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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

As a community, we boast of a sizeable number of seniors, since we are genetically blessed with longevity. While it would have been ideal had the current generation been able to walk shoulder to shoulder in terms of our then population, the truth is, our current numbers predict a sorry, nay, regrettable state of affairs.

Various attempts are being made to arrest the nearly-imminent extinction of the Parsi community. Some of these attempts have proven helpful, but unfortunately, the scale of requirement in terms of number of births vis-à-vis the number of deaths, is yet falling rather short, to be able to restore the population's balance.

Until this issue, which looms threateningly over the very existence and future of the community, is taken up conscientiously, as a collective mission of priority by the community itself, the desired results will continue to evade us. And this will cause an increasing sense of insecurity in our ability to protect the interests and the welfare of the community's members and its assets.

Over the past few years, we have lost numerous community stalwarts, who greatly contributed to the legacy and the glory of being Parsi. Here again, the gap in numbers of our Parsi greats then and now, remains a cause for concern.

We need to step up as a community collectively, in terms of our efforts to arrest the slide in both - our population and our glory. The focus has to, if not shift, then at least be shared, from simply individual pursuits to those inclusive of pursuits that will salvage the community. Rightfully is it said, there is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about.

Have a good weekend!

- Anahita
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Sarosh Roj Jashan & Humbandagi

On 30th November, 2022, a Sarosh Roj Jashan will be performed at Dadysett Agiary (Fountain), by the Trustees, at 4:30 pm. This will be followed by a Humbandagi by Er. Darayesh R. Katrak, after which light refreshments will be served. All Parsi/ Irani Zoroastrians are cordially invited to attend.

Celebrating 6th Salgreh Of Behram Yazad Shrine

The 6th anniversary of the Behram Yazad Shrine at Dadysett Atashbehram (Fanavadi) will be celebrated on 3rd December, 2022, with a Jashan ceremony at 4:15pm, organised by the Trustees. This will be followed by a Humbandagi conducted by Er. Darayesh R. Katrak at the Behram Yazad Shrine and a religious talk and motivational speech. Light refreshments will be served thereafter. All Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians are invited.



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constantly strived to do unique activities for children's welfare and will continue to do so in the future, in providing a safe, caring and motivating environment for the little ones.

We thank the managing team of Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital, eminent doctors and the supporting staffs for their co-operation and help in organizing this wonderful occasion for the children.

Correction

In Parsi Times dated 19th November, 2022, in the article titled, 'Celebrating The Arrival Of Parsis In India' by Noshir H. Dadrawala, we regret an inadvertent typographical error stating that Parsis stayed at Sanjan far longer (about 324 years) as opposed to the corrected version: 'Parsis stayed at Sanjan far longer (about 624 years) than they did in Diu.'



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**The community has lost a great orthodox
and a soldier of the religion**

In life there comes a time when a person has to stand up and be counted, on account of his religion. Areez Pirojshah Khambatta was one such man. Fearless, committed and generous, he was a proud Parsi Irani Zarthoshti.

His passion for the Zarthoshti dharam was unbounded. He believed in the religion, its traditions and practices and unfailingly supported the cause of orthodoxy. He was a true Ratheshtar of the faith unafraid to voice his opinion in defence of the faith and the Parsi Irani community.

Under his leadership and financial support, WAPIZ in its nascent years grew from strength to strength and culminated in Yazdi H. Desai and Khojeste P. Mistree, two traditional minded individuals, becoming Trustees of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet. The traditional cause was effective through the weekly WAPIZ Page which he supported, year in and year out and this support gave new life and meaning to orthodoxy.

A blunt speaking man, he spoke from the heart and then it did not matter whether it was a friend or foe, whether one liked what he said or not, he could not be stopped. He believed in the truth and he believed in following the path of righteousness guided by the light of the religion.

He was conscious of being an athornan and ensured that his grandson became a priest. He was at heart a family man.

May osta Areez P. Khambatta's soul forever reside in Garothman with Ahura Mazda.

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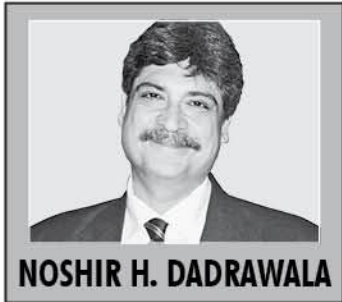
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The Feast Of Tirangan



Statue of Arish the legendary Archer

On 26th November, 2022, *Roj Tir* coincides with *Mah Tir* as per the *Shahenshahi* calendar, marking the *Parab* or festival of *Tiragan*, one of the three most widely celebrated seasonal festivals of ancient Iran, mentioned even in the Jewish Talmud.

While *Navruz* (*Mah Fravardin, Roj Hormuzd*) celebrates renewed life and the warmth of spring after the cold winter season and *Meherangan* (*Mah Meher, Roj Meher*) commemorates harvest during autumn, *Tirangan* (*Mah Tir, Roj Tir*) welcomes the heat of summer and life-giving rain. However, since the *Shahenshahi* calendar has, since centuries after the arrival of the Parsis in India, gone out of sync with the *Fasal* or seasons, *Tirangan* in the Northern hemisphere now falls in early winter, instead of summer.

Tir Presides Over Sirius: *Tir*, or *Testar* (*Avestan Tishtrya*), is the divinity presiding over the Star Sirius or the Dog Star - the brightest star visible from earth in the night sky. Sirius is colloquially called the 'Dog Star', on account of its prominence in the constellation of *Canis Major* or Big Dog. Most ancient civilizations viewed Sirius as the earth's second or spiritual sun.

Likewise, ancient Egyptians observed that in the month of July, with the heliacal rising of the Star Sirius (Heliacal rising means the first night that a star is seen in the eastern horizon, just before dawn) the Nile generally started to flood and bring fertility to the land. Thus, the flood and the rising of Sirius also marked the ancient Egyptian New Year. The ancient Greeks also observed that the appearance of Sirius or the Dog Star heralded the hot and humid summer season causing plants to wilt and men to tire. The season following the star's appearance came to be known as the 'Dog Days of Summer' - an expression still in use.

Legend Of The Arrow (Tir): *Tiragan* is mainly associated with the legend of the arrow (*Tir*), which is briefly alluded to in the *Tir Yasht*: "We honor the bright, *khwarrah* (glory) endowed star *Tishtrya* who flies as swiftly to the *Vouru-kasha* Sea as the supernatural arrow which the archer *Erexsha*, the best archer of the

Iranians, shot from Mount *Airyo-xshutha* to Mount *Xwanwant*. For *Ahura Mazda* gave him assistance; so, did the waters ..."

The legend of *Erexsha* (modern *Eruksha*) or Pahlavi *Arish Shivatir* i.e., *Arish* of the swift arrow is also referred to in other texts like *Firdausi's Shahnameh* (Book of Kings) and *Mirkond's History of the Early Kings of Persia*, translated by David Shea. As per later texts, *Ereksha* or 'Arish Of The Swift Arrow' was the best archer in the Iranian army. When *Shah Minochihr* and *Afrasyab* of pre-historic Iran decided to make peace, and fix the boundaries between Iran and Turan, it was agreed that *Arish* would ascend Mount *Damavand* in Northern Iran, and fire an arrow from the peak, towards the east and the place in which the arrow would land would form the boundary between the two kingdoms.

Arish thereupon ascended the mountain, and discharged an arrow, the flight of which continued from the dawn of day until noon, when it fell on the banks of the *Jihun* (the *Oxus* or *Amu Darya* in Central Asia, in modern times, the border around Tajikistan and Afghanistan). The day was *Tir Roj* of *Tir Mah*. Thus, the festival of *Tirangan* also celebrates the spirit of peace and freedom.

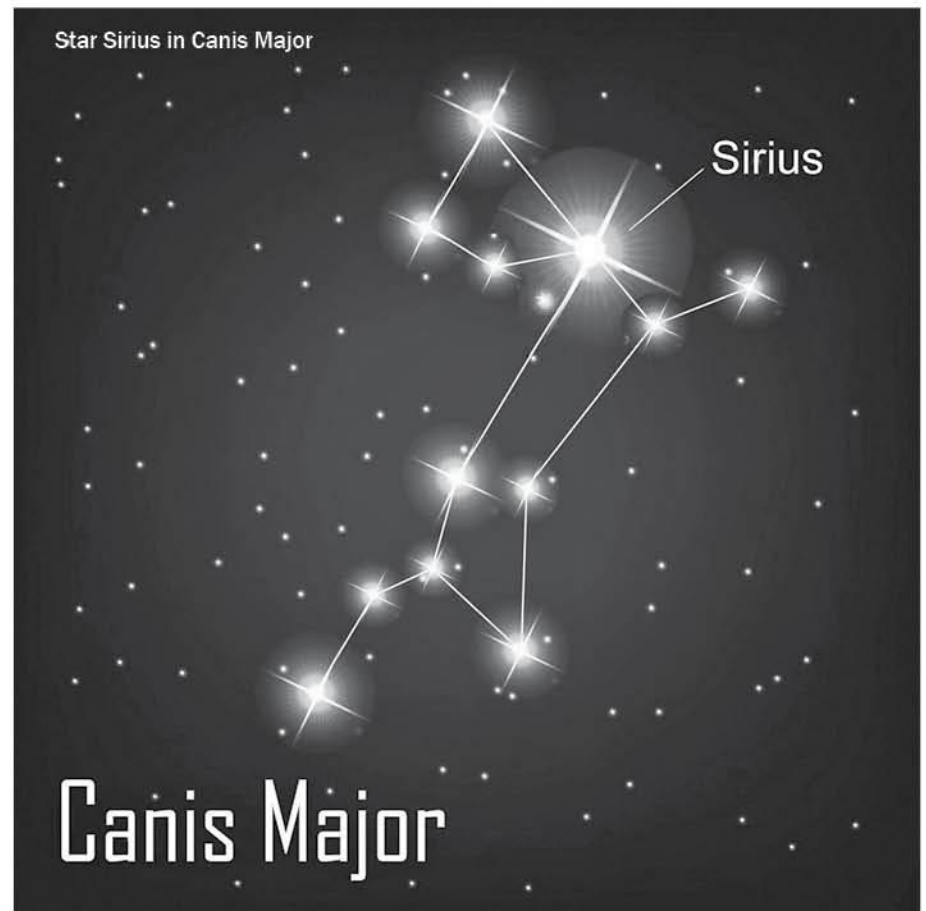
Harbinger Of Rain: In the Zoroastrian religious texts, *Testar-Tir* is venerated as radiant, glorious and invoked in order to bring rain, enhance harvest and keep the demon of draught at bay. Little wonder that it was originally meant to be a rain or monsoon festival and still celebrated according to the *Fasal* or seasonal calendar in the month of July.

The Persian *Rivayat* (essentially

Iran and Turan.

How Tirangan Was Celebrated In Iran: Late Professor Dr. Mary Boyce, in her book, 'Persian Stronghold of Zoroastrianism', refers to the custom among Yazd Zoroastrians tying rainbow-colored bands on their wrists on *Tirangan*, wearing them for ten days and then casting them in a stream. These colourful bands were worn as good-luck charms and during this period children found great joy in swimming or splashing around in the local village streams.

