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DOONGERWADI UNDER THREAT

Helipad Policy for Lowering the vertical limit of the Prohibited Area

On 7th January 2021, the Govt. of Maharashtra issued a Call letter to the BPP Trustees convening a meeting to consider allowing helicopters to fly over the 'NO FLY ZONE OF DOONGERWADI'. The said letter is reproduced below as under:

Thus on Friday 15th January 2021, Trustees Noshir Dadrawala, Viraf Mehta and Kersi Randeria accompanied by Squadron Leader Minoo Wadia, retired, went to the General Administration Dept. of Govt. of Maharashtra at Mantralaya and met the concerned officers.

Under pressure from some influential industrialists residing around Doongerwadi, the Officer was very keen to get the relaxation by lowering the vertical limit of the prohibited area around Doongerwadi at least for helicopters.

Sq Leader Minoo Wadia, the only one having technical experience of flying, was the main spokesman for the Trustees and gave a very detailed and lucid presentation as to why the Trustees are not willing to reduce the vertical limit of the 'NO FLY ZONE'. A concession was given by the Trustees that in case of any emergency like a landslide or floods or some other calamity, the Trustees could be approached in such a dire emergency and they would consider the issue afresh depending on the type of emergency.

The community will recall that the earlier Board comprising of religious scholars like Khojeste Mistry had agreed to reduce the vertical limits for airplanes from 20,000 feet to 10,000 feet at which height nothing on earth could be seen and even then there was an uproar from the ultra-orthodox section of the community. Hence taking no chances this time no reduction of any sort to the vertical limit was given or agreed to be given except in case of an Emergency.

Well done Sq. Leader Minoo Wadia.

महाराष्ट्र शासन
सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग, मंत्रालय,
विस्तार इमारत, सातवा मजला,
मादाम कामा मार्ग, हुतात्मा राजगुरु चौक,
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Sankirna 1519/CR -8/28A

Date-07/01/2020

Meeting

Friday, 15 January, 2021

Time- 11.15 a.m

Subject- Helipad Policy

**Lowering the vertical limit of the
Prohibited Area (VAP 2-Tower of Silence)**

Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra has called a meeting on **Friday, 15.01.2021 at 11.15am** at his office, 6 th fl, Mantralaya, Mumbai 32 regarding subject mentioned above. You are kindly requested to attend the meeting.

Shilpa Chachad
(Shilpa Chachad)
Desk Officer

To,

1. Director General of Civil Aviation
Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi -110003.
2. VC&MD, MADC, Mumbai
3. Shri Kishor Hiray, Airport Traffic Control incharge Juhu airport,
Joint GM, Airport Authority of India
4. chairman, Parsi Panchayat.
Jijamata Colony, Andheri East
Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Copy for information:

- 1) PA to Chief Secretary, Mantralaya, Mumbai 32.
- 2) PA to Prin Secretary, Aviation
- 3) PA to Jt. Secretary, Aviation



AUCTION OF CUSROW BAUG FLAT C-12, FIRST FLOOR, 3RK, 900 SQ.FT.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The BPP N.N & R.N Wadia Baugs are in possession of a **3R+K flat admeasuring about 900 Sq Ft Carpet area on the 1st Floor, being Flat No C -12 at Cusrow Baug, Colaba.** 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. 2.75 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 a.m to 1 pm.

1. Those interested are requested to attend the Auction to be held on Zoom on **Thursday 28th 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 Punchayet 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. The Sealed Envelope along with the Demand Draft is to be submitted at Neville House, J.N. Heredia Marg, Ballard Estate, Mumbai-400001.
2. Interested buyers must quote value of the flat in excess of **Rs. 2.75 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 28th 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 – offerer 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 it 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 highest offerer 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 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



Protocol to be Observed at Prayer Hall, Worli Request for publication from Prayer Hall Trustees

From: dinshawtamboly@gmail.com <dinshawtamboly@gmail.com>
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Dear Editors,

Request you to please publish the short article below in the next issue of your esteemed publications.

Warm regards,

Dinshaw

Dinshaw K. Tamboly

Government Approved Protocol Necessary To Be Observed At PRAYER HALL, Worli

For some time now, great difficulty has been experienced in explaining to mourners gathered at the Prayer Hall at Worli that the present regulations mandate a maximum gathering of not more than 20 mourners at Funeral Ceremonies.

We have now been constrained to put up a notice at the Hall informing users that failure to observe the 'Unlock 4 Guidelines' is an offence punishable under S. 188 of the I.P.C. and that the priests performing the Ceremonies have been instructed not to start the prayers unless the number of persons seated in the Hall is below 20.

Apart from invoking penal consequences on themselves, those who do not observe these Guidelines could by their actions be depriving others from using the Hall at a later date.

