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Leave n License to Tenancy - The Time Has Come!



BPP Trustee Viraf D. Mehta

During my campaign in the 2015 elections, I endeavored to talk about the conversion of Leave and License to Tenancy. Since then I have written multiple articles suggesting that the BPP needs to

seriously take up this issue. Many a times over the last five years I have raised this issue in the Board but sadly the majority Trustees scoffed at the idea and never took it up for serious discussion.

The then Trustees who were in majority wanted to continue with the existing system of providing ONLY leave and licenses because it suited them. It gave them the power threaten and scare our beneficiaries time and again.

Times are different now. We have a new Chairman who has in her complete wisdom along with Xerses Dastur and I removed the service charges of Rs. 750 per month being burdened on our residents. As you will have noticed, we have started auctioning high value flats so that the BPP can earn funds which will take care of the poor. Unfortunately in both our decisions there is only one Trustee who opposes our actions which are towards aiding beneficiaries, even misusing his own newspaper to constantly write against the decisions of the Board. Be that as it may, we will continue to do whatever is possible to assist our beneficiaries time and again.

Critics say that if licenses are converted to tenancies, they will be misused by not following the Parsi only covenant. This is incorrect. The Parsi only covenant will be protected for every tenant as well. Also, if anyone were to tell you that this Board has

not given anyone Tenancy then they would be lying.

Just recently the Board unanimously accepted extended family members as legal heirs to a tenant. Hence, the Trustees already have set a precedent to allocate tenancy to residents on a case to case basis..

Lets us look at what the possibilities are:

- A natural progression would be when a tenant dies and the tenancy is transferred to his/her legal heir.

- In the past when a tenant was to request for an exchange of flat, the Board would only grant the exchange if the tenant gave up his tenancy and entered into a LL agreement in the new flat. Or in some cases when the legal heir would pass away, the heirs were asked to surrender their tenancy and enter into a new LL agreement if they wanted their names to be transferred on the house. Many of our community, unknowing of the difference and at the mercy of the Trustees agreed to do so.

I can proudly say that I have managed to convince our Board and we have allowed a tenant to exchange his tenancy for another tenancy. We, unlike other Trustees, have not coerced anyone to submit their tenancy for LL.

- In the past for flats given/auctioned on security deposit, a premium was accepted to give the same flats on tenancy. There is no reason why the Board cannot accept the policy even today. Instead of taking a security deposit, the full amount can be taken as a donation and tenancy can be granted. Our Board can start by doing this for high value flats that come up regularly for auction.

- Godrej Baug has for years been approaching the BPP to consider the ULC order that clearly states the flats in

their colony should be given on rent. The Trustees of the past many Boards and even the majority Trustees of today's Board have not cared to look into this. With two new Trustees lined up to join our Board soon, this should be taken up on priority.

- One must not forget that converting a LL agreement to tenancy would entail the licensee having to pay the prerequisite stamp duty. That being paid, you might question why this can't be done across the board for licensees. While we may need to study the legal ramifications, there is a tax angle to be considered. This Board proposes to undertake this exercise expeditiously and I commit to report to you on the same shortly.

But on the flip side, the sheer power a LL agreement gives to a handful of Trustees is immense which unfortunately leaves the beneficiaries at the mercy of the Trustees. As a sitting Trustee I have personally seen how a LL agreement can be misused by Trustees and it is quite disturbing.

Trustees were elected to be the **Custodians** of the properties of the BPP and protect its beneficiaries. The time is now for us to take into consideration a step by step conversion of LL agreements to tenancy and we invite members of the community to share their thoughts with us on this issue.

The BPP controls almost 5000 tenements, with almost 3000 of them having tenancy. There is no reason we can't look at converting the others too. I am aware that many detractors will not be happy with this article of mine but the time has come for us to protect our beneficiaries for the future. The newly elected Trustees must share this vision and it is for the community to elect such like-minded Trustees in.

Viraf D. Mehta, BPP Trustee



BERJIS DESAI EXPLAINS WHY HE WITHDREW FROM THE 23RD MAY ELECTION

As the community is aware, originally the Trustees on 2nd January 2021 had issued Public Notice to conduct elections on 14th March 2021 to fill the vacancy of two Trustee seats-Zarir Bhathena due to his unfortunate demise after a prolonged illness on 24th June 2020 and the resignation of Yazdi Desai (due to stroke suffered in April 2020) ultimately submitted on 23rd December 2020.

