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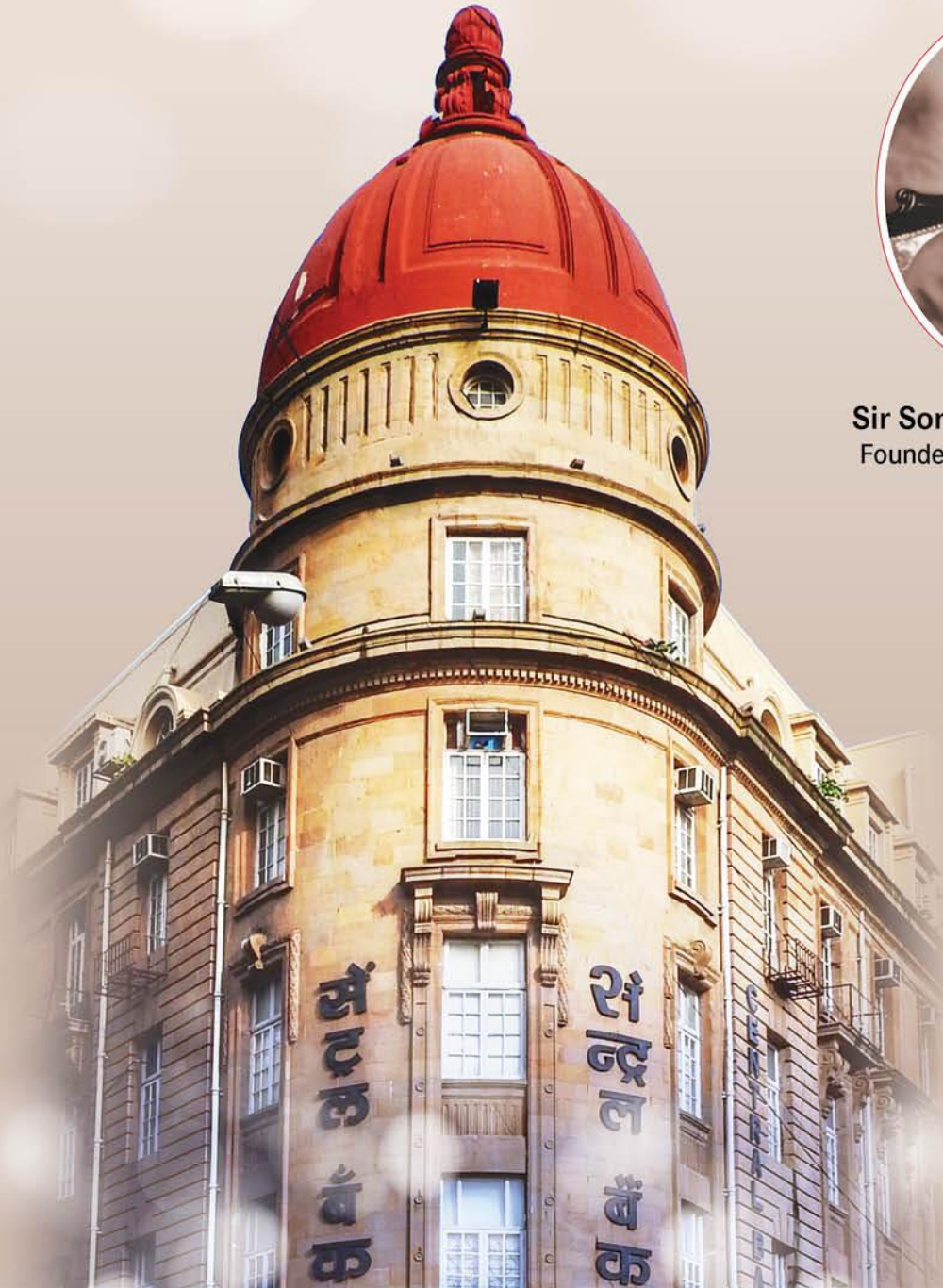
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Merry Christmas!

Dear Readers,

Today is Christmas eve and many of us blessed with Christian friends and neighbours will receive those yummy authentic, home-made goodies like *kal-kals*, *neureos*, *bolinhas*, etc. along with a generous helping of that show-stopping, special rum-soaked Xmas cake! For the rest, one can always purchase the Christmas specials across various patisseries, cafes and even some increasingly popular home-chefs!

But none of these Masterchef-prepared-looking pastries can hold a candle to the taste of those home-made authentic preparations... just like no amount of gifting could realise the true essence of 'giving' during Christmas. The intended spirit of giving during this festive season goes far beyond material gifts... it means little if you've missed out on giving - like the popular adage goes - 'some things that money can't buy'.

It is when you give of your time, your presence, your joy and yourself, that you have truly realised and rejoiced in the Christmas spirit of giving. And that is when every part of you becomes the Christmas blessing, or even the so-called Christmas miracle, for so many! Your mind seeks to bring joy to others, your lips share an infectious smile and utter words that bring comfort and happiness, your hands extend to give others a warm, heart-felt hug, your feet lead you towards the long lost or lonely to bring them solace... and your heart uplifts the universal energy as you spread all that love and care within. Now that would be doing justice to this holy and celebratory occasion!

And speaking of care, with Covid-19 cases rising in China, the Indian Medical Association has issued a timely notice warning us of a potential COVID-19 outbreak, and advising that we follow Covid-appropriate behaviour immediately, especially in terms of using masks in public places and avoiding large gatherings. While it does sound like a bummer during the festive season, when you have your parties and events lined up, you would do well to err on the side of caution and intelligence.

Here's wishing you and your loved ones a safe and Merry Xmas!

- Anahita
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IMA Issues Advisory On Potential COVID-19 Outbreak

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) has issued an advisory on an "impending" COVID-19 outbreak, saying public should follow COVID-19 appropriate behaviour with immediate effect. IMA asked people to avoid large gatherings such as marriages and political meetings, and international travel. It also appealed to the government to upscale the preparedness for any such situation as seen in 2021.

As of now, the situation is not alarming and therefore, there is no need to panic. As prevention is better than cure, all are advised to take follow-ing necessary steps to overcome the impending COVID outbreak:

1. Face masks to be used in all public places.
2. Social distancing to be maintained.
3. Regular hand washing with soap and water or sanitizers.
4. Public gatherings like marriages, political or social meetings etc. to be avoided.
5. Avoid international travel.
6. Consult the doctor in case of symptoms like fever, sore throat, cough, loose motions etc.
7. Get your COVID vaccination, including precautionary dose, at the earliest.
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Religious Announcements

Asha Vahishta Dadgah (Pune) Celebrates 5th Salgreh

The 'Asha Vahishta' Dadgah (Pune) will celebrate its 5th Salgreh on 25th December, 2022, with a thanksgiving Jashan ceremony and Humbandagi at 11:30 am. All are cordially invited to seek divine blessings and celebrate the joyous occasion. (Address: 'Asha Vahishta', The Zoroastrian Centre, 51 - Chandan Gardens, Near Clover Highlands & Dorabjee's supermarket, NIBM Road, Pune.)

Vachaghandhy Agiary Celebrates 166th Salgreh

Vachaghandhy Agiary's glorious 166th Salgreh Celebrations will be held on (Roj Sarosh, Mah Sherevar, Kadmi) on 30th December, 2022. A morning Jashan by the Trustees will be conducted at 9:30 am and the evening Jashan will be at 4:45 pm by the staff of the fire temple. At 6:00 pm, Er. Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia will speak on the topic 'How prayers help in one's life.' All Zarhostis are welcome.

Salgreh Celebrations Of Panthaky Agiary

Panthaky Agiary, in Bandra West, will hold its salgreh celebrations on December 30, 2022, (Roj Sarosh - Mah Amardad) with a Jashan by the Trustees at 9:30 am (Machi in Havan Gah) and another Jashan at 5:00 pm (Machi in Aiwisruthrem Gah). Donation for Hama Anjuman Machi and Jashan is accepted. Community members are requested to attend.

Sarosh Roj Jashan At Dadysett Agiary

On 30th December, 2022, a Sarosh Roj Jashan will be organised at Dadysett Agiary (Fountain), by Trustees of Dadysett Charity Trust, at 4:30pm. This will be followed by a Humbandagi by Er. Darayesh R. Katak and light refreshments thereafter. All Parsi/ Irani Zoroastrians are cordially invited to attend.

Boyce Agiary Celebrates 188th Adaran Salgreh

The Boyce Dhana Patel Fire Temple (Tardeo, Mumbai) will celebrate its 188th Adaran Saheb ni Salgreh, on 30th December, 2022, (Roj Sarosh, Mah Amardad; 1392 YZ). A Contributory Machi will be performed in the Havan Geh, followed by a Jashan at 9:30 am. All Zoroastrians are requested to be present and partake the blessings of Padshasaheb.

Behram Roj Jashan At Dadysett Atash Behram

On 2nd January, 2023, a Behram Roj Jashan, organised by Trustees of Dadysett Charity Trust, will be performed at Dadysett Atash Behram (Fanasvadi), at 5:00 pm. This will be followed by a Humbandagi by Er. Darayesh R. Katak at the Behram Yazad Shrine, along with a religious talk and refreshments, thereafter. All Parsi/ Irani Zoroastrians are cordially invited to attend.

The True Spirit Of Yalda And Christmas



NOSHIR H. DADRAWALA

Today, many across the globe will celebrate Christmas Eve and tomorrow, the Christmas feast or holiday. Iranians would have already celebrated the feast of *Yalda* on 21st December. Interestingly, the festival of Christmas has similarities or rather roots in the ancient Iranian feast of *Yalda*, which celebrates the winter solstice in the Northern hemisphere. While we ponder some similarities, let's ensure we live up to the spirit of these meaningful festivals.

Yalda - Birth: The term '*Yalda*' simply means 'birth' (denoting birth or re-birth of the sun). While Zoroastrians celebrate 21st December as the symbolic and seasonal birth or re-birth of the Sun (a creation of God), Christians observe 25th December as the birth of the Son of God (Jesus Christ).

Yalda is the longest and darkest night of the year (observed on 21st December 2022), marking commencement of the winter season of three months. Winter



will end around 21st March, 2023, ushering the spring season.

