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WILL THE OSTRICHES TAKE THEIR EYES OUT OF THE SAND AND FACE TODAY'S REALITY MORE PARSIS MARRY OUT, THAN IN



BERJIS DESAI

The last Parsiana issue of 21st February 2021 has very telling figures of Parsi Marriages compared to Intermarrieds for the year 2020 just gone by for our city of Mumbai. We reproduce the full article herein below that in 2020 for the first time ever, there were more INTERMARRIED than the count of pure Parsi marriages. This is today's reality and one has to address it at the earliest.

since Berjis Desai has agreed with us that he will tackle this problem on Priority basis the community has to seriously give him a chance to come up with an out of the Box thinking being a brilliant lawyer that Berjis is. We are quite convinced that given a free hand and full cooperation of his colleague Trustees he will deliver the goods and help our community to survive with our head held high.

We reproduce below the Parsiana article as we are sure that the ultra orthodox, the TZML OR THE PIPZ or whatever they call themselves would shun Parsiana like the plague and we are republishing this article for them to see the writing on the wall. So here goes:

The only way out seems to be to give all kinds of Incentives to Parsi marriages and disincentives to Intermarried Parsis. We are sure that

Bombay: The Telling Figures for 2020

More Parsis marry out, than in

In 2020, for the first time ever, the percentage of interfaith marriages in Bombay exceeded the count of Parsi marriages. There were 42 Parsi to Parsi marriages (49%) as versus 43 Parsi to non-Parsi marriages (51%). In 2019 the interfaith marriage percent was 45%. 2020 is an exceptional year due to the pandemic and the restrictions enforced on social gatherings. Plus some Parsis view a leap year as an inauspicious time to get married.

Those marrying non-Parsis probably being of a more unconventional nature may not be so bound by this superstition. But in the preceding leap year, 2016, of the 166 marriages, 103 were Parsi and 63 interfaith.

The interfaith marriage percentages have been steadily increasing since 1987 when Parsiana first started listing marriage data obtained from the Bombay High Court (for Parsi marriages) and the Registrar of

Marriages (for interfaith data). The interfaith marriage percentage for 1988, 32 years ago was 14%. On an average the increase works out to 1.59% a year.

Twenty-four males and 19 females opted for non-Parsi spouses in 2020 which means more men (56%) married non-Parsis as compared to females (44%). The number of Parsi marriages in 2020 declined to 42 from 123 in 2019 and interfaith marriages from 99 in 2019 to 43 in 2020.

The average age of brides increased from 32 years in 2019 to 33 in 2020. For grooms, the average age increased from 34 to 36 years. The youngest bride was 23 years, and the eldest, 53. The youngest groom was 26 years and the eldest, 58 years.

January saw the highest number of community marriages, 19, and interfaith marriages, eight, with February showing the next highest count of 14 community and eight interfaith marriages. There was not a

single Parsi or interfaith marriage registered in the months of April, July and August.

The number of deaths increased to 841 in 2020 from 775 in 2019, with 721 (86%) deceased consigned to the dakhmas and 120 (14%) cremated. Covid corpses per se have to be cremated or buried as per law.

The average age at death reduced from 83 in 2019 to 80 in 2020, the youngest to die being a four-year-old girl, and the eldest, two 103-year-old females. The community lost six centenarians and 133 nonagenarians who constituted 17 percent of the deceased in 2020.

For the data on births, Parsiana is primarily dependent on the Breach Candy Hospital and a few families who intimate us along with documentary proof. Parsi birth figures compiled by the Bombay Municipal Corporation are reportedly given to The Chief Registrar of Births and Deaths and the Director General of Health Services,

Maharashtra. Parsiana has been unable to access the data from either.

As per the limited information available with Parsiana, there were 74 births in 2020 as compared to 86 in the previous year, a decline of 12. There were 42 boys and 32 girls born in 2020 as compared to 37 boys and 49 girls in 2019.

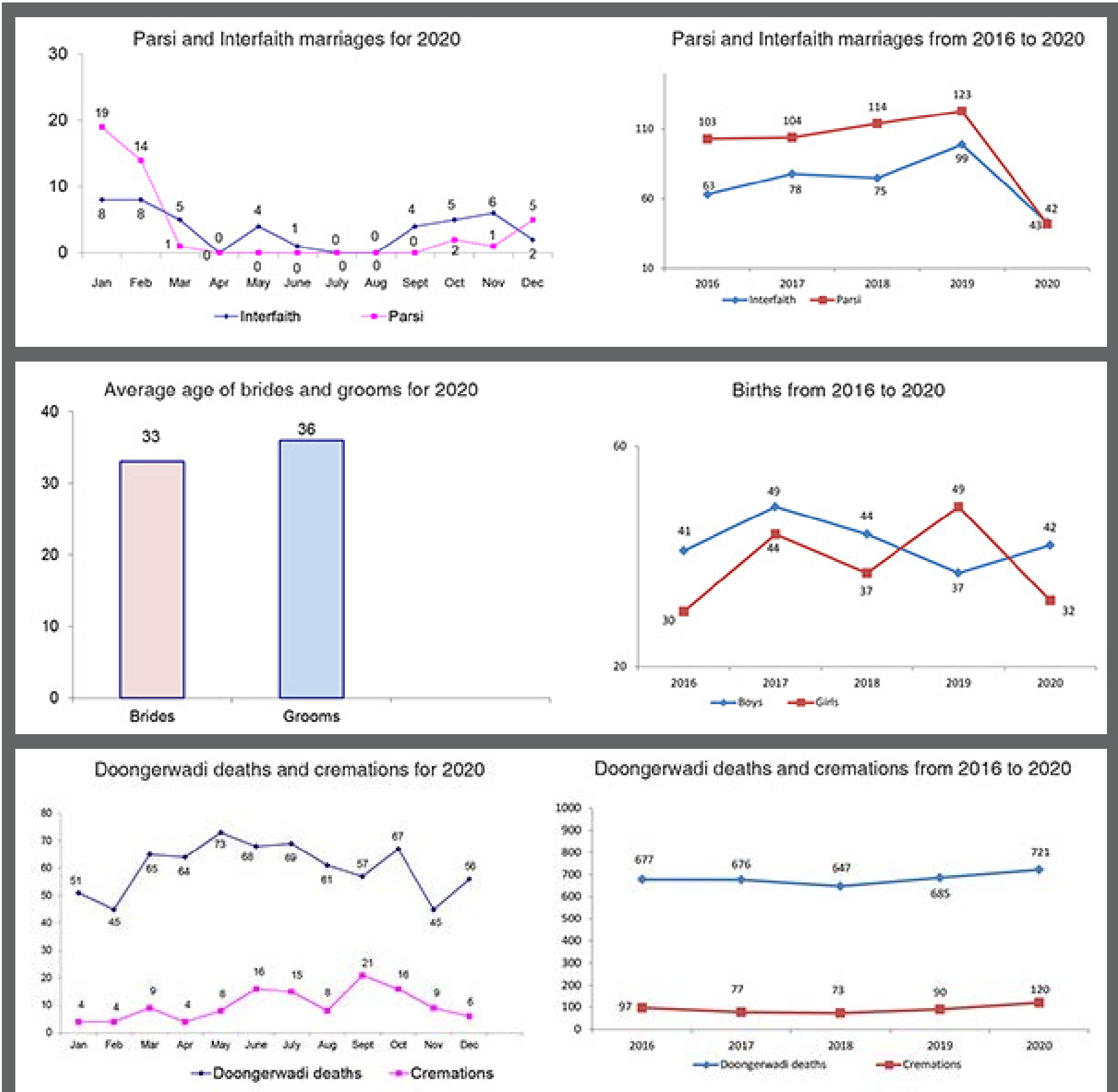
The data on those consigned at Doongerwadi