The *Rivayat* however records that priests used to write a *Nirang* (short prayer) which members of the community wore on their wrist or arm on *Roj Tir* of *Mah Tir* and removed it after ten days on *Roj Govad* and cast it into running brooks and streams, symbolically casting all calamities (particularly draught and



Star Sirius in Canis Major

Sirius

Canis Major

correspondence between the Zoroastrian Priests of *Navsari* in India and the Zoroastrian priests of *Yazd* in Iran) speaks of a great draught in Iran as a result of the conflict between *Iranians* and *Turanians*. *Shah Faridoon* had segregated Iran and Turan under a covenant. However, the *Turanians* under *Afrasiab* breached the covenant. According to legend, when *Afrasiab* and the *Turanians* left Iran it took all of them ten days to reach *Turan*. The tenth day was *Roj Govad* (dedicated to the good wind) and it rained heavily on that day and ended eight years of draught and ushered peace and prosperity for both

hunger) to the flowing waters to carry away.

Invoke Tir For Prosperity And Happiness: In the *Tir Yasht*, we invoke *Tishtrya* as "Provider of rain, helpful and health giving". In fact, *Tishtrya yazata* affirms in the same litany, "If men would worship me with the *yasna* in which my own name is invoked, then I would render the world prosperous and fertile by showering rain".

The *Tir Yasht* also records the victory of *Tishtrya* over *Apaosha*, the demon of drought and ensuring happiness not just for people but all vegetation and animals.



Kudos to Kurush Wadia from Panthaky Baug for completing the extreme endurance sport - 'Ironman 70.3 Goa', in 6 hours and 7 minutes (Swimming - 42 mts; Cycling - 2 hour 51 mts; and Running 2 hours 20 mts, with some time in transition between sports). He stood 10th in his age group (40-44 years) and overall 96th. An endurance athlete since 2013, Kurush has completed many endurance challenges in cycling and running.



On 12th November, 2022, members of XYZ's Behram's Battalion (Dadar), enacted an hour-long play on Mushkil Asan - Behram Yazad, at the Dadar Athorhan Madressa Hall, as a part of their religion theme. Over 25 members participated in the play and dance, after rehearsing for over a month, enthraling a packed audience of over 100 people, and received a well-deserved, roaring applause!

Gold For Pezan Vapiwala At Global Taekwondo Competition

Vapi-based Pezan Hemin Vapiwala secured a gold medal in his weight category, at the global event, 'World Open Taekwondo Friendship Cup 2022', which was held in Mumbai on 12th November, 2022. 21-year-old Pezan has been selected to represent India at the international Taekwondo Tournament which will be held in Nepal on 5th December, 2022, where he will compete against some of the best in the world.



Having completed his Class XII, Pezan is now focused on making a full-time career in the field of Taekwondo and Martial Arts. He has been training since the age of 13 - where he initially took up learning the art mainly for self-defence. He soon discovered that this was where his passion lay. The son of proud parents - Arnavaz and Hemin Vapiwala, and younger sibling of Jehan - Pezan has earlier won the State Karate Championship in Gujarat in 2020.

elder brother Jehan and my friends as they have always supported me from the very beginning." He adds, "I love training across different Martial Arts disciplines in addition to Karate and Taekwondo. I believe any Martial Art form gradually shapes you into becoming a better person, both spiritually and physically. I also believe it's never too late to start learning. I look forward to working even harder and making the community and the country proud. My dream job is to be a fighting athlete."

Speaking with Parsi Times, Pezan said, "It feels amazing to represent Vapi and Gujrat and I'm thrilled to make my community proud and see the proud smiles on the faces of my family! I'm grateful to and credit my accomplishment to my teachers - Sensei Srimanth Bal and Sensei Balram for training me, my parents, my

We wish Pezan the very best for the oncoming Taekwondo tourney in Nepal and look forward to many more Golds!



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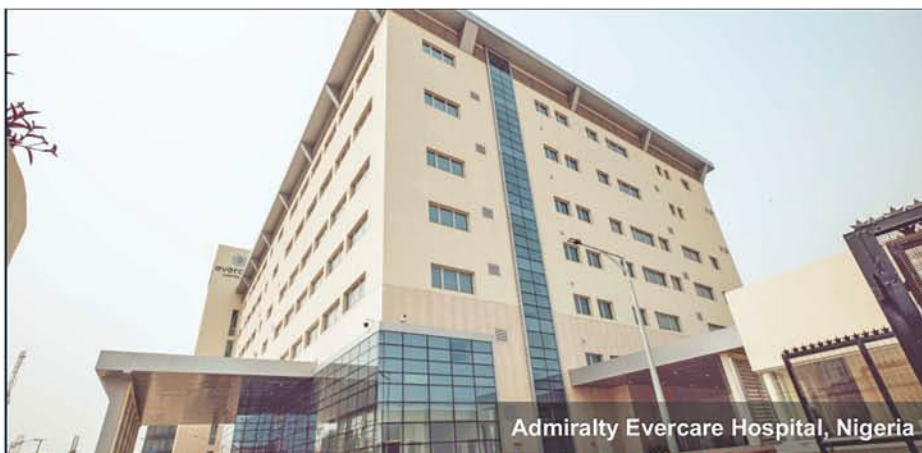
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Adille Sumariwalla Represents India At 'Sport For All' At The Vatican



Responding to a call by Pope Francis, an international summit titled, 'Sport for All: Cohesive, Accessible And Tailored To Each Person', was held from 29-30 September, 2022, in the New Synod Hall at the Vatican, where sports enthusiasts and representatives of major sports and intergovernmental institutions and organizations met to discuss the social responsibility of sports and how participating in sports could promote human, educational and spiritual growth. Adille Sumariwalla, President - Athletics Federation of India and interim President - Indian Olympic Association - represented India at the summit, which drew over 200 participants from the world of sports, including athletes, coaches, managers and international sports federations.

At the summit, which was held in collaboration with the Dicastery for Culture and Education and the John Paul II Foundation for Sport, Pope Francis urged athletes to fight against a throwaway culture that "treats men and women as products, to be used and then discarded." Sports can risk becoming "a 'machine' of business, profit and consumer-driven showmanship, which produces 'celebrities' to be exploited. But this is no longer sport," the Pope said, adding, "Sport is an educational and social good and it must remain so."

Summit participants signed and presented Pope Francis with a final written declaration on 30th September, 2022, recognizing "the tremendous power that sport exerts in the modern world."

Sharing a post on his social media, Adille Sumariwalla expressed, "It was a honour to represent India at this forum, interact with great like minds and solidify my commitment to sport through cohesiveness, accessibility and a tailor made approach."

Born on 1st January, 1958, Adille Sumariwalla did the nation proud representing India at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, as an athlete and runner. Currently the President of the Athletics Federation of India, he was the first Indian to be elected as one of the council members of the IAAF, at its 50th congress. In August 2022, he was co-opted as the interim President of the Indian Olympic Association. He is also an entrepreneur, owning media businesses in India.

Book Launches Of Interest

'Who Is A Parsi'

By Prochy N Mehta

At a time when debates abound between the uniform civil code versus religious personal laws, author Prochy N Mehta's book, 'Who Is A Parsi', gives much food for thought. As per Mehta, "The tales we have heard for generations, and what has been handed down to us as history of the Parsi community in India, have often been rather fictitious."

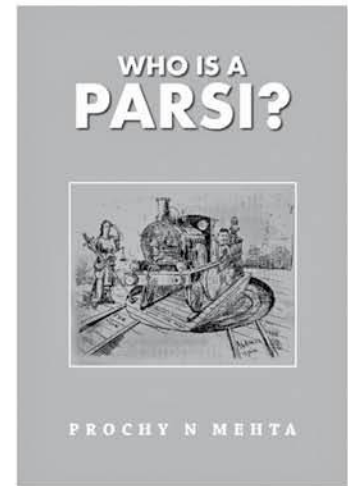


The perception, for example, that the Parsis have always been an affluent community, is a modern-day myth devoid of any true value, as per Mehta. Even the story of the arrival of Parsis in India, the most important chapter in that history, seems to also be shrouded in mystery. 'Who Is A Parsi' attempts to set the record straight and undo the myths as regards the history of our people. Mehta wishes to, "handhold the reader in this journey through the lanes and bylanes of our history - from the time of the writing of the poem 'Quissa-i-Sanjan' in 1599, when Parsi recorded history actually begins, to the 20th century."

The book explains how Parsis found shelter and a peaceful environment to grow and prosper as a community in India and contributed significantly to the society. The author adds, "As you must be knowing children of Parsi intermarried women face discrimination. In this book I try to show that there is no legal, religious, social or age-old custom on which it is based."

Published by Niyogi Books, 'Who Is A Parsi' documents through letters, newspaper articles, and court transcripts, the views of prominent Parsis like Dadabhoy Navroji, Ratan D Tata, Ratan J Tata, Sir Dinshaw Maneckji Petit, Sir Jehangir Cawasjee Jehangir, Rustomji Byramji Jeejeebhoy, Homi J. Bhabha, K R Cama, and many others who stood up and fought for what they believed in - that Parsi and Zoroastrian meant the same thing.

Mehta also depicts the dichotomy of the community in the 20th century, between the traditional and progressive mindset and explains the anomaly of how the reformists who followed the original Mazdayasna or Parsi religion, constituted the real



orthodoxy. The book is available as a hardcover on Amazon for Rs. 651/-

Author Prochy Mehta is also a highly successful sportsperson, having represented West Bengal in hockey and basketball, and India in Masters Athletics. She has won 71 medals at international athletic meets including 52 gold medals. A recipient of the Ladies Study Group Award for contribution to the field of sport and the Federation of Parsi Anjuman of India Award for Sports, Mehta is also the president of the Athletic Coaches Association of Bengal and the first female president of the Calcutta Parsee Club.

'The Magicians Of Mazda'

By Ashwin Sanghi

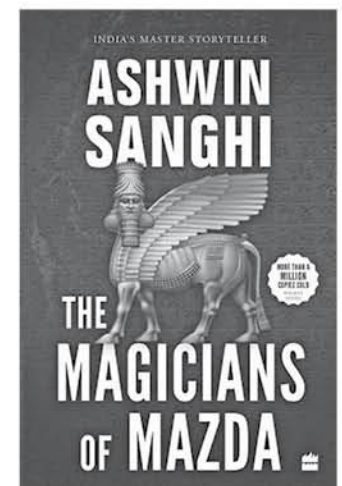
A fast-paced thriller infused with facts, Ashwin Sanghi's novel, 'The Magicians Of Mazda' is a blend of imagination, history and thrills, revolving around the central theme of the Zoroastrian faith and its followers.

The main protagonist Jim Dastoor possesses an old Zoroastrian relic, but is unaware of its significance and continues to live an ordinary life with his wife, till intelligence agencies from different nations begin to fiercely pursue him. Being a famous scientist who has invented a miraculous drug, he also comes under the radar of a pharmaceutical company which is after him to extract the secret formula of that wonder drug. A hot chase ensues and he turns for help to his intellectual wife, a research scholar of history, even as an increasing number of agencies are fervently trying to get

to the magically potent Zoroastrian relic. From the ancient ruins of Persepolis to the Taliban camps of Afghanistan, from the womb of Udvada's fire temple to the icy mountains of Kashmir, from the dreadful coffin cells of Tehran to the deathly calm of Diu's Tower of Silence, Jim and his wife, are sucked into a terrifying chase across vividly changing landscapes.