Since the first night of winter (21st December) is the longest night and from that night onward the days start to gradually get longer and the warmth and light of the sun increases, that night is believed to be the time for the birth or re-birth of the sun.

Yalda Tree And The Christmas Tree: Even the famed Christmas tree and the *Yalda* tree have similarities. The Christmas tree is usually an evergreen tree (Pine or Fir) and decorated with red bauble balls, a star on top and gifts under the tree.

In Iran, instead of red bauble balls, people tie pomegranates (fresh or dried) for health and long life on living Cypress, Fir or Pine trees. It is also a traditional practice to leave gifts of sweets or others useful items under the tree for family, friends or the needy. Trees in courtyards and village squares usually get covered with snow and in the morning, when the sun comes out after a long, dark night, the rays would usually bounce off the ice on top of the tree and look like a star. This beautiful morning is celebrated as *Yalda* - the birth or the re-birth of the sun, which would continue to grow in strength and brightness till the next *Yalda* night.

'Wise Men' At The Birth Of Jesus: Traditional, nativity scenes depict 'Wise Men' visiting the infant Jesus on the night of his birth. There is also a belief that these 'wise men' were Zoroastrians from Iran because they had come from the East and in Iran *Mazdayasni* Zoroastrians were known as worshippers of *Mazda* or Wisdom. We also need to remember that when

Jesus was born, Iran was under the Parthian Dynasty with Zoroastrianism as the dominant religion and the *Magus* or *Magi* were priests. Of course, many scholars also dispute the theory that the 'wise men' were from Iran and whether they were three or more in number.

The New Revised Standard Version of Matthew 2:1-12 describes the visit of the 'wise men' in the following manner: *"In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'"*

Although Matthew's account does not explicitly cite the motivation for the journey of the wise men, (other than seeing the star in the east, which they took to be the star of the King of the Jews), the Syrian Infancy Gospel states in the third chapter that they were pursuing a prophecy that they had read about.

Interestingly the sun is a star and *"observing the star (or the sun) at its rising"* indicates *Yalda* or Birth.

There is also an Armenian tradition identifying the Magi or Wise Men who came to Bethlehem as Balthasar of Arabia, Melchior of Persia, and Caspar of India. Historian John of Hildesheim also relates a belief in Taxila (in modern Pakistan) that one of the Magi had taken

the ancient 'silk route' through Taxila on the way to Bethlehem.

Celebrating The True Spirit Of Yalda And Christmas: Are festivals like *Yalda* and Christmas only about eat, drink and be merry! Certainly not! In fact, both feasts celebrate the spirit of gratitude, togetherness and giving. While Christmas celebrates the birth of the 'Son of God', *Yalda* celebrates birth of the 'Sun of God'! In both cases 'birth' heralds 'new beginnings'. It's a magical season to bring joy, love, and togetherness to families, friends and to this world.

We all realized during the pandemic that we are inter-dependent and that joy comes more from giving than just receiving. Have we now become complacent? Have we forgotten the lessons learned during the years 2020 and 2021? Yes, it is the season to be merry or happy. But, let's not forget Zarathushtra's message that happiness comes to those who make others happy or the message of Jesus to 'love thy neighbor as thyself'.

Do spend time with family, but don't forget to also spend time with lonely friends or neighbour. Do spend money on gifts for family and friends. But, don't forget those who have no family or friends. Most importantly, let us all focus on 'well-being' - our own and that of all others on planet earth. After all, we are all inter-dependent, be it for our health, our wealth or happiness.

It's time we realized that the only way anything exists is through a complex interplay between other existing things and the magic of circumstance. Indeed, the true nature of existence is interdependence. This festive season, let's celebrate interdependence, our unity amid diversity and the birth or rebirth of a brand new world, through wise choices that we will exercise.

Merry Christmas and *Yalda*... or Happy New Beginnings!



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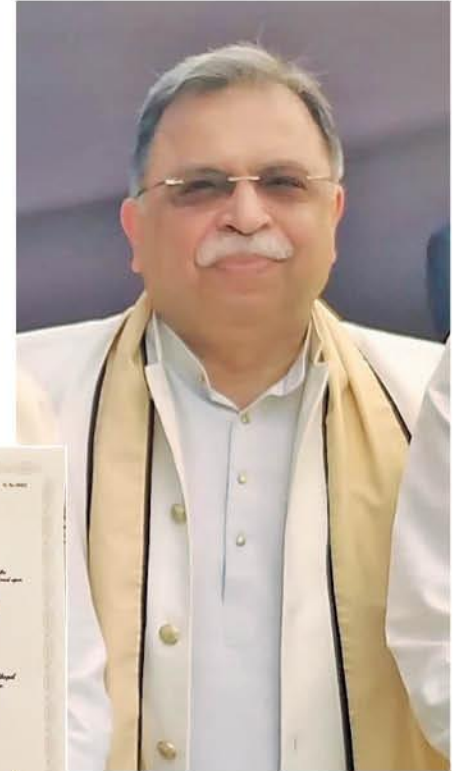
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Adille Sumariwalla, President - Athletics Federation of India and interm President - Indian Olympic Association, was conferred an honorary Doctorate by Jagran Lakecity University (JLU, Bhopal) on 17th December, 2022. Dr. Adille Sumariwalla shared the news on his social media posts: "Humbled to be conferred Honorary Doctorate today by @jlubhopal alongside Former Chief Justice of India Mr. U U Lalit."



A few months ago, on 13th October, 2022, Sumariwalla was felicitated by the Sports Journalists' Association of Mumbai (SJAM), with the Lifetime Achievement Award.



A d i l l e 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

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About 11 years ago, Er. Zarrir Bhandara, the much-respected and loved priest, heading the Zoroastrian Association of California (ZAC), and known for his dedicated commitment to the Zoroastrian religion as well as community service, suggested the commencement of a Humbandagi to further the coming together of the Zoroastrian community. He believed



attached to it - if you feed any sound into an oscilloscope, it will give a particular pattern, just like when we get an Electro Cardiogram done, we see the pattern that is the sound emanated by our hearts. Similarly every organ in our body emanates

Er. Bhandara went on to praise Zara and Zain Commissariat, who started attending the Humbandagi when they were just 3 and 5 years old, respectively. Vira Santoke then gave a short speech thanking Er. Zarrir for his contributions towards the Humbandagi. She mentioned how when the present Atash Kadeh was not constructed, the Humbandagi would be conducted in the adjacent community hall where a group of participants would meet every Sunday, presided by Er. Zarrir.



rightfully that coming together as group enhances channelizing the flow of positive energy of our prayers and there is greater power in our prayers when chanted collectively as a group.

What started with a few handful of attendees under Er. Zarrir Bhandara, soon turned into a beautiful ritual where people traveled from far and wide, across cities to come and religiously attend the Humbandagi. At the end of every Humbandagi session, he would

give an interesting and informative speech on different aspects of our religion, and conclude with a question-answer round from the attendees. In the years that followed, his son Er. Zerkxis Bhandara also conducted this Humbandagi alongside his father, and also occasionally on his own, when required.

18th December, 2022 marked the completion of 11 years of Humbandagi by ZAC, when the community came together in prayer and to honor Er. Zarrir and his son Er. Zerkxis by a group of attendees who have been regulars from the start.

Er. Zarrir Bhandara shared illuminating insights into the 'sound of prayers': "The sound of prayer is powerful - it is very significant. It's a science of sound. Every sound has a form

a sound, as it works on the electromagnetic field through the direct current generated from within our bodies, which synchronizes with the universal sound, as our universe also works on the same electromagnetic field. Every sound has a form in it and every form has a sound in it. When we recite/chant prayers, the sound connects us with the universal sound which transforms us and our environment into a positive field. Thus, Mathravani has the maximum impact on us, the sound is existential and it has power, this power of the sound of Mathravani reverberates with the universe created by Dadar Ahura Mazda."



Marzi Mody, member of the local community also felicitated the father and son, expressing thanks for their commitment over the years and saying they were the real 'super-heroes' of the community. Houtoxi Contractor also honoured Er Zarrir, saying his prayers helped in healing and how his selfless work has touched all their lives. In keeping with the Humbandagi tradition, lunch is served at the

end and the members celebrate the birthdays of members in the month, by cutting a cake.

Kudos to Er. Zarrir Bhandara for his selfless service towards our religion and the community!

Noshir Dadrawala Invited On Governing Council Of India's First Social Stock Exchange

Parsi Times is delighted to announce that Noshir H. Dadrawala - one of the community's most dynamic personalities, Zoroastrian Scholar, a globally renowned consultant on Charity Laws, a prolific writer, and our very own, much sought-after PT columnist - has been invited as a member of the Governing Council of the Bombay Stock Exchange's (BSE) 'Social Stock Exchange'.

BSE's 'Social Stock Exchange' (SSE) is the first of its kind in India and will soon have nationwide trading terminals permitted to register Social Enterprises and / or list the securities issued by Social Enterprises. The SSE will list only securities that raise money for 'non-profit' or 'for-profit' 'social enterprises.'

Speaking to Parsi Times on the occasion of this prestigious appointment, as member of the Governing Council of the BSE's 'Social Stock Exchange', Noshir Dadrawala said, "It is both, an honour and privilege to have been invited to serve on this Committee along with other eminent professionals. The Social Stock Exchange is not a new idea from a global perspective. However, it is India's first SSE and designed very differently. I personally see a lot of opportunity for genuine charitable organisations, both, in terms of enhancing their credibility as also to fund-raise. To be



listed on the SSE will require organisations to meet very high and stringent standards of Capacity, Compliance and Capability. It's a great journey to look forward to in 2023!"

A Social Enterprise means either a 'Not-for-Profit Organization' or a 'For Profit Social Enterprise' that meets the eligibility criteria specified by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). 'Not-for-profit Social Enterprise' includes charitable trusts, charitable societies, companies licensed under section 8 of the Indian Companies Act 2013 and any other entity as may be specified by the Board.



A 'for-profit' or 'not-for-profit' entity must first be identified as a 'Social Enterprise' by establishing primacy of its social intent. Corporate foundations, political or religious organizations or activities, professional or trade associations, infrastructure and housing companies, except affordable housing, will not be eligible to be identified as a Social Enterprise.

