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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome 2023!

Dear Readers,

The New Year bring with it an inherent promise of hope. There's a subconscious sense of positive anticipation that lies within this feeling of newness when we hang up a new calendar and look forward to the excitement and opportunities that lie in the next 12 brand new months and 365 fresh, new days.

While the shine of a new year does not blind us to new challenges, we can't deny there's something psychologically energising about a new year - the suggestion of a fresh start... or a start over... a new slate. Hope reigns eternal. It is with this hope that we excitedly get down to making New Year resolutions, looking to either continue last year's successful streak of accomplishing the goals we had set for ourselves, or then, to renew those unrealised goals and set new ones, in the hope that this is the year we will achieve them.

Truth is - resolutions don't bring about change. New actions and new habits do - which means, before you set out to work on your goals, you need to first work on consolidating your mindset and building a strong attitude which will get you through the rest of the year, after the initial 3-week motivation and excitement has faded away.

Viktor Frankl, neurologist, psychiatrist and author of 'Man's Search For Meaning', said, "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: the last of the human freedoms - to choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's own way." Hope for this new year can be found in the meaning we create in our lives and the purpose we decide to pursue, whether becoming a better person or healthier or more financially sound or career oriented, rather than falling back on old habits.

This year, let's hold on to the promise of what comes next by imbibing the lessons learnt in the past couple of years, holding on to what works, and seeking new solutions for what didn't.

Have a great start to the New Year and a lovely weekend!

- Anahita
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Jashan At Anjumanna Atash Behram

A Jashan ceremony will be held on 10th January, 2023, (Roj Zamyad, Mah Amardad; 1392 YZ), at 10:00am, in memory of late Dasturji Kookadar Saheb at the Zarhoshti Anjumanna Atash Behram. Devotees are invited to seek blessings of the pious soul.

The Salsette Parsis Association, Andheri

The Salsette Parsi Association (Andheri) invites all Zoroastrians to celebrate the 26th Salgreh of venerated Ardeshir Bhicajee Patel Dadgah, on 17th January, 2023, (Roj Asfandarmad, Mah Sheherever; 1392 YZ), with a Maachi at 4:00 pm, followed by a Jashan ceremony at 5:00 pm.

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Memorial Meet Held In Honour Of Areez Khambatta



Jashan ceremony



On 24th December, 2022, the Ahmedabad Parsi Panchayat held a memorial function, a Jashan and Gambhar, in honour and celebration of the life and times of Mr. Areez Khambatta - prominent 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), who passed away on 19th November, 2022, at the age of 85.

In the memorial meet, which saw the presence of nearly 500 humdins of Ahmedabad, a special letter from Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and special speeches of appreciation by Vada Dasturji Dr. Firoz Kotwal and Vada Dasturji Cyrus Dastur were read. Anahita Desai and Khojesteer Mistree also spoke highly in praise of Mr. Khambatta.

Mr. Khambatta's popularity was amply displayed during the function as people spoke of his with as much warmth and fondness, as with reverence and awe. The following were some highlights about Mr. Khambatta from the various speeches...

As a Human: As described by one of the speakers, Mr. Khambatta was like a coconut - hard from outside but soft from inside; an emotional, family man who dedicated his life to the community and family. He was full of compassion for the community and always available for those in need.

As a Nationalist: Everybody referred to Mr. Khambatta's tenure of more than two decades in Home Guard and Civil Defense, where he was instrumental for saving lives of fellow citizens. Unlike other rich and established families, he didn't hide away but led from the front for his country in its time of need like riots, war etc.

Citizen of Integrity: Most of the shared that Mr. Khambatta contributed immensely to India's development by paying his taxes honestly and being honoured as Gujarat's highest tax-payer for many years.

As an Entrepreneur: Mr. Khambatta was deeply respected for competing with multinational companies and offering an Indian option, which was made available not just across millions of Indian outlets, but

also many other countries. A technocrat, he was the man behind the flavours and the taste behind Rasna, which was well reflected when a speaker shared how his own house was a lab and his own family and friends were his R&D evaluators!

As a Community Leader: Mr. Khambatta established himself firmly through hard work as a community leader - he was the Trustee and the President of the Ahmedabad Parsi Panchayat; then founded WAPIZ alongside like-minded people. WAPIZ as an organization aimed to ensure that the religious tenets of Zoroastrianism are protected and reformists wouldn't wash away the heritage, culture and religious principles. Many spoke of his generous financial help to various people, organizations, NGOs, Panchayats, and WAPIZ, through which these organizations could thrive.

As a Philanthropist: Innumerable people mentioned the yeoman services rendered to society by Mr. Khambatta via his various foundations and trusts which he chaired viz. Areez Khambatta Benevolent Foundation and Rasna Foundation, ensuring medical aids and scholarships for the needy, donating medical equipment to hospitals, helping through the pandemic with Covid relief funds and activities.

In the programme special speeches of appreciation of Vada Dasturji Dr. Firoz Kotwal, Vada Dasturji Cyrus Dastur and the Hble PM of India were also read. The programme was preceded by a Jashan performed by Er. Mehrooz, Er. Vistasp, Er. Farokh and Mr. Areez Khambatta's grandson, Er. Arzad. After the memorial programme, people were served an authentic traditional Parsi gambhar.

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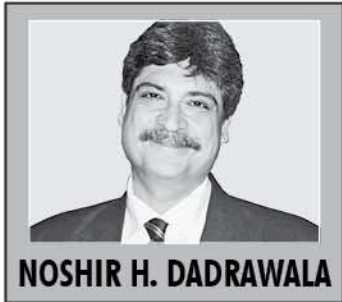
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The wedding season is on in full swing across India and Parsis are no exception. Not just Parsis, but even members of other communities eagerly look forward to getting invited to savour the *bharuchi akoori*, *patra* or the *saas ni macchi*, *sali murghi*, *pulao daar* and wash it all down with chilled Raspberry or Ginger! But there's more to a Parsi *Lagan* (wedding) than just the *Laganu nu bhonu*. Marriage is a once in a lifetime experience and many, especially those getting married, need to understand its essence, from a religious and cultural perspective.

Importance Of Marriage: In the Zoroastrian tradition, to be married is a virtue. The scriptures not only encourage, but enjoin marriage, including for the clergy. *Vendidad* (4.47) states: "O Spitama Zarathushtra! Indeed, I thus recommend hereunto thee a man with a wife above a Magava (Holy man), a man with a family above one without a family, a man with children above one who is without children." *Vendidad* (3.1) also affirms: "That place is happy, over which a man builds a house with fire, cattle, dogs, wife, children and good followers"

In Asho Zarathushtra's own words: "I say these words to you marrying brides and grooms! Impress them in your mind. May you two enjoy a righteous life by following the law of Asha (Righteousness)! Let each one of you clothe the other with righteousness. Then assuredly there will be a happy life for you." (*Gatha - Yasna* 53.5). Clearly, Zarathushtra assures marrying couples that happiness will fill their lives if together they follow the right path.

For a Zoroastrian, marriage is a path to happiness through righteousness. It is not just a contract. It is about good companionship. It is about friendship. Above all else, it is about making this world a happier place to live in!

Pre-Wedding Rituals: Parsi pre-wedding rituals and ceremonies are simple compared to other communities. These ceremonies are like a prelude to the main event and are more cultural rather than religious. It all starts with *Rupia Peravanu* (gifting money) which marks the unofficial engagement, where both the families acknowledge the acceptance of the marriage alliance.



Among Iranian Zoroastrians this is called *Mithoo monu* or the ceremony of offering sweets and considering the couple betrothed.

Madavsaro Ceremony: This is a pre-nuptial ceremony performed at home to literally plant love, prosperity, good-health and sweetness in the life of the couple. The families of the bride and invite the family priest to offer prayers and plant a small tree in a pot and place it at the entrance of their homes. This is usually a mango plant which is treated as a symbol of fertility and long life. Many tend to think that because the mango is an Indian fruit, this may be a custom that the Parsis adopted in India. However, it has been a long-standing custom among Iranian Zoroastrians to plant a pomegranate, pine or a Cyprus tree on auspicious occasions, including on one's birthday, every year.

The soil in which the tree is planted is mixed with silver coins (for wealth and prosperity), *paan* or betel leaf (for love), *supari* or betel nut (for fertility), *haldi* or turmeric (for good health) and *kharak* or dry dates (for preserved sweetness). The plant is watered every morning till the eighth day after the wedding, and then transplanted in the household courtyard, a garden or at a farm.

Adarni And Supra Nu Murat: *Adarni* marks the more formal engagement and is the day for exchanging gifts by both families and enjoying sweet *sev* with sweet curd and boiled eggs. This symbolizes and celebrates sweetness and fertility. The *supra nu murat* is somewhat like the Hindu *haldi* ceremony. Four married women are given a *supra* (a cane tray) each, with *paan*, *supari*, *haldi*, dates and a piece of coconut. While singing traditional wedding songs in Gujarati, the *supra* are circulated seven times among the women cross-length, length-wise and breadth-wise. A fifth married lady sits in the middle with a *khal-batto* (pestle) and dry turmeric. After the four women finish passing the *supra*, all five join hands to pound the

turmeric along with milk in the pestle and this paste is applied by all to the groom and bride along with good wishes and blessings.

Ashirwad: The marriage ceremony is called *Ashirwad* - a term of Sanskrit origin adopted by the community after arriving in India. *Ashirwad* means blessings and which is

of the bride and groom sits beside them and lamps are placed on tables on either side. Seven is an auspicious number representing the *Haft* or seven *Ameshaspenta*. However, seven in the case of marriage is also symbolic of the Hindu tradition of *saat janam no saath* (together for seven births).

