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BERJIS DESAI THE PRODIGAL SON WHO CAME BACK TO THE ORTHODOX FOLD

BERJIS DESAI has filed his nomination for Trustees Election to be held on 14th March 2021.

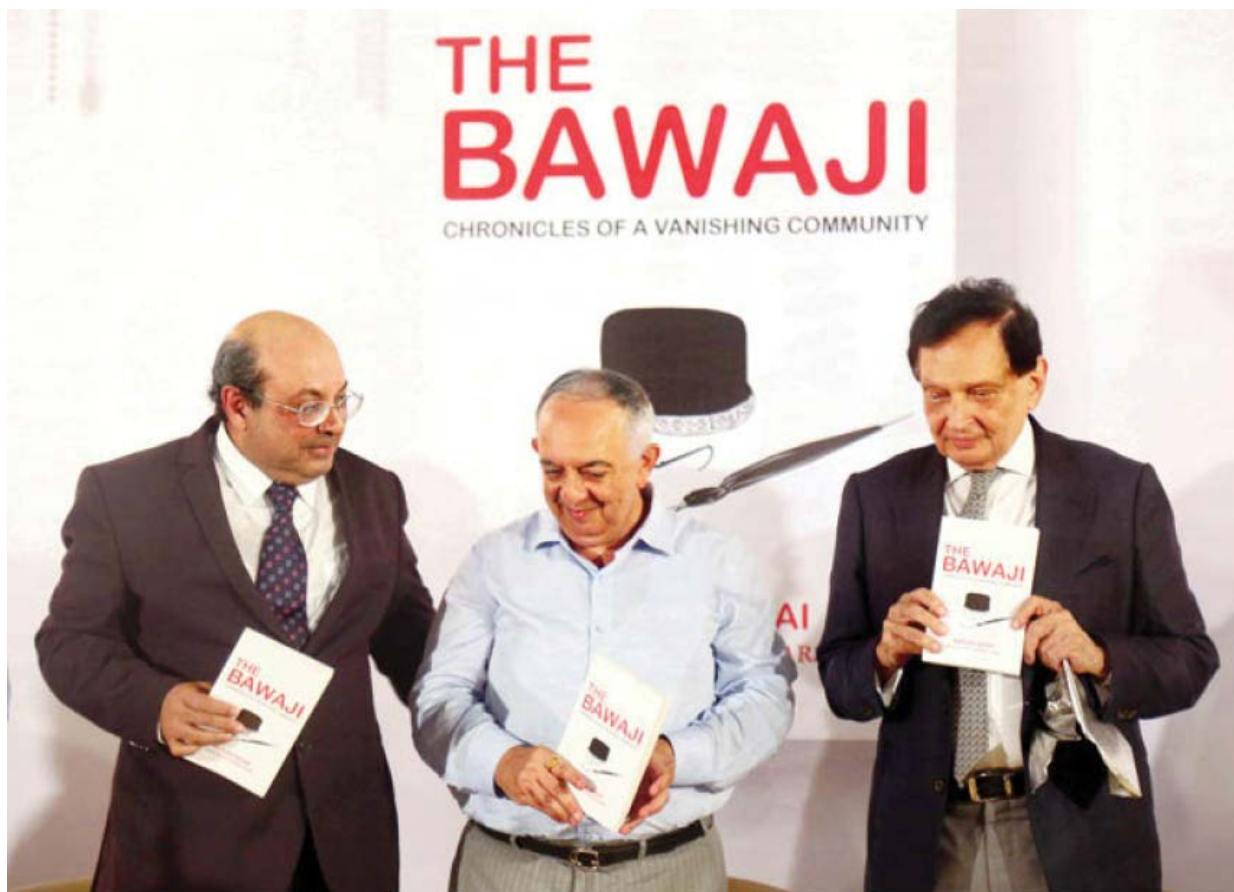
He is an ordained priest from Navsari—both Navar and Martab,

Berjis Desai has been active in Parsi affairs since 1980 when CER swamped the Anjuman Committee elections and has been in the centre of many Parsi controversies since then.

In 2008 at the request of Rustom Tirandaz and Dinshaw Mehta, he drafted the new Scheme of Elections whereby for the first time Adult Franchise was introduced to replace the Anjuman Committee mode of electing Trustees, prevalent since 1910.

Years ago, he was a Liberal and his views were not Orthodox. Due to this reason he had to part with his best friend Dinshaw Mehta and in 2008 elections he along with Kersi Randeria put up a panel of highly respected and acclaimed Parsis but with liberal leanings except Noshir Dadrawala. All of them except Noshir lost the elections against Dinshaw Mehta and Wapiz.

Around 2015-16, Berjis Desai had a dream where his mother who was



1) Justice Rohinton Nariman 2) Berjis Minoo Desai 3) Dr. Faroukh Udvadia

still alive persuaded him to come back into the orthodox fold and since then the **prodigal son has become more orthodox than some of our so called orthodox Parsis.**

Thereafter:

In April 2017, on her demise Berjis Desai consigned his mother to Doongerwadi under Dokhmenashini following all due rites and rituals. He performed all the rites for his mother like four days rituals at

Doongerwadi followed by Dasmu, Masiso, Chamsi etc and continues her Baaj every year in his family Banaji Limji Agiary.

