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CHAMPIONS OF PHILANTHROPY



Dinshaw K. Tamboly

WZO CHAIRMAN DINSHAW TAMBOLY HAS SENT US AN ARTICLE PRAISING MUNIFICENT DONORS WHO HAVE RESPONDED TO WZO'S CALL TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR ZOROASTRIANS AFFECTED BY THE CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC AS WELL AS THOSE IN VARIOUS FORMS OF ECONOMIC DISTRESS.

THUS IN GRATITUDE DINSHAW TAMBOLY HAS HONORED FIVE DONORS WHO HAVE SENT WZO A TOTAL SUM OF RS. 4.06 Crores OUT OF RS. 4.31 CRORES OF WHOM THREE ARE FROM HONG KONG, FOURTH IS FEZANA AND THE FIFTH OUR VERY OWN BAI MANECKBAI JEEJEEBHOY FUND AND NAMED THEM **CHAMPIONS OF PHILANTHROPY**.

SINCE THE DONATION WAS ROUTED THROUGH HIS WZO THEN HE IS JUSTIFIED IN HIS PRAISE OF THEM.

IN THE LAST PARSJ JUNCTION ISSUE OF 6th SEPT. 2020, WZO HAD SPENT RS. 2.2 CRORES UPTO AUGUST 2020 TOWARDS ALLEVIATING DISTRESS CAUSED BY THE PANDEMIC.

BUT THEN THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BIGGEST DONOR OF THEM ALL-THE BOMBAY PARSJ PUNCHAYET WHICH EVERY YEAR SPENDS AROUND RS. 12 CRORES EVERY YEAR, YEAR AFTER YEAR, TOWARDS WELFARE ACTIVITIES FOR THE COMMUNITY. IT DONATES TO THE NEEDY AND DESERVING MEDICAL AID, EDUCATION HELP, DOLES TO THE POOR, SECOND AND THIRD CHILD BENEFIT, MOBED AMELIORATION, 50% SHARE OF REPAIRS, INVITRO FERTILISATION BEFORE JIYO PARSJ TOOK IT OVER WITH GOVT. SUPPORT AND MANY MORE SUCH WELFARE ACTIVITIES.

BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT ROLE IS THE HOUSES IT GIVES COMPLETELY FREE TO THE NEEDY AND DESERVING RUNNING INTO HUNDREDS OF CRORES. BUT THEN THE COMMUNITY DOES NOT APPRECIATE OR IS HARDLY AWARE WHAT THE APEX TRUST OF THE COMMUNITY IS DOING FOR ITS MEMBERS MAINLY DUE TO THE INFIGHTING AND EGO AND ONE UPMANSHIP ISSUE OF SOME SELF MOTIVATED TRUSTEES.

IN FACT IN THIS PANDEMIC TIMES UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE ACTING CHAIRMAN MRS. ARMAITY TIRANDAZ, THE TRUSTEES HAVE BEEN HELPING THE DISTRESSED MEMBERS WITH MONETARY BENEFIT,

STARTED THE FREE FOOD KITCHEN FROM CAMA BAUG, GAVE MONETARY RELIEF TO MOBEDS AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC, DISTRIBUTED FREE GRAINS TO THE WEAKER SECTIONS, WAIVED COLLECTING RS 750/PM AND SO ON. AND MARK YOU ALL THIS HAS BEEN DONE WHEN IT IS FACING A CASH CRUNCH OF ITS OWN.

BUT THE COMMUNITY HAS BECOME SO USED TO THE LARGESSE OF THE TRUSTEES SO THAT IT IS NOW TAKEN FOR GRANTED WHILST BIGGER TRUSTS WITH LARGER CORPUS DOES HARDLY 10% OF WHAT THE BPP DOES EVERY YEAR.

IT IS TIME THE COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGED THEIR CONTRIBUTION FOR THE WELFARE OF THE COMMUNITY IN SPIE OF THEIR IN FIGHTING.

WE ARE AWARE THAT AT PRESENT THE TRUSTEES ARE CONSIDERING GIVING FINANCIAL AID TO PARSIS AFFECTED BY THE PANDEMIC DUE TO WHICH THEY HAVE LOST THEIR JOBS OR THEIR SALARY HAS NOT BEEN PAID FOR MONTHS OR ONLY 50% PAID AND ARE NOW FACING ECONOMIC DISTRESS OF INABILITY TO PAY THE RENT OR THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL FEES OR MEDICAL HELP TO THEIR AGED PARENTS. THE TRUSTEES HAVE RECEIVED A PATHETIC MAIL FROM ONE OF THE PANDEMIC AFFECTED RESIDENT OF BPP COMPLEX AT NIRLON, WHICH HAS MOTIVATED THEM TO CONSIDER HOW SUCH PARSIS CAN BE HELPED DURING THE PANDEMIC.

