

ZPL – The largest footballing project in the community. ZOROASTRIAN PREMIER LEAGUE – ZPL – The Concept























ZPL is an event that involves three groups of individuals, 'The Owners', 'The Managers' and 'The Players'. The Owners shall buy teams from the organisers. A total of 10 teams are available to be sold. The Owners must then appoint 'A Manager' to run the football team. Players shall register with the organisers; the players shall then be auctioned to the owners and managers via a play money auction. Once the teams are formulated, there

shall be a league that will take place in Dadar on all 4 weekends of April. The top 4 teams ranked highest at the end of the League stage shall be eligible for the knock out stage. The final shall be held on the 28th of April, 2019.

The Owners have already bought teams at the ZPL, for a sum of ₹1,00,000. There are a total of 10 teams that have been sold. The winning team shall be entitled to prize money

worth ₹2,50,000. The owners make all decisions regarding their teams from deciding the team name to designing the team jersey kit. These owners have been selectively approached in order to have individuals that shall be involved and inclined to get the best out of their respective players.

'The Managers' have each been assigned to a team, they shall be in charge of the day to day running of the football team, which includes taking

training sessions, coordinating with the organisers, formulating tournament and game strategy. 'The Managers' shall play the role of the head of the teams and shall be in charge of all key decision making,

'The Players' are divided into three tiers, depending on their quality. The segregation of players based on quality is done through a thorough background check by a panel of Zoroastrian footballers that have

played a large amount of 'All Parsi Football' tournaments over the years and are well connected with the youth of the community. The first tier players consist of the 20 best players in the community, the Second tier players consist of the second best 20 players in the community, the third tier is an open pool, consisting of anybody who wants to register.

The ten team owners include individuals like

- Rishad Byramjee the CEO of Casby Logistics Pvt Ltd, owns the team Storm 11 that is managed by Mr. Jehan Vapiwala,
- Marzi Pestonji who has been a judge at Dance India Dance for more than three seasons owns the team Persian Pirates and has Mr. Zubin Wadia as his manager,
- Hoshang Yazdegardi who is the owner of Café Mondegar is also the owner of the team Mondy's Patraos, and has Mr. Perseus Daruwala as his manager.
- Viraf Mehta a Vice President with CLSA and also the youngest BPP Trustee owns the Team Pink Panthers, The Manager of the team is Mr. Varun Buhariwala,
- Hoshang Jal an ex- Officer of the Civil Services and owns the team
 Websters, the team is managed by Mr. Farhad Dhunjisha.
- Ms Delna Daruvala an enterprising

- young lady, owns the team Sterling FC that is managed by Mr. Fareez Vasania,
- Jeshad Dumasia who is a young football enthusiast owns the team Predators F.C which is managed by Mr. Varun Dastur.
- Rustom Dhimeri the owner of Café Universal owns the team – Iranian Giants, has Mr. Hushad Khan as his manager and
- Gilan Ferzandi who is the Managing Director and Owner of Farmacross India owns the team

- Byculla United, which is run by his son Mr. Yaaresh Ferzandi.
- Berjis Desai, well known Solicitor and ex-Partner of JSA Associates, a prestigious law firm, owns the Saturday Supremos that is managed by Mr. Yazad Karai

The event in its entirety has been broken down into 3 stages, 'The Trials', 'The Auction', and 'The League'.

The Trials were conducted on the 17th of March at the Cusrow Baug Grounds. 150 players tried out, as they showed off their skill with the intention

to impress the managers and owners. The purpose of 'The Trials' was to help the managers and owners decide who they want to buy at 'The Auction'. The players were made to perform certain drills and then play a game in front of the managers. The trials saw a footfall of over 200 people in the form of onlookers and spectators.

'The Auction' was held at the' Royal Bombay Yacht Club' on the 24th of March 2019. Only 120 players were sold, out of 250 players that had registered online to play. The rules of 'The Auction' were such that each team would have to buy a minimum and maximum of 2 players from the 1st tier, 2 players from the 2nd Tier and 8 players from the third tier. The Auction would be a play money auction. Each team would be given 100 Million worth of Play money within which they would have to buy their players. The Auctioneer - Hormuz Ragina, who is one of the finest speakers and hosts in the country as well as the nation's number 1 Jammaster, hosted the event.

'The League' begins on the 6th of April at the Dadar Parsi Grounds, and shall go on till the 28th of the same month. Matches shall only take place on weekends. Each team shall play all the other teams once. The top 4 teams ranked highest at the end of the League stage shall proceed to the knockout round.

ZOROASTRIAN PREMIER LEAGUE TEAMS



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| OWNER - MR. HOSHANG JAL | | |
| MANAGER - MR. FARHAD DHUNJSHAH | | |
| CYRUS KARBHARI | ZERIUS DAVAR | |
| ARMAN ARETHNA | YOHAN MALAO | |
| ZEUS CHHAPKHANAWALA | JEHAN FOUZDAR | |
| MERZAD PATEL | PORUS SIDHWA | |
| ARZAN MEHTA | JEHAN PANTHAKI | |
| USHAINE GANDHI | DANESH IRANI | |