He was in the forefront of the save our Wadiaji Atashbehram movement from the underground railway network and fought right upto the Supreme Court with his own funds of around forty lakhs and got the alignment moved outside the kash of the holy fire.



BERJIS DESAI has been practicing transactional and dispute resolution laws for the last 40 years and was Senior Partner of the All India based Law firm of J. Sagar and Associates till he retired on reaching 60.

Berjis Desai, has, as long-planned, opted to retire at 60 rather than 65 and now gone independent as a “private lawyer”, styled on US-based individual lawyers specialising in advising mostly private persons rather than corporates.

“In JSA, we have a choice between 65 and 60, and I had decided right when I joined JSA in 2002, that I would retire at 60,” explains Desai about his plans, which do not really mean that he is retiring. “It is well-planned because I have many other interests apart from the law, such as writing, so I am going to try and focus at least some of my time towards writing.”

Private client work includes a lot of arbitration

Berjis Desai (BD): “Arbitration and mediation can be for anything including corporate disputes, because at times people do not want

to do a formal arbitration etcetera, they want a fast track documents-only arbitration, which is done very fast, if both the parties have confidence in you as a sole arbitrator.”

And mediation too...

BD: “They have set up a mediation centre, as you know, in the high court. Mostly they give it (mediations) to retired judges, even sometimes to sitting judges, and so on. It’s like playing a poker game without playing any stakes

“But I do believe that mediation is an artform and it really requires a lot of Emotional Intelligence and understanding.

“I think it’ll develop.”

His orthodox views are so strong now that recently he set up a new PARSİ Religious Trust with his initial contribution of over Rs. 25 lakhs reaching upto Rs. 5 Crores to safe guard and preserve our AGIARIES AS WELL AS OTHER COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS known as

‘PARSİ ZOROASTRIAN GUARDS OF THE HOLY FIRE’.

Berjis has authored two Books exclusively on Parsis-

‘OH! THOSE PARSİS’ AND ‘THE BAWAJI’ which was inaugurated by Justice Rohinton Nariman, Hon’ble Judge of the Supreme Court of India and our Parsi Legend Dr. Faroukh Udvadia

THE COMMUNITY SHOULD WELCOME OUR PRODIGAL SON BACK INTO OUR FOLD WITH OPEN ARMS.

Once one accepts his Change of Heart and belief then the only thing which the Orthodox including the TZML ADMINS criticize as derogatory is his having married non-Parsis twice. His first Gujrati wife died at childbirth and the second is a Sindhi. Can that be a disqualification in today’s times and age, when every third/fourth marriage is an inter-caste marriage.

Hence it is hoped that the saner members of our community will not disqualify a brilliant legal mind to serve the community.

We will let him speak for himself as under:

BERJIS DESAI: “Our Religion, our Priceless Assets, our Heritage and our Very Survival just cannot be permitted to be Endangered”

Dear Co-Religionists,

My decision to file the nomination has surprised many. I owe it to explain.

After being an armchair critic of the Punchayet for most of my adult life, in 2008, I drafted the infamous Scheme of Election by universal adult franchise, a most unwise move according to some. Thereafter, I convinced eminent professionals to contest the elections with a view to transform the BPP, all of whom lost barring my friend, Noshir



BERJIS DESAI

“I’ve come to increasingly believe that if we are to survive as a community, we must preserve our uniqueness at any cost and not be swamped. Preserving and protecting our fire temples and Towers of Silence has become a primary passion for me. Rather late in life, I have a strong inner conviction that our traditional values have to be preserved. I shall not deviate in the slightest from any time honoured practice concerning our religious way of life”



Dadrawala, who has now proposed me. After this botched up attempt, I meekly retired hurt.

Last year, I was part of the Core Committee to assist the trustees. It was then that I realised that it was necessary to shun one's reluctance to get embroiled in so called 'Parsi politics' and the oft referred 'mess', in order to preserve our community assets and heritage.

Several critical actions to safeguard and create precious community resources can be initiated only if one is vested with the legal capacity of a trustee, and not from outside.

In Navsari, we have a saying: aap moova vagar, swarg e nahin javaay (without dying first, one cannot enter heaven).

In the last few months, the bitterness and rancour in the BPP has escalated significantly. I was part of a team which tried to defuse the situation, when I further realised that direct involvement was required. Having regard to my long relationship with strong personalities on both sides, I do believe that I can at least minimise the stridency in the BPP and forge a consensus on most matters.

However what finally made up my mind were the two sad circumstanced vacancies, making it even more imperative to restore balance and peace.

I am confident that Anahita will make an optimal trustee. Apart from being an outstanding social worker, the presence of two ladies including the Chairperson, will soothe the charged atmosphere in the Board room. Women have more emotional intelligence than their testosterone oozing counterparts.

In the election, out of your TWO VOTES, please cast your vote first for Anahita.

In any event, considering that this is a charity trustee position, I shall not directly or indirectly canvass or seek votes. Nor will I react to happy or sad or angry or nice messages on the social media. If the Lord so desires, I will serve; otherwise I shall have the satisfaction that I did not shirk my duty to the community and the Faith in these critical times.

If appointed, I shall give myself three years to see if I have been able to value add. If not, I shall make way for a more suitable person. In any event, when I turn 70, after a little more than five years, I shall leave, in keeping with the principle that 70 ought to be a cut-off date.