THE TRUSTEES ARE FORMULATING A SCHEME TO PAY SUCH DISTRESSED FAMILIES A SUSTENANCE ALLOWANCE OF RS 10,000/ PM FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS TILL MARCH 2021. BUT EXPECTING A DELUGE OF APPLICATIONS AND FACING A CASH CRUNCH THEMSELVES, THE TRUSTEES SEEK THE HELP FROM ALL OUR CHAMPIONS OF PHILANTHROPY ALL ACROSS THE GLOBE TO HELP THEM WITH DONATIONS IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT ONLY FOR THIS PURPOSE AND WHICH WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE COMMUNITY EVERY MONTH OF THE MUNIFICENT DONATIONS RECEIVED AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SAME TO THE PANDEMIC AFFECTED PARSIS.

WILL THE COMMUNITY RISE TO THE OCCASION AND HELP THEIR BRETHREN WHO MAY BE SO AFFECTED BY THE CORONA VIRUS.

IF THE SCHEME IS STARTED, THIS PAPER WILL ADOPT TWO PARSI FAMILIES TO GIVE THEM THIS ALLOWANCE of Rs. 10.000/ pm FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS TILL MARCH 2021. WE WOULD REQUEST DINSHAW TAMBOLY WITH HIS CREDIBILITY TO GET DONORS SUPPORTING THE SCHEME AND HE CAN BE IN CHARGE OF COLLECTING THE DONATIONS AS WELL AS ITS DISTRIBUTION AND DUE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO ALL CONCERNED.

OUR TRUSTS HAVE CRORES OF FUNDS AND IT IS TIME IT WAS USED TO HELP OUR PARSI BRETHREN IN THIS PANDEMIC TIMES WHEN THE COMMUNITY NEEDS IT MOST. ASIDE FROM THE LARGE TRUSTS EVEN INDIVIDUALS CAN ADOPT TWO OR THREE FAMILIES TO DONATE Rs. 10,000/ TO EACH FAMILY EVERY MONTH FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS ONLY UPTO MARCH 2021.

WE NOW GIVE BELOW HIS ARTICLE PRAISING THE CHAMPIONS OF PHILANTHROPY:

From: Dinshaw Tamboly
To: Shernaaz Engineer , Jam-e-Jamshed Newspaper ,
Date: Thu 10-09-2020 11:52
Article - 2020 - Champions of Philanthropy.

Editors,
Jam-e-Jamshed,
Parsi Times,
Parsiana,
Parsi Junction,
FEZANA Journal,
Hamazor

Mesdames / Sirs,

Much has been written about Zoroastrians affected by the Pandemic and the various welfare initiatives undertaken to support them.

We believe it is time that the benevolence and munificence of donors who have played the most significant role in supporting those affected, should be acknowledged.

An article (560 words) 'Champions of Philanthropy' is attached. It is requested that the same be published in a prominent position in the next issue of your esteemed publication.

I hold the view that our community should be informed about the generosity of spirit of donors who have at all times stood by the community in times of crisis, be it for individuals in times of personal distress or during times of 'natural disasters' such as the ongoing Novel CoronaVirus pandemic.

Warm regards,
Dinshaw

**Dinshaw K. Tamboly;
Chairman.**

CHAMPIONS OF PHILANTHROPY By Dinshaw K. Tamboly

The ongoing Novel Corona – 19 Virus known as Covid Pandemic has since late March 2020 been playing havoc with lives of millions in India and rest of the world.

We Zoroastrians too have not been spared. A few thousand of our minuscule community have suffered tremendously, by way of loss of loved ones, loss of livelihood, be it in form of employment, business, loss of agriculture, dairy, poultry produce; with places of worship remaining shut on account of lockdown, our Priests too have suffered immense hardships due to loss of incomes.

Fortunately for our community, we have a very solid history embedded in our psyches

that has always brought out at all times, the finest spirit of compassion and philanthropy which has once again manifested during the current pandemic as well.

On requests sent by World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust and WZO Trust Funds to donors worldwide to provide support for Zoroastrians affected by the Pandemic and those in various forms of economic distress, the response has been phenomenal, with a total of Rs.4,31,14,532 having been received as on September 09, 2020.