Blessings For The Couple: Before the *Ashirwad* ceremony, the bride and groom go through the *nahan* or purificatory ritual bath. The marriage ceremony commences with the officiating priest declaring: *Avar dad va ain-i-Din-i-Mazdayasni*, meaning the ceremony is conducted according to the rules and customs of the *Mazdayasni* religion. The priest then blesses the couple (showering them with rice and rose petals) thus: "By the helping name of Ahura Mazda, may your happiness increase! May you be brilliant! Do good deeds! Increase righteousness!"

Invoking the Bounteous Immortals (*Amesha Spenta*), benedictions are showered thus: "May Ahura Mazda bestow upon you: Good thoughts and wisdom through *Bahman*; Truth and good health through *Ardibehesht*; Power and strength through *Shehrivar*; Piety and humility through *Aspandarmad*; Sweetness and perfection through *Khordad*; Fruitfulness and immortality through *Amardad*!" The Priest then invokes various *Yazata* and blesses the couple with luster through *Adar*, purity through *Avan*, exalted position through *Khurshed*, justice through *Meher*, wealth through *Ashishwangh* and eternal light and nourishment through *Aneran*!

The Priest blesses the groom with qualities that the Great Kings and paladins of ancient Iran were known for: "May you be Great in dignity like *kai Khushrow*, Victorious like *Zarir*, Pious as *Vistasp*, Strong as *Sam*, Powerful as *Rustom*!"

The *Ashirwad* ceremony concludes with various admonitions including: "Do nothing without mature consideration. Acquire wealth by righteous means. Be industrious. Fight your opponents only by fair means. Speak with great consideration when in an assembly." And, just before concluding, the priest chants: "Be more glorious than your father. In no way annoy your mother. Recognize Ahura Mazda as your God. Remember Zarathushtra as your spiritual guide. Treat *Ahriman* (evil) with contempt!"

Once the religious ceremony ends there is music, dancing, cocktails and that much awaited call to feasting on plantain leaves... *Jamva Chaloji!*



what the officiating priest ceremonially showers on the couple. It is conducted after sun-set in deference to one of the conditions laid down by *Jadi Rana* when the Parsis arrived in India from Iran. However, whether the *Rana* really laid down this condition is debatable and many now choose to get the ceremony performed in the morning.

The *Qissa-e-Sanjan* refers to five conditions laid down by *Jadi Rana* for the Parsis who came from Iran to India, namely, to: Adopt the local language (Gujarati); Disarm themselves of all weapons; Encourage Parsi women to wear the *saree* and bangles; Tie the thread in the marriage ceremony; and Explain the Zoroastrian religion. Tying the hands of the bride and groom (in unity) is still in vogue as also the *Ara Antar* and *Chhero Bandhvanu*. During the *Ara Antar* ceremony, the couple sits facing each other with a piece of white cloth between them. Both hold some rice in their hands. With a long *doro* or thread, the priests circle the couple sitting on opposite sides of the curtain seven times and as soon as the seventh-round ends, the couple showers each other with the rice from over the curtain. All eagerly wait to observe who throws the rice first. According to folklore it is believed that the one who throws the rice first would be the more assertive or dominating partner in the marriage.

Next comes the *Chero Bandhvanu* ceremony, where the couple sits beside each other with seven strands of string binding them. The *sahakshi* or witness

Dadar Athornan Institute Celebrates Annual Day

The Dadar Athornan Institute (DAI) celebrated its Annual Day at its Mancherji Joshi Hall, on 17th December, 2022, after three years due to Covid. Dasturji Khurshed Dastur, President of the Athornan Mandal, presided alongside Chief Guest, eminent physician Dr. Beheram J. Bunshah, who was accompanied by wife Dinmeher, daughter Zenobia and granddaughter Zoe. Also present were Armaiti Tirandaz, Chairperson -BPP and Rukshana Parelwala, Principal, DPYA High School.



Release of Knowledgiate

The programme, conducted by students Ers. Farmaan Dastoor and Zhian Turel, commenced with a Humbandagi. In the stage programme that followed, Er. Cyrus Darbari, Jt. Hon Secretary and Trustee of the Athornan Mandal introduced and welcomed Dasturji Khurshed Dastur of Iranshah Udwarda, extolling his stellar achievements and consistent efforts for the well-being of the community. He went on to introduce Dr. Bunshah, also honorary doctor of DAI for over 40 years, with great praises about his well-deserved prominence and respect commanded from all, in keeping with his kindness towards patients.



Students doing Humbandagi

In his address, Dasturji Khurshed spoke highly of the Institute, exhorting students to excel in Mobedi as well as in religious knowledge. Talking about the decreasing number of students at the Institute, he mentioned a scheme which would give incentives to existing and prospective parents to admit their sons to the Institute (Pg. 15).

Er. Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia, Principal - DAI, next shared highlights of the report (2020 to 2022), speaking of the new normal of online school studies classes, Bhanter classes, tuition classes and even online parents meetings, Creative Workshops, Webinars and also an online Farewell Party for SSC students. He thanked the management, donors and community members for their support, especially the core staff members - Er. Kersi Karanjia, Kamal Karanjia, Er. Cyrus Sidhwa, Tehmtan Dotiwala and Hoshedar Dotiwala.

Dr. Bunshah released the Institute's in-house Magazine 'Knowledgiate', edited by Er. Cyrus Sidhwa. Alumni felicitations followed, where Er. Khushravi D. Palia received the 'Rustomji N. Panthaki Outstanding

Ex-Student Award, alongside twenty other awards, medals, trophies and cash prizes, for various activities like prayers, academics, religious studies and sports presented to students by Mrs. Dinmeher Bunshah.

Dr. Beheram Bunshah then shared a brilliant address, reminiscing his long association with DAI, as its physician as well as the doctor who established the Byramjee Medicare centre at the Institute. He emphasised the importance of communication skills. He conducted a fun and witty interaction with the students too, posing questions and giving away prizes for the right answers. Er. Cyrus S. Darbari gave the vote of thanks with floral tributes.



Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor with Er. Khushravi Palia

The program scheduled for later comprised a brief talk on Maratab by Er. Farmaan S. Dastoor and a short humorous skit explaining the significance of Chhaiye Ame Zarthoshti. The eve ended with the rendition of Chhaiye Ame Zarthoshti and the national anthem, followed by light refreshments. The Athornan Mandal and DAI (www.dadarathornaninstitute.org) extend thanks to all donors and supporters and request their continuing patronage.

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Asha Vahishta Dadgah (Pune) Celebrates 5th Anniversary



On 25th December, 2022, the Asha Vahishta Dadgah Saheb in Pune celebrated its 5th salgreh of enthronement of the holy fire. A Maachi was offered to the Dadgah Saheb in the Havan Geh. A thanksgiving Jashan was performed by six Mobeds, followed by a Humbandagi with the gathered devotees. Post the Jashan, the devotees partook the Jashan offerings of fruits and malido.

Over the last five years, Asha Vahishta Dadgah has catered to the religious and spiritual needs of inter-married Parsis and other Zoroastrians. It is a place of worship and venue solely for Zoroastrian



social and religious ceremonies, such as navjotes, weddings, jashan, maachis, and the four-day obsequies funeral prayers for those who opt for burial or cremation, which non-Parsi family and friends can attend.

Asha Vahishta Dadgah has fulfilled the main aim of 'inclusion' by providing a dignified alternative to the Parsi/Irani Zoroastrian families who were disallowed from entering other Zoroastrian religious places of worship, with a special focus on the inter-married Parsi population including their non-Parsi spouses, thus facilitating a family being able to worship together as a family.

Freemasons' Project at Sir J J Hospital

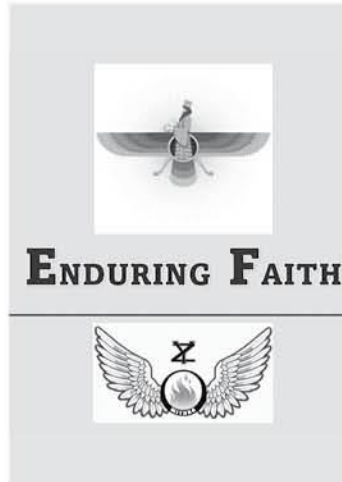
On 26th December, 2022, the Scottish Freemasons presented medical equipment to the Geriatric and Paediatric Wards of Sir J J Hospital through its Benevolent Committee and Ladies Wing. On the occasion, the Dean of the Hospital, Dr. Pallavi Sable expressed gratitude for the donation and hoped this kind assistance would continue in the future too. Also present were Head of the District Grand Lodge of India (Scottish Constitution) Kersi Limathwalla, Secretary Noshir Paghdiwalla, Chairman of Benevolent Committee - Kersi Commissariat and Chairperson of Ladies Wing - Zarine Commissariat.

Freemasonry, an ancient institution dating back to 1500s, renders philanthropic services, beyond promoting amity, fellowship and brotherhood in society. Scottish Freemasons has been at the forefront in recent times, during and after the pandemic, to alleviate human suffering through its lodges across India.



Enduring Faith Event

Those who wish to spark an interest and pride in their children about Zarthoshti history are invited to participate with their kids in the 'Enduring Faith' event on 8th January, 2023. A session curated for youngsters from 7 to 20 years of age has been arranged in association with YZS (Young Zoroastrian Society) for cubs, scouts, bulbul, guides (Zoroastrian youth) of the 16th East Bombay Zoroastrian Bharat Scout and the 71st East Bombay Zoroastrian Bharat Guide Groups.



US-based Malcolm Bhesania, the co-publisher of the periodical 'Mazdayasnie Connection', will speak on topics including 'The seven adventures of Rustom Pahelwan'; and 'Proud to be a Parsee: Learning from the Past, looking to the Future'.

