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CHILDISH KERSI RANDERIA & NOSHIR DADRAWALA

It seems like just yesterday Kersi Randeria was going about town complaining about Yazdi Desai's Saturday Durbar (as he liked to call it), at the Wapiz office. Now Randeria has managed to rope in Noshir Dadrawala to do the same. His excuse, as pathetic as it is, is that the BPP Board meetings are being held over zoom.

I think Mr. Randeria has forgotten that over the last 9 months the BPP managed to give over 5000 free meals, help the poor and needy with food, clothes and medicines and also help our mobeds in need of help. All this was done through conference calls and online meetings.

Since official Zoom Board meetings begun end of July, the BPP has managed to tackle every hurdle that it has come across. Even the staff agree that the functioning has been seamless.

There has been no issue which has suffered because of this form of meeting. Housing was on hold until last month first because the office of the Registrar was not open and then because of the complications due to the death of Trustee Zarir Bhatena.

All these meetings were being attended over zoom by all the five trustees. With the lockdown being partially lifted, two trustees seem to believe that life is back to normal. Mr. Dadrawala brags about travelling by taxi, eating at restaurants and meeting people all the time while Mr. Randeria, despite a few of his family members having contracted Covid already, brags about how he keeps visiting his functioning factory in Gujarat.

Both of them need a reality check! They need to realise that they are not only putting themselves at risk but their family and friends too. And now they intend to put our community members at risk.

For the last two weeks both of them, like stubborn children, have told their colleague

Trustees that if no physical board meetings are held, they will not attend the zoom meeting. Without even discussing this at a Board meeting, they have decided not to attend the BPP Zoom Meetings and instead sit in the BPP office at the exact same time as the zoom meeting. Their excuse is that 'important files' on certain items which are available only at the BPP need to be perused during discussions. Of course they fail to mention that for all these months things ran just fine. Admin was instructed on which files to keep handy during discussions. If ever a file was not available at that time, the item was deferred by a week by which time not only did admin email the entire Board all the relevant information but also keep the files handy.

Please ask yourself a very simple question:

If Mr. Randeria and Mr. Dadrawala are already sitting in the BPP Board room which means they have access to whatever file they need, then why can't they just log in to the Zoom meeting from there and join their colleagues Trustees?

The answer sadly is EGO.

For the last few months, Kersi Randeria has found himself in a minority in the BPP and his frustration is very visible. He has made it his agenda to delay and oppose literally every decision the BPP is trying to implement. He doesn't allow BPP clarifications to be printed in the Parsi Times but instead he and Noshir write week after week trying to justify their vain stand.

In the recent past, Mr. Randeria has blatantly been misusing his own paper and has constantly been taking jibes at his colleague Trustees, not Noshir of course. He lambasts his colleagues for allowing the BEST to run three ten-inch electric cables along the Doongerwadi wall but will not tell the community that he was part of the decision made by the BPP (unanimously) to allow the BMC to run a 4 foot water pipe through the Doongerwadi.

Mr. Randeria keeps trying to twist the simple usage of a drone, over the landslide area, into a religious issue and blames his colleagues for the same. But he will not tell you that Noshir Dadrawala was also part of the decision to allow the drone. He will also not tell you that he was in favour of a cremate ni bungli at the Doongerwadi.

And of course now their pettiness is in front of the entire community. They choose to sit in the BPP Board room meeting six or seven individuals instead of tackling important discussions like the sale of the Navsari ownership building, sale of the Godrej Baug ownership building, potential settlement of 70 crores with HPCL or most important of all, the upcoming elections in March because of the untimely demise of Trustee Zarir Bhatena.

The BPP has been in deep financial trouble ever since the new board took over. Thanks to Mr. Randeria and his majority, all flat auctions were put on hold for the first few years. Without any alternative being given to the BPP, the accounts ran dry. So bad is the situation that the BPP was not able to make October Salary payments on time. They paid the October and November salaries together.

With so many important issues needing urgent attention at the BPP, it makes us wonder whether the real agenda of Mr Randeria is to either stop the functioning of the BPP or bankrupt it. And given the recent disclosure of the dismal state of his personal finances, the latter could just be a possibility.

Noshir Dadrawala has been telling people that all he is asking for is one physical meeting a month. Yet, despite the rest of the Board agreeing to do so from Jan 2021 and even putting out a public notice, he along with Kersi Randeria gave another front page ad in the Parsi Times yesterday once again stating that they will not attend the zoom meeting and instead will sit in the BPP Board. It is high time he learns to man up to what HE believes and not what he is told to believe by Kersi Randeria.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Trustees of the Bombay Pars Panchayet are pleased to announce that from Jan 2021 they will commence holding physical Board Meetings in the Board Room at 209 D. N Road.