One's personal views, whether past or present, are independent of his duty and obligation as a trustee. However, over the last few years, I have come to increasingly believe that if we are to survive as a community, we must preserve our uniqueness at any cost and not be swamped.

Preserving and protecting our fire temples and Towers of Silence has become a primary passion for me. Rather late in life, I have a strong inner conviction that our traditional values have to be preserved. I shall not deviate in the slightest from any time honoured practice concerning our religious way of life.

It is my dream, however utopian it sounds, that if we can create a fund to finance a mini Parsi Welfare State, which provides attractive subsidies from cradle to grave; we will succeed in increasing Parsi births and reverse the demographic decline. The BPP can be that engine to spearhead this endeavour.

My only unique ability is my rapport with all the present trustees on the Board. I will use this and my 40 years experience as a dispute resolution lawyer and a director

of listed companies, to bring about some calm and peace, in the working of the BPP, if nothing else.

My decision making on every issue concerning any property or tenancy or any other commercial or legal matter will be based purely on merits, devoid of any bias, and irrespective of what any group or individual wants. Hopefully, we shall stop talking the language of 'majority and minority' and 'factions and groups' in the Board of Trustees.

Lastly, we shall endeavour that the administration of the BPP becomes more generous, gentler and user friendly to the beneficiaries and the tenants.

This is not a position of prestige or power or honour. It is a duty and obligation of the most sacred nature to ensure that Parsi properties and funds are always safeguarded from threats, both external and internal. Every Trustee is a servant of the community. I consider myself on par with our Doongerwadi workers and will act as a humble instrument of the Cosmic.

I have gained immensely in my professional and personal life from being a Parsi Zoroastrian. It is now payback time.

Our Religion, our priceless assets, our heritage and our very survival just cannot be permitted to be endangered. Humility, compassion and annihilation of the ego is the need of the hour. The following sums up my thoughts:

*When the Light is so dim
And the Times appear grim
If all good men just standby and cry
The Lord will ask, why you did not try.*

Hence, my nomination.

Sincerely,
Berjis Desai



MYSTERY OF THE CASH RS.20 LAKHS FOUND IN LATE CEO'S CABIN

As the community is aware, false and fabricated charges and actual complaints were filed in November 2013 by BPP Trustees--Yazdi Desai, Khojeste Mistry, Arnavaz Mistry and Jimmy Mistry with the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of the Crime Branch of Mumbai police that out of Rs. 65 lakhs transfer fees of a Dadi House flat to a Muslim Guest House Operator, Musharraf Kader, then Chairman Dinshaw Mehta had deposited only Rs. 45 lakhs with BPP and misappropriated Rs. 20 lakhs for himself.

EOW after investigation and questioning the outgoing Tenant, the incoming Tenant, BPP senior staff and others exonerated Dinshaw Mehta after coming to conclusion that transfer fees were only Rs. 45 lakhs.

The four Trustees filed a complaint with Charity Commissioner in December 2013 against Dinshaw Mehta who refused to take any action and in a classic self destruct mode invited Injunction from CC against all seven Trustees from dealing with BPP property in any manner, leading to over 100 flats lying vacant but unallotted till January 2016.

Being frustrated at getting no relief from authorities, Khojeste Mistry on his own filed the same false and fabricated complaint of misappropriation of Rs. 20 lakhs out of Rs. 65 lakhs transfer fees in February 2014 before the 18th Additional Metropolitan Magistrate's Court at Ballard Estate who ordered MRA Marg police to investigate the Complaint and file a Report.

In the meantime Cash of Rs. 20 lakhs was found in the cupboard of late CEO's cabin in BPP office,

sometime around August 2014. On a complaint of all seven Trustees to MRA Marg police to investigate its source, the cupboard containing the cash Rs. 20 lakhs was sealed by the police pending investigation.

In May 2015 the MRA Marg police gave a detailed Report to the Magistrate that the Transfer fees was only Rs. 45 lakhs and never Rs. 65 lakhs and hence there was no merit in the complaint of Khojeste Mistry that Dinshaw Mehta had siphoned off/misappropriated Rs. 20 lakhs and recommended closure of the complaint.

At the same time regarding the cash Rs. 20 lakhs found in the CEO's cabin, The police did a detailed investigation questioning each and every member of the staff from the highest Officer to the lowest clerk and then submitted a detailed Report in May 2015 to the Trustees that the Rs. 20 lakhs Cash lying in the cupboard was BPP's money belonging to the community and gave a finding that it was money belonging to the BPP and advised to use it for community benefit and unsealed the cupboard and the locker in the cupboard.

However before the money could be deposited in the Bank account of BPP, Kersi Randeria and Arzan Ghadially, instead of taking advantage of the police clearance of the cash of Rs. 20 lakhs, approached the Dy. Commissioner that the MRA Police had done a shoddy investigation and to order a re-investigation which was accepted by the Dy. Commissioner and the safe and cupboard was re-sealed with police ordering not to touch the Cash Rs. 20 lakhs lying in the cupboard.

The witch hunt of Kersi Randeria and Arzan Ghadially to somehow discredit Dinshaw Mehta in the eyes of the community so that the community stops electing candidates put up/supported by Dinshaw Mehta was so strong that they were willing to sacrifice Rs. 20 lakhs of community charity funds to get their revenge on Dinshaw Mehta.