**Trustees,
Prayer Hall Services and Maintenance Trust**

SMILE

If we could teach
The world to sing
In perfect harmony
Drive away the sadness
Wipe away the tears
Including Racism Discrimination Bigotry
Bring about Peace Harmony Prosperity
Our world is wound all around
With a barb wire fence
North South East West
Death Destruction Everywhere!!
If we had more clowns
Who would wear red noses
Dress in silly costumes
Parade around town
Bringing smiles to humanity
Making them forget their
Woes and worries
When they are feeling down
Some are hell bent on destruction
Trying to wipe out humanity
For what purpose
I do not know .
As it's said:
"A mistake which
Can make us humble
Is better than achievement
Which makes one arrogant
Our lives on Earth is transient
So, let's make most of it
By sprinkling happiness
Love Laughter Cheer
Wipe away the sadness
As well as gloom
Humanity would definitely benefit

**Choicest Happiness
Farida**

Saints vs Sinners

"Fools rush in
Where Angels
Fear to tread"
None of us are
Saints but
Sinners instead.

It takes some real deliberate thinking and behaviours to effectively come out on the other side of a crisis. Peter Cox

Zoroastrianism
It's a religion
Strong and free
Preaches
Tolerance Respect
Dignity and Equality

Putting us in
Concentration camps
Or in straight Jackets
Tells us more about
The bullies
Whose brains
Are stuffed with more bran

We Zoroastrians are
Not a pure Aryan race
Our forefathers
Escaped Iran
Through Ahura Mazda's
Grace
Face reality that
We are a mixed breed
So get rid of
That Herd Mentality
Soon we will be
A Vanishing Breed

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**World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce**

Building the Spirit of Entrepreneurship

15th January, 2021

WZCC Annual Report - 2020

Dear Members,

Season's Greetings!

Click Here to download the WZCC Annual Report-2020 for your perusal.

A gentle reminder to all to attend the Global Annual General meeting which is scheduled for Saturday, January 23, 2021. The details are once again given below:

Time/Date	:	Saturday, 23 January, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. UK time / 8:30 p.m. Mumbai, Kolkata, New Delhi time / 9:00 a.m. Chicago time
Join Zoom Meeting	:	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82935928356
Meeting ID	:	829 3592 8356
Passcode	:	523596

Looking forward to your participation.

Best Regards,
Aspi Antia
Chief Executive Officer

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WEBINAR - BC-INDIA TRADE & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES: INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING).

Dear Member,

The Province of British Columbia in collaboration with:

- World Trade Centre (Vancouver, BC)
- World Trade Centre (Mumbai, India)
- BC-India Business Network (Vancouver, BC)

Have invited the Members of WZCC to attend a Webinar :
**"BC-INDIA TRADE & INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES :
INFRASTRUCTURE (ENGINEERING)."**
**ON THURSDAY 21ST JANUARY 2021 AT 7.00 AM PACIFIC
TIME / 8.30 p.m. IST.**

**THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER: HIS EXCELLENCY AJAY BISARIA,
HIGH COMMISSIONER OF INDIA TO CANADA**

Other Eminent speakers from India and British Columbia will provide the webinar attendees with key market intelligence in the Infrastructure (Engineering) Sector.

Registration Link:

<https://www.boardoftrade.com/events/individual-events/1931-6674>.[Click Here for More Details](#)

Regards,
Aspi Antia
Chief Executive Officer

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PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA CLEARS THE AIR ABOUT HIS RENT

The Editor,
Parsi Junction,
Mumbai.



Phiroze Amroliwalla

Dear Sir,

Last night I received the following message on whatsapp as an unsigned/anonymous forward. I normally do not react or respond to unsigned or anonymous messages. However, this message involves not just me but attributes motives and insinuations not only to me but also to others including some BPP trustees and BPP staff and officers. I therefore feel that I need to respond to clear the deliberate motivated false information being spread, especially as I might consider to offer my services for community good. The said message being spread is:

"Recently BPP custodian was sent to collect rent by Viraf Mehta that too in cash given by Dinshaw Mehta to Phiroze Amroliwalla at his residence and 47 receipts were given to him for all the rent that he had not paid from the past 3 to 4 years. Also his service charge of Rs.750 was waived off by our kind hearted new Chairperson Mrs Armaity Tirandaz (Puppet) as Amroliwalla is so deserving as he stays 6 months in Canada and has only kabjofied 3 BPP houses. Shame on these two Armaity and Xerxes for behaving like paid rubber stamps of Mehta family."

At the outset I need to stress that our rents were not accepted by BPP at the specific orders from Kersi Randeria even though we had tendered cheques for rent payment on three different occasions. The steep increase in service charges of Rs. 750/- from February 2017 was strongly protested by me and many others as the same was illegal and unjust and was finally discontinued for all residents of BPP colonies and NOT ONLY FOR AMROLIWALLAS. We do stay in Canada for 5 months as the law permits the same unlike many others who are citizens of other countries and still keep their flats locked for years together.

Being familiar with the manner in which Kersi Randeria works, I feel I need to publicize the true and correct facts as the message appears to have originated from one of his paid stooges who is also a beneficiary of a flat allotted to him THROUGH LIES SPOKEN BY HIM AND RANDERIA and whose promised 40 lakhs has not yet been paid to the BPP. By now Kersi Randeria is well known for his vindictive and mean attitude towards all those who do not tow his line.