Deftly navigating between time and geography, 'The Magicians of Mazda' travels backwards, through the epochs of Islamic jihad, Macedonian revenge, Achaemenid glory, messianic birth, Aryan schism to the Vedic fount, from where it began. The plot comes alive with parallel narratives, with a good splattering of informative historical details.

While dwelling on the historical sagas of yore, the novel depicts the



similarities between the Zoroastrian faith and Vedic religion, between Sanskrit and Avestan, and the Vedas and Avesta. One marvels at these similarities that the scriptures of various religions share and how they essentially convey the common message of peace and harmony. Definitely a good read, the book is available on Amazon for Rs. 264/-.

Areez Khambatta Passes Away

Industrialist, philanthropist, ex-Chairman of WAPIZ, and Ex-President of the Ahmedabad Parsi Panchayat, most popularly and fondly remembered as the founder of 'Rasna' (the world-famous soft-drink concentrate), Areez Pirojsha Khambatta, passed away on 19th November, 2022, due to a cardiac arrest, in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, at the age of 85.

Born in 1937, Areez Khambatta, took over the reigns of the modest business started by his father decades ago, in 1976, and went on to establish the popular, orange-flavoured beverage brand 'Rasna', which became a household name by the early 1980s. Subsequently, the 'Rasna Girl' became an instant hit with its iconic, 'I love you, Rasna,' tagline. Rasna's popularity was due to its value-for-money offering, targeting the price-sensitive Indian consumer. Khambatta, a professional flavourist, sold the soft drink concentrates for ₹5 per pack, which could serve up to 32 glasses of drinks, and was a favourite among India's burgeoning middle-class.



The Ahmedabad-based, family-owned firm today boasts of a diversified portfolio of spreads, beverage concentrates, soft-drinks, and energy drinks, with

a presence in over 60 countries. It has nine manufacturing plants, and a distribution network with 26 depots in India, besides 200 super-stockists and 5,000 stockists, with a sales force of 900 covering 1.6 million outlets.

Though a shift in consumption habits and the dominance of Pepsi, Sprite, Thums Up and Coca Cola, have gradually dimmed the prospects of soft-drink concentrate as a category, Rasna, which is now the world's largest gentle drink focus producer, still enjoys a high recall. Over the years, Rasna won various awards including the prestigious Superior Taste Award 2008 instituted by The International Taste and Quality Institute, Belgium Cannes Lions London, Monde Selection Award, Master Brand The World Brand Congress Award and ITQI superior taste and quality award.

Khambatta started India's original startup by creating the world famous Rasna brand, which even to this day quenches the thirst of millions at an affordable price, offering fruits, vitamins and nutrient supplements. His efforts created thousands of direct and indirect jobs in India, and the fruit-based pulps helped millions of farmers get better value for crops across India.

Areez Khambatta contributed immensely to Indian industry, business and societal development as Commandant of Ahmedabad Home Guards and Civil



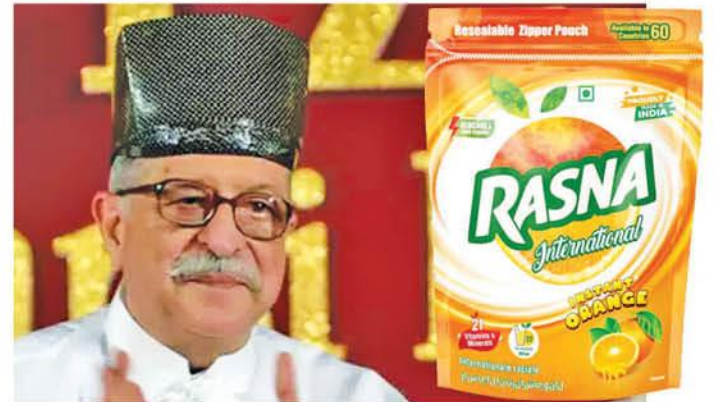
Defence for twenty years. The Trust and Foundations under his chairmanship have been involved in various projects to do with health care, education and scholarship. He held various positions in community organizations, including Chairman of Areez Khambatta Benevolent Trust, which oversees the corporate social responsibility initiatives of the group, and Rasna Foundation. He was also former Chairman of World Alliance of Parsi Irani Zarthostis, the Past President of Ahmedabad Parsi Panchayat, and Vice President of the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India.

He was the recipient of the President of India's Home Guard and Civil Defence Medal, as also the Paschimi Star, Samarseva and Sangram medals. He was honoured with the National Citizen's Award for 'Outstanding Contribution In The Field Of Commerce' by then President of India - Shankar Dayal Sharma. He was also conferred the Samman Patra by the Finance Ministry for his contribution to the National Exchequer as the highest taxpayer of Gujarat. He was felicitated by the Ahmedabad Parsi Panchayat and chosen as the first Outstanding Parsi of Ahmedabad.

A few years back, Areez Khambatta

passed on the baton of the unlisted business to his son Piruz Khambatta, who is now the Group Chairman. Piruz, who entered the business at age 18 in 1992, increased the accessibility of the product in rural areas and launched the concentrate at a unit price of Rs 2, making six glasses. He also launched many other flavours.

A note released by WAPIZ on the passing of its Founder Chairman - Areez Khambatta, honoured him thus, "In the annals of Parsi history his timely intervention on behalf of the orthodox, by helping to create WAPIZ, was a significant watermark in the community's history. As Chairman of WAPIZ, he led like a general would, from the front... Areez was a true leader who could galvanize the community. His speeches at the famous WAPIZ annual functions which he supported and the legal cases he



financed and fought for to safeguard the Parsi Kom, left the community feeling strong and vibrant.."

Areez Khambatta is survived by his wife Persis, and children Piruz, Delna, and Ruzan, his daughter-in-law Binaisha, and grandchildren - Arzeen, Arzad, Avan, Areez, Firoza and Arnavaaz. His family is committed to carrying on his lofty legacy which highlights his principles of duty to the country and to the Zarthosti religion; and in following his high standards of ethics and ideals in business and society.

Buckingham Palace Sends Thank You Note To Mumbai's 7-year-old Simone Marker

The passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, on 8th September, 2022, left many within the community with a sense of loss, especially amongst our senior community members, who still refer to her as 'Aapri Rani'.

But for Delnaz and Rohinton Marker it came as a surprise to see their 7-year-old daughter - Simone, being affected by the news the family was watching on the BBC channel, withdrew to her room and drew a portrait of the queen - as a silent tribute of a sensitive child.



Moved by this, Rohinton decided to send the portrait to King Charles III with a condolence letter. Knowing it would be one amongst thousands that the King received, the family forgot about the letter. That is, until the morning of 23rd November, when they were received a thank you note from Buckingham Palace, emblazoned with the

Royal Crest and addressed to Simone Marker and her family! The endearing photo of a young queen with Charles as a boy will find a place of pride in the Marker home!



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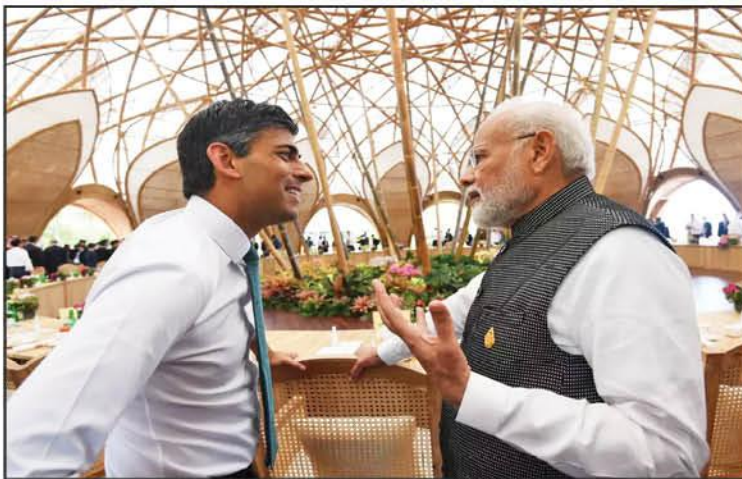
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WINNING CAPTION!!!



Sunak: Part-One of our conspiracy worked - they've fallen for my lure!
 Modi: Now quickly activate Part-Two - so these hands can hold the Kohinoor!!

By Meher B. Irani (Mumbai)

CAPTION THIS!



Calling all our readers to caption this picture!

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HOW MANY WORDS?

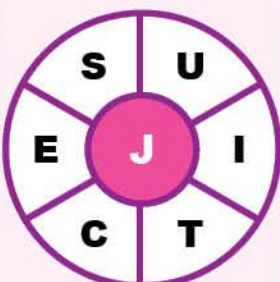
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RESULTS:

Average: 6 or more words

Good: 8 or more words

Outstanding: 9 or more words



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Thought of the Week

"A surplus of effort could overcome a deficit of confidence."

- By Sonia Sotomayor

Scheme For Extending Financial Support To Helpers At Atashbehrams & Agiyaries

- Dinshaw k. Tamboly, Chairman, WZO Trusts -

ZOROASTRIAN CHARITY FUNDS OF HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO have always been at the forefront of supporting various community causes, worldwide. Over the last many decades, they have been extremely proactive towards extending support through WZO Trust Funds to economically challenged individuals, in need of financial support in different situations.

The following financial support is presently being extended to Zoroastrians through WZO Trust Funds towards:

1. To over 500 individuals for their medical & hospitalization needs every year.
2. To over 150 students for their need towards pursuit of higher education.
3. Financial support on a quarterly basis to:
 - (a) 564 individuals who are economically challenged, old or infirm.
 - (b) 117 Elderly Mobeds (having performed full time Mobedi, are now retired and economically challenged).
 - (c) 31 widows of above Mobeds.
 - (d) 77 pall bearers who work at different Doongerwadis / Towers of Silence in India.
4. Food grains are distributed to 301 poor Zoroastrian families living in the villages of Gujarat and adjoining districts of Maharashtra, and 688 families at Mumbai.
5. Constructed two buildings in Navsari where poor Zoroastrians reside at very nominal license fees.
6. Support rehabilitation of poor Zoroastrian farmers living in villages of Gujarat and annually fund the replacement of 8 to 10 huts in which they live, into cottages.

Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao have not only earned the blessings of thousands of Zoroastrians but also earned the sobriquet of being regarded as "Champions of Philanthropy".

WZO Trust Funds had a few months earlier informed Trustees of Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao that a list of 103 economically challenged individuals who work as 'Helpers' (Chasniwallas) at our various Atashbehrams & Agiyaries, was collated and requested, that they being very deserving, be considered for financial support on a quarterly basis.

WZO Trust Funds are very pleased to announce that the very generous Trustees of Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao readily accepted our proposal and have agreed to extend support to them as well on a quarterly basis. Disbursements to the beneficiaries will commence on a quarterly basis from January 2023 onwards on a quarterly basis.

The Parsi / Irani Zoroastrian community is indeed very fortunate to have benefactors such as Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao who have always willingly extended support for various deserving causes for which of our community owes them its wholehearted gratitude.

The World Is Your Monastery... ... And Daily Life Your Monastic Discipline



RUBY LILAOWALA

Those who withdraw from the world into a monastic retreat are

few nowadays, but those who feel the need of withdrawing into an inward peace of some kind, are many. They can have their peace and have their world too - simply by spiritualizing their life in the world.