Of the total of Rs.4,31,14,532, five donors have contributed Rs.10,00,000 and above viz:

	Principal Donors	Amount Rs.
1	Pervin & Jal Shroff, Hong Kong Date Amount (Rs) 23.04.2020 75,90,000 04.06.2020 75,29,000 21.08.2020 74,66,000	2,25,85,000
2	Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong Canton & Macao Date Amount (Rs) 29.04.2020 43,75,000 02.06.2020 37,00,000 24.07.2020 30,00,000 04.09.2020 30,00,000	1,40,75,000
3	Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA), USA Date Amount (Rs) 19.05.2020 5,65,875 03.06.2020 7,11,030 15.06.2020 7,17,767	19,94,672
4	Bai Maneckbai P. B. Jeejeebhoy Deed of Settlement Fund, Mumbai Date Amount (Rs) 15.05.2020 10,00,000	10,00,000
5	Perin & Noshir Pavri, Hong Kong Date Amount (Rs) 29.06.2020 10,00,000	10,00,000
		4,06,54,672

The balance amount of Rs.24,59,860 has been received from multiple donors who have contributed towards the humanitarian effort.

WZO Trusts' extend their heartfelt and sincere gratitude to each and every one of our donors for the munificent support they have extended for this humanitarian cause and continue to do so.

It is such largesse that has enabled the WZO Trusts' to reach out to assist community members in various forms of distress due to the pandemic, and will continue in the months to come.

Without the support of donors it would not have been possible for WZO Trusts' to undertake multifarious community centric welfare activities over the last 29 years.

The real measures of men are not determined by what they have done or achieved, but by what they have given. In

this regards our Zoroastrian philanthropy has proved time and again that it is second to none.

The true spirit of the words of John Wesley, 18th century theologian: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can" are aptly reflected by the indomitable energy of Zoroastrian philanthropy that has persevered over centuries.

Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful.

WZO Trusts' are very grateful to all donors, big & small, for the confidence reposed and continuous support extended in diverse facets of community welfare.

Our Donors are truly the 'Champions of Philanthropy'.

RESIGN KERSI RANDERIA REPEATS PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA



Phiroze Amroliwalla

The Editor,
Parsi Junction.

For Favour of Publication.

Thank you for reasserting in your issue of Sunday September 6, 2020 the facts on my behalf.

For once I urge readers to read the Editorial of Saturday September 12, 2020, of the "Parsi Times".

Cheers lady for "The Truth" delivered this time! The Editor quotes English historian Lord Acton ... "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely". She further refers to "...our own constant community-politics. All prominent names. All 'powerful' people. She further asserts..... "Of course power must corrupt!"

Who could she be referring to when she says 'prominent' and 'powerful'? Certainly not me for I do not own newspapers nor am I in a position of power! **Could she perhaps unwittingly be referring to the owner of her paper and sitting BPP trustee Randeria who is both 'prominent' and 'powerful'?**

She further adds "True power is incorruptible- it is about serving others, not just yourself;". Randeria only served himself and his family

and abused the power of a trustee by slyly getting his kaka's flat in the BPP owned Contractor building transferred to his mother's name and getting his nephews' name added as a resident there, when in fact they both live in another charity flat at Godrej Baug. Obviously, this is done for future gains which is selectively denied to those who oppose him. The Editor further adds "They are generous and compassionate;". Randeria has displayed the lack of both these virtues when he passed a one-sentence order "The issue is closed." in the case of a truly deserving Senior Parsi Bodhanwala who was denied a meal by this single trustees' decision, just so that he could get back at Amroliwalla who had earlier highlighted Randeria's abuse of power and authority. Both are corrupt practices!

Ever since my allegations against Randeria appeared in your Parsi Junction, I have received several calls and Whatsapp messages congratulating me and your paper for boldly printing the facts.

Unfortunately, the adjectives used by these callers/messengers to describe Randeria are not printable and they remind me of an Audio tape by one Mr Irani that was a hit when it was widely circulated after Xerxes Dastur's election in 2018. My one appeal to all those who have supported my actions is please refrain from getting abusive and come out openly and support the initiative taken by me and the Parsi Junction without fearing for the consequences. Be bold and speak up and I am confident there will not be any repercussions! Remember the dishonest cannot fight the honest! One needs moral strength for that!

It is too late for Randeria to mend his ways. He has always had an inflated ego and Power has gone to his head. As said earlier "absolute power corrupts absolutely". Randeria has had a free run but he must remember that every dog has his day.

Ahura Mazda has intervened by turning around the power equation in the BPP board!

Randeria must remember that he is accountable to us, the community and voters, and NOT the other way around.

After my rejoinder in your issue of August 30, I waited for Randeria to respond to each of my allegations. But Randeria has failed to accept my challenge! Instead, he uses his overworked "best defence is to attack" method. All that he can do is to cite endlessly and incorrectly the issue of my three alleged "illegal" flats and non-payment of rents which he knows very well to be false and baseless.

How long will he be able to suppress the Truth? In the exchanges between Randerias' claims in the Parsi Times and THE EDITOR'S replies in the Parsi Junction, it is now exposed that Randeria is contemplating unseating Chairman Yazdi Desai in order to acquire Chairmanship of the BPP.