To begin with, the Trustees shall hold only one or two physicals meeting a month and the remaining meetings will be held over Zoom. This will be re-evaluated at a later date and changes will be made accordingly.

However, if any beneficiary requires to meet the Trustees on an urgent matter it would be with **PRIOR APPOINTMENTS ONLY**.

The pandemic has not gone away but we realize the necessity to meet in person hence we request everyone to please bear with us as only limited appointments will be given to begin with.

Appointments can be sought on the cell nos. given hereunder from 11 am to 4 pm between Monday to Friday.

1. Jimmy Merchant .. 9819027857
2. Burzin Patel .. 9930956811

These meetings would be strictly adhered by following the BMC guidelines. Wearing Face Masks & Maintaining Social distance is mandatory.



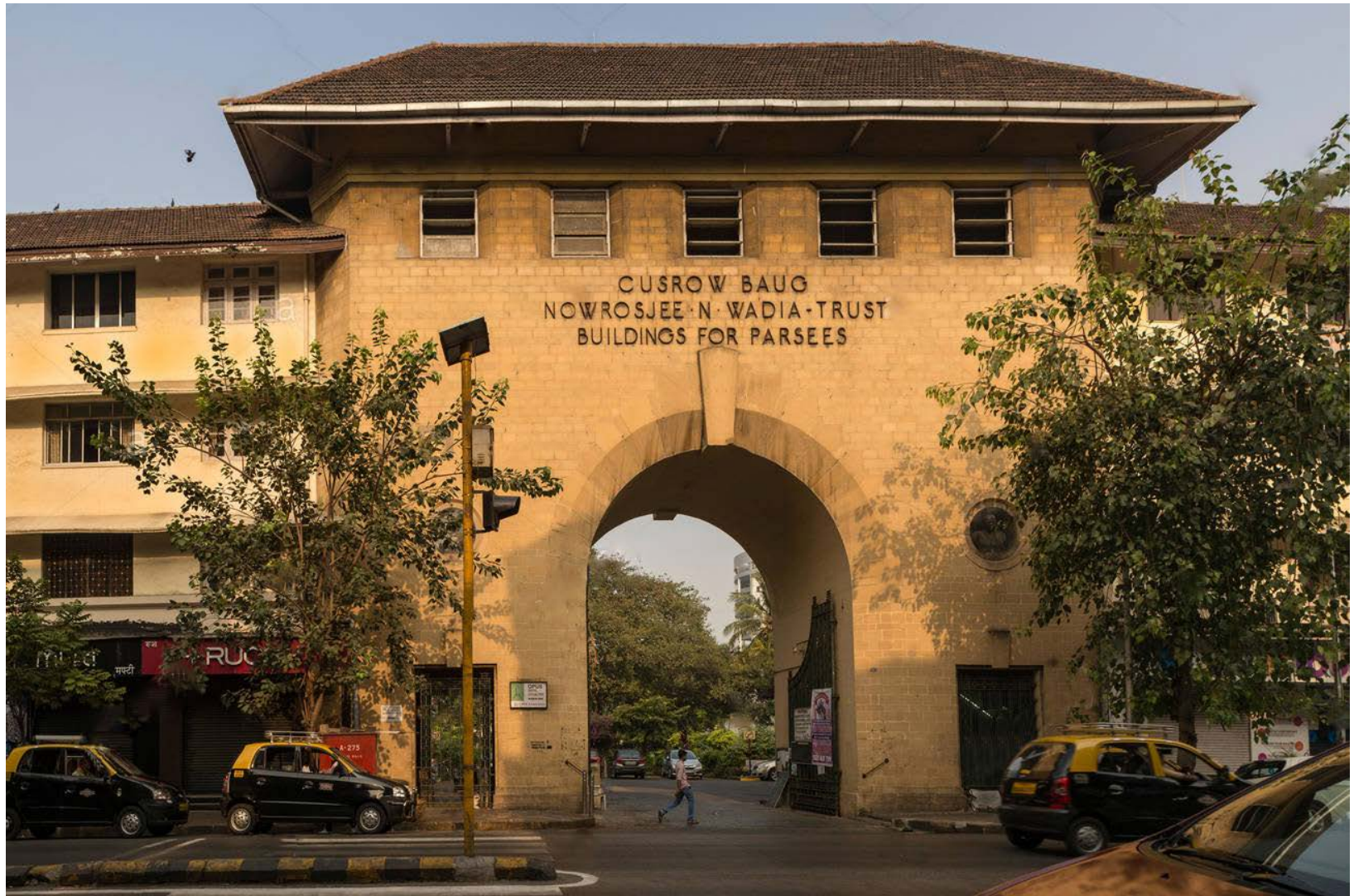
PUBLIC NOTICE

The BPP, N.N & R.N Wadia Baugs, are in possession of a 4R+K flat admeasuring about 1134 sq ft carpet area on the 3rd floor, being **Flat No Q - 7 at Cusrow Baug, Colaba** which has reverted to the Trust. The said flat is proposed to be offered on Leave & License basis to prospective offerers who give the highest quantum of Refundable Deposit in excess of Rs. 2.25 Crores for the same.