Can any Parsi be more inhuman and vindictive than him, when by a stroke of his

pen, Randeria denied a free meal from the BPP kitchen to a deserving senior Parsi living alone and that too during the Pandemic and subsequent Lockdown?

Especially now that elections to fill the two vacancies for Trustees are due, he will spare no effort and resort to all means, mostly false and foul, to vilify and show Dinshaw Mehta and me in poor light as he shivers at the thought of us working together to defeat his SINGLE POINT AGENDA, that is he MUST REGAIN HIS UNCHALLENGED STATUS OF MAJORITY by hook or by KRoak! He just cannot digest the idea of losing this unbridled pomp and power that he enjoyed for almost five years by subjugating Zarir Bhathena till his death and Yazdi Desai till Yazdi threatened him with filing either a contempt petition or a 41-D application for his removal before the Charity Commissioner.

It is my personal view that Yazdi Desai, Zarir Bhathena and some others similarly placed who had the misfortune of working with Randeria have suffered serious health issues due to the stress and tension of this one man AT EVERY BOARD MEETING! **All those seeking his support BEWARE: Randeria is easy to shake hands with initially but impossible to shake off later on. He is a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde personality!**

The facts are that on December 24, 2020 I called and enquired from CEO Mr. Aspi Sarkari as to why my cheques for rents for our 3 flats had not yet been encashed although the increased service charges had been withdrawn w.e.f. September 2020. I was told that the board had given instructions to accept rents from all those whose rents were not accepted earlier for non payment of the increased service charges along with the rent. He suggested that I tender the rents to the respective custodians and STOP payments for the cheques I had issued earlier. Accordingly I phoned Custodian Engineer of Khareghat Colony who said that he was attending Captain Colony and would give me the figures on Monday December 28, 2020. On Monday I obtained the figures of the total dues and I went to Khareghat colony and paid all the dues in person and obtained the rent receipts.

For Khan estate also I had phoned the Custodian Mr. Bharucha on 28 December around 13.00hrs and he returned my call at 15.30 hrs saying that he will give me the figures next week. I phoned him on the following Monday and he informed me that he will be able to accept the rents ONLY in cash. Also as he had no storage to keep a huge amount over the week so he will accept for each flat separately only after the first week of January. He had calculated my rent from January 2017 till March 2019. Accordingly I tendered him the cash for my flat no.15 on January 7, 2021. However later in the day he phoned and enquired if I could pay rents till January 2021. I agreed to pay and accordingly the

receipts were handed over to me.

For flat No.16, a week later Mr. Bharucha on January 12, 2021 informed me that he had received instructions NOT to accept the rents. It was THEN that I contacted Mr. Sarkari and asked why this refusal now after collecting rents for Khareghat and Flat 15 at Khan Estate? Subsequently the next day Mr. Bharucha on January 13, 2021 informed me that he had received fresh instructions to accept the rents and accordingly I went to the Custodian's office at Contractor Baug and paid the cash and obtained the receipts.

And why may I ask should anyone assert that Mr. Dinshaw Mehta paid our rents? Is my family surviving on BPP largesse or anybody else for that matter? I believe the one who has instigated this motivated false message is the same Trustee who harps on UNITY but is the main cause of DISUNITY due to his MY WAY or THE HIGHWAY attitude and his domination over any and every issue.

The community is well aware that I along with some others were protesting the steep increase in service charges which were being ruthlessly and illegally enforced by Kersi Randeria and his 'majority' by instructing Baug Custodians and managers NOT to accept rent and other legally payable dues from tenants if the increased service charges were not paid simultaneously. He had then attempted to silence me by offering several incentives, including exempting me from this charge and encouraging me to encash the value of these now " kabjofied" flats. My family and I are today paying the price for not accepting his offer, which was an attempt to silence me. This vindictive, defacto Chairman and dictator who is now desperate as he has lost his 'Majority' on the BPP board is trying in vain by spreading false and malicious rumours. Randeria is now attempting to re-establish his majority by supporting a retired assistant collector of Customs who had in 2015 attempted to contest the elections against Randeria. In 2011 this Randeria encouraged and almost successfully persuaded me to contest the election against Anahita by promising me a return ticket from Toronto as a guarantee to back my candidature. He withdrew his offer of the return ticket when he realised that Mr. Dinshaw Mehta too was inclined to support me. He wanted me to be only his candidate who would tow his line.

Around that time he also started the Parsi Times fearing Jame's reach and its orthodox leaning.

Phiroze Amroliwalla



‘Finally paid off’: Adar Poonawalla thanks PM Modi, DCGI after Covishield gets final approval



Happy new year, everyone! All the risks @SerumInstIndia took with stockpiling the vaccine, have finally paid off. COVISHIELD, India's first COVID-19 vaccine is approved, safe, effective and ready to roll-out in the coming weeks. pic.twitter.com/TcKh4bZIKK
— Adar Poonawalla (@adarpoonawalla)
January 3, 2021



Adar Poonawalla in sadrah taking vaccine

Adar Poonawalla, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Serum Institute of India, thanked all stakeholders after Covishield got final nod in India.

