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ZTFI Turns 13!

Established on 19th August, 2009, the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of India (ZTFI), our community's leading non-profit organisation, dedicated to supporting and uplifting the less fortunate community members, completed thirteen years, amid much smiles, blessings and best wishes from donors, beneficiaries and community members alike.

Living up to its motto, 'Community First', ZTFI has been working tirelessly for the Parsi Community making

a difference and adding value to innumerable community members. Spearheaded by Yasmin Mistry and Arnavaz Mistry, Team ZTFI comprises a team of dedicated volunteers who endeavour to bring smiles to the underprivileged by supporting them through all their needs - material and emotional.

The most popular and awaited program for the beneficiaries is the monthly 'Feed-A-Family' programme, where in addition to providing monthly rations,



entertainment programmes are scheduled to boost the morale and help the beneficiaries socialize. These include Birthday celebrations, singing and dancing, games, fulfilling the wish-list of essential items, etc.

Various other activities carried out by ZTFI include 'Not so young, not so old' entertainment for seniors, field trips to religious places, Ghambars, ZAAN (Zoroastrian Achievers Award's Night), organising matrimonial platforms like 'Soul Mate', organising Navjote ceremonies, helping towards educational and medical expenses, providing doles, and much more! Age is no bar and the enthusiasm levels, the Parsi-Panu, the positivity truly make the hearts smile!

Speaking to Parsi Times, the dynamic Yasmin Mistry, the trailblazing Trustee at ZTFI, said, "We sincerely thank everyone for their support and especially our donors for their continued faith in us. The joy one experiences, when giving to others, is unparalleled - be it your time, your efforts or resources. It has been my privilege to have served our community for thirteen years through our various initiatives at ZTFI, and I plan to continue doing so, with even greater zeal! I hope that in this New Year, more community members will come forward and share their happiness with those who aren't as fortunate."

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Khordad Saal Mubarak!

Dear Readers,

Before all else, on behalf of Team PT, I thank you for your very encouraging and positive feedback on PT's Parsi New Year Special Issue. It is wonderful to see how many have resonated with our theme of 'Compassion' and we hope that the New Year will get to witness even more compassion, giving and kindness, in our hearts for those who may not be as fortunate as the rest of us.

Speaking of compassion and giving, here's a shout-out to ZTFI (the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of India), one of the community's foremost philanthropic institutions, for completing thirteen years in the service of our community. We wish ZTFI, its trailblazing Trustee - Yasmin Jal Mistry, and all its Trustees and volunteers the very best, to keep up the fabulous work they have been doing in supporting and uplifting the underprivileged, on multiple levels. It's truly doing God's work!

Which brings us to wishing all our readers and community members - Khordad Saal Mubarak! Did you know that this auspicious day (Roj Khordad, Mah Farvardin), which marks the birth of our glorious prophet - Zoroaster, also represents a number of other historical milestones relevant to Zoroastrians... It is on this day, that Ahura Mazda is said to have created the first couple in the world; that Shah Gayomard, the first king of ancient Iran, was born; and that our prophet, Asho Zarathushtra, received prophethood and religious revelation from Ahura Mazda, based on which we were blessed with our basic fundamentals of Good Thoughts, Good Words and Good Deeds.

Now what better way to worship and venerate our Prophet, than follow in His wisdom and His guidance that was bestowed on us, as Zoroastrians! May the 21st of August (Khordad Saal) prove to be a constant reminder of how compassion and kindness for the less fortunate always stood out as one of Zoroaster's foremost qualities... and no form of worship could be greater than following the path laid down by our most holy Prophet! After all, like the saying goes, 'The hands that help, are holier than the lips that pray!'

Khordad Saal Mubarak!

- Anahita
anahita@parsi-times.com

'PARSI FOOD FEAST' At 'Eastern Sunset' (Avion Hotel)

Most cuisines are deeply rooted in traditions, customs and folklore. Memories of foods linger on one's taste buds and with passing times, become forgotten flavours...

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Through this amalgamation of cultures and cooking styles, I've ensured that cuisines retain their origins and distinctive flavours, to give you a heart-warming experience. Our East Indian / Portuguese cuisine, which we also promote, is something to write home about. The Avion Hotel has been promoted by the Misquitta family - we have three Resorts at Lonavla and one at Mudh Island, called Samara Gardens.

We are delighted to present you the 'PARSI FOOD FEAST' promoted by Parsi culinary expert and our Head Chef - Mahafirin Gotla Umrigar, from 19th - 21st August, 2022, at the 'Eastern Sunset' restaurant, at the Avion Hotel (Vile Parle East). The PARSİ FOOD FEAST will re-ignite our memories of Patra ni Machhi, Saas ni Machhi, Prawn Patio, Chicken Farcha and especially, lagan nu achhar and Sagan ni sev! We are located on the highway across from the Mumbai domestic airport, with



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The monthly Hama Anjuman Jashan will be held at the Bai Avabai Wadia Agiary, popularly known as the Idawala Agiary (located behind Anjuman Atash Behram), at 5:00 pm on 23rd August, 2022 (Roj Daepadar, Mah Farvardin). This will be followed by a religious talk by Er. Darayash Katrak. Light Refreshments will be served. All Parsi / Irani Zoroastrians are requested to attend and seek the blessings of Padshah Saheb.

Mythology And Opera At NCPA!

NCPA presents the third Jamshed Bhabha Memorial Lecture titled, 'Gods, Demons and Heroes' - the parallel epic dramas of the Mahabharata and Wagner's Ring Cycle by Justice Rohinton F. Nariman, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India - a great personality with a deep knowledge of diverse subjects, and a passion for Western Classical music. The fascinating comparison will make for interesting hearing. This free event is scheduled at 6:00 pm on Sunday, August 21, 2022 at Tata Theatre. Passes to be collected from Box Office.



Justice Rohinton F. Nariman

operetta based on a French vaudeville comedy, composed by Johann Strauss II. The Symphony Orchestra of India is an integral part of this ensemble. Performances on October 12th & 14th at 7:00 pm, and on October 16th at 5:00 pm, at Jamshed Bhabha Theatre.

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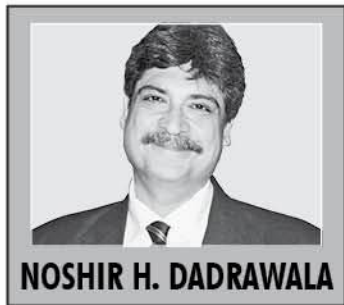
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Finding 'Perfection' (Khordad) In The 'Happy' (Farokh) Month Of Fravardin!

Parsi New Year is over and having wished everyone *Saal Mubarak*, it's time now to look forward to *Khordad Saal*. Zoroastrians observe *Khordad Roj* (day) of *Fravardin Mah* (month) as *Khordad Saal*. This is the sixth day of the first month (*Fravardin*) of the Zoroastrian calendar.