Those interested are requested to contact the Custodian at Cusrow Baug (Contact No 022 22047521 or (M: 93 2282 5716) to take inspection of the said flat Monday to Saturday 10 am to 1 pm.

1. Those interested are requested to attend the Auction to be held (Zoom Meeting) at the Neville House Office on **Thursday 7th January 2021** at 6.00 p.m., and submit their proposal in a sealed envelope with a separate Demand Draft of Rs. 1 Lakh in the name of "Funds & Properties of the Parsi Panchayet Bombay" as Earnest Money Deposit which will be returned if their proposal is not accepted. Please do not put the Demand Draft in the sealed envelope but hand it over separately.
2. Interested buyers must quote value of the flat in excess of **Rs. 2.25 crores (Reserve Security Deposit amount)**, exclusive of Stamp Duty and Registration Charges, as applicable for registration of Leave & License Agreement.
3. The sealed envelopes will be opened in the presence of all the applicants on the same day (**on 7th January, 2021**) at 6.00 p.m.
4. The highest offer will be taken as the Second Reserve Security Deposit amount and the applicants will be requested to make an Open offer in excess of this Second Reserve Security Deposit amount.
5. The highest Open Offer will be taken as the Third Reserve Security Deposit amount.
6. The Bid member - Buyer will be guided beforehand by the Presiding Chairperson- BPP Trustee for all 3 Round Bidding process. Final Round will be conducted on One-to One direct Phone confirmation for bid in excess of 2nd Round final figure..
7. The flat will be allotted to the highest bidder in this Third & Final round. (If any tie may occur, one more round will be conducted on same pattern of Third & Final round for Final Highest Figure)
8. 50% of the full Security Deposit amount of the flat must be deposited by the Buyer within 15 days of the auction and the balance 50% within one month of the auction. Failure to make payments on the Due date will lead to cancellation of their offer and the forfeiture of the Earnest Money Deposit. The flat may again be re-auctioned, or offered to the second highest bidder, as decided by the Trustees.
9. The Leave & license Agreement will be registered after the full Security Deposit amount is received by the Trust.
10. The Trustees reserve the right to refuse any or all offers at their discretion without assigning any reason.

For and on behalf of the
BPP, N. N. & R.N. Wadia Baugs
P. N. Siganporia
SECRETARY



OUR COMMENTS:

BOTH IN THE PARSİ TIMES AND JAME=JAMSHED, ONCE AGAIN KERSİ RANDEİA DEFIANTLY HAS POSTED HIS DISSENT NOTE BELOW THE BPP PUBLIC NOTICE IN BREACH OF THE CONSENT TERMS OF THE HIGH COURT. THIS IS BECAUSE HE HAS SOLE EDITORIAL RIGHTS IN BOTH THE COMMUNITY PAPERS, THOUGH OM PAPER THE EDITOR MAY BE SOMEONE ELSE.

THE COMMUNITY CERTAINLY MISSES THE BRAVERY OF THE CHAIRMAN, YAZDI DESAI, TO TAKE ON KERSİ RANDEİA WHO HAD WARNED HIM TO DESIST OR HE WOULD FILE AN APPLICATION BEFORE THE CHARITY COMMISSIONER U/S 41D FOR HIS REMOVAL AS A TRUSTEE OR FILE CONTEMPT OF COURT APPLICATION IN THE HIGH COURT.

LUCKILY FOR KERSİ RANDEİA, THE CHAIRMAN HAS BEEN INDISPOSED SINCE THEN AND HENCE HE HAS BECOME MORE BRAZEN TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES, ESPECIALLY SINCE HE IS NOW A NON-ENTITY IN COMMUNITY MATTERS.

BE THAT AS IT MAY, WHY ARE THE OTHER TRUSTEES, INCLUDING THE RIGHTEOUS NOSHİR DADRAWALA, NOT CONTEMPLATING ACTION TO STOP HIS DELIBERATE AND MALAFIDE ATTEMPT TO DEPRESS THE PRICE OF HIGH VALUE FLATS SO THAT THE CASH CRUNCH FACING THE BPP CONTINUES.

KERSİ RANDEİA TERRORISES LICENSEES WHO OPPOSE HIM AND DUE TO THEIR VULNERABILITY ONE CAN SYMPATISE WITH THEIR MEEKLY SURRENDERING. BUT THE ELECTED TRUSTEES BEHAVING LIKE LICENSEES IS NOT UNDERSTOOD.