The very act of withdrawing into the solitude of your room, your prayer corner or into the peaceful, quiet beauty of any secluded spot to practice mental-quiet, is a symbolic detachment from the active world. The main thing is to seek solitude as much as possible, preferably daily. Avoid the society of too many people, because each person you meet becomes a source of distraction and diversion, unless that person is someone of superior spiritual status.

During the twenty or thirty minutes of retirement in solitude, if used correctly, you are completely withdrawn from the world as any monk in his monastic cell; you need no further renunciation of the world than this because all changes in your outer life will inevitably be made by you under the influence from 'within', of which you will slowly become conscious.

However, practice moderation. Don't become a recluse from life. Keep a balance, a rhythm with worldly life. Enjoy uplifting books, movies, art, plays, friends, but work out in society and daily life what you learnt in your solitude. The calm, peaceful, grounded, centred mind creates its own retreat. Too much asceticism makes people fanatical and unbalanced. Such people force their views on others, like, "Don't eat meat!", "Don't eat fast foods!" They forget to 'Live and let live'!

The roots of our existence lie in the mind and therefore, in solitude, it is the mind which has to be quietened. In daily living, wherever we go, we take our feelings, thoughts, desires, emotions and mental-conditionings with us. In solitude, these are not allowed to come with us. Mostly, it is our desires that lead to unhappiness when they are not met. St. Jerome once said: "God plus desire equals man. Man minus desire equals God."

Our daily living takes up so much time and energy that it makes spiritual retreat difficult. Hence, we should simplify our lives, cut down on wants and diminish our cares, so that more time and energy can be found for a divinely-lived leisure. If you find certain social duties standing in your way, then they ought to go. But as far as possible, let them stay, unless these become



obstacles. It is impossible to relinquish all social contact. However, it is wise to eliminate the non-essential ones. Let your life be as simple as possible because if your mind is taken up wholly with other things or people, how will you go into daily solitude? The moment you become obsessed by desires to play a part in society, those desires will keep you too busy for quiet thinking and higher study.

You may retreat for any length of time you like, from two minutes to two months or more, but you must go back to daily living and see what you've actually attained. Are you more calm? Have your relationships improved? Are you more patient with others? Have you stopped judging others? Even as you improve, try to find the daily rhythm of solitude amidst daily activity.

Thus, you need not retreat into a forest, an ashram, a cave or a hermitage as long as you flee from daily life in your heart in order to live the true spiritual life. The true essential is to surrender yourself to the Highest Power in retreat. Then, you may continue to live and work in this world. We are here to live, not run away from life. It is best to stay where we are, work and do our duties and from time to time, run away into a personal retreat, whenever we feel the need.

In ancient Egyptian mystery-schools, 'silence' was taught to new students as a compulsory subject. Only after the pupil learnt how to be silent and still the mind, were they given higher mystic knowledge. They were sent back to normal life everyday to pursue a career, to marry, have children and lead a good life - unless they were ordained for service as clergy. It was believed that the parents should be healed of their own 'traumas' (through silence) in order to produce emotionally healed children.

Today, those antique mystery-schools have disappeared and life itself has become our spiritual training system. It trains and teaches us. Life is our modern school. In interacting with all sorts of people, we learn valuable lessons through daily living on today's battleground of material and economic forces. There's no reason why we can't find the kingdom of Heaven here. It's not necessary to go to a forest, monastery or a mountain to withdraw from the world... but it's necessary to withdraw from worldly enslavement. This way, the world is your monastery and daily life - your monastic discipline!!

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સંજાણા ડે દર વર્ષે સમુદાય દ્વારા ખૂબ જ ઉત્સાહ સાથે ઉજવવામાં આવે છે, આપણાં સમુદાયના ઐતિહાસિક મૂળને યાદ કરવા માટે, પરંતુ વધુ મહત્વની વાત એ છે કે, ભારત પ્રત્યેની આપણી વફાદારી અને કૃતજ્ઞતા વ્યક્ત કરવા માટે. પ્રારંભિક પારસીઓના ભારતમાં આગમન વિશે બહુ ઓછું જાણીતું અથવા દસ્તાવેજીકૃત છે. સૌથી જૂનો રેકોર્ડ ૧૫૯૯ એ.સી. માં લખાયેલ કિસ્સે-સંજાણા છે. એવું માનવામાં આવે છે કે જ્યારે આપણા પૂર્વજોએ ઈરાન છોડ્યું ત્યારે તેઓ સૌ પ્રથમ દીવ (કાઠિયાવાડ)માં ઉતર્યા હતા. લગભગ ચૌદ વર્ષ ત્યાં રહ્યા પછી તેઓ ગુજરાતના સંજાણામાં રહેવા ગયા. પરંતુ સંજાણાને દીવ કરતાં વધુ મહત્વ આપવામાં આવે છે કારણ કે ભારતમાં પવિત્ર થનાર પ્રથમ આતશ બહેરામ (ઈરાનશાહ) સંજાણામાં હતા. ભારતમાં આતશ બહેરામને પવિત્ર કરવા માટે જરૂરી આલાત અથવા પવિત્ર ધાર્મિક વિધિઓ, જેમાં ખોરાસનમાં આતશ બહેરામની પવિત્ર રાખનો સમાવેશ થાય છે, જે કથિત રીતે ઘોડા પર અને પગપાળા અફઘાનિસ્તાન અને આધુનિક પાકિસ્તાન થકી તે ઈરાનથી લાવવામાં આવી હતી. તેથી, ભારતમાં પારસીઓ દ્વારા પવિત્ર કરાયેલ પ્રથમ આતશ બહેરામનું નામ ઈરાનશાહ રાખવામાં આવ્યું છે, કારણ કે તે ઈરાન સાથે આધ્યાત્મિક અને ધાર્મિક સંબંધ ધરાવે છે.



ઈરાનશાહ સ્થાપિત થયા પછી, પારસીઓ લગભગ ૬૨૪ વર્ષ સુધી સંજાણામાં શાંતિથી રહેતા હતા. જો કે, જ્યારે સુલતાન મેલમુદ (મેલમુદ બેગડો) એ સંજાણાના સ્થાનિક ગવર્નર જનરલ અલ્ફખાનની આગેવાની હેઠળ ૩૦,૦૦૦ સૈનિકોની સેના સાથે સંજાણા પર હુમલો કર્યો, પારસીઓને યુદ્ધમાં તેની સેનામાં જોડાવા કહ્યું. સંઘી રદ કર્યા પછી પારસીઓ અને તેમના પૂર્વજ વજ્રાદેવરાય જણાવ્યું કે તેઓ શસ્ત્રો ઉચકશે નહીં. જનરલ અરદેશીરની આગેવાની હેઠળની લડાઈમાં ૧,૪૦૦ પારસી સૈન્યમાં ૩ દિવસ સુધી લડ્યા. અરદેશીર પ્રથમ રાઉન્ડમાં વિજયી થયો, પરંતુ અલ્ફખાન મોટી સેના સાથે પાછો ફર્યો, અરદેશીર અને ઘણા માણસોને મારી નાખ્યા અને સંજાણાને ઘેરી લેવામાં આવ્યું. યુદ્ધ લડવામાં આવી રહ્યું હતું ત્યારે સંજાણાના ધર્મગુરુઓ, પવિત્ર આતશ અપવિત્ર ન થાય તે ડરથી ઈરાનશાહને બાહરોટના પર્વત પરની ગુફામાં સલામત રીતે લઈ ગયા. બાર લાંબા વર્ષો સુધી, ધર્મગુરુઓએ ઈરાનશાહને બાહરોટ ખાતે આક્રમણકારોથી સુરક્ષિત રાખ્યા. આજની તારીખે, સમુદાય સંજાણાને પ્રેમથી યાદ કરે છે, કારણ કે અહીં ઈરાનશાહને પવિત્ર કરવામાં આવ્યા હતા. આપણે સંજાણાના ખૂબ ઋણી છીએ અને તેથી, આપણે તેને ખૂબ જ પ્રેમ અને કૃતજ્ઞતા સાથે યાદ કરીએ છીએ. થેન્કયુ સંજાણા, થેન્કયુ ભારત!

સંજાણા ડેની ૧૦૨મી શુભ સાલગ્રેહની ઉજવણી

સંજાણા ડે દર વર્ષે આપણા પૂર્વજો પ્રત્યે કૃતજ્ઞતાના દિવસ તરીકે અને સ્થાનિક શાસકો દ્વારા સ્વીકારવામાં આવે છે તે માટે ખૂબ જ ધામધૂમથી ઉજવવામાં આવે છે. જરથોસ્તીઓ મુખ્યત્વે મુંબઈ અને ગુજરાતમાંથી, સડક અને રેલ માર્ગે, સંજાણા ડેના પ્રસંગની ઉજવણી કરવા સારી સંખ્યામાં આવે છે. આ વર્ષે સંજાણાના સ્થંભની ૧૦૨મી શુભ સાલગ્રેહની ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવી. દિવસની શરૂઆત સવારે ૯:૩૦ વાગ્યે ઉદવાડા અને સંજાણાના ચાર મોબેદો દ્વારા કરવામાં આવેલ જશન સમારોહથી કરવામાં આવી હતી. હમબંદગીની આગેવાની ઉદવાડાના એરવદ કેરસાસ્પ સિઘવા દ્વારા કરવામાં આવી હતી. મુખ્ય સેલિબ્રેશન ફંક્શનની શરૂઆત પરીચેર દવિએરવાલા અને ફેમીલીએ સ્ટેજ પર મહેમાનોના પરિચય સાથે કરી હતી, જેમણે આ કાર્યક્રમનું આયોજન કર્યું હતું. સંજાણા મેમોરિયલ કોલમ સ્થાનિક સમિતિના પ્રેસિડન્ટ બેપ્સી રોહિન્ટન દવિએરવાલાએ સ્ટેજ પર ઉપસ્થિત લોકો અને મહેમાનોનું સ્વાગત કર્યું. કર્નલ કેઝાદ ભાયાએ પેસાની સરખામણીમાં સમયનું મહત્વ નક્કી કરવા પર એક રસપ્રદ નિર્ણય શેર કર્યો. તેમણે બંનેનું મહત્વ સમજાવ્યું. તેમણે આશા વ્યક્ત કરી કે માતા-પિતા તેમના બાળકોને પણ સંજાણા ડેની ઉજવણી માટે



લાજર રહેવા અને જરથોસ્તીઓ દરેક ક્ષેત્રમાં કેવી રીતે ઉત્કૃષ્ટ છે તેનો ગર્વ લેવા માટે પ્રેરિત કરી શકશે. પરિચેર દવિએરવાલાએ સમુદાય, મુલાકાતીઓ અને ખાસ કરીને દાતાઓનો અને દર વર્ષે આ કાર્યક્રમને શક્ય બનાવવા મદદ કરનાર તમામ લોકોનો આભાર માન્યો હતો. પારસી રાષ્ટ્રીય, છેએ હમે જરથોસ્તી અને રાષ્ટ્રીયતા પ્રસ્તુતિ સાથે ફંક્શનનું સમાપન થયું, ત્યારબાદ બપોરનું ભોજન પીરસવામાં આવ્યું.

ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન ટ્રસ્ટ ઇન્ડસ ઓફ ઈન્ડિયા (ઝેડટીએફઆઈ) એ ૧૨મી નવેમ્બર, ૨૦૨૨ના રોજ કામા બાગ ખાતે તેનો વાર્ષિક ઉત્સવ ૨૦૨૨ યોજ્યો હતો. સાંજની શરૂઆત બે જરથોસ્તી બાળકો - વરજાન ભગવાગર અને ટિયાના સુખડિયાના શુભ અને હૃદયસ્પર્શી નવજોત સમારોહ સાથે થઈ હતી, જેનું ભવ્ય આયોજન ઝેડટીએફઆઈ અને સપોર્ટર નવજોત ડોનરો રશીદ પટેલ અને રશના મિસ્ત્રી દ્વારા કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. એરવદ કેઝાદ કરકરીયા અને ડ્રસ્ટમ ફરામના અગિયારીના ધર્મગુરુઓ દ્વારા નવજોતનું સંચાલન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. ઝેડટીએફઆઈએ નવા સમાવિષ્ટ જરથોસ્તી અને તેમના પરિવારોને મૂલ્યવાન વસ્તુઓ ભેટ આપી. ૫૦૦ થી વધુ સમુદાયના સભ્યો સાંજના ઉત્સવનો મહત્તમ લાભ લેવા માટે એકઠા થયા હતા.

ઝેડટીએફઆઈ ગાલા એન્યુઅલ ફેસ્ટ ૨૦૨૨ યોજે છે

- નવી પહેલ ધ ઝેડટીએફઆઈ હેલ્પલાઈન શરૂ કરવામાં આવી -



પ્રેક્ષકોને સાંજ સુધી વ્યસ્ત રાખવામાં આવ્યા હતા, તેઓએ વિવિધ મનોરંજક પ્રવૃત્તિઓમાં ભાગ લીધો

હતો અને એક લાઈવ બેન્ડ સાથેની સ્પર્ધામાં પણ ભાગ લીધો હતો. ઓડિયો-વિઝ્યુઅલ પ્રેઝન્ટેશનમાં ઝેડટીએફઆઈની ૧૩ વર્ષની ભવ્ય સફરને દર્શાવવામાં આવી હતી, જેમાં વિવિધ કાર્યક્રમો, સિદ્ધિઓ અને સમુદાયને પૂરા પાડવામાં આવેલ સમર્થનને પ્રકાશિત કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું, જે ઝેડટીએફઆઈના સ્થાપક ટ્રસ્ટી અને ચેરપર્સન, ગતિશીલ યાસ્મીન મિસ્ત્રી, દ્વારા એક હૃદય સ્પર્શી સંદેશ સાથે સમાપ્ત થયું હતું.

મહત્વની વાત એ છે કે, ઝેડટીએફઆઈએ આ પ્રસંગે બીજી એક તદ્દન નવી પહેલ પણ શરૂ

કરી છે - ખૂબ જ જરૂરી પણ ઝેડટીએફઆઈની હેલ્પલાઈન: ૯૦૯-૯૦૯-૬૮૭૪, જેને પ્રેક્ષકો દ્વારા સારી રીતે આવકારવામાં આવી હતી અને તેનાથી સમુદાયને ઘણો ફાયદો થશે. યાસ્મીન મિસ્ત્રીએ શેર કર્યું કે આ કેવી રીતે બમણું ફાયદાકારક સાબિત થશે, સમર્થનની જરૂર હોય તેવા સમુદાયના સભ્યો, તેમજ જેઓ સમુદાય સેવા કરવા અને જરૂરિયાતમંદ સાથી જરથોસ્તીઓને મદદ કરવા ઈચ્છતા હોય તેવા બંને લાભ થશે. ગોદરેજ ગ્રુપ, ધ ઝોરાસ્ટ્રિયન કોઓપરેટિવ બેંક લિમિટેડ, માર્ટર ગ્રુપ અને ડેલા ગ્રુપ દ્વારા પારસી ટાઈમ્સ મીડિયા પાર્ટનર તરીકે આ ઈવેન્ટનું આયોજન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. તનાઝ ગોદીવાલાના ભવ્ય રાત્રિભોજનથી ઝેડટીએફઆઈના ગાલા એન્યુઅલ ફેસ્ટ ૨૦૨૨નું ખૂબ જ આનંદ, સામુદાયિક સહાનુભૂતિ વચ્ચે સમાપન થયું.

એક નજર પારસી મરણો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. ઠે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Jeroo Adi Minbattiwalla જરૂ અદી મીનબત્તીવાલા	83 ૮૩	18.11.2022	Mody Building No 10, Flat No 8, Gamadia Colony, Tardeo, Grant Road, Mumbai 7. મોદી બિલ્ડિંગ, નં.૧૦, ફ્લેટ નં.૮, ગામડીયા કોલોની, તારદેવ, ગ્રાન્ટ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે મરુદુમ અદી ફરદુનજી મીનબત્તીવાલાના વિધવા તે અનાહીતા તોરંજ દાવરના માતાજી તે તોરંજ જલ દાવરના સાસુજી તે મરુદુમો લોમાય તથા રતનશા ધારવારના દીકરી તે અરનવાઝ મીનબત્તીવાલાના ભાભી તે ધન ધારવાર તથા મરુદુમો દોલી, ફેની તથા સાવકના બહેન તે ફીરોઝ, ઝરીન, લોમી, એમી, કોલા, જીની તથા મરુદુમો જલાંબજ, બરજોર, એરચ, રોશન તથા માણેકના સીસ્ટર ઈન લો તે મરુદુમો જલુબાઈ તથા ફરદુનજી મીનબત્તીવાલાના વલુ.
Cawas Manchershah Titina કાવસ મંચેરશાહ ટીટીના	89 ૮૯	19.11.2022	44/A, Batiwalla Villa, Sleater Road, Noshir Bharucha Marg, Grant Road, Mumbai 7. ૪૪-એ, બાટલીવાલા વીલા, સ્લેટર રોડ, નોશીર ભચ્ચા માર્ગ, ગ્રાન્ટ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે મરુદુમ શ્રીતી કાવસ ટીટીનાના ખાવ્વીદ તે ઝરીન જીમી પટેલ તથા ફિરોઝ કાવસ ટીટીનાના બાવાજી તે મરુદુમો દોલી તથા મંચેરશાહ ફ. ટીટીનાના દીકરા તે રૂબશાના ફ. ટીટીના તથા મરુદુમ જીમી પટેલના સસરાજી તે મરુદુમો ગુલ ઇ. વરીયાવા, ફવી ટીટીના તથા નેલી બેજન અંકલેસરીયાના ભાઈ તે દાનેશ તથા હોરમજ કેરમાની, આરમીન અંકલેસરીયા, દીનાઝ અંકલેસરીયા, મીનુ ટીટીના, રોની ટીટીના તથા મરુદુમ ડો. અદી લોમી વરીયાવાના અંકલ તે દૌલત ખોદુ શેવાનગીના વેવાઈ તે પોરસ, શાલવીર તથા પૌરૂચીસ્તીના મમાવાજી તે ઝરીર, શોયોન તથા ઝેયનાના બપાવાજી.
Homiyar Rusi Sherdiwala હોમીયાર રૂસી શેરડીવાલા	60 ૬૦	19.11.2022	G-104, Bhiwandiwalla Terrace, 618 - J.S.S. Road, Mumbai 21. જી ૧૦૪, ભીવંડીવાલા ટેરેસ, ૬૧૮, જેએસએસ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૨૧.	તે મરુદુમો રૂસી અને શેહેરૂ શેરડીવાલાના દીકરા તે વીલુ વીરૂપી તમબોલી અને સરોશના ભાઈ તે જરવાનના મામાજી તે સનાયાના મામા સસરા તે વીરૂપી મીનુ તમબોલીના સાલાજી તે આરમાઈતી સરોશ શેરડીવાલાના જેઠ.
Zubin Jimmy Poonawalla ઝુબીન જીમી પુનાવાલા	61 ૬૧	23.11.2022	H 20, Cusrow Baug, Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Colaba, Mumbai 5. એચ ૨૦, ખુશરૂ બાગ, શહીદ ભગતસીંગ રોડ, કોલાબા, મુંબઈ ૫.	તે ફરીદા ઝુબીન પુનાવાલાના ખાવ્વીદ તે ફેદી ઝુબીન પુનાવાલા તથા રશીદ ઝુબીન પુનાવાલાના બાવાજી તે મરુદુમો પુતવી તથા જીમી સોરાબજી પુનાવાલાના દીકરા તે આરમીન ફેદી પુનાવાલાના સસરાજી તે કાપરા તથા જેહાન ફેદી પુનાવાલાના બપાવાજી તે ફેયાન આરમીન દુબાશ તથા મરુદુમ બુરઝીન જીમી પુનાવાલાના ભાઈ તે મરુદુમો શેરનાઝ તથા દારબશા એલાવીયાના જમાઈ તે ગુલચેર, દીનાઝ, આરમીન, સાગર તથા કેશમીરાના બ્રધર ઈન લો તે ઉઝાન આરમીન દુબાશના મામાજી તે જેનીફર બુરઝીન પુનાવાલાના કાકાજી.
Freny Nowroze Sutriya ફેની નવરોઝ સુતરીયા	94 ૯૪	23.11.2022	R/6, Nowroze Baug, Dr.S.S. Rao Road, Near Ganesh Galli, Lalbaug, Parel, Mumbai 12. આર-૬, નવરોઝ બાગ, ડો. એસ. એસ. રાવ રોડ, નીયર ગણેશ ગલ્લી, લાલબાગ, પારેલ, મુંબઈ ૧૨.	તે મરુદુમો હોરમજી તથા પીરોજા બારીયાના દીકરી તે મરુદુમ નવરોઝ ખરશેદજી સુતરીયાના ઘણીયાણી તે નૈઝર તથા રૂબે સુતરીયાના માતાજી તે જેસ્મીન તથા મહાદ્વજ સુતરીયાના સાસુજી તે મરુદુમો પેરીન ગનદેવીયા તથા એદલજી બારીયાના બહેન તે પરસતાર, વીસ્તારપ તથા આરીશના બપઈજી તે દોલી દેસાઈ તથા મરુદુમ ફેની ગનદેવીયાના માસીજી તે બખતાવર તથા બેલરોઝના ફુઈજી તે મરુદુમો ખરશેદજી તથા ધનબઈ સુતરીયાનાં વલુ.
Death Announcements From Eddison New Jersey				
Adil Jamshed Tamboly આદીલ જમશેદ તંબોલી	63 ૬૩	22.11.2022	Eddison New Jersey. એડીસન ન્યુજર્સી.	તે નીલુફરના ઘણી તે મરુદુમો આલુ તથા જમશેદ એદલજી તંબોલીના બેટા તે ઝરીર તથા મરુદુમ વીરાફના ભાઈ તે ઝીનોબ્યા તથા મહેરના બાવાજી તે મરુદુમો કેલાસ તથા ફવી રૂસ્તમજી આરસ્તાનીના જમાઈ તે અન્નુ તથા નેવીલના બનેવી તે નીલુફરના જેઠ.
Death Announcements From Prayer Hall				
Burjor Rustomji Unwalla બરજોર રૂસ્તમજી ઉનવાલા	88 ૮૮	20.11.2022	N. Tata Bldg No. 2, Flat no 11, 3rd Floor, Tata Blocks, SV Road, Bandra West, Mumbai 50. એન. તાતા બિલ્ડિંગ નં.૨, ફ્લેટ નં. ૧૧, ૩જે માળે, તાતા બ્લોકસ, એસવી રોડ, બાન્દરા વેસ્ટ, મુંબઈ ૫૦.	તે હુતોક્ષીના ઘણી તે મરુદુમ દિના અને મરુદુમ રૂસ્તમજીના દીકરા તે દિલનાઝ અને પૌરૂશના પપ્પા તે નાહિદા અને શ્રીકાંતના સસરા તે રોહન, સારા, ઝરીનના ગ્રાન્ડ ફાધર તે મરુદુમ દોલી રૂસી જોખીના ભાઈ તે વિરૂપી, નેવિલ, જેરનાઝ અને પિલ્લાદના અંકલ તે મરુદુમ પેરિન અને મરુદુમ લોમીના જમાઈ.
Meher Phiroze Dubash મેહેર ફિરોઝ દુબાશ	59 ૫૯	22.11.2022	Sorento, 8th Floor, Mt. Pleasant Road, Malabar Hill, Mumbai 6. સોરેન્ટો, ૮મે માળે, એમટી, પ્લેસન્ટ રોડ, મલાબાર હીલ, મુંબઈ ૬.	તે ફિરોઝના ઘણીયાણી તે મરુદુમ રોશન અને દિનશાના દીકરી તે જેનાઈન અને શાહીનના મમ્મી તે રોનકના સાસુજી તે બેલરોઝના બહેન તે અરનવાઝ અને મરુદુમ જલાંગીરના વલુ.
Death Announcements From Poona Parsee Panchayat (Trust Office)				
Farrhad Purviz Vakharia ફરહાદ પરવીઝ વખારીયા	53 ૫૩	12.11.2022	B18, Amar Ashiyana, Behind Tatyia Tope Soc, Wanowrie, Pune 411040. બી૧૮, અમર આશીયાના, તાત્યા તોપે સોસાયટી પાછળ, વાનવરી, પુના ૪૧૧૦૪૦.	તે કેશ્મીરા વખારીયાના ઘણી તે નાહીદ, ફરશીદ વખારીયાના પપ્પા તે પરવીઝ બરજોર વખારીયાના દીકરા તે જલાંગીર હોરમસજી જમુજીના દીકરા તે શીરાઝ બોમન કરકરીયાના ભાઈ તે મીનુ કેપુશરૂ ફનીબંદા અને ફેની મીનુ ફનીબંદાના જમાઈ તે ઝીનોબીયા અને ખુશરૂ બોયસના બ્રધર ઈન લો.

