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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

And We're Twelve!

Dear Readers,

It brings me great joy to share with you that your favourite publication completes twelve very fulfilling and meaningful years, this weekend! Parsi Times' journey has indeed been one filled with service, satisfaction and pride, having started out in 2011, to quickly become the voice of the community.

We are privileged, that we have now, for a dozen years been serving the needs of the community, and our community is better informed and more engaged in community affairs because of it. PT has also lived up to a higher purpose than transmitting the week's events - we take our responsibility to bring the news to thousands of Zoroastrians worldwide, and sharing your stories, very seriously. Over the years, PT has led from the front as a community weekly, having taken on the role of an institution dedicating to reflecting and influencing the life of a whole community, with a moral responsibility towards it.

And we have you - our readers to thank for the success of Parsi Times as the community's leading news-weekly - in terms of reach as well as content. Nothing means more to us at PT than your readership and support. We are especially proud to share, that through the pandemic, Parsi Times continued providing copies in print when permissible, and free Digital E-papers to all, while maintaining content integrity - qualitatively and quantitatively, in keeping with the community's heightened need for news and connectivity, during such times. And we were richly rewarded for our efforts - our digital and physical reach has substantially increased our reader-base nationally and worldwide!

We take this auspicious occasion to reiterate our promise and our mission to serve the community and continue being its voice. We thank our readers, advertisers and all our well-wishers for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend!

- Anahita
anahita@parsi-times.com

Religious Announcements

Sarosh Roj Jashan & Humbandagi At Dadysett Agiary

A Sarosh Roj Jashan will be performed at 4:30 pm on 29th April, 2023, at Dadysett Agiary (Fountain), followed by a Humbandagi led by Er. Darayesh R. Katrak. Light refreshments will be served. All Parsi/ Irani Zoroastrians are cordially invited to attend.

Behram Roj Jashan & Humbandagi

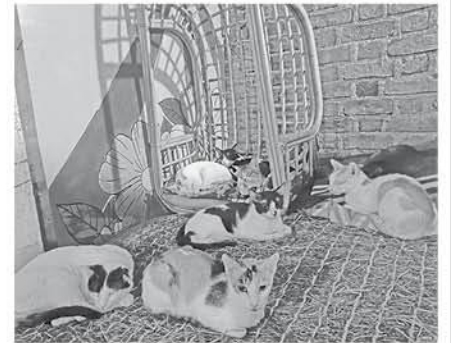
A Behram Roj Jashan will be performed at 5:00 pm on 2nd May, 2023, at Dadysett Atash Behram (Fanasvadi), followed by a Humbandagi led by Er. Darayesh R. Katrak at the Behram Yazad Shrine along with a religious talk. Light refreshments will be served thereafter. All Parsi/ Irani Zoroastrians are cordially invited.



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'Need For Parsi Representation / Reservations' Emphasized By Chief Guest Dr. Cyres Mehta At Iran League Centenary Celebrations!

As one of the world's most minuscule communities settled in the world's now most populated country, the dwindling Parsi community faces an increasing need for representation / reservation across various sectors, especially in education, employment, medicine and government services. In a recent event commemorating the completion of Iran League's hundred-year legacy, Chief Guest Dr. Cyres Mehta - hailed as the 'International Hero Of Indian Ophthalmology' - strongly voiced the need for the support in the form of reservations to help resurrect the Parsi community to its former glory.

Being a strong proponent of this cause for decades, Dr. Cyres Mehta, a true 'visionary' - literally and otherwise, applauded Iran League's efforts in rekindling a connect amongst young Zarthostis with our original motherland - Iran, on the occasion of its centenary celebrations held on 15th April, 2023, at Allbless Baug, Mumbai. Drawing an audience of about 400 community members, the function started on an auspicious note with a Jashan by Cama Baug Agiary's priests, followed by a Humbandagi by the sprightly Dadar Athornan students.

Iran League President, Er. CA. Vispi Dastur gave the welcome speech commending the services and efforts of the League, showering a warm welcome over Chief Guest Dr. Cyres K. Mehta and Guest of Honour - Er. Darayesh Katrak; Trustees - Dr. Sorab Javeri, Saroosh Dinshaw and Sam Choksey; Tehmina Peer and others present.

A regaling western vocal recital by Shernaz Shroff was followed by the felicitation of Commodore (retd) Jal Postwalla with the prestigious 'Maneckjee Limji Hataria' trophy, awarded for outstanding bravery through his celebrated career spanning the 1962, 1965 and 1971 Indian wars, in capacities including Assistant Director - Weapons and Equipment;

and Deputy Director - Warship Projects.

Illustrious music veteran and teacher, Silloo Shapurji introduced and felicitated the much respected Er. Darayesh Katrak of Dadysett Agiary and Charity Trust, who congratulated the Iran League on its achievements and conveyed heartfelt thanks to Chief Guest Dr. Cyres Mehta for the eye-surgery performed by him and reinstating perfect vision, stating he could have permanently lost his vision had it not been for the timely expertise of Dr. Cyres performing the robotic cataract surgery, unique to Mumbai. He also urged young adults to have more faith in prayers and work towards a balanced life.



Chief Guest Dr. Cyres Mehta addresses the audiences

Sam Choksey then introduced and welcomed Chief Guest Dr. Cyres Mehta, known to consistently set new standards and breakthroughs in expert eye-care, and founder of one of the world's leading eye-care centers - 'Dr. Cyres K. Mehta's International Eye Center', recognized for offering path-breaking advancements in eye-care and in the treatment of some of the most complicated eye diseases. The recipient of innumerable prestigious national and international awards, Dr. Cyres Mehta's brief yet hard-hitting speech received much applause, as he lent his voice to one of greatest needs today - adequate representation / reservations



Silloo Shapurjee felicitating Dr. Cyres Mehta

for the welfare of the Community.

He started by cordially greeting everyone, "Ervad Vispi Dastur, Mrs. Tehmina Peer, Mrs. Sillo Shapurjee and other committee members, Guest of Honour - Er. Darayesh Katrak, Commodore Jal Postwalla, Members of the Iran League, all dignitaries present today, my wife Vinifer and my littlest son, Zane, and my dear friends in the audience.... I'd like to thank you all for honoring me by having me as your Chief Guest today. Winston Churchill famously said, 'A good speech should be like a woman's skirt - long enough to cover the subject and short enough to create interest!'" which drew much laughter from the audience.

"I've been appraised of the great contribution of Iran League to our country and our community, which stretches far back for over a century. It reminds me of Hellen Keller's saying, 'Alone we can



Tehmina Peer felicitating Mrs. Vinifer Cyres Mehta

do so little, together we can do so much!" he added, bringing to the fore, the need for Parsi Reservation / Representation.

"Parsis have contributed in every sphere - entrepreneurship, business, medicine, law, politics. Today, our community faces unique challenges in the most populous country in the world. Foremost among these is that despite being the smallest minority in the country we have no reservation or representation in education, jobs, civil services and institutions like the Police. Soon, we will have very few or no Parsis left in these fields."



Zane Mehta wins first prize in Music Instrumental category

I request the trustees of the BPP and other prominent Parsis to petition the government to recognize us as India's smallest minority and accord us these concessions. How many Parsis today can afford exorbitant medical and engineering college fees as expensive as 40 lakhs a year? Remember always, without access to education, we are finished. 'Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.' I hope that our community leaders will heed this call and take it forward! I will end with Atha Zamyad Yatha Afrinami -so may it happen! Jai Hind!" His speech resonated with everyone as he received a thunderous applause.

A Prize Distribution ceremony awarding over 300 recipients with prizes and trophies with special recognition for Shenaz Shroff and Kevin Garda donated by Dinaz Choksey for Best Vocals and Instrument, was followed by Sam Choksey delivering the vote of thanks. The evening ended with the rendition of 'Chhaiye Hame Zarthosti' and the National Anthem, followed by dinner.



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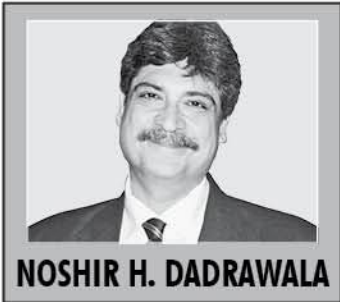
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NOSHIR H. DADRAWALA

Your Religious Queries Answered: Observing The Five Gehs

Noshir Dadrawala, scholar in Zoroastrian religion and culture, responds to queries sent in by readers seeking answers to various religious and cultural queries.

Query From Parsi Times reader, Adi Zaveri: After change of each of the five Gehs, for how many minutes should one wait before commencing prayers for the next Geh?

Noshir Dadrawala responds:

When praying during the day-time, one may allow about ten minutes to elapse after the change of *Geh*. However, it is more important to understand the Zoroastrian concept of *Geh* and its relevance, to not just time but the time in specific geographical locales.

What is Gah or Geh?

Gah or *Geh* is a *Pahlavi* term which denotes 'a time period' as also 'a place'. For example: *Havan Gah* refers to the first watch or time period of the day while *Atash Gah* refers place of fire.

Each day of twenty-four hours is divided into five *Gah* or *Geh* and each *Geh* spans over a period of four to five hours. *Ushahin Geh* and *Havan Geh* are longer since most rituals and ceremonies are performed during this period.

In fact, during shorter days of winter in Northern Iran, *Havan Geh* was extended by not observing the *Rapithwin Geh*, to give priests more time to complete their religious ceremonies. This custom is still observed by the community by observing *Rapithwin Geh* as the Second *Havan Geh*, from *Hormuzd Roj of Avan Mah* to *Vahishtoisht Gatha*.