The session is open to all Zoroastrians and their children and will be held at 10:00 am, at the Parsi Ambulance Division, 1st floor, No.1, M G Road, Opp. Metro Cinema, Dhobitalao, Mumbai 400 001

YZS is a Zoroastrian Scout Guide Group, which conducts regular weekly meetings for Scouting and Guiding Progress along with fun adventures and experiences. It aims at developing young Parsi boys and girls into responsible citizens and adults with Zoroastrian values.

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Mr. Maneck Sorabji Kutar, the lone occupant passed away on or about 24-05-2020.

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Mr. Adi Savaksha Bhagalia had given an Undertaking to revert the flat to the Trustees of Funds and Properties of the Parsi Punchayet Bombay, after his passing

Mr. Adi Savaksha Bhagalia, the lone occupant passed away on or about 07-12-2014 and as per the Undertaking given by him the said flat has reverted to the Trustees of Funds and Properties of the Parsi Punchayet Bombay.

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| The Sound Of Music (1965) | Double Indemnity (1944) | La Dolce Vita (1960) | All About Eve (1950) |
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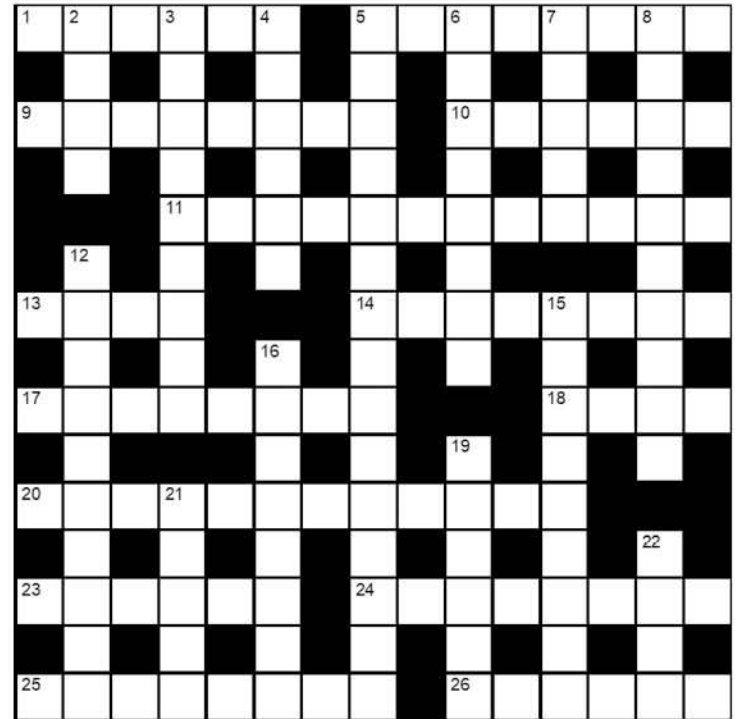
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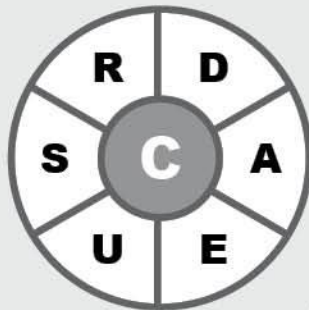
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RESULTS:
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ACROSS

- 1 Recondition, mend or overhaul (6)
- 5 Excessive admiration (8)
- 9 Expands, dilates (8)
- 10 Consolation; support (6)
- 11 Besides, also (4,3,5)
- 13 Swanky car (4)
- 14 Farm vehicles (8)
- 17 Extremely enthusiastic (4,4)
- 18 Slave or serf (4)

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- 20 Host of "The Week That Wasn't" (5,7) 6 Iceland agate (8)
- 23 Diurnal nap in Spain (6) 7 Extemporize (2-3)
- 24 Symbol of Ireland (8) 8 Recouping (10)
- 25 Angrily, being warm? (8) 12 Close together (4,2,4)
- 26 Took it easy, relaxed (6) 15 Book of synonyms (9)
- 2 Prepare for printing (4) 16 This is used in playing a piano or working on a computer (8)
- 3 Bejan Daruwalla's forte? (9) 19 Cream or chocolate filled sweet? (6)
- 4 Young male horses (6) 21 Distressed (5)
- 5 Immediately, straight away (15) 22 Skin affliction (4)

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DHARAM (Viru): KBC mein jo kamaya hai, usmese mere liye kuch chhodengey??

By Dezadd Dotiwalla

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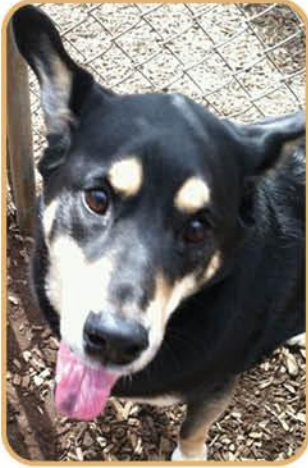
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છેલ્લા બે વર્ષથી, મેં જોયું છે કે કૂતરાઓની સંખ્યા વધી રહી છે અને તેઓને શેરીઓમાં છોડી દેવામાં આવી છે. પારસીઓ કૂતરાઓ માટે પ્રેમાળ સ્વભાવ રાખવા માટે જાણીતા છે પરંતુ પારસીઓ સહિત અસંખ્ય લોકો, દુર્ભાગ્યવશ, આ ઉમદા જીવોને પોતાની જાતને બચાવવા માટે રસ્તાઓ પર છોડી દીધા છે. ઘણા કૂતરાઓ ભૂખ અથવા અકસ્માતો અને ઉપેક્ષાથી મૃત્યુ પામે છે.



ઘરનો કૂતરો, અથવા વલુનાઝગા એટલે કે રખડતો કૂતરો, અથવા પ્રશિક્ષિત કૂતરો) મૃત્યુ પછીના જીવનમાં દોષ તરફ દોરી જાય છે. ઘરમાલિકે તેના ઘરની નજીક આવેલા સગર્ભા કૂતરાની સંભાળ લેવી જરૂરી છે, ઓછામાં ઓછા ગલુડિયાઓ જન્મે ત્યાં સુધી (અને કેટલાક કિસ્સાઓમાં, ન્યાં સુધી ગલુડિયાઓ પોતાની સંભાળ રાખવા માટે પૂરતા મોટા ન થાય ત્યાં સુધી, એટલે કે લગભગ છ મહિના).

તેથી, હું પારસી ટાઈમ્સને વિનંતી કરું છું કે આપણા જરથોસ્તી ધર્મમાં કૂતરાનું મહત્વ અને પવિત્ર સુસંગતતાના સંદર્ભમાં નીચેની માહિતી છાપો, જે મેં સોશિયલ મીડિયા પર પોસ્ટથી શેર કરી છે (અને આપણા ધર્મગુરુઓ દ્વારા ચકાસવામાં આવી છે). પારસી ધર્મમાં, કૂતરાને ખાસ કરીને પરોપકારી, સ્વચ્છ અને પ્રામાણિક પ્રાણી તરીકે ગણવામાં આવે છે જેનો આદર કરવો જોઈએ, સારી રીતે ખવડાવવું જોઈએ અને કાળજી લેવી જોઈએ.

કૂતરાને ઘરમાં જે ઉપયોગી કાર્ય કરે છે તેના માટે તેની પ્રશંસા કરવામાં આવે છે, પરંતુ તે વિશેષ આધ્યાત્મિક ગુણો ધરાવતો હોવાનું પણ જોવામાં આવે છે. કૂતરાની ત્રાટકશક્તિ શુદ્ધિકરણ માનવામાં આવે છે અને તે દેવો (રાક્ષસો) અથવા નકારાત્મક શક્તિઓને દૂર કરવા માટે જાણીતા છે.

કૂતરાને મૃત્યુ પછીના જીવન સાથે પણ વિશેષ સંબંધ હોવાનું માનવામાં આવે છે: સ્વર્ગ તરફના ચિનવદ પુલને આપણા જરથોસ્તી ગ્રંથોમાં કૂતરાઓ દ્વારા રક્ષિત હોવાનું કહેવાય છે. આ ઉમદા પ્રાણીઓને પરંપરાગત રીતે મૃતકોના સ્મરણાર્થે ખવડાવવામાં આવે છે. કૂતરા માટે આદર કરવો એ ઈરાની જરથોસ્તી ગ્રામવાસીઓમાં એક સામાન્ય આદેશ છે.

કૂતરાઓની યોગ્ય સારવાર માટે વિગતવાર પ્રિસ્ક્રિપ્શનો વન્દીદાદ ગ્રંથોમાં જોવા મળે છે - જે આપણા જરથોસ્તીઓના પવિત્ર પુસ્તક - અવેસ્તાનો પેટાવિભાગ છે.

ખાસ કરીને અવેસ્તાના પ્રકરણ ૧૩, ૧૪ અને ૧૫માં, ન્યાં કૂતરાને નુકસાન પહોંચાડવા માટે કઠોર સજાઓ આપવામાં આવી છે. અને વિશ્વાસુઓએ ઘરેલું અને રખડતાં કૂતરાઓને વિવિધ રીતે મદદ કરવાની જરૂર છે. તેથી, તે સ્પષ્ટપણે જોવામાં આવ્યું હતું કે કૂતરાને મદદ અથવા નુકસાન માનવને મદદ અને નુકસાન સમાન છે.

કૂતરાની હત્યા (એક ભરવાડનો કૂતરો, અથવા

ન કરે અને પરિણામે ગલુડિયાઓને નુકસાન પહોંચાડે, તો એવું માનવામાં આવે છે કે, તેણે તેના માટે ઈરાદાપૂર્વકની હત્યા માટેનો દંડ ચુકવવો પડશે, કારણ કે આતર (આગ) જેમ ગર્ભવતી સ્ત્રીનું ધ્યાન રાખે છે તેમ ગર્ભવતી કૂતરાનું પણ રાખે છે.