is provided by the Bombay Parsi Panchayet and for those cremated by the Worli Prayer Hall Trust.

Given below are the 2020 demographic details on the Zoroastrian community residing in Bombay, based on information available with Parsiana:

Births (limited information; only those listed in Parsiana): 74
Boys: 42 Girls: 32

Marriages: 85
Parsi: 42 Intercommunity: 43
Males married out: 26
Females married out: 17
Deaths: 841
Consigned to dakhmas: 721
Males: 321 Females: 400
Cremated: 120
Males: 75 Females: 45





PUBLIC NOTICE



The BPP N.N & R.N Wadia Baugs are in possession of a **4 Rooms+ Kitchen flat** admeasuring **about 1,450 Square Feet Carpet area on the Ground Floor, being Flat No 2, Building No. 9 in Rustom Baug, Byculla** 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 .(Kindly contact Neville House for Base Price)

Those interested are requested to contact the Custodian at Rustom Baug (Contact No **022 23 750422** or (M: **9820723002** or **98203 89356**) 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 **Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 6.00 p.m.**, and submit their proposal in a sealed envelope @ Neville House (Tel: **22821906/22618071** or (M) **9833964746**, 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 (**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 (**Wednesday on 10th March, 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 basis on 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 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.

By the order of
BPP Trustees

P. N. Siganporia
SECRETARY



TRUSTEES STOP CAMPAIGNING FOR ELECTION 2021.

Last week the Trustees had given permission to all candidates to canvass and hold election meetings in all its Colonies and Baugs in conjunction with each colony's Welfare Association. In fact some meetings had already been held especially Anahita Desai, the foremost candidate in this election due to the huge sympathy factor evoked in her favour due to the stroke and subsequent resignation of her husband Yazdi Desai from both his Chairmanship and Trusteeship of BPP.

However looking at the current Covid situation, the Trustees have now decided to forthwith stop all canvassing and holding Election meetings in any of its Colonies till situation stabilises and decided to inform all the candidates by an email requesting them not to carry out any campaigning and election meetings and activities till further notice.

Trustees Mr. Viraf Mehta and Mr. Xerxes Dastur suggested postponing the Election for sometime with a suggestion that at a later date the elections could be held with the same nomination already received and announced in the Parsi Press of 21st February 2021.

Mr. Dastur stated that as it is the voter's attendance is low and in the present situation it will be still less. Mr. Dastur further argued that he is for postponing the elections for atleast two months. God forbid if someone is infected who would be responsible.

However Mr. Randeria was against any postponement probably because he had been side lined and made ineffective to get anything done the way he wanted and hence in his usual cunning way informed the others not to hurry in this matter and wait till further notification is received from the Government authorities.

Mr. Dadrawala as usual parroted Randeria and suggested to restrict ourselves at present and advised that the matter could be reviewed again next week after fresh Government directions are received.

Mr. Dastur was specific that in these pandemic times specific permissions from the authorities would be necessary for conducting the Elections in this current situation and desired to move the authorities to seek such guidelines to hold elections. But once again Randeria poured cold water to this sensible advice and informed that if required we will go through it and obtain the same.

If NO election meetings or campaigning are now to be allowed, THEN THE OTHER CANDIDATES ARE BOUND TO SUFFER DUE TO THE LATE START OF THEIR CAMPAIGNING.

THE CUSROW BAUG UNITED SPORTS & WELFARE LEAGUE
(Estd. 1946)

Sir Cusrow Wadia Pavilion,
Cusrow Baug,
Shahid Bhagatsingh Road,
Mumbai 400 001



Dated 24th February 2021

To,

Mr. Aspi F. Sarkari
Chief Executive Officer
Funds & Properties of the Parsi Panchayat Bombay
209, Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji Road,
Fort, Mumbai 400 001.

Ref: Your letter CEO/ELEC/230 dated 17th February, 2021.

Respected Sir,

Please refer to your aforementioned letter. Your request to keep the Sir Cusrow Wadia Pavilion (including Badminton Court) free for the usage of the BPP elections to be held on 14th March 2021 has been noted.