The cash money continued to lie in the cupboard without earning any interest on it. In October 2015 the new Board including Kersi Randeria and Yazdi Desai was elected. Both of them called Musharraf Kader sometime in 2016 not to BPP office for further inquiry but to the Writer Corporation office of Yazdi Desai at Byculla.

There they threatened Musharraf to agree that Rs. 65 lakhs was the transfer fees of which Dinshaw Mehta misappropriated Rs. 20 lakhs from it. However Musharraf did not agree and insisted that Transfer fees was only Rs. 45 lakhs which he had paid in full to BPP AND NOT Rs. 65 lakhs as alleged. Thereafter under threat of closing down his Guest House activity in Dadi House, Kersi Randeria got Musharraf in June/ July 2016 to agree to give at least a limited Affidavit that they gave Rs. 20 lakhs by four donor cheques in early 2013 and Rs. 25 lakhs cash to the wife of late CEO at his residence on 31st March 2013 which was replaced by five donor cheques amounting to Rs. 25 lakhs in November 2013 by Dinshaw Mehta.

With this new Affidavit of the co-accused Musharraf, Khojeste Mistry again approached the Magistrate for further investigation in view of this new evidence which was granted by the Magistrate.



In October 2016 Kersi Randeria was ordered by the Magistrate to deposit the cash Rs. 20 lakhs with the MRA Marg police from the BPP office.

On 8 November 2016, the Government of India announced the demonetization of all ₹500 and ₹1,000 banknotes of the Mahatma Gandhi Series. It also announced the issuance of new ₹500 and ₹2,000 banknotes in exchange for the demonetized banknotes. The police was requested to change the old notes for new notes which was done and the money since then has been lying in the safe of MRA Marg police station.

THUS IN SPITE OF CASH CRUNCH FACED BY BPP, CASH RS. 20 LAKHS BELONGING TO THE TRUST AND THE COMMUNITY IS LYING SEALED IN THE BPP CUPBOARD SINCE AUGUST 2014 AND THEREAFTER TILL PRESENT DATE IN MRA MARG POLICE LOCKER.

TWIST IN THE TALE

On 27th January 2021, MRA Marg police informed Khojeste Mistry, who hypocritically claims to be a Parsi Preacher and Gods follower, to come to the Police Station to collect the cash Rs. 20 lakhs lying with them.

“Khojeste Mistry then passed on a message to the CEO that he had

received a call from Jamadar Gaodeh of MRA Police Station stating that the 20 Lakhs INR should be collected”

Under normal circumstances one would have expected the Trustees to be proactive on a urgent conference call to depute some senior staff the same day to go to MRA Marg police station to collect the badly needed cash Rs. 20 lakhs belonging to BPP just rotting away without any return.

But once again the criminal mind of Kersi Randeria went into overdrive and realized that his accusation that this Rs. 20 lakhs was the same misappropriated transfer fees would no longer hold good and hence Kersi Randeria advised his colleagues that since matter was subjudice to take no urgent steps to collect the Rs. 20 lakhs cash but to await further discussion at next Board meeting to be held on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 and decide further course of action.

It seems the witch hunt of Kersi Randeria against Dinshaw Mehta will ultimately end only after Kersi Randeria destroy's the BPP. We fail to understand what can be discussed on this issue. In June 2016, all Trustees agreed that transfer fees was only Rs. 45 lakhs which has been received in full by BPP and on that basis Kersi Randeria got his colleagues to sign a Resolution on

those lines that since full transfer fees of Rs. 45 lakhs has been received he is recognized as Tenant of first floor premises of Dadi House.

This RESOLUTION copy signed by all seven Trustees was handed over by Kersi Randeria to Musharraf Kader with one hand and with the other took the Affidavit of Musharraf, a co-accused that cash Rs. 20 lakhs was returned to him in November 2013 by Dinshaw Mehta and not by late CEO, which Khojeste Mistry then submitted to Court for further investigation in 2016 and which ultimately led to the watered down meaningless charge sheet of use of BPP CASH OF Rs. 25 lakhs from March 2013 till November 2013 .

Thus if it is accepted as all the Trustees have done that transfer fees was Rs. 45 lakhs which has been received in full by BPP in 2013 itself than this cash Rs. 20 lakhs found in CEO's cupboard and now to be collected from the police has no connection with the pending complaint even if it is sub-judice.

It is time that the Trustees see the writing on the wall and dismiss any perverted reasoning of Kersi Randeria not to collect the cash if the police are willing to hand it over and hopefully the cash Rs. 20 lakhs will come back to the coffers of BPP and the community for charity use.

★CALLING YOUNG ATHORNANS★



New admissions will be accepted at the Dadar Athornan Institute (managed by Athornan Mandal) from June 2021 for Athornan children from Std. I to IV.

Complete (sampurna) priestly training leading to Navar and Maratab, academic education upto S.S.C. in the D.P.Y.A. High School (including training in computers), basic knowledge of religion and Iranian history is provided absolutely free of cost, as also nutritious food, comfortable boarding and homely care.

Admission forms should be collected, filled and submitted before March 1, 2021 from: The Principal, Dadar Athornan Institute, 651-52, Firdausi Road, Mancherji Joshi Parsi Colony, Dadar, Mumbai 400 014. Tel: 022-24138086. Email: info@dadarathornaninstitute.org

Athornan parents are invited to avail of the wonderful facilities offered.