જો કોઈ માણસ કૂતરાને ખૂબ જ કઠણ હાડકાં આપીને નુકસાન પહોંચાડે અને તે તેના ગળામાં ફસાઈ જાય, અથવા પછી ખૂબ ગરમ ખોરાક ખાવા આપે જેથી તેનું ગળું બળી જાય તો તે પણ એક મોટું પાપ માનવામાં આવે છે. કૂતરાને ખરાબ ખોરાક આપવો એ માણસને ખરાબ ખોરાક પીરસવા જેટલું જ ખરાબ છે.

વિશ્વાસુઓએ ગંધ અથવા દ્રષ્ટિની ક્ષતિવાળા કૂતરાનું ધ્યાન રાખવું જરૂરી છે, તેને સાજા કરવાનો પ્રયાસ કરવો - ઓછામાં ઓછું તેઓને સુરક્ષિત રીતે બાંધો તે ખાડામાં અથવા પાણીમાં પડી જઈ તેને નુકસાન ન થાય તેનું ધ્યાન રાખો.

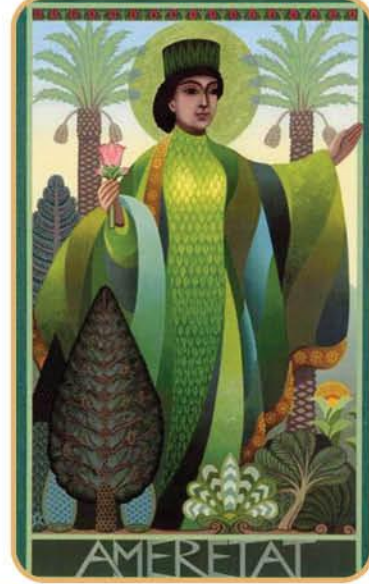
સાગદીદ એ અંતિમ સંસ્કારની વિધિ છે જેમાં એક કૂતરાને ઝૂમમાં લાવવામાં આવે છે ન્યાં શરીર પડેલું હોય છે જેથી તે તેને જોઈ શકે. જરથોસ્તી ધર્મશાસ્ત્રીય કાર્યોની મધ્ય ફારસી ભાષામાં સાગદીદ નો અર્થ કૂતરાની દષ્ટિ થાય છે. એવું માનવામાં આવે છે કે મૂળ હેતુ એ ખાતરી કરવાનો હતો કે વ્યક્તિ ખરેખર મૃત્યુ પામ્યું છે, કારણ કે કૂતરાની વધુ તીવ્ર સંવેદનાઓ જીવનના ચિહ્નો શોધી શકે છે જે માનવી ચૂકી જાય છે. ચાર આંખોવાળો કૂતરો, જે તેના કપાળ પર બે ફોક્લીઓ ધરાવતો હોય છે, તેને સાગ દીદ માટે પસંદ કરવામાં આવે છે. તેમ છતાં, અન્ય એક કારણ કે કૂતરાને શબ જોવા માટે બનાવવામાં આવે છે કારણ કે આત્મા સરોશ યજ્ઞાતાના રક્ષણ હેઠળ આપવામાં આવે છે અને કૂતરો આ યજ્ઞાતાનો પૃથ્વી પ્રતિનિધિ છે! તે પ્રતીકાત્મક રીતે ચિનવદ દ્વારા, અન્ય વિશ્વમાં મૃત આત્માને સાચા માર્ગ પર માર્ગદર્શન આપે છે.

- દેલશાદ આર. પટેલ દ્વારા

ઉર્વરમ - (પવિત્ર) વૃક્ષ

શહેનશાહી કેલેન્ડર મુજબ, આપણે હવે અમરદાદ (અવેસ્તા અમેરેટાત) ના પવિત્ર મહિનામાં છીએ, સાતમી અમીશા સ્પેન્ટા - અલુરા મઝદાની દેવી ઊર્જા/ફોર્સ, જેને પારસી લોકો સામૂહિક રીતે બાઉન્ટિયસ ઈમોર્ટલ્સ તરીકે ઓળખે છે.

ત્યારે તમામ વનસ્પતિઓ આદરને પાત્ર છે, ત્યારે પારસી લોકો દાડમના ઝાડને ખૂબ જ ખાસ માને છે. અવેસ્તામાં તેને ઉર્વરમ તરીકે ઓળખવામાં આવે છે જેનો અર્થ થાય છે વૃક્ષ અથવા તે વૃક્ષ કે જે પૃથ્વી પરની વનસ્પતિ પૂરી પાડતી તમામ નિર્વાહનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે. આશ્ચર્યની



વાત નથી કે દાડમનું ઝાડ ભારત અને ઈરાનમાં લગભગ દરેક આતશ બેહરામ અને અગિયારી/દર-એ-મેહરના કમ્પાઉન્ડમાં ઉગાડવામાં આવે છે.

પવિત્ર ઇળ: દાડમ Puniceaceae કુટુંબનું છે અને તે એક છોડ અથવા નાનું વૃક્ષ છે જે ત્રણથી આઠ મીટરની વચ્ચે વધે છે અને ઉષ્ણકટિબંધીય પ્રદેશોમાં સદાબહાર હોય છે. કારણ કે ઇળનો રસ લોહીમાં લાલ રંગનો હોય છે, તેને જીવન આપનાર માનવામાં આવે છે અને ઇળની અંદરના ઘણા બીજા ઇળદ્રુપતા અને અમરત્વનું પ્રતિનિધિત્વ કરે છે.

દાડમનો ઉપયોગ વિવિધ ધાર્મિક વિધિઓમાં થાય છે અને તે નવરોઝ ટેબલ અને પારસી ઘરોમાં સગનની સેસ પર એક મહત્વપૂર્ણ શણગાર છે. સામાન્ય રીતે, પારસી લોકો ચાંદીના સિક્કાને ઇળમાં અડધા નાખે છે અને તેને સારા સ્વાસ્થ્ય અને સમૃદ્ધિ માટે સારા નસીબ વશીકરણ તરીકે માને છે. માત્ર ઇળ જ નહીં, પરંતુ નાલન (કર્મકાંડ રનાન) દરમિયાન પણ, શુદ્ધિકરણ માટે દાડમના ઝાડના પાન ચાવવાની રીત છે.

પ્રાચીન જરથોસ્તી ગ્રંથો સૂચવે છે કે હોમાના રસના થોડા ટીપાં મરનાર વ્યક્તિના મોંમાં નાખવા જોઈએ. જો કે, હોમાનાનો રસ ઉપલબ્ધ ન હોય તો, દાડમનો રસ એ પછીનો શ્રેષ્ઠ વિકલ્પ છે.

અશો જરથુશ્ત્ર દાડમને પવિત્ર કરે છે: પહલવી ગ્રંથો, જરદુસ્ત નામગ અને શેરસ્તાન અનુસાર, શાહ વિસ્તારપે યુદ્ધમાં એકવાર અશો જરથુશ્ત્રને બીજી દુનિયામાં પોતાનું સ્થાન જોવા, અમર બનવા, ભવિષ્યમાં જોવા અને અજેય બનવા માટેના વરદાન માટે વિનંતી કરી હતી. જો કે, જરથુશ્ત્રે શાહ વિસ્તારપને કહ્યું કે એક વ્યક્તિને ચારેય વરદાન આપી શકાય નહીં.

અશો જરથુશ્ત્ર પછી વાર્ધનનો કપ, એક વ્યાસ દૂધ, એક ફૂલ અને દાડમને પવિત્ર કરવા આગળ વધ્યા. તેણે શાહ વિસ્તારપને પવિત્ર શરાબ પીવા કહ્યું, જેના લીધે રાજા ઊંડી સમાધિમાં પડી

ગયો અને તેનો આત્મા આધ્યાત્મિક વિશ્વમાં ગયો અને ત્યાં તેનું સ્થાન જોયું. પવિત્ર દૂધ તેણે પેશોતન (શાહ વિસ્તારપના સૌથી નાના પુત્ર)ને પીવા માટે આપ્યું અને પેશોતને અમરત્વ પ્રાપ્ત કર્યું. જરથુશ્ત્રે પછી જામાસ્પ (શાહ વિસ્તારપના દરબારમાં એક શાણો મંત્રી) ને પવિત્ર ફૂલ સુંઘવા કહ્યું અને જામાસ્પને ભવિષ્યમાં જોવાની ક્ષમતાના આશીર્વાદ મળ્યા અને પછીથી તેણે જામાસ્પી લખી, જે તેનું નામ ધરાવતી ભવિષ્યવાણીઓનું પુસ્તક હતું.

અંતે, અશો જરથુશ્ત્રે પવિત્ર દાડમ શાહ વિસ્તારપના પુત્ર અસ્પંદિયારને ખાવા માટે આપ્યું, જેના પછી અસ્પંદિયાર કાન્ઝ બોડી પ્રાપ્ત કરી અને યુદ્ધમાં વચ્ચુંવલ રીતે અજેય બની ગયો. અલબત્ત, શાહનામે અનુસાર, રૂસ્તમ પહેલવાન આખરે અસ્પંદિયારની ખુટ્ટી આંખોમાં બે માથાવાળા તીર મારવાથી અસ્પંદિયારને મારવામાં સફળ રહ્યો હતો, જે સંવેદનશીલ હતી કારણ કે દાડમ ખાતી વખતે, અસ્પંદિયારે અજાણતાં તેની બંને આંખો બંધ કરી દીધી હતી. આ વાર્તા તેની હીલમાં એચિલીસની નબળાઈ સાથે સામ્યતા ધરાવે છે.