As you may know, due to sudden increase in COVID-19 cases, the Government of Maharashtra has issued fresh guidelines which prohibits Political, Religious & Social gatherings. Any violation of the Government rules will lead to legal action against organizers and concerned management of the premises.

Past experience has shown that at any given time there are nearly 200 to 300 people around voting stations. In addition to these, there are a large number of volunteers, candidate representatives and staff conducting the elections.

In the current situation, it is to inform you that the Managing Committee of the CBUSWL does not have permission from the relevant authorities to conduct an event on such a large scale at the Cusrow Baug Pavilion premises.

However, since the Parsi Panchayat are the organizers of the event, we presume that all the necessary permissions will be acquired by you from the concerned Government Authorities to conduct the BPP Trustees Election at the said Cusrow Baug Pavilion. The Managing Committee of the CBUSWL will not be liable in any manner in case of any issues in this regard, which please confirm.

Further, we would like to draw your attention to the rapidly rising cases of COVID19 in the Colaba area, some of which has been covered in the recent news as well. Given the scale of the event, we feel compelled to express our serious concerns for the safety of over 2000 residents of our colony, many of whom are senior citizens.

We request you to please inform us about the safety precautions that will be put into place to safeguard the well-being of our tenants and to also reassure them in these difficult and stressful times.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

(Aspi F. Pardiwala)
President
CBUSWL

Copy to:

1. The Secretary,
N.N. & R. N. Wadia Baugs,
Neville House, Ballard Estate,
Mumbai 400 001.

VOTE FOR ADIL D IRANI



ADIL DINSHAW IRANI

I am **ADIL DINSHAW IRANI** standing for **Bombay Parsi Panchayat Trustees Election** to be held on **March 14, 2021**. My mother Late Mini D Daruwala married my father Dinshaw R Irani.

I am a result-oriented man who will work for the **welfare** and **betterment** of our Zoroastrian community. I have put in 32 years of service with **Air India**. I am a life member of Parsi Gymkhana, WZCC, WZO, and also a member of WAPIZ. I had secured maximum number of votes at the Anjuman Committee Elections held in the year 1992.

I do freelancing as a Financial Advisor attached with Life Insurance, Health Insurance, HDFC & various Company Deposits and Mutual funds.

Social service- I attend to Parsi senior citizens helping them with banking, medical issues and needs (procuring doctor's appointment), taking them to their doctors and procuring medicines for them), changes in investment portfolio and ancillary day to day help.

Trusteeship would give me a platform to:

- Protect our **Doongerwadi** land and **Dokhmenashin** our ritual for disposal of dead. I am devoted to the Traditions and Customs of our Zoroastrian religion.
- Upliftment of Mobeds (**Dasturjis**) and availability of Mobeds (**Dasturjis**) at Doongerwadi and all Agiaries all the time. Respect to Priests is of prime importance. Start Dharma gyan classes in all Colonies.
- Protect sanctity of **Udvada Iranshah** and all **Atashbehrams** and **Agiaries** of Mumbai. Also, protect agiaries and Parsi Dharamshalas throughout India with the help and support of respective Zoroastrian Associations of India.

- Will work to arrest our **declining population** by preventing the exodus of young boys and girls marrying outside our community. To achieve that will set up community marriage committee in each of the Parsi colony and baugs.
- **Allot houses and accommodate** Parsi families living beyond Goregaon viz Borivali, Vasai, Virar, in the various colonies and Baugs from South Mumbai to Goregaon.
- **Housing Allotment Merit Rating Scheme: We have a priceless gift- Housing for our community from our benefactors. As a Trustee I will build upon this gift.** To be married couples, will be given top most priority, family with more than 4 members will also be given priority. Will ensure that **leave and license** agreements are converted into **tenancy agreements**.
- Secure **Minority Status** for our community which will provide employment opportunity to our younger generation for **government jobs**. I will also guide the youth of our community to opt for **government service**. Provide funds to younger generation who wish to pursue higher professional education.
- **Women Empowerment** and **Professionalism** must be acknowledged in today's times. Gender equality at workplace is my priority.
- I would **devote** proper time from Monday to Friday to attend to the affairs of the BPP and also **visit** every colony, baug and **dhanbai wadi** once in a month to solve the resident's grievances, complaints and problems.
- **The Trust and its Properties belong to its Beneficiaries and no one else but its Beneficiaries.** Allot Trust flats to needy Zoroastrian families on Tenancy agreement.

ALL Voters can count on me as a **Candidate of Their Choice** who has got the time, patience and dedication to attend and solve all your problems for the next 7 years. I would be honoured if the community chooses to vote for me.

Election on March 14, 2021 at the following 5 centres: (10 am to 6pm).

Please remember to bring the election certificate for voting.

1. Cusrow Baug, Colaba
2. Khareghat Colony, Hughes Rd
3. Dadar Parsee Gymkhana
4. Rustom Baug Byculla
5. Bharucha Baug Andheri (West)

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME ON 9820319423 FOR ANY QUERY REGARDING ELECTION.



COMPLAINT FROM TEHMTAN DUMASIA AGAINST PARSİ TIMES



Tehmtan Dumasia

To,

The Editor,
Parsi Junction.

I, the undersigned, Tehmtan Dumasia am an independent candidate contesting for the elections of the BPP in March of 2021.

I recently approached the Parsi Times requesting to print my manifesto like any other candidate, I was told immediately that the cost for that should be around 40,000.

Appalled but still humbly I requested if I could be given a chance to give the same interview kind of question and answer like the other two candidates. Again I was told that those too, were paid advertisements each of the same amount of 40,000. Hence since your paper claims to be transparent I considered asking you as well, if I could give my information and details to the community through you,

I don't know who sets the price for what a candidate should pay but it would be a fair election practice for any candidate for any election of these sorts to atleast have the same platform to communicate.