Getting listed on the SSE would entail going through a vigorous due-diligence processes. Once listed, it would be an important recognition and enhance credibility of the social enterprise. Social enterprises listed on the SSE will also be subject to regular audits to measure social impact and reports shall be disclosed to stakeholders just like for-profit, listed companies, on regular stock exchanges.



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BEST MEMBERS



Behram's Battalion - FARSHEED JALNAWALLA



Daraius' Daredevils - IYANAH DARUWALLA



Rustom's Rockstars - XAVI DASTOOR



NADIR GODREJ Award for Best Member of Noshirwan's Knights - REYANSH WADIA



Xerxes' Invincibles - MEHERZAD SAKLATWALLA (XYZ Seniors)



Tehmurasp's Titans - YOHAAN SODAWATERWALLA



TALISMAN GROUP Award for Best Member of Jamshed's Giants - AVA CONTRACTOR



PEARL & HAFEEZ CONTRACTOR AWARD for Best Member of Ketayun's Conquerors - TANAISHA CHIVALWALA



NERGISH & FRAMROZE BILLIMORIA Award for Best Member of Cyrus' Superstars - MALCOLM DASTUR



POINTS TABLE 2022

1	JAMSHED'S GIANTS	6,700
2	TEHMURASP'S TITANS	5,570
3	BEHRAM'S BATTALION	5,540
4	CYRUS' SUPERSTARS	5,390
5	KETAYUN'S CONQUERORS	5,280
6	RUSTOM'S ROCKSTARS	5,240
7	DARAIUS' DAREDEVILS	5,200
8	NOSHIRWAN'S KNIGHTS	4,420

As on 18th December 2022

ANNUAL AWARDS 2022



BEST GROUP JAMSHED'S GIANTS



Rustomjee Award for the Best XYZ President of the Year 2022 - XERXES BILLIMORIA, Cyrus' Superstars



Mehroo & Dara Hansotia Award for the Best XYZ Group of the year 2022 - JAMSHED'S GIANTS



Daroga Family Award for the XYZ Group showing Consistency in Theme Activities in 2022 - TEHMURASP'S TITANS



Maneckji & Shirinbai Netarwala Foundation Award for the XYZ group with Outstanding Administration in 2022 - RUSTOM'S ROCKSTARS



Ervad Hormusji Peshotan Antia & Mrs. Dinamai Hormusji Antia Trust Award for the XYZ Group with Outstanding Activities in Religion and Zoroastrian Culture in 2022 - BEHRAM'S BATTALION



Merwanji D.M. Jeejeebhoy Trust Award for the XYZ group with Outstanding Social Service Activities in 2022 - DARAIUS' DAREDEVILS



Homay & Sohrab Nadarshaw Elavia Award for the XYZ group with Excellence in Innovation in 2022 - JAMSHED'S GIANTS



World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust Award for the XYZ group with Maximum Membership Increase in 2022 - TEHMURASP'S TITANS



XYZ ACE Award 2022 presented to Ashdeen Lilaowala by Diana Marfatia, XYZ Advisory Council Member



XYZ Exceptional Zoroastrian Award 2022 presented to Ava Mistry from Behram's Battalion by Nowroze Vazidfar



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BEING PARSIS



Behram's Battalion showcasing the Navjote ceremony were the Runners up of the Being Parsi U16 Competition



Comperes for XYZ Being Parsi U7



Comperes for XYZ Being Parsi U16



Rustom's Rockstars showcasing the pre wedding rituals were the Winners of the Being Parsi U16 Competition



Anaiza Sanjana - U7 Consolation Prize - Navroze No Faloodo



Friyan Elavia - U7 1st Place - Sali per Edu



Kayhaan Wadia - U7 3rd Place - Curry Rice Kachumber



Sherwin Minocher - U7 Consolation Prize - Sali per Edu



Parinaaz Limbuwala - U7 2nd Place - Patra ni Machhi



Jasmine Palia, XYZ Executive Committee Member & Er. Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia with the Overall Winners of XYZ Being Parsi 2022 - Behram's Battalion

Established in December 2014, Xtremely Young Zoroastrians (XYZ) celebrated its 8th Annual Day at KC College Auditorium on 18th December, 2022. The event included the fourth edition of the 'XYZ Being Parsi' Competition, in which thirty adorable performances were displayed by XYZ Juniors (Under 7) and XYZ members (Under 16) who showcased various Parsi customs and traditions.

The winner of the Under-7 Fancy Dress Competition Friyan Elavia dressed as 'Sali-par-Edu' from Behram's Battalion, while the pre-wedding rituals dramatization in the Under-16 age group was won by Rustom's Rockstars, the overall winners of 'XYZ Being Parsi 2022' were Behram's Battalion!

The competition was hosted by the members of the XYZ Seniors, and they entertained the audience with their quirky jokes and Parsipanu. Er. Dr. Ramiyar Karajia presided as the judge of the competition. Being impressed by the performances he told the enthused audiences, that what was showcased within just 2 hours would have otherwise taken a year to learn in any class! He applauded the excellent work done by the parents and volunteers in training the children.

Just like every year, XYZ presents the XYZ ACE Award for Achieving Continuous Excellence to a Zoroastrian who has continuously served and contributed well to the community. This year, the XYZ ACE award was presented to Ashdeen Lilaowala, who is known to have taken the fashion industry by storm and he has revived authentic Parsi embroidery with his beautiful garas. XYZ also presented the Exceptional Zoroastrian Award 2022 to Ava Mistry from XYZ's Behram's Battalion for her success and laurels in Judo and Karate.

Zayan Sanga, the new Director for XYZ SENIORS 2023 introduced his Coordinators and Organising Committee and they spoke about various activities planned for XYZ Seniors group (Xerxes' Invincibles) in the coming year.

The Annual day also included the official launch of the XYZ Juniors, a group especially curated for children from age group of 1 to 7 years. These children will register with XYZ and partake in numerous activities through the year across various Mumbai centres. They will participate in some

XYZ events and have different fundays in their locations based on Art, Movement, Gujrati, Games, Sports, Food, and a Trip to various places in the city.

The day then continued to the most exciting part, the annual Award distribution. It Included the Annual Awards for various categories such as - Administration, Social Service, Religion, Innovation, Theme Activities, Membership etc. The Best President Award 2022 was awarded to Xerxes Billimoria from Cyrus' Superstars and the overall winners of XYZ 2022, were Jamshed's Giants, who have created history and won this title for the third time in a row!

The Annual Day concluded with informing the audience about What's Next @XYZ and the themes for the coming year. The Office Bearers of 2023 were called on to the stage and the XYZ Oath was taken by all followed by the 'Chaiye Hume Zarthosthi' and the National Anthem.

Speaking to Parsi Times about XYZ's exceptional 8-year journey, Founder of XYZ, Hoshang Gotla said, "My journey of XYZ has been truly magical ever since its inception in 2014. People from all walks of life have supported this dream and ensured it's become a reality. Friends and acquaintances have now become family and have put in so much effort to run our different XYZ groups, over the years. The Executive Committee and the Advisory Council have been involved in every activity, making sure all aspects work well.

I'm grateful to the members and parents for being invested in XYZ and securing its success. We currently work with the Under-7 age group for 'XYZ Juniors', 7 to 14 age group for 'XYZ Members' and 15 to 25 age group as 'XYZ Seniors', who are the XYZ Alumni and want to give back to the organisation and the community at large. There have been so many learnings over the years from children, parents, volunteers and community members which have proven to be excellent guidelines for XYZ to ensure we continue to Make A Difference!"

All in all, XYZ in 2022 was indeed spectacular and all groups are now ready and completely energised to kick-start 2023! [Register with XYZ Foundation - <https://linktr.ee/xyzfoundation>]



Hoshang Gotla, Founder of XYZ Welcoming the Audience



Delnaz Sinor, XYZ Executive Committee Member and Lead of the XYZ Seniors



Avan Bhadha, XYZ Seniors Director 2022 handing over the Charter to Zayan Sanga, XYZ Seniors Director 2023



Jenifer Daruvala, XYZ Executive Committee Member and Lead of the XYZ Members



Presidents of 2022 leading the Humbandagi



Zenobia Mody, XYZ Executive Committee Member and Lead of the XYZ Juniors



Glimpses of the Audience



What's NEXT...



29th January



15th April



21st to 27th May



9th July



24th September



30th Sept to 2nd Oct



November



16th December



OFFICE BEARERS - 2023



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Themes For The Year 2023

JAN - APR

- Retro
- Adventure
- Family
- Religion / Culture

MAY - AUG

- Music
- Sports
- Grooming
- Social Service

SEP - DEC

- Animals
- Fashion
- Magic
- Innovation

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1 to 7 years



7 to 15 years



15 to 25 years

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જમશેદપુરના કલાકારો રતન ટાટા માટે ભારત રત્ન એનાયત કરવાની અરજીને વધારવા માટે મ્યુઝિક આલ્બમ રિલીઝ કરશે

ઉદ્યોગપતિ, પરીપકારી અને સામાજિક કાર્યકર્તા - રતન ટાટાને સર્વોચ્ચ રાષ્ટ્રીય નાગરિક સન્માન - ભારત રત્ન, એનાયત કરવાની માંગ સમગ્ર ભારતમાં વધી રહી છે. પહેલેથી જ ૨૦૦૮ માં પ્રતિષ્ઠિત પદ્મ વિભૂષણથી નવાજવામાં આવેલ રતન ટાટાને ઉદ્યોગ, સમાજ અને અન્ય વિવિધ ક્ષેત્રોના વિકાસના સર્વાંગી ઉત્થાન માટેના સમર્પણને વૈશ્વિક સ્તરે ઘણી પ્રશંસા અને માન્યતા મળી છે. માત્ર સમુદાયના સભ્યો જ નહીં, પરંતુ દેશભરના નાગરિકો પણ રતન ટાટાને ભારત રત્ન એનાયત કરવાની માંગ કરી રહ્યા છે.