અમરદાદના આ પવિત્ર માસ દરમિયાન દાડમને આદરપૂર્વક ખાઓ અને તે તમને લાંબુ, સ્વસ્થ અને સમૃદ્ધ જીવન આપશે!

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. ઠે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Maki Shiamak Marshall માકી શ્યામક માર્શલ	84 ૮૪	30.12.2022	71, El-Cid, 13, B.J.Khair Marg, Mumbai 6. ૭૧, એલ-સીડ, ૧૩ બી. જે. ખેર માર્ગ, મુંબઈ ૬.	તે શ્યામક જીભાઈ માર્શલના ઘણીયાણી તે મરણમો મહેરા તથા જમશેદજી બમનજી વાડીયાના દીકરી તે મરણમો પીરોજા તથા જીભાઈ નાનાભાઈ માર્શલના વહુ તે કમલ પન્જુ, ક્યાન પંડોલ ને નવરોજ માર્શલના માતાજી તે નીલાદ, સમીના, દીયાના, જૈન, દીયાન ને મીખાઈલના ગ્રેન્ડ મધર તે ઈમરાન, જમશીદ ને પરીજાદના સાસુજી તે ડો. બોમસી વાડીયાના બહેન.
Maneck Faramroze Printer માણેક ફરામરોઝ પ્રીન્ટર	87 ૮૭	30.12.2022	18/2, Rustom Baug, Sant Savta Marg, Near Masina Hospital, Byculla(E), Mumbai 27. ૧૮-૨, રૂસ્તમ બાગ, સંત સાવતા માર્ગ, માસીના હોસ્પિટલ પાસે, ભાયખલા, (પૂ), મુંબઈ ૨૭.	તે મરણમ ફેનીના ઘણી તે મરણમો દિનબઈ ફરામરોઝ પ્રીન્ટરના દીકરા તે એમી તથા મરણમો કેતી, પેરીન, જેમી, બોમી ને ફિરોઝના ભાઈ તે નરગીસ, કેરસી, સાઈરસ ને શ્રીતીના મામા.
Rosie Farokh Patel રોસી ફરોખ પતેલ	73 ૭૩	27.12.2022	A/203, New Rameshwar Tower, Shimpoli RD, Borivali West, Mumbai 92. એ/૨૦૩ ન્યુ રામેશ્વર ટાવર, શીમપોલી રોડ, બોરીવલી વેસ્ટ, મુંબઈ ૯૨.	તે મરણમ ફરોખ પીરોજશા પતેલના ઘણીયાણી તે મરણમો જરબાનુ અને પીરોજશા ડ્રાઈવરના દીકરી તે જરીન અને નીલુકરના માતાજી તે ફેની, લીલી, તેલમી તથા મરણમો સરાલ, સરોશ, ફવી, ગુલુના બહેન તે મરણમો પીરોજશાલ અને દોલત પતેલના વહુ.
Phiroz Dhanjishaw Vandrewalla ફિરોઝ ધનજીશાલ વાંદ્રેવાલા	70 ૭૦	02.01.2023	Dossabhoy Mansion, R.no.3, B/796/ Jame Jamshed Road, Dadar Parsi Colony, Mumbai 14. ડોસાભાઈ મેન્સન, આર નં-૩, બી-૭૯૬ જામે જમશેદ રોડ, દાદર પારસી કોલોની, મુંબઈ ૧૪.	તે હુતોક્ષી ફિરોઝ વાંદ્રેવાલાના ખાવીદ તે પીરાન ફિરોઝ વાંદ્રેવાલાના બાવાજી તે મરણમો મનીજેલ તથા ધનજીશાલ કાવસજી વાંદ્રેવાલાના દીકરા તે મરણમો દોલત તથા મેહરજી દોરાબશાલ મુનશીના જમાઈ તે કુમી દીન્યાર સુતરીયા, પરવીન નરી ભડ્યા તથા મરણમો એરચ, માનેક, રતન, મજબુ ને રોશન હોમી બુહારીવાલાના ભાઈ.
Roshan Shavakshaw Driver રોશન શાવકશા ડ્રાઈવર	89 ૮૯	02.01.2023	3 A, Sir Ratan Tata Colony, 3rd Floor, Flat No 19, Sir Ratan Tata Road, Tardeo, Mumbai 34. ૩એ, સર રતન તાતા કોલોની, ૩જે માળે, ફ્લેટ નં-૧૯, સર રતન તાતા રોડ, તારદેવ, મુંબઈ ૩૪.	તે મરણમો બાઈમાય તથા શાવકશા ડ્રાઈવરના દીકરી તે મરણમો દાદીબા શાવકશા ડ્રાઈવર તથા દોલી રૂસી ફીતરના બહેન.
Freny Bahram Iranpur ફેની બેહરામ ઈરાનપુર	93 ૯૩	03.01.2023	M-1, Cusrow Baug, S. Bhagatsingh Road, Colaba, Mumbai 1. એમ-૧, ખુશરૂ બાગ, એસ. ભગતસીંહ રોડ, કોલાબા, મુંબઈ ૧.	તે મરણમ બેહરામ બમન ઈરાનપુરના વિધવા તે રોલીન્ટન તથા મહેરનોશના માતાજી તે મરણમો દોલત તથા મોન્ટેગર ઈરાનીના દીકરી તે નીના તથા મેહરના સાસુજી તે આબાન ખાનના બહેન તે મરણમો ખોરશેદ તથા બમન ઈરાનપુરના વહુ તે શાનેલ, ખુરશેદ, જેહાન તથા હેલીના બપાવાજી.
Jamshed Ardeshir Bharucha જમશેદ અરદેશીર ભડ્યા	83 ૮૩	04.01.2023	Jer Baug, B-27, 3rd Floor, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Byculla, Mumbai 27. જરબાગ, બી-૨૭, ૩જે માળે, ડો. આંબેડકર રોડ, ભાયખલા (ઈ), મુંબઈ ૨૭.	તે ઉકરીશ જમશેદ ભડ્યાના ખાવીદ તે મરણમો અરદેશીર તથા મોટામાય ભડ્યાના દીકરા તે પોરસ તથા રૂસ્તમ ભડ્યાના બાવાજી તે મમતા તથા ખુશનાજી ભડ્યાના સસરાજી તે પરવીજી કુપર, સામ ભડ્યા, આરમઈતી જબ્બર તથા મરણમ બેજન ભડ્યાના ભાઈ તે આરી ભડ્યાના બપાવાજી તે મરણમો દોલત તથા રતનશાલ બોગાના જમાઈ.

Death Announcements From Poona Parsee Panchayat-Trust office

Bomi Hormusji Patel બોમી હોરમસજી પટેલ (વેસુગામ)	81 ૮૧	26.12.2022	Flat No 4/2, Ardeshir Baug, Irani Road, Nana Peth, Pune City, maharashtra 411002. ફ્લેટ નં. ૪/૨, અરદેશીર બાગ, ઈરાની રોડ, નાના પેઠ, પુણે સીટી, મહારાષ્ટ્ર ૪૧૧૦૦૨	તે મરણમ મહેરામાય તેમજ મરણમ હોરમસજી નસરવાનજી પટેલ (વેસુગામ)ના દીકરા તે દાયનાના ખાવીદ તે ચેરાગના ડેડી તે મરણમ દોલી કેરસી માસ્તર તથા મની રૂસી માસ્તરના ભાઈ તે મરણમ મહેરામાય તથા ધનજીશા કુપરના જમાઈ.
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Dilbar Nadir Dalal દિલબર નાદીર દલાલ	94 ૯૪	31.12.2022	402, Santa Ritta Premises, St. John's Road, Pali Naka, Bandra West, Mumbai 50. ૪૦૨, શાંતા રીતા પ્રિમાઈસીસ, સેન્ટ. જોન્સ રોડ, પાલી નાકા, બાન્દરા વેસ્ટ, મુંબઈ ૫૦.	તે મરણમ નાદીરના ઘણીયાણી તે મરણમ તેલમીના અને મરણમ બરબોરજીના દીકરી તે ફરહાદ, વીરા અને નવાઝના મમ્મી તે આદીના સાસુ તે જેહાન અને કેરમાનના ગ્રાન્ડમધર તે મરણમ ધનમાઈ અને મરણમ ફિરોઝશાના વહુ.
Rastom Minocher Mody રૂસ્તમ મિનોચેર મોદી	81 ૮૧	02.01.2023	29A, 2nd Floor, Sethna Bldg., Thakurdwar, Mumbai 2. ૨૯એ, ૨જે માળે, શેઠના બિલ્ડિંગ, ઠાકુરદ્વાર, મુંબઈ ૨.	તે કમલના ઘણી તે મરણમ શીરીનબાઈ અને મરણમ મિનોચેરના દીકરા તે માનેક, તેલમી અને ફિરોઝના પપ્પા તે ઝીનોબીયાના સસરા તે જેરાન અને જેહાનના ગ્રાન્ડ ફાધર તે આબાન અને મરણમ ફિરોઝના ભાઈ તે મરણમ કરમજીત અને મરણમ ગીયાનના જમાઈ.
Kharshed Dhanjisha Chothia ખરશેદ ધનજીશા ચોથિયા	95 ૯૫	04.01.2023	Ganesh Bhavan, 149, Cumballa Hill, Mumbai 26. ગણેશ ભવન, ૧૪૯, કંબાલા હીલ, મુંબઈ ૨૬.	તે મરણમ પિરોજા અને મરણમ ધનજીશાના દીકરા તે બોમી, મરણમ મીનુ, ડીકી અને જાન્ગુના ભાઈ.

