી ૨૮ દિવસ માટે મંગળની દિનદશા સુધરેલા કામ બગાડી દેશે. નાણાકીય તંગીમાં આવી જશે. કોઈ સાથે ખોટી બાબતમાં બોલાવાલી કરી તમારા કામને ખરાબ કરશે. દરરોજ ૩૪મુ નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' તથા ૨૪મીથી 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૧, ૨૨, ૨૩, ૨૬ છે.

Lucky Dates: 21, 22, 23, 26

Make all you important decision in these 3 days. Fulfill the wants of your family members. Mars' rule, starting on 24th May, for the next 28 days, will spoil and undo your good efforts. Financial shortfall is indicated. By arguing or fighting with others, you could end up ruining your work. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna' till the 24th and after that, pray the Meher Nyaish daily.

The Bawa Word Search

Search out 16 Popular English Names of Fishes Consumed hidden in the word-jumble box below, in bi-directional, horizontal, vertical and diagonal forms:

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- Mullet (Boi)
- Herring (Hilsa)
- Salmon (Ravas)
- Black Pomfret (Halva)
- Indian Carp (Rohu)
- Solefish (Repti)
- Oysters (Kalva)
- King Fish (Surmai)
- Dolphin (Mahi Mahi)
- Red Snapper (Rani)
- Mackarel (Bangada)
- Bombay Duck (Bombil)
- Cat Fish (Singhada)
- Sardines (Pedve)
- Tilapia (Tilapia)



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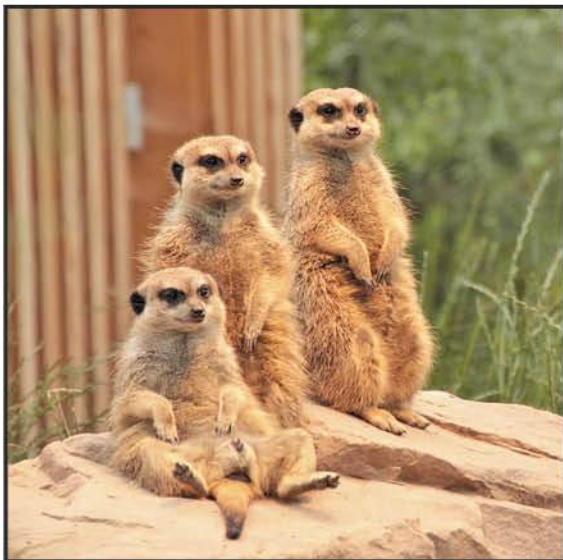
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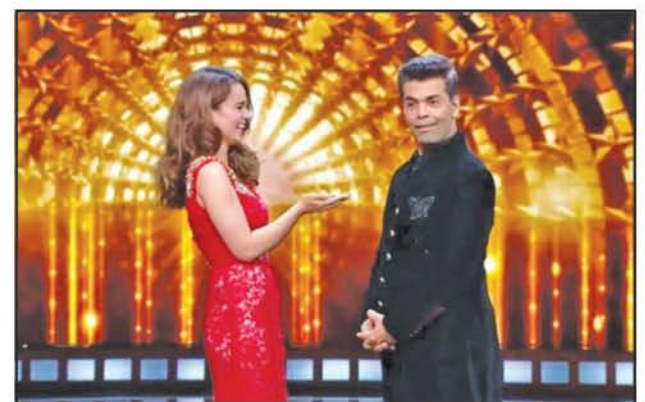


Mother: Stop sitting down. How will you find yourself a wife?

Father: Let him sit for now. He'll be standing for the rest of his life!

By Viraf P. Commissariat (USA)

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Thought of the Week

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving."

- Albert Einstein

HOW MANY WORDS?

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



RESULTS:

- Average: 6 or more words
- Good: 8 or more words
- Outstanding: 9 or more words

Dhanjisha And The Bogus Baba!!



RUBY LILAOWALA

For 50 years, Dhanjisha and his wife, Dolly Ding-Dong had an ideal marriage based on togetherness. They did everything together as a couple - be it yoga, swimming, reiki, golf or Shiamak Davar's Dance classes. Everyone envied this *Rab Ne Banayi Jodi* and called them 'Made for each other'. Unfortunately, these days, they are more 'Mad at each other', having silly fights over sillier things, like...

Dhanjisha: Why can't you cook like other wives so we can fire the cook and save some money?

Dollymai: Why can't you kiss passionately like other husbands so we can fire the driver?