ALL THAT THEY HAVE TO TELL BOTH THE PAPERS IS TO INSIST THAT HIS DISSENT NOTE SHOULD NOT BE BELOW THE BPP PUBLIC NOTICE OR EVEN ON THE SAME PAGE FAILING WHICH THEY SHOULD NOT PUBLISH IT.

THEY SHOULD THEN SEND A NOTICE THROUGH THE INHOUSE LAWYERS TO STOP THIS PRACTISE FORTHWITH OR FACE CONSEQUENCES OF REMOVAL AS A TRUSTEE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CHARITY COMMISSIONER OR BY CONTEMPT OF COURT ACTION IN HIGH COURT. BPP HAS ENOUGH INHOUSE LEGAL STAFF TO FILE BOTH ACTIONS WITHOUT PAYING LEGAL COSTS TO OUTSIDE ADVOCATES.

WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE TRUSTEES WILL TAKE THE BULL BY THE HORN AND PUT KERSİ RANDEİA IN HIS PLACE OR SEEK HIS REMOVAL AS A TRUSTEE.



A FEW STRAY THOUGHTS AND A FEW GENERAL OBSERVATIONS!



Phiroze Amroliwalla

This week I am encouraged and reminded by my friend trustee Noshir Dadrawala of our common friend Behram Contractor who like both of us was a foodie and penned the column "Round and About" under the pen name 'Busybee', first in the "Evening News of India" which was a Times group publication, later on in "Midday" and thereafter in Behram Contractor's own paper "The Afternoon Despatch and Courier" On weekends Busybee would begin with "A few stray thoughts and a few general observations, all my own work".

The following are my few stray thoughts and a few general observations, all my own work for this week:

I have been observing that at present there is one BPP trustee who is receiving the

taste of his own medicine which he has been administering to some of his own colleagues ever since the new board took charge and continued to do so only until a few months back when he lost his Majority. The taste of that medicine like most medicines is not palatable, especially if and when the doctor has to have it himself.

What is okay for the patient is not okay for this doctor. Sad!

He is now not only not feeling well but also is depressed and is in a state of shock. I can understand the shock when a completely subjugated colleague passes away, especially when dependence on that person made him feel invincible and was till then "ruling the roost".

He projects himself as if he is a 'media mogul' and therefore now cries on the shoulders of his gullible readers in the guise of "The Truth. Delivered Weekly" for his present plight which is of his own making. He should have

known that every pride has a fall and mighty emperors have fallen by the way some time or the other.

His business empire seems to be crumbling, his time appears to be up as a trustee, and he fears the writing on the wall. Picture such a man who until recently felt that he was invincible and ruled with an iron hand even to those in need of a free meal with a one-sentence order: "This closes the issue" is like a drowning man who clings to a straw to save himself is now clinching for dear life to this very person who he had just a few years back even told him to "get lost and go to hell".

No prizes for guessing who I am referring to and see you next week!

With love and admiration for my friend Busybee,

Phiroze Amroliwalla



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The Executor & Estate Administration of an overseas bank have indicated they are considering extending financial support to economically challenged Zoroastrian Senior Citizens on a quarterly basis through our Trust.

The selection criteria, requires the individual to be over 60 years of age, whose total annual income is less than Rs.250,000 (Rupees two lakhs fifty thousand) per annum. In case of married couples, support to only one spouse will be considered.

It may be noted that individuals who are already receiving regular financial support under existing schemes of WZO Trust Funds viz. Quarterly Financial Support, Elderly Mobed Couples & Widows, Pallbearers etc., will not be eligible to claim support under the new proposed scheme.

Those interested and qualify to receive support as per criteria above should contact our office for the form to be filled in. Outstation applicants may contact us through e-mail or by regular mail urgently.