અમને બચાવવા આવ..

સાઉ સડી ગયું છે આપણું ન્યાય અને સરકારી તંત્ર બેબસીથી જોય છે એક સાધારણ નાગરિકને ઠેર ઠેર ષડયંત્ર ચારે કોર દગો ફટકો, બેસુંડે થઈ ગયું છે જીવન નું વાજિંત્ર આં સાજોની, આં તૂટેલા તારોની મરમમત કરવા માટે, ક્યાંથી લાવું હું કોઈ એવું મંત્ર મોંઘવારીએ માઝા મૂકી છે, સાધારણ માનવો, વડીલો છે સંકટમાં; ફૂંક તારું કોઈ જાદુઈ મંત્ર અમને બચાવવા તું જલ્દી આવ, સૂદર્શન ચક્ર લેતો આવ, ખતરામાં છે ભારતનું ગણતંત્ર સતત પતન થઈ રહ્યો છે નીતિ રીતિનો દેશમાં; મોંઘવારી પણ છવાઈ છે સર્વત્ર ભારત માતા કરે છે વિલાપ; ફેલાઈ રહી છે કુટેવો, કુટનીતિ, રચાય છે ષડયંત્ર તારા સિવાય પ્રજા જાય ક્યાં, જડતો નથી કોઈ પણ ઉપાય; આપ કોઈ યોગ્ય મંત્ર
- આરમીન દુતીયા મોટાશા

સફળતા....

આપણા નસીબમાં બધું હોવું આપણા હાથમાં નથી પણ તે વસ્તુને આપણા નસીબમાં લાવવાનો પ્રયત્ન કરવો એ આપણા હાથમાં છે. નસીબ પાસેથી વધારે અપેક્ષા ન રાખો. તમે નસીબ પાસેથી જેટલી વધુ અપેક્ષા રાખશો, તેટલા જ તમે નિરાશ થશો. મહેનતમાં વિશ્વાસ રાખો. તમને હંમેશા અપેક્ષા કરતા વધુ મળશે.
મહેનત એ ચાવી છે જે નસીબમાં ન હોય તેવી વસ્તુઓના દરવાજા ખોલે છે. પરંતુ મહેનતની ઉંમરમાં આરામ કરશો તો આરામની ઉંમરમાં પણ કામ કરવું પડશે. યાદ રાખો કે સફળતા જાતે ક્યારેય નહીં આવે. તમારે તેની પાસે જાતે જ જવું પડશે. જીવનમાં સફળ થનારા લોકોની સફળતાને જ ન જુઓ, પરંતુ તેઓએ જે મુશ્કેલીઓનો સામનો કર્યો છે, તેને પણ જુઓ. તમે તેમના કરતા વધુ સફળ થશો.



YOUR MOONSIGNS JANAM RASHI THIS WEEK

લખનાર: મરહુમ મહારાજ શ્રી સ્વચંજયોતિના સહકાર્યકર્તા જયેશ એમ. ગોસ્વામી

અઠવાડિક રાશિક્ષણ: તા. ૦૭.૦૧.૨૦૨૩ થી તા. ૧૩.૦૧.૨૦૨૩



Aries - મેષ - અ.લ.ઈ.

૩જી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી રાહુની દિનદશા ચાલશે તેથી હાલમાં તમે નાનામાં નાના કામમાં પરેશાન થતા રહેશો. તમે સીધા ચાલશો તો પણ તમારા દુસ્મન તમને શાંતિથી બેસવા નહીં દે. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી નહીં રહે. ખોટા ખર્ચાઓથી પરેશાન થઈ જશો. રાહુને શાંત કરવા દરરોજ ભુલ્યા વગર 'મહાભોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાવો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૮, ૯, ૧૨, ૧૩ છે.

Lucky Dates: 8, 9, 12, 13

Rahu's rule till 3rd February makes even the simplest tasks challenging for you. Despite walking the straight path, your detractors will not leave you in peace. Financially, things could get strained. Wrongful expenses will be of concern. To placate Rahu, pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



Cancer - કર્ક - ડ.હ.

૨૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી શનિની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમે થોડા આળસુ બની જશો. રોજના કામો સમય પર પુરા નહીં કરી શકો. સાથે કામ કરનાર વ્યક્તિ તમને નીચા બતાવવાની કોશિશ કરશે. ધન ખર્ચ ખુબ વધી જવાથી કોઈ પાસે ઓછીના પૈસા લેવાનો સમય આવશે. દરરોજ મોટી 'હમન યક્ત' ભણાવો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૮, ૧૦, ૧૧ છે.

Lucky Dates: 7, 8, 10, 11

Saturn's rule till 24th January makes you a bit lazy. You will not be able to complete your daily tasks in time. Your colleagues will try to pull you down. Due to overspending of money, you could have to borrow money from others. Pray the Moti Haptan Yasht daily.



Libra - તુલા - ર.ત.

મંગળની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી ૨૨મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધીમાં વાલન ચલાવતા હો તો સંભાળીને ચલાવજો. મંગળ તમારી તબિયતને બગાડી દેશે. તમે તાવ શરદી ખાસી જેવી બીમારીથી પરેશાન થશો. ડોક્ટરની સલાહ અવશ્ય લેજો. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં મુશ્કેલી આવશે. મંગળને શાંત કરવા 'તીર યક્ત' ભણાવો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૮, ૯, ૧૧, ૧૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 8, 9, 11, 12

Mars' ongoing rule till 22nd January, advises you to practice caution while driving or riding your vehicles. Your health could go down. You could suffer from fever, cold and cough. Ensure to consult a doctor. You could face financial shortfall. To placate Mars, pray the Tir Yasht daily.



Capricorn - મકર - ખ.જ.

છેલ્લું અઠવાડિયું શુકની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાનું બાકી છે. આ અઠવાડિયામાં તમારાથી પુરા થઈ જાય તેવા કામ કરજો. ઘરવાળાને આનંદમાં રાખવામાં સફળ થશો. તમારી સાથે બીજાને કાયદો કરાવી આપશો. કોઈને પ્રોમીશ આપેલ હોય તો તે આ અઠવાડિયામાં પુરા કરજો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યક્ત' ભણાવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૮, ૧૦, ૧૩ છે.

Lucky Dates: 7, 8, 10, 13

This is the last week for you under the rule of the Venus. Take up only those work projects in the week that you will be able to complete. You will be able to keep your family members happy. You will be able to benefit others as well as yourself. If you've made any promises, ensure to deliver the same within this week. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.

ગુરૂની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી કુટુંબીક વ્યક્તિની ઈચ્છા પુરી કરવામાં કોઈ મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. બને તો કોઈના મદદગાર બની જશો. ગુરૂની કૃપાથી નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલીમાં નહીં આવો. દરેક બાબતમાં તમને ઈનવીજીબલ હેલ્પ મળી જશે. રોજ બરોજના કામો ખુબ સારી રીતે કરી શકશો. હાલમાં દરરોજ 'સરોશ યક્ત' ભણાવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૯, ૧૦, ૧૧ છે.

Lucky Dates: 7, 9, 10, 11

Jupiter's ongoing rule will make it easy for you to cater to the wants of your family members. Try to be of help to others. There will be no financial shortage. You will receive anonymous help in all areas of life. You will be able to execute your daily tasks very efficiently. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.

બુધની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમારા ચાલુ કામ પર થોડું વધુ ધ્યાન આપીને પુરું કરી લેજો. બને તો ૧૮મી પહેલા નાનું ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ કરવાથી ભવિષ્યમાં તમને સમય પર કામમાં આવી જશે. ફેમીલીમાં કોઈ બાબતની અંદર મતભેદ પડી ગયેલા હશે તો મીઠી જબાન વાપરી તે દૂર કરજો. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૯, ૧૨, ૧૩ છે.

Lucky Dates: 7, 9, 12, 13

Mercury's ongoing rule helps you focus more on your current work at hand and complete it. Try to make a small investment before the 18th, as this will be of help to you in the future. If there are any misunderstandings within the family, use sweet language and resolve the issues. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.પ.

૨૪મી જાન્યુઆરી સુધી ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા કરેલા કામની કદર થશે. મનગમતી ચીજ વસ્તુ મેળવી લેશો. કોઈ અગત્યની વ્યક્તિને મલવાથી મનને વધુ આનંદ મળશે. ચંદ્રની કૃપાથી મુસાફરી સાથે આનંદ પણ મેળવશો. ધનલાભ મલતા રહેશે. દરરોજ ૩૪મું નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણાવો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૧૦, ૧૧, ૧૩ છે.

Lucky Dates: 7, 10, 11, 13

The Moon's rule till 24th January brings you much appreciation for your work. You will be able to obtain objects you desire. Meeting up with someone close to you will bring you great mental happiness. With the grace of the Moon, you will be able to enjoy your travels. Profits are indicated. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.



Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.

મિત્ર ગ્રહ શુકની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે જેટલા મોજશોખ ઓછા કરવા જશો તેટલા વધી જશે. હાલમાં ખર્ચ વધવા છતાં તમે મુશ્કેલીમાં નહીં આવો. તમારા કામ તમે વીજળી વેગે પુરા કરી શકશો. બગડેલી તબિયત હશે તો તેમાં સુધારો આવશે. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યક્ત' ભણાવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૯, ૧૦, ૧૧, ૧૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 9, 10, 11, 12

Under Venus' ongoing rule, the more you try to clamp down on your fun and entertainment, the more you will indulge in these! Despite an increase in expenses, there will be no financial shortage. You will complete your work at lightning speed. Those suffering from ill-health will find an improvement. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Gemini - મિથુન - ક.છ.ધ.