SECURITY CABIN AT KHAN ESTATE

The Editor,
Parsi Junction,

Dear Sir,

This week Republic Day was celebrated by the Residents of Khan estate with the inauguration of a Security Cabin for our guards, the first such event in Khan Estate in the living memory of the undersigned. The cabin was inaugurated by our senior most Guard Mr. Wasim who without any blemish has served and protected our residents and the property for nearly twelve years.



Phiroze Amroliwalla

Most residents are of the view that this was an absolute necessity as till now the guards were at the mercy of the elements with no decent place to sit or even have their meals. The cabin itself, as can be judged by the accompanying photograph, has come in for a lot of praise even from critics of this project.

It has been a little over a month since the newly formed Khan Estate Security Committee comprising Mr. Jehangir Doctor, Mr. Jehangir Irani and the undersigned was activated. Besides the need for such a cabin, residents have expressed the desire



of having CCTV cameras, raising of the compound walls and toilets for the guards and others providing essential services etc.

This Portacabin project being both essential and the least expensive out of all the contemplated works, the committee decided to start it immediately. Thanks to the

contributions from the committee members themselves, the project materialised within a very short period of time mainly due to the initiative of the newly formed Committee and with blessings and a very generous donation of Rs. 50,000/- by Mr. Dinshaw Rusi Mehta. A big thank you Mr. Mehta! We do realise that we have a long way to go if we have to execute all the projects and we look forward to help from every quarter.

What has encouraged us the most is the unstinted help and support from our Mr. Cyrus Bharucha who very enthusiastically has followed up from the planning till completion not only of the cabin but also on the functionality and utility of the MyGate app. Many thanks to my colleagues Mr. Jehangir Doctor, Mr. Jehangir Irani, and to Mr. Aspi Billimoria, our Co-ordinator of the earlier committee who works behind the scenes and helps out with uniforms and other paraphernalia.

Last but not the least our grateful thanks to the trustees of the BPP and our affable CEO Mr. Aspi Sarkari for permitting us the installation of the cabin.

Phiroze Amroliwalla



New Security cabin inauguration in the presence of some residents



Update on Ervad Zahan Turel

WZO TRUST'S UPDATE ON Er. ZAHAN TUREL WHO SUFFERED FROM BURNS INJURIES.

- Team WZO Trusts.



Community members are aware that 15 year young Mobed Zahan Turel suffered from burns injuries on 24th October 2020 when his jama caught fire whilst performing the Rapithvan Geh boi ceremony at Goti Adarian, Surat.

Since WZO Trust's used their good offices to raise funds from institutions and individuals, details of injuries, treatment, donations and expenditures are being shared in the public domain by way of accountability towards donors.

Injuries & Treatment:

After a short stint of a few hours at a local hospital at Surat for immediate treatment Er. Zahan was transferred to Masina Hospital at Mumbai on 25th October 2020 under the care of burns & plastic surgery specialists – Dr. Suhas Abhyankar and Dr. A. M. Vartak.

Er. Zahan was found to have suffered 48.50% severe and deep burns on his entire upper body, neck, both hands, ears. Doctor's informed that first 3 weeks were critical and saving Zahan from any sort of infection was the only priority. Fortunately his face and legs were not damaged. Doctor conveyed that probably the entire affected body would need skin grafting which would be a very long haul process. Three graftings were expected to be done.

At the time of admission Er. Zahan tested Covid Positive and was immediately moved to Covid ICU for isolation. This hindered treatment for a few days as the plastic surgeon and burns specialist were not allowed to enter COVID ward. After intense treatment his Covid report came negative and was again shifted to Normal ICU on 5th November 2020.

During his stay at Masina Hospital, Er. Zahaan was given treatment which included two skin grafting surgeries performed on 21st November 2020 and 16th December 2020. Er. Zahaan was discharged from Masina Hospital on 4th January 2021.

Post discharge his daily massage and dressings are being done in Mumbai. Currently there are few patches left to be healed which are expected to heal in due course of time.

Daily dressing is still to be done till the skin stabilizes, which is expected to continue for 2 months from the date of discharge.

In the near future Er. Zahan will have to wear pressure garments for two to three years.

Daily occupational therapy is presently being undertaken at Masina Hospital's Occupational Therapy Centre. He continues to receive regular counseling.

There is every possibility that Er. Zahan may also require reconstructive surgeries and / or cosmetic surgery sometime in the future.

Though Er. Zahan is unable to sit for long period of time, he has decided to appear for his school board exams and has started gradual preparations for the same.

Expenses as on 22nd January 2021:

Rs. 53,000: initial treatment at Surat Hospital.
Rs.30,34,000: treatment at Masina Hospital.
Rs.30,87,000: Total.

Donations & Insurance:

Rs. 6,00,000: From a donor who has paid directly to Masina Hospital.
Rs. 6,00,000: From insurance company.
Rs. 9,00,000: From various donors who

have paid directly to Er. Zahan's family.
Rs. 43,78,781: Raised by WZO Trust's from donors within India.

Rs. 53,47,941: Raised by WZO Trust's from donors overseas.

Rs.1,18,26,722: Total

WZO Trust's are holding Rs.77,26,722 on behalf of funds raised by them and will be handing over the amount soon to Er. Zahan Turel's family for his continuing treatment, as well as possible further treatment at Shriners' Children Hospital at Boston (USA) modalities and logistics of which are being worked out.