OUCH!! That hurt Dhanjisha like a dentist's drill on an exposed nerve and he turned to tarot-card-readers, healers and even did a past-life-regression to put the spark back in his marriage. As luck would have it, he met a self-appointed Godman who called himself BABA - just Baba! Actually, he was a Bogus Baba, a con-man and a cheap roadside magician who produced flowers from thin air (actually from his sleeves) for his female-followers. Gullible Dhanjisha spoke very highly of him and one morning, over sips of tea, he said...

Dhanjisha: You know, in yesterday's lecture, Baba said that in Heaven, husbands and wives live separately.

Dolamai: No wonder! That's why it's called Heaven. *No Matida ni Kit Pit.*

Dhanjisha: Come and visit Babaji with me. You'll feel spiritually uplifted!!

Dolamai: No thank you. I believe only in my Zoroastrian religion. Tell me, what is



lacking in our religion that you need to go elsewhere?

But Dhanjisha went on and on about Baba being the messenger of God, so, just for her own peace of mind, Dollymai went and sat with 25 other 'chelas'. There, she sat quietly for some time and then shouted loudly for all to hear, "Baba, you must be unmarried because you look too happy to be married!"

Everyone laughed while some devotees said "Shoo! Keep quiet!"

Now Baba *ni prestige ma puncture pari gayu. Ijjat no faludo thai gayo!* So, to impress his followers, he started acting a martyr, saying, "*Bhagwan, mujhe dukh do, dard do, kasht do, tension do, saari duniya ke problems do!*"

Dollymai: Baba, either get married or become a BPP Trustees - *sab kuch mil jayega!!* All the problems and tension you want.

Babaji (angrily): I have powers to make anyone disappear.

Dollymai: I want to test your powers. Can you make Dhanjisha disappear?

Baba went away in a huff and poor Dhanjisha went behind him to apologise for his wife's behaviour. Baba was pacified as he had great pity and compassion for married Parsi men and gave Dhanjisha a coconut and some

green chillies which were to be kept away from Dollymai.

Dhanjisha hid them on a shelf in the kitchen. The very next day, while cleaning that shelf, Dollymai found everything and prepared lovely *kolmina-curry-rice* and green chutney. After lunch, Dhanjibawa asked Dollymai: "What happened to Baba's coconut and green chillies? Have you seen them? I had hidden them in the kitchen."

Dollymai: You just had them for lunch! You know by now that you can't hide anything from me in this house! Now go to your Baba and he will give you something else since he manufactures everything from pure ghee, *chavanprash*, shampoo, face-cream, soap, cooking-oil, *atta* - the works!! And he has the audacity to blatantly advertise these on TV as a cooking-oil that reverses cholesterol, a soap that cures pimples and an *atta* that is fortified with all the vitamins and minerals from A to Z!

Not to be daunted, Dhanjisha returned to the Baba who gave him another huge coconut saying, stand on one leg, breathe in and out six times, relax, hold the coconut out of your window and say this mantra:

"Kali, Kali,
Nazar Dene
Wali,
Minocher Ki
Saali,
Door Ho Ja!!"

Dhanjisha: Arrey Babaji, you are an *Antaryami* - all knowing! For long, I was suspecting my ground floor neighbour, Minocher's *Saali* of putting *nazar* on my happy marriage because she never missed a chance to say 'What a lovely couple', 'What a happy couple'. How did you know that it is that frustrated spinster's *boori-nazar*

which is extinguishing the spark of my happy marriage? (Actually, Dhanjisha had himself once mentioned that Minocher's Saali stays in the same ground floor flat but had forgotten about it).

Baba: Beta, I know everything! Now go!

Dhanjisha did as he was told. He stood on one leg, held the coconut, stretched out his hand out of the window and recited the *mantra* but *Hai Re Kismet*, the coconut slipped and fell on Minocher while he was watering the ground-floor garden outside his house!!

Minocher fainted and his wife Mani Mindhi, screamed: *Koi khasroo lavo, Chappal laavo!!* The most loving neighbours were only too glad to oblige and threw old shoes and chappals from their windows which were placed near Minocher's nose and he was revived.

All's well that ends well? Nah!! That happens only in Shakespeare from Ballard Pier! Minocher threatened Dhanjisha, "*Tamarapar case karas! Court ma maljo!!*"

Dhanjisha: *Tamey BPP na Trustee chev soo? Jara-jara ma "Case Karas"!*



As this goes to the printing press, no case has been registered and as Shakespeare said, it was a "Much Ado About Nothing" and a 'Comedy of Errors'!



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“Politics Must Take A Backseat And Trusteeship Must Return To The Forefront,” Says BPP Trustee And Candidate, Kersi Randeria

As the curtains are about to come down on my first term as a Trustee, six and a half years down the road... I've felt a sense of pride, a sense of satisfaction and a certain amount of despair. This will be my final communication with the community at the end of my first term as a trustee.