Even before getting the approval from the apex drug controller of India, Serum Institute of India stockpiled about 40-50 million doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, taking a major risk.

For Serum Institute of India's Adar Poonawalla, the happy new year moment came on Sunday after the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) gave its final nod to Covishield, the vaccine which is being developed by Oxford University and AstraZeneca and is manufactured in India by SII. Covishield got the nod for restricted emergency use in India after the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO's)'s subject expert committee went through its data and recommended the vaccine.

“Happy new year, everyone! All the risks @SerumInstIndia took with stockpiling the vaccine, have finally paid off. COVISHIELD, India's first COVID-19 vaccine is approved, safe, effective and ready to roll-out in the coming weeks,” Adar tweeted, thanking PM Modi, Union health minister Dr Harsh Vardhan and all other stakeholders including Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), the department of biotechnology (DBT), the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI), Gavi, the international vaccine alliance, and Gates Foundation etc.

Even before getting the approval from the apex drug controller of India, Serum Institute of India stockpiled about 40-50 million doses of the Covid-19 vaccine, which involved a major risk in case its application got turned down by the drug regulator. The largest vaccine maker of the world, by the volume it produces, has also set a target of producing

around 300 million doses of Covishield by July 2021.

Overall, Serum's investment in Covishield has crossed \$100 million. According to a Forbes interview, Adar Poonawalla in November said he has already spent \$300 million and another \$500 will be done in due course of time. Serum has set up a new company, Serum Institute Life Sciences, to support the new initiatives, which is a first-of-its kind “pandemic level” manufacturing facility in Pune.

Serum Institute has also collaborated with Gavi and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for manufacturing and delivering of up to 100 million doses of vaccines for other low and middle-income countries as part of the Gavi COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC).

New Star on the Rise



Danush Dumasia

Danush Dumasia is a 19 year old boy from Dadar parsi colony who is just trying to make his own mark in the singing world. He passed out from Bombay Scottish school and currently is in HR college studying BCOM. Started singing at a very young age but never got any training for vocals. He sang what he felt like and hoped for the best. Now that he has started his own singing page on instagram and youtube he tries his best to show to his audience that if you feel you can do something, however nervous you are one should go for it as a beginner has nothing to loose. Thats why after years of his friends suggesting he finally started putting his music out there for people to hear.

Follow him on
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Danush_sings

Picture Perfect

Photography



Ruby B. Aderbad

Every dog has his day! Known as the "Land of Gods", Spiti is a place that captivates you with its beautiful canvas thrown together by God. I was rewarded with one such mesmerizing view on an early morning when I saw this mountain dog waiting for its turn to herd the sheep.



Ruby B. Aderbad works with an MMC in Mumbai and is an avid traveler who likes to digitally capture memories. She quotes that traveling is her drug of choice and is happily addicted to it. The mountains and jungles are her go-to places to detoxify, anything that connects her with nature.

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Born To Serve - The FKS Foundation



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FOUNDERS - FIROZE & ROSHAN SHOLAPURWALA



RUKSHANA SHOLAPURWALA



DR. FARIDA TALATI



KAINAZ MASTER

Jiyo Parsi Friday Forum

22 January, 6-7 PM IST

Born to Serve

Firoze Sholapurwala was a man who always had a lot to do, and yet, had time to spare ---to empathize and to counsel, because he really cared. A journey from a prankster to a gallant police officer, to a business man, to a philanthropist. A life to recall AND a time to remember

Come Join us on Jan 22nd along with Ms. Rukhshana Sholapurwala, Dr. Farida Talati and Ms. Kainaz Master on this journey of a man who believed that one must give back to society.

Watch on Youtube:

Friday, 22 January 6-7 PM IST



LIVE

@JIYOPARSI @PARZORFOUNDATION



IS TRUSTEESHIP A PERMANENT POST IN OUR ATASH ABODES?

Trusts were created here, way back during the British era in the 17th century, mainly to help the poor and downtrodden. Our forefathers also created various trusts to help our poor for better living conditions. The trusts were also created to help in housing and some philanthropic and pious minds created religious places with trust deeds so also private fires e.g. Aslaji Bhikaji and Soonawalla etc. These private fires and some more found its way into Adarans and Dadgahs and became a public trust with trust deeds "only for Parsees". The term Parsees, Iranis or Faslis were created but we are Mazdayasni Zarthostis.

Over the years, family members of private fires nominated themselves as trustees, which also continues today. Whilst today in the change circumstances such self-appointed trusteeship except as a family member must be done away as all our fire abodes fall under Public Trust Act 1950. Some of our fire abodes are part of residential colonies or baugs e.g. Cusrow Baug, Godrej Baug, Kappawalla and Soonawallas. Therefore, local elections must be held every 5 years. Change reports cannot be filed without proper legal elections. It is found trustees have installed themselves as a permanent position whereby they do what they like which includes guiding or pressurizing the mobedism to do their bidding.