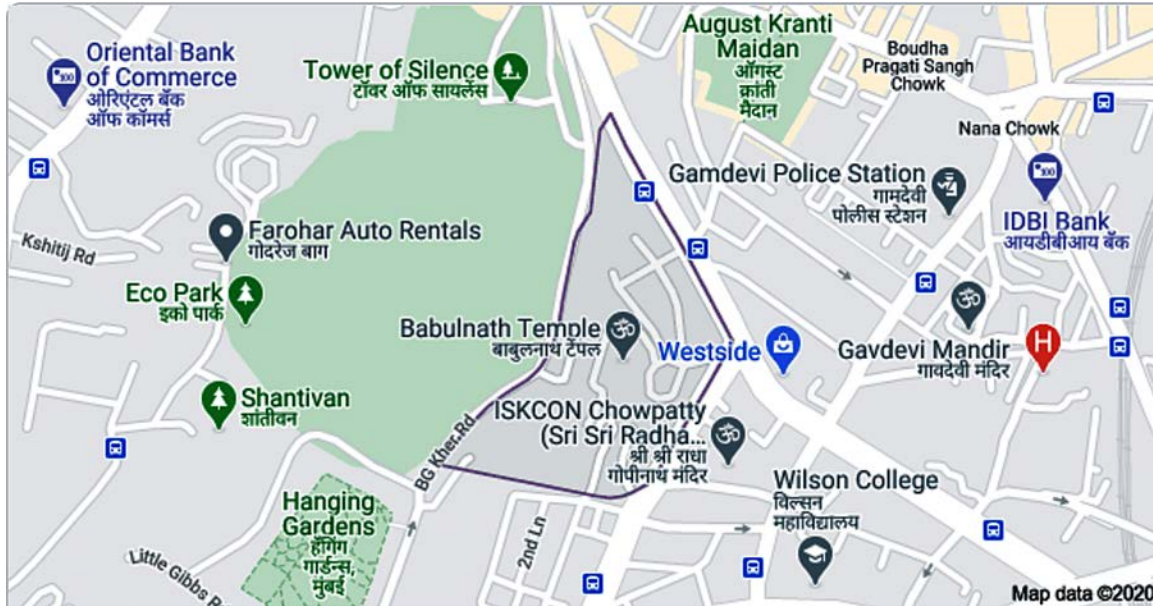
Donors of the proposed scheme -The Executor & Estate Administration of the overseas bank - reserve the right to continue the scheme on an ongoing basis or terminate the proposed scheme at their sole discretion.

Selection of beneficiaries will be decided by Donors solely on merits. Those attempting to influence the selection process will not be considered.

**Trustees,
The WZO Trust Funds**



WATER SUPPLY ISSUE AT NEW KHAREGHAT COLONY, 'B' BLOCK AND MALBARI BUILDINGS



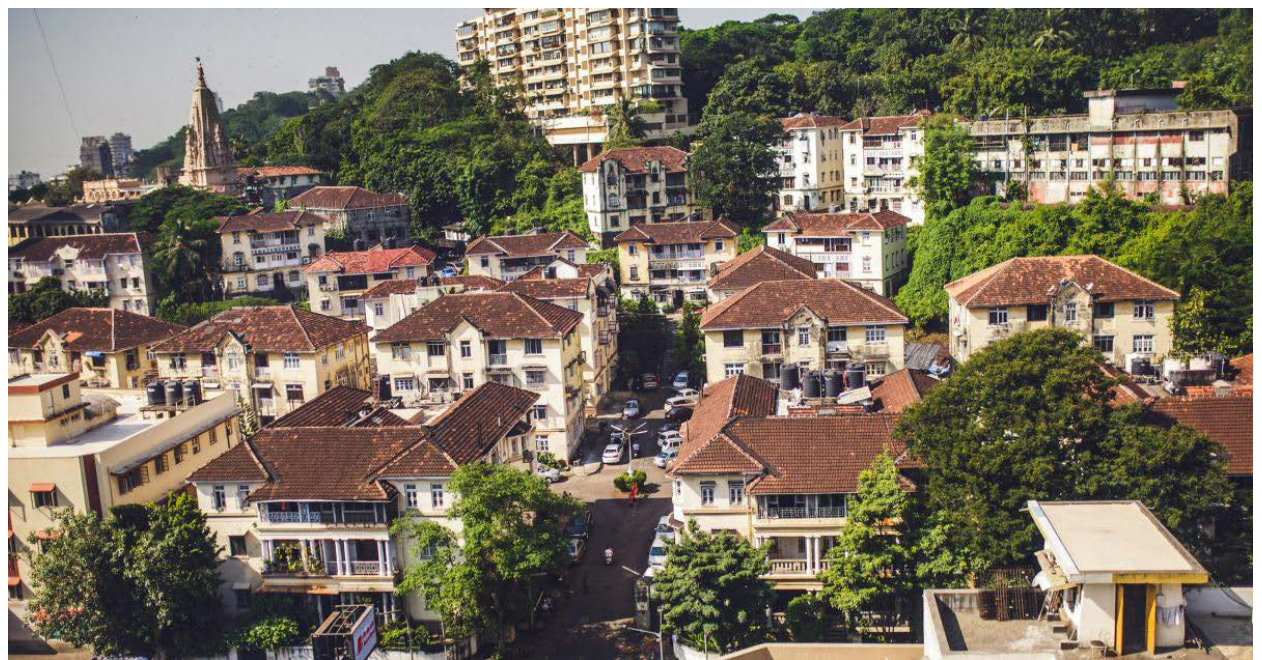
Since the last few days a new problem has developed at New Khareghat Colony, especially concerning B building and Malbari building therein.

It seems that water is supplied from the Reservoir at Malabar Hill, next to Ambawadi, to New Khareghat Colony through pipelines passing through Spenta building property which still belongs to the Bombay Parsi Panchayet as the Lease Deed of the land and building Spenta is still not Executed nor Registered.