તમને ૨૧મી ફેબ્રુઆરી સુધી ધર્મના દાતા ગુરૂની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા કામમાં બીજાઓ ભુલ નહીં બતાવી શકે. નાના ધનલાભ મળવાના ચાન્સ છે. તમારા દરેક કામમાં સફળતા મળશે. થોડી બચત કરી સારી જગ્યાએ ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ અવશ્ય કરજો. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાવો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૮, ૯, ૧૨, ૧૩ છે.

Lucky Dates: 8, 9, 12, 13

Jupiter's rule till 21st February will make all your works flawless. Small profits are indicated. You will taste success in all your endeavours. You are advised to ensure that you save some money and invest the same. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Virgo - કન્યા - પ.હ.ણ.

બુધિના દાતા બુધની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે સાંભળશો બધાનું પણ કામ તમારું મન કહેશે તે જ કરશો. નોકરી કરતા હશે તો તમારા રોજના કામ સમય પહેલા પુરા કરી શકશો. લેતી દેતી હીસાબી કામ કે જમીનની લેતી દેતીમાં કાયદો મળશે. ધન બચાવી શકશો. દરરોજ 'મહેર નીઆએશ' ભણાવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૮, ૧૧, ૧૩ છે.

Lucky Dates: 7, 8, 11, 13

Mercury's ongoing rule will have you listen to what others have to say, but you will do only that what your mind feels is right. The employed will be able to complete their works before time. Profits are indicated for any transactions regarding lending of money or related to property. You will be able to save money. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ફ.

ચંદ્રની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી તમે તમારા વિચારોને મજબૂત કરીને ડીસીઝન લેવામાં સફળ થશો. જે પણ કામ કરતા હશે તેમાં મનથી અને ઈમાનદારીથી કામ કરવામાં સફળ થશો. ચંદ્રની કૃપાથી તમારા કરેલા કામની કદર જરૂર થશે. તબિયતમાં સારો સુધારો થશે. દરરોજ ૩૪મું નામ 'યા બેસ્તરના' ૧૦૧વાર ભણાવો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૮, ૯, ૧૧, ૧૨ છે.

Lucky Dates: 8, 9, 11, 12

The ongoing Moon's rule will help you to collect your thoughts and make a strong decision. You will be successful in doing all your work with focus and honesty. You will receive great appreciation for your work, with the blessings of the Moon. Your health will improve well. Pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.



Pisces - મીન - દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.શ.

શુક તમને લાંબા સમય સુધી સુખ શાંતિ અને લક્ઝરીયસ લાઈફ આપશે. કામકાજની અંદર સફળતા મળી રહેશે. જે તમે નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલીમાં હશે તો શુક તમારો મદદગાર થશે. નાના કાયદા મેળવીને તમે વધુ આનંદમાં આવશો. અપોઝીટ સેક્સનો ભરપુર સાથ સહકાર મળશે. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યક્ત'ની આરાધના કરજો.

શુકનવંતી તા. ૭, ૮, ૯, ૧૩ છે.

Lucky Dates: 7, 8, 9, 13

Venus' rule brings you mental peace, happiness and a luxurious life for a long period of time. You will be successful at work. If you are struggling financially, Venus will come to your rescue. Earning financial profits will bring you much happiness. The opposite gender will support you greatly. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.

2023 - A Wonderful Year It Will Be!



VEERA SHROFF SANJANA

Just a week ago, December wished us adieu at midnight... between those glasses of wine and midnight kisses, another year slipped off into the night. Betwixt the twilight of a year that was to the dawn of all that is or will be, we stand bright, hopeful leaning into all that's wonderful and right in this world.

Time and again, standing on the eve of a New Year, I never tire of watching hopeful hearts and iridescent dreams soar or crash on waves of absolute resolutions carved in stone, gradually eroding or cementing, as the year gradually crawls on. I say, "Aim for the stars, you may touch the sky." Paint your dreams with the colours of the rainbow. There is no denying the magic in the air brought on by the New Year.

Long before we walked the earth, time knew no relevance of its passage. There were no minutes or days, no months of January or February to mark existence in whatever form it thrived. There were moments between midnight and dawn, catastrophes and miracles. Long before the advent of civilization, everything around was an amazing choice in a world of belief. Long before we were naïve, an innate wisdom cloaked us all. Before we became 'sensible', instincts guided and rooted us. Tolerance, patience kindness and love planted us in fertile soils of human empathy. The wiser we got, the more ignorant we became.

Why do we commit spiritual suicide in the name of progress? Why do we default on an obligation to live our best lives distracted by running around in circles? It's time now to pay our debts. Let us commit to



this new year of hope, where skies are blue, no matter how grey everything around us really is. Let the atmosphere saturated with the subtle odors of hope and joy, not lose its charm, to eventually fade into the mysterious distance of motionless paralysis, as the year progresses.

January is the new beginning, the start of a year of wishes and fulfillment. Let the month herald in all that's bright and beautiful awaiting us in the New Year. In our perfect ways. In the ways we are beautiful. In all the ways we are human. We need to remember we are here. Standing on the threshold of a seemingly bright, buoyant year. So, let's make it ours!

We live our lives vicariously on adventures of the brave. We mold our worlds on the ones we emulate. We seek joy even in hopeless misgivings and we learn to dance amid all the pain. We weather storms that set us adrift and we seek safe shores to gather our wits. None amongst us is totally free. Love - the emotion and Living - the experience, both have no boundaries, except the ones we create ourselves. This year, let just the expansive universe, in all its majestic glory and bounty, force you to love and live beyond reason, beyond scope. Let us forge paths beyond the pale of human resort. Let us work assiduously, let us spend our money, time and energy on a resolute course of human transactions, which would naturally result in having our ordinary lives unfailingly fulfilled.

Let 2023 mark the beginning of your spiritual journey. Let us learn to dance and play with each other while our shadows watch in glee. The games we notoriously play in the dark is often hidden from the human eye. Let integrity bear a shield. Let not lying and small wants, petty meanness, treacherously assault upon compassion, that often weighs heavy in our human hearts. As individuals, let's not hold back or defile the charity, given in equal measure to one and all in a world full of need.

Being beggarly in dealing with others sinks us into pits of shame. Learn to kiss the aged-old hands of the weak and frail, for theirs is the kingdom of God. Seek their blessings, hear their words. In a world fake and false, let not your soul corrupt to that feast of love, and that heavy wine of kisses. None here that walk, even measured roads, have been promised eternities of joy nor eternities of pleasures.

Life is nothing but a continual cycle of pleasure and pain. Giving and taking. New Year is the glittering light to brighten the dream-lined pathway of the future. So, take a leap of faith and begin this wondrous year by just believing. Celebrate all that you want to see more of. There's never a new year that doesn't offer us a new season - a season of change and opportunities. So, grab yourself a great, big slice of happiness! Manifest your own kind of happy! Cheers to a New Year filled with hopes and dreams coming true for you!

Dr. Jasvi's Numero Tarot Predictions

(As Per Your Birth Month)



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

January (Lucky No. 6; Lucky Card: Lovers): Your health will be in good shape this month. Try to be focused and learn to move on. Financially, this is a good month for you - with lot of opportunities coming your way on a platter.

February (Lucky No. 17; Lucky Card: Star): There will be great balance restored in all areas of your life - i.e. health, wealth, mental peace and emotional satisfaction. All you need to do is clear up some confusions and move ahead with confidence.

March (Lucky No. 3; Lucky Card: Empress): As you sow, so shall you reap - this is your lesson to remember. Shoulder your responsibilities. Try and work through your emotional stress. It's time to enjoy the rainbow of happiness with your family.

April (Lucky No. 11; Lucky Card: Wheel Of Fortune): This month, you need to practice caution with your investments. Your money could get stuck. You could face a temporary problem of financial liquidity. You will learn that compromising is a must.

May (Lucky No. 10; Lucky Card: Justice): The month is one of your best - blessed with lots of power and success. This is the right time to start a family for people born in May. You need to learn to let go of thoughts that torture you emotionally.

June (Lucky No. 19; Lucky Card: Sun): This is a great month for you in terms of both - your health and wealth! You need to stop complaining about the things that you don't have and learn to be grateful for and enjoy what you have, to the fullest.

July (Lucky No. 2; Lucky Card: High Priestess): 'Work hard, party harder' is your tagline this month! It's time to celebrate your success. You will need to make some important life decisions - so make these with your mind and not with your heart. You will need to fight for your rights.

August (Lucky No. 5; Lucky Card: Hierophant): The month ahead is full of anticipation and planning for you. Do take expert advice where needed. You need to take care of your health - remember, prevention is better than cure.

September (Lucky No. 4; Lucky Card: Emperor): You know where your destiny lies, but are in search of the path to get there. Your divine healing has already started - for your health issues. The universe will favor those who wish to pursue higher studies. This is the time to chase your dreams and make them come true!

October (Lucky No. 8; Lucky Card: Strength): You need to clear the cobwebs in your mind and work towards clarity. You have got amazing potential - you could tame a lion with your confidence! Justice is on the cards.

November (Lucky No. 1; Lucky Card: Magician): You are advised to bathe with rock salt. Remember, it's always darkest before dawn. Do not worry too much - bright and sunny days are just around the corner. This is a great time to start a new partnership.

December (Lucky No. 21; Lucky Card: World): You need to clear your confused state of mind and all the emotional confusions that you are dealing with. House renovation is on the cards. You could buy new property. Travel abroad is indicated.

Incentive Scheme Encouraging Boarders To Join Dadar Athornan Institute

The Dadar Athornan Institute (DAI) established in 1919 by the Athornan Mandal, Mumbai is the only seminary that provides Zoroastrian youth from Athornan families completely gratis training in religious rites and rituals and arranges for their secular education in a school of repute. Athornan youth who pass out from DAI are trained to become Yozdathregar Mobeds - future torchbearers of performing religious ceremonies during all occasions, providing spiritual guidance to the laity and evolving into respected personage who would be looked up to.