મળ્યું શું

વક્ષા કીધી જગમાં, વાપસીમાં મળી જક્ષા મુજને
નેકી કીધી જગમાં, ઈનામમાં મલી બુરાઈ મુજને
ફીદા થઈ અઝીઝો પર, આપી પ્રેમને સેવાઓ તેઓને
સિવાય બદનામી ને નફરત, મળ્યું કશુના મુજને
જઈફીમાં લખું છું સુખનો હવે, થાય અવામ વાચીને ખુશી
તાઝીમ સાથ કરું, ઈબાદત ખુદાની, ગુજારવા વખત બિંદગાનીમા..
- મીનુ તારાપોર

પ્રેમ

સૃષ્ટિના કણ-કણમાં વ્યામ છે જે, જેના વિના જીવન યુનકાર, એ પ્રેમની વ્યાપકતાનો જાણે, પ્રકૃતિ કરાવે છે એકરાર
શ્રાવણાભીની માટીની મહેકમાં, ધનગનતા મોરમાં વ્યામ છે પ્રેમ, મલવા આતુર ઝરણા નદીઓ સાગળ ખોળે, છલકાવે છે પ્રેમ
તપ સિંધુ બની બિંદુ ધરાને, હરિયાળી કરી લહેરાવે છે પ્રેમ, વસંત કેરી મદમસ્ત હવામાં, ફોરમ ભરી ફરમાવે છે પ્રેમ
રાશી વિરહની વ્યાકુળતાના, ચકોરની દ્રષ્ટિ દર્શાવે છે પ્રેમ, ભ્રમરગુંજથી ખુલતી કળીઓને, નંદનવન બની મહેકાવે છે પ્રેમ
મુરલીધરની મસ્તીમાં ઘેલી થઈ, ગોપીને ભાન ભુલાવે છે પ્રેમ, છે ખેલમાત્ર અઢી અક્ષરનો છતાં, રાધાકિષ્કણને અમર બનાવે છે પ્રેમ
- મરુદુમ આબાન પરવેઝ તુરેલ

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લખનાર: મરહુમ મહારાજ શ્રી સ્વચંજયોતિના સહકાર્યકર્તા જયેશ એમ. ગોસ્વામી

અઠવાડિક રાશિક્ષણ: તા. ૨૬.૧૧.૨૦૨૨ થી તા. ૦૨.૧૨.૨૦૨૨



Aries - મેષ - અ.લ.ઈ.

ગુરુ જેવા ધર્મન દાતાની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારા હાથથી કોઈ વ્યક્તિનું ભવાઈનું કામ થઈ જશે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારો સુધારો રહેશે. ફેમીલી મેમ્બરને આનંદમાં રાખી શકશો. રીસાપેલી વ્યક્તિને મનાવી લેજો. રોજના કામમાં રૂકાવટ નહીં આવે. જે લાભ મળતો હોય તે લઈ લેજો. હાલમાં દરરોજ 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૦૧, ૦૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 01, 02

Jupiter's ongoing rule will lead you into being of service and helping another person. There will be good progress financially. You will be able to keep your family members happy. You are advised to make peace with someone who is upset with you. There will be no stoppages in your ongoing work. Be open to receiving any welfare/profits coming your way. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



Cancer - કર્ક - ડ.હ.

બુધની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે તમારી આવકમાં થોડી ઘણી બચત કરવામાં સફળ થશો. બચાવેલી રકમને સારી જગ્યાએ રોકાણ કરવામાં સફળ થશો. કોઈ મિત્રને તન મન કે ધનથી મદદ કરવામાં સફળ થશો. જે પણ કામ કરતા હશો તેમાં ૧૯મી ડિસેમ્બર સુધીમાં સફળતા મેળવીને રહેશો. હાલમાં દરરોજ 'મેહેર નીઆએશ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૮, ૨૯, ૩૦ છે.

Lucky Dates: 26, 28, 29, 30

Mercury's ongoing rule will make it possible for you to save some money from your income. You will succeed in profitably investing this saved money. You will go all out to help a friend in every way. Till 19th December, you will taste success in all your endeavours. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Libra - તુલા - ર.ત.

૨૬મી ડિસેમ્બર સુધી શીતળ શાંત ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે. હાલમાં તમને તન મન અને ધન ત્રણેથી આનંદમાં રહેશો. તમારા અધુરા કામ પુરા કરવામાં કોઈ મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. બીજાના મદદગાર બની શકશો. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં વધુ સારા સારી કરવા માટે દરરોજ ૩૪મું નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૨૯, ૦૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 29, 02

The Moon's rule till 26th December will keep you happy in every way - mentally, physically and financially. You will be able to easily complete your unfinished works. You will be able to help others. To further improve your financial standing, pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtama', 101 times, daily.



Capricorn - મકર - ખ.જ.

તમને મોજલા શુકની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી ગામ પરગામ જવાના ચાન્સ મળી રહેશે. તમારા કામની અંદર તમને માન ઈજ્જત અને ધન મેળવવામાં સફળ થશો. તમે તમારા ઘરવાળાની મનની વાત સમજી લેશો. મિત્રો અને ઘરવાળાની ડિમાન્ડ પુરી કરી શકશો. જૂના મિત્રોથી મુલાકાત થશે. તમે પણ દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૭, ૨૯, ૩૦ છે.

Lucky Dates: 26, 27, 29, 30

Venus' rule brings you opportunities to travel abroad. Your work will bring you much appreciation, respect and wealth. You will be able to understand the thoughts of your family members. You will be able to cater to the wants of friends and family member. You could meet up with old friends. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.

આજથી તમે ગુરુ જેવા ગ્રહની દિનદશામાંથી પસાર થઈ રહ્યા છો. આજથી આવતા ૫૮ દિવસમાં તમારા માથા પરથી બોજે ઉતારી દેવામાં સફળ થશો. અટકેલા ફસાપેલા નાણા પાછા મેળવવા માટે જે પણ મહેનત કરશો તેનું પરીણામ સારું આવશે. ફેમીલી સાથેના સંબંધો વધુ સારા થતા જશે. નાની મુસાફરીનો ચાન્સ મળશે. આજથી તમે પણ દરરોજ 'સરોશ યજ્ઞ' ભણજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૯, ૩૦, ૦૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 26, 29, 30, 02

You will be ruled by Jupiter for the next 58 days, over which all your mental tensions will be relieved. The efforts that you put in to retrieve your stuck funds, will be fruitful. Relations within the family will get stronger. You could get opportunities for short travels. Starting today, pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.

તમને તમારા મિત્ર ગ્રહ બુધની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી બુદ્ધિ બળ વાપરી મુશ્કેલીભર્યા કામને સહેલા બનાવી દેશો. બુધની કૃપાથી ધન મેળવવામાં કોઈ મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. થોડી મહેનત કરવાથી નવા કામ કરી શકશો. મિત્રો તરફથી માન મળશે. દરરોજ 'મેહેર નીઆએશ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૯, ૦૧, ૦૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 27, 29, 01, 02

Mercury's rule helps you to overcome even the most challenging of tasks smoothly, with the use of your intelligence. You will be able to get money without facing any hurdles. A little effort will bring in new work / projects. Friends will show you great respect. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.પ.

૬ઠ્ઠી ડિસેમ્બર સુધી સુર્યની દિનદશા તમારા દિવના ઘબકારા વધારતા રહેશે. સરકારી કામમાં જરાબી સફળ નહીં થાવ. આંખમાં જલન તથા માથાના દુખાવાથી પરેશાન થશો. ભુલ બીજા કરશે તમને ભોગવવું પડશે. શરીરનું તાપમાન સરખું નહીં રહે તાવ, પ્રેશરથી પરેશાન થશો. હાલમાં ૯૬મું નામ 'યા રયોમંદ' ૧૦૧વાર ભણજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૯, ૩૦, ૦૧ છે.

Lucky Dates: 26, 29, 30, 01

The Sun's rule till 6th December could leave you palpitating. Your government-related works will not be successful. You could suffer from headaches as well as burning sensation in the eyes. You could end up paying for the mistakes of others. Your bodily temperature might not stay normal and you could suffer from fever. Pay the 96th Name, 'Ya Rayomand', 101 times, daily.



Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.