The Five Geh:

Interestingly, *Asho Zarathushta* in *Gatha Ushtavaiti*, (*Yasna* 44.5) refers to only three *Geh*: *Usha* (early pre-dawn morning to noon), *Aremphithwa* (noon to sunset) and *Khshapa* (from sunset to early pre-dawn morning). Therefore, it seems likely that the concept of the five *Geh* was developed later and not before or during *Zarathushtra's* time.

The first *Geh* is '*Havan*', which in *Avesta* means time of ritually pounding *Haoma* (the sacred plant). The second *Geh* is '*Rapithwin*', which means half part of the day. The third *Geh* is '*Uziran*', which means high part of the day. The fourth *Geh* is '*Aiwisruthrem*', which means time for singing (devotional prayers and songs) and finally the fifth *Geh* is '*Ushahin*', which means time for enhancing consciousness.

Hoshbaam – Dawn (of Consciousness): Seventy-two minutes before sunrise is



a period known as *Hosbaam* and this is considered the most auspicious time for praying. The *Hoshbaam* period of seventy-two minutes is divided between *Havan-ni-Hoshbaam*, which is thirty-six minutes before sun-rise and *Ushahin-ni-Hoshbaam*, which is thirty-six minutes before the *Havan-ni-Hoshbaam*.

Bombay Time or IST?

For all religious ceremonies the priests in Mumbai and Gujarat observe Mumbai time which is the correct solar time in Western India. The time difference between Indian Standard Time (IST) and Bombay Time is thirty-eight minutes and fifty seconds. Today, India has a single time zone, five-and-a-half hours ahead of the Coordinated Universal Time also known as Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

The Coordinated Universal Time in India is based on the 82.5 E longitude line that cuts the country in half. However, India is approximately one thousand eight hundred miles across, and hence the sun rises and sets in eastern India, almost two hours earlier than it does in western India.

Until the mid-nineteenth century, local timekeeping was tied to the rising and setting of the sun. Bombay used to observe 'Bombay Time'. However, with commencement of the railway and telegraph systems in India around the 1850s, it became necessary for colonial India to have a single uniform time. 'Madras Time' was chosen by default since the city of Madras (now Chennai) was roughly located (longitudinally) halfway between Calcutta (now Kolkata) and Bombay (now Mumbai).

In 1947, when India became independent, a single time zone became a natural next step with Indian Standard Time, five and a half hours ahead of GMT. In the early 1950s, the Bombay Municipality finally and officially abandoned Bombay Time.

Parsis in Western India, however, to this date, continue to observe Bombay Time for all liturgical purposes as it is more accurate from a geographical point of view. Hence, when the priest says the *Uthamna* ceremony will be at 3:00 pm Bombay Time he means it will be at 3.38 pm IST.

Also, to reiterate, the time difference between Indian Standard Time (IST) and Bombay Time is thirty-eight minutes and fifty seconds. However, most of us practically round it off to forty minutes.

The Correct Time...

Assuming one is in Western India, *Havan Geh* should be observed from sunrise (one can check the exact time of sunrise in most daily newspapers or a phone app) till mid-day or 12:00 noon (12:38 pm IST).

Rapithwan Geh should be observed from 12:00 noon (12:38 pm IST) till 3:00 pm (3:38 pm IST).

Uziran Geh should be observed from 3:00 pm (3:38 pm IST), to sunset (one can check the exact time of sunset in most daily newspapers or a phone app).

Aiwisruthrem Geh should be observed from sunset to midnight or 12:38 am (IST). However, traditionally *Aiwisruthrem Geh* commences only after it becomes completely dark, and the stars can be seen in the night sky.

Ushahin Geh should be observed from 12:00 midnight (12:38 am IST) up to sun-rise.

Traditionally the laity is advised not to recite *Avesta* prayers after midnight (except recite the *Yatha*, *Ashem* and *Yenghe hatam* prayers) since it is a time when the dark forces of evil attain optimal strength. However, the last seventy-two minutes of *Ushahin Geh* is the *Hoshbam* period, and it is recommended that the beautiful *Hoshbam* prayer is recited during this period.



The first attempt to impose a single time on Bombay in 1870 was unsuccessful, and a second attempt by the colonial government in 1881 also met with opposition. The city of Bombay resisted the change, with even the Bombay University and the Bombay High Court using Bombay Time, even though the railways and some government offices used Madras Time. In 1884, at the International Meridian Conference, the system of time zones at one-hour intervals was discussed. Calcutta, which falls on the 90E meridian, would be ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) by six hours. Bombay, on 75E, by about five hours.

Ratan Tata Conferred Order of Australia Country's Highest Civilian Honour

Our community's most celebrated living legend as also India's most revered industrialist and philanthropist, Ratan Tata, Tata Sons' Chairman Emeritus, was conferred the highest Australian civilian honour, the 'Order of Australia', for his contributions to the field of business even in Australia, on 22nd April, 2023. This prestigious honour comes a month after the most loved businessman was appointed as the Honorary Officer of the General Division of the Order of Australia for his contributions to the Australia-India bilateral relationship, particularly in sectors of trade, investment, and philanthropy.



(2008) - the nation's third and second highest civilian award, respectively.

The image of Ratan Tata receiving the award was shared by Barry 'O' Farrell, Australia's High Commissioner to India, on Twitter. In the post, O' Farrell hailed, "Ratan Tata is a titan of biz, industry and philanthropy not just in India, but his contributions have also made a significant impact in Australia. Delighted to confer Order of Australia (AO) honour to Ratan Tata in recognition of his longstanding

commitment to the Australian and Indian relationship."

Reacting to this tweet by Australia's High Commissioner to India, many Twitter users commented to praise the living legend. Some also questioned why

Ratan Tata had not been given Bharat Ratna yet by the government of India. The recipient of numerous prestigious recognitions and awards, Ratan Tata has earlier received high ranking civilian awards in India including the Padma Bhushan (2000) and the Padma Vibhushan

85-year-old Ratan Tata has been a strong advocate for fostering strong economic-cultural bonds between the two countries. He is also an ardent supporter of the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement, which came into effect in 2022. The Australian branch of Tata Consultancy, which was established in 1998, has the largest Australian workforce of any Indian firm with about 17,000 employees. TCS Australia also provides IT services to six Australian NGOs completely free of cost.

World Heritage Day Celebrated in Navsari

There was much celebration and activity in the air in Navsari, Gujarat, on 18th April, 2023, which marked 'World Heritage Day'. Known as our 'dharam ni tekdi' or the religious/cultural capital of the Parsi community, Navsari indeed houses a number of heritage structures which highlight the glorious legacy of our community. To further boost and fortify the same, a program celebrating World Heritage Day was jointly organised in Navsari by ParZor and INTACH (Indian National Trust For Art and Cultural Heritage), in collaborative efforts with Parsi Cultural Division of the S B Garda College Trust.

The World Heritage Day function was held with the help of the Shirvoi Party Plot, Navsari and efforts of INTACH and ParZor, along with the Parsi Cultural Division of SBGCT. Guest speakers, who spoke on the occasion, included historian Professor Dr. Mohan Meghani and Jeetendra Gaekwad representing the royal family of Baroda, as also the Collector of Navsari - IAS Amit Prakash Yadav and Convenor, INTACH Navsari - Adv Sudhir Sule. INTACH Navsari Co-convenor Ruzbeh Umrigar, who is also the Gujarat Projects Coordinator for ParZor Foundation, made an enthralling presentation.



30th April 2023 Sunday
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A few new interesting and informative initiatives were introduced, like Heritage Walks and Museum Walks, which would be open to the interested public. Attending the event honourable a good number of Navsari residents, as also enthusiastic from Surat, Mumbai and Baroda, who wished to participate in the Heritage related activities in Navsari, and turned up despite the heavy rains. They were especially excited to have a hearty discussion with the Collector of Navsari.

Speaking to Parsi Times, Gujarat Projects Coordinator for ParZor Foundation

as well as INTACH Navsari Co-convenor, Ruzbeh Umrigar, informed, "We are collaborating with a number of other institutions in Navsari as well, with the aim of getting our Navsari back on the tourism map and much more. We look forward to bringing the Heritage Walks to the people for their better understanding and appreciation of Navsari's rich cultural legacy."

The next Heritage Walk will take place on 30th April, 2023, from 7:45 am to 9:00 am, commencing at Navsari Fuwara (fountain). Those looking to participate can connect with Ruzbeh Umrigar at: +91 9769580550

Prof. Dr. Hoshang Unwalla Receives Outstanding Mentor Award



therapeutic drugs to improve or arrest lung function decline in these diseases. Prof. Unwalla was nominated by his graduate student, Maria Santiago, who is working on her PhD in Biochemistry.

Hoshang Jehangir Unwalla obtained his Ph.D. at the National Institute of Immunology, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India. As a post-doctoral fellow at the Beckman Research Institute (CA), his research involved designing gene therapy approaches to suppress HIV replication. During his post-doctoral fellowship, he was awarded the prestigious Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR) fellowship, one of the four awarded worldwide, that cycle.

In 2008, he moved to the University of Miami as Research Assistant Professor in Immunotherapy, where he developed an interest in HIV and lung disease. In 2009, he branched into pulmonary medicine with a goal towards developing research projects in pulmonary complications in smokers and HIV patients. He is currently funded by Flight Attendant Medical Research Institute, National Institutes of Health, and the Department of Defense to support his research.

In a recent award ceremony held in Tampa city in Florida (USA), Professor Dr. Hoshang Jehangir Unwalla was awarded the '2022-23 Outstanding Mentor Award' from Florida Education Fund's McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program. The McKnight program aims to increase the number of African Americans and Hispanics in Florida who earn PhDs. Unwalla's lab in the Department of Immunology and Nano-Medicine, studies lung diseases in HIV smokers and non-smokers to develop

Dr. Farhad Mehta Receives Pharma Anveshan Award 2023

Recently, Bhopal-based Dr. Farhad F. Mehta, Assistant Professor C, at School of Pharmaceutical Sciences (SOPS), UTD - Rajiv Gandhi Technological University, RGPV, Bhopal, MP, was recently awarded the 'Best Concept Note' Award by the President of Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) - Dr. Montu Patel, in the Granted Patents category.