TEHMTAN JAMSHEDJI DUMASIA (CANDIDATE NO. 7)

**INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE
NOT AFFILIATED TO ANY
PAST OR PRESENT TRUSTEE**

GENUINE

SINCERE

HARDWORKING

SELF MOTIVATED

Please feel free to call me on



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for any queries. I offer my number so that my community brethren are free to call me anytime. For any clarifications or any help I can provide.

WHY YOU NEED TO VOTE FOR ME IN THE BPP ELECTIONS?

**A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN HAVING RUN HIS
ENTREPRENEURSHIP OVER A WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES**

- ALWAYS APPROACHABLE 24/7 TO HELP AND LISTEN TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS PROBLEMS.
- CARE FOR ABANDONED SENIOR CITIZENS.
- HELP YOUNG UNMARRIED (ENGAGED/MARRIED WHO ARE LONG WAITING THEIR TURN IN THE HOUSING LIST.
- HELP ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD PARSIS FINANCIALLY OR MEDICALLY WHENEVER REQUIRED).
- DIGITIZATION OF ALL RECORDS RELATED TO MEDICAL, HOUSING, FINANCE AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS WITH A UNIQUE RATION/FINANCIAL CLAIMS AND HOUSING REQUEST.
- CARD/NUMBER FOR EACH PARSİ CITIZEN. IT WILL HELP IN MAINTAINING CENSUS, KEEPING TRACK OF FRAUDULENT MEDICAL.
- A WEBSITE / PORTAL PROVIDING AN APP BASED TRACKING FOR REQUESTS RELATED TO HOUSING, MEDICAL FINANCIAL STATUS REAL TIME.
- SINGLE MATRIMONIAL WEBSITE FOR YOUNG COUPLES TO ENCOURAGE EARLY MARRIAGE AND START A FAMILY.
- TO TAKE A CONCERNED VIEW ABOUT OUR RELIGIOUS TENETS, INCLUDING OUR SACRED DOONGERWADI LANDS.
- ENCOURAGE THE YOUNGSTERS OF OUR COMMUNITY TO TAKE A LEAD IN ACADEMICS, SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND HELP THEM WITH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, SPONSORSHIPS.
- TO GIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE POOR AND NEEDY IN OUR COMMUNITY.
- TO SET UP A CRECHE IN ALL BAUGS TO ENABLE THE YOUNG COUPLES TO PLAN A FAMILY AND NOT WORRY ABOUT THE UPBRINGING OF THE CHILDREN.
- I PROMISE TO GIVE REGULAR UPDATES ON THESE IF ELECTED SO AS TO NOT MISLEAD PEOPLE ON WHAT WAS PROMISED.
- I OFFER MY NUMBERS SO THAT MY COMMUNITY BRETHREN ARE FREE TO CALL ME ANY TIME. FOR ANY CLARIFICATIONS OR ANY HELP I CAN PROVIDE.

**I STAND
INDEPENDENT
YOU CAN
DEPEND
ON ME**

Hoping you take my request into consideration.

Thank you,
Tehmtan Dumasia



Farhanaz Irani

Mobile :
81082 95111

Candidate for BPP Trusteeship - Miss Farhanaz Polad Irani

60 years old- 38 plus years of experience in the corporate world in administrative management.

Kindly **VOTE** for me. I am single, retired and have no selfish obligations but only the intent to serve the community and succeed.

I will be your **VOICE**. I will listen, understand and speak your concerns. I will try harder, collaborate with stakeholders, be innovative and all along hold ethics and integrity to the highest standards. One way or the other we will find a way out and deliver solutions.

We will not ignore or drag issues when brought on the table. Will encourage partnerships and work with the community to keep progressing towards a better quality of life for all.

TO EVERY PARSI

Young parents, grandparents n relatives, listen to this please.

Before we destroy ourselves, awaken ourselves let us please.

Inculcate Parsipanu n educate let us, ourselves n our children
please

Time, running out is, we need to increase our speed, please.

Let each one of us a dedicated RATHER STAR BE, please.

Let us survive and prosper; not give up n seize.

Armin Dutia Motashaw



"Raising a Toast, to our Brethren at the Bar!"

Last week, elections were held for the Standing Committee of the Bombay Bar Association (BBA), the oldest Bar Association of the Country. Although the election of this Association of Lawyers is normally an uneventful affair, the culmination of this year's election, held on 17th and 18th February 2021 was a particularly proud moment for our community. The election saw an unprecedented five members of our community being elected on the twenty member strong Standing Committee of the BBA, with four out of the five being first timers.

Led by the immensely experienced and redoubtable Senior Advocate Jimmy

Pochkhanawala, younger members Naushad Engineer, Farhan Dubash, Firoz Bharucha and Kainaz Irani have indeed made our community proud.

Fed up of the recent crab like mentality that has befallen our community in recent times where the order of the day seems to be to run down and denigrate all and sundry who tries to climb up the ladder, the performance of our budding advocates is like a vreath of fresh air. After a long time something to make our community proud of our community brethren!

Their victory is even sweeter, given the fact

that this year a record 47 nominations were received for the post of 20 candidates. Held over two days for the first time on account of the Covid-19 pandemic, the election also saw a huge voter turnout given the circumstances, with over 1000 votes being cast. We wish each and every one of them all the very best as they embark on this journey and hope that they scale newer heights as they continue through their professional journeys.

Parsi Junction would like to take this opportunity to introduce the members of the bar, to the community.

WELL DONE, PARSİ ADVOCATES!