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| FARZAD DASTOOR | ARZISH MUGASETH |
| NAUZER BHOPTI | JEZAN COOPER |
| REHAN DADACHANJI | SHAHZAD ICHCHAPORIA |
| MEHERASP MISTRY | SHAHRUKH BHESANIA |
| MIKHAIL JAOREWALA | BEHERZAD KHAMBATTA |
| SARFARAZ IRANI | URAZ IRANI |



| PRED | ATORS |
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| | JESHAD DUMASIA R. VARUN DASTUR |
| KARL MALAO | NAUZER DUBASH |
| DANESH PATEL | HUSHAD BACHA |
| RUSTOM CONTRACTOR | KERFEGAR DALAL |
| ARISH UNWALA | SEAN GAMADIA |
| AURASH IRANI | MEHERZAD SUKESHWALA |
| MERZIN SUI | JIMMY BHESANIA |
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| | UNITED |
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| OWNER - MR | GILAN FERZANDI |
| MANAGER - MR. | YAREESH FERZANDI |
| JOSHUA DUMASIA | MAZYAAR ENGINEER |
| SHAYAN ZAQ | VARSHIN PAREKH |
| JAYDEN IRANI | ZUBIN KATRAK |
| ZAHAN DAMANIA | MEHERZAD DOTIWAL |
| CHIRAG DALAL | JOYAN JASSOOMAN |
| KARZAN ENGINEER | AREEZ GAZDAR |

| OWNER - MR. RUSTOM DEHMIRI AND MR. SHAROM D | | |
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| MANAGER - MR. HUSHAD KHAN | | |
| ARZHAN DOCTOR | DANNUSH DUMASIA | |
| RATAN KHANDEDIA | MURZY SUKHIA | |
| ZUBIN PATEL | RYAN DAVAR | |
| ZAREER COBLA | KHUDAVAND KERMANI | |
| RAYAAN BHAGAT | HORMUZ BANAJI | |
| AINALADA NAHIL | FARZIN IRANI | |







GIVEN BELOW IS THE LETTER **ISSUED BY LEADING PARSI** CONSULTANTS OF PARSI GENERAL HOSPITAL, PUBLISHED IN **COMMUNITY INTEREST...**

There are only two groups who actually see, know, realize the value, advantages, benefits to the Parsi Community of the B.D. Petit Parsee General Hospital as also the deficiencies and drawbacks of the Hospital from the ground reality position of living and working in the Hospital every day, every night - the Patients and the Consultant Doctors.

The Patients are transient and are happy to go back home. We the Consultant Doctors have been here, many for well over fifty years, and are happy, proud and feel privileged to work in this Hospital which has given support, sustenance and healthcare to the community and more specifically to the poor in the community for 107 long years.

With the sky rocketing price of Medical Care and a dwindling community, the Hospital is under severe financial stress and cannot be equipped or staffed optimally.

On the other hand those who get joy in running it down, should visit general wards in Public Hospitals and compare how very optimally the poor and needy are treated at our Hospital, totally free, with medication, medical care, investigations, surgery, and all treatment at no cost, in clean, open, cheerful environments.

The Hospital is the refuge and sanctuary of the poor and needy who are cared for regardless of the Hospitals dwindling financial resources.

1) We are on a steep financial down slope. By the grace of Ahura Mazda, we have been given a life line. A magnanimous offer of ₹160 crore to build the Shroff Medical Center in the Hospital Complex by Mrs. Pervin and Mr. Jal Shroff, who else but a Parsee couple would be so benevolent.

We, the doctors, are aware and vocal that the Hospital is poorly equipped to run with total efficiency. Though critical and vocal, we are aware of the ground reality - too small a community to make costly equipment viable, crippled by rising cost and pay structures, for in the end "Costly thy coat as thy purse can buy".

Our criticism and ire are constantly directed to the management, but in our hearts we ask, in which land, if any, has one family donated, secured donations, labored, struggled to the utmost limit of their capacity to sustain a Hospital that has served a Community in every aspect of healthcare for 107 years?

We the doctors, fully aware of the shortcoming of our Hospital do know these are due to unavoidable financial reasons, in spite of the robust efforts of the President and Executive Committee of the B.D. Petit Parsee General Hospital, behind whom we stand in full support and

understanding. We the Consultant doctors of the B.D. Petit Parsee General Hospital are aware that the B.D. Petit Parsee General Hospital is at the edge of a precipice, its long term existence is at stake.

At stake is the healthcare of the community, specifically of the poor

This project is facing a time limit. Every project has its naysayers, skeptics, detractors, opponents. We the doctors beseech them to relook. with a true and open mind, that all

aspects of the community welfare are secure, and then be honest and fair and permit the project to go through with their blessings. Please understand that we doctors have no personal stake, but we see and try to help the plight of the community everyday and we know this is the Hospital's and Community's last chance for survival.

Please do not destroy the Hospital, do not do irreparable harm to the community.

We request both the donors Mrs. Pervin and Mr. Jal Shroff as also Medanta to extend their time limit till better reason, understanding, good will harmony prevail. Thanking You in anticipation for early publication. With Kind Regards,

Consultant Doctors, The B. D. Petit Parsee General Hospital

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ZOROASTRIAN DENTISTS ORGANIZATION CELEBRATES **ITS 65TH ANNIVERSARY**

At 9.30 am on Sunday 24th March 2019, ZDO celebrated its 65th Anniversary at the Gateway Room of Taj Mahal Palace Hotel when young and old Parsi Dentists were present at the inaugural ceremony, under the Chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Porus Turner. Both the Dinshaws - Dinshaw Tamboly as well as Dinshaw Mehta along with Jehangir Patel, owner of Parsiana were invited as special guests to the celebration.

Dr. Turner in his welcome address exhorted the 50 odd dentists to give back to the community what they had received by way of various facilities from several Parsi Charitable Trusts to reach the pinnacle of their profession. Dr. Turner requested the gathering that it was their duty to look after the dental health of the Mobeds and their families completely free of charge or at highly subsidized rates.

Dinshaw Mehta in his address was

pleasantly surprised to see for the first time in such a gathering where the youth outnumbered the Seniors. Against the 50 odd Parsi dentists attending the function, atleast 35 were in their early thirties which was a welcome sight and he exhorted them to marry youg and have three children as the only way to save the community.

Jehangir Patel also congratulated the dentists and wanted Dr. Turner ideal of giving back to the community to be imbibed and followed by all the young dentists.

Dinshaw Tamboly gave a very erudite talk and it is so relevant at todays crisis that our community is going through that the whole speech has been given in detail below so that the community realise its importance and take corrective steps to reverse the demographic decline which actually seems irreversible and beyond redemption.