Pandemic was and is a bad omen, which has opened up thought process. Whether the pandemic will end soon is another matter (in all probabilities post April 2021). The fear of death will loom and continue to rule our minds for a long time to come. We are now in the midst of a new normal.

In contrast, it is the world of mobedism and dasturism who should have guided us rather than ill informed (in religious matters) trustees who didn't know (or knowingly ignored it) the importance of 24-hours rituals in our Atash Padshah's abode. Some trustees may have shown their authority to the panthakis or managers of our Atash abodes. The police may have requested the panthakis not to allow anyone during the peak months from March to September 2020. Instead of locking, the outside gates were kept open. Some Zarthostis did find their way into the

premises through the baug back doors. This probably must have prompted some trustees to block the gumbad (kebla) like it was found in Mahim's Soonawala Dar-e-Mehr. This was wrong. One cannot use their ill-informed religious knowledge and tenets to imprison Atash Kedeh. On enquiries I found that the friends and family members of such trustees were quietly visiting. What followed was that mobedism started the rituals quietly by accepting machis, flowers, fruits and Ashodads without the presence of concerned individuals except during Mukhtad with restrictions. Could a panthaki have conducted such a ritual when the gumbad (kebla) was out of bounds and blocked by benches not to allow any Zarthosti near it or rather imprisoned.

How does one trust that rituals were actually conducted? Is money paid and accepted important or proper conduction of rituals? Are religious tenets and established rituals like a prehensile chameleon? Swami Vivekanad in one of his religious sermons in Chicago in September 1893 said, "all atrocities are conducted in the name of religion". It appears his words were true. This must have happened in all our religious places. The scary issue of arrest and fine must have kept the mobedism from opposing the trusteeship or was there any other reason? In fact, guidance should have been obtained from our learned dasturs, e.g. Bisni Dokhma where prayers and jashans were conducted after repairing on instructions from Dastur Dr. Pheroze Kotwal.

Now that pandemic may end (which maybe post April 2021) will the world of mobedism and dasturism restore the status of Atash Padshas by conducting ijastnes or still keep on fooling the laity to believe that what was done by blocking and imprisoning the Atash Padshahs was right.

One more example, for years together since my childhood I was informed that first 4 days upto cherum dahoom rituals cannot be performed if a Zarthosti dead body has been disposed of other than Dokhmenashin. This actually happened that the first 4 days rituals were conducted as BMC could not handover a covid body to the relatives but taken directly from the hospital to the

crematorium. The relatives had no choice. I am in the knowhow of cases where the bodies were directly carted to crematoriums and showing cremation by a video to the relatives. In such cases, first 4 days rituals were conducted in our fire abodes. I am sure the world of mobedism and dasturism will show us some reasons or the other for their act, E.g. in the matter where the Zarthosti dies without a facility of a dokhma, such rituals are conducted. But here in Mumbai, facility of dokhmas are available at Doongerwadi.

I have discontinued going to Atash kadeh and instead I have started praying at home directly to the sun (Surya) for mental peace rather than going to artificial fire abodes where I am not sure whether my prayers and machis will help me to have mental satisfaction or reach spiritualism. I am also not sure whether our atash padshas are really consecrated or we are only made to believe by mobedism and dasturism, or by some Zarthostis who themselves lack in spiritualism. Even entering keblas or conducting Bois by laities who have the knowledge of rituals are out of bounds. The early history practically of Parsees is uncertain. We are also not sure of our exact origin except that we are Mazdayasni Zarthostis and this much can be said that we are Parsees to the Aryans stock having lived in Persia, or in some other places north of Iran. The history of Parsees deals with Peshaedadian, Kyanian, Achaenedians, Parthian and Sassanian dynasties. In the seventh century, the loss of our empire in Iran drifted us in 641 AD. We were subjected to religious persecution. In spite of hardships some of us stuck to our ancestral religion. Today (I am sorry to say) we are drifting once again due to lack of guidance and our own knowledge that we are not Parsees, Iranis or Faslis but Mazdayasni Zarthostis. Therefore, I request once again amalgamate all our trust funds and properties into one "World Alliance of Mazdayasni Zarthostis". The time is ripe now for "Universal Common Code" is coming. Maybe charitable institutions will be disbanded.

In the service of my Lord,

Dr. Syrus D. Irani
Mahim

Fashion Tips

The importance of clothing and grooming to create a positive first impression



Kash Pitha

Are you one of those who believes that talent along with hard work is the only way to achieve success and your appearance doesn't really matter? Well, that's far from the truth. I have come across so many people who tell me, "how does what I wear matter as long as I am qualified and talented in what I want to do?"

That means that that person is not aware of the basics of success. Success is all about two things happening simultaneously-getting a chance/opportunity to do something and then performing when the opportunity comes along.

But how do you get that opportunity? Because without getting a chance you won't be able to show off your skills. This depends on creating a powerful first impression. Unfortunately, this is an area where many lose out.