WZO Trusts profusely thank institutions and individuals who have collectively contributed towards this humanitarian effort and pray that young Zahan will quickly overcome the set back, rejoin the mainstream, continue to serve the community, and be blessed with a sound future.

MANAGEMENT

Anger, frustration, ego clashes are deadly poisons, do not, them ingest.

Instead in love, compassion, care n happiness please do invest.

These help our body and mind to heal; them let us digest.

Easy it is not, infact very difficult it is, not to react to anger.

How does one efficiently handle frustration; need we an efficient manager.

Ego n pride dangerous are. It's like dealing with a deadly chitah or tiger.

Bravely let's take up this task. Slowly, one step at a time.

It's like working carefully with difficulty great, in a dangerous slime.

Careful very we must be of our vessel of milk, spoil it will, just a drop of lime.

Armin Dutia Motashaw



WZCC 2020 Awards Announced

Each year the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce recognizes outstanding Zarathushti entrepreneurs in four different categories. Due to the pandemic the WZCC Global AGM was conducted virtually on zoom. The award winners were announced by the Global President of WZCC Edul Daver. The awardees will be felicitated in person at the WZCC Conclave in London, UK in October 2021.



The WZCC 2020 OUTSTANDING ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

Dr. RUSTOM ADI KANGA

WZCC 2020 OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL AWARD

Dr. ZARTHUSTRA JAL AMROLIA

WZCC 2020 OUTSTANDING YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR/ PROFESSIONAL AWARD

RAHUL BANSAL

WZCC 2020 OUTSTANDING SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR AWARD

Dr. YASMIN JAMSHED GHADIALI



Dr. Kanga is founder & CEO of iomniscient Ptv Ltd, which was established in Sydney, Australia in 2001. The Company specializes in " Building Solutions involving Artificial Intelligence Computer Vision Systems" for industry. It has implemented systems in 60 countries for entities such as Disney, Chicago Transit, 56 Airports, China Fast trains and Sydney's Driverless trains. They have also developed a system to find lost children which is offered free everywhere in the world.

Rustom has helped the local Zoroastrian community by providing jobs and performing Navjotes, Weddings and Funeral prayers.

Dr. Amrolia helped set-up an AI based Fin Tech start-up, XTX Markets in the UK. He is currently Co-Chief Executive Officer of XTX Markets which is an Investment Banking Company using AI cutting edge technology. It is #1 in the European equity market, # 3 in FX-Foreign Exchange arena and in the top three players in the Commodity market which culminate in trading US 200 Billion a day, yes per day.

Zar, has always been willing to contribute ideas and donations to the UK Zoroastrian Community and also globally to Zoroastrian and non-Zoroastrian causes.

Rahul worked for Citi and then at GreenTech Capital Advisors, a Global Investment Bank with Jeff McDermott, former CEO of UBS. Here he acquired an entrepreneurial mind-set. After getting his MBA he launched his own Search Fund backed by a group of investors and closed on a deal to become CEO with an equity stake of Tribal Vision based in Boston, USA. Tribal Vision is a global outsourced Digital Marketing Service firm.

Rahul's family is intimately involved with ZAGNY. Rahul has also played a leading role as a volunteer for the March of Dimes Charity from the age of 13. He visualized and organized a multi-cultural show called Rangeela which has netted \$1.5 Million over the last 18 yrs. And all this while still in his early 30's.

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

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Kermeez Shroff Ghadiali

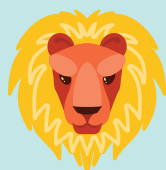
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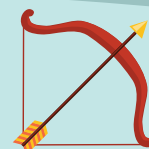
Aries
(Mesh Raashi-a l e)

A good week overall. Finances and work will be good. New opportunities will also come your way. Make bold and ambitious choices. Your vision will fructify. Also a good week to pamper yourself with perhaps a small getaway or luxury.



Leo
(Simha Raashi-m tt)

overall this week will move slowly. Growth in career will come with delays. A new love or romance is a possibility this week as well. forgiveness is key this week. Self-confidence and strength will see you through.



Sagittarius
(Dhanu Raashi-bh f dh)

For career this week is very good. Rewards and growth is seen. On a personal front you may need to end certain toxic relationships. Remember that change is progress. Travel is also seen for you.



Taurus
(Vrishabh Raashi-b v u)

An ending of some sort that is needed in your life is seen taking place this week. Careerwise your week is good. For a few of you a new new job or a new project which will excite you is around the corner. Take the leap of faith. Listen to your heart and do what gives you joy.



Virgo
(Kanya Raashi-p tthh)

A tough week for you'll. It is advisable to take care of your health this week. Sudden developments will catch you offguard. Be very careful what you pay attention to this week as it may not be working for you in your best interest.



Capricorn
(Makar Raashi-kh j)

A stressful situation will keep you in a zone of deep contemplation. Towards the end of the week things will start moving on the job or career front. No a good week to make decisions. Stay grounded.



Gemini
(Mithun Raashi-k chh gha)

A good week to pursue happiness from relationships. For a lot of you marriage may be on the cards. Work wise new opportunities will arise or your past hard work will be paid off. Travel is also seen on the cards.



Libra
(Tula raashi-r t)

You look like you are fretting over petty issues. Try to relax. See the bright side in things. This week is also good to act upon your plans. Your creativity will be rewarded. Claim your personal power and have confidence to stand against all odds.