TALK OF DINSHAW TAMBOLY AT THE ZOROASTRIAN DENTISTS ORGANIZATION ON 24 -3-2019

Thank you very much for the invitation to spend a very pleasant morning with you all.

When Dr. Porus Turner invited me to preside at the Annual Scientific Conference of Zoroastrian Dentist's Association the first thought that flashed through my mind was one of surprise. Individuals with the prefix of Dr. before their names are legitimately considered to be representative of the crème de la crème of any society. I was at a loss to comprehend what it was that I could speak about to a group of very accomplished individuals. Having accepted the invitation in a moment of weakness. I shall endeavour to do justice to the best extent possible, to the subject that I have selected for today morning.

I have chosen to say a few words on, "Community survival at a critical juncture; two challenges before the intelligentsia."

Addressing intellectuals of the Zoroastrian community on a subject as vital as their own survival being at a critical juncture is no easy task. Before a mature audience, one can only place pertinent data on various facets of issues relating to the community in the context of the subject matter and leave you good doctors to arrive at your own conclusions.

The two main challenges that we face today and which I will very briefly touch

Demographic decline.

Dwindling number of youth willing to take up priesthood as a calling and a profession.

It is known to all that we are perhaps the only community that is plagued by a negative growth rate. For a community that prides itself as being educated and progressive, it is a sad reality that we have begun to think only about ourselves, completely disregarding and unconcerned about our falling numbers.

As doctors you all would be aware of the fact that in our country a child is at present born every 1.2 seconds or 72,000 children are born every day.

Compare this to around 300 to 350 births a year in our community. On the other hand, with around 750 deaths every year we lose about 400 heads every year.

To these deaths, add the loss of heads on account of migration to other countries, and we find the issue of our diminishing numbers being further aggravated. As per the 2011 census, India has around 57.264 Zoroastrians at present, out of which around 35 to 37,000 are estimated to be in Mumbai city alone.

The tragedy is that everybody seems to be concerned about us, except ourselves. To assist us in raising our numbers, the government supports our community through Jiyo Parsi by providing financial support for pregnancy related treatment. In phase 2 introduced recently they have even earmarked a generous budget that provides financial support to grandparents who undertake to look after children when both parents are at work.

Due to the support extended by the Govt., 184 babies have been born through the aegis of Jiyo Parsi which otherwise would not have been, the latest being a set of twins being born on 21st March 2019. Jiyo Parsi is a very laudable scheme but can it help us when we are not helping ourselves? Generally for the numbers to remain constant the birth rate per couple should be 2.1 children, whereas our birth rate per couple is just 0.8 children.

Whilst our rapid demographic decline, unless addressed, will in the long term eventually result in our extinction, the short term ramifications of increasing economic vulnerability are equally serious. With deaths exceeding births, there are far more elders in the community than youth. The fallout of the skewed demographic profile has restricted the proportion of economically active population in the community. This has resulted in almost one third being over the age of 60, rendering themselves unemployable. A TISS report of 2009, records that on an average for one single earning member has to now take care of three elderly dependent family members.

Do spare a thought what our numbers, at the present decadal rate of 18% decline will be at the end of the century. The future or rather the lack of it is there for all to see.

Now a few words now about our clergy. We have 8 Atashbehrams, 50 Agyaries / Dadgah's at Mumbai and 98 in other parts of India, making a total of 156 places of worship. Whilst these 156 institutions remain constant, our falling numbers have resulted in far lower footfalls of devotees. However, faltering footfalls are not the main issue. The real issue being, youth born into the families of Mobeds are reluctant to take up Mobedi as a calling / profession, entirely to the community laity having over decades not given a thought to their well being Mobeds. With young full time Mobeds earning around ₹20,000 to ₹25,000 per month, can young boys from Mobed families be held responsible if they choose to move on to greener corporate pastures?

The Dadar Athornan Institute has just about 22 to 24 young boys from Athornan families being trained as Mobeds; how many will actually take up Mobedi as a profession or calling remains to be seen. The Institute at Andheri unfortunately does not have a single young Athornan boy in its

To address this issue, a very modest beginning was made less than a year ago by establishment of the 'Empowering Mobeds' group that highlights the difficulties of the Mobeds and holds seminars that impart them with soft training skills. However, till such time the community chooses and sits up to recognize the gravity of the issue and take corrective action, a time is not very far off when we should not be surprised to experience the very serious situation of there being no Mobeds to serve our religious institutions which can only result in there eventually being no Parsis and no community.

Both the issues are extremely grave; if we as a community hope to survive, we require the wholehearted involvement of community members having focussed minds to come forward and collectively address the situation.

Can the intelligentsia of the community forsake participation in community management and leadership and still expect the community to survive, leave aside thrive? When the crème de la crème of any community remain distant from providing leadership and plan community survival with vision, what direction can a community take, except going downhill? Ladies & gentlemen, these are home truths. I do urge you all to ponder over them.

Whilst I thank you for the opportunity of spending time with you all, I am sorry I have to leave you all with sombre thoughts. But then to use a oft used cliché - "Dentists are known to get to the root of a matter", I am confident some attention will be given to what I have said

DINSHAW TAMBOLY

THERE CANNOT BE A DISCRIMINATORY POLICY

From:z-newz@googlegroups. com[mailto:z-newz@googlegroups. com] On Behalf Of Homee Dalal Sent:Wednesday, April 03, 2019 4:49 PM

To:Z-Newz

Subject:THERE CANNOT BE A **DISCRIMINATORY POLICY.**

Dear Humdins.,

Kindly read a half page page advertisement in both the weaklies (pun intended) about auction of a flat by BPP and below the said advertisement there is a dissent note by my friend Mr. Kersi Randeria dissenting, auction of the said flat.

I am happy that my friend is sticking to his promise of NO SALE of BPP flats promised in his manifesto, since they are meant for poor & needy. Realizing the financial crunch, Zarir and Noshir seem to have relented and decided for auction of flats. But if my memory serves me right, even BPP 's Chairman YD who was against this practice of sale of flats up-till now but has now suddenly agreed to go ahead with the auction, against the wishes of his main supporter Kersi.