Randeria, forget about being the Chairman of our apex body. You have two choices: Either print all my allegations without editing in your "Parsi Times" and allow your actions to be open to public scrutiny or admit to my allegations and resign your seat on the BPP board.

Phiroze Amroliwalla

SAM CHOTHIA CONTINUES ATTEMPT TO SELL RAJKOT ARAMGAH

In the last Parsi Junction issue of 6th September 2020, we had published the letter of Community Activist Khushru Zaiwalla that Rajkot Aramgah property worth over Rs. 70 crores is once again being targeted by Sam Chothia though its young Trustee Khushnum Tamboly is ready to protect and look after the same but needs community funds to do so which unfortunately was refused by FPZAI, for their own Agenda of a few motivated members.

His allegation that the FPZAI Adv, specially brought from Anand to argue in Rajkot was escorted out and taken back in a car owned by the Muslim party who is trying to take over Nilwas Aramgah land at Rajkot including even forcibly worth over Rs. 70 crores is definitely worth investigating.

In 2011 when the scheme for Rajkot as a Defunct Anjuman was filed by then President of FPZAI Dinshaw Mehta, he had proposed Trustees for the Rajkot Anjuman to be Dinshaw Mehta, Mrs. Arnavaz Mistry, Muncherji Cama, late Mehli Colah, CEO of BPP, and Parvez Mehta, then Vice president of West Zone. Thus BPP Trustees and administration were given prime importance at that time.

Since then Sam Chothia was elected Vice-President of West Zone B in 2014 and when the new Board took over was appointed CEO of the Defunct Anjuman Committee in 2016, for a term of two years only but by clever manipulation has continued as CEO. In the last FPZAI meeting in Ahmedabad, it was proposed to make Ahmedabad Anjuman President Brigadier Jehangir Ankleseria but somehow Sam Chothia like his name has maneuvered to continue as CEO of DAC.

Since then there has been tremendous changes made in the proposed Trustees of the Defunct Anjumans so that all powers remain concentrated in his hands and a few sycophants of his. This is the danger facing the community which Khushru Zaiwalla is trying to expose. If there is transparency in the working of the Defunct Anjumans then his vigilante exposures would no longer be required.

Since Sam Chothia has surreptitiously taken over full charge of Defunct Anjumans as that is where the money is, will he be transparent and share with the community who are the present proposed Trustees of the Defunct Rajkot Anjuman.

We await his clarification.

Sam Chothia being rattled by the accusations of Khushru Zaiwalla, immediately the next day shot off the mail to the members of the Defunct Committee as under:

On Mon, 7 Sep 2020 at 19:10, sam chothia <sam_stc@yahoo.com> wrote:
"Dear all,

On 5th September, 2020 Parsi Junction has published report on Rajkot matters which maligns my name through lies and baseless allegations. This type of reporting not only maligns my name but also obstructs the progress of FPZAI. I want to clarify the matter in Parsi news papers so the community becomes aware of actual facts. I hope no one has any objection for the same.

Sam

Ratansha Mansion, Mota Parsiwad, Valsad- 396 001. Tel:(O) 02632 - 242755
Cel:09375833498"

Before anybody else could respond, the faithful Defunct Anjuman Committee member Medioma Bhada came to his rescue and on the same day sent the below mail:

"From: Medioma Bhada <mrbhada@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 7, 2020 7:20 PM

To: sam chothia <sam_stc@yahoo.com>

Subject: Re: PARSJUNCTION - REPORT ON RAJKOT MATTER

I personally believe it is your prerogative Sam, but in all fairness can we please see the draft of your rebuttal?

I believe FPZAI must also step into this as this Father-Son duo continues to do

immense harm to the Community and need to be exposed.

Medioma Bhada"

Trustee Xerxes Dastur also endorsed as under Medioma's advice that the reply should go through FPZAI:

On Monday, 7 September, 2020, 08:33:03 pm IST, Xerxes V Dastur <xerxes.dastur.2018@gmail.com> wrote:

"Am in agreement, Sam. Ideally since this is regards the FPZAI suggest the FPZAI give a reply.

Regards
Xerxes"

Somehow Khushru Zaiwalla came to know of Medioma Bhada's threat to expose the father-son duo and in reply sent off the below mail:

On Wed, 9 Sep 2020 at 19:56, Rayomand cursetjee <cursetjee72@hotmail.com> wrote:

"To Medioma Bhada , esq.

I have read your email, making an insinuation against Professional Persons, ascribing the alleged harm we are doing to the community, when we oppose the liquidation of Public Trust Properties, left to us by our ancestors, in sacred Trust created by their lifetime of hard toil and labour .