The First Month: One often wonders why the new year begins with the month of *Fravardin*. Our most learned living scholar and High Priest, Dasturji Dr. Firoze M Kotwal explains: "We call *Farvardin Roz* as *Farvardegan*, and according to our scriptures, three *Farvardin Roz* are of great importance -in the months of *Adar*, *Aspandard* (last month of the calendar) and *Farvardin* (first month of the calendar). Zarathushtis have a belief about the *Farvardin Roz* in the month of *Aspandard*, that the righteous (*Asho*) souls (*Ravaan*) and *Asho Farohars* visit earth on that day, and after the *Farvardegan*, the souls and *Farohar* depart on *Farvardin Roz* and *Farvardin* month. Hence, the first *Farvardin Roz* is to welcome them and the second *Farvardin Roz* is to bid them farewell. The *Farvardin Roz* of the month of *Adar* is remembered because at the time of the last intercalation that was the first *Farvardin Roz*, and we want to keep that memory alive."

Hence, the Zoroastrian calendar did not always begin with the month of *Fravardin*. Probably, when the Parsis came to India, the month of *Adar* was observed as the first month of the calendar.

Happy And Fortunate Month: *Adar* or *Fravardin* - both are auspicious. The month of *Fravardin* is dedicated to the *Fravashi* or *Farohar*, the prototype of all creation. In Zoroastrian tradition, while invoking *Fravardin*, we use the epitaph '*Farokh*', which means fortunate and happy. Thus, we begin the new year invoking good fortune and happiness!

In our prayers, we recite, "*Mah Farokh Fravardin*," meaning the happy and fortunate month of *Fravardin*. Indeed, what a wonderfully appropriate epitaph for the very first month of the year! A month of good fortune, happiness and dedicated to Holy *Fravashis*, often described as the guardian spirit. We view *Fravashi* or *Farohar* as a Divine Essence, which is wholly pure and good. It is not to be confused with the *Ruwan* or soul.



The *Avesta* term *Fravashi* comes from the word, "*Fra*" (to take forward) and "*vaksh*" (to grow). In other words, *Fravashi* is that spiritual essence or power that takes every good creation of *Ahura Mazda* forward and helps it grow.

Khordad-Sal: Doctrinally, *Khordad* is perceived as a Divine Aspect or Energy of *Ahura Mazda* which presides over 'Time' and 'Perfection'. For this reason, the first *Khordad Roj* of the new calendar is celebrated as *Khordad-sal-Khoday*, i.e., '*Khordad*, Lord of the Year'. Homage is paid to this Divine Energy of 'Time' and 'Perfection' so that the year is filled with happiness, our time is well spent and our lives come closer to perfection.

Until a few decades ago, *Khordad Sal* used to be a general public holiday declared by the State Government!

Auspicious Day: In Zoroastrian tradition, a number of significant events are believed to have taken place on this blessed day. Gayomard (the first human being), Hooshang (the first King of ancient Iran), Kai Khosraw (a great and glorious King of Iran) and most important of all, *Asho Zarathushtra*, are believed to have been born on this auspicious day.

This day also signifies the triumph of good over evil, for on this day, Shah Jamsheed is believed to have virtually ushered freedom from death and disease; the great King Kai Khosraw vanquished the evil Afrasiab and King Vishtasp accepted Zarathushtra as a messenger of *Ahura Mazda*.

In ancient times, Parsis used to spend

this auspicious day in prayer at home and of course, at the *Agiary* or *Atash Behram*. It is also considered meritorious to perform *jashan* ceremony on this day to invoke the blessings of *Ahura Mazda* and His Divine Energy of Perfection (*Khordad*).

Zarathustra's Birthday: It is a happy coincidence that *Khordad* is the Divinity of Perfection and traditionally this day also commemorates the birth of *Asho Zarathustra*, whose message is timeless and perfect and will remain relevant and perfect in every era.

In the sacred *Gatha*, the Prophet tells us about the choice we all must exercise each day, using our mind which we must strive to illumine every single day of our lives, with the practice of right thoughts, good words and noble deeds. His was clearly a reflective religion of moral choice and consequences. He taught us to be righteous, not for the sake of any heavenly reward, but, simply for the sake of righteousness. He neither preached denial nor blood sacrifices. His vision and message is of *Asha* (Truth), *Raadi* (Charity) and *Ushta* (Happiness).

Aspire For Perfection: Perfection, of course, is relative. To many of us, perfection would perhaps mean something that perfectly corresponds to a specific requirement, rather than being perfect in an absolute sense. At times, perfection is accepting the fact that we live in a world that is perfect in its imperfections.

Human beings by nature are fallible and therefore many consider perfection as non-existent. Many even encourage living out one's imperfections. However, while agreeing that perfection may not be attainable, if we pursue perfection, we can at least attain excellence!

To conclude, we live in what Late Dasturji Dr. Maneckji Dhalla used to call, "our perfecting world," that's still far away from the perfect world that Zarathushtra envisioned. But, Zarathushtra has given us a roadmap that can help us take a few steps towards His ideal. Religion is a way of life. Live it. Live it with truth, charity and happiness and that's all we need to make this world a better place to live in!

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ZWAS Commemorates 3 Decades Of Service To Society



ZWAS (Zoroastrian Women's Assembly Of Surat) recently organized a 3-day long thrilling celebrations program, from 5 - 7 August, 2022, to commemorate 30 years of its commendable journey in serving the society, under the diligent duo Trustees - Maharukh Chichgar and Pilu Bhatena.

The first day was an exciting mix of colour, creativity and culture exhibited by the children through with a 'Chalk & Rangoli' and 'Card Making' competitions. The children, distributed across 4 categories based on age, displayed amazing talent with Delfryn Jogi, Ruhi Dastur, Khushnum Khambhatta, Firozi Elavia and Firoza Jivasha winning the Card-making competition; and Delfryn Jogi, Anaisha Bhagwagar, Jesmin Ankleshwaria and Firozi Elavia winning the Chalk & Rangoli competition.

Fortifying the legacy of Surat's Dr. Ratan Marshall, Day-2 saw Elocution and Extempore competitions taking place, and different topics for different age groups.



Children spoke on topics including, 'Varsad ni majaa ke sajaa', 'My Role Model', 'Humata Hukta Huvarashta', 'Role of Parsis in Development of India', 'The Power of Gratitude', '75 years of Independent India', etc. The winners were Zaina Variava, Marzee Kolah, Aanoash Chichgar and Firozi Elavia. This was followed by a fun game of Housie - the national game of Parsis! ZWAS also felicitated Aazmin Gandhi, a young, promising and spirited Gold Medalist MBA.