First impressions are impressions that strangers form of you within the first 3-5

seconds of meeting you. Some call them Polaroids or Snap shots. In a few seconds, people decide everything about your personality, authority, intelligence, financial success and candidature for a job or promotion.

Let's take for example, you see a man stepping out of a chauffeur driven E-class Mercedes in a matching bespoke suit, what's the immediate impression you'll have of him? That he's rich and could be a businessman or CEO of a big company. This is how our brain is conditioned to form rapid first impressions based on our past experiences.

There is an eye opening research to better understand how first impressions are created.

The famous Professor Albert Mehrabian concluded that any communication, any message in this world has 3 components namely; visual, verbal and vocal. The impact of visual communication on others is 83% which includes elements of visual communication like clothing, grooming, etiquette and other elements of body language and facial expressions.

The first elements that hit the stranger in front of you are clothing and grooming followed by body language, etiquette and last is the vocal communication by which you are judged.

A friend who was the owner of a small furniture business said, "Look this is what I am. I am not ashamed of it. What difference can outer things make to my life? I don't have the time anyway." She didn't feel the need to clothe or groom herself right with so many competing demands on her time. She once requested me to help her

interview some candidates for the position of an administrative assistant. She rejected some candidates because they didn't "look right" for the job.

When I started pulling out some resumes, I found that there were many reasons for rejecting them scribbled on the resume. One comment was 'shoes unpolished and unkempt hair. Rest of him is neat enough but he could be cutting corners at work where it doesn't show.' And it went on.

When I showed her her own comments she was surprised and was forced to reflect the number of times she knocked on the doors of interior designers and large showrooms but couldn't get further.

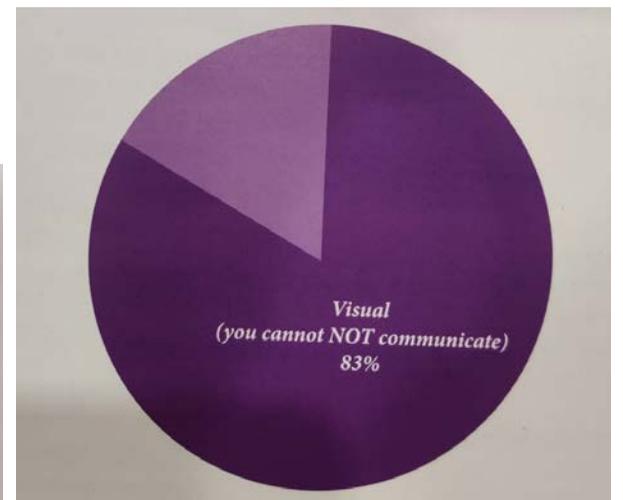
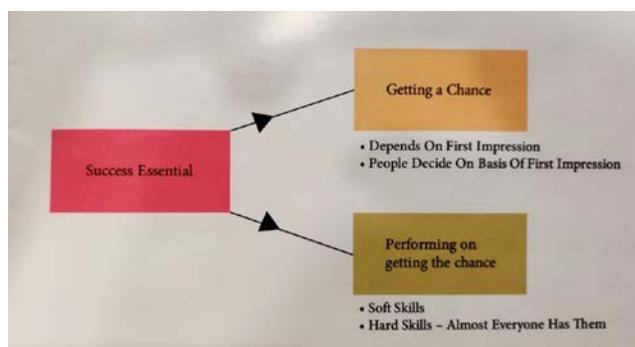
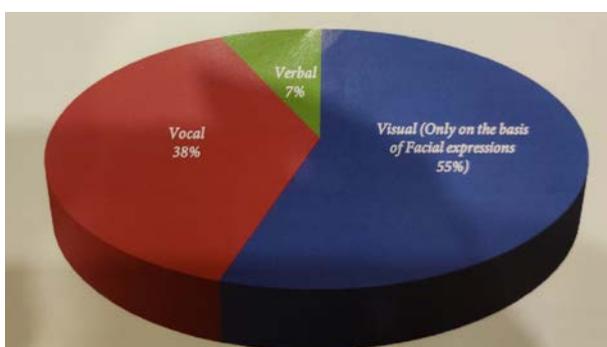
Her business was doing well but think of where she could be if the first impression clearly indicated that you were good with your business and showed her effectiveness by caring how she projected herself.

Plenty of us tell ourselves, we don't have the time for it. But think of all the lost opportunities. All it takes is some learning, a bit of preparation, a few minutes each day to avoid creating wrong impressions and you are ready to take advantage of those same lost opportunities.

To understand the art and science behind creating a perfect and positive first impression get in touch with me.

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Community News

YEZDI PANTHAKY OFFERS SOLUTION PARSI GATE CONTROVERSY ON ITS LAST LEG



From: Yezdi Panthaki <yezdi.panthaki@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2021, 4:03 pm

Subject: PARSI GATE CONTROVERSY ON ITS LAST LEG

To: <sethnakg@gmail.com>

Dear Mr Sethna

Ref the above subject, why keep on dragging our feet and delay the solution.