Jimmy Pochkhanawala



Mr. Jimmy Pochkhanawala was educated at St. Xavier's High School and St. Xavier's College Bombay where he completed his B. A. (Hons). He

earned his LL.B. degree from Government Law College Mumbai and was called to the Bar in 1973, enrolled with the Bar Council of Maharashtra as it then was. Mr. Pochkhanawala deviled under Mr. Burjor H. Antia, Solicitor and Advocate at the law firm of Mulla & Mulla And Craigie Blunt and Caroe. **He candidly claims that "Mr. Antia is my true Guru".**

He was selected out of several hundred candidates as a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholar at the prestigious Columbia University in New York USA where he earned his Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree. On his return to India he joined the law firm of Crawford Bayley & Co. as an Associate with Senior Partner Mr. Dadi B. Engineer.

Mr. Pochkhanawala started counsel practice in 1982 in the Chambers of Senior Advocate Rafiq Dada. He

was appointed to the Senior Panel of Advocates of both, the Union of India, the State of Maharashtra and Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation. Mr. Pochkhanawala commanded a large practice in the field of Indirect Taxation. This enabled him to argue cases both in the Bombay High Court as well as before other State High Courts and the Supreme Court of India.

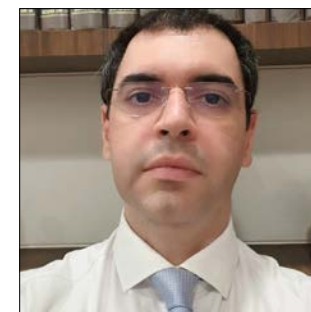
Within nine years of active practice at the High Court, in 1991, Mr. Pochkhanawala was designated as a Senior Advocate by the Bombay High Court where he continues to practice on the Original Side in Civil suits, writs, Municipal and Indirect Tax matters. During the recently held elections for the Standing Committee of the Bombay Bar Association Mr. Jimmy Pochkhanawala was elected as one of the members of this Committee.

With this win, Mr. Pochkhanawala has achieved a record. At the conclusion of the present 3 year term of the Standing Committee, Mr. Pochkhanawala will have served as a member of the Standing Committee for 40 straight years from 1984 onwards. Today he is the senior most member on the Standing Committee.

Mr. Pochkhanawala is particularly elated that in these elections as many as 5 Parsi Zoroastrians have been chosen by the Bar to serve on the Standing Committee which is a feat in itself. We constitute 25% of the Standing Committee, he proudly claims.

Mr. Pochkhanawala is also a Company Director and Trustee as well as a Public Speaker and active Rotarian. From 1968 till around 1998 he was the Western Classical Music Critic of the Indian Express Group of Newspapers. He recently relinquished office as President of The Club, Mahabaleshwar.

Naushad Engineer



Grandson of renowned labour lawyer, Mr. Manek Gagrath, Naushad joined the law firm Desai & Divanji as a student intern in the year 1998. He signed his articles

of clerkship under Solicitor Mr. Ruzbeh Mistry and became a law graduate in the year 1999. Mid-way through his articleship, he realised that what really interested him in the profession was Counsel Practice.

In the year 2000 he joined the chambers of Mr. Jamshed Cama, Senior Advocate and was with him as his junior until 2005. He set out to practice independently in the year 2005 and hasn't looked back since. He has built a wide practise through sheer hard work and often appears in matters on both; the Original and Appellate side of the Bombay High Court.

Apart from being a counsel of repute, Naushad is also the preferred choice of mediator for many a litigant. His soft spoken manners and affable nature have often led parties to agreeing to put aside their differences and settle their disputes. Naushad is also a Trustee at the J N Petit Institute.

Farhan Dubash



Born and brought up in Dadar Parsi Colony, Farhan joined the law firm Mulla & Mulla as a student intern in the year 1997. He signed his articles of clerkship under Solicitor Mr. Yezdi P. Dandiwala and graduated in the year 2000. Farhan himself is also a solicitor from England and Wales.

Farhan is a 1st Generation lawyer and in 2002 he decided to join counsel practise. He joined the chambers of Mr. Fredun De Vitre, Senior Advocate with whom he spent a few years and has been practising independently since over 10 years. Popular amongst his peers, Farhan also often appears in matters on both; the Original and Appellate side of the Bombay High Court. He also has a thriving arbitration practise and his friendly disposition often results in parties

agreeing to him being the arbitrator to their disputes.

Firoz Bharucha



Born and brought up in Malcolm Baug, Firoz joined the law firm Mulla & Mulla as a student intern in the year 2004 under Mr. Hoshang Nanavati, until graduating in the 2007. Immediately upon graduation, Firoz fulfilled his life-long dream of following his uncle, Senior Advocate Mr. Edul . P. Bharucha's footsteps, whose chamber he joined in the year 2007, as his junior.

Firoz appears in matters on both; the Original and Appellate side of the Bombay High Court and has a solid arbitration practise, apart from appearing even in some criminal matters. His tenacious personality has led to him appearing in several matters involving the Parsi community and he also successfully argued matters for sitting BPP Trustee Mr. Xerxes Dastur, when Xerxes was constrained to approach the Bombay High Court more than once, in the lead up to his election.

Firoz has also represented the then minority trustees in the matter between Bombay Parsi Punchayet and Aderbad Cooperative Housing Society Ltd. The minority trustees had filed an intervention Application to secure the interest of the Punchayet. In that matter, he successfully protected the interest of the BPP by getting the court to not accept the Consent Terms sought to be filed by the then majority Trustees with Aderbad Society and dispose of the matter. **Based**

on arguments advanced by him, the court referred the Consent Terms to the office of the Charity Commissioner, so as to ensure that the BPP's interest is not jeopardized in any manner.

Kainaz Irani



Ms. Kainaz Irani has done her law from Jitendra Chauhan College of Law, Mumbai. She started her practice from the Chambers of Mr. Jai Chinai,

Senior Advocate and thereafter, till date, continues her practice from the Chambers of Ms. Sonal. Ms. Irani is a practicing advocate for more than 11 years. Her area of practise is civil litigation and arbitration.

Apart from the Bombay High Court, she also appears before various Tribunals and subordinate courts in Mumbai. She has been appointed as an Arbitrator and Court Commissioner for recording evidence by the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay in several matters.