૬ઠ્ઠી ડિસેમ્બર સુધી રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલશે. ઉતરતી રાહુની દિનદશા તમારા મગજને સ્થિર થવા નહીં દે. તમે લીધેલા ડીસીઝનમાં કન્ફ્યુજ રહેશો. તબિયતમાં બેચેની લાગશે. નોકરી કરતા હશો તો સાથે કામ કરનાર તમને કોઈ જાતનો સાથ નહીં આપે તેનું દુઃખ થશે. દરરોજ ભુલ્યા વગર 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૮, ૨૯, ૦૧, ૦૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 28, 29, 01, 02

Rahu's rule till 6th December. The descending rule of Rahu will not let your mind be stable. You will feel confused about the decisions you have made. Healthwise you could feel restless. Those who are employed will not receive support from their colleagues - this will hurt you. Ensure to pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



Gemini - મિથુન - ક.છ.ધ.

શનિની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે ચારે બાજુથી હેરાન પરેશાન થઈ જશો. ઘરમાં ઘણી ઘણીયાણીમાં નાની બાબતમાં મતભેદ પડશે. ધનની કમી ખુબ રહેશે. તમારે કોઈ પાસે ઉધાર પૈસા લેવાનો સમય આવશે. માથા પર બોજે વધવાથી માથાના દુખાવાથી પરેશાન થશો. દરરોજ મોટી 'હમન યજ્ઞ' ભણજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૦૧, ૦૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 01, 02

Saturn's ongoing rule will have you feeling troubled from all corners. Couples could quarrel over petty matters. Financial shortage is indicated. You could have to borrow money. You could suffer from headaches due to increasing mental tensions. Pray the Moti Haptan Yasht daily.



Virgo - કન્યા - પ.હ.ણ.

આજથી મંગળની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે તેથી તમારા મગજને શાંત રાખવામાં સફળ નહીં થાવ. નાની બાબતમાં ગુસ્સે થઈ જશો. ભાઈ બહેન સાથે મતભેદ પડી જશે. વાહન ચલાવતા સમયે વાહન ખુબ સંભાળી ચલાવજો એકસીડન્ટ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. ઉતાવળમાં કોઈ ડીસીઝન લેતા નહીં. દરરોજ 'તીર યજ્ઞ' ભણવાથી થોડી શાંતિ મળશે.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૮, ૩૦, ૦૧ છે.

Lucky Dates: 26, 28, 30, 01

Mars rule starting today will not let you succeed in keeping your mind calm. You will get angry over small issues. Arguments with siblings is indicated. You are advised to drive/ride your vehicles with great caution as you could meet with an accident. Do not make any decision in haste. For peace of mind, pray the Tir Yasht daily.



Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ફ.

૧૬મી ડિસેમ્બર સુધી શુકની દિનદશા ચાલશે. બને તો તમારા મોજશોખને થોડા ઓછા કરીને ધન બચાવવાની કોશીશ જરૂર કરજો. હાલમાં થોડી કરેલી બચત તમારા ખરાબ સમયમાં કામમાં આવશે. ધન કમાવવામાં કોઈ જાતની મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. રોજ બરોજના કામ પુરા કરવામાં સફળતા મળે તે માટે દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૭, ૨૮, ૦૧, ૦૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 27, 28, 01, 02

Venus' rule till 16th December suggests that you try to get a hold of your expenditures on fun and entertainment. The savings made today will serve you in the future in your time of need. There will be no roadblocks in your way to earning money. To succeed in completing your daily works, pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Pisces - મીન - દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.શ.

તમને રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે ચારે બાજુથી પરેશાન થતા રહેશો. ઘરવાળા તમારી વાત માનશે નહીં. મુસાફરીનો પ્લાન કરતા નહીં. રાહુને કારણે તબિયત બગડી જવાના ચાન્સ છે. તમારી નાની ભુલ તમને મોટી મુસીબતમાં મુકી દેશે. રાહુના પ્રકોપને ઓછો કરવા માટે દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૬, ૨૭, ૨૮, ૩૦ છે.

Lucky Dates: 26, 27, 28, 30

Rahu's ongoing rule has you feeling troubled from all corners. Family members will not be in agreement with you. Do not make any travel plans. Rahu could take a toll on your health. A small mistake of yours could land you in big trouble. To placate Rahu, pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



MEHEZABIN DORDI

Everyone undergoes anxiety at some point in their lives - be it for a job interview, first day at school or college, or the prospect of parenthood. Anxiety is a common experience we face with situations that are difficult or threatening. It's linked with emotions like fear and worry.

Anxiety itself can be a helpful emotion, as it helps you prepare for future events, thereby improving your performance. It sprouts symptoms like an increase in your breathing rate and heart rate, concentrating the blood flow to your brain, where you need it. This physical response prepares you to face intense situations. However, sometimes, anxiety can become so severe that it starts disrupting your daily routine and life, as a whole. At this point, the anxiety experienced has gotten out of proportion and you end up feeling much more anxious than anyone else would if faced with the same situation. There are numerous anxiety disorders, depending on the nature of the symptoms. But let us first understand the differentiating factors:

FEAR V/s ANXIETY: How do we distinguish anxiety from fear, given that the two are often used interchangeably? Fear, like anxiety, is a familiar emotion - it's part of everyone's experience and we consider it an essential component of humanity. Yet it's also a psychological, physiological and behavioural state we share with animals when confronted by a threat to our wellbeing or survival. Fear increases the body's arousal, expectancy, and neurobiological activity, and triggers specific behaviour patterns designed to help us cope with an adverse or unexpected situation.

The fundamental difference is that while fear often has a specific, immediate context which provokes the classic 'fight or flight' reflexes - which

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can also subside quickly once the perceived or actual threat has passed - anxiety connotes lingering apprehension. Anxiety involves a feeling of chronic sense of worry, tension or dread, the sources of which may be unclear. It can be a vague, unpleasant emotion experienced in anticipation of some ill-defined stressor or trigger.

STRESS V/s ANXIETY: Just as lifting a heavy weight stresses your body muscles, external factors can stress your psyche. Stress and anxiety are part of the same bodily reaction and share similar symptoms, making it hard to tell them apart. The fundamental difference is that Stress tends to be short term and in response to a recognized threat. Anxiety lingers on. The main difference between stress and anxiety is the presence of a specific trigger. Like fear, stress is typically tied to a specific situation. Once that situation resolves, so does your stress. Anxiety, by contrast, doesn't always have a specific stressor.

PANIC ATTACK V/s HEART ATTACK: Since both these also share similar symptoms, it's difficult to tell the difference. Both, panic and heart attacks, cause chest discomfort, but the difference is that in a heart attack, pain radiates to other areas like the arm, jaw or neck, whereas in a panic attack, the pain typically stays in the chest.

During a Heart attack, one experiences Chest pressure; Feeling of squeezing or, like something really heavy on your chest; and/or an achy or burning sensation, like heartburn. During a Panic attack, one experiences sharp or stabbing pain (not typical with a heart attack); and the heart racing or chest discomfort that's hard to describe.

One key distinction is that a heart attack often develops during physical exertion, whereas a panic attack can occur at rest. A heart attack is more likely to develop when the work load of the heart increases, for example while a person is running up the stairs or doing intensive exercises, especially in people who do not routinely engage in physical exertion.

Another difference is duration: Panic attacks tend to gradually subside and resolve on their own within about 20 minutes. A heart attack, however, will often continue and may worsen over time. However, it is always best to seek immediate medical attention when in doubt.

SYMPTOMS OF ANXIETY: Symptoms of anxiety disorders vary depending upon specific disorder, frequency of symptoms, presence of co-occurring mental health disorders, and severity of the disorder. Common signs and symptoms of anxiety disorders include:

Behavioural Symptoms: Restlessness and agitation; Inability to sit still and remain calm; Social withdrawal and isolation; Agoraphobia; Inability to properly meet responsibilities at home, work, or school; Irritability; Exaggerated startle reflex; Decreased ability to perform normal activities of daily life; and Usage of drugs or alcohol to self-medicate the symptoms

Physical Symptoms: Shortness of breath; Fatigue and exhaustion; Insomnia; Notable changes in patterns of eating or sleeping; Excessive perspiration; GI symptoms: nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea; Muscle tension and pain; Frequent headaches; Nightmares and night terrors; Pounding of the heart; Fine muscle tremors; Syncope; Cold or sweaty hands and/or feet; Numbness or tingling in hands and/or feet; Dry mouth

Cognitive Symptoms: Difficulties concentrating; Anticipating the worst outcomes; Mind often going blank; Irrational fears and dread; Uncontrollable, obsessive thoughts; Feeling as though one is going crazy.

Psychosocial Symptoms: Feeling helpless; Feelings of panic, fear, and uneasiness; Mood swings; Feeling worthless; Hopelessness and despair; Feeling in danger; Flashbacks; Feelings of dissociation

TREATMENTS FOR ANXIETY DISORDER:

• **Medication:** Several drugs are used to treat anxiety

GENERALIZED ANXIETY DISORDER
Excessive worry and tension without reason

PANIC DISORDER
Sudden, intense fear bringing a panic attack

SPECIFIC PHOBIA
Intense fear of a specific object or situation

SEPARATION ANXIETY DISORDER
Occurs when a person you're close to leaves your sight

AGORAPHOBIA
Fear of being in place hard to escape

SOCIAL ANXIETY DISORDER
Overwhelming fear worry and self-consciousness

Types of Anxiety Disorders

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disorders. Discuss the pros and cons with your doctor or psychiatrist to decide the best medication for you.

- **Psychotherapy:** is a type of counselling that helps you learn how your emotions affect your behaviour. A trained mental health specialist listens and talks to you about your thoughts and feelings and suggests ways to understand and manage them and your anxiety disorder.

Here are a few tips for those dealing with Anxiety to help you better control and manage your symptoms:
Learn About Your Disorder: Information is your best friend. The more you know, the better prepared you are to manage roadblocks along the way. Don't be afraid to ask your doctor any questions.

Stick To Your Treatment Plan: The treatment of any anxiety related disorder happens over time. Therefore, one has to give themselves the required time. Suddenly stopping your meds can cause unpleasant side effects and can even trigger anxiety symptoms.

Watch What You Consume: Cut down on caffeine products like coffee, tea, cola, energy drinks and chocolate. Caffeine is a mood-altering drug, and could worsen the symptoms of anxiety disorders. Avoid alcohol and recreational street drugs. Substance abuse increases your risk of anxiety disorders.

Get Movement Across The Day:

Brisk aerobic exercises like jogging and biking help release brain chemicals that improve your mood.

Be Mindful Of Your Sleep: Sleep problems and anxiety disorders often go hand in hand. Following good sleep hygiene practices goes a long way.

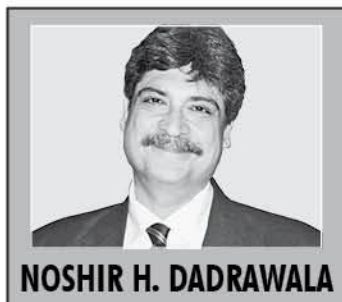
Learn To Relax: Stress management is an important part of your anxiety disorder treatment plan. Meditation or mindfulness helps you unwind after a stressful day and boosts your treatment.

Keep A Diary: Writing down your thoughts before the day is down helps you relax so you're not tossing and turning with anxious thoughts all night. It also serves as a good tool to manage negative thoughts.

Stay Connected: Whether it's in person, on the phone, or the computer, social connections help people thrive and stay healthy.