Having thought long and hard about not offering my candidature for a second term, as my colleague, Noshir Dadrawalla has done, I decided to take the plunge, not out of any love for the chair, but out of the determination to complete the agenda that I was not allowed to complete, by people outside the BPP... and to finally put to rest, my obsession with housing the poor of our community.

I've emphasized all through my campaign trail over the last one month, that what the BPP needs the most today, is protection from itself - protection from forces within the BPP who are pandering to forces outside the BPP, and bringing the BPP and its good work to a halt.

With my hand on my heart I can say, that were it not for outside interference, this Board could have and should have performed miracles; it could have and should have resolved many issues, including the issues of Cash-crunch, Housing, Welfare, etc.

It has been very frustrating knowing that it is the 'enemy within', which has not allowed us to deliver on the promises we made to the community and to the Trust, as your elected Trustees.

This time around, I have realised that it's not enough just being a strong voice on the Board, but that it's critical to be part of a like-minded team, which will perform collectively as a team, in the broader interests of the community.

Some community members may have perceived me to come across as harsh or rude. But it is my heart-felt concern for the welfare of the community - which has always been at the forefront... as a result of which I have sometimes been tough with people, who hoard two or three trust houses or who insist on being compensated lakhs of rupees for these accommodations which were given to them or their ancestors, free of cost, many years ago, and in which they have prospered.

I've generally been tough with those, who despite being extremely wealthy and/or are settled abroad, feel entitled to be compensated for charity flats.

I've done my best to help those who look for some monetary relief by relinquishing their rights of their house to pay their medical bill or to relocate, with a view to managing the rest of their lives comfortably.

I've always argued with my colleagues, that we must find a way to look after such people and provide them medical relief, etc., rather than letting them resort to becoming part of this 'sale of flats' program. This is a very delicate line that we



need to walk, where welfare and policy clash.

I feel a sense of satisfaction when I look back at my comprehensive body of work, which speaks for itself, through my six-and-a-half-year Trusteeship... much has been accomplished and many promises were delivered. And yet, there lingers an abject sense of frustration from the fact there are so many good projects that were stalled or sabotaged by the foreign hand or 'outside influence' on this Board, which needs to be brought to an end... and this can be achieved easily if there is a strong and dedicated team in place.

POLITICS MUST TAKE A BACKSEAT AND TRUSTEESHIP MUST RETURN TO THE FOREFRONT.

The community must remember that when you choose a candidate, you must see the candidate not in isolation, but also what he/she represents, in terms of policy. You also need to ascertain whether the candidate is an independent-thinking person, who will work as a trustee, or whether he/she will be dependent on external advice, throughout the trusteeship.

We must also identify trustees who seem to have lost their individuality and nod in unison and shake heads in unison, without any application of mind to the issues involved, or to the harm that their political unity does to the community. Take for instance, the way the community is currently being fooled by the unfortunate, desperate and pathetic attempts of some trustees who are misrepresenting the issue of conversion of charity flats from Leave & License to Tenancy. [Details on Pg. 5].

The community today is at the proverbial crossroads - something that one speaks about at all elections. However this time around, I say this with the utmost honesty, if we do not give the Trust a chance to become independent, to have like-minded, community welfare oriented, professional individuals who will deliver the goods that the community so badly needs, then the opportunity for the Trust to recover its credibility will forever be lost.

We need good people in the Chair, we need honest work being done, where welfare of the community is a priority. Only then, will the 'Trust' in trusteeship return and the world will be a better place for our small community

I have a hope in my heart, a prayer on my lips and determination in my mind to do what I set out to do, and to complete what I set out to complete, in 2015. And for this, I seek your blessing.

I seek more than your votes - I seek your support, your involvement. I want you to play a more active role, and work shoulder to shoulder with the trustees, and together we will rebuild the Trust, rebuild the BPP, rebuild the trust in BPP, and rebuild the credibility that has been lost for the last two and a half decades.

TESTIMONIAL



Yezdi Bhagwagar (Chartered Accountant and statutory auditor for Jam-e-Jamshed) supports candidature of Kersi Randeria (Candidate No.9) and his team.

"I have known Kersi for the last 20 years. He is a visionary with community welfare being his sole objective. Furthermore, he is the perfect blend of sound legal knowledge and unimpeachable integrity. I have seen him working ceaselessly for the good of the community, often times at the cost of his personal life and business. Kersi with his team consisting of Dr. Adil Malia (candidate no.1) Lion Daara Patel (candidate no. 4) Hoshang J. B. Jal (candidate no.7) and CA Farhad Hozdar (candidate no.5), in my view, are the right candidates to lead the BPP and restore it to its past glory."