વધતી જતી દેશવ્યાપી અરજીમાં ગુરુત્વાકર્ષણ ઉમેરતા, જમશેદપુરના સંગીત કલાકારો અને ટેકનિશિયનો ૨૮મી ડિસેમ્બર, ૨૦૨૨ના રોજ આઈકનના જન્મદિવસે ભારત રત્ન - ૨ નામનું વિડિયો મ્યુઝિક આલ્બમ લોન્ચ કરવાની તૈયારી કરી રહ્યા છે. મ્યુઝિક આલ્બમના નિર્માતાઓને

વિશ્વાસ છે કે દેશભક્તિ અને હૃદયસ્પર્શી ગીતોને ધ્યાનમાં રાખીને આ આલ્બમ સમગ્ર ભારતમાં તરંગો ઉભી કરશે. અમે પણ, અન્ય કરોડો ભારતીયોની જેમ, રતન ટાટાને અમારા આદર્શ માનીએ છીએ, નેલિશ સોફ્ટવેર સોલ્યુશન્સના નિર્માતા અને ચેરમેન અવનીશ શ્રીવાસ્તવ અને ગાયક અજીત અમાને જણાવ્યું હતું. અજીતે વધુમાં જણાવ્યું હતું કે સમગ્ર ટીમ વર્તમાન અને ભાવિ પેઢીઓ માટે સાદગીના પ્રતીક અને પ્રેરક શક્તિ રતન ટાટાને વંદન કરવા માટે સમર્પિત કાર્ય કરી રહી છે. અમને ખાતરી છે કે આ આલ્બમ સામૂહિક અપીલ બનાવશે અને રતન ટાટાને ભારત રત્ન એવોર્ડ એનાયત કરવાની માંગમાં વધારો કરશે.



પિતા-પુત્રની જોડી જહાંગીર અને કેવાન રાંદેરિયા બોડીબિલ્ડિંગ સ્પર્ધામાં ગોલ્ડ અને ઓવરઓલ ટાઈટલ જીત્યા



બોડી-બિલ્ડિંગમાં તેમની શાનદાર સફળતાને ચાલુ રાખીને, પિતા-પુત્રની જોડી - જહાંગીર રાંદેરિયા (૫૨) અને કેવાન રાંદેરિયા (૨૩) એ ફરી એકવાર ચમકદાર ગોલ્ડ જીત્યો છે, સાથે સાથે મુંબઈના એમેચ્યોર બોડીબિલ્ડિંગ એસોસિએશન દ્વારા આયોજિત મુંબઈ શ્રી બોડીબિલ્ડિંગ સ્પર્ધાના એકંદરે ટાઈટલ જીતીને ઈતિહાસ સર્જી દીધો છે.

આ વર્ષની મુંબઈ શ્રી બોડીબિલ્ડિંગ સ્પર્ધામાં, જે ૧૧મી ડિસેમ્બર, ૨૦૨૨ના રોજ યોજાઈ હતી, બંને - જહાંગીર અને કેવાન - પોતપોતાની કેટેગરીમાં માત્ર ગોલ્ડ મેડલ જ જીત્યા ન હતા, પરંતુ તેઓ તેમની કેટેગરીમાં એકંદરે ટાઈટલ પણ જીત્યા હતા. જહાંગીરે મુંબઈ શ્રીમાન (૪૦ વર્ષથી ઉપર) કેટેગરીમાં ભાગ લીધો હતો અને કેવાન મુંબઈ કુમાર (૨૫ વર્ષથી ઓછી) કેટેગરીમાં ભાગ લીધો હતો. કેવાનની તે પ્રથમ સ્પર્ધા હતી. તેઓએ પોતપોતાના જૂથોમાં ગોલ્ડ મેડલ તેમજ એકંદરે મુંબઈ શ્રીમાન અને મુંબઈ કુમાર ટાઈટલ જીત્યા.

ખરેખર, તેમના માટે આ ખૂબ જ ગર્વની ક્ષણ છે, કારણ કે એસોસિએશને તેમના વખાણ કર્યા હતા, અને જાહેરાત કરી હતી કે તેમના ઈતિહાસમાં આ પ્રથમ વખત બન્યું છે કે પિતા-પુત્રની જોડીએ માત્ર ગોલ્ડ મેડલ જ નહીં, પરંતુ એકંદરે ટાઈટલ પણ જીત્યા હતા. તેમની પ્રેરણાદાયી વાર્તા શેર કરતા, ઓટોમોબાઈલ

ઉદ્યોગના ઉદ્યોગસાહસિક અને કેમ્પો કાર સ્થાના સ્થાપક જહાંગીર કહે છે, ખાવાના પ્રેમી બાવાજી હોવાને કારણે, હું ૧૦૦ કિલો વજન ધરાવતો મેટસ્વી હતો. ત્યારે જ મેં ૪૪ વર્ષની ઉંમરે મારી ફિટનેસ સફર શરૂ કરી હતી અને ફિટનેસના પ્રેમે મને ૪૮ વર્ષની ઉંમરે સ્પર્ધાત્મક બોડી બિલ્ડીંગ તરફ દોર્યો હતો. હું આશા રાખું છું કે મારી સિદ્ધિઓ મારા જેવા અન્ય વરિષ્ઠને તેમના જુસ્સાને અનુસરવા માટે પ્રોત્સાહિત કરશે અને પ્રેરણા આપશે. હું એવી પણ આશા રાખું છું કે આપણા સમુદાયના યુવાનો આ સમતને અપનાવશે અને તંદુરસ્ત જીવનશૈલીને અનુસરશે.

કેવાન કહે છે, હું નાનપણથી જ જીમિંગ કરું છું. પરંતુ મારા પિતાનું શાનદાર પરિવર્તન અને જિમ પ્રત્યેનો તેમનો પ્રેમ જોયા પછી, એવું લાગે છે કે તે મારા પર આપોઆપ વધ્યો અને આ વર્ષે હું તેમની સાથે સ્પર્ધા કરવા માટે પ્રેરિત થયો. બોડીબિલ્ડિંગ સ્પેશિયાલિસ્ટ અને સ્પોર્ટ્સ ન્યુટ્રિશનિસ્ટ હોવાના કારણે, મારા પિતાએ મને આ સ્પર્ધા માટે માર્ગદર્શન આપ્યું અને તૈયાર કર્યો. (આહાર, તાલીમ, પ્રોગ્રામિંગ). હું મારા પહેલા જ પ્રયાસમાં ગોલ્ડ અને ટાઈટલ જીતીને રોમાંચિત છું, હું સખત મહેનત કરવા અને મારી ક્ષમતાનો અહેસાસ કરવા અને ફિટનેસ ઉદ્યોગમાં ઉત્તમ કારકિર્દી બનાવવા માંગુ છું.

ક્રીસમસનો વાસ્તવિક અર્થ

બેથલહેમના એક તબેલામાં એક નાનકડા બાળકનો જન્મ થયો અને તે જ સમયે નાતાલની વાર્તા શરૂ થઈ. બાળક મોટો થઈને રાજાઓનો રાજા બન્યો, માનવતાને શીખવ્યું કે જીવન જીવવાનો એકમાત્ર રસ્તો પ્રેમ છે. પ્રેમ એ નાતાલનો વાસ્તવિક અર્થ છે.

ખ્રિસ્તના જીવનનો ઉદ્દેશ્ય તમારા પાડોશીને તમારી જાતની જેમ પ્રેમ કરોના સંદેશને લાગુ કરવાનો હતો, જે સાંભળશે અને સમજશે કે મુક્તિનો અંતિમ માર્ગ એકબીજાને પ્રેમ કરવો છે. જ્યાં સુધી આપણે તે ન કરીએ ત્યાં સુધી આપણી ભગવાન સાથેની એકતા તરફની પ્રગતિમાં સદીયોનો સમય લાગશે. ક્રીસમસનો ખરો અર્થ તમામ ખરીદી, તહેવારો, ખાવા-પીવા, નૃત્ય, આનંદ, ચમકતી રોશની, ક્રીસમસ-ટ્રી અને સજાવટ પાછળ પણ છુપાયેલો છે. હકીકતમાં, ક્રીસમસ એ વર્ષનો સૌથી સુંદર સમય છે કારણ કે પુરુષોના હૃદય તેની સાચી ભાવનાથી ખોલવામાં આવે છે જેમાં અન્યની જરૂરિયાતો પહેલાં મુકવામાં આવે છે જેમાં કંઈક પ્રાપ્ત કરવાને બદલે આપવાનાને ધન્યતા સમજવામાં આવે છે!

આજે દુનિયામાં ખૂબ જ અશાંતિ, અને દુઃખ છે કારણ કે માનવ હૃદયમાં પ્રેમનો અભાવ છે અને જ્યાં પ્રેમનો અભાવ છે ત્યાં ઝઘડા, ગેરસમજ, યુદ્ધ હોય છે. તમે દરેક જહાજ યુદ્ધ અને વિમાન યુદ્ધને સ્ટેપ કરી શકો છો, તમે દરેક બંદૂક, તોપ અને મિસાઈલને કાટ લાગવા દો છો, પરંતુ તેનાથી યુદ્ધ નહીં બંધ પડે. લોકો ફક્ત પથ્થરો અને લાકડીઓનો ઉપયોગ કરીને પણ લડતા રહેશે!

એક માણસ બીજા વ્યક્તિ સાથે, એક રાષ્ટ્ર બીજા રાષ્ટ્ર સાથે, અમીર અને ગરીબ, શક્તિશાળી અને લાચાર લડતા જ રહેશે જ્યાં સુધી આધ્યાત્મિક સમજણથી શાંતિ, સદ્ભાવના અને સમૃદ્ધિ પેદા નહીં થાય ત્યાં સુધી. જ્યારે પણ માનવજાત આધ્યાત્મિક અજ્ઞાનતાના સૌથી નીચા ઊંડાણમાં ડૂબી જાય



છે, લોકોમાં નૈતિક દુષ્ટતા અને દુઃખી લાખો લોકોની વેદના વધી જાય છે ત્યારે દેવીય વ્યક્તિનો જન્મ થાય છે અને તેને આપણને બચાવનારા પ્રોફેટ તરીકે ઓળખીએ છીએ.