Dr. Mehta won this award based on the proposal he had submitted under 'Pharma Anveshan: 2023', organised by PCI, an autonomous regulatory body, under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, which regulates Pharmacy education in India.

PCI had invited proposals from Pharmacy teachers, researchers and other leading Pharma industry officials of India to share academic research with the global Pharma industry and to exchange the benefits of research outcomes between academia and



industry, and for the welfare of society across three categories - Granted Patents; Granted Design Patents; and Promising Research.

Dr. Farhad is also the President of Bhopal Parsi Anjuman in Madhya Pradesh.

Parsi-owned Bungalow 'Sunny Ville' Sold To AB Group For ₹220 crore

In a prime land deal, a Parsi-owned bungalow named 'Sunny Ville', located on Carmichael Road in Tardeo, South Mumbai, and belonging to late Ernevaz Kharshedji Dubash (who passed away in 2013), was sold to BGH Properties Ltd - an Aditya Birla



Group company, for Rs. 220 crores. BGH Properties Ltd purchased the half-acre bungalow along with the land parcel, admeasuring 19,883 sq ft, comprising the ground plus 2 storey bungalow.

The proceeds of the bungalow's sale will be used for charitable purposes, to provide poverty relief, education support and medical relief to individuals and hospitals or like institutions. Ernevaz Dubash's late mother had established a public charitable trust - Perowshaw Dhunjishaw Bolton Charities (PDBC) - in

1960. As per Ernevaz Dubash's last will made in 2012, she appointed six persons as her executors to administer her estate and carry out her wishes that her shares and securities (including all her furniture, antiques, original Mughal paintings, silverware) be sold and transferred to PDBC. Her private collection - which included vintage paintings, jewellery and a crystal chandelier - was auctioned at Pundole Art gallery, Mumbai, in 2015, and fetched around Rs. 17.8 crores.

Shahaan Tavadia Rides The San Francisco Wave!

13-year-old Shahaan Tavadia, Phoenix, USA, took on the daunting 2-day swimming challenge in the open waters of San Francisco Bay, completing the swim from Alcatraz to the Pier, and across the Golden Gate Bridge, on 10th April, 2023.

On the first day, the 1-4-mile swim commenced from Alcatraz Island to the Pier, continuing onto the second day, spanning across the Golden Gate Bridge at a distance of 1.2 miles. Around 70 participants between 10 to 60 years of age took on the swimming challenge, known for its deadly currents, chilly waters, and even marine life, making it a formidable task even for experienced swimmers.

Shahaan, a seasoned swimmer, has been honing his skills in the pool for six years now, having started his swimming journey at a young age, dedicating countless hours of hard work and determination to improve his technique and endurance. Despite the challenges, he fearlessly dove into the frigid waters, powered through the currents, staying focused and triumphantly completed these swims.



During the first race, Shahaan was unfortunately swayed by the currents to a different location. However, the young-gun quickly assessed the situation and decided to swim back along the coastline line, until he finally reunited with his swim team. It was indeed a moment of joy and pride for Shahaan, his family and his coaches. Kudos to Shahaan and here's to many more achievements!

Panchgani's Chokshi Dar-e-Meher Celebrates 92nd Salgreh

By PT Reporter Khushroo P Mehta

The Seth Nanabhoy Bejonji Chokshi Dar-e-Meher, at Panchgani, celebrated its 92nd salgreh this year, which coincides with the auspicious Atash-nu-Parab (Adar Mah - Adar Roj) which took place on 21st April, 2023. This year's celebration was special as it was at full scale after the covid years, drawing in over 50 devotees along with the Trustees present for the Salgreh nu Jashan, at 11:10 am. The hour-long Jashan ended with a Humbandagi and was followed by several Maachi offerings through the day. The audience was offered chasni, snacks and cold drinks.

The evening brightened up with the traditional 'Fala ni Machi' at 7:00 pm, offered by Panthaki Er. Hoshang



Jashan



Facade of Choksi Agiary Panchgani

Bhandara. He shared significant information on the development of the Agiary over the years, especially the last 12 years of his presence here. He shared that this was the 12th Salgreh of the Agiary under his tenure and through the many tough times, two things that have remained constant were the blessings of the Atash Padshah and the support of the Agiary Trustees who have stood by him in all his decisions for the betterment of this Agiary building, Dastoor quarters, Agiary garden and the huge land of around 10-12 acres which form the

Agiary compound.

Panthaki Bhandara has always prioritized the cleanliness and upkeep of the Agiary building and personally



Newly painted 92-year-old holy Agiary Well



Trustees & Panthaki Saheb

ensures that the garden around the Agiary building is flush with flora. He was happy to share an increase in the number of visitors over the last couple of years, post covid, for which he extended special thanks to Parsi Times and other social media sources who helped spread a good word about this Agiary, encouraging the Parsi Zarthostis who come on holiday to Mahableshtar and Panchgani to pay their respects to the Atash Padshah.

He wished for more Zarthostis to visit and promote this Agiary as well as other Agiaries for our places of worship to survive and for our religion to thrive, and concluded with sending blessings to all PT readers and the community. Ushta Te!



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Patel Agiary Celebrates 115th Salgreh

The Perozsha Ardeshir Patel's Fire Temple, located in Andheri West, Mumbai, celebrated its glorious 115th salgreh amidst much pomp, in memory of its founder - Seth Ardeshir Bicaji Patel (Andheriwalla) on 21st April, 2023 (Mah-Adar, Roj-Adar). A Jashan was performed at 5:00 pm in the Agiary, by Panthaki Er. Kersi H Katila and his team of Mobeds. It was well attended by Zoroastrian residents living in and around Andheri as also the Trustees of the Agiary - Ardeshir Patel, and Maneckshaw Patel, Hoshang Mirza, Sam Patel (ACP Rtd), Shahrukh Irani and Viraf Irani.

After the Jashan, on the request of Er. Katila, Chairman Ardeshir Patel addressed the crowd, speaking about the benevolent nature of his grandfather in installing a Dadgah in 1908, in memory of his younger son, Pherozsha who passed away at the tender age of five. Then, he alongside other Zoroastrian residents of Andheri established the Patel Fire Temple for the Zoroastrian community. Seth Ardeshir Bicaji Patel, along with support of fellow Zoroastrians of Andheri and nearby areas, had also established a Tower of Silence, at Andheri East for the Zoroastrian community.

Next, Er. Khushru Panthaky shared a religious speech on Jashans, which was well received by the audience. It was heartening to note that the Patel Agiary, which earlier had its Trustees facing financial challenge due to the shortfall of Kathi and had to seek out philanthropists for the Kathi Fund, are today proud to share that the Dar-e-mehr is now financially sound, thanks to the visionary Trustees who developed a large portion of their lands for housing society to the Zoroastrian Community.



Managing Your Passwords Automagically!



RUZBEH RAJA

Ruzbeh Raja is an Information Technology Consultant with over 20 years of experience in the IT industry. He is also a Visiting Professor of Law in the University of Mumbai.

Passwords act as the first line of defense for sensitive information and can spell doom when mismanaged

or compromised, so they are naturally one of a hacker's prime targets. As the IT landscape expands, passwords proliferate, and as more passwords need to be protected, a centralized password management routine becomes crucial. The following are answers to some pertinent questions which will help fortify your password management :

Q: Do I need to set a long or complicated password for my email or internet banking?

A: Short passwords are easy to guess and can be automatically guessed by computers in a matter of seconds. A password of up to 8 characters can be guessed in 10 seconds to 3 minutes flat. As computer processing power increases by the day, shorter passwords are easier to guess or 'crack'. This means that you should no longer use a password less than 8 characters for any purpose.

Q: Do I really need to have a different password for each email account or net banking account or online service?

A: Yes. If a password for any one email account or bank account is breached by someone and you have used it for multiple other email accounts or banking accounts, then all those places with the same password can be compromised and the attacker easily gains access. It's like having the same key for your front door and all your cupboards and furniture as well!

Q: How do I remember so many different passwords? Should I write them all down in a diary?

A: It's very difficult to remember many different random password combinations. For this purpose, you can use services called 'Password Managers', including: '1Password'; 'LastPass'; 'Google Password Manager'; 'BitWarden'; and 'Dashlane'. These allow you to store passwords in their online database through an App. You only need to remember one Master Password and the App stores the rest of the passwords securely. You can download the App on your phone and also download a desktop App for your computer at home. Most Apps work across Android, Apple iOS, Windows, Linux and MacOS.

Q: But isn't it unsafe to store all passwords in one location?

A: It is safer to have your passwords stored securely at one place rather than writing them down in a diary or paper or in the Notes App of your phone. If you misplace that scribbled paper or some unauthorized person gets a hold of that chit, your email account or net banking is surely in danger. Password Manager services are built for security and they store your passwords in their systems in an extremely secure way, so that even if their systems get compromised or the data leaks, your password remains confidential. You only need to remember 1 password, as opposed to having to remember multiple different passwords for each email account or net banking service.

Q: What if my phone gets lost or my computer stops working?

A: Password Manager Apps store your information in a secured environment on their own servers 'in the cloud' (refer end of article). This means that even if your phone or computer or laptop or device stops working, or is lost or stolen, your password information will remain in your account and you can always access it with your Master Password.

Q: I have 2 phones and 1 laptop computer. Can I use the Password Manager on all my devices? What if I also have an iPhone?

A: Yes. Password Managers are meant to work across all your devices. This means that if you add your password on any one of your phones or devices, it will synchronize across all devices through the internet and will show the same password on all devices immediately. All you need to do is download the Password Manager App, create an account and set up your Master Password, and then add your password to it.