Though I am ailing from cancer and after effects knowing the subject very important i already sent Solution as far back as 17th Oct 2020 to present chairperson Armaity Tirandaz giving the perfect solution with its pros and cons to immediately take action on my firm Solution.

Below are the transcripts of my WhatsApp message as well as related messages between BMC and BPP.

I insist that my solution is sent and taken up with BPP for an amicable and acceptable result by the authorities and the Parsi community.

I am sure if my solution is accepted. It will be acknowledged and the due credit will be given to me.

WhatsApp transcripts---

[17/10/2020, 8:46 PM] Yezdi P F Panthaki: Dear Darayus, since this concerns B P P n presently, your mummy is officiating chairperson, may i request you to kindly show n forward this to her to take a stand. This, just in the interest of the community n she, taking positive n favourable decisions,

my post will help her see pros n cons of actual benefits before some activists twist the issue n malign the community. Her word will count hence the request.

Just u may not b in knowledge, but i am struck up with advanced stage of foodpipe CANCER, since may 2020. from hospitals beds' to home bed, chemo radiation n due to after effects had 3 nasty falls, head banged, crack in skull 11 stitches, refd to neurosurgeon dr keki turel, so many tests n now struck with a paralytic stroke. Not allowed to move without my wife n jimmy sarosh holding me. Fathomless expenses by breaking whole families ' savings.

Anyway, fighting it out n God Willing may meet you again. From 76 kg reduced to 48 kg of skin n bone skeleton.

Sorry for taking your time, but being friends gives me solace. Thnx n GOD BLESS.

[17/10/2020, 8:48 PM] Yezdi P F Panthaki: Since for 41 years, till date every avan month, i have been visiting sea for praying avan yasht for 40 days, mostly, opp. Marine lines petrol pump, being n easy access, so it will be advisable to shift opp. AL SABAH COURT PERMANENTLY AS THERE IS MORE OF THE PARSEE POPULATION ON SOUTH SIDE UP TO COLABA TIIL NAVY NAGAR. IT WILL BE NEARER N ACCESSIBLE BY PARSEES FROM MARINE LINES.

MOREOVER THE NEW LINK ROAD VL B CONNECTED TO OLD FLYOVER N PUSH THE ACCESS THROUGH ONE OF THE LANES FROM ALSABAH SIDE.

ALSO THE ACTUAL LINE OF BUILDINGS,

ON MARINE DRIVE, STARTS FROM MARINELINES TO NCPA, SO MORE PARSEES WILL HAVE ACCESS N MAY JOIN IN, TO PAY RESPECT EVEN FROM THEIR BALCONIES.

ONCE FIXED, IT WILL BE PERMANENT CHANGE OPP AL SABAH.

THE GREATEST SETBACK, IN TEMPORARILY SHIFTING TO CHOWPATTY PETROL PUMP SITE N SHIFTING BACK TO AQUARIUM SIDE, WE MUST NOT OVERLOOK THAT BOTH THE STAMBH WILL BE TAKEN 20 METRES IN SEA, SO LIKE HAJIALI DARGAH, IN HIGH TIDE, IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO BE SAFE WALKING SO FAR IN THE SEA.

MOREOVER U VL HAVE TO UNDERCROSS THE NEW ROADLINK, BROAD ROAD, LONG WALK, TRAFFIC N AT GANPATI TIME MORE CROWD ATLEAST FOR 2 YEARS.

MANY PARSEES PRAY TILL SUNSET, SO IT MAY BE WELL NIGH IMPOSSIBLE, TO RETURN FROM STAMBHS WALKING ALMOST 100 FEET, AT THE HIGH TIDE ON, OR EVEN IN LOW TIDE, SCARY.

LET THE WISDOM PREVAIL, ON COMMUNITY N BPP, TO TAKE A 'ONE VOICE' STAND, N PERMIT THE AUTHORITIES TO SHIFT, TO LITTLE LEFT ON MARINE LINES SIDE OPP. AL SABAH COURT, N BE HAPPY. AT LEAST LET US PROVE V R ENLIGHTENED COMMUNITY N CAPABLE OF TAKING ENLIGHTENED N LOGIC DECISION, WITHOUT WASTING BOTH SIDES' TIMES.

REGARDS,

Ervad Yezdi Pestonji Panthaki
WADIAJI ATASHBEHRAM.



TAROT PREDICTIONS FOR THE 12 MOON SIGNS (RAASHI) FOR THE WEEK

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All consultations and workshops will be held online only.

Kermeez Shroff Ghadiali

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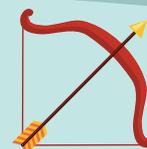
Aries
(Mesh Raashi-a l e)

A good week for financial planning or investment. You will have the ability to create opulence. Careerwise a few disappointments are seen. New opportunities will arise in the future. Do not spend your time crying over spilt milk.



Leo
(Simha Raashi-m tt)

Patience is the name of the game for you this week. You will receive financial gains or will have stability in money matters. However things in general will move slowly and you will also be required to give certain sacrifices for the final goal.