She has also been appointed as Amicus Curiae in a few matters by the Hon'ble Bombay High Court. As a person interested in public causes, she has appeared in a Public Interest Litigation relating to protection of trees in Mumbai city. Ms. Irani is a young budding lawyer whose motive is to practice the profession in its true spirit. Her desire is that the lawyer's profession should regain recognition and respect as a noble profession by common people. Her dream is to reach out to the society at large and to ensure that justice is done to one and all.

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CORRECTIONS TO PROFESSION OF CANDIDATES PUBLISHED IN PARSI JUNCTION OF 21-2-2021

Against the name of Miss Farhanaz Irani, Parsi Junction had shown her profession as 'Unknown'.

She has now clarified that in the Nomination Form she has filled her Profession as 'Home maker'.

Under the circumstances and clarification by Farhanaz Irani Parsi Junction apologizes to her and requests the community to treat her profession as 'Home Maker'.



A few stray thoughts and a few general observations for the month ending on 28-2-2021!



Phiroze Amroliwalla

Dear Sir,

We Indians had just begun to come out of the long lockdown and were getting back to resume our normal lives including the announcement of elections to four large states and one Union territory when the Virus started to flex its muscles.

The National Press was readying its pages for their "Dance Of Democracy" with interviews profiles, past performances, and results. I wonder if given the present national scenario it would be more appropriate to rename such pages as "Rape of Democracy"! Such a title would be more appropriate!.

Closer home in our community too, the BPP announced elections for two seats vacated by trustees on the board resulting in a situation that reminds me of the famous quote from Shakespeare's Hamlet: "To be or not to be", which was

the dilemma faced by Prince Hamlet!

Today our lady Chairperson of the BPP faces a similar situation: To hold or not to hold elections for the two vacancies for trustees? Hold and be damned or not hold and still be damned! Should we say it is a true test of her tenacity and determination?

Let us discuss the pros and cons.

The question may not have arisen in the first place had the two Desai's been acceptable to the community without them having to face the electorate. But given the history of elections for BPP trusteeship, even a kindhearted noble and helpful gentleman, perhaps the last of "Sethias" in the truest sense, Mr. Jamshedji Guzder had to face an election. The result was foregone that he would win hands down.

The undersigned feels that going by their track record both the Desais have in their kitty something worthwhile to contribute to the welfare of the community. Berjis Desai would bring with him his legal and corporate expertise while Anahita her social and grassroots knowledge. On the face of it, both these are relevant and important for the community.

But alas that was not to be! As one who had in hindsight rightly or wrongly advocated Adult Franchise I do agree with those who feel in a democracy it is only fair that elections are held. But as

discussed in a petition signed by this writer too, are we prepared to hold these under the present circumstances?

The question is now complicated further with the disqualification of a qualified lady who has been disqualified for not having a qualified proposer. Apologies for the multiple intended uses of the word 'Qualified'!

Readers will perhaps be aware of the exchange of several WhatsApp messages on this issue. Surprisingly, a candidate who had earlier been proposed by the same proposer in 2015 did not result in a disqualification, but this time the lady candidate was not so lucky as I understand this very candidate who was proposed earlier in 2015 is the one who has objected now!

I have just been informed that the disqualified lady has now approached the High Court for relief and reinstatement of her candidacy. This will allow the warring parties to represent their respective viewpoints. Her Originating summons is proposed to be heard on Monday 1st March 2021 in the Court of His Honor Justice Menon at Serial No. 32 and by lunchtime the community will know whether she has been allowed to contest subject to the outcome of her Originating Summons.

Till then the community has to wait and watch!

Phiroze Amroliwalla



Statistics of funeral ceremonies conducted at prayer hall, worli, Since its inception on 7th september 2015 upto 20th February 2021.

At our request we have received details of obsequies performed at prayer hall from 07-09-2015 till 20-02-2021 which coincidentally numbered exactly 500 in all over the 65 months the prayer hall has been in operation, which means an average of less than 8 bodies per month and hence it is less than 10% who prefer cremation while still 90% of our community prefer to be consigned at Doongerwadi under dokhmenashini, which is a heartening finding from the statistics provided to us.

Abiding by the confidentiality clause of the family members of those consigned at the prayer hall, we had total 33 bodies cremated in 2015 after inauguration of the prayer hall and commencement on 7th september 2015, then 97 bodies were cremated in 2016, 77 in 2017, 73 in 2018, 90 in 2019, 116 in 2020 and just 14 in 2021 upto 20th february 2021.

It is worth mentioning that of the 116 bodies cremated in 2020-21 as many as 48 bodies were covid infected and were compulsorily cremated as per BMC guidelines, much to the chagrin of their family members who wanted them to be consigned at Doongerwadi. Whilst the high priests had conveyed to the community sometime in june-july 2020 that they would obtain expert views and proof that covid cannot be transmitted through dead bodies so that our covid infected dead could also be consigned at Doongerwadi under Dokhmenashini, unfortunately the high priests seem to be so busy in their professional activities that the promised literature and expert proof that covid cannot be transmitted through dead bodies has not been sent to the BPP trustees who are therefore unable to move the statutory authorities and/or the high courts to

allow covid infected dead the benefit of Dokhmenashini.

At least the family of the covid infected dead can take solace that as many as 34 dead had their four days prayers performed at the prayer hall and even out of the 14 who only had their paidust performed at the prayer hall managed to have the four days prayers performed at their respective agiaries. Further it was heartening to find from the statistics provided that out of 48 covid infected dead only 3 were less than 60 years of age whilst all the other 45 were over 60 with most being in the range of 75 to 95 years with one at 101.