Please explain immediately, how we are harming the community, when we seek no benefit for ourselves, even in form of legal fees or otherwise. We are doing what the elders of our community should have done, but they don't exist, and the present generation for advantages like free foreign travels and high lifestyle continues to look the other way. Had their been Lady Jehangir or Burjorji Bharucha or Adi Doctor, they too would surely have spoken up against those casting eyes on our Religious Trust Properties.

In fact, it is a sorry state of affairs for the Indian Nation, that a retired Naval Officer joins hands with those, who organise the sale of Public Trust properties all over India, **with intentions which are not bonafide.** The matter is indeed regrettable, because your goodself receives pension from the Consolidated Fund of India and Taxpayers monies, but choose to join a group of public trust property liquidators, liquidating Zoroastrian Public Trust Properties all over India .

There can be no objection to your ship breaking business, but you cannot let down the Nation, by joining hands with those who act in a manner, which does not bring Honour to the great Indian Navy .

The world is big enough for any legal business or profession, and we have written this with goodwill towards all and malice towards none, in protection of Public Interest.

Kind regards,
Khushru Zaiwala
Advocate."

Thus from Sam Chothia's original proposal "to clarify the matter in Parsi newspapers so that community becomes aware of actual facts", Sam Chothia taking advantage of the choice given to him now approaches their retained lawyer, Maneck Kalyaniwalla, who is supposed to be paid Rs. 25,000/ pm irrespective of the work he does in a month, to draft a legal reply to Khushru Zaiwalla on his charges/accusations.

HOWEVER THE DRAFT REPLY PREPARED BY ADV MANEK KALYANIWALLA WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE DEFUNCT ANJUMAN COMMITTEE OR THE FPZAI AND WANTED IT REDRAFTED BY BPP TRUSTEE KERSI RANDERIA IF IT WAS TO GO UNDER THE BANNER OF FPZAI BUT SAM CHOTHIA REFUSED TO OBEY THE DAC MEMBERS AND IN DEFIANCE SENT OFF THE UNAPPROVED VERSION TO PARSI TIMES WHICH HAS PUBLISHED THE SAME UNDER 'LETTERS TO THE EDITOR' COLOUMN IN HIS OWN NAME AND NOT ON BEHALF OF FPZAI OR ITS DAC.

SAM CHOTHIA WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF FPZAI OR DAC SENT HIS CLARIFICATION TO THE CHARGES MADE IN PARSI JUNCTION OF 6TH SEPT. 2020 FOR PUBLICATION TO PARSI

TIMES BUT DID NOT HAVE THE GUTS TO SEND IT TO HIS ACCUSER PARSI JUNCTION.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO HIDE, MR SAM CHOTHIA?

WHILST WE HAD MADE SEVERAL QUERIES IN THE SAID PARSI JUNCTION ARTICLE UNDER REPLY, SAM CHOTHIA CONVENIENTLY IGNORES THEM AND GOES ON A SELF PROMOTION TRIP TO TRY AND EXPLAIN HIS BONAFIDES WHICH ARE ALREADY UNDER ATTACK BY KHUSHRU ZAIWALLA.

Though Sam Chothia gives his two coloumn full reply to the Parsi Junction article, nowhere does he refer to or deny that the young and dynamic Khusnum Tamboly the elected Trustee of Rajkot Anjuman has been trying to save the Aramgah property from the same land mafia, slum lords and builder lobbies that Chothia cites and requested assistance from FPZAI and DAC at the last as well as earlier Federation meetings, Sam Chothia refused to help him to preserve the property for community use but convinced the members to sell it off with the mouth watering value of Rs. 70 crores.

Neither has Chothia bothered to name who are the present Trustees of the Rajkot Anjuman who have replaced the first Trustees of the defunct Rajkot Anjuman who were mainly BPP Trustees. BPP as the apex Trust has to be in charge of all Defunct properties and not Federation office bearers whose term is only two years.

We have no compunction in reproducing Sam Chothia's letter published in Parsi Times of Saturday 12th Sept. 2020 with our comments in red below each statement of his so that the community is aware of the attempts to dispose off prime Rajkot property as the personal agenda of his.

Below is the reply of Sam Chothia published in Parsi Times in black with our comments below it in red:

"Clarification To Article Published In Parsi Junction Regarding Rajkot Anjuman Properties

In the interest of promoting transparency and clearing the misconceptions created by the above article against me and the

FPZAI, I earnestly request you to please publish my clarification.

On 5th September, 2020 Parsi Junction leaflet has published an article with the title 'SAM CHOTHIA UPTO HIS OLD TRICKS TO SELL RAJKOT ARAMGAH' which seeks to malign my name and bring it into disrepute by way of half truths, lies and baseless allegations. This type of yellow reporting also maligns FPZAI and brings obstruction in the functioning of FPZAI.