Sagittarius
(Dhanu Raashi-bh f dh)

This week will somehow be better for you if you simply learn to let go of things you can't control. You are seen taking a lot of stress and that could impact your health. In general disappointments are seen.



Taurus
(Vrishabh Raashi-b v u)

Travel is on the cards this week. You could plan a small getaway. There will be balance and stability on the work front. Spend some time alone or meditate for even better results overall this week.



Virgo
(Kanya Raashi-p tthh)

The week doesn't start off well. Do not place your trust soon in others. There are chances of betrayal. Delays and anxieties in general as seen. Towards the end of the week financial gains are seen.



Capricorn
(Makar Raashi-kh j)

This week will be flooded with planning and decisions. A week flooded with mental activity. You could get into minor conflicts with your friends or colleagues. This week however will be good for increasing your finances.



Gemini
(Mithun Raashi-k chh gha)

A new romance lurks around the corner. You might consider investing your time and energy in a new hobby as well. Work wise things will be slow. You are even seen tackling multiple responsibilities at once.



Libra
(Tula raashi-r t)

You could be in a toxic relationship. It is time to let go if you are in one. Yes there will be separation and pain but it will only benefit you in the future. You will have support of friends and family and finances are good this week.



Aquarius
(Kumbha Raashi-g s sh)

Sudden and rapid changes envelope you this week. Do not make impulsive decisions based on fantasies or temptation. You be in a toxic relationship or stuck in things which don't really have any importance in your life.



Cancer
(Karaka Raashi-dd h)

Be careful this week. You will have new offers that look promising. However if you make impulsive decisions things will simply shatter. Consider all decisions with caution this week.



Scorpio
(Vrishchik Raashi-n y)

A good week ahead. If you have discipline and willpower there is nothing you can't achieve this week. There is also a chance you find a new romantic interest or it could be that you're emotionally doing very well this week.



Pisces
(Meena Raashi-d ch z th)

A wonderful week ahead. Home, happiness, wealth and abundance are seen. A great week to plan the future. A great week to heal any kind of misunderstandings. And a great week to increase your money.



Navjote of two brother's

Benevolent Donor Mrs. SOONU HOSHANG BUHARIWALLA offered a generous Donation last December to sponsor the Navjote ceremony of two Parsi children through WAPIZ.

Under the advice of Vada Dasturji Firoze Kotwal, two brothers, Aspandiar and Auriya Nowroz Attaie one of who was 17 but claimed his Navjote had not been performed earlier, residents of Nallasopara Were identified by WAPIZ and their Navjote was performed on 10th January 2021 At Cama Baug, small Opla in the presence of the Donors family. The two young boys and even the Donor seem overwhelmed by four Trustees of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet (one to be elected in March 2021) surrounding them. Whether it is a good omen or not the future of this two youngsters will predict.



Donor SOONU, the boys Auriya and Aspandiar Nowroz Attaie flanked by two ex-Trustees, one present Trustee and one aspiring Trustee who will take office from March 2021.

BIRTHDAY CANDLES

People many, candles blow off a cake,
n a birthday wish make;

I never this do, because fire I rever; n
it cannot blow; so a candle I light away
from the cake.

Lord, on my Birthday, for peace n good
health, today a sincere wish I make;

Please bless me to do my best; n in
Your hands, my hand please take.

May every young Indian, learn to fire
rever, giving up silly western ideas, for
Ahura's sake.

Can you imagine all the sputum
spattered, as one blows, over the cake

It is high time, we stop following the
West blindly, n their habits forsake.

If switch we do not, to this culture rich
of ours, sadly very high will be the
stake.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

I AM A WOMAN

What is that a woman has?
That attract men like bees?
They are on a par with men
Should be treated with
Respect as well Dignity
It doesn't matter whether
One is royalty or a pauper
Educated or illiterate
Why they should be persecuted
Crime? To be born a woman
Happens to be their fate
Women are & have been pioneers
In each & every field
They have led the way
Shoulder to shoulder
They stand with men
As they are here to stay!
I ain't a feminist nor a racist
I speak what I see & believe
They have been mistreated
Throughout history
Would like to speak up
'Cause
I am a Woman

Farida

A GREAT TEACHER

Some call Him Sai Baba, Guru Nanak or Kabir.
Others say Mahtma, Swamiji, Guruji, or Peer.

Teaches he, lessons of life;
Teaches he, how to handle strife.

Teaches he, to have patience immense.
Teaches he, to be patient, which makes a lot of
sense.

Teaches he, to have immense faith in Him.
Teaches he, not to perturbed get, when things
seem dim.

Teaches he, to be kind n caring to bird, man n
beast.
Teaches he, for inner peace; one needn't go
west or east.

Teaches he, to trees plant and flowers grow.
Teaches he, to waste food not; never it throw.

Protectes He, sometimes punishes He, like a
father.

Protects He, with care great, tenderly, like a
mother.

Lucky His disciple is, whom He lovingly binds.
Lucky one is, if a teacher like Him, one finds.

A teacher or Guru like Him, is precious and rare.
You are lucky if He takes you under His wings,
His care.

Armin Dutia Motashaw