From late January 2021 there has been a sudden increase in Covid infections leading even to deaths, 40 respected members of the community by their mail of 17th February 2021 requested the Trustees for postponement of the elections at least till the Parsi Seniors were vaccinated. Cusrow Baug Welfare Committee in March 2021 also requested the Trustees not to hold elections in their colony to avoid Covid infection to its residents. Dadar Parsi Gymkhana cancelled the booking of its premises for holding Trustee elections due to Municipal notice sent to the Gymkhana. Both Captain Colony and Bharucha Baug cancelled their internal elections due to Covid fears.

Under the circumstances, the Trustees by majority-Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur CONSIDERING THE RISKS INVOLVED ESPECIALLY TO OUR SENIORS passed a Resolution at Board meeting on 9th March 2021 to postpone the elections by two to three months only to allow vaccination and to move the High Court for extension of time to hold fresh elections as required under Clause 16 of the Election Scheme.

To their utter shock and surprise Trustees Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala immediately walked out of the meeting claiming malafides and saying they would move High Court in appeal not to allow postponement of the elections.

It seems that they were not concerned with the risks to the health of the community especially its Seniors and more concerned to get their two candidates-Anahita Desai supported by Kersi Randeria and Berjis Desai proposed by Noshir Dadrawala elected as early as possible so that their majority on the Board is restored.

Along with the two dissenting Trustees, candidate Anahita Desai having been frustrated since 2011 from becoming a Trustee also having lost two Trustees elections filed an Appeal in the High Court on 10th March 2021 not to allow postponement but to conduct the elections as proposed on 14th March 2021.

Kersi Randeria wanted Berjis Desai, their candidate to join Anahita Desai before the High Court to oppose the postponement but Berjis Desai refused as he did not think it right for a candidate to oppose Board of Trustees decision. Unfortunately he took the name of his bête noir Dinshaw Mehta as also requesting him to remain neutral between the two warring group of Trustees. Kersi Randeria blew his fuse as to why he listened to Dinshaw Mehta and threatened Berjis Desai that he would ensure that he would never enter the BPP as a Trustee and his support for him was forthwith withdrawn.

This is the caliber of the criminal minded Kersi Randeria who cannot allow any dissent to his orders even from a candidate put up and proposed by his Partner Noshir Dadrawalla. Naturally Kersi Randeria rejected the criticism that he had threatened or terrorized Berjis Desai from contesting the May elections.

Berjis Desai being a soft spoken, mild mannered man wanting to avoid any confrontation with a Terrorist like Kersi Randeria falsely confirmed that he was not threatened by Kersi Randeria. However if one reads between the lines of Berjis Desai's Statement then it is obvious that Kersi Randeria had indirectly threatened him by withdrawing his support for his candidature even though he was proposed by Noshir Dadrawala. Berjis wanting to serve the community found it disgusting with the behavior of Kersi Randeria to sit on the same Board room table for the next few years.

We give below the statement of Berjis Desai sent to us which though in words denies that Kersi Randeria threatened or terrorized Berjis Desai if one reads his statements in bold letters then it is obvious that Randeria was so upset that he withdrew his support for his candidacy though he had brought into the fray along with Noshir Dadrawalla.

“STATEMENT OF BERJIS DESAI

Now that I am out of it, I wanted to remain quiet. However for one last time, I would like to clarify the following so that bad feelings do not fester. I must thank all three Dinshaw, Kersi and Noshir as they all wanted



BERJIS DESAI

me to be on board. In the heat of things, and fast unfolding events, on a complete nonissue whether candidates should support the postponement decision or not, Dinshaw wanted me to remain neutral which was also my genuine desire; **however, Kersi thought otherwise and reacted rather strongly.**

There was no question of Kersi or anyone threatening me or terrorising me. **However the fact remains that support to my candidacy was suddenly withdrawn as evident from certain emails to me.** These things do happen in the heat of the moment. **In any event, I too was taken aback by the intensity of the reaction.** My request to all that this issue be forgotten and they may bring the best possible trustees on board soon. Peace Profound and love. I am committed to fully helping the trust from outside.

BERJIS”

From the above it is clear as daylight that Berjis Desai withdrew his candidature from the May elections because support to his candidacy was withdrawn by Kersi Randeria. It is unfortunate that an excellent candidate has been treated so shabbily by Kersi Randeria only because he did not follow his Orders.

BPP AND THE COMMUNITY HAS LOST A VERY WORTHY CANDIDATE AS A TRUSTEE OF THE APEX TRUST OF OUR COMMUNITY.