PJ REPLIES: How can we malign the name of someone who is famous for his activities in Bulsar. Since FPZAI has not authorized you to reply on its behalf how can you make above statements. The FPZAI is supposed to look after and help the small Anjumans to look after its members but what the CEO of DAC is attempting to do is to capture its properties to sell off and encash its value with ulterior motives instead of saving it for the members.

I would like to clarify that Rajkot Scheme was filed in 2011, during the tenure of Dinshaw Mehta then Ex-officio President of FPZAI and Ex. C.E.O. of FPZAI Sorabji Katpitia, through Jimmy Bachha and late Cyrus Nagaomwala. The first proposed trustees to be were 1. Dinshaw Mehta 2. Arnawaz Mistry 3. Muncherji Cama 4. Mehli Colah 5. Parvez Mehta.

PJ REPLIES: How is that relevant to reply to the charges which you are trying to defend. Neither PJ nor Zaiwalla has made any reference to it. But since you have brought it up please let the community know who the first Trustees were replaced by at present.

I was elected as Vice President of West Zone-B (Gujarat Anjumans) in 2014 and appointed as C.E.O. of Defunct Anjuman Committee (DAC) in 2016. So I Have nothing to do with the drafting of the scheme and the appointing of First Trustees.

PJ REPLIES: But neither PJ nor Zaiwalla have made any such comment in the article about drafting of the scheme and appointment of first Trustees. Why side track the main issue of your attempt to sell off the Rajkot property in collusion with your own advocates and the Muslim purchaser.

The advocate, Mr. Vyas, who's mentioned about, the one being escorted by a Muslim to a car, is presently not the advocate of the FPZAI. Advocate Mihir Trivedi of Rajkot is appearing for FPZAI since September 2019. Earlier, Advocate Bakimchandra Vyas from Dist. Anand was appearing before the Charity Commissioner of Rajkot.

Mr. Dinshaw Mehta and Mr. Soli Katpitia had appointed advocate Mr. Vyas for Godhara, Deesha and Khambhatt. Over time it was observed that Advocate Mr. Vyas had an eye on the community properties, particularly that of Rajkot. I informed FPZAI office bearers that we needed to change the advocate. In August 2019, I had informed Advocate Vyas not to appear for FPZAI in any matter and after getting approval from all the DAC members, I had appointed Advocate Mihir Trivedi of Rajkot to appear before Rajkot Charity Commissioner, on the behalf of the FPZAI, in September 2019. Applicant Cyrus Nagaomwalla signed the Vakalatnama for advocate Trivedi but first applicant Mr. Bachha did not sign the Vakalatnama and advocate Mr. Vyas is still appearing for Jimmy Bachha. Mr. Bachha was on pay roll of the FPZAI and had assisted Sohrabji Katpitia at that time. FPZAI is taking steps in this regard.

PJ REPLIES: If Dinshaw Mehta had appointed Vyas as Advocate for Godhra, Deesha and Khambhat then how was he allowed to appear in Rajkot and by who? In spite of all your protestations about Adv Vyas he still appears in the Rajkot matter before the Charity Commissioner of Rajkot right till last week but representing the first Applicant of FPZAI, Jimmy Bachha who is still on the payroll of FPZAI. What fools do you take us for? Your last statement that "FPZAI is taking steps in this regard" exposes your malafides in having Vyas attend till now on behalf of FPZAI through Jimmy Bachha.

Substantial Community properties, worth crores of rupees, in small towns and rural areas where there are few Parsis or even no Parsis left, are already or almost lost to the community through encroachment, lack of updated records, etc. FPZAI faces an uphill task of safeguarding these from further encroachments, from land mafias, slum lords, and builder lobbies, with the help of local Anjumans.

PJ REPLIES: yes that is why the vigilante like Zaiwalla are required to expose

people like you. Your ultimate aim is the same.

The functioning of the DAC is transparent and all BPP trustees who are members of the DAC, are fully aware of its functioning.

PJ REPLIES: Request you to read the past accusations made by BPP Trustees including Kersi Randeria who exposed your functioning as being against the interest of the community.

Unfortunately, privileged and confidential information is leaked and lands in the hands of individuals who then use it to twist facts, which are really prevalent at site and thus, try to stir up community sentiments. Community activism is just a facade and the real intent is to derail the work done by FPZAI. In small towns where properties lying unattended, the same is open to encroachment as no Parsees are living there. The community hence is losing its properties to this unauthorised encroachment by the land mafia.

PJ REPLIES: Community activism has saved community properties from being sold for a song against its true value. PJ or Zaiwalla have nothing to gain 'to derail the work done by FPZAI' as long as it is above board and transparent.