Q: Do Password Manager services cost money?

A: Most Password Manager services offer a free limited service and allow you to store your passwords on 1 - 2 devices without any cost. If you want to use it on multiple devices like your home-phone plus work phone plus laptop plus desktop, then you may need to pay a yearly subscription. Some Password Manager services offer a family subscription for multiple family members.

Q: I use the Notes App on my phone to store my passwords. Isn't that cheaper, safer and easier to use?

A: No. Many people use an Excel Spreadsheet or the Notes App on their phone or even store their passwords in a Word Document. This is a bad practice as these Apps are not meant for secure storage of information and can be easily accessed by anyone using your phone. Unlike Password Managers which automatically fill in your passwords on websites, your Notes App will require you to copy and paste your password, which is highly insecure and can lead to many mistakes. Unlike your Notes App on your phone, Password Manager Apps have extra security features and store your information in a secured environment on their own servers 'in the cloud' (refer end of article).

Q: Are there any other advantages to having a password manager store my passwords?

A: There are numerous benefits to having a Password Manager store your passwords:

- Password Manager Apps allow you to select a strong, unique, random password for each and every different email account or net banking account or service. No re-using your password.
- If you change or update your password on any one of your devices, the password will get updated across all your devices.
- When you visit your email account or

website, the Password Manager will automatically fill in your password for that website or email service. No need to copy/paste or type in the saved passwords.

- It allows you to store multiple login details for the same service. Eg. If you have 2 Gmail accounts, it will remember the login details and passwords separately and ask you to choose a login profile before you login to Gmail each time.
- The Password Manager also alerts you if you reuse the same password for multiple accounts or services.
- Some Password Managers can also store your Credit/Debit Card Details securely.

Q: What if I want to change my Password Manager service? Will I lose all my passwords?

A: All Password Manager services allow you to download your entire password list or send it safely through email. If you want to migrate to another Password Management service or stop using any Password Manager, you can do so by simply closing your account.

Q: What is meant by the Tech Term: 'In the cloud'?

A: When you use a service 'in the cloud', it means that you're not storing information on your own phone or computer or device, but are storing it on some computer which is in another remote place. Eg. Gmail, Google Docs, DigiLocker. It's called 'cloud' because in the early days of the internet, a cloud symbol was used to indicate a network connection through the internet.

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WINNING CAPTION!!!



Penguin (Left): Why are we present only in Antarctica?
 Penguin (Right): And why aren't we in any other nation?
 Penguin (Centre): It's because we love to stay in 'Ice-olation'!

By Kayomarz Dotiwalla

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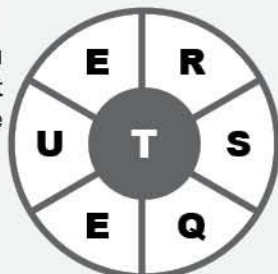
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Thought of the Week

"You can get everything in life you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want."

- Zig Ziglar

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શેઠ શેઝાદ મરોલિયા દ્વારા ઉદવાડા બેકર્સ શરૂ કરવામાં આવી

છેલ્લા સાત વર્ષથી, હિલ્લા અને શેઝાદ મરોલિયા ઉદવાડામાં કેફે ફરોલર ચલાવી રહ્યા છે, જે તેના અધિકૃત પારસી ભોજનના રસિયાઓ માટે અત્યંત લાજવાબ છે. ૭મી એપ્રિલ, ૨૦૨૩ના રોજ, કેફે ફરોલરના શેઠ શેઝાદ મરોલિયાએ ઈરાની બેકરીના વારસાને ચાલુ રાખવા માટે તેમનું સૌથી નવું સાહસ - ઉદવાડા બેકર્સ (દૌલત હાઉસ, ઈરાનશાહ રોડ ખાતે) શરૂ કર્યું.

ભવ્ય ઉદઘાટન વલસાડના જિલ્લા કલેક્ટર શ્રીમતી શિપ્રા આગ્રે અને વડા દસ્તુરજી ખુરશેદ દસ્તુર દ્વારા કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું જે તેમના પરિવારો સાથે ઉપસ્થિત હતા. મોટી સંખ્યામાં સ્થાનિક પારસી ભાઈઓ અને શુભેચ્છકો અભિનંદન આપવા અને નવી બેકરીને જોવા માટે આવ્યા હતા, જેની બ્લોગર્સ અને અન્ય સોશિયલ મીડિયા પ્રભાવો દ્વારા પણ ખૂબ પ્રશંસા કરવામાં આવી હતી. બધા આમંત્રિતોને કેફે ફરોલર ખાતે ભવ્ય બ્રેકેટ મિજબાની આપવામાં આવી હતી, જે સોડાવોટરવાલા ધર્મશાળામાં રાખવામાં આવી હતી.

ઉદવાડા બેકર્સની મુખ્ય બેકરી એ જ જગ્યાએ આવેલી છે જ્યાં અગાઉની ઈરાની બેકરી હતી - બાવા ઈનની નીચે. પવિત્ર ઈરાનશાહ આતશબેહરામની બરાબર સામે, ઘસારો કરનારાઓ માટે એક આઉટલેટ. કુશળ બેકર્સની ટીમ માત્ર શ્રેષ્ઠ ઘટકો અને સમય-સન્માનિત તકનીકોનો ઉપયોગ કરીને મોં-પાણી આવી જાય તેવી વાનગીઓની વિશાળ શ્રેણી બનાવવા માટે ગર્વ અનુભવે છે જે ખાતરીપૂર્વક તમને આનંદ આપશે! તેઓ હજી પણ મશીનોનો ઉપયોગ કર્યા વિના જાતે જ પકવવામાં માને છે, જૂના જમાનાની રીતે લોટ મિક્સ કરીને લાકડાની નાની ભઠ્ઠીનો ઉપયોગ કરે છે - તેની ખાતરી કરવા માટે કે મૂળ સ્વાદમાં સહેજ પણ બાંધણોડ ન થાય. બન મરકા, બુન મરકા અને માવા કેક, ખારી, ખાંડની ખારી, મખાનીસ/બટાસા, નાનખટાઈ, કિસમિસ રસ્ક ટોસ્ટ, કાજુ, બદામ અને વોલનટ મેકરૂમ, હવે બધા માટે ઉપલબ્ધ છે.

તેથી, આગલી વખતે જ્યારે તમે આપણાં પવિત્ર ઉદવાડા તરફ જશો, ત્યારે ઉદવાડા બેકર્સ પાસેથી ગુડીઓનો તમારો હિસ્સો મેળવવાનું ચૂકશો નહીં!



વડોદરાના ઉમરીગર આદરિયાનની ૧૯મી સાલગ્રેહની ઉજવણી



૨૨મી માર્ચ, ૨૦૨૩ (રોજ આદર, માહ આવાં) એ વડોદરાના ફતેહગંજ ખાતે સ્થિત ઉમરીગર આદરિયાનની ૧૯મી શુભ સાલગ્રેહની ઉજવણી કરવામાં આવી. પારસી પંચાયત ચેરીટેબલ ફંડ વડોદરા દ્વારા આયોજિત ઉજવણી સમારોહમાં ઈરાનશાહ ઉદવાડાના વડા દસ્તુરજી - ખુરશેદજી કેકોબાદ દસ્તુર મુખ્ય મહેમાન તરીકે ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા અને સમુદાયના ઘણા સભ્યોએ હાજરી આપી હતી. આદરિયાન ખાતે સાંજે માચી અર્પણ કરવામાં આવી હતી, ત્યારબાદ વડા દસ્તુરજી ખુરશેદજી અને ઉમરીગર આદરિયાનના અન્ય મોબેદો દ્વારા જશન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું.

પ્રમુખ ફિરોઝ પટેલ, પંચાયતના ટ્રસ્ટીઓ અને અંજુમને સમુદાયના બે અગ્રણી ભૂતપૂર્વ પ્રમુખ - શાવકશા ફકીરજી પટેલ અને પ્રો. ડો. રૂમી જહાંગીર મિસ્ત્રી, જેઓ પંચાયત પ્રત્યેના તેમના લાંબા સમયના સમર્પણ, પરિશ્રમ અને સેવા માટે જાણીતા હતા. આદરિયાન હોલમાં તેમના પોર્ટ્રેટના અનાવરણ દ્વારા તેઓનું સન્માન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું.

શાવકશા પટેલ, જેમનો પરિવાર પેઢીઓથી સમુદાયની સેવા કરી રહ્યો છે, તેઓ ચાર દાયકાના વધુ સમયથી પંચાયતની પ્રવૃત્તિઓ સાથે સક્રિય રીતે સંકળાયેલા હતા અને ચાર ટર્મ માટે પ્રમુખ તરીકે સેવા આપવાનું ગૌરવ ધરાવતા હતા. પ્રો. ડો. રૂમી મિસ્ત્રી અસાધારણ શૈક્ષણિક લાયકાત ધરાવતા બરોડા યુનિવર્સિટીના વરિષ્ઠ સભ્ય હતા. તેમણે તેમનું જીવન શિક્ષણ અને યુવાનોને કારકિર્દીની પસંદગીમાં મદદ કરવા માટે સમર્પિત કર્યું હતું. તેઓ સ્પોર્ટ્સમેન, ડ્રામેટિસ્ટ અને સ્થાનિક અને કેન્દ્ર સરકારના સ્તરે વિવિધ સલાહકાર સમિતિના સભ્ય હતા.

વડા દસ્તુરજી ખુરશેદનું પંચાયતના પ્રમુખ દ્વારા સન્માન કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. છેવટે હમે જરથોસ્તી અને રાષ્ટ્રીયતા પ્રસ્તુતિ સાથે ફંક્શનનો અંત આવ્યો, અને બધાએ રાત્રિ ભોજન ગંભારનો આનંદ માણ્યો.