The last day was dedicated in the honour of late philanthropist - Minu Mehenti, with an Avesta Prayer Competition, which received a handsome response, with participants as young as 3-year-olds to 12-year-olds wowing one and all, by reciting our prayers. Judges Er. Sarosh Dastur and Viraf Karanjia spoke on the importance of prayers in our daily lives and for our betterment and existence of the Mazdayasne Din. The winners were Naira Kasad, Paashan Elavia, Jezaan Daruwala and Zaina Variava.



Kainaz Variava presented a self-written and composed lyrical theme of ZWAS. After the prayer competition ZWAS Antakshari brought out the singers in the Bawajis of Surat - curated by Mahazarin Variava and hosted by ZWAS nightingale - Dilnaz Besania, with winners from Group Dhokla (Maharukh Chichgar, Yasmin Mirza and Pariyaz Ankleshwaria); Group Khaman (Benaifer Patel, Afrin Ambapardiwala and Firdosh Dadina); and Group Fafda (Azmin Gandhi, Arnawaz Gandhi and Keshmira Ichhaporia).

Graced by dignitaries - Padmashri Yazdi Karanjia, Trustees of Pak Kadmi Atashbehram - Burzin Chiniwala and Hormazdiyar Patel, the event was attended by packed audiences who enjoyed the various food-stalls put up by enthusiastic and upcoming food-preneurs. ZWAS President - Delnaz Katpitia gave a warm welcome note and Vice President Aafrin Patrawala gave the vote of thanks, alongside delightful comperes Kainaz Variava, Mahtab Bhatporia, Dilnaz Besania and Maharukh Chichgar.

Young Rathestars Holds Annual Grain Distribution Program

On 7th August, 2022, the enthusiastic committee members and volunteers of Young Rathestars held the Mumbai Annual Grain's Distribution program for Parsi beneficiaries, at Cama Baug.

President of Young Rathestars - Arnavaz Mistry and Treasurer - Yasmin Mistry, spoke on the occasion about the activities conducted by Young Rathestars since its establishment in 1942. New Year greetings were exchanged and beneficiaries were given food grain items (oil, rice, flour, tea, sugar, sev, jam, 6 types of dal, biscuits), toiletries (soap, washing powder and bar), calendar, sadras, kasti and linen (towels, napkins, bedsheets, blanket and handkerchiefs), along with a special carry bag for their daily use as well. All the beneficiaries thanked and cheered the Young Rathestars team for their continued kindness and generosity.

This year too, Young Rathestars reached out to over 400 under-privileged individuals. Young Rathestars thanks its munificent donors, whose support makes it possible to continue serving the beneficiaries. For details, contact Arnavaz Mistry: 9821009289; Homiyar Doctor: 9821384385/ 9693822722



GBRWA Celebrates 75th Independence Day of India

The Godrej Baug Residents Welfare Association (GBRWA) celebrated India's 75th Independence Day on 15th August at Eco-park, Godrej Baug with great pomp. Young Xerxes Billimoria and Vihaan Hakim hoisted the national flag, followed by the national anthem which was sung by all with much passion.



After the flag hoisting, a performance by the youth of Godrej Baug was put together by XYZ's Cyrus' Superstars. The event ended with a bawastyle breakfast of pora-pav and fudina-chai for all present (Courtesy XYZ), by Elavia Caterers. The function was attended in large numbers by all age groups of Godrej Baug.

Centre for Advancement of Philanthropy (CAP), Aria CFO Services, Glific & Danamojo Launch 'danaVidya' for NGOs

On India's 75th Independence Day, in an effort to support India's social sector that has played such a crucial role in its progress especially during the pandemic, four specialized organizations servicing the social enterprise sector exclusively have joined hands to launch danaVidya - a free vetted resource to help answer compliance and legal questions for NGOs and Corporate CSR Teams. danaVidya will help deepen their impact and reach more beneficiaries.

danaVidya is a WhatsApp Chat Bot which uses a combination of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Natural Language Processing (NLP) to answer user questions from its large database. It is created by Center for Advancement of Philanthropy (CAP); Aria CFO Services, a CFO service for Social Enterprises; Glific, a WhatsApp based open source communication platform for NGOs and danamojo, India's First Payment Solutions Platform for NGOs which has onboarded 1,000+ NGOs.

danaVidya provides automated assistance to NGOs & Corporate CSR Teams and covers questions related to Income Tax (12AB/80G), Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and the newly launched Social Stock Exchange (SSE). For any other questions not already in its vast question bank, the chatbot prompts a human volunteer to respond to the unique query within 24 hours of the user's question.

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Every automated response has been vetted by resident expert, the CEO of Centre for Advancement of Philanthropy India, Noshir Dadrawala who has been offering compliance-related advisory to nonprofits and

social initiatives of corporates for over 35 years. Over his long and distinguished career in the non-profit sector, Noshir has worked with a diverse range of organizations including large established national and international organizations, corporate and family grant makers, and fresh startups. Speaking on the occasion, Noshir Dadrawala said, "The *daana* of *vidya*, is a wonderful opportunity for sharing one's wealth of knowledge and experience and in the process enhancing the giver's thirst for learning more and drinking deeper at the fountain of knowledge and wisdom. danaVidya promises to be one such platform for cross-learning, peer-learning and to become a proverbial 'watering-hole' for thirsty seekers of knowledge in the jungle of legal compliance for NGOs/NPOs."

He added, "It is far more complex and complicated running a non-profit organization in India than a for-profit. NPOs/NGOs are regulated at multiple levels, by different regulators and many of the laws and amendments made to them are frequent and often confusing. danaVidya hopes to help NGO leaders navigate through this maze of complex legislations and ensure compliance."

To get started with danaVidya, users simply have to say Hi to +91 77770 35895 on WhatsApp or click https://wa.me/+917777035895?text=Hi_

BMC To Demolish 100-Year-Plus Dilapidated 'H N Petit Widows Home' In South Mumbai

As per news reports, the Mumbai High Court has permitted Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) to demolish an over 100-year-old dilapidated 'H N Petit Widows Home', located in South Mumbai and has directed its occupants to vacate the premises. The ground plus five floor structure is more than 100 years old. It was used for providing hostel facilities to widows. Due to the building's poor condition, the widows residing there were moved to another hostel in 2019.

Earlier this year in April, the BMC issued a notice to the landlord to vacate the premises. A few occupants of the building and tenants who run shops on its ground floor, however, refused to do so and moved the HC arguing that the structure only needed minor repairs.

The HC, in an order passed on August 11, 2022, noted, "It is an admitted fact that the said building

is situated on a plot of land in a very congested and crowded area of Bhuleshwar (in south Mumbai) and lots of people are passing through the road on which the building is located... If this building is allowed to be retained, if any untoward incident occurs then there will be a loss of lives not only of the occupants of the building but also passers-by."

The court further held that the plot on which the building stands also abuts the proposed Metro rail alignment and falls within the influence zone of station areas, adding that if the building was demolished and not reconstructed, then tenants would have an alternate remedy in law.