ઈશુ આવા જ એક પ્રબોધક હતા. બધા પુરુષો, સ્ત્રીઓ, બાળકો, પાપીઓ, ધનિકો અને ગરીબો, નમ્ર અને શક્તિશાળી બધાને પ્રેમ કરવો એ તેમના જીવનનું મિશન હતું, તેથી જ તે અમને મોટા અને નાના તમામ જીવો પ્રત્યેના પ્રેમ અને સદ્ભાવના સમજાવી શક્યા.

આપણું હૃદય માત્ર ધમનીઓ, નસોથી વધુ છે. દરેક હૃદય ભગવાનનું મંદિર છે. દરેક હૃદયમાં સારી કે ખરાબ, પ્રેમ કરવાની કે નફરત કરવાની શક્તિ રહેલી છે. યોગ્ય પસંદગીઓ બ્રહ્માંડની સર્વોચ્ચ શક્તિ (ઈશ્વર) સાથેના આપણા અંતિમ જોડાણને આગળ ધપાવે છે. જ્યારે તમે અન્ય લોકોને તમારા હૃદયમાં લઈ શકો છો, તમને દુઃખ પહોંચાડનારાઓને તમે માફી આપી શકો છો ત્યારે જ તમે ક્રીસમસની સાચી ભાવનાનો અભ્યાસ કરી શકો છો. આ રીતે, એક દિવસ જીવો, તમે શક્ય તેટલું સારું કરો, પ્રગતિ કરો, જ્યાં સુધી ઘણા દિવસો, અઠવાડિયા અને વર્ષો એક સાથે જોડાઈ ન જાય અને આ સ્વપન (માયા) ને આપણે જીવન કહીએ છીએ. જ્યારે આપણે આપણા જીવનમાં પાછા ફરીએ છીએ એટલે વાસ્તવિક જેને આપણે ઘર કહી શકીએ, આપણને દરવાજો ખોલવાની ચાવી મળી છે જે ભગવાન સાથે પુનઃમિલન તરફ દોરી જાય છે!

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. ઠે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Dara Tehmurasp Todiwalla દારા તેહમુરસ્પ તોડીવાલા	78 ૭૮	17.12.2022	Flat No 1, Bldg. No 9, Rustom Baug, Sant Savta Marg, Byculla (E), Mumbai 27. ઝમ. નં. ૧, બિલ્ડિંગ નં. ૯, રૂસ્તમ બાગ, સંત સાવતા માર્ગ, ભાયખલા (ઈ), મુંબઈ ૨૭.	તે દેઝી દારા તોડીવાલાનાં ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમો પેરીન તથા તેહમુરસ્પ તોડીવાલાનાં દીકરા તે નેઓમી તથા માલકમ તોડીવાલાના બાવાજી તે કઈઝીન માલકમ તોડીવાલા તથા કુઝ્શ કાસદનાં સસરાજી તે પરસીસ લોમી કોવાલનાં ભાઈ તે શોન તથા તાયરાના બપાવાજી તે ફરીઝ તથા ફરહાનના મમાવાજી તે મરહુમો રોશન તથા મીનુ શ્રોફનાં જમાઈ.
Homi Sorabji Ayrton હોમી સોરાબજી આયર્ટન	83 ૮૩	19.12.2022	24, School Building, Cusrow Baug, Shahid Bhagat Singh Road, Colaba, Mumbai 1. ૨૪, સ્કૂલ બિલ્ડિંગ, ખુશરૂ બાગ, શહીદ ભગતસિંહ રોડ, કોલાબા, મુંબઈ ૧.	તે પેરીન હોમી આયર્ટનના ઘણી તે મરહુમો નજમાઈ અને સોરાબજી મનચેલેરશા આયર્ટનના દીકરા તે બોમી તથા મરહુમ દારાયસના ભાઈ તે મરહુમો હોમાઈ અને હોરમસજી ડી. મોદીના જમાઈ.
Sorab Bomanji Ginwalla સોરાબ બમનજી ગિનવાલા	71 ૭૧	19.12.2022	18, St. James Sourt, Marine Drive, N.S.Road, Near C.C.I. Club, Mumbai 20. ૧૮, સેંટ જેમ્સ કોર્ટ, મરીન ડ્રાઈવ, એન.એસ. રોડ, સી.સી. આઈ. ક્લબ પાસે, મુંબઈ ૨૦.	તે શ્રીતી સોરાબ ગિનવાલાના ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમો નીના વકલારીયા અને બોમનજી ગિનવાલાના દીકરા તે શીરાઝ અને અસરફીના બાવાજી તે હીરા આન્ટીયા અને મરહુમ રૂસ્તમ ગિનવાલાના ભાઈ તે આબાન અને મરહુમ હોમી કતપીતીયાના જમાઈ.
Hoshang Dinshawji Desai હોશંગ દીનશાજી દેસાઈ	86 ૮૬	19.12.2022	B-6, Dr. Kerawalla Bldg., Tata Blocks, 1st Floor, S.V.Road, Opp Shroff Eye Clinic, Bandra(W), Mumbai 50. બી-૬, ડૉ. કેરાવાલા બિલ્ડિંગ, તાતા બ્લોક્સ, ૧લે માળે, એસ. વી. રોડ, શ્રોફ આઈ ક્લિનિક સામે, બાન્દરા (વેસ્ટ), મુંબઈ ૫૦.	તે મરહુમ શીરીનના ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમો હીલામાય તથા દીનશાજી મંચેરજી દેસાઈના દીકરા તે મરહુમ ખુશમનના બાવાજી તે મરહુમો શાવક, બહાદુર, દારા, જમશેદ તથા મેહરૂના ભાઈ તે મરહુમો બાનુબાઈ તથા કાવસજી એવાવ્યાના જમાઈ.
Sohrab Homi Manekshana સોહરાબ હોમી માનેકશાના	80 ૮૦	20.12.2022	7/202, Behram Baug, Parsi Colony, Behram Baug Road, Jogeshwari(W), Mumbai 102. ૭-૨૦૨, બેહરામ બાગ પારસી કોલોની, બેહરામ બાગ રોડ, જોગેશ્વરી (પ.) મુંબઈ ૧૦૨.	તે જાલુ સોહરાબ માનેકશાનાના ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમો શેહરૂ ને મની તથા હોમી માનેકશાનાના દીકરા તે સમાનાજ અને મુરજશ માનેકશાના ના બાવાજી તે ગીતા માનેકશાના ના સસરાજી તે બરજોર, યાસમીન, શીરીન, નૌઝરના ભાઈ તે ઝક્ષ ને ટીયાના બપાવાજી તે મરહુમ ખોરશેદ અને દીનશાહ મોલતાના જમાઈ.
Banoo Sohrab Irani બાનુ સોહરાબ ઈરાની	90 ૯૦	20.12.2022	4/10, Tata Mills CHS., Elphinstone Road, Opp. Damodar Hall, Parel, Mumbai 12. ૪/૧૦, તાતા મીલ કો.ઓપ. સોસાયટી, એલ્ફિન્સ્ટન રોડ, દામોદર હોલની સામે, પારેલ, મુંબઈ ૧૨.	તે મરહુમ સોહરાબ દીવાવર નીસાદ (ઈરાની)ના વિધવા તે બેહરૂઝ, પરવીન, ગુલનાર તથા ફીરદોસના માતાજી તે મરહુમા જરબાનુ તથા કેબશરૂ ઈરાનીના દીકરી તે હોમાય ને દીનાઝ, ફીરોઝ ને રૂસ્તમના સાસુજી તે હોમાય, મની, પીલુ ને બહેરામ તથા મરહુમ હોમી, ખોનમ ને દોલીના બહેન. તે મેહરૂદીલ, શીરીન, કોમરોન, મોઝગોનના મમઈજી તે મેહરૂશાદ, દેલઝાદ ને નતાશાના બપઈજી તે ઓરવીન, સીયાના, દેરીયન, કીયારા, માયરા, શોન, આરવીન, સમાયરા ને સીઈઝને સાયરસના ગ્રેટ ગ્રાન્ડ મધર.
Prochi Rumi Masalawala પ્રોચી રૂમી મસાલાવાલા	71 ૭૧	22.12.2022	2/A, Flat No 28, 9th Floor, Tata Mills Co-Op. Hsg.Soc., Parel, Mumbai, 12. ૨/એ, ફ્લેટ નં. ૨૮, ૯મે માળે, તાતા મિલ્સ કો. ઓપરેટીવ હાઉસિંગ સોસાયટી, પારેલ, મુંબઈ ૧૨.	તે મરહુમો ગુલ તથા એરચ બેલગામવાલાના દીકરી તે મરહુમ રૂમી નીલ મસાલાવાલાના ઘણીયાણી તે કેનોઝ પોઝ્સ બેહરામકામદીન ને પરીનાઝ રૂમી મસાલાવાલાના માતાજી તે પોઝ્સ હોમી બેહરામ કામદીન, દાનેશ શાપુર ખોદાદીના સાસુજી તે ફરીશે પોઝ્સ બેહરામ કામદીનના મમઈજી તે ખુરશેદ એરચ બેલગામવાલા ને નરગીશ કેરસી દુબાશના બહેન તે મરહુમો કુમી તથા જાલ મસાલાવાલાના વડુ.

Death Announcements From Prayer Hall

Rusi Framroze Driver રૂસી ફરામરોઝ ડ્રાઈવર	96 ૯૬	19.12.2022	1608, National Park View, 2 B Wing, Raheja Estate, Borivali East, Mumbai 66. ૧૬૦૮, નેશનલ પાર્ક વ્યુ, ૨ બી વીંગ, રાહેજા એસ્ટેટ, બોરીવલી ઈસ્ટ, મુંબઈ ૬૬.	તે મરહુમ મેરીના ઘણી તે મરહુમ ફરામરોઝના દીકરા તે નેવીલ અને સાયરસના પપ્પા તે પ્રીતી અને સુસનના સસરાજી તે ઝુબીન, મરીના અને ઝરેકના ગ્રાન્ડ ફાધર તે મરહુમ મની, રોડા, પેરીન, હોમાય, નરી, તેહમુના ભાઈ.
Homi Minocher Dastur હોમી મીનોચેર દસ્તુર	96 ૯૬	22.12.2022	Flat No. 30, Neelkanth Apt, Worli Hill Road, Worli, Mumbai 18. ફ્લેટ નં. ૩૦, નીલકંઠ અપાર્ટ, વર્લી હીલ રોડ, વર્લી, મુંબઈ ૧૮.	તે રોશનના ઘણી તે મરહુમ ગુલ અને મરહુમ મીનોચેરના દીકરા તે રોશન, દિના, શેરનાના પપ્પા તે પર્મીન્ટરના સસરા તે અનાયશા, રેયાન, જાલ તે મરહુમ કેકી અને એમીના ભાઈ તે મરહુમ તેહમીના અને મરહુમ મીનોચેરના જમાઈ.