ઝેડએજએનો વાર્ષિક દિવસ

૧૬મી એપ્રિલ, ૨૦૨૩ના રોજ, ઉક્તા-તે ફાઉન્ડેશનના જરથોસ્તી અવેરનેસ ગ્રુપ ઓફ અમદાવાદ (ઝેડએજએ) એ ગુજરાતમાં અમદાવાદ સેનેટોરિયમના લાલકાકા હોલમાં ઝેડએજએ જેસ્ટ શીર્ષક હેઠળના તેના વાર્ષિક ડે ફંક્શન ૨૦૨૨-૨૩નું આયોજન કર્યું હતું. મુખ્ય અતિથિ - બ્રિગેડ. જહાંગીર અંકલેસરિયા (નિવૃત્ત), પ્રમુખ, અમદાવાદ પારસી પંચાયત (એપીપી), મહેર મેદોરા સાથે - સ્થાપક ટ્રસ્ટી, ઝેડએજએ, અને વરિષ્ઠ ટ્રસ્ટી - શિરીન કાંગા હતા.

કાર્યક્રમની શરૂઆત પ્રાર્થના અને મોનાજાત સાથે થઈ હતી કારણ કે બાળકોએ વિવિધ પારસી વ્યક્તિત્વની ચર્ચા કરીને પારસીપણું વિશેનું તેમનું જ્ઞાન શેર કર્યું હતું. આગળ,



ઝેડએજએનું આખું ગ્રુપ

મનોરંજક પારસી ગીતો, કવિતાઓ, નૃત્યો અને ક્વિઝના પ્રતિભાશાળી પ્રદર્શનનું અનુસરણ કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. મુખ્ય અતિથિએ ટીમ ભાવનાના મહત્વ વિશે પ્રેરણાદાયી વક્તવ્ય શેર કર્યું અને ઝેડએજએ પ્રયાસોને બિરદાવ્યા હતા. શિરીન કાંગાએ ઝેડએજએ ટીમનો વિશેષ અવાજ ઉઠાવીને આભાર માન્યો હતો. બપોરના ભોજન સાથે દિવસ પૂરો થયો હતો.

એક નજર પારસી મરાઠો ઉપર

Deceased મરનાર	Age વય	Date તારીખ	Address ર. ઠે.	Relations સગાઈઓ
Jehangir Dadiba Chinoy જહાંગીર દાદીબા ચીનોઈ	82 ૮૨	21.04.2023	791, Percy Manor, Jame Jamshed Road, Parsi Colony, Dadar(E), Mumbai 14. ૭૯૧, પરસી મેનોટ, જામે જમશેદ રોડ, પારસી કોલોની, દાદર (પૂ.), મુંબઈ ૧૪.	તે સુન્નુ જહાંગીર ચીનોઈના ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમો પીરોજ તથા દાદીબા ચીનોઈના દીકરા તે મરહુમો તેલમી તથા હીરજી કોટવાલના જમાઈ તે નૌજર તથા મરહુમ લની પરવેઝ બીલીમોરિયાના ભાઈ તે ફેનીના જેઠ તે મેહરૂ તથા યજ્ઞદીના મામાજી તે જેસીકાના કકાજી તે દીનાઝ તથા કેઝાદના કઝીન.
Sam Minocher Mahaluxmivala સામ મીનોચેર મહાલક્ષ્મીવાલા	92 ૯૨	21.04.2023	12, Firuz Ara, 160, M. Karve Road, Cooperage Bandstand, Mumbai 21. ૧૨, ફીરૂઝ આરા, ૧૬૦, એમ. કરવે રોડ, કુપરેજ બેન્ડ સ્ટેન્ડ, મુંબઈ ૨૧.	તે નરગેસ સામ મહાલક્ષ્મીવાલાના ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમો મેહરા તથા મીનોચેર મહાલક્ષ્મીવાલાના દીકરા તે ઝરીન દારાયસ કોટવાલ, પરવીન પુનાવાલા તથા જહાંગીર સામ મહાલક્ષ્મીવાલાના બાવાજી તે દારાયસ કોટવાલ તથા એના મહાલક્ષ્મીવાલાનાં સસરાજી તે આઈમાય રૂસ્તમ મહેતાના ભાઈ તે મરીના, કાર્વ, રાઈના, લેના મમાવાજી તે સામના બપાવાજી તે મરહુમો શીરીન નોશીરવાન પેટીધરાનાં જમાઈ.
Rati Dali Jasoomoney રતી દાલી જસુમની	81 ૮૧	21.04.2023	14, Maneckji Petit Building, Gilder Lane, Opp. Navjivan Society, Marazban Colony, Mumbai, Central Mumbai 8. ૧૪, માનેકજી પીટીટ બિલ્ડિંગ, ગીલ્ડર લેન, ઓપ. નવજીવન સોસાયટી, મરઝબાન કોલોની, મુંબઈ સેન્ટ્રલ, મુંબઈ ૮.	તે મરહુમ દાલી ધનજીશાલ જસુમનીના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમો જરબાનુ તથા પીરોજશાલ શ્રોફનાં દીકરી તે ડીક દાલી જસુમની તથા સુન્નુ કેરસી પટેલના માતાજી તે પરસીસ ડીક જસુમની તથા કેરસી પટેલના સાસુજી તે મરહુમો રૂસી, કેકી તથા આલુના બહેન તે કેવી તથા કેરનના બપઈજી તે ઝીયસ, આઈદનના મમઈજી તે ફીરોઝનાં ફુઈજી તે જેસમીન, મહાદ્વખના માસીજી તે સુનામાય, ધનજીશા જસુમનીના વડુ તે રોશન કેકી શ્રોફના ભાભી.
Farokh Eruchshaw Jamula ફરોખ એરુચશા જમુલા	82 ૮૨	22.04.2023	316/318, Kanta Building, 1st Floor, A Block, Next To Super Cinema, Grant Road, Mumbai 7. ૩૧૬, ૩૧૮, એ કાન્તા બિલ્ડિંગ, ૧ લે માળે, એ બ્લોક, સુપર સિનેમા પાસે, ગ્રાન્ટ રોડ, મુંબઈ ૭.	તે ઝરીન ફરોખ જમુલાના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમ એરુચશાના દીકરા તે મરહુમો શીરીનભાઈ તથા મેરવાનજી પટેલના જમાઈ તે યાસમીન ઈવાન ફરનાન્ડીસ તથા મરહુમ ફામજી ધનજીશા પટેલના કુવાજી.
Khorshed Bahadur Daruvala ખોરશેદ બહાદુર દારૂવાલા	87 ૮૭	23.04.2023	Blase View, A/607, Maharashtra Road, Amboli Village, Mumbai 58. બ્લેસ વ્યુ, એ/૬૦૭, મહારાષ્ટ્રા રોડ, આંબોલી વીલેજ, મુંબઈ ૫૮.	તે બહાદુર અરદેશીર દારૂવાલાના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમો ઓસ્તી મેહરા તથા એરવદ એરુચશા દસ્તુરના દીકરી તે મરહુમો દીનામાય તથા અરદેશીર દારૂવાલાના વડુ તે ધનજી (બોમી) દસ્તુર તથા મરહુમ ફામરોઝ દસ્તુરના બહેન તે રોશની દસ્તુરના નણંદ તે ધન કેરસી મીસ્ત્રી, ફેની જોધા, પરવીન, ફીરદોશ દા-વાલાના ભાભી તે દેવનાવાજ, કેઝાદના ફુઈજી તે રૂસ્તમ અને ફરહાદ દસ્તુરના આન્ટી તે ધન, ફરીદા, હુતોશી, શીરાઝ, શીરીન તથા મરહુમો શેરૂ હોમી એનજીનીયર, મેહરૂ, કેટીના કઝીન.
Hutoxi Jimmy Sadri હુતોક્ષી જીમી સદરી	65 ૬૫	24.04.2023	604 D, Khurshed House, Lady Jehangir Road, Dadar(E), Mumbai 14. ૬૦૪-ડી, ખરશેદ હાઉસ, લેડી જહાંગીર રોડ, દાદર (ઈસ્ટ), મુંબઈ ૧૪.	તે મરહુમ જીમી એરુચશા સદરીના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમો સીલુ અને હોમી બરબોરજી મલેસરીયાના દીકરી તે દેવશાદ હોમીયાર દુમાસીયા તથા ખુશનુમા સાયરસ ભરૂયાના માતાજી તે હોમીયાર તથા સાયરસના સાસુજી તે રોહીનતન હોમી મલેસરીયાના બહેન તે દેવઝરીન અને મઝદાના મમઈજી તે ખુશરૂ તથા રૂઝીનના ફુઈજી તે મરહુમો બયામાઈ તથા એરુચશા સદરીના વડુ.
Homi Khurshedji Sethna હોમી ખરશેદજી શેઠના	93 ૯૩	24.04.2023	Bhiwandiwalla Terrace, G-Block, 3rd Floor, R.No.117/118, Dhobi Talav, Mumbai 2. ભીવંડીવાલા ટેરેસ, જી બ્લોક, ત્રીજે માળે, રૂમ નં. ૧૧૭-૧૧૮, ઘોબીતળાવ, મુંબઈ ૨.	તે મરહુમ ફેની હોમી શેઠનાનાં ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમો બાનુબઈ તથા ખુરશેદજી શેઠનાનાં દીકરા તે બેહેરામ, લીલી તથા આવાંના બાવાજી તે જહાંગીર મરચંટ તથા જહાંગીર દલાલાના સસરાજી તે મરહુમો પીરોજશાલ, મીનોચેર, અમનશાલ, ધનજીશાલ કોલાલ, ધનમાય તથા ફેનીમાયનાં ભાઈ તે મરહુમો ફામરોઝ તથા માનેકબઈ ભોપટીના જમાઈ.
Neville Darabshaw Sanjana નેવીલ દારબશાહ સંજાના	77 ૭૭	25.04.2023	403/A, Raval Enclave, Raval Nagar, Near Railway Station, Mira Bhayander Thane, Mira Road, Maharashtra, 401 107. ૪૦૩-એ, રાવલ એન્ક્લેવ, રાવલ નગર, નીપર રેલવે સ્ટેશન મીરા-ભાયંદર થાણે, મીરા રોડ, ૪૦૧૧૦૭.	તે વીશાન નેવીલ સંજાનાના ખાવિંદ તે મરહુમો ઓસ્તી નાજુ તથા ઓસ્તા દારબશાહ સંજાનાનાં દીકરા તે મોનાઝ, રૂબી તથા આશીશના બાવાજી તે કુમારના સસરાજી તે કેટી એદલ ગોટવાલા ભાઈ તે સીદના મમાવાજી તે માહફરીન તથા કયોમરૂના મામાજી.
Kersi Phiroze Doctor કેરસી ફીરોઝ ડોક્ટર	69 ૬૯	25.04.2023	Plot No 654, Rashnav Firdausi Rd, Near D.P.Y.A. School, Parsi Colony, Mumbai Dadar, Maharashtra 14. પ્લોટ નં. ૬૫૪, રશનવ ફીરદોસી રોડ, નીપર ડી. પી. વાય. એ. સ્કૂલ, પારસી કોલોની, દાદર, મુંબઈ ૧૪.	તે મરહુમો ધન તથા ફીરોઝ ડોક્ટરના દીકરા તે દેવઝાદ ગરેવીયા, હનોઝ તારાપોરવાલાના મામાજી તે ઝુબીન લકીમનાં કકાજી તે ઝરીન ગરેવીયા, નવાઝ તારાપોરવાલા, નઈરોસંગ લકીમ તથા રોહીન્ટન લકીમના કઝીન તે મરહુમો ખરશેદ, સામ ડોક્ટર, આલુ સામ ડોક્ટરના અંકલ.
Roshan Sorab Broacha રોશન સોરાબ બ્રોચા	93 ૯૩	25.04.2023	Flat No 10, 5th Floor, Firpos Bldg., 47 A, Bhulabhai Desai Road, Cumballa Hill, Mumbai 26. ફ્લેટ નં-૧૦, ૫મે માળે, ફીરપોસ બિલ્ડિંગ, ૪૭-એ, ભુલાભાઈ દેસાઈ રોડ, અંબાલા હીલ, મુંબઈ ૨૬.	તે મરહુમો પીરોજ તથા સોરાબ ડોસાભાઈ બ્રોચાના દીકરી તે મરહુમો પીરોજ, વીસ્તા, ફરૂખ, પેરીનના બહેન તે આશીશ મોહન ગીડવાનીના માસી.
Katy Eruch Mody કેટી એરુચ મોદી	89 ૮૯	26.04.2023	N 14, Bharucha Colony, SV Road, Andheri West, Mumbai 58. એન-૧૪, ભરૂચા કોલોની, એસવી રોડ, અંધેરી વેસ્ટ, મુંબઈ ૫૮.	તે એરુચ રૂસ્તમજી મોદીના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમો જરબાઈ તથા પીરોજશાલ અંકલેસરીયાના દીકરી તે આફરીદ કેરમાન પટેલ તથા મરહુમ દીનશાલ ફામરોઝ તોડીવાલાના માતાજી તે કેરમાન સામ પટેલના સાસુજી તે મરહુમો નરીમાન, મીનુ, મીથુ તથા મેહરૂનાં બહેન તે યઝદી કેરમાન પટેલ તથા ઝીનીયા પી. અપાનાનાં મમઈજી તે રતિ જીમી ભરૂચા, બેજન શ્રીતીના માસીજી તે રોહીન્ટન, રોશન, પીન્કી તથા મરહુમ ફીરદોશના ફુઈજી તે મરહુમો તેલમીના તથા રૂસ્તમજી મોદીના વડુ.