The HC directed the occupants to vacate the premises within three weeks so that the building could be demolished. If the occupants do not vacate the premises, then the BMC can take forcible possession and carry out demolition, the court said.

Central Bank Celebrates 141st Salgreh Of Founder Pochkhanawalla

9th August, 2022 marked the 141st Birth Anniversary of Central Bank of India's Founder, Sir Sorabji Pochkhanawalla, commemorated by MD & CEO - M V Rao, along with other Directors, GMs, dignitaries, and Chief Guest - Dr. Pilloo Hakim - the Founder's grand-daughter, who garlanded the statue and the bust. The lamp-lighting ceremony took place at the main office in Mumbai's iconic building, followed by a function organized at their SPBT Training

College, Vile Parle (West), Mumbai.

B S Harilal - Principal, SPBT college welcomed the dignitaries, praising how the institution had grown over the past 17 months, under the MD & CEO. M V Rao shared how the Founder believed that the bank is the property of the nation - "A bank of the people and for the people". A disciplinarian but an unassuming person, Sorabji preferred staying away from the limelight. His philosophy to create a win-win situation for the bank and its customers has stood the test of time. Rao urged Centralities to inculcate these qualities and take the bank to greater heights.

The launch of new products and initiatives for customers were announced at the function. The bank honored and felicitated children of two employees who qualified for the IAS cadre, as also good performance of the bank's recognized Sports-persons. The bank provided Compassionate Employment letters to 185 dependents of the deceased Indian employees on the occasion. The function concluded with a vote of thanks by GM Vasti Venkatesh.

Sir Sorabji founded the bank in 1907, at age 28, and was conferred with knighthood in 1935 as an appreciation for his dedicated services to banking industry.



XYZ Celebrates Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

2022 is a landmark year in the history of our country – marking 75 years of Indian independence. The Zoroastrian community has been a frontrunner in the progress of our country, right from the stalwarts who were part of the Independence struggle to the doyens of industry with their incomparable contributions towards nation-building.

Our very own 'Xtremely Young Zoroastrians' or 'XYZ' are brimming with the patriotic spirit too and their 8 teams put in great efforts to celebrate India's 75th year of independence. Titled 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', every President Nominee of the XYZ teams was entrusted with the planning and execution of events that would commemorate this day and keep the patriotic 'josh' sky-high!

JAMSHED'S GIANTS (JG):

President nominee, Ava Nariman, was in charge and was ably assisted by volunteer Khushnuma Bhaddha and Xi Maherzad Mogal. To show their gratitude to the motherland, the members were asked to make a short video on what they felt captured the significance of this historic day. The participants got creative displaying videos that ranged from singing patriotic songs, dances set to rousing patriotic music and enacting the role of India's



legendary freedom fighters. The participants took great efforts to make every video a standout performance. About 22 children participated. This was no mean task as being a long weekend, many were travelling and several

members were preparing for school exams. The videos were then compiled with the help of Xi and the volunteers. As Khushnuma said, "It was good to see that kids not only felt proud but felt responsible too towards their country."

KATAYUN'S CONQUERORS (KC):

On 12th August, 2022, the dynamic girls of Katayun's Conquerors gathered at the BAF Petit Girls High School. President nominee, Ziya Patel, led them through the choreography that had all the members dancing to patriotic songs. 25 girls participated, wearing the uniform with the tri-colour sash draped over them. The planning of the event had its set of challenges like hitting on the right patriotic idea, designing the right costume and poster and choreographing the dance. However, it all came together beautifully! Talking about the event Ziya said, "We felt proud dancing on patriotic songs for our country. It felt nice and enthusiastic."



CYRUS' SUPERSTARS (CS):

Honouring the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, Riya Mullan, President Nominee of Cyrus' Superstars planned a trip to Mani Bhavan with the help of volunteer Armin Mullan. All participants assembled at the historical Mani Bhavan at Laburnum Road which served as Mahatma Gandhi's Bombay headquarters for seventeen eventful years (1917-1934). Participants were given a tour of the building. They also discussed and narrated a few stories about Gandhiji's life and the virtues of truth and Ahimsa. They later participated in a small quiz about



Gandhiji. On the Mani Bhavan terrace, the young and old joined in to sing, 'Sare Jahan se Acha' and distributed the National flag as part of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative.

The event was highly appreciated by all. Homai Shroff said "Our President Nominee Riya organized a well-planned event! There were so many CS kids who had not visited this historical place. Having played the crucial role in India's independence, Gandhiji is an integral part of Indian history. As we celebrate 75 years of our Independence this year, his immense contribution is certainly to be appreciated and valued."



BEHRAM'S BATTALION (BB):

Under the able leadership of President Nominee, Zerxes Daruvala, Behram's Battalion planned a weekend of fun events that would see members of all ages participating. The first day, 6th August, saw a drawing competition and a Tie-Dye workshop, where over 25 BB members gathered with art materials and white t-shirts. Kids from under 7 to



over 12 years participated and the top 3 kids from each category were chosen as winners, and awarded prizes, by judge, Katayun Bharucha, a renowned art teacher. Day-2 held a fancy-dress competition for the Juniors. The judges were Mrs. Zarin Jamasji, wife of the late Squadron Leader, Parvez Jamasji, Veer Chakra awardee and Mr. Kersi Zaiwalla, member of the 11th Gurkha Rifles Regiment, Indian Army. The Quiz and Antakshari held for the Silvers was great fun for all present. BB kids who had excelled in their 10th board exams this year were also felicitated at the function. One of the parents, Paurujisti Jasawalla, appreciating the efforts of the BB team,

said, "An absolutely amazing evening... had lots of fun! Both my kids loved the Tie & Dye t-shirts. Thank you all!"

DARAIUS' DAREDEVILS (DD):

Daraius' Daredevils' President Nominee - Cyrus Vajifdar organised a scavenger hunt around Cusrow Baug on 6th August. 3 teams - Orange, White and Green - comprising of a total of 17 enthusiastic children, participated. The event kicked off with each team being asked a question about India's independence struggle. Teams had to complete a circuit of locations around the Baug. On completion of the hunt, a prize distribution ceremony saw everyone present being given the national flag



under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' initiative. Speaking about the event, Iyanah Daruvala said, "This event was very well executed by Cyrus with the help of the president and president elect. I think I speak for everyone when I say it was a lot of fun and the kids were competitive and enthusiastic. Everything went smoothly and everyone enjoyed! Look forward to more such events in the future!"