Now to refresh the memories of the community, a year ago, there was a criticism about Mr. Phiroze Amroliwalla who has three flats which he luckily possess. Now my main argument, is can BPP be selective in their approach?. If it allows the sale by auction in one case but refuses the sale in other cases like Mr. Phiroze Amroliwalla.

I request BPP to publish a clear policy that they are going to follow about sale of rental flats by the owner/s. THERE CANNOT BE A **DISCRIMINATORY POLICY.**

Mr. Amroliwalla kindly treat this as a public apology for my earlier write ups. Please note that today too I am against sale of BPP's flat/s but I am equally against discrimination. There cannot be two policies for two identical cases by the same trust.

Regards.. Homi Dalal"

OUR COMMENTS:

1. In the first place Kersi Randeria is in Contempt of Court by publishing his Dissent below the BPP Public Notice calling for bids for auction of flats on Leave License basis to highest bidder of Refundable Security Deposit. The Consent Terms signed by him in the Hon'ble High Court in his dispute with

the minority Trustees lays down that every Trustee has a right to dissent to a decision but once that is recorded than he is bound by the majority decision and has to obey and comply to it. If he is dissatisfied with the decision he has the option to move the relevant court against that decision or policy but otherwise he has to obey the majority decision whether he likes it or not. Hence his publishing his **Dissent under the Public Notice in** both the papers owned/edited by him is just a drama being enacted to fool his friends like Homi Dalal of sticking to his promise. By doing this he is actually devaluing the worth of the property as many potential buyers will stay away due to his published Dissent.

- 2. There are umpteen cases where Kersi Randeria has allowed **Deposits/Donations** for flat allotments for those close to him. The case of Arzan Khambatta, son of Arnavaz Mistry's brother and cousin of his co-Trustee Yasmin Mistry is a blatant abuse of the discretion of the Trustees. Arzan was ready and willing to give Rs. 40 lakhs as Refundable Deposit for allotment of a Godrej Baug flat but Kersi refused that offer and convinced the majority Trustees to accept only ₹8 lakhs as Donation instead and thereby causing loss to charity.
- 3. It would be criminal if the Trustees started allotting high value flats of over ₹1 Crore to one family instead of encashing its potential and use the interest on the crores so received to help 20 poor Parsi families with doles, education help, medical relief and other welfare activities. In 1997 the Wadia Baugs had no funds even to pay their Property Taxes and would borrow from BPP to pay it. But once the policy of Refundable **Deposit Scheme was implemented** the fortunes of BPP in general and Wadia Baugs in particular increased tremendously with result that today the Wadia Baug Accounts shows a healthy surplus of a few hundred crores but unfortunately the interest earned from these funds for some reason are being denied to be used by BPP for the welfare of the community in general.
- Division Bench of the Small Causes Court as well as a High Court Judge has highly

recommended this RDS policy as being in interest of the welfare of the community. Hence Homi whilst all flats in Nowroz Baug and Jer Baug as also low value flats in BPP Baugs are reserved for free allotment to the needy and deserving waiting list applicants, the high value flats have to be encashed so that many new welfare activities can be taken up for the greater good of the community. In fact it is laid down that those who wish to encash the

tenancy value of their premises in Nowroz Baug and Jer Baug then they should be compensated at rate of ₹1500/ per sq ft. from the proceeds of the high value flats and then the surrendered flat be allotted free to a deserving applicant. Hence the policy serves a dual purpose of compensating those who wish to vacate their flats from the interest income of high value flats which can then be given free to the needy.

ZORU BHATHENA QUESTIONS THE BPP'S NEGLIGENCE ON DHUN BUILDING

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Madam & Sirs.

Received Copy

Sub: BPP Property known as Dhun Building, situate at 14, Nambhoy Lane at Fountain

It is observed that the aforesaid building is owned by the BPP.

At the entrance of the building is a signboard affixed by the BPP Trustees informing that the MCGM has declared the said building to be in a dangerous & dilapidated condition

One Zerox shop, one lottery shop & one pan shop are seen to be operating from the ground floor / road facing side of this building. The rest of the building appears to be vacant

The main door of the building was found to be locked (photo attached). However it was observed that one man was residing inside the locked premises (photo showing the man & his clothes is attached).

As seen from the side window, the inside of the building is completely dismantled and there appears to only be 4 walls (and no floors).

On making enquiry with the shop keepers it was informed that the inside of the building had been dismantled for repairs over 6 years ago, and since then no further work has been done.

The said property is a prime property located at Flora Fountain.

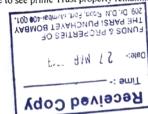
It is the duty of the BPP Trust to maintain its properties in good condition in order to achieve the objectives of the Trust. It however appears that this Trust Property is maintained in a state of complete neglect / ruinous condition.

As beneficiaries of the Trust we request you to explain why the said property has been left in such state of complete neglect. From our side, if we are able to assist the Trust in any way to restore the property, we offer our full assistance.

We request your prompt reply, as we would not like to see prime Trust property remaining in such state of neglect for much longer.

Zoru Bhathena

End: 4 photos



A SHOCKING ISSUE OF DOUBLE STANDARDS

The community is well aware of the preferential treatment that the ruling majority Trustees of the BPP gives its favorite sons and daughters whilst those unknown to them or are in the opposite camp are treated not only shabbily but even vindictively to the extent of throwing them out of their lawful houses on to the streets so that they have to come crawling back to them asking for the Lord and Masters forgiveness after promising to support them in future elections, especially since the Chairman's wife wants to throw her hat for a third time.