Death Announcements From Poona Parsee Panchayat - Trust Office

Arnavaz Zarathushtra Mubarak અરનાવાઝ ઝરથુષ્ટ્ર મુબારકાય	87 ૮૭	13.04.2023	Irani Road, Dahanu 401602. ઈરાની રોડ, ડહાનુ ૪૦૧૬૦૨.	તે મરહુમ જરથુષ્ટ્ર હોમજીજી મુબારકાય ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમ અમન તથા આલા ઈરાનીના દીકરી તે મરહુમ શીરીનભાઈ તથા હોમજીજી મુબારકાયના વડુ તે મનચેહેર, આરમીન તથા પરવીનના મમ્મા તે આરમેતી, મહેરનોશ, ગેવના સાસુજી તે શીરીન, શાપુર, સાયરસ, ગુસ્તાદ, મહેરનોશના બહેન તે માહીર, રોહાન, પીયા, મનીષા, શોયસ્તે, પેરોઝના ગ્રાન્ડ મધર તે બનાફશેના ગ્રાન્ડ સાસુજી તે રોડ તથા મરહુમ સોલી, માનેક, કેકુ, અરૂપી, ગુલા, શેહરા, કેટી, રોશન, ડોલના સીસ્ટર ઈન લો.
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Jehangir Jalejar Bengali જહાંગીર જાલેજર બેંગાલી	75 ૭૫	25.04.2023	J/3 Tarachand Bldg., Captain Colony, Tardeo, Mumbai 34. જ/૩ તારાચંદ બિલ્ડિંગ, કેપ્ટન કોલોની, તારદેવ, મુંબઈ ૩૪.	તે સુનીતાના ઘણી તે મરહુમ નાજામાય તથા મરહુમ જાલેજરના દીકરા, મેટરનલ પેરેન્ટસ મરહુમ કાવસ અને મરહુમ ધન તે દીલશાદ, હુફીશના પપ્પા તે દીપના સસરાજી તે ધવનીના ગ્રાન્ડપા તે યઝદી, નરગીસ, મરહુમ રૂસીના ભાઈ તે હનોઝ, રયોમંદ, દીલબર, દર્શના, વિવેક, નીતેશ, સિધ્ધેશ, રનેહા, લીખીતના અંકલ તે મરહુમ રૂખમીની તથા મરહુમ તુકારામના જમાઈ.
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Death Announcements From Ahmedabad Parsi Panchayat

Freni Rusi Kavina ફેની રૂસી કાવીના	91 ૯૧	25.04.2023	6-A, Ushakiran Building, Opp Khanpur Darvaja, Khanpur, Ahmedabad 380001. ૬-એ, ઉશાકીરણ બિલ્ડિંગ, ખાનપુર દરવાજાની સામે, ખાનપુર, અમદાવાદ-૩૮૦૦૦૧.	તે મરહુમ રૂસી શાવકશાલ કાવીનાના ઘણીયાણી તે મરહુમ કુકામાય તથા કાવસજી ગામડીયાના દીકરી તે મરહુમ પુતલામાય તથા શાવકશાલ કાવીનાના વડુ તે પરસીસ તથા મહેરનોઝ રૂસી કાવીના (ભરૂચ)ના માતાજી તે જેસમીન મહેરનોઝ કાવીનાના સાસુજી તે યઝદ અને નમ્રતા તથા હોરમઝના બપઈજી તે મરહુમ બાનુ તથા એમી અને રતી, ગુલ, રોડા, જાલેજરના બહેન તે મરહુમ કેરસી, મીનુ, રોડાના ભાભીજી તે વીહુ, કેટીના જેઠાણી.
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YOUR MOONSIGNS JANAM RASHI THIS WEEK

લખનાર: મરહુમ મહારાજ શ્રી સ્વચંચયોતિના સહકાર્યકર્તા જયેશ એમ. ગોસ્વામી

અઠવાડિક રાશિક્ષણ: તા. ૨૬.૦૪.૨૦૨૩ થી તા. ૦૫.૦૫.૨૦૨૩



Aries - મેષ - અ.લ.ઈ.

છેલ્લા ૬ દિવસ સુર્યની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાના બાકી છે. સરકારી કામ કે સહી સિક્કાના કામ આ અઠવાડિયામાં કરતા નહીં. ઉત્તરતી સુર્યની દિનદશાને લીધે માથાનો દુખાવો કે હાઈ પ્રેશર જેવી બીમારીથી પરેશાન થશો. દવા લેવામાં આગ્રહ કરતા નહીં. છેલ્લે દિવસે થોડી શાંતિ મલવાની શરૂ થશે. હાલમાં દરરોજ ૯૬મુ નામ 'યા રયોમંદ' ૧૦૧ વાર ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૯, ૩૦, ૧, ૫ છે.

Lucky Dates: 29, 30, 1, 5

You have 6 more days under the rule of the Sun. Do not do any work related to government or legal-signage in this week. The descending rule of the Sun could cause you headaches or high Blood Pressure. Do not be lazy to take your medication. You will find some peace of mind on the last day of the week. Pray the 96th Name, 'Ya Rayomand', 101 times, daily.



Cancer - કર્ક - ડ.હ.

છેલ્લા ૬ દિવસ રાહુની દિનદશામાં પસાર કરવાના બાકી છે. ઉત્તરતી રાહુની દિનદશા તમને ભયંકર ચિંતા કરાવશે. તબિયત વધારે ખરાબ થવાના ચાન્સ છે. ૪થી મે સુધી કોઈ બીજાની અંગત બાબતમાં પડતા નહીં. ૫મીથી શરૂ થતી શુકની દિનદશા તમને ભરપુર સુખ આપશે. દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૩૦, ૩૧, ૧, ૫ છે.