Never once has Khushru and Rayomand Zaiwalla voluntarily come forward to physically go to these towns and cities and villages and try and take steps to stop the encroachments. Nor have they ever volunteered to come forth and assist the community in our hour of need. They find it safer to be brave and be a critic from the safe confines of their homes. After all, most are brave from a distance.

PJ REPLIES: It is not their duty to go to towns and villages but proper staff can be appointed to do all this so that even if sales is the only way out it has to be done in a transparent manner unlike the cloak and dagger way you function.

FPZAI is committed to protecting the community properties AND THE INTEREST OF INDIVIDUAL PARSEES at the anjuman level throughout India and the office bearers are putting in their sweat and toil.

I would like the father son duo to refrain from being a mouth piece and would exhort them to leave the confines of their home and travel to all the places where precious community

properties are located, confront the encroachers, land mafias, attend hearings before the competent authorities and show the Community that they truly care, not merely by their word but also by their deeds and action.

PJ REPLIES: Function in an open and transparent manner and no vigilantes would be required. But you have your own small coterie in charge of everything to the detriment of FPZAI and the community.

**Sam R. Chothia
CEO, FPZAI-Defunct Anjuman Committee**

EDITOR, PARSII JUNCTION:""

It will be interesting to see how Sam Chothia uses the FPZAI to clear himself of the charges made by Khushru Zaiwalla of his manipulations and how Khushru Zaiwalla will respond to the letter in Parsi Times that time will show.

In the last Parsi Junction we had sought replies to certain questions in the interest of Transparency and Accountability which we repeat below:

THE COMMUNITY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHO ARE THE PRESENT TRUSTEES PROPOSED BY DAC WHOSE CEO YOU ARE AS TRUSTEES OF THE RAJKOT ANJUMAN. THERE HAS TO BE TRANSPARENCY IN THE DEALINGS OF FPZAI AND UNLESS THE TRUSTEES OF THE APEX TRUST OF THE COMMUNITY ARE INVOLVED, IT WOULD BE FOOL HARDY TO ALLOW JUST THE 2 YEAR TERM OFFICE BEARER OF FPZAI TO TAKE CONTROL OF INVALUABLE TRUST PROPERTY.

IF DUE TO ABSENCE OF ANY PARSI IN A DEFUNCT ANJUMAN, SALE OF ITS PROPERTY IS NECCESITATED, WITH SUFFICIENT RESERVATION FOR ORIGINAL PARSIS OF THAT ANJUMAN, THE SALE HAS TO BE TRANSPARENT AND IN KEEPING WITH ALL NORMS OF PROBITY, WHICH CAN BE ONLY ASSURED BY THE APEX TRUST AND ITS ADMINISTRATION.

WILL SAM CHOTHIA REPLY TO OUR QUERY OR WILL HE TRY TO HIDE BEHIND THE FAÇADE OF A LETTER IN PARSII TIMES TO KHUSHRU ZAIWALLA TO HIDE THE TRUTH.

8th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress 2023: London is calling! Spotlight on Youth Organisers



With the 8th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress (8WZYC) 2023 being hosted by the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (ZTFE) in the United Kingdom (UK) in Summer 2023, a dedicated team of youth volunteers have already commenced early groundwork to start planning and organising this momentous event. As part of a series of articles, we will be sharing the insights and visions of our 8WZYC organising team.

For those of you who may not know me, my name is Shazneen Munshi. Having graduated with a Law LLB degree from King's College London, I work as a Policy Adviser to the CEO and Chairman of the Financial Ombudsman Service, an alternative dispute resolution organisation based in London's Canary Wharf. In my spare time, I enjoy dancing from ballet to salsa, playing the piano and singing in a choir!

As the youngest member on the ZTFE Managing Committee, I have been running our monthly Extra Young Zoroastrian (XYZ) Fun Club religious education classes for children for the past six years, led in my role as Young Zoroastrian Chair for five years and continue to assist in the day to day running of the organisation.

My main passion in life is making a positive difference to our treasured Zoroastrian community by engaging and bringing together our youth. Growing up in the diaspora naturally brings its own challenges as first- and second- generation migrants. However, our community has grown from

strength to strength in the UK over decades due to the hard work and commitment of all those who have dedicated their service. I am extremely proud to be a Young Zoroastrian in the UK today and being part of our vibrant community, with its indomitable spirit (and colourful characters!) fills me with a strong sense of belonging and joy. It is an absolute pleasure and a privilege to be involved in the 8WZYC in the hope that we can carry forward the Zoroastrian flame for future generations to come!

My first experience of a congress was at the 6th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in New Zealand in 2015 where I was so proud to represent the UK Youth as a Speaker on the topic on how today's youth inculcate a sense of pride about being Zoroastrian. Most recently in July 2019, I was invited to speak on the Women's panel and Community Service panel at the 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in Los Angeles. This also saw me being followed by the BBC for a World Service radio documentary which was a great experience!