RUSTOM'S ROCKSTARS (RR):

On 13th August, 2022, Rustom's Rockstars proved that 'Our flag does not fly because of the wind, it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it'. Kayhan Dee, President Nominee, planned a fun day infused with the patriotic spirit, starting with colouring and sticking strings of Orange, White and Green on our Indian National Flag. The National Anthem was sung by all with great enthusiasm. Later, the participants painted pots with the tri-colour and



as these were drying, they relished some refreshments. Tulsi plants were also planted in the pots to spread the word about the Green India Mission. Encouraging everyone to support the 'Swacch Bharat

Abhiyan', the participants cleared up the event venue as well. Gian and Xavi Dastoor thoroughly enjoyed the day, saying, "The event was super-duper! We loved dressing up in our traditional outfits; and the flag sticking activity with painting our own pots was the icing on the cake - Jai Hind!"

TEHMURASP'S TITANS (TT):

Aarash Kotwal, President Nominee believes strongly in the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "Freedom is never dear at any price. It is the breath of life. What would a man not pay for living?" The events that he planned for 13th August honoured the sacrifices of our freedom fighters. Aarash faced up to the challenge of completing the preparations



in the limited time at his disposal and ensuring that the events were a fun and learning experience for all. All participants played three games based on the patriotic theme - The 'F4 Game' (Fastest Freedom Fighter First) which was a team game; The 'Discover India Game', modelled on the popular Housie game where each participant had a ticket with 4 pictures depicting an important event in Indian history since independence; and the 'Race To Freedom Game', which was a team game combining the concepts of quiz and obstacle relay race.



The day culminated with a round of refreshments and everyone received the Indian flag and a Tricolour band to take home. Armin Wadia, TT parent volunteer, rightly commented, "Brilliantly executed by Aarash! We all had a wonderful time celebrating India's 75th Independence Day! Thank you for making this historic moment memorable for us."

XERXES' INVINCIBLES (XI):

The XYZ seniors added to the excitement by organizing a treasure hunt across Mumbai (that time Bombay) related to iconic spots placed in Mumbai, with played a role in India's freedom struggle, as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, commemorating 75 years of Independence. Khooshnaz Pithawalla was assisted by Aban Bhadha and Zayan Sanga in the planning and execution of the treasure hunt which started at Salsette Colony, Andheri, and ended at Gateway of India (as the last English troops left Indian soil from here). A total of 8 teams, comprising 5 members each, participated. The treasure hunt took them to places like August Kranti Maidan, Gandhi statue, Mumbai Harbour, Times of India office, Mani Bhavan, INS Vikrant and Gamdevi Police station, which has been active since the British era. The treasure hunt was won by Team 7 - Fast and Furious, but all the teams gained from the camaraderie and exploring the hidden treasures of Mumbai which have framed the Independent Nation we live in today.



NOSHIRWAN'S KNIGHTS (NK):

Varun Sethna, President Nominee for Noshirwan's Knights brainstormed on the essence of 'Azadi' or Independence, from which was birthed the idea of making an eco-friendly National Flag to highlight the need for 'AZADI from POLLUTION.' Participants made eco-friendly Indian flags at home and explained their process over a presentation. The other activity comprised participants dressing up as



popular national leaders and sharing a short speech about them. The day ended with cake and snacks as it was current President Freya's birthday. All NK members thoroughly enjoyed the fun and learning through these activities, which were conducted smoothly.

As the community's leading children's and young adults' organisation, established by the dynamic Founder, Hoshang Gotla, 'XYZ Foundation' continues to set the perfect precedent for our community's young ones, by instilling a sense of values, culture and compassion in our younger generations, thus preparing them to truly grow into responsible citizens of India and Parsis who will continue doing our nation proud!

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નવા વર્ષમાં કૃતજ્ઞતા!



એક નવા દેખાવ અને ઉડાણ પૂર્વક કૃતજ્ઞતા સાથે નવા વર્ષમાં ચાલો વધુ એક સકારાત્મક પગલું ભરીએ.

છેલ્લાં કેટલાંક વર્ષોમાં વ્યક્તિગત રીતે જાગૃતિ આવી છે. આપણી પસંદગીઓ આપણા પર્યાવરણ પર શું અસર કરે છે તેનાથી અજાણ રહીને આપણે જીવવાનું ચાલુ રાખી શકતા નથી.

કુદરતી સંસાધનો એ આધારસ્તંભ છે જેના પર માનવજાતના ભવિષ્યનો આધાર રાખે છે. જેમ જંગલો અને પ્રાણી સામ્રાજ્ય એકબીજા સાથે જોડાયેલા છે, તેમ આપણે પણ આપણા ગ્રહની ઈકોસિસ્ટમ સાથે જોડાયેલા છીએ.

એક ઈકોસિસ્ટમ જેમાં આપણે ભૌતિક રીતે એકબીજા સાથે જોડાયેલા છીએ ઉર્જા/કંપન સ્તરનું એક મજબૂત જોડાણ છે. આ પ્રાર્થનાની ઉપચાર શક્તિ, ઉર્જા આપણને જીવનના તમામ પડકારોમાંથી બહાર કાઢવામાં મદદ કરે છે.

કેટલીકવાર, આપણા હાથથી આપણે દીવો પ્રગટાવ્યે છીએ પરંતુ તે હાથને જ વીંટાળીને આપણે દીવાને લોલવતા બચાવ્યે છીએ જે વધુ મલત્વનું છે. આમજ તમે બીજાની જ્યોતને બચાવવા માટે કેટલી વાર તમારા હાથ વીંટાળ્યા છે?

ચાલો આપણે આપણા પ્રકાશને એકસાથે મૂકીએ અને આપણી અગિયારી અને આતશબહેરામની મુલાકાત લઈએ અને ભક્તિમય ઉત્સાહ અને કૃતજ્ઞતા સાથે પ્રાર્થના કરીએ. આપણી પ્રાર્થનાઓમાં કુદરતની જોરદાર શક્તિઓ રહેલી છે. અને જેટલીવાર આપણે પ્રાર્થના કરીએ છીએ તેટલીવાર તેમાં વધારો થાય છે તે ખુશીની જેમ ફેલાય છે! જેનાથી પ્રાપ્ત થાય છે સારું સ્વાસ્થ્ય.

અહીં એક ટૂંકી પ્રાર્થના છે જે તમે જાણો છો અને જેની કાળજી રાખો છો તેના સ્વાસ્થ્ય માટે તમે પ્રાર્થના કરી શકો છો અને તે તેના માટે છે, સૌથી મોટી ભેટ!

Prayer For Another

Khshnaoetra Ahurahe Mazdao!

Ashem Vohu (3)

Fravarane Mazdeyasno Zarthushtrish vidaevo Ahuro takeasho (Geh).
Ashahe Vahishtahe sraeshtahe Airyamano isheyeh surahe mazdadhatahe
saokayao vanghuyao vourudoithrayao mazdadhatayao ahsaonyao,
khshnaoetra yasnaich vahmaicha khshnaoetraich frasastayaiecha.
Yatha Ahu Vairyo Zaota fra me mrute atha ratush ashatcit hacha fra
ashava vidhvao mraotu.