Lucky Dates: 30, 31, 1, 5

You have 6 days remaining under Rahu's rule. The descending rule of Rahu could cause you to feel extremely worried. Health could go down. Till 4th May, avoid falling into other peoples' matters. Venus' rule, starting 5th May, will bring you immense joy. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



Libra - તુલા - ર.ત.

૨૩મી જૂન સુધી ગુરૂની દિનદશા તમારા ધારેલા કામોમાં સફળતા અપાવીને રહેશે. રોકાયેલા નાણાને પાછા મેલવવા માટે હાલનો સમય સારો છે. ધર્મ ચેરીટીના કામો કરવાથી વધુ આનંદમાં રહેશો. ગુરૂની કૃપાથી નારાજ થયેલ ફેમીલી મેમ્બરની નારાજગી દૂર કરી શકશો. નાના ઘનલાભ મળતા રહેશે. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યક્ત' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨, ૩, ૪, ૫ છે.

Lucky Dates: 2, 3, 4, 5

Jupiter's rule till 23rd June will ensure to bring you success in all the ventures you have undertaken. This is a good time to retrieve your stuck funds. You will feel great contentment by doing works related to charity and religion. With Jupiter's graces, you will be able to win back a family member who is upset with you. You will receive financial profits. Pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



Capricorn - મકર - ખ.જ.

તમને બુધની દિનદશા શરૂ થયેલી છે. ૧૮મી જૂન સુધી તમને નાણાકીય મુશ્કેલી નહીં આવે. જેટલું ધારશો એના કરતા વધુ કમાશો. ખોટા ખર્ચાઓ પર કાપ મુકી દેશો. કામકાજ વધારવામાં બહાર ગામ જવાનો ચાન્સ મળે તો અવશ્ય જજો. દરરોજ 'મેહેર નીઆએશ' ભણવાનું ચાલુ કરજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૯, ૩૦, ૩, ૫ છે.

Lucky Dates: 29, 30, 3, 5

The onset of Mercury's rule till 18th June, will ensure that you will face no financial constraints. Your earnings will exceed your expectations. You will control any unnecessary expenses. You are advised to surely take up any business travel opportunities abroad. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Taurus - વૃષભ - બ.વ.ઉ.

૧૪મી મે સુધી શુકની દિનદશા ચાલશે. તમારા અગત્યના કામો પહેલા પુરા કરી લેજો. ૧૪મી મે સુધી નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી રહેશે. થોડી અચત કરીને સારી જગ્યાએ ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ કરી શકશો. રોજ બરોજના કામો સારી રીતે કરી શકશો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યક્ત' ભણવાનું ચાલુ રાખજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૧, ૨, ૩, ૪ છે.

Lucky Dates: 1, 2, 3, 4

Venus' rule till 14th May suggests that you complete your important works first. Financial stability is indicated till this period. You will be able to save and invest some money profitably. You will be able to execute your daily chores effectively. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Leo - સિંહ - મ.ટ.

૪થી જૂન સુધી રાહુ તમને શાંતિથી બેસવા નહીં દે. ખોટા વિચારોથી પરેશાન થશો. રાહુ તમારી તબિયતને અચાનક બગાડી નાખશે. બીજાનું ભુલુ કરવાનું વિચારતા નહીં. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં તકવીફ આવી જશે. બીજા પાસે ઓછીના પૈસા લેવા પડે તેવા હાલના અહો છે. દરરોજ 'મહાબોખ્તાર નીઆએશ' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨, ૩, ૪, ૫ છે.

Lucky Dates: 2, 3, 4, 5

Rahu's rule till 4th June does not leave you in peace. Your mind will be filled with negative thoughts. Your health could suddenly go bad. Try not to extend yourself to help others. Financially, this could be a challenging time. You might need to borrow money from others. Pray the Mah Bokhtar Nyaish daily.



Scorpio - વૃશ્ચિક - ન.પ.

શનિની દિનદશા અને શનિની અઢી વરસની પનોતી તમને શારીરિક રીતે પરેશાન કરશે. તબિયતની ખાસ કાળજી લેજો. તમારી સાથે તમારા લાઈફ પાર્ટનરની તબિયત બગડે તેવા હાલના અહો છે. શનિ તમને થોડા આળસુ બનાવી દેશે. નાણાં મેળવવા ખુબ ભાગદોડ કરવી પડશે. ખોટી ભાગદોડ તમને વીકનેસ આપશે. શનિને શાંત કરવા રોજ મોટી 'હમન યક્ત' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૯, ૩૦, ૨, ૪ છે.

Lucky Dates: 29, 30, 2, 4

Saturn's ongoing rule could cause you physical duress. You need to take extra-special care of your health. Even your life-partner's health could come in question, alongside yours. Saturn tends to make you lethargic. You will have to put in lots of effort to get your money, which could be in vain and make you feel weak. To placate Saturn, pray the Moti Haptan Yasht daily.



Aquarius - કુંભ - ગ.શ.સ.

૨૨મી મે સુધી મંગળ તમને ચારેબાજુથી પરેશાન કરશે. કોઈ સારા કામ શરૂ થતા પહેલા અટકી જશે. તમે નાની બાબતમાં ગુરૂસે થશો. ઘણી-ઘણીવાણીમાં મતભેદ પડતા રહેશે. પ્રેમમાં હો તો પ્રેમી કે પ્રેમીકાને ઓછું મલવાનું રાખજો. સમજ્યા વગર નાનું ડીસીઝન પણ લેવાની ભુલ કરતા નહીં. મંગળને શાંત કરવા 'તીર યક્ત' ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૧, ૨, ૩, ૪ છે.

Lucky Dates: 1, 2, 3, 4

Mars' rule till 22nd May will come at you from all four corners. Any good prospects will get stalled before starting. You will get angry over petty matters. There will be much squabbling between couples. Try to minimize meeting with your sweetheart in this period. Do not make even small decisions without giving it much thought. To placate Mars, pray the Tir Yasht daily.



Gemini - મિથુન - ક.છ.ધ.

તમને શુકની દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી ૧૬મી જૂન સુધી મુસાફરીના ચાન્સ મળશે. શુકની કૃપાથી થોડી મહેનત કરવાથી વધુ ધન મેળવી શકો. નાણાકીય બાબતમાં સારા સારી રહેશે. મિત્રોને સાચી સલાહ આપી તેનું દિવ જીતી શકો. દરરોજ 'બહેરામ યક્ત' ભણવાનું ભુલતા નહીં. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૯, ૩૦, ૨, ૪ છે.

Lucky Dates: 29, 30, 2, 4

Venus' ongoing rule till 16th June will present you many travel opportunities. A little effort will bring in a lot of income. Financial prosperity is predicted. You will win over the hearts of your friends with our sincere advice. Pray to Behram Yazad daily.



Virgo - કન્યા - પ.હ.ણ.

૨૨મી મે સુધી ગુરૂની દિનદશા ચાલશે. ધર્મના કામો કરવામાં તમે આગળ પડતો ભાગ લેશો. કોઈ અંગત વહિત કે સગા વહાલાઓને મદદ કરવામાં કોઈ કસર નહીં મૂકો. ઘણી-ઘણીવાણી મતભેદ ભુલી એકબીજાને સમજવાની કોશિશ કરશે. કામકાજમાં તમારા દુસ્મન તમારી તારીફ કરશે. દરરોજ 'સરોશ યક્ત' ભણવાથી વધુ આનંદમાં રહેશો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૯, ૩૦, ૧, ૪ છે.

Lucky Dates: 29, 30, 1, 4

Jupiter's rule till 22nd May will have you proactively participating in religious works. You will go all out to help someone close or your relatives. Couples will forget about their disagreements and work towards greater understanding towards each other. Even your enemies will praise your work. For greater joy, pray the Sarosh Yasht daily.



Sagittarius - ધન - ભ.ધ.ફ.

બુધ જેવા વાણીયા અહીં દિનદશા ચાલુ હોવાથી ખોટા ખર્ચા પર કાબુ રાખવામાં સફળ થશો. બીજાના સાચા સલાહકાર બની શકશો. થોડી અચત કરીને ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટ અવશ્ય કરજો. હમણાં કરેલા ઈનવેસ્ટમેન્ટથી ભવિષ્યમાં ફાયદો થશે. મિત્રોની મદદથી મુશ્કેલીભર્યા કામને સહેલા બનાવી શકશો. દરરોજ 'મેહેર નીઆએશ' ભણવાનું ભુલતા નહીં. શુકનવંતી તા. ૩૦, ૧, ૩, ૫ છે.

Lucky Dates: 30, 1, 3, 5

Mercury's rule helps you keep good control over unnecessary expenditures. You will provide sincere advice to others. Ensure to save and invest some money. Today's investments will prove beneficial in the future. Challenging tasks can get easily done with the help of friends. Pray the Meher Nyaish daily.



Pisces - મીન - દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.શ.

૨૪મી મે સુધી તમારા મગજને ખુબ શાંત રાખીને કામ કરવામાં સફળ થશો. ચંદ્રની કૃપાથી તમારો સેલ્ફકોન્ફીડન્સ ખુબ સારો રહેશે. ઘરવાળાને ખુશીમાં રાખી શકશો. જે પણ કામ કરતા હશો ત્યાં માન ઈજ્જત મળશે. મનને મજબૂત કરીને સારા કામ કરવામાં સફળ થશો. આજથી ૩૪મુ નામ 'યા બેસ્ટરના' ૧૦૧ વાર ભણાજો. શુકનવંતી તા. ૨૯, ૩૦, ૨, ૫ છે.

Lucky Dates: 29, 30, 2, 5

You will be able to work with a calm and cool mind till 24th May under the Moon's rule. Your self-confidence will soar. You will be able to keep your family members happy. You will receive much appreciation and respect in all your endeavours. You will be able to work with a strong mind. Starting today, pray the 34th Name, 'Ya Beshtarna', 101 times, daily.