We thus have the preferential treatment meted out by the majority Trustees in the case of:

- 1) Arzan Khambatta who though willing to give a Refundable Security Deposit of Rs.40 lakhs to BPP for allotment of a Godrej Baug flat was asked to **Donate** only Rs. 8 lakhs for the same flat as he was related to Mrs. Arnavaz Mistry, mother of Yasmin Musadiq Shaikh, a close personal friend of the BPP Chairman and a colleague Trustee in ZTFI.
- Sharukh Billimoria, a resident of Godrej Baug in his inlaws place, being allotted another flat in Godrej Baug on TENANCY Basis in Exchange as his masi surrendered a Gamadia Colony Tenanted flat only because he is a relative of the Chairman Yazdi Desai.
- Rummy Marawalla, a special friend of the defacto Chairman, occupying a 1RK flat in Godrej Baug, being shifted to 2 RK flat in Godrej Baug in Exchange under the pretext of his mother coming to reside with him which has not happened since last
- Kaikhushru Irani of Petit Bldg., Balaram Street with a NON PARSI wife being given a 2 RK flat in Palmlands in September 2018 for which ₹40 lakhs was to be recovered from the allottee but being the special friend of the defacto Chairman, not only has the Trust not received its promised Rs.40 lakhs but Kaikhushru Irani continues to enjoy both the Godrej Baug flat as well as the Petit flat to the knowledge of the BPP Trustees but to the detriment of Petit Trust applicants on their waiting
- Kairesh Patel, who is employed by the Chairman Yazdi Desai and his wife for their personal work, was in possession of his father's 2 RK flat No. C-10 in Godrej Baug on demise of his father Mr Cyrus Faramroze Patel on 23-05-2016 but yet he was allotted another large 2 RK flat in Dadar Parsi Colony on the spurious ground that the Godrej Baug flat

would be occupied by Kairesh's brother when he returns from America though having a Muslim Wife which is to the knowledge of all Trustees. Yes his brother is back from USA in October 2018 but without his wife who continues to reside alone in USA. How long this farce continues time will show.

One can quote umpteen such favoritism cases but the above should suffice for this article at present

As against the brazen favoritism for their own, see their behavior to those they count as their opponents/enemies during BPP election.

- 1) Mahararine Driver, a neice of Parvez Driver is a classic example of the vindictiveness of the present majority Trustees ruling the BPP. Mahazarine though married to a non Parsi, her husband stays and works in Pune and the earlier Board was informed by Mahazarine that her husband would not stay in her Panthky Baug flat but she would visit him in Pune over weekends. The earlier Board noted with approval her disclosure but the present Board only for revenge because Parvez had written a critical letter against the BPP Trustees in Jame Jamshed in 2016-17 filed an eviction Application before the Competent Authority at Bandra taking advantage of the Leave License Agreement and within 6 months due to money power of the Trust got Eviction Decree against her. Luckily in Appeal, the Konkan Commissioner upheld her right of Leave to Defend and the matter is remanded back for reconsideration. Even then the Trustees by majority filed further appeal in the High Court but got no relief. Thus Charity funds are brazenly misused to fuel their vengeance agenda whilst the Licensee has to fend for herself with her own funds.
- Gustad Irani, a resident of Godrej Baug and whose wife is bed ridden. His son had taken a flat under Refendable Deposit Scheme in Gamadia Colony incurring cost of over 30 lakhs of rupees and has been requesting exchange to Godrej Baug flat, not for free or on Tenancy basis like given to Sharukh Billimoria, but under RDS has still been denied the same facility till date as he is on the hit list of the majority Trustees.
- Ruzbeh Gandhi whose wife suffers from cancer had to the knowledge of the earlier Board rented out his personal flat to earn income for treatment of his wife is also being vindictively treated and eviction case is proposed to be filed against him.
- Inspector Cyrus Irani of Godrej

Baug, a recipient of the Presidents Republic Day medal for meritorious service has been requesting the Trustees to give his old and ailing mother in law a flat in Godrej Baug under RDS policy but is ignored whilst other less deserving but well known applicants to the Trustees are allotted out of turn as well as free of any charges, Donation or Deposit.

Ratan Patel, another resident of Godrej Baug is a classic case of the high and mighty attitude of the Trustees.

Ratan Patel, is one of the heroes of the Wadiaji Atashbehram litigation against the Metro authorities to prevent the desecration of the Atashbehram demanding shifting the tunnel going under the Wadiaji Atashbehram which is at present pending before the Supreme Court of India. Thanks to him and other Appellants, the Chira Bazar Metro Station has now been shifted 10 meters (over 100 feet) away from the original site which was abutting the Atashbehram and even the underground Tunnel has been shifted 3 Meter away from the original site of below the sanction sanctorum to now below the hand washing area.

Though the community is grateful to all the Applicants including Ratan Patel for this victory see how the majority Trustees treat this silent heroe.

Parwana Patel, wife of Ratan Patel had been allotted in the 1990's a 1RK flat T-3 at Godrej Baug and Ratan and his family (teenage daughter) reside therein. Ratan Patel is the nephew and a blood relative of tenant late Homi B. Pesina, residing at 6,Khan Estate, R.No. 11, 3rd Fl., Station Road, Mahim, MUMBAI 400 016. Since childhood Ratan has been on and off staying with his uncle and aunt at Mahim as they had no issues and Ratan was being treated like a son by his uncle and aunt, late Homi and Bacha Pesina.

Being a relative and legal heir of the Pesina family flat, Ratan is entitled to the tenancy rights of his uncle's premises at Khan Estate.

In 2012, the then Trustees had sent a legal notice to Ratan Patel for attempting to induct into the Pesina's Khan Estate flat and had prepared plaint in 2013 to prevent Ratan's proposed induction into Khan Estate. However after receiving a convincing reply from Ratan, the then Trustees were convinced that Ratan was entitled to the Tenancy of Pesina's flat and hence decided against filing the Plaint against Ratan Patel.