Ashem Vahisstem sraesstem ameshem spentem yazamaide,
Airyamanem ishim yazamaide, Surem mazdadhatem yazamaide,
saokam vanguhim vourudoithranam Mazdadhatanam ashaonim
yazamaide.

"Yat yushcha framimatha ya masha achista danto. Vakshente
daevo - Zushta vangheush, sizdyamna manangho. Mazdao Ahurahya
Khrateush nasyanto ashattha" (7times)

Yatha Ahu Vairyo (2)

Yasnemcha vahmemcha aojascha zavarecha afrinami, ashahe
vahishtahe sraeshtahe airyamano ishyeh surahe mazdadhatahe
saokyao vanghuyao vauru - doithrayao mazdadhayao ashaonyao.

Ashem Vohu (1)

Ahmai Raescha, Hazangharem, Jasa me avanghahe Mazda, Kerfeh
Mazda.

Ashem Vohu (1)

શેઠ વિકાજ-શેઠ પેસ્તનજ મહેરજ અગિયારીએ ૧૭૫ વર્ષની ગૌરવપૂર્ણ ઉજવણી કરી

જુલાઈ ૩૧, ૨૦૨૨ના રોજ હૈદરાબાદની સૌથી જૂની શેઠ વિકાજ-શેઠ પેસ્તનજ મહેરજ અગિયારીની ૧૭૫માં સાલગ્રેહની ભવ્ય ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવી હતી. પ્રસિદ્ધ ભાઈઓ-શેઠ વિકાજ મહેરજ અને શેઠ પેસ્તનજ મહેરજ દ્વારા સ્થાપિત, અગિયારી ટ્રસ્ટે આ શુભ પ્રસંગની યાદમાં એક ઉત્કૃષ્ટ અને ભવ્ય સમારોહનું આયોજન કર્યું હતું, જેમાં આપણા સમુદાયના અગ્રણી દિગ્ગજોએ હાજરી આપી હતી.

શેઠ વિકાજ મહેરજ અને તેમના જન્મદાતા શેઠ પેસ્તનજ મહેરજ, મહારાષ્ટ્રના તારાપોર ગામના પારસી પરિવારમાંથી હતા. તેઓ હૈદરાબાદમાં સ્થળાંતર થયા અને સમુદાયમાં તેના સૌથી પ્રખ્યાત પરોપકારી વેપારી રાજકુમારો તરીકે સમૃદ્ધ વારસો છોડી ગયા. તેઓએ શરૂઆતમાં એક નાનું ફાયર ટેમ્પલ (દાદગાહ) બનાવ્યું જે સ્થાનિક ઝોરાસ્ટ્રેયનોના ઉપયોગ માટે હતું. છ વર્ષ પછી, તેમની દ્રઢ શ્રદ્ધાએ તેમને સિકંદરાબાદમાં ભવ્ય અને દિવ્ય શેઠ વિકાજ - શેઠ પેસ્તનજ મહેરજ પારસી ફાયર ટેમ્પલ બનાવવા તરફ દોરી, જે દક્ષિણ ભારતનું સૌથી જૂનું ફાયર ટેમ્પલ છે, જે ખાન બહાદુર એદલજી સોહરાબજી ચિનાઈ અંજુમન દર-એ-મેહરની સામે સ્થિત છે અને જોડિયા શહેરોની સૌથી નાની અગિયારી છે.

આતશ આદરાન (પવિત્ર અગ્નિ) ૧૨ મી સપ્ટેમ્બર, ૧૮૪૭ ના રોજ તેનો રાજ્યાભિષેક અને તેને પવિત્ર કરવામાં આવ્યો હતો, (રોજ બેહરામ, માહ અસ્પંદાદ - ૧૨૧૬ યજ). ઓલ્ડ પારસી ફાયર ટેમ્પલ ટ્રસ્ટ, સિકંદરાબાદ, આ અગિયારીની દેખરેખ રાખે છે અને તેના પ્રમુખ - કેપ્ટન છે કાયમિન એફ. પેસ્તનજ, ટ્રસ્ટીઓ સાથે - સાયરસ જે ઈરાની, જુબીન એફ. વિકાજ, કેઝાદ કે. પેસ્તનજ. મોબેદ એરવદ જહાંગીર પિલ્ચર, એરવદ બોમી બી. કરંજયા, એરવદ પેશદાદ પિલ્ચર; અને ચાસનીવાલા- કેરસી દુતિયા અને ફરોખ ઈરાની, ભક્તિ સાથે અગિયારીમાં હાલમાં સેવા આપે છે

અગિયારીએ તાજેતરમાં ૧૭૫મી વર્ષગાંઠની ઉજવણી પૂર્વે, બંને બાજુઓ પર બે લામાસસના ઉમેરા સાથે, તાકાત અને ઉચ્ચ આકાંક્ષાઓના પ્રતીક સાથે, એક નોંધપાત્ર ફેસલિફ્ટ જોવા મળી હતી.

૧૭૫મી સાલગ્રેહની ઉજવણી બે દિવસ - ૩૦મી અને ૩૧મી જુલાઈ, ૨૦૨૨ દરમિયાન કરવામાં આવી હતી અને તેમાં મહાનુભાવો, મિત્રો અને સમુદાયના સભ્યોએ હાજરી આપી હતી. આ બે દિવસોમાં, મહેમાનોને હેરિટેજ વોક, બ્રિટિશ રેસિડેન્સીની મુલાકાત અને બાઈ માણેકબાઈ નસરવાનજી ચિનોય દર-એ-મેહર, હૈદરાબાદ, પારસી ધર્મશાળામાં ભવ્ય રાત્રિભોજન સહિતની વિવિધ પ્રવૃત્તિઓ માણી હતી. વડા દસ્તુરજી કેકી કાવસજી રાવજી મહેરજરાનાની આગેવાની હેઠળ જોડિયા શહેરોની ત્રણ અગિયારીઓના અન્ય છ મોબેદો સાથે ખુશાલીનું જશન યોજાયું હતું.



લા પેવેસ રોયલ, સિકંદરાબાદ ખાતે સાંજના કાર્યક્રમનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું, જેમાં પ્રમુખ સહિત મહાનુભાવો દ્વારા વક્તવ્ય આપવામાં આવ્યું હતું.