Death Announcements From Poona Parsee Panchayat - Trust Office

Dilnawaz Rustom Kothari દિલનાવાઝ રૂસ્તમ કોઠારી	70 ૭૦	16.12.2022	Flat 201, Radha, Shri Krishnagar, NDA Pashan Road, Bardhan, Pune 411021. ફ્લેટ ૨૦૧, રાધા શ્રી ક્રીશ્નનગર, એનડીએ પાશાન રોડ, બારધન, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૨૧.	તે મરહુમ હિલામાઈ અને કાવસજી તારાપોરવાલાના દીકરી તે હોમી, હોશંગ અને મેહરૂ દસ્તુરના નાહ્યા બહેન તે રૂસ્તમ મિનોચેર કોઠારીના ઘણીયાણી તે સોહરાબ અને દેરીયસના મમાજી તે શેહઝાદ અને તેહાનનાં બપઈજી.
Viraf Homi Bhadha વીરાફ હોમી ભાધા	71 ૭૧	17.12.2022	605 K.P. Towers, Fatima Nagar, Pune 411013. ૬૦૫, કેપી ટાવર નં. ૧, ફાતીમા નગર, પુણે ૪૧૧૦૧૩.	તે બચુ વીરાફ ભાધાના ઘણી તે મરહુમો પીલુ હોમી ભાધાના દીકરા તે મરહુમો તેહમી બરજોર દાદાયાનજીના જમાઈ તે જમશીદ વીરાફ ભાધાના પપ્પા તે શેલોમના સસરા તે રાયેલના બપાવાજી તે યઝદી, વિહુ તથા વીરપીના ભાઈ.



હવે યુ જીંદગી

૫૮ વર્ષની વયે કાલ મેં ૫૭ વર્ષની પત્નીને કહ્યું, ચાલને, થપ્પો રમીએ. પત્નીએ કહ્યું, હાય, હાય, તમેય શું બાળક જેવી વાત કરો છો?? આ ઉંમર કંઈ થપ્પો રમવાની છે! મે કહ્યું: મને તારી સાથે થપ્પો રમવાનું ખૂબ મન થયું છે. આજે ઘરમાં આપણા બે સિવાય કોઈ નથી. ચાલને થપ્પો રમી લઈએ. પત્નીએ પહેલો દાવ લીધો. એકથી વીસ ગણ્યા. હું સોફા નીચે છુપાઈ ગયો. પત્નીએ બધા રૂમ જોયા. પછી સોફા નીચેથી મને શોધી કાઢ્યો.

એ પછી દાવ લેવાનો વારો આવ્યો મારો. મેં ધીમે ધીમે ૨૦ સુધી ગણતરી કરી. એ પછી પત્નીને શોધવા આખું ઘર ફેંકોસી નાખ્યું. બધા રૂમ બે બે વાર જોયા. ફળીયુ નવેરૂ જોયું, બધાં કબાટ ખોલીને બરાબર ચેક કર્યું. બાથરૂમ-વોશરૂમ જોયા. પત્ની ક્યાંય ના મળે. હું તો ગભરાઈ ગયો. એવી તો કઈ જગ્યાએ છુપાઈ ગઈ કે મળતી નથી? ત્રીજી વખત રસોડામાં ગયો. રસોડા મા ફીજ ની બાજુમાં એક નાનકડો ખાંચો હતો તેમાં તે કશુંક ઓઢીને સંતાઈ ગયેલ. મે તાળીઓ પાડીને થપ્પો કરી નાખ્યો. પછી બન્ને જોડે ચલા પીવા બેઠાં. પત્ની કહે, મને થપ્પો રમવાની ખૂબ મજા આવી. હવે આપણે

રોજ થપ્પો રમીશું. મે હસતાં હસતાં કહ્યું થેક્યુ, અસ મારે એટલે જ થપ્પો રમવો હતો. તું વર્ષોથી રસોડામાં ખોવાઈ ગઈ હતી, મારે તને શોધવી હતી. આજે તું જડી ગઈ. પત્નીની આંખમાં હર્ષનાં આંસુ આવી ગયાં. ક્યારેક ક્યારેક આ રીતે થપ્પો રમી લેવો જોઈએ. ક્યાંક કોઈ ખોવાઈ ગયું હોય તો જડી પણ જાય. મિત્રો આમ જીંદગી મન ભરી ને જીવી લ્યો. બંગલા મોટર ગાડી નાં ચકર માં થી બહાર નીકળો. જીવાય એટલી જીંદગી જીવી લ્યો. મોજ કરી લ્યો. સાથે કઈ આવવાનું નથી. ક્યારે કોણ છુટુ પડી જશે? જીંદગી અફસોસ બની ને ના રહી જાય.



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અઠવાડિક રાશિક્ષણ: તા. ૨૪.૧૨.૨૦૨૨ થી તા. ૩૦.૧૨.૨૦૨૨

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આજનો દિવસ જ શાંતિમાં પસાર કરવાનો બાકી છે. બને તો આજે કેમીલીના વ્યક્તિને નારાજ કરતા નહીં. બાકી કાલથી રાહુની દિનદશા જરૂર દિવસમાં તમને દિવસે તારા બતાવી દેશે. રાહુને કારણે જે પણ કામ કરેવા હશે તેની ઉપર પાણી ફેરી જતા વાર નહીં લાગે. ખોટા વિચારોથી પરેશાન થશો. આજથી ભુલ્યા વગર 'મહાભોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાવો.

Lucky Dates: 24, 28, 29, 30
You have today's last day to spend in peace. Try not to upset any family member today. Rahu's rule, starting tomorrow, for the next 42 days, will give you a very hard time. Rahu's influence could end up turning all your good works into disasters. Your mind could get clouded with negative thoughts. Starting today, pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.

Cancer - કર્ક - ડ.હ.

૨૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી શનિની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમે નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલીમાં આવી જશો. અંગત માણસ તમને દગો આપશે તેવા દાવના ગ્રહો છે. શનિને કારણે માથાનો બોજો ઓછો થવાને બદલે વધી જશે. રોજ બરોજના કામો પુરા કરવામાં ખુબ કંટાળો આવશે. ખોટી જગ્યાએ ધન ખર્ચ થશે. શનિને શાંત કરવા મોટી 'હમન યક્ત' ભણાવો.

Lucky Dates: 24, 26, 27, 29
Saturn's rule till 24th January could land you in some financial trouble. You could end up getting betrayed by someone close to you. Saturn's influence could end up increasing your tensions. You will feel a lot of lethargy in completing even your daily chores. You could spend money in the wrong places. To placate Saturn, pray the Moti Haptan Yasht.

Libra - તુલા - ર.ત.

આજ અને કાલનો દિવસ શીતળ ચંદ્રની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાનો બાકી છે. ઘરવાળાની ડિમાન્ડ બે દિવસમાં પુરી કરજો. ૨૬મીથી મંગળની દિનદશા તમારા મગજને નાની બાબતમાં ગુસ્સો અપાવી દેશે. જમીન જાચદાના કોઈ કામ કરવાની ભુલ કરતા નહીં. નવા વાહન લેવાનો વિચાર પણ નહીં કરતા. મંગળને શાંત કરવા 'તીર યક્ત' ભરવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

Lucky Dates: 24, 25, 27, 30
Today and tomorrow are the last 2 days under the Moon's rule. Ensure to cater to the needs of your family members within these 2 days. Mars rule, starting from 26th December, will have you losing your temper over petty matters. Do not do any deals related to property or assets. You are strictly advised against buying any new vehicles. To placate Mars, pray the Tir Yasht daily.

Capricorn - મકર - ખ.જ.

શુક્ર જેવા શુભ ગ્રહની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી હાલમાં ખર્ચ ઘટવાની જગ્યાએ વધી જશે. ખાવા પીવા ફરવા પાછળ ખર્ચ વધુ કરશો. મિત્રોને મળીને નાની પાર્ટીનું આયોજન કરવામાં સફળ થશો. શુક્રની કૃપાથી તમે તમારા મનની વાત બીજાને કહેવામાં જરાબી વાર નહીં લગાડો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

Lucky Dates: 25, 26, 28, 30
Venus' ongoing rule will lead to an increase in your spendings. You will spend greatly on fun, travel and entertainment. You will be able to get together with friends and organize a small party. With Venus' blessings, you will not waste any time in holding back your thoughts from others. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.

Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.

ગુરૂ જેવા શુભ ગ્રહની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી હાલમાં તમને નાણાકીય બાબતની અંદર મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. ગુરૂની કૃપાથી તમારી ઈજ્જત જતા જતા બચી જશે. ધર્મના કામો કરવાથી મનને વધુ શાંતિ મળશે. કોઈના મદદગાર બની શકશો. બાળકોની ચિંતા ઓછી થશે. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

Lucky Dates: 25, 26, 27, 30
Jupiter's ongoing rule ensures you will face no financial issues. Jupiter's influence will save you from losing your reputation. Indulging in religious works will keep your mind peaceful. You will be able to help others. Worries about children will reduce. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.

Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.

બુધની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે મુશ્કેલીભર્યા કામને સહેલા બનાવી દેશો. નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલી દૂર કરવા માટે બુધિ વાપરીને ધન વધુ કમાઈ લેશો. નોકરી કરતા હશો તો નોકરી ઉપર સાથે કામ કરનારનું દિલ જીતી લેશો. સારા સમાચાર મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. સેલ્ફકોન્ફિડન્સ ખુબ સારો રહેશે. દરરોજ 'મેહેર નીઆએશ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

Lucky Dates: 25, 26, 28, 30
Mercury's ongoing rule will empower you to do even challenging tasks with ease. To improve your financial status, you will use your intelligence to earn more money. Those employed will win over their colleagues. You could receive good news. Your self confidence will be high. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.

Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.પ.

૨૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમે તમારા દરેક કામમાં સફળતા મળશે. મુશ્કેલીમાં પણ રસ્તો શોધી લેશો. નાના નાના ધનલાભ મળતા રહેશે. નાની મુશ્કેલીનો ચાન્સ મળે તો મુકતા નહીં. જે પણ કામ હાથમાં લેશો તેને પુરા કરી લેશો. ચાલુ કામમાં વધુ આનંદ મળશે. દરરોજ 'યા બેસ્તર્ના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણાવો.

Lucky Dates: 25, 26, 28, 30
The Moon's rule till 24th January will bring you success in all your endeavours. You will be able to find the way out of any difficulties. You will receive little perks and profits. Do not pass off any short travel opportunities. You will be able to complete any tasks you take on hand. You will find great job satisfaction in your ongoing projects. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.

Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.

તમને શુક્ર જેવા મિત્ર ગ્રહની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી ૧૩મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધીમાં તમે તમારા જવાબદારી ભરેલા કામ ખુબ સારી રીતે પુરા કરી શકશો. અપોઝીટ સેક્સનો સાથ ભરપુર મળતો રહેશે. ઘરમાં કોઈ નવી ચીજ વસ્તુ વસાવી શકશો. તમારા હાથથી બીજાનું ભલુ થશે. તમેબી 'બહેરામ યજ્ઞ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

Lucky Dates: 24, 27, 28, 29
Venus' rule, till 13th February, helps you carry out all your responsibilities effectively. You will get ample support from members of the opposite gender. You will be able to make new purchases for the house. You will be able to do good for others. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.

Gemini - મિથુન - ક.ઇ.ધ.

પહેલા બે દિવસ શનિની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાના બાકી છે. ઉતરતી શનિની દિનદશા તબિયત બગાડી નાખશે. બાકી ૨૬મીથી તમને ગુરૂ જેવા ધર્મના દાતાની દિનદશા શરૂ થશે. તેથી ૨૧મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધીમાં તમારા માથાનો બોજો ઓછો કરવામાં સફળ થશો. ધીરે ધીરે નાણાકીય સ્થિતિ સારી થતી જશે. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યક્ત' ભણાવો.

Lucky Dates: 24, 25, 28, 29
You have 2 days remaining under Saturn's rule. Its descending rule could take a toll on your health. Jupiter's rule starting 26th December till 21 February, will ensure to reduce your mental worries. Your financial state will gradually keep improving. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.

Virgo - કન્યા - પ.હ.ણ.

તમને તમારા રાશિના માલીક બુધની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે. અગત્યના કામ પુરા કરવા માટે કોઈની મદદ જરૂર મળી રહેશે. જે તમારા પૈસા ફસાયેલા હોય તો થોડી ઘણી ભાગદોડ કરશો તો ફસાયેલા નાણા પાછા મેળવી લેશો. તમારી સાથે દગો કરનાર વ્યક્તિ સામે આવી જશે. તમેબી દરરોજ 'મેહેર નીઆએશ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

Lucky Dates: 24, 27, 28, 29
The onset of Mercury's rule will ensure that you get external help to complete your important tasks. You will be able to retrieve your stuck funds with a little bit of added effort. Those who are cheating you will get exposed to you. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.

Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ક.

સુર્યની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારા કરેલ કામની કદર હાલમાં નહીં થાય. વડીલવર્ગની ચિંતા વધુ સત્તાવશે તેમની તબિયત માટે જરાબી બેદરકાર રહેતા નહીં. સુર્ય તમારા માથાનો બોજો વધારી દેશે. કોઈ પાસે ઓછીના નાણા લેવાની ભુલ કરતા નહીં. સુર્યની ગરમી ઓછી કરવા દરરોજ 'લદમુ નામ' 'યા રયોમંદ' ૧૦૧વાર ભણાવો.

Lucky Dates: 24, 27, 28, 29
The ongoing Sun's does not allow your work to get appreciation. The health of the elderly could be an area of concern. Do not be careless in the least about their health. The Sun will increase your mental tensions. Do not borrow money from others. To reduce the fury of the Sun, pray the 96th Name, 'Ya Rayomand', 101 times.

Pisces - મીન - દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.શ.

રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી રોજ સવારે નવી મુશ્કેલી તમારી સામે આવીને ઉભી રહેશે. ઘરવાળા સાથે નાની બાબતમાં મતભેદ પડશે. બને તો હાલમાં તમારા કામ પુરતી વાતો કેમીલી મેમ્બર સાથે કરજો. અંગત વ્યક્તિ તમારી સાથે ચીટિંગ નહીં કરે તેનું ધ્યાન આપજો. દરરોજ 'મહાભોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાવો.

Lucky Dates: 25, 26, 29, 30
Rahu's ongoing rule will pose a new challenge for you every morning! You will fight with family members over small issues. Try to keep you talks with family members only on a need basis. Ensure that someone close does not cheat you. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.

The Bawa Word Search

Search out 16 Famous Christmas Movies hidden in the word-jumble box below, in bi-directional, horizontal, vertical and diagonal forms:

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 O F E V R K G U A K I P A R H T X A Z D T C H U O
 J U S H Q V E I Q C U H R Y D T M S N B L Q J Y P
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 J P U F S D N A N H R A W F S S E C Q M N E I Q H
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 R B G Y Q U L O G P M G R S X S Y J H D V J L M A
 M C R M F W T C D X J H K Z E F F W V P Q D T V E
 A U W V F B L B S D C Y Q Z R M A Z G D T W T R L
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| White Christmas | Home Alone | Scrooged | Bad Santa |
| A Christmas Carol | Little Women | The Polar Express | The Santa Clause |
| Deck the Halls | Mixed Nuts | Love Actually | The Holiday |
| Jack Frost | White Reindeer | The Snowman | Single All the Way |



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Android: <https://bit.ly/2ZY9Tqv>

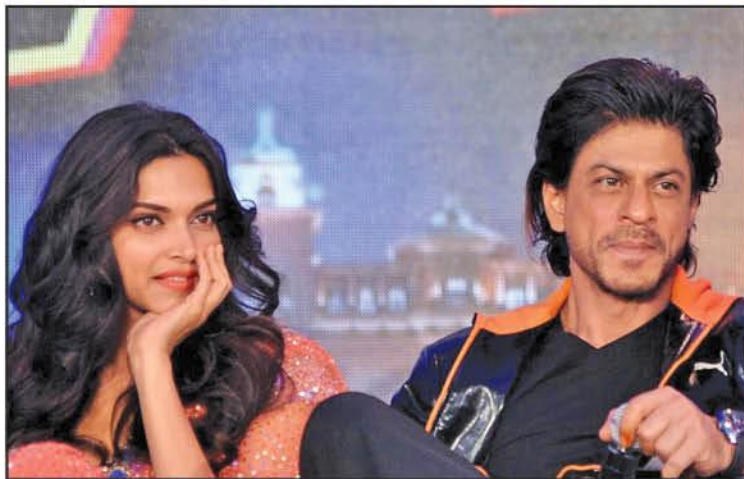
iOS: <https://apple.co/3wnsJUq>

SUDOKU

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Solution see below

WINNING CAPTION!!!



Deepika: I'm amazed at the reactions to my song – it didn't deserve such loathing!
 Shahrukh: If only these 'upholders of Indian virtue' focused on REAL ISSUES, instead of our clothing!

By Kerfegar and Daisy Patel (Mumbai)

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

RESULTS:

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



SUDOKU SOLUTION

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7	6	2	5	9	3	4	8	1
8	4	3	1	6	7	5	2	9
6	1	5	8	4	2	7	3	9

Thought of the Week

"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most."

- Ruth Carter Stapleton

Meherbai's Mandli And The X'mas Lunch!



RUBY LILAOWALA

Meherbai was a great influencer and role-model. She was the inspiration of her mandli-members because of her good advice. Ever since Meherbai taught them the health benefits of not eating after sunset, the Mandli met only for breakfast, lunches and tea-parties. What's more, every member looked and felt fitter, healthier and ten years younger.

A X'mas lunch was planned at a rooftop revolving restaurant. Meherwanji drove the car, while Meherbai drove Meherwanji crazy saying, "Short-cut letta soo thajj?!"

Meherwanji: Na-mumkin. There are no short-cuts to where we are going.

Meherbai: Mushkil hai magar na-munkin nahin! Just follow MY instructions. Go left from here and you are right at the traffic-signal. Then go right. Then again left, another right and a U-turn. Paachi NO ENTRY maa ghoosi jao. We are already late, so just ignore the traffic-lights and gaari ekdum fast dafravo!

Meherwanji: Janoo, if I follow your left-right instructions, we'll land up in jail instead of the restaurant!

To cut the long story short, the short-cut became a two-hour long-cut! The two obnoxious sisters, Jaloo and Aloo went by bus and Aloo gave a two thousand rupee note to the conductor who yelled, "Jiskey pas chhutta paisa nahi voh sab utar jao!"

Jabri Jaloo: Toh tum pehele utar jao! Tumharey paas 2,000 ka chhutta nahin hai!

The passengers pleaded, "Arey aunty-log, utar jao na! So, the sisters took a kali-peeli, again offering the crispy two thousand rupee note. In return, they got some meli-gheli-duchaili notes in change. They reached the restaurant, but God knows what buttons they pressed in the elevator, the lift came back to the ground-floor thrice. The door would not open on the rooftop and the lift kept coming down, where Meherwanji kept pressing all the buttons.

Meherbai: Mehella, why are you pressing so many buttons like they are housie-numbers? Khali Rooftop



Restaurant dabavo! No wonder the lift is going up and down. Rocket-rocket ramoj soo? Here, let me do it. Voila!! Her magic fingers did the trick. They reached the top and what did they see? The stupid sisters Jaloo and Aloo going round and round within the revolving door trying to get out, screaming, "Marerey! Koi bachavo! Stop the merry-go-round, we are getting vertigo!!"