However in October 2015 when the new Trustees took over, once again the New Trustees insisted that Ratan Patel should give up his right to his uncle's Khan Estate premises if he wanted to continue to stay in his wife's Godrej Baug flat. A lot of to and fro was exchanged

with the Trustees loosing their cool and even threatening that if he did not give up his tenancy right to Khan Estate flat of his uncle then Trustees would file Eviction proceedings against his wife Parvana for the Godrej Baug Flat, being a Leave License flat.

Ratan was categorical that either he had a legal right to his uncle's tenancy flat in Khan Estate in which case if he was giving up his tenancy right of his uncle's flat then the Godrej Baug flat should be given to his wife on tenancy basis as done for Sharukh Billimoria, a relative of Yazdi Desai. On the other hand if he has no right to his uncle's flat as alleged by come Trustees then why are the Trustees insisting on his giving an Affidavit giving up his right of tenancy in his uncle's flat.

There was merit in the submission and arguments of Ratan Patel but the majority Trustees were adamant to prove a point because of his daring to defy them and got the Majority Trustees to file Eviction proceedings against Ratan's wife. Thus Eviction Application No. 124 of 2017 was filed by four Trustees -Yazdi Desai, Noshir Dadrawalla, Kersi Randeria and Zarir Bhathena before the Competent Authority, Kokan Division Bandra under the provision of Leave License of Maharshtra Rent Control Act against Mrs. Parvana Ratan Patel, Mr. Muncherji N. M. Cama, Mrs. Armaity Rustom Tirandaz and Viraf Dinshaw Mehta (as the three minority Trustees had dissented to the majority decision) for evicting Ratan Patel, his wife and his teenage daughters from 1 RK Flat T-3, Godrei Baug. Flat and throwing them on the road. It needs to be mentioned here that same complaint prepared in 2013 by the earlier Board was fraudulently alleged to have been filed by the then Trustees in 2013 and was fraudulently alleged to be misplaced by the Competent Authority and a fresh Eviction application was filed by the new Trustees, but enclosing the 2013 application as being lost by the office of the Competent Authority.

Due to the now well known settling policy of Yazdi Desai and the defacto chairman through their influence, reach and money power, the Competent Authority passed peremptory Order in favour of the Trustees to evict them from their Godrej Baug Flat, without giving her opportunity of Leave of Defend.

Naturally Mrs. Parvana Ratan Patel had to file an Appeal before the Additional Commissioner, Konkon Division where the hearing is going on at present, on ground of Leave to Defend.

Every time that Ratan Patel and his wife visited the Board of Trustees in the proposed Eviction appeal pending before the Additional Commissioner, they were informed that Ratan should give an Affidavit giving up his right to his uncle and aunts Khan Estate tenanted flat which Ratan agreed to give up provided his Leave License of Godrej Baug Flat was converted to Tenancy as was preferentially done in the case of Sharukh Billimoria because he was a relative of Yazdi Desai. However the Majority Trustees rejected this argument saying that he had no legal right to tenancy of his uncle Pesina's flat. Ratan argued that if he had no tenancy right to his uncles flat then why are they insisting on his giving an affidavit giving up his tenancy right to his uncle's flat. But to no avail

Ultimately by letter dated 18-03-2019, Ratan Patel again pleaded with the Trustees to either give him tenancy of T-3 Godrej Baug in Exchange of his giving up his tenancy right to Khan Estate Flat or renew his Leave License Agreement & withdraw the Eviction suit but without insisting on his affidavit to give up his right to his uncle's flat. The appeal was partly heard on 28th March 2019 by the Additional Commissioner and adjourned pending Trustees decision to his request

in his letter dt18-03-2019

The said letter is published in box for the knowledge of the community as to how shabbily the heroes of our community are treated when trustees who are supposed to be benevolent landlords start behaving as private landlords as if the property belongs to them and not to the beneficiaries in whose benefit the Trustees are supposed to act.

Since three Trustees have dissented to the Eviction Application of the majority Trustees, it is sincerely hoped that once again Noshir Dadrawalla will swing in favour of Ratan Patel like he did in case of Dr. Porus Turner and in the bargain taking on the Aristocrat all on his own. Our respect and admiration of Noshir has increased manifold since he is the only Trustee who has shown the guts to oppose him. We hope he shows the same guts in the case of Ratan Patel who the orthodox believe is a real hero for going all the way to the Supreme Court when the mighty BPP and other large charity Trusts like the Petit, the Wadia Trust, The Jeejeebhoys were mute spectators to the defilement of our holy Atashbehram.

ARTICLE IN HINDUSTAN TIMES OF 4-4-2019

Parsi trust's ban on newsletter labelled 'attack on press freedom'

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MUMBAt Parsi Junction, a newsletter which was critical of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet (BPP) Trust, the biggest Parsi-Zoroastrian representative body, has been banned from housing colonies managed by the latter.

The ban will come into effect thisweekend as the new sletter is published fortnightly. Parsi Junction currently has a circulation of around 5,000 across the city and new softhe ban has triggered criticism from its readers.

Yazdi Desai, chairperson of BPP, said that though the matter was pending before the trust's board, he, in his capacity as chairman, could issue the order because therewere "defamatory stories" being published by the newsletter against the Punchayet. The newsletter has been publishing reports on alleged corruption in property deals linked to the BPP.

If a newspaper is expressing views that the other party finds defamatory, it can file a case against the paper and the court will decide if the paper needs to stop.

VINODSAMPAT, Senior advocate, Bombay high court

The trust manages around 5,500 flats in community housing estates across the city, apart from fire temples, the Tower of Silence cemetery, commercial properties, and land, making it one of the biggest land-owners in Mumbai.

"Thave asked our staff to stop circulation of the newsletter because it is illegal. We cannot let a new sletter which spreads lies and makes defamatory remarks be circulated in our colonies," said Decai

The chairperson added that thenewsletter is not registered to be granted circulation permission. "We are only concerned and will stop the circulation of the new sletter in our colonies; we cannot and will not stop circulation in other places," Desai added. Parvez Driver, editor of Parsi Junction, said he plans to raise the issue with the board. "When I called up the trustees, they said the matter had not come up for discussion on Tuesday and would

come up next week. We are going to circulate Parsi Junction in colonies this Sunday," he said. Community members have called the banan "attack on freedom of press" and pointed out to

community members have called the ban an "attack on freedom of press" and pointed out to other community magazines and new sletters which were being made available in colonies and religious places. "BPP is the custodian of Parsi properties; how cantidecidewhich weekly people should read?" said Rayomand Zaiwalla, lawyer.