The Irresistible Poetic Charmer!



VEERA SHROFF SANJANA

With Instagram and Facebook playing cupid and matchmakers in recent times, the world and all the giddy girls in it are constantly falling for looks and profile pics - all photo-shopped and filtered to make even the most ordinary looking appear nothing short of a gorgeous celebrity! During these long hours of scrolling Instagram feeds, you daily come across a good measure of what seems like 'ideal' men and women. But a word of caution to our easily excitable youngsters - all that glitters is not gold. Much like that costume jewelry and those fake baubles, the glitz and charm wear off just as easily.

You may want that guy who is a little taller than you, with that slight stubble, and that sharp personality in his Armani suit to also be funny and kind, responsible and generous. I say look for that person who is Poetic. And by this I don't simply mean someone who can rattle off Byron and Keats at the drop of a hat... though honestly, that could earn him some serious cookie points. I mean someone who sees the world differently, who has a unique blend of an old soul sprinkled with enough spice and mischief to light up your world... Someone who can spin a tale and make you laugh often and hard. To do this, he needs to be a wordsmith, with latent charm and ubiquitous flair. Or someone who takes the ordinary and makes it spectacularly extraordinary. A way with words that can charm birds off trees.

There's always something different



about poetic peeps - like a unique presence. They are creative, they tend to get under your skin and leave you wanting more... more of their time, more of their quirkiness. Their active minds and glib tongues create conversations in rooms where the flow is easy and always interesting. Their way with words, the way they construct and deconstruct sentences, leave you amazed and spellbound. Theirs is a mastery over language and literature. Poetic people are deep thinkers, philosophers and oftentimes, the true charmers of the world.

Don't go around looking for that stereotyped image of a poetic charmer, which unfortunately, the media and television has painted. He is not going to appear with long hair, moody blue eyes, a book in hand and a classic beret on his head. His appearance may not seem otherworldly per se, but there will always be a distinction that catches your eye and somehow fits the personality in some weirdly accurate way. They may not satisfy the picture inspired by movies engraved in your mind, but they do carry a unique persona.

This breed of poetic charmers has something that makes them irresistible.

They seem to have a thirst for knowledge and a keen eye for details. They are connoisseurs of finer things, sophistication and enlightenment. They process information differently and make everything appear bigger, better and somehow more colorful. They thrive on history and facts and can narrate classic stories with their own spin making the boring interesting. They proceed with anecdotes and details that not many would know. Theirs is a world of words and communication that make even the mundane more interesting.

Theirs are conversations ranging from monuments worth visiting, world leaders and their defunct policies, to concepts of happiness and abundance. They can dance between topics and different groups of people with smooth ease. They challenge you to go beyond your way of thinking and questioning. They make you realize that black is a colour too, and sometimes justice should be above the law.



Poetic thinkers thrive in nature. They love being surrounded by greenery and you will often see them leaving city limits even if only for a weekend. They love stargazing and the great outdoors, farm animals and birds. The quiet sound of silence, and the tranquility of stillness have a dear place in a mind that wanders a lot and roams the wide world. Their souls connect to nature anchored by the peace there.

The truth is that the man of our dreams is poetic, as intimidating as it sounds. Being a Don Juan with the words, showing their uniqueness through their inimitable style, interesting insights, extraordinary conversations all pretty hard to resist. The honest truth is that it would be far easier to spot a unicorn than find one of these romanticizing individuals!

Since the genesis of movies, our favourite characters are eloquent, elegant and distinguished from anyone else featured in them. We love the notion behind their characters, even if it all seems a little out of reach. The difference is even when poetic people appear to be elusive, we still like to believe they truly exist. It's irresistible to see one of your fantasies come true before your eyes. So, when you meet one you were already infatuated with them long before you even met them. You fall for them twice and that, my dear, is irresistible!



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Marriage – Upheavals And Healing

As I grow older, I get a ring-side view of 'sick-marriages' on the brink of divorce, even today. I try to heal such marriages by encouraging couples to create a loving, healthy and stable home for their children (if any) because there are no winners in a divorce - only losers. And the worst losers are innocent children who are borrowed and returned like library-books by the two people who brought them into this world.

I go a step further when I 'talk' to couples by encouraging wives to use their power as women to create happy homes because a large part of the reason in modern marital problems lies seemingly in 'selfish, overly demanding wives', who are all stressed out when they return home day after day from their demanding careers. Conversely, most wives feel unloved and neglected because the husband is 'married to his job and has no time for her'. Recently, a husband felt neglected because his wife spent late nights drinking with her female friends while he took care of her old mother as well as his own family. What's more, their teenage daughter also has late-night parties which worries the father. To complicate matters, he's in a relationship with his friend's wife, which is like playing with fire!! And to think that theirs was a college romance with a long courtship, followed by a love-marriage. So where did the love go???

When either spouse feels neglected or under-appreciated, the first casualty is intimacy which starts with, "not tonight darling, I have a headache." Days became weeks and as one wife confided in me, she hasn't been intimate with her husband for the last three years. She's only 31 years old and they have been together since school and married since ten years! The husband refuses any form of counselling, so they've compromised into a sexless-marriage which is killing the young wife emotionally because sex is the most intimate and sacred act within marriage, even after 30, 40 or 50 years!

I'm increasingly see celibate-relationships within marriage, even among youngsters. Typically, these are couples whose pace of life has increased so much by working hard and



partying hard that they are on the edge of emotional exhaustion, with little or no time for each other, leave alone children, who are raised by grandparents or servants. Also, stress, career, fatigue, over-socializing, performance-anxiety and the strain of having small children are reasons leading to unhappiness in a marriage.

Adultery is another serious issue in any marriage. When a spouse finds physical and emotional solace in another person, it becomes a proverbial 'love-triangle', but these days, I see 'love-quadrangles', with both spouses having someone 'on the side'. These cases are very challenging and usually, one spouse comes to me a couple of times and soon gives up. Patch-up is very rare.

Then there's interference by the girl's or husband's family in a marriage. They decide everything and control every area of a young couple's marriage under the guise of 'raising their children'! Today's girls don't want in-laws but are too attached to their parents. So invariably, the husband feels 'suffocated' by all the decisions taken by the girl's parents. Recently, there was a case like this but luckily, the young couple settled elsewhere with their kids, so the marriage was saved. Another wife left her in-laws and lived separately from her husband for 25 years. Today they are old and live under the same roof but their marriage is merely a compromise as they lead separate lives.

So where does the attraction, which brought two people together in a LOVE marriage, or even an arranged one, disappear to? How can two people who loved each other so much, become SO intolerant that they hate each other? Most spouses who complain that they are not getting what they want from their marriage should look how disdainfully

they talk of their spouses. One wife, who is selfishly pleasure-loving, socialises daily, dumping her husband at home and making him do all the house-work, says, "He doesn't like to go anywhere!" The husband sings a different tune, saying "She doesn't take me anywhere though I love to go! She is too busy enjoying foreign cruises with her brother."

Words matter a lot in any relationship. If you want your spouse to respect you, talk with respect and be nice. Your spouse has feelings too!!

Should you share your marriage problems with a third person? No. No. No. Certainly not with your parents because the advice will be biased in your favour and NEVER with a friend because it may become fodder for gossip. Also, a friend may unintentionally give you wrong advice like, "Why do you stand for all this nonsense? File for a divorce immediately. You deserve much more." Remember, that your friend has not heard the other side of the story. The best thing would be for the couples to sit together and solve problems among themselves or with an experienced marriage-counsellor.

Each and every marriage comes with a package-deal of problems (and there are lots of these) which vary from home to home, and generation to generation. In our generation, we lumped all the interference and abuse from our in-laws. But today, in-laws are not much of a problem unless you willingly allow them to interfere in your married life.

In our grandparents' time, the roles of the husband and wife were well defined. Hubby was the bread-winner and the wife managed the home and kids because motherhood is a full-time job. Today's generation wants to live life in the fast lane with reversed roles, inviting

tons of problems. No use blaming only one partner because it takes two hands to clap, just as it takes two to tango! When the husband works and the wife works, how does the house work?

So, how do you turn a bad marriage into a good one and a good one into a great marriage? By giving LOVE. Marriage is the biggest channel to give love and change your entire life. When you love your partner and show it in various forms throughout the day, that love is definitely returned and you have an amazing marriage. Simple things like compliments, kindness, support, gratitude multiply daily to bring joy, happiness and health in your marriage. On the other hand, anger, disdain, criticism, domination, impatience or any negative feelings destroy the relationship.

You can make your marriage happy right now by looking for the things you love, appreciate and are grateful for, in your spouse. When you deliberately do this, a miracle will take place. It will appear like something incredible has happened to your spouse. But it's the force of love that's incredible because it dissolves negativity.

Trying to change another person is not love. Having the spouse on your terms is not love. Thinking you are always right, is not love. Criticizing, blaming, complaining, nagging, finding fault, dominating, is not love. If your spouse insults or offends you, raise your soul. So high that the insult cannot reach you... Your own soul is nourished when you are kind and is destroyed when you are cruel.

Love is the highest spiritual energy in the Universe and can do wonders for your marriage. All you have to do is to give love by feeling good and grateful for your spouse and any negativity in your relationship will fade away. When a negative situation comes up, the solution is always love. You won't know how it will be solved, but if you remain loving, it will happen. I am reminded here of a case where a husband kidnapped his daughters and made them write things against the mother. The wife didn't give up on him but 'healed' his anger and resentment by being more loving. The couple went on to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary!! That's the power of love though theirs was an arranged marriage!

Marriage is exactly like life - it's infuriating, varied, wonderful, moving, tender, tiresome, desperately hard work, full of comedies, tragedies, high-highs and low-lows and infinitely, most infinitely worthwhile!

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