મહેમાન - જસ્ટિસ શાહરૂખ જે. કાથાવાલા (નિવૃત્ત) જજ, બોમ્બે હાઈકોર્ટ; એર ચીફ માર્શલ ફલી એચ. મેજર (નિવૃત્ત) પીવીએસએમ, એવીએસએમ, એસસી, વીએમ, એડીસી મેજર જનરલ સાયરસ એ પીઠાવાલા (નિવૃત્ત) એસી, વીએસએમ; એર. ડો. કેકી ઈ. તુરેલ (ન્યુરોસર્જન); દિનશા તંબોલી (ચેરમેન, ડબલ્યુએડઓ); કેરસી કે. દેબુ (રાષ્ટ્રીય લઘુમતી કમિશનના ઉપાધ્યક્ષ); બચી કરકરિયા (વરિષ્ઠ પત્રકાર, ટીઓઆઈ); પીરૂઝ એ. ખંબાતા (ચેરમેન અને એમડી, રસના પ્રાઈવેટ લિમિટેડ); અને એરવદ એડવો. ઝેરિક દસ્તુર.

આ કાર્યક્રમે તમામ લોકો દ્વારા પ્રશંસા મેળવી હતી, મહેમાનો દ્વારા છેવટે અમે જરથોસ્તી ગીત ગાઈ કાર્યક્રમ સમાપ્ત થયો હતો. દરેક વ્યક્તિએ બેસીને પાતંજ બોજનનો આનંદ માણ્યો હતો.

જોડિયા શહેરોના રહેવાસીઓ માટે આ સંભવત ૨૧મી સદીની સૌથી ભવ્ય સમુદાય ઈવેન્ટ હતો.

- અરનાઝ બીસ્તી દ્વારા

મારો મહા ગુરૂ જરથોસ્ત

(રાગ-પીલુ)

મારો મહા ગુરૂ જરથોસ્ત, ભલી દીન તણો તું દોસ્ત
તારી ખૂબી અપરમ પાર, લાખો નમન વારંવાર - મારો મહા.

ઝળકે તારું નૂર જાણે ખુરશીદ ચળકે પ્રકાશે
તું અશોઈનો સરદાર ઊંચી નીતિ તણો ભંડાર - મારો મહા.

આપે બરકતને આબાદી કાપે દુઃખ દર્દો તમામ,
ભલી દીન તણી એ અસર અશો જરથોસ્ત પયગંબર - મારો મહા.

બાશાસ્ત ગેબી તું પામ્યો, હર્ષ આનંદ જગમાં જામ્યો,
આત્મિક શુદ્ધિના વિચાર આપો હમને તમ હરવાર - મારો મહા.

મઝદાની મોહોબત પર તે, કીધું સદકે દીલ જાન,
કીધો જેર શયતાની દોર વધું આત્મિક બળનું જોર - મારો મહા.

- પ્રેમી

(આ ગીત નવસારીના એરવદ બરજોરજી પેસ્તનજી મુલ્લાંએ રચેલું.
એમનું તપલ્લુસ હતું પ્રેમી.

મોકલનાર મરઝબાન જમશેદજી ગ્યારા)

English Heritage Blue Plaque Unveiled At Former English Residence Of Dadabhai Naoroji

On 10th August, 2022, a Blue Plaque was unveiled in commemoration of Dadabhai Naoroji, at his London residence (72 Anerley Park, Penge SE20), where he resided from 1887 to 1904. Representatives from English Heritage, the House of Lords, Indian High Commission, local government, the Zoroastrian community - notably the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (ZTFE), inter-faith groups, well-wishers, et al gathered at the front garden of the Victorian property. The steps leading to the front door provided a natural platform from where speakers highlighted some of Naoroji's many great accomplishments, against the backdrop of a stained glass door and a prominent brass number 72. From here, the curtain was eventually lowered to

reveal Naoroji's Blue Plaque.

The ceremony began with a recital of Avestan prayers and the lighting of the āfrīnagān (fire urn) by ZTFE resident priest, Er. Yazad Bhadha. Blue plaque panel member, journalist, author and cricket commentator Mihir Bose, introduced the work of English Heritage and said that he was proud that the "985th blue plaque," was installed in honour of Dadabhai Naoroji. He acknowledged Naoroji's early contribution to the struggle for an independent India, sharing that Naoroji's book, 'Poverty and Un-British Rule in India (1901)', was published while he resided here.

ZTFE President Malcolm M. Deboo spoke of Dadabhai Naoroji's business ethics, political successes, campaigns and his presidency of the ZTFE, stating how Naoroji's Zoroastrian faith had a bearing on his work and his conscience throughout his life. Politically, Naoroji was a founding member of the Indian National Congress, serving three times as its President. His greatest political triumph in the UK, came in 1892 when he became the first Indian to be elected to the House of Commons. He shared that Naoroji was an advocate of women's rights and supported many feminist campaigners.

President Malcolm Deboo stated that Naoroji's Blue Plaque, was long overdue, but a welcome addition to the one commemorating music prodigy Freddy Mercury (2016, in Feltham) and civil engineer Ardaser Cursetjee Wadia (2021, Richmond). He thanked English Heritage for recognising Naoroji. Dadabhai Naoroji was one of those who founded the forerunner organisation to the ZTFE in 1861.

ZTFE's journey to honour



Naoroji's achievements through the Blue Plaque scheme began in 1992, when Malcolm Deboo, along with a few others, first made representations to English Heritage. In 1992, ZTFE member, community activist and race equality campaigner - late Faridoon Madon MBE, launched, what became a 3-year campaign to having a street in Islington renamed after Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji, which achieved fruition in March 1993, when a plaque - with ZTFE funding, was placed outside Finsbury Town Hall, in commemoration of Naoroji.

In the evening, speakers celebrated the life and legacy of Dadabhai Naoroji, in the Zarthoshty Brothers' Hall at the Zoroastrian Centre. Sir Rohinton Minoo Kalifa read a speech by ZTFE Patron Lord Karan Bilimoria CBE DL, who, like Naoroji, also took his oath of office on

the Khordeh Avesta. He said with pride that the Zoroastrian community although small in number continued not only to contribute to the amelioration of the countries they inhabited but globally, citing the vital work of Padma Bhushan Dr. Cyrus Poonawala MD and CEO of the Serum Institute of India in manufacturing vaccines especially during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

Naoroji was mentor to the likes of Mahatma Gandhi in his early years. In India's 75th year of independence and 105th year his passing, Naoroji remains as relevant. His sense of purpose, unwavering commitment, tenacity, high morals in public and personal life are exemplary and make him a timeless reminder that with grit and determination, the seemingly impossible can be achieved.

Birthday Wishes

Happy First Birthday
to our grandson

Aiden J. Daruwalla

Thank you for all the joy, laughter, and love you have showered on us. May you always stay happy, healthy, adorable, cute, charming, animated, and full of life.

We are publishing your picture, per your late Great Grandfather Pesi Papa's wish. He would always say that you look like a Pakka Bawajee.

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Thank you for coming into our life,*

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| P V Sindhu (Badminton) | Mary Kom (Boxing) | Tarundeep Rai (Archery) | Kapil Dev (Cricket) |
| Sunil Gavaskar (Cricket) | Virat Kohli (Cricket) | Narain Karthikeyan (Racing) | Mihir Sen (Swimming) |
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Thought of the Week

"There is no saint without a past, no sinner without a future."