ANOTHER CONFRONTATION BREWING

In the Parsi Junction of 17-03-2019. we had informed the community of the dispute between the Trustees and the Wadia Committee of Management regarding the rude and belligerent attitude towards the duly elected Trustees of the Bombay Parsi **Punchayat which led to the Trustees** boycotting further meetings at Wadia **International Centre and insisting that** these meetings be held only at BPP office as the Wadia Baugs belong to the BPP and not the Wadia Trust. The Wadia Trust has ceased to exist since 1954 when all the Wadia Baugs were transferred lock, stock and barrel by the then Trustees of Wadia Trust to the then Trustees of BPP.

To recall, it was the decision of the majority trustees to withdraw the suit filed earlier against Dr. Porus Turner for use of part of his residential premises in Rustom Baug for his dental clinic since 1990. On realizing that permission had been given to Dr. Turner to carry out his dental activity in one room and verandah of his flat by various Boards of Trustees from time to time, Noshir Dadrawala and others opted to withdraw the litigation since April 2018 ro save legal fees on both sides.

However the reaction to this proposed withdrawal was an unprecedented threat that he (Mr. Nusli Wadia) would file a case in his personal capacity against all the Trustees if they dared to withdraw the

suit at the Wadia Committee meeting of 12th December 2018.

This led to the majority Trustees deciding Wadia to boycott International Centre **future** for meetings, except of course the Chairman Yazdi Desai who is ever ready to be the Yes man to the high and mighty and buttered upto him to get his support for future electoral benefit for his wife.

Thus the proposed February 2019 meeting as well as the 29th March 2019 meeting of the Wadia Committee of Management were cancelled as Mr. Wadia refused to come to BPP.

After the last WCM meeting on 12-12-2019 no further meetings have since been held.

At present there are about 21 vacant flats or likely to be vacant flats but under negotiations of the Wadia Baugs. Whilst it is expected that the high value flats of Cusrow Baug, Rustom Baug and Ness Baug will be auctioned to garner funds for the various charitable objects of BPP as also for upkeep of Doongerwadi, the six flats of Nowroz Baug and one low value flat at Rustom Baug can be allotted immediately to the hundreds of applicants on the waiting list of the BPP. The infighting among the Trustees and now the infighting in the WCM is affecting our community interest and well being and if they can't get along then all of them should resign and let the community

elect a new band of seven Wiseman to lead our community out of the abyss it finds itself in today.

The Chairman against whom various charges of malfeasance have been levied by his own colleagues for unduly favoring a servant trespasser Sharda Sonavane including a Resolution of Vote of No Confidence and his Removal/ Suspension Application before the Charity Commissioner U/S 41/D should be the first to step down and thereby start cleaning the Augean stables.

We give below the list of flats either vacant or under negotiations for vacancy as under:

LIST OF VACANT OR UNDER NEGOTIATIONS FLATS IN WADIA BAUGS

| Sr. No. | Cusrow Baug: | |
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| 1 | C 12 / 3RK / 900 sq ft / 1st fl. | |
| 2 | H 18 / 2RK / 700 sq ft / Grnd fl. | |
| 3 | Q 8 / 4 RK / 1300 sq ft / 3rd fl. | |
| 4. | J 14 / 3 RK / 900 sq ft / 2nd fl. | |
| 5 | J 21 / 3 RK / 900 sq ft / 2nd fl. | |
| 6 | A 24 / 3RK / 900 sq ft / 3rd fl. | |
| | Ness Baug: | |
| 7 | Annex II / 5 RK / 1800 sq ft / 4th fl. | |
| 8 | A 10 / 5 RK / 1750 sq ft / 5th fl. | |
| | Nowroz Baug: | |
| 9 | H 21 / 2RK / 850 sq ft / 2nd fl. | |
| 10 | B 2 / 2 RK / 500 sq ft / Grnd fl. | |
| 11 | R 18 / 2 RK / 600 sq ft / 1st fl. | |
| 12 | D 22 / 1 R / 150 sq ft / 2nd fl. | |
| 13 | D 23 / 1R / 150 sq ft / 2nd fl. | |
| 14 | N 9 / 2 RK / 500 sq ft / Grnd fl. | |
| | Rustom Baug: | |
| 15 | C 6 / 3 RK / 900 sq ft / 2nd fl. | |
| 16 | S 8 / 4 RK / 1450 sq ft / 3rd fl. | |
| 17 | 9-2 / 4 RK / 1450 sq ft / Grnd fl. | |
| 18 | 17-20 / 3 RK / 900 sq ft / 4th fl. | |
| 19 | 17-28 / 3 RK / 900 sq ft / 3rd fl. | |
| 20 | 17-49 / 3 RK / 900 sq ft / 4th fl. | |
| 21 | 18-15 / 2R / 400 sq ft / 2nd fl. | |

Thus there are in all 21 vacant flats of which 6 are in Cusrow Bug, 2 in Ness Baug, 6 in Nowroz Baug and 7 in **Rustom Baug.**

The BPP can earn much needed revenue from auction of the high value flats of Cusrow Baug and Nerss Baug and allott the Nowroz Baug and low value flat of Rustom Baug to genuine needy and deserving applicants and not only to their followers and supporters to build a vote bank for themselves for the 2022 elections.

It is further to be considered that since the funds in the Wadia Baug Accounts is now well over ₹200 crores earning an Interest of ₹15 to 18 crores per year which is again reinvested can I it be used instead for spending for community benefit.