Aquarius
(Kumbha Raashi-g s sh)

Its not a good week. Stay tuned for a bumpy ride. Financial losses are seen, so be careful about your money. Do not commit to anyone – professionally or personally. You will end of making wrong decisions so just lay low this week.



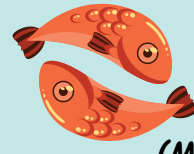
Cancer
(Karaka Raashi-dd h)

A new love or infatuation is seen. Within your work space stay determined and move forward and be prepared for new possibilities. You may be faced with certain choices that might confuse you. For this look towards your intuition.



Scorpio
(Vrishchik Raashi-n y)

Be careful of the decisions you make this week. Delays and unnecessary problems may crop up within your career. Struggle is seen this week in general. Best to wait this period out.



Pisces
(Meena Raashi-d ch z th)

Some kind of clarity and communication will be required to see success in projects. Besides that your week is very good. Energy and creativity is seen. A long awaited wish may manifest.



Fashion Tips

Smart shopping strategies.



Kash Pitha

"Don't you ever buy anything just because you love it?" I asked my friends over lunch. "Well, of course we do," came my friends' reply. My reply was " Now I know you're human like the rest of us." But I know for a fact that there have been several times I have 'loved' but not bought because I knew it would not work for me in some way or the other.

When you find an item of apparel or an accessory you're tempted to buy, stop and think. Don't just ask yourself "Do I like it?" There are several other factors to consider.

Buy what you need.

Before going shopping, plan ahead. Make a list of items you need to expand or replenish in your wardrobe. Be specific about the item, its style, color, fabric and the essential cost. If you have a shopping list it will help you keep on target, keep you from impulse buys that whittle away your budget and prevent you from getting sidetracked into other stores.

Make sure the list is not too long. You don't want to get yourself so tired that you buy something you don't need.

Do your homework.

A lot of stores now have their online stores. In order to get a preview of what's in the stores, go through their websites. This will reduce confusion we usually have because of the incredible selection of clothing and accessories to choose from.

Shop alone or with a friend.

Take a very good friend or a family member with you when you want a second opinion. Make sure it's not someone like my husband who's least interested in what I buy and gets restless. Make sure the person is someone who can stifle your impulse to buy, someone who understands your style, whose opinion you respect and someone who will not be a distraction. For longer shopping trips choose to be alone. Your time will be spent more efficiently.

Don't shop when you're tired, stressed, or depressed. Nothing will look right, your judgement will be impaired and you might settle for anything just so you can go home. Don't go shopping right after you've eaten or at the last minute or when you're rushed. You might end up buying something out of frustration and end up with an expensive mistake.

Wear appropriate clothes while shopping.

Don't look messy for any serious shopping. Wear make up, fix your hair and dress in something you like. If you wear something you dislike or are uncomfortable in, you will only be disgusted everytime you look in the mirror. Dress comfortable and attractive and you may even get better service. Wear the right lingerie and shoes. Heels weren't made for walking. Wear something that can slip on and off easily. Avoid lots of layers. A loose fitting skirt is great to try on pants or skirts under the skirt.

Avoid carrying a lot during shopping.

Don't weigh yourself down, but do carry a large shoulder bag or tote bag to hold your cash, cards, shopping list, measuring tape

or garments to color match. Make sure you carry a sheer scarf to cover your head and help keep make up off the merchandise and save the hair as well.

Accurately select merchandise

Check the color, quality and care of the items you pick and discard any that don't meet your standards. Make sure the garments fit your lifestyle, personal style, budget and your existing wardrobe.

If you make wise choices before you buy, your wardrobe will present you well wherever you go and whatever you do. Enjoy!

If you need a personal shopper, someone who can help you identify your wardrobe needs do get in touch with me.

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Transformationalist.



PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA CLARIFIES HIS OBJECTION TO EXTRA SERVICE CHARGES

The Editor,
Parsi Junction,
Mumbai.



Phiroze Amroliwalla

Dear Sir,
Over the last few years my wife and I have been subjected to a vilification campaign at the hands of trustee Kersi Randeria whose misdeeds and dictatorial and vindictive attitude was exposed by me.

I am reproducing our letter sent to the BPP today to clear the air. It was never our intention to deprive the BPP of their rightful and legally payable dues. It was the coercive method employed by one trustee to recover an unjustified and harsh increase of service charge; amounts which the residents were compelled to pay.

The Trustees,
Bombay Parsi Panchayat Funds & Properties,
D.N.Road, Fort,
MUMBAI 400 001.

Dear Madam/Sirs,
Re: Donation
Ever since the steep, unfair and unwarranted,

one size fits all, increase in service charges from the hitherto Rs.150 pm. to Rs.900/-pm was enforced from February 2017, my wife and I along with some others in the community had protested this levy which amounted to an illegal increase in rent. Whenever we and others offered to pay rents and other legally permitted and payable dues the BPP in order to recover this levy refused to accept rents etc. from all those who refused to pay the increased service charges. So that we were not in arrears of legally payable dues because of this highhanded attitude, which to our mind was mainly attributable to the adamant manner of a single trustee, we were compelled to periodically send our cheques to your office which too were not encashed for reasons best known to you.