Recently one of the pipe lines supplying water to B building and Malbari building started leaking heavily due to its corrosion, leading to flooding of the basement of Spenta. On a complaint to BMC, stop valves were placed on the pipelines at the entrance of Spenta, resulting in stoppage of water supply to New Khareghat Colony. Since then the residents have had to rely on water tankers for their water supply.

With the Khareghat Colony Residents Association led by Bakhtyar Vajifdar and Malbari building activist Phiroze Amroliwalla taking an active interest in restoration of water supply, plans for repairs have been initiated by installing new pipelines skirting Spenta down to New Khareghat Colony. But the Occupants of B building were saddled with the cost of laying new pipelines.

This is where the co-operation given by the Trustees to BMC to lay the 24 inch pipelines through Doongerwadi came to



their assistance. When Trustee Viraf Mehta approached the Water Dept. at D Ward for help, the Hydraulic Engineer and Asstt. Commissioner of D Ward has promised them full assistance. We are hopeful that shortly water supply will be restored to them. For a better understanding of the gravity of the situation we give below the sequence of events concerning the water problem.

We received a copy of mail sent by Phiroze Amroliwalla to the Trustees as under:

Dear all,

On December 17, 2020, in response to a WhatsApp message, I attended a meeting scheduled for 6.30 pm but preponed to 4.30

pm. This meeting was in connection with the replacement of three water pipes supplying water to 'B' Block and Malbari Building in New Khareghat Colony.

Mr. Hoshedar Divwala spoke on the issue and stated that though only one pipe was leaking at present, as the pipes were old and corroded, he suggested replacing all 3 as a long term solution for the problem. Thereafter I suggested that we should first represent the MCGM and stress the fact that though the pipeline runs through our BPP property, the responsibility lies with the Municipality to replace the leaking/corroded pipes up to the meter which is located adjacent to our Malbari Building. This was before my visit to the point of origin of the pipes on Ridge road outside Spenta Building.



Courtesy of Hoshedar, we both visited the Spenta Building and Hoshedar pointed out the spot where I was informed that at the request of office bearers of Spenta Apartments, the local ward level BMC department has installed three shut-off valves which they (Spenta) shut off when there is leakage in their car parking area. This is the cause of the stoppage of water supply to our buildings. Therefore Spenta wishes that these pipelines be diverted from outside their building which will result in a drop in water pressure as the pipes will run facing uphill and the water pressure will further drop due to raising vertical pipes to cross over the wall and thereafter drop down through hilly terrain towards our buildings. Mr. Hoshedar agreed that this diversion will result in a drop in pressure.

The easy way out is for residents to fully contribute and get the work done at the residents' cost. A word of caution: Not every resident family can spend time and again a few thousand Rupees, and there will be a few who resist on principle saying it is not their responsibility. Both these valid reasons pass an extra burden on to those willing to pay. **The BPP, though being the landlord, is NOT responsible for this as the problem is created by the leakage to Spenta and the pipelines are the MCGM's responsibility. However, I must caution here that in spite of spending from our pockets we face the prospect of lower water pressure for reasons explained above.**

In view of the facts stated above, the residents are left with the following options, which to my mind is the proper way to move forward:

A) The leakage is affecting the Spenta Apartments due to old and corroded MCGM pipelines and therefore these two parties have to sort it out between them, NOT by getting shut-off valves fixed outside their building and then misusing them BY SHUTTING OFF WATER SUPPLY TO KHAREGHAT COLONY.

This option will naturally, be time-consuming, therefore, in the meantime, Spenta should be warned to ensure that these valves are not shut off at any time as this affects our water supply and they, in their own interest, should expedite the above action.

B) Senior-level, preferably Trustees of

BPP, should represent to the Municipal Commissioner and bring to his notice that this switching off the water supply by Spenta is unlawful thus affecting water supply to Khareghat and therefore take appropriate action including issuing instructions to replace the leaking/corroded pipes to resolve the matter.

The Trustees may remind the MCGM of their having cooperated only recently by allowing 2 feet diameter water pipelines through Doongerwadi and should prevail upon the Water DEPT of BMC to replace and relocate the new pipeline supplying water to B bldg.

C) Another alternative could be for all stakeholders to approach MLA Mr. Lodha or the local Corporator to fund these repairs from their MLA/Councillor funds.

The above suggestions are made in good faith with a view to helping resolve the issue without burdening the residents every time.

Phiroze Amroliwalla

In response the Residents Association requested the Trustees to take up the issue of restoration of water supply with D Ward and temporarily worked out a plan of water supply through C building supply lines to the affected buildings. We give below the mail of the Association requesting Trustees help:

Dear Mr. Amroliwalla,

It would have been prudent to address the letter to the Trustees and the Executives of the BPP, with a 'cc' to our association, as they are the governing body of our trust while we are only facilitators on behalf of the colony residents.