Meherwanji held the revolving door, got in with Meherbai and told the sisters, "Utri jao, utri jao," but to no avail. They were scared and froze on the spot like two wax statues at Madame Tussauds. Result? Poor Meherwanji and her spouse had to take these merry-go-rounds, until Meherwanji took control, saying, "I'll count one, two and three. On three, I'll gently push Jaloo Jardaloo and Meher will push Aloo. Otherwise, we'll go round and round till doomsday!"

... "ONE-TWO-THREE," said Meherwanji, and out fell Jaloo and Aloo, flat on their nose, on the soft carpet. Two kind gentlemen helped them up. "Thank you, Prince Charmings!!" said the sisters who saw potential eligible 65-year-old bachelor 'boys' in those two gentlemen. To take things to the next level, they asked the 65-year-old boys: Ji tamey pannela, divorcee ya randaela cheo, ke eligible cheo?

The Boys: Hamey BFF chchajey ji.

Jaloo: Etley?

Aloo: Etley otlo, ney tahri sasoo no chotlo! You don't know BFF? It means Best Friends Forever. Jaloo, such men don't have any time or inclination for women in their life. Havey kem samjhaoo tuney? They are like married and devoted to each other and now toh with the blessings of the Supreme Court, apra Prince Charmings will come in good time. We are only 70 and are not at all fussy about marrying a divorcee or a widower.

The Mandli settled down on a large table, previously reserved by them and

ordered drinks. Polly-Pipyu had three Parsi pegs and as always, kept saying 'pour-more, pour-more'. The Mandli thereupon passed a resolution to name him 'Polly-Pour-More'. The ladies had exotic cocktails after which the waiter handed them a mile-long menu containing dishes from Hong-Kong, Japan, Vietnam and Korea. There was total chaos at the table with everyone suggesting a different dish and telling the waiter to give them just two more minutes. The two minutes became half-an-hour but at long last, they agreed on Estella Tempura Asparagus, Crab and Avocado Uramaki, Spinach Sushis, Pumpkin Sashees, Prawn and Scallop rolls, Duck-Dimsums, Wok-tossed Bok-Choy, Soya and Wasabi prawns.

Rarto Rohan: Bus etlooj! Etloo toh hoon ekhlo khai jivas!

Rohan's wife, Hasti Hilla gave a nasty look to him and if looks could kill, Rohan would have been dead by now!

Cyrus the Virus: Rohan, you are not a foodie, you are a plain Khadhro. As it is at 100 kgs you look like a pumpkin and have breathing-problems. Don't put on more weight otherwise you'll die of a heart attack!!

Hasti Hilla: But I love my pumpkin because there's more of him to hold.

Meherbai: Cyrus, you mannerless creature, enough of 'Fat-Shaming'. Don't you know, its rude?

Rohan (sulking): Meherbai, Meherbai, Cyrus always calls me Jaaro, paaro aney kaaro!!

Meherbai: Oh you poor thing! But then, Cyrus is not wrong either! You ARE digging your own grave with your fork and spoon.

Hasti Hilla: My Rohan darling is an eating-champion who gobbles even the FAREX and other cereal-food that I make for our grand-child!! How cute! I call him my Glaxo-Baby! And when he

removes his dentures, he looks really like a bokha-bokha baby!!

The soups arrived and Tehmi, the travel-bug remembered the Mandli's trip to the US a few months ago, saying, "Aaprey keva niagara falls gayela! Soo waterfall! Janey, exactly Khandala-Lonavla na waterfall!!"

"Now the Niagara Falls episode is one I must tell you about," said Noshir the narrator. "You see, the guide kept saying that the roar of the Niagara Falls could be heard for miles around but none of us could hear a thing and complained to the tour guide - 'We can't hear, We can't hear!' The guide replied, 'As soon as your Mandli women stop talking, you will hear!'"

Silloo Sten-gun: The tour guide is insulting us.

Cavasji Kasari: Arrey, you ladies shout on top of your lungs while talking. I have Kasari na kaan (sharp ears), still I can't hear the water-falls.

Najoo, Malai nu Khajoo: We have to shout because most of our hubbies are deaf and refuse to wear a hearing aid, because 'Kharab lagsey, favtoo nathi, loud-speaker jevoo samjaj,' etc.

The exotic, authentic South Asian food arrived and after demolishing it with great pleasure, the Mandli discussed desserts, ordering various flambé cheesecakes. Jaloo and Aloo didn't know that flambé meant pouring alcohol on the dessert and lighting it up. So, as the waiter did that, the two ignoramuses screamed, "Aag lagi, aag lagi!" pouring water over the cheesecakes and yelling at the waiter, "You silly man! You want to set us Parsis on fire or what? As it is, we are dwindling!"

While some tried educating the sisters about flambé, others tried to experiment and make their own flambé, spilling liquor on the table-cloth and napkins and soon half the table was on fire! The manager came running with the fire extinguisher and set matters right and told the waiters, "Just give them their bill and get rid of them as soon as you can before they set the entire restaurant on fire!!"

The Mandli ended the evening with ta-ta, bye-bye, Merry Xmas and take care, while the ladies gave Meherwanji huge bear-hugs.

Meherwanji: Aastey, aastey, ladies, soo karoj? Hoon uthlai jivas!

And that ends this tale of Meherbai's Mandli and the X'Mas lunch!

DIY Christmas Recipes!

CHOMP & CHEERS Christmas Roast Chicken



Ingredients:

1 whole chicken with skin (about 1.5 - 2 kgs); 4 tbsp butter; 12 - 15 - garlic cloves; 1 lemon; ½ tsp - paprika; ½ tsp - black pepper; ½ tsp - oregano; 2 tbsp - chopped fresh rosemary; Salt to taste.

Method:

Zest the lemon and crush the garlic. Mix together with the butter, lemon zest, paprika, pepper, oregano, rosemary and a good pinch of salt.

Slide your fingers between the skin and flesh of the chicken and rub some of the butter mixture under the skin. Then rub the butter all over the breasts, legs and wings, as well as inside the cavity. Season well.

Cut the lemon into quarters and pop into the cavity and then bind the legs with kitchen string. Tuck the wings into the leg joints.

Heat the oven to 180C. Cook chicken in a casserole dish, breast side up, for 60-80 minutes or until the juices run clear when you cut into the thigh. Allow to rest for 10 minutes before carving.

Easy-Peasy Delicious Eggnog



Ingredients:

4 - large fresh eggs; ¾ cup - granulated sugar; ½ tsp - dried nutmeg; ¼ tsp - ground cinnamon; 75 ml - cognac; 75 ml - bourbon; 1.5 cups - whole fat milk and 1 cup - heavy cream

Method:

Add whole eggs to blender and blend on medium or low speed for 30 seconds. Add sugar and blend another 20 seconds. Add nutmeg, cinnamon, cognac, bourbon, milk and heavy cream and blend until combined, about 10-15 seconds. Transfer to an airtight container and refrigerate for a few hours or a day to allow flavours to combine.

Since eggnog may have settled in the refrigerator, give it a good shake or two, before serving. Serve with some additional grated nutmeg on top, and an optional cinnamon stick in the glass.

MASHED POTATOES



Ingredients:

2 kgs Potatoes - peeled and quartered; 1 cup - heavy cream; ½ cup - butter; seasonings of choice (any one: paprika, oregano, rosemary or basil); 6 tbsp - Parmesan shavings; salt and pepper to taste

Method:

Place potatoes in a large pot with enough water to cover. Bring to a boil, and cook until tender, for about 20 minutes. Drain. Add butter and mash using a potato masher or mixer. Gradually beat in the heavy cream and parmesan shavings and seasoning of your choice, till everything has uniformly blended. Sprinkle some seasoning on the top. Serve hot!

Cheesy Corn With Bacon



Ingredients:

450 grams - frozen corn kernels; 1 tbsp -chopped fresh parsley; 1 tsp - chopped garlic; ½ tsp - chilli flakes; 4 tbsp - butter; 1/3 cup - diced onion; 250 gms - cream cheese; 8 bacon strips - crisp fried and broken.

Method:

In a frying-pan, over medium heat, combine the corn, parsley, garlic and seasoning. Add enough water to cover, bring to a boil and cook until tender. Drain and set aside. In another pot, over medium heat, add the butter and onion. Saute till onion softens. Add corn and cream cheese. Cook over low heat for 10 minutes. Stir in ½ tsp of chilli-flakes. Remove from heat. Add in crispy fried pieces of bacon.

Strawberry And Cream Santas



Ingredients:

150 ml - thickened cream; ½ tsp - vanilla essence; 2 tsp - caster sugar; Fresh strawberries (preferably large); 1 - chocolate icing pen

Method:

Whip cream with the vanilla and sugar until very stiff. Place in a piping bag and snip off the end. Wash strawberries and pat dry with paper towel. Slice the stalk end off, so that the strawberry sits flat. Slice across each strawberry about halfway up. Pipe cream onto the cut strawberry and place the 'hat' back on. Pipe a little dot of cream onto the top. Use the icing pen to make the eyes.

(Pls Note: Larger strawberries will be easier to handle. The cream needs to be whipped until very stiff to hold up the Santa hats. Be careful not to overdo it and turn the cream to butter!)



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Reader's Corner

Santa And His Magical Sleigh!

By Meher Parvez Sutaria

A small but busy crew of elves,
Help Santa Claus each year;
The toys they make are stored on
shelves,
To be packed when Christmas is near.

Now Santa is busy preparing his sleigh,
With packages and gifts galore;
'Coz Christmas Day isn't far away,
Soon in the sky, in his sleigh, he will
soar!

The sleigh has been filled with lovely
toys,
Santa is as busy as can be;
There are gifts for all little girls and boys,
Old Santa is on a gifting spree!

Santa calls his reindeer to rein them in,
To draw his mighty sleigh;
For his journey around the world soon
begins,
He'll be ready and on his way!

Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen,
Have dutifully taken their place;
While Comet, Cupid, Dunder and Blixen
Daintily trot in with grace.

Rudolph can't be left behind,
For he's famous for his shiny
nose;
Santa places him
ahead of the line,
'Coz he fancies a
sleigh that glows!