We are happy that from September 2020, your Board, by a majority, decided to stop collecting these increased service charges. Even thereafter our cheques remained uncashed. It was only in mid-January 2021, that our rents along with the other permitted charges were finally accepted, though by cash.

Because of this and as a gesture of goodwill my wife Aban and I are enclosing our cheque no. 229403 dated January 29, 2021 for

Rs.30,000/- as a humble donation to your Trust. This donation is in addition to our contribution of Rs.20,000/- towards improving Security at Khan Estate.

We do accept that the BPP does need funds for spending on various issues but it was only the coercive method which was unacceptable to us and perhaps some others too! We will always be happy to voluntarily contribute in our own humble way towards any deserving and justified cause. We also hope that others will be encouraged to voluntarily donate to the BPP.

We end with the hope that in future the trustees would take the community into confidence before ruthlessly enforcing draconian measures. It is incumbent that the trustees act in the interest of both the Trust and the Beneficiaries for whom our forefathers created these trusts!

With Best Wishes

Yours sincerely,

ABAN AMROLIWALLA

PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA

Heaven is a Place on Earth



Ruby B. Aderbad

The path dotted with flags leads to McMahon Line at Bumla Pass in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh. For a moment I thought that the clouds had come down to meet us, but ended up giving us a glimpse of what nature really is. The weather here is fickle and can change from calm to stormy in a matter of minutes.

Photography



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.



Singing helps me to.....



Music matters!

Listening to music and learning music at any age is beneficial and can result in many positive changes. However, experts believe that maximum benefits are attained when musical training begins at a young age since both sides of the brain are stimulated.

Singing is the most natural form of expressing ourselves musically. When it is methodically taught to children by trained experts, it activates the ability of the body's internal rhythms to synchronize with external beats, making them calmer and more focused. Apart from this, singing helps to accelerate brain development in young children, particularly in the areas responsible for auditory skills, speech and language development, mathematical and reading skills. It also allows children to be more empathetic human beings, bringing joy to themselves and others through emoting and expressing stories and feelings through songs.

The online group singing class for children will introduce a variety of musical concepts in a fun and engaging manner. Students will learn to develop their listening skills, move to different styles of music, hear and identify sounds of different instruments, beat the pulse and sing to the rhythm, pitch notes correctly, sing simple melodies and songs.

Singing Classes for Children



Group online lessons on Zoom

Weekly classes every Saturday

February 06 to March 27, 2021.

Batch 1- 4-6years @ 10am (FULL)

Batch 2- 4-6years @ 11.30am

Batch 3- 7-9 years @ 3pm

Batch 4- 10-12 years @ 4.15pm

Max 7 in a class.

Classes conducted by

Farah Ghadiali

MMus, PGAD, (Trinity Laban, London)

LTCL (Trinity College, London)

Mozarteum Sommerakademie (Salzburg, Austria)

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બિચારો ગરીબ

કડવી છે આં હકિકત, સાચેજ આં દુનિયા
માં, કોઈ નથી બિચારા ગરીબનું

પુરસી, સત્તાના મોહમાં, પૈસાની હોડ માં,
કોણ જુવે છે ભલુ, બિચારા એક
ગરીબનું

નથી પ્રધાનોને પડી, ન ટ્રસ્ટીઓને, ન
અધિકારીઓને છે, એની કદર સાચી

એમને લીધે તો ગરીબ પ્રજા છે વોટ બેંક
માટે સર્જાઈ, આં છે હકિકત સાચી

બિચારી એ પ્રજા કચડાઈ, છુંદાઈ અને
વોટો માંગવા માટે હમેશાં છે ચર્ચાઈ;

એને અભણ રાખી, ગરીબ રાખી, એની
ગરીબી વોટ માટે હમેશાં છે વપરાઈ

Armin Dutia Motashaw

થોડા પૈસા ફેંકવા ને બદલે, જો શિખવિયો
હતે એમને, કોઈ વ્યવસાય;

વ્યાજબી શિક્ષણ આપતે એમને, તો જ થતે
એમને, એક સાચી સહાય.

વર્ણ કે ભાગલા પાડવાથી નથી થયું, ન થશે
કોઈનું બી ભલું, એ જાણીયે છીએ બધા

આમ બી, આજે પારસીઓ તો થઈ ગયા છે
અર્ધા; તો બી લડ ઝગડ કરે છે બધા.

જો એક્ત્તા રાખી કરીયે ગરીબનું, કોમનું,
સમાજનું, દેશનું ભલું, તો રાજી થશે ભગવાન

અને ઓ નેતાઓ, ઉધિયોગપતિઓ,
સેથીયાઓ, તમારુ જ વધશે માન સનમાન.

Patience vs Struggle

Life is not handed

On a silver platter

Not even for

Asho Zarathushtra

To achieve His goal

He had to shed blood

Sweat tears to gain

Acceptance from

His Creator.

Patience sometimes

Does wear thin

Like a frayed used thread

Just about to snap

But like Asho Zarathushtra

Who never gave up

Determined to continue

His mission instead

Life too is a constant struggle

With it's twist and turns

As we walk along the way

It's very difficult

To stay the course

Which we are

Supposed to follow?

Lastly:

"We all make mistakes,

Have struggles and

Even regret things on our past

But you are not your mistakes,

You are not your struggles,

And you are now with the power

To shape your day and your

Future"

Steve Maraboli