That being said, thank you for the detailed summary of our meeting and putting forward your points succinctly.

On behalf of the affected residents, we appeal to the Trustees to please take this forward with the Water Department of BMC.

In the meantime, the residents of 'C' building have graciously allowed the severely affected residents of 'B' Building in the new colony a temporary connection, through the BMC lines connected to 'C' building. This work has already been carried out.

We hope that this will be a temporary arrangement and not a permanent one, as it may lead to a drop in capacity of water flowing into each building, as the timings presently are severely restricted due to ongoing work on Ridge Road.

We are sure that with a little pressure from our Trustees, the Deputy Engineer - Water Works - BMC, will definitely help us in this situation.

Thanking you once again
Bakhtyar Vazifdar
K.C.W.A.

On learning of the distress facing some of the residents, Trustee Viraf Mehta visited Spenta basement to assess the leakage and then approached the water dept. officers in D Ward office for necessary action and assistance to solve the water supply problem. The D Ward staff were very co-operative especially in view of the Trustees coming to their assistance by allowing new 2 feet water pipelines being installed through Doongerwadi to supply water to most of D Ward after the landslide in August 2020. However they requested time to get approval from the Hydraulic Engineer for doing the needful. We give below the mail of Viraf Mehta on the water supply issue:

Hi Bakhtyar and Mr. Amroliwalla,
I went over to Spenta bldg last week and met with Mr. Rustom Vazifdar to assess the problem
Post that I had a conversation with Water Dept BMC to try and resolve the leakage quickly.
Later, a different and more permanent solution of moving the pipes around Spenta was discussed.

I will definitely use our good offices with the BMC and try and get this matter resolved expeditiously.

Considering the help the BPP has provided the BMC in the recent past, I am sure we can try and get this change made with little or no cost to the residents or the Trust.

Shall follow up with them again and keep you posted.

Thanks
Viraf



MEGALOMANIAC KERSI RANDERIA STILL BELIEVES HE CONTINUES TO BE THE DEFACTO CHAIRMAN OF BPP

The Board of Trustees have decided to hold physical meetings one or two times a month from January 2021 and rest on virtual medium of zoom.

Whilst Noshir Dadrawala has welcomed this move yet the petty Kersi Randeria insists that he will not attend any Zoom meeting and has the audacity to propose in the Parsi Times that we will hold two meetings every month, once every fortnight, but we will not have any Zoom meetings as they are a waste of time.

The physical meetings were not acceptable to the Board of Trustees as there would be no control on the number of beneficiaries who would physically attend the BPP office.

However once Noshir agreed not to allow any beneficiary to attend the BPP Boardroom without prior appointment, the Board of Trustees have agreed to hold alternate physical and Zoom meetings which has been accepted by Noshir as a good thing. Of course Noshir gets swayed by Kersi Randeria very easily and it is to be seen how he will react to alternate Zoom meeting if Kersi does not attend.

Kersi Randeria has been inflicted with the Covid 19 virus sometime back and hence has a certain immunity to its recurrence and is keen to ensure that other Trustees also get infected and hopefully succumb. Hence his diabolic opposition to the Zoom meeting and insistence on physical meeting.

The Board of trustees have conducted over 20 board meetings on zoom and it would be unfair to term it that it was a waste of time. Many things have been achieved and at right time a marksheet will be prepared to show the cussedness of Kersi Randeria not to attend zoom meetings. In fact much more has been achieved when ever he has absented himself as he loves to hear his own voice and goes on and on on the pettiest issue to ensure that not much is achieved. But since his absence far more work has been done and the Trustees hope that he remains absent for more meetings.

As regards the article of Noshir Dadrawala that 'BPP REQUIRES GOOD

+GOVERNANCE' may we remind him that from October 2015 till the High Court slapped their knuckles in 2017, Noshir was equally guilty of denying any rights to the three Minority Trustees—Armaity Tirandaz, Muncherji Cama and Viraf Mehta –and treating them worse than UNTOUCHABLES TILL THEY GOT JUSTICE FROM THE HIGH COURT. But for this the three of them spent over Rs. 50 lakhs of their own funds whilst the Majority Trustees shamelessly used charity funds of almost Rs. 80 lakhs to fuel their ego which in any case the High Court burst their egos. It is all the more shocking that Noshir who was subjected to the same third rate treatment during his first term leading to his premature resignation did not have the righteousness to stop this flagrant breach of propriety to his equally elected colleagues and took the side of the Majority to bull doze all decisions as Kersi Randeria wanted. Every one of this decisions will come out at the time of his elections and the community will be aghast at his Dr. Jekyll and Mr Hide facet when exposed.

WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND

પ્રયાસ

મારી જેમ, શું થઈ રહ્યો છે તમને બી કોઈ આભાસ

લાગે છે મને, પારસીઓ નોત્રી રહ્યાં છે પોતાનું જ
સત્યાનાશ

આં જોઈ ને, બીજાઓ ને, ઘણા બધા લોકો ને તો થશે હાશ,

વળી કોઈક કોઈક તો આપણા ઉપર છોડી તીર, કરશે
ઉપહાસ.

કહો નહીં કે આં દુનિયા આવતી નથી તમને રાસ;

આં મુસીબતો ખંખેરી, ઉપર આવવા નો કરવો પડસે હર
ઝર્થોસિ એ પ્રયાસ.

સતત પ્રયાસ કરતાં રહીએ, થઈયે નહીં જો આસાનીથી
નિરાશ;

તો આપશે અહુરા શક્તિ આપણને, પૂરો કરવા આં
આપણો પ્રયાસ.

ચાલો કરીયે સદ કર્મ આપણે, કોમ ને કાજ; આં કરવાની
જગાડો આશ.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

ADIEU: Queen Mary High School

It was time for us
To bid Goodbye
When we and school
Must part

Happy days spent together
Will always be treasured in our
hearts

Years flew by but know not how ?
From Kindergarten to grade 11
It's like a dream to me

Newly dropped from Heaven
We left the gates of our Alma
Mater

To stand on our own 2 feet
To share the burden of the
wicked world

Which seemed to us daunting

Path of life lay ahead of us
It's we did have to tread
Do good or bad to others
It order to earn one's bread

Left undone plenty to be done
In the world of today as well
tomorrow

God held us responsible for it
Let's do it dutifully without sorrow

Once smartly dressed in uniform
We proudly tread to school
With our noses in the air
Heads held high
Belonging to
Queen Mary High School

**Choicest Happiness
Farida**

2020 Mercedes-Benz Classic Car Rally Lights Up Mumbai



Shri. Anil Deshmukh, Hon. Home Minister, Maharashtra and Mr. Santosh Iyer, vice-president, sales & marketing, Mercedes-Benz India flagging off the rally.

December 13, Mumbai: Some of India's most immaculately maintained Mercedes-Benz models were on display at the seventh edition of the annual **Mercedes-Benz Classic Car Rally (MBCCR)**, which was held this morning at the Taj Lands End in Bandra. The MBCCR was conducted with strict adherence to Covid-19 protocols and regulations.

The event, which has been organised by **Autocar India since 2014**, saw participation from several prominent faces on the classic car scene. These included **Viveck Goenka** with his Mercedes-Benz Nurburg; **Pratapsinhrao Gaekwad** and his 230SL, and, among others, industrialist **Gautam Singhania** and his 190SL.





Left: Perseus Bandrawalla - Curator, Mercedes-Benz Classic Car Rally / Right: Hormazd Sorabjee Editor, Autocar India



This year's event was themed around resilience, and also felicitated women police officers of Mumbai who are among the people who have kept Mumbai ticking since March.

Maharashtra Home Minister Shri Anil Deshmukh, who was the chief guest at the event, said, "For the last nine to ten months, we have all been fighting back against the pandemic. The Mumbai Police has lost several of its officers and constables, but our brave police officers are not going to give up and the fight will go on as long as it takes. I'm extremely happy to see events such as these recognising their service to society in this unprecedented time."

The participating cars drove in a convoy over the Bandra-Worli Sea Link from Taj

Lands End to Worli Dairy and back, and the sight of these 'rolling museums on wheels' attracted, as always, a lot of attention from onlookers and fellow road-users. **Over 40 cars participated in the rally this year** – entries were limited to conform to Covid-19 regulations – and these included every generation of the Mercedes-Benz SL, S-Class and E-Class in almost every body style. They were accompanied by, besides the Nurburg, the 230SL and the 190SL, cars from Mercedes' 170V range.

"It's a pleasure to see so many 'car-proud' participants, men and women who are proud of the heritage and innovation of Mercedes-Benz cars and have taken great pains to keep their cars immaculately maintained," said Santosh Iyer, vice-president, sales & marketing, Mercedes-Benz India. "At the

same time, we at Mercedes-Benz have been relentlessly supporting the state and central governments in the fight against Covid-19, and we will continue doing our bit until the fight is over."

The MBCCR ranks among the most prestigious one-make events of its kind in the world and a consistent participation from Mercedes-Benz owners has put the event on the global classic car enthusiasts' map.

"This year's MBCCR event is a special one. This 'rally for resilience', emerging from a truly trying year, is best represented by these classic Mercedes-Benz cars that have remained resilient against the test of time," said rally curator and Autocar India classic car expert Perseus Bandrawalla.