- Augustine of Hippo



WINNING CAPTION!!!

- GIRL (Left): Aree samjho! Mara lagan nakki thai gaya!!
 GIRL (Centre): Congrats!! Ketla mahina baki raya?
 GIRL (Right): Pehlla bol - ke kaun bichara na divas bharai gaya!

By Dezadd Dotiwalla

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.

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



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Masina Hospital Enhances Its Exclusive Parsi Facilities

In the year 2021 to 2022, we are proud to state that Masina Hospital has rapidly undergone changes - Upgrading and Modernizing its existing Departments and adding new specialties in tune with the latest technology and progress in modern medicine.

On 18th November, 2021, the hospital inaugurated an exclusive Parsi Special Room facility, which includes an executive suite, single occupancy deluxe rooms, twin sharing rooms and economy beds - a welcome addition to the already existing air-conditioned modern Parsi General Ward, our multi-sharing facility for poor and low-income Parsi patients... all ensuring to provide a home-away-from-home environment, with Parsipanu, replete with the best in catering too with authentic Parsi food!

Some of Masina Hospital's significant milestones achieved last year include a New Operation Theatre complex with cutting edge technology; New Kidney Dialysis unit (facilities for Night dialysis); New Day Care Ward with Special rooms, dedicated Operation Theatres and Endoscopy Suites; New Pulmonary Function Testing facility; New 17-bedded ICU (in advanced stage of completion); New state-of-the-art PICU, NICU and Labour Rooms; as also renovated and modernised Deluxe Rooms, Twin sharing rooms, General wards and two exclusive Suites.

The hospital recently successfully conducted its first Cardiac Transplant on a Paediatric patient, with Dr. Z. Hamdulay and his team performing very complex cardiac and Aortic surgeries in the hospital. Other strong points of the hospital include Orthopedic Surgery with top surgeons - Dr. Shahrookh Vatchha, Dr. Vispi Jokhi, Dr. Vishal Shinde and Dr. J J Bunsha performing complex surgeries, including Joint Replacement, Spine Instrumentation and Complex Trauma surgeries. Dr. Faiyaz Memon and Dr. Arpit Dave are experts in Arthroscopy and Sports Medicine.

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology has an excellent team of consultants including Dr. Kurush Paghdwala, Dr. Anahita Pundole, Dr. Aspi Raimalwala, Dr. Manjiri Kaba and many more. The department has Advanced Laparoscopic and open surgery available for Gynaecological surgeries in the hospital. Masina Hospital also boasts of a Paediatric department with an updated NICU and PICU with point of care USG support, with expert consultants to ensure best pediatric care.

The Hospital has been recognized and

Masina Hospital's Parsi Consultants include



-Dr. Vispi Driver
Plastic Surgeon



-Dr. Jamshed Bunshah
Orthopedic surgeon



-Dr. Vispi Jokhi
Orthopedic surgeon



-Dr. Shahrookh Vatchha
Orthopedic surgeon



-Dr. Kurush Paghdwala
Obstetrician / Gynecologist



-Dr. Rohan Bokdawalla
Psychiatrist



-Dr. Gustad B Daver
Vascular Surgeon



-Dr. Aspi Raimalwala
Obstetrician / Gynecologist



-Dr. Anahita Pundole
Gynecologist

appreciated for its Burns Department, with an excellent success rate, through the experience and dedication of Dr. Arvind Vartak, Dr. Suhas Abhyankar and Dr. Vispi Driver, ensuring a survival rate in managing burns patients better than most centres across India. Innovative techniques help achieve better clinical outcomes with lower costs, For eg., having its own Skin Bank. It also provides general surgery facilities with advanced laparoscopic facilities with noted surgeons like Dr. Gustad Davar (Vascular Surgeon), Dr. Kayomarz Kapadia, Dr. S. N. and Dr. Mehdi Kaezerouni.

Masina Hospital has also been performing complex neurosurgery and base of skull surgery performed by innovative minimally invasive techniques. It also provides advanced Major Cancer surgery of the Head and Neck region along with reconstruction by highly trained consultants. Dr Prasad Kasbekar is another expert surgeon offering cosmetic implant-based reconstruction.

Masina Hospital is also known for its Mental Health facility served by renowned Dr. Vihang Vahia and Dr. Natasha Kate, Dr. Milan Balakrishnan and others. The in-house ward and special room facility, with a recreation centre, occupational therapy and counselling and de-addiction centre make it a complete department which caters to mental health problems.

The Hospital also has an excellent Rehabilitation service which includes, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Adolescent and Child Therapy, Speech Therapy and Counselling Services. The indoor Neuro Rehabilitation package has resulted in many patients progressing from total dependency to relative independence, especially geriatric patients.

The hospital is currently in the process of modernizing and upgrading its Radiology Department and introducing Health check-up facilities in the coming year. Its constant endeavour has been to create new services and facilities to ensure giving the best possible service to society at large, and to the Parsi community in particular.

Says Mrs. Bacha Thanewalla, who underwent surgery for her shoulder, "the Parsi Special Room is excellent in terms of facilities and care. I enjoyed the food and the service. Besides, the hospital rates were extremely reasonable."

Patients admitted for Neurorehabilitation for which Masina Hospital has a special package, found it highly advantageous. The treatment helps patients who after neurological illnesses find it difficult to be independent in the home environment. Comprehensive physiotherapy, occupational therapy, nutritional therapy and counselling help in achieving high levels of independence.

Masina Hospital looks forward in the New Year, to continue serving the community with compassion and care while providing excellent clinical outcomes. The hospital looks forward to explore the possibility of starting



Khordad Sal Mubarak!

By Marzban Jamshedji Giara

The festival of Khordad Sal is considered very significant in our religious rivaayats and the religious texts because on this day (Roz Khordad, Mah Farvardin), the following important events took place, relating to our religion and our history:

1. Prophet Asho Zarathushtra was born.
2. Dadar Ahura Mazda created the first couple in the world, named 'Mashya' and 'Mashyan'.
3. The first king of ancient Iran - Shah Gayomard was born.
4. Shah Hoshang of Peshdaad dynasty who discovered fire, was born.
5. Shah Tehmurasp 'divband'

6. Shah Faridoon distributed his kingdom among his three sons.
7. Sam Nariman (the grandfather of Rustam) killed a powerful demon.
8. Shah Kaikhushru killed Toorianian King Afrasiab.
9. Shah Kaikhushru gave up the throne and disappeared.
10. Asho Zarathushtra received from Dadar Ahura Mazda prophethood and religious revelation.
11. Shah Gushtasp accepted the Zarthushti religion.

(Excerpts from the book, 'Our Zoroastrian Religion', by Ervad Fardunji N. Rabadi, translated to English by Marzban Giara)