Doongerwadi maintenance costs the BPP about Rs. 5 crores per year and since occupants of Wadia Baugs also use the benefit of Doongerwadi it stands to reason that Wadia Baug contribute to its maintenance.

Similarly BPP spends about ₹12 crores every year for giving doles to the poor, education help, medical assistance, 2nd and 3rd

child incentive, Mobed amelioration and other welfare activities for the benefit of community members both in Wadia Baugs and outside.

Since Residents of Wadia Gaugs also enjoy this benefits it is only fair that a part of this welfare costs is borne from the Wadia Baug Accounts.

If the Trustees were to stop separating Wadia Baugs accounts as intrinsically they are part of the BPP and ab-initio combine the funds then the community would bless the Trustees as then the artificial funds crunch propounded as present by the Trustees would no longer apply and all the funds of BPP can be amalgamated and used as one for the greater good of the community.

If for this one has to take on the high and mighty then so be it as the greater good of the community is paramount and for that to be achieved if the Wadia Committee of Management is needed to be dismantled then so be it. Let the Trustee be autonomous to take their decision based on larger good principles instead of bending over backwards to please the aristocrats of our community.

BPP AND FPZAI RELATIONSHIP -ANOTHER SCAM IN THE MAKING

In the Parsi Junction issue of 17-03-2019, we had informed the community of the impending rift between the Trustees of BPP and FPZAI (Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India /Defunct Anjuman Committee led by Yazdi Desai) due to exorbitant payments being made to FPZAI/DAC from funds of BPP.

Also the DAC was attempting to sell valuable Trust properties of various Defunct Anjumans without informing the other Trustees or getting their approval. Hence an urgent meeting of the DAC was fixed for Saturday 16-03-2019 at Hotel Heritage and not at BPP office, the normal venue.

Since Yazdi Desai and his henchman Chothia wanted Neemuch Anjuman properities to be immediately sold to encash whatever value they could, the meeting was deliberately fixed at Heritage Hotel so that most Trustees would not be able to attend and their proposal to sell Neemuch property would sail through. However on the question on who would be footing the bill of cost of Heritage Hotel meeting, it was learnt that Yazdi Desai would foot the bill from his own pocket, a very

surprising offer when most litigations cost including his own are paid from the coffers of charity funds.

However the other Trustees disagreed with Yazdi Desai personally incurring the cost and started wondering what was the incentive to bear the cost of the Heritage Hotel Bill. After a lot tu tu mai mai ultimately the DAC meeting of 16-03-2019 was cancelled.

It is now learnt that Yazdi Desai had visited Neemuch with just 6 Parsis residing there some time back on the pretext of Agiary Salgiri and he and Sam Chothia have made an application to the Neemuch Collector for sale of valuable Neemuch property worth several crores. As reported earlier, our vigilantes Khushru and Rayomand Zaiwalla immediately sent their objection letter for sale of this valuable property and appointed a local lawyer to oppose the proposed sale. In fact we learn that Sam Chothia is filing his reply on 04-04-19 to the objections of the Zaiwallas on sale of Neemuch property.

It needs to be mentioned that Neemuch Anjuman is a part of North Zone of FPZAI whose vice President is Tehmton Ankleseria. But when Yazdi

Desai or Sam Chothia visit Neemuch they do it on the sly without informing Tehmton. When Tehmton was queried as to what steps he proposes to take being the Vice President of North Zone, Tehemton frankly admitted that he has been kept out completely by Yazdi Desai and Sam Chothia and is in the dark as to what Sam Chothia is doing or proposing to do regarding valuable Neemuch property. He further informed that he would be spending travel and hotel fees from his own pocket whilst Sam Chothia would fly and stay at best hotels and BPP would reimburse the cost of his travel and stay.

What we have now learnt is even more shocking and disturbing.

Since the other Trustees of BPP are opposing the one sided authority of Yazdi Desai and Sam Chothia to sell away valuable defunct properties for whatever they can get, it is rumored that the two of them are going to call a FPZAI meeting in May 2019 and remove all the other BPP Trustees from the DAC so that the two of them can get a free hand with Defunct Anjuman properties to do as they please.

We are informed that their immediate

short term aim is to sell the Neemuch property, the Raikot property and the Dharwar property which together would be worth a few hundred crores. Yazdi Desai is aware that 41D application being prepared by Mulla & Mulla once filed will limit his reach to spend BPP funds for his litigation costs and to gift funds to various colony Associations to gather a vote bank for his wife and hence is now trying to get a new medium through the DAC to garner much needed funds for his vote bank agenda.

WE give below the article of Zaiwalla on the attempt of Yazdi Desai to take over the Rajkot Anjuman. At present the Rajkot Trustees are family members of Areez Khambatta, the founder of WAPIZ and yet Yazdi Desai is moving the Rajkot Charity Commissioner to remove the present Trustees of Rajkot Anjuman and appoint him and Sam in their place. The motive is obvious that their eyes are on the vast Rajkot properties worth a few hundred crores.

The community will have to be vigilant to ensure that the duo of Yazdi Desai and Sam Chothia do not liquidate prime properties of various Defunct Anjumans at throw away prices.

News from Rajkot

We have been recently informed by Zarthustis from Rajkot, that FPZAI have a filed a case some time ago with the local authorities, against the Trustees of Rajkot Zarthusti Anjuman to remove

them as Trustees and replace them with FPZAI nominees as Trustees.

Why is FPZAI interested in removing the local Trustees including the recently appointed Trustees of Rajkot Zarthusti

Anjuman and instead get their nominees appointed in the Rajkot Anjuman. Is FPZAI eyeing the vast lands and properties of the Rajkot Anjuman today worth nearly Rs.70 crores . Hope to get an clear answer from FPZAI and hope they will stay away from other Anjuman properties all over India and leave them alone by withdrawing such cases to take over local Anjuman Properties.

This is written with Goodwill towards all and malice towards none and in the interest of protecting Community Trust properties from liquidation.

Rayomand Zaiwalla