We give below the attached yearwise details of funerals at prayer hall from inception till 20-2-2021 and for the year 2020-21 we have inserted **covid infected dead in red** as under

PRAYER HALL AT WORLI, MUMBAI								
A) YEAR WISE TOTAL OF FUNERALS							B) TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNERALS-AS ON 31/08/2020	
YEAR / MONTH	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	
								1) FULL 4 DAYS PRAYERS
JANUARY	--	6	6	5	8	4	8	. 2015
							1	. 2016
FEBRUARY	--	10	6	5	5	4	6	. 2017
							2	. 2018
MARCH	--	10	12	7	8	9		. 2019
								. 2020
APRIL	--	3	5	4	5	4		. 2021
						1		. TOTAL (1)
MAY	--	10	7	7	5	7		2) PAIDAST ONLY
						NIL		. 2015
JUNE	--	10	9	4	15	15		. 2016
						7		. 2017
JULY	--	5	3	4	5	15		. 2018
						5		. 2019
AUGUST	--	8	5	4	10	8		. 2020
						4		. 2021
SEPTEMBER	8	5	5	8	10	19		. TOTAL (2)
						8		TOTAL PRAYERS PERFORMED (1) + (2)
OCTOBER	4	11	7	8	8	16		C) TOTAL NUMBER OF PRAYERS CONDUCTED BY:
						13		1) ER. FRAMROZE MIRZA
NOVEMBER	10	15	7	10	8	9		2) ER. KHUSHROO MADON
						5		3) BY OTHER PRIESTS
DECEMBER	11	4	5	7	3	6		TOTAL (1) + (2) + (3)
						2		
TOTAL	33	97	77	73	90	116	14	
SUMMARY								
	2015	33						
	2016	97						
	2017	77						
	2018	73						
	2019	90						
	2020	116						
	2021	14						
	TOTAL	500						



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Professional Speaker And Author Of Bread for the Head™

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This gift book is filled with thoughts, ideas and affirmations that inspires the heart, motivates the mind and transforms the soul, with prime focus on Parenting, Unconditional Love, Spiritual Consciousness, Success, and Excellence. This work which is rooted in 'ROLE MODELING rather than RULE MODELING' has been used by corporations, schools, children, parents, teachers, hospitals, wellness centers as well as healing and rehabilitation centers. His work has been showcased to over hundred million people across the globe through his appearance on numerous Radio, Cable, Satellite and Television Talk Shows nationwide. His philosophies are simple yet applicable in each and every aspect of life. (www.Bread4TheHead.com).

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His work is focused on EMPOWERING PEOPLE to create a footprint of success, in them.

Meher has served as the Founding Chair of the North American And World Zoroastrian Youth Congresses since 1985.

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Fashion Tips

Mix and match patterns cleverly



Kash Pitha

We always tend to play it safe when it comes to patterns and prints. We tend to mix a pattern with a solid color. Forget the old "rule" about never mixing patterns or two at most. When it comes to visual design "always and never" rules never work. Therefore, today I'm going to share with you the guidelines to help you break outdated rules and give a harmonious effect to your dressing while mixing patterns.

The patterns or motifs you choose can have at least 1 color or color family in common or similar degree of lightness or darkness. Colors should look like they belong together. Imagine a horizontally striped red and black t-shirt with a checkered black and white pant. The color black is repeated and thus it looks harmonious.

The same pattern in the same colors is used in different sizes, with one size dominant. Imagine a large polka dotted shirt with small polka dotted pants, both in black and white.

The same pattern in the same size is used reversed or in a different color scheme. Imagine a tartan plaid jacket with blue on burgundy and a long skirt with the same print with burgundy on blue.

The same pattern used in different colors and sizes with one pattern dominant. Men do this all the time. Imagine a charcoal pinstripe suit



with a burgandy pencil stripe shirt and a red stripe tie in charcoal, burgundy and black. The larger stripe on the tie is dominant.

Different patterns in similar size in same or related color scheme with one pattern dominant. Imagine a herringbone jacket with a paisley skirt.

Different patterns in different sizes in the same color scheme with one overall pattern dominant. Imagine a Glen plaid suit with a checks shirt and a polka dot tie all in the same black and white color.



You can use these guidelines in several different ways but the general guidelines remain. Always remember one pattern has to be dominant and stand out.

I personally started with simple achromatic colors like black and white and then advanced to more complex color schemes.

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Poetry in Motion

Photography



The gurgling Baspas river flowing through the valley, with lush forested slopes of pine trees and snow-clad mountains against the setting sun is a sheer delight for us humans living in concrete jungles. Nature soothes us, heals us, nurtures us and one can sit here and lose track of time while admiring its beauty. Image taken in Sangla Valley, Himachal Pradesh in September 2016.



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

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Aries
(Mesh Raashi-a l e)

Balance is very important for you this week in your personal life. If you maintain moderation in your relationship things will be smooth. Fame and recognition is in store for you career wise. It's a week where if you will take charge things will fall exactly the way you want them to.



Leo
(Simha Raashi-m tt)

A great week for Leo moons. On the personal front talks about marriage are on the cards. It could even be that you and your better half are spending quality time with each other. Career wise this week promises financial security and success. Overall the week provides plenty of opportunities to make money and grow.



Sagittarius
(Dhanu Raashi-bh f dh)

New beginnings are seen on the personal front. For a few of you this could even suggest that right now you are not interested in relationships. Career wise certain issues that were troubling you will now come to an end. However please note the end will be a difficult one. Emotions look low this week. Go easy on yourself.



Taurus
(Vrishabh Raashi-b v u)

A wonderful week for your personal life. Singles may meet someone interesting and couples will find bliss. Career wise new beginnings are in store. May be confused with several choices. Overall it's a week that promises progress and even travel seems to be on the cards.



Virgo
(Kanya Raashi-p tthh)

A great week with respect to relationships and love. Singles may meet someone who could possibly be endgame. Careerwise things look slow. You will not have the kind of growth you desire this week at your job or business. Overall uncomfortable situations may arise. Faith and hope you will sail you through.