Having now attended two youth congresses, I can truly say living, eating and being with 500 fellow Zarathushti youth was indeed a very surreal and special experience that I will treasure for my lifetime – almost like Hogwarts but for Young Zoroastrians! It's definitely "A Kind of Magic" in Freddie's words. As part of the experience, the host country also shared its culture and heritage with us from learning the Hakka in New Zealand to celebrating the 4th of July in Los Angeles.

For the 8WZYC in the UK, our vision is to build strong lasting global friendships, nurture worldwide communal initiatives and build on the future of our religion. As the Venue Lead for the 8WZYC, my role is to find the best environment and space to achieve our vision and create this strong legacy! Our key criteria for a venue include being close to the airport, accommodation and conference facilities for up to 500 delegates, dining and leisure facilities, and ensuring that the venue uses environmentally friendly and sustainable resources. We are keen to find a venue that is quintessentially English – we would love for our participants to experience the natural beauty, architecture and ancient history that our country has to offer!

The search began with researching potential venues from hotels to university campuses (and even Buckingham Palace!), sending letters to explain who we are and what we are looking for, obtaining relevant quotes and then presenting my findings to my fellow committee members. Progress has been good so far and we are now at the stage of visiting prospective venues with a view to negotiating rates. As past Young Zoroastrian Chair, my fantastic team and I organised a wide range of fun activities, regular events and trips for our youth as well as for the wider community. I have drawn on my experience and skills in the search for our venue – from leadership and event organisation skills to negotiation and building strong relationships with key contacts.

Another consideration that is linked to our venue search is catering. Food is very important to all Zoroastrians as well all know! We will be working closely with the venue as well as external caterers to make sure our delegates experience traditional delicacies, and that everyone is well fed!

Searching for our congress venue has been a wonderful experience which I am thoroughly enjoying. Being part of the congress committee is a once in a lifetime opportunity and I am very excited to work together with our lovely team of volunteers to make the Congress an amazing experience for everyone! See you all in 2023 – London Baby!

Video Time Capsule for the Iranshah Initiative



In the words of French Novelist Anatole France...To accomplish great things we must not only act, but also dream; not only plan, but also believe.

In today's day and age, we face several challenges. One in particular is the sanctity of our history and religion. As a result, planning is imperative.

Simply put, what would you want your children to know about Iranshah?

Tell us about your fondest experience, what it means to visit, how you learnt about the history or how you envisage the next generation keeping the fire burning forevermore.

Help us help them shape their future by sharing your thoughts, emotions and feelings about Iranshah. We want to hear from you no matter how long or short the message is.

Join the Iranshah Initiative by contributing to the Time Capsule and be a part of our planning for history.

Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman has been appointed as the Chairman of the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee.



Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman

The Central Authority nominated Justice Nariman, with immediate effect in the wake of retirement of Justice Arun Mishra, who held the post of chairman since November, last year.

As per Section 3A of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, it is the Central Authority which has to constitute a Committee to be called the Supreme Court Legal Services Committee for the purpose of exercising such powers and performing such functions as may be determined by regulations made by the Central Authority.

Supreme Court Legal Services Committee is constituted for implementing the legal services programme insofar as it relates to the Supreme Court of India. Following are the powers and functions of

the committee as per Supreme Court Legal Services Committee Regulations, 1996: (a) To administer and implement the legal services programme in so far as it relates to the Supreme Court of India and for this purpose take all such steps as may be necessary and to act in accordance with the directions issued by the Central Authority from time to time; (b) To receive and scrutinize applications for legal services and to decide all questions as to the grant of or withdrawal of legal service; (c) To maintain panels of advocates on record and of senior advocates in the Supreme Court for giving the legal advice; (d) To decide all matters relating to payment of honorarium, costs, charges and expenses of legal services to the advocates on record and to senior advocates of the Supreme Court; (e) To prepare and submit returns, reports and statistical information in regard to the legal services programme to the Central Authority.

The Chairman of the Committee (1) shall be in overall charge of administration and implementation of the programmes of the Committee: Provided that the Chairman shall

not directly concern any question as to grant or withdrawal of legal service to any person. (2) cause the meetings of the Committee convened through the Secretary at least once in a period of three months. (3) shall preside over the meetings of the Committee. (4) shall have all the residuary powers of the Committee.

Friday, September 18, Jiyo Parsi Friday Forum welcomes you to a musical evening with The Bunshah's.

Zervaan and Delraaz Bunshah are singers, actors and performers. They've performed in a variety of musicals, plays and live shows across the country. Joining them for a few songs is their unbelievably talented father, Dr. Jamshed Bunshah (probably the main reason why you will be watching the performance)