Seek Support: Whether it is with family, friends or a mental health professional - seeking support is a good way of keeping your anxiousness at bay.

Disclaimer: This article is for educational/informational purposes only. It's not intended to serve as a substitute for actual mental health care. Please consult a qualified mental health practitioner if you find yourself dealing with any of the above mentioned concerns and to formulate an accurate diagnosis and treatment plan.



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Supreme Court's Judgment On Income From Commercial Activities By Charities

- Parsi Charitable Trusts involved in commercial activities pertaining to housing to exercise extra caution! -



The recent judgment of the Supreme Court of India pertaining to commercial or business activities and income from such activities by charitable trusts and institutions enjoying tax exemption is of far-reaching consequences to all trusts, including Parsi charitable trusts. There are some Parsi charitable trusts which enjoy tax exemption but could be seen to be involved in the carrying on of activities in the nature of trade, commerce or business, or activities of rendering service in relation to trade, commerce or business, for a cess or fee or any other consideration. One such activity is HOUSING AND AUCTIONING OF CHARITY FLATS.

In light of the Supreme Court's latest Judgment, Parsi Charitable Trusts need to assess whether... Is it the object of the trust?... Is such activity undertaken in the course of actual carrying out of such advancement of any other object of general public utility?... The aggregate receipts from such activity or activities during the previous year, do not exceed twenty per cent of the total receipts, of the trust or institution undertaking such activity or activities, of that previous year?... Is the activity 'profit making' or at cost or significantly above cost?

On 19th October, 2022, the Supreme Court of India delivered two judgments of which one was specific to 'educational' institutions claiming tax exemption under section 10(23C) of Income tax Act 1961. The other judgment (Supreme Court of India, Civil Appeal No. 21762 OF 2017, Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax (Exemptions) Vs. Ahmadabad Urban Development Authority) pertains to applicability of tax exemption to charitable trusts and institutions engaged in commercial activities in the sixth category of 'Charitable Purpose', as laid down under section 2(15) of the Income Tax Act 1961 viz. "the advancement of any other object of general public utility" (GPU) (i.e., charitable activities other than relief of the poor, education, yoga, medical relief, preservation of environment and preservation of monuments or places or objects of artistic or historic interest).

'Charitable Purpose' is covered under Section 2(15) of the Income Tax Act 1961 and includes: 1) relief of the poor; 2)

education including yoga; 3) medical relief; 4) preservation of environment; 5) preservation of monuments or places or objects of artistic or historic interest; and 6) the advancement of any other object of general public utility.

Housing would fall under the (vi) category i.e., the advancement of any other object of general public utility.

The Income Tax Act 1961 lays down that "the advancement of any other object of general public utility shall not be considered as charitable purpose, if it involves the carrying on of any activity in the nature of trade, commerce or business, or any activity of rendering any service in relation to any trade, commerce or business, for a cess or fee or any other consideration, irrespective of the nature of use or application, or retention, of the income from such activity, unless: (a) such activity is undertaken in the course of actual carrying out of such advancement of any other object of general public utility; and (b) the aggregate receipts from such activity or activities during the previous year, do not exceed twenty per cent of the total receipts, of the trust or institution undertaking such activity or activities, of that previous year.

Supreme Court interprets Section 2(15) (vi) of Income Tax Act 1961: 'Commercial activities' or 'revenue based activities' by charitable institutions falling under this category ("the advancement of any other object of general public utility") has been a contentious topic since the past several years. However, in this recent verdict the Supreme Court of India's Bench of Chief Justice Uday Umesh Lalit, Justice S. Ravindra Bhat and Justice Pamidighantam Sri Narasimha has attempted to provide the correct interpretation of Section

2(15)(vi) of Income Tax Act 1961. It has observed that the true test is to ask for answers to the following questions:

- Is the object of the assessee (charitable trust, society or section 8 company) one of general public utility?
- Does the advancement of the object involve activities bringing in moneys?
- If so, are such activities undertaken -
 - for profit or
 - without profit

Even if (a) and (b) are answered affirmatively, if (c)(i) is answered affirmatively, the claim for exemption collapses.

Court's Clarification: The court has clarified that an assessee advancing general public utility cannot engage itself in any trade, commerce or business, or provide service in relation thereto for any consideration (cess, or fee, or any other consideration). However, in the course of achieving the object of general public utility, the concerned trust, society, or other such organization, can carry on trade, commerce or business or provide services in relation thereto for consideration, provided that: (i) the activities of trade, commerce or business are connected ("actual carrying out...") to the achievement of its objects of GPU; and (ii) the receipt from such business or commercial activity or service in relation thereto, does not exceed the quantified limit, as amended over the years (Rs. Ten lakhs w.e.f. 01.04.2009; then Rs. Twenty five lakhs w.e.f. 01.04.2012; and now twenty per cent of total receipts of the previous year, w.e.f. 01.04.2016).

The court has clarified that the charging of any amount towards consideration for such an activity (advancing general public utility), which is on cost-basis or nominally above cost, cannot be

considered to be "trade, commerce, or business" or any services in relation thereto. It is only when the charges are markedly or significantly above the cost incurred by the assessee in question, that they would fall within the mischief of "cess, or fee, or any other consideration" towards "trade, commerce or business".

By a liberal interpretation of what the Supreme Court has held, if fees are charged on cost-basis or nominally above cost such income cannot be considered as income from "trade, commerce, or business" "for a cess or fee" and as such may not come under the twenty per cent cap.

However, the Supreme Court has clarified that the conclusions arrived at by way of this judgment, neither precludes any of the assessees (whether statutory, or non-statutory) advancing objects of general public utility, from claiming exemption, nor the taxing authorities from denying exemption, in the future, if the receipts of the relevant year exceed the quantitative limit. The assessing authorities must on a yearly basis, scrutinize the record to discern whether the nature of the assessee's activities amount to "trade, commerce or business" based on its receipts and income (i.e., whether the amounts charged are on cost-basis, or significantly higher). If it is found that they are in the nature of "trade, commerce or business", then it must be examined whether the quantified limit (as amended from time to time) in proviso to Section 2(15), has been breached, thus disentitling them to exemption.

Conclusion: We advise all charitable trusts, societies and section 8 Companies falling under the category "the advancement of any other object of general public utility" (this includes several large Parsi charitable trusts) to ensure that their income from commercial or business activities such as auctioning of charity flats:

- Is not in violation of the charitable objects of the trust;
- such activity (of auctioning charity flats) is undertaken in the course of actual carrying out of such advancement of any other object of general public utility;
- Income from such activity remains within the twenty per cent cap laid down u/s 2(15)(vi) of Income Tax Act 1961.

Stay cautious. Better safe than sorry!

UK's New Prime Minister And Indo-UK Relations...



VEERA SHROFF SANJANA

(Rishi Sunak was born on 12 May, 1980 in Southampton, Hampshire, to Southeast African-born Hindu parents of Indian Punjabi descent, Yashvir and Usha Sunak. Rishi Sunak's grandparents originated from British India, but their birthplace Gujranwala lies in modern day Pakistan's Punjab province.)

As Conservative Party leader, Rishi Sunak, a proud Indian origin Hindu, begins his tenure as the Prime Minister of UK, there's much speculation in both nations about how relations between these two nations, with such a colorful history, will evolve. 42-year-old Rishi Sunak has a lot of firsts to his credit as United Kingdom's new PM. Rishi Sunak is the first person of Indian origin, the first person of colour and the youngest British PM in 200 years. He is the 57th Prime Minister of the UK and has already received both - bouquets and brickbats in equal measure, in his short tenure yet!

Time will prove what Sunak has to offer. Nonetheless, in India as also in Pakistan, this was an incredibly proud moment. Many believe that Sunak might be good for India but will his foreign policy keep Indian interests in mind? For Rishi Sunak, Britain's interests would be paramount, as it should be. In fact, Liz Truss, his predecessor, was considered more pro-India than Sunak. It was Truss as foreign secretary under Boris Johnson's government, that visited India more than any of her other cabinet colleagues. She imparted a strong thrust to trade, marked by the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations between the countries, expected to conclude by the end of this year. Truss had camped for a mutually beneficial, balanced deal with both, economic and strategic significance.

With Rishi Sunak as Prime minister, ties with India will continue to see momentum, but his choice of cabinet appointments clearly demonstrates that relations with India will not supersede



what he believes is in the country's interest. His Indian origins have been a topic of contemplation, debate and many may view his every move in the context of these two nations.

Rishi Sunak, many believe, is the Karma served with interest to the British. A brown man with origins in the country that the British colonized and abused for 200 years! It's a known fact that former PM Winston Churchill had deep-rooted abhorrence and complete disregard for India, Indians and especially Hindus. He called Indians beastly people, with a beastly religion not fit to rule. Though Sunak is neither born nor brought up in India, his roots are very much Indian. He is a practicing Hindu, and frankly never misses a chance to show that. His genes and his DNA is Indian. A Hindu man living in 10 Downing Street, lighting diyas and celebrating Diwali would have been Churchill's worst nightmare. But, for Indians worldwide, with Kamala Harris and now Rishi Sunak, history has been created... one which Indians take great pride in!

Rishi Sunak, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, became PM after winning the ruling Conservative Party's leadership contest, which was triggered by the resignation of Liz Truss. Also, important to remember, is that he won the role upon his sole competitor - Penny Mordaunt, dropping out of the race moments before votes from the MPs were due. Hence, his appointment as PM is not the result of a general election or a mandate from the people of England.

The new PM's task is never easy but Rishi Sunak journey ahead is going to be tough. The racial and cultural diversity with which the PM is viewed, could make policy decision-making that much more challenging. From the Indian Perspective, Sunak's appointment of Indian-origin Conservative Party MP

Suella Braverman as Home Secretary in his cabinet could prove to be an irritant especially for New Delhi. She had early stated that she feared a trade deal with India would increase migration to the UK, when Indians already represent the largest group of visa overstayers. On the other hand, the re-appointment of James Cleverly as Foreign Secretary, could serve India well, as he has in the past expressed a desire to have an even stronger trading relationship with India. He has expressed to his Indian counterpart - S Jaishankar, emphasizing the importance Britain attaches to Indian ties.

A Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between India and the UK is expected to enhance economic growth and prosperity by increasing import and export flows, increasing investments flows, enhancing productivity through a more efficient allocation of resources and greater openness to international competition. UK is keen to gain access to Indian markets for transport equipment, electrical equipment, medical devices, chemicals, motor vehicles and parts,

wines, Scotch and spirits, as well as fruits and vegetables. This could impact local players or boost the manufacturing ecosystem. India wants to increase exports of textiles, food and beverages, pharmaceuticals, tobacco, leather and footwear, and agricultural items like rice to the UK. Under the FTA, both sides aim at expanding digital cooperation and services. But for now, they are yet to find common ground on many major economic issues.

As the PM, Sunak had avowed to get Britain through and out of the 'difficult times' of inflation and to build a better, and safer Britain. When asked about bilateral ties between India and the UK, Sunak said, "We know the UK-India relationship is important. We represent the living bridge between our two countries." He wants to open up easy access to UK students and companies in India. He highlights the need to look at the relationship differently and states that there is a lot that people in the UK can learn from India. His PM-ship has received much cheer from Indian media and political leaders. But what does Sunak's appointment really mean for India is yet to be seen. As they say, only time will tell...



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