Capricorn
(Makar Raashi-kh j)

This is a brilliant week for you one in which everything seems possible. A kind of victory or a sense of fulfilment is seen on the personal front. Careerwise you look happy and content. For those of you in the fields of research or science this is a brilliant week which could trigger new discoveries. Overall progress and even travel is seen in this week.



Gemini
(Mithun Raashi-k chh gha)

Avoid making any important decisions with regards to your personal life this week. There are issues that need sorting out. Career wise it's a great week as multiple opportunities arise. A few of you may see yourself having two sources of income or more. Overall it's a great week for new starts, travel and new projects.



Libra
(Tula raashi-r t)

Success and love is seen on the personal front. Marriage could possibly be on the cards. Careerwise do not make important decisions as there is a chance of being let down or betrayed. Overall you are seen planning financial security for the long term.



Aquarius
(Kumbha Raashi-g s sh)

Attraction, desire and passion are seen this week. Someone may have got your eye. Career wise moderation is important for you. You will be entrusted with important duties. Overall this week might bring in complex situations. Remember to use your head and not your heart in those.



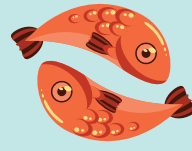
Cancer
(Karaka Raashi-dd h)

A heavy week with a lot of transformative energy. On the personal front toxic relationships will come to an end. And one can hope for new beginnings. Career wise it's an excellent week as you are the creator of your destiny this week. Overall you seem to be kind of confused but trust your gut and intuition and you will find a way.



Scorpio
(Vrishchik Raashi-n y)

Tense situations surround you in your personal life. You could be on the brink of making a decision of a break up or so. Careerwise things are very good. Financial growth is seen. For those looking out for a new job also this is a promising week. Avoid confrontations and arguments as much as possible this week.



Pisces
(Meena Raashi-d ch z th)

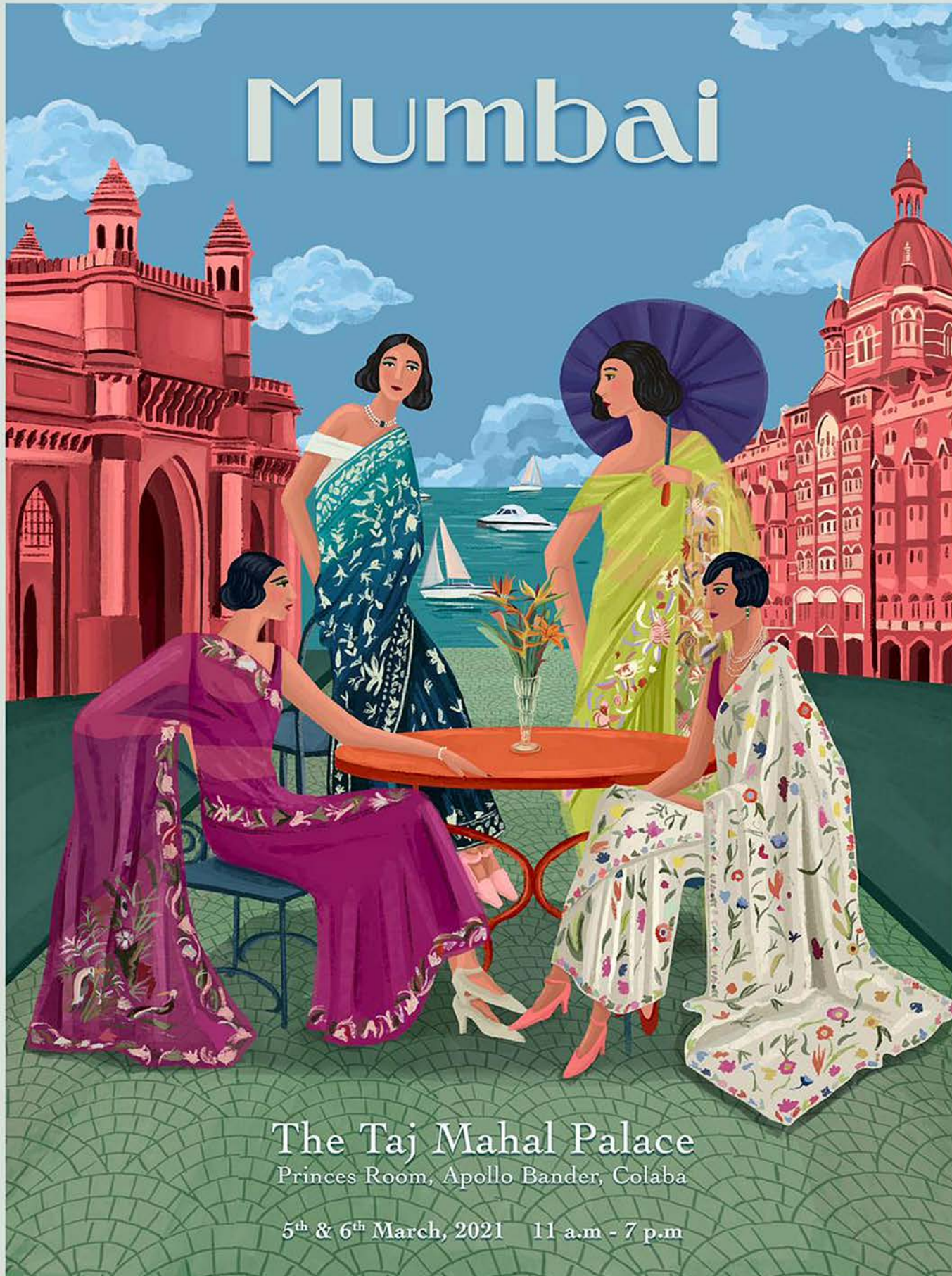
Not a great week for you all. On the personal front complex situations arise and you will feel stretched from all sides. Career wise also delays and uncomfortable situations will stress you out. Overall the week suggests that important decisions will need to be made. Be sure to make them with calm in your mind.

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