Unfortunately, the number of Athornan Children at the DAI have been reducing in numbers, a sign that does not augur well for the community. With a view to motivating parents of Athornan boys to enrol their children into DAI, Neville H. Sarkari, 'Founder Trustee of Zarin Neville Sarkari Foundation', situated in Denver, USA, along with his co-Trustee Jehangir Shroff from Houston, have in collaboration with Trustees of The WZO Trust Funds, formulated a scheme that would incentivise parents of Athornan boys to enrol them into DAI as boarders for the duration of their religious and secular education studies, up to completion of secondary levels.

The incentive scheme to encourage boarders to join DAI will cover existing boarders as also new boarders who join from June 2023. The features of the scheme are:

FOR BOARDERS WHO JOIN DAI FROM JUNE 2023 ONWARDS: An amount of Rs.60,000 per annum will be invested yearly. Upon leaving DAI, after completing the full term of studies, they will be eligible to receive the amount plus compound interest accrued over the years.

Example: A boarder, who enrolled in June 2023 in Std 1, upon leaving DAI after completing the full course of studies up to Std 10 (SSC), will receive:

- i) Rs. 6,00,000: (Principal amount @ Rs.60,000 per annum),
 - ii) Rs. 2,30,947: (Notional interest compounded @ 7.05%per annum).
- TOTAL OF Rs. 8,30,947/-**

[It is to be made abundantly clear that once a student has enrolled at DAI, they are eligible to receive their share provided they have completed their full tenure at DAI. Boarders leaving DAI midway will not be eligible to receive any amount from this scheme.]

FOR EXISTING BOARDERS AT DAI: For the scheme to be equitable for existing boarders, the Trustees of the Zarin Neville H. Sarkari Foundation have ensured the existing boarders receive a proportionate share of the incentive scheme as follows:

- a) For students who have joined during years 2012 - 2016, 75% of Rs. 60,000 per year, for number of years from the year of joining till year 2022.
- b) For students who have joined during years 2017 - 2019, 50% of Rs.60,000 per year for number of years from the year of joining till year 2022.
- c) For students who have joined during years 2020 - 2022, 25% of Rs.60,000 per year for number of years from the year of joining till year 2022.

[Existing boarders will not be eligible to receive any interest on their incentive fund till December 31, 2022.]

It is earnestly hoped that parents of young Athornans will take full advantage of the scheme and participate in creating a number of educated and articulate young Mobeds, who will serve and lead the spiritual and secular needs of the community.

The WZO Trust Funds,
Dinshaw K. Tamboly,
Chairman.

Athornan Mandal,
Dasturji Khurshed K. Dastoor,
President.

Homiyar F. Madan,
Managing Trustee (Mumbai)

Ramiyar P. Karanjia,
Principal, DAI

Parsi Times catches up with Mr. Dinshaw Tamboly to answer a few related queries:

PT: As the scheme to incentivize parents of Athornan families to encourage enrolling their boys to Dadar Athornan Institute is very long term, can you share some details of the funding and how it will be administered?

Dinshaw Tamboly: Ever since getting acquainted with Mr. Neville H. Sarkari, in mid-2015, during one of his frequent visits to India, he has always had our community's welfare at heart, and been a regular donor to WZO Trust Funds for various causes including medical support, education, financial relief, support for Atashbehrams, Agyaries, Mobeds and pursuit of Mobedi.

For the current DAI initiative, he has donated Rs.20,000,000 (Rupees twenty million / two crores) to WZO Trust Funds as a corpus donation, the income from which will be used to support the present and future DAI students. The scheme will ensure that young Mobeds who complete the full DAI tenure will receive handsome returns. Completing the full tenure of 10 years at DAI would also have instilled in them devotion for Mobedi as a profession and will hopefully help increase the number of Mobeds.

PT: What you mention is inspiring, but will the return on Rs.20,000,000/- be adequate to look after additional boys who join the DAI?

Dinshaw Tamboly: Considering the present numbers at DAI (17 students), the interest amount will be adequate for up to 20 Mobeds undergoing training at DAI. Mr. Sarkari has also committed to making additional donations up to Rs. 1,000,000 (Rupees one million / ten lakhs) per student for up to 10 additional students who joined DAI after the students have completed their first year here. WZO Trust Funds will also make efforts to raise additional funds once the total number of students at DAI have reached 30.

PT: What are the other substantial charities done by Neville Sarkari through Zarin Neville Sarkari Foundation?

Dinshaw Tamboly: The D. N. Mehta Sarvajanic Hospital at Navsari has also been a beneficiary of his largesse. In 2017, Mr. Sarkari contributed Rs.12,750,000 for purchasing a CT Scan unit, and Rs.2,500,000 for helping indigent Parsis of South Gujarat who could not afford to avail of initial IVF treatment under the Jiyo Parsi Scheme. He recently contributed Rs.22,500,000 to set up a Neurosurgery unit. In fact, he had also contributed Rs.2,500,000 in 2021 to Mumbai's Parsee General Hospital to set up a dialysis Centre.

PT: It's wonderful that Parsis living abroad care so much for Mobeds and our religion. Could you share a brief background of philanthropist Neville Sarkari and the Zarin Neville Sarkari Foundation for our readers?

Dinshaw Tamboly: Mr. Neville Sarkari has

risen from very humble beginnings in India, living from a young age at Karani Widows Chawl with his mother, Homai, who was widowed at the young age of 38, and siblings. After completing his studies with the assistance



DINSHAW TAMBOLY

of various community Trusts, Neville did all sorts of odd jobs including 4 years as Chasniwala (Anjuman and Wadiaji Atashbehram during Muktaf days), delivering milk early morning to Cusrow Baug residents, worked as peon for a summer at Hindustan Ciba Geigy and at Taj Hotel Trade & Travels; 8 months with Mr. Cama.

In 1982, he did book-keeping as an undergraduate, under Er. Master, Secretary, Dadar Arthonan Madressa office, at Navsari Chambers. Post this, he went to USA at age 21 to complete his MBA and CPA license, and started practise as a CPA. Seeing his Gujarati clients earning handsomely from their business of running Motels, the entrepreneurial urge in him blossomed and he took to establishing Motels... there's been no looking back since.

Neville was happily married to Zarin from Bilimora. However, fate dealt Neville a very cruel blow when his loving wife Zarin passed away in 2011 at age 44 due to cancer, metastasis to the liver, lungs, and thyroid. At this unfortunate stage in his life, Neville read the book, 'Beyond The Last Blue Mountain,' by Rusi M. Lala, highlighting J R D Tata and history of the Tata family. He was deeply impressed by their donations towards setting up Cancer and Cancer Research Hospitals. He was also encouraged by his friend, Jehangir Shroff (Houston) to establish his own foundation and contribute towards various worthy causes. Thus was registered the Zarin Neville Sarkari Foundation in USA, in 2011.

Since its inception, the foundation has donated (not counting their present largesse) US\$1.5 million to various Foundations, Hospitals and Trusts in USA & India and individuals in India towards treatment of cancer and other ailments, supported Mobeds and religious institutions.

It is Neville's desire to give back to his Parsi community much more than what he received and he has been doing exactly that. His message to those like him who have migrated to foreign lands from financial support received from various Trusts in India to study and then settled overseas is to never forget their roots and pay back to the community in India far more than what they received. Mr. Neville Sarkari is indeed one of God's good men, a rare human being whose heart beats for the community, the likes of which are very rare to find in these times. His life should serve as a role model and be an inspiration to our youth.

Cyrus Vajifdar Ordained Navar

11-year-old Cyrus Rustom Vajifdar, resident of Cusrow Baug (Mumbai), was ordained Navar on 31st December, 2022, at the Sethna Agyari (Tardeo) under the guidance of Er. Khushravi Darayus Palia.

The son of proud parents, Khursheed and Rustom Vajifdar and grandson of Nazneen and Khurshed Vajifdar and Neville and (late) Bapsy Mistry, Cyrus' ordainment (done between 11th December, 2022 - 3rd January, 2023) was dedicated to the memory of his late great-grandmother, Mrs. Mani Vajifdar, who passed away in November 2022.

Cyrus currently studies in the sixth grade at the Bombay International School, where he excels as a student. He enjoys playing chess, badminton, swimming, reading and nature walks.



Cyrus is also the President Elect of XYZ's group - Daraius' Daredevils. Heartiest Congratulations to Cyrus on being ordained Navar - may he go on to serve our community with great zeal and dedication!

Congratulations Navar Kyan Lali!

On 20th December, 2022, 11-year-old US-resident, Kyan Arzan Lali, completed his Navar ceremony and proudly entered his first stage of Zoroastrian priesthood at Mumbai's Vatcha Gandhi Agyari. The Yazashne ceremony was performed in remembrance of Kyan's great-grandmother Late Najamai Kaikhushroo Lali by Er. Khushroo Kanga and Er. Karl Sidhwa, as also under the able guidance of Er. Hormuz Dadachanji



In his very first ceremony as a mobed, Er. Kyan joined 18 other mobeds at the Jashan celebrating the 166th anniversary of Vatcha Gandhi Agyari. The son of delighted parents, Arzan and Del Lali, Kyan was mentored by Er. Jal Panthaky (Toronto, Canada) with guidance from his father over the past four years. Kyan enjoys playing soccer and table tennis

and received his first Degree black belt in Tae Kwon Do at age 9.

With blessings of Pak Dadar Ahura Mazda, his grandparents, and all his loved ones, Kyan hopes to serve the Zarathushti community for many years

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