IN THE MATTER OF BPP ELECTIONS ~

SCHOLAR PRIEST ERVAD ROOYINTAN PESHOTAN PEER RECOMMENDS POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS



ERVAD ROOYINTAN PESHOTAN PEER

The famous 'Hand of God', immortalised by the late legendary football star Diego Maradona of Argentina during the final of the Football World Cup of 1986, seemed to be again at play in the matter of

the purported elections for two Trustees to the BPP, scheduled to be held on 14th March- 2021. The chain of events again reflected the futility of pomposity against the divine powers, and it would be advisable for some of our community members and prospective leaders to realise this the sooner the better. It reminds one about the brilliant opening lines of a short poem by Emily Dickinson, teaching us lessons in humility. They are:-

"I'm Nobody! Who are you? Are you--Nobody---too!" And for those people in our midst aggressively promoting themselves, and wanting to be in the limelight all the time, she further writes:- "How dreary---to be---Somebody! How public---like a Frog!"

Well, the courts have now declared the new date for the said election as May 23, and **the purpose of writing this is to make a suggestion to get this election altogether cancelled.**

This suggestion is totally irrespective of any political consideration or configuration, but made purely from the viewpoint of benefitting our community. We hereby request the respected Advocate Shri Khushroo Zaiwala and others to approach the courts to request for the cancellation of the said election on the following genuine grounds:-

1) **The given date of May 23 seems**

to be too near for comfort for the very reason the said election was postponed. Even after the declaration of the new date, the pandemic of the coronavirus has gone virulent in Maharashtra since last week at a very high speed, and the situation does not seem to be conducive for holding the election within next two months. Even the Central Government has officially declared it as being the beginning of a second wave.

2) In 2008, when the new election scheme with adult franchise was formulated, **it was envisaged that all the seven seats would be contested at one go every seven years.** This happened in 2008. We shall call it something like a 'general election'. Then next in 2015 'general election', five seats were contested for. Now the next round of 'general election' is due in October 2022. If the election were to be held for two vacancies in May 2021, then only three seats would be eligible to be voted for during the 'general election' in October 2022, which would entail total loss of relevance to the concept of a 'general election'. **If these two vacancies could be postponed upto October 2022, then that 'general election', would entail the contest for FIVE seats, which would serve its purpose.**

3) Another option is to request the courts to allow to PREPONE the next 'general election' by about six months to April/ May 2022. If this were to be accepted, then only one year would remain for that from now, during which time certainly the present set of Trustees would be able to carry out normal functions, as they had done during the last year.

4) If this suggestion were to be accepted,

then the much-touted savings of Rs 40 lakhs spent on each election, which the political entities often float around according to their own contexts, would be saved in real time for the benefit of the community.

Hope this humble suggestion is carried forward to its logical conclusion.

Ervad Rooyintan Peshotan Peer.

PERVIN MISTRY AGREES WITH ERVAD PEER

Wishing Jamshedi Navroze Mubarak to all.

Dear Kaizad,

Thanks for forwarding Ervad Dr. Rooyintan Peshotan Peer's very thoughtful and correct guidance regarding the BPP elections.

I completely agree with him in all the four points he has suggested. I am sure the majority of the community will also agree, and hopefully our respected advocate Shri Khushroo Zaiwala will legally take up this election matter on behalf of the community and postpone the election date from May 14 this year till April or May of 2022.

Hope the BPP Trustees will agree with what Ervad Saheb Dr. Rooyintan Peer has suggested. It is a saving grace for the BPP, for all connected with the elections, and for the community as well.

Thanking Ervad Dr. Rooyintan Peshotan Peer for the absolutely correct solutions,

Sincerely,

Pervin J. Mistry



THANK YOU BPP, IRANIAN ZOROASTRIAN ANJUMAN & PARSİ GENERAL HOSPITAL

On March 7, the Bombay Parsi Panchayat and Iranian Zoroastrian Anjuman announced that they would be make available the Covid Vaccine FREE for our community members.

On March 15, the Parsi General Hospital announced that vaccination would start wef March 17 and that they have decided to bear the cost of vaccinating our community as well.

The BPP and Iranian Anjuman have now started a vaccination drive to ferry individuals to the hospital to get their vaccination shot. If taken to PGH, the hospital themselves will bear the cost but if taken to any other hospital, the BPP and Irani Anjuman will bear the cost.

Kudos to all three great institutions of the community who stepped forward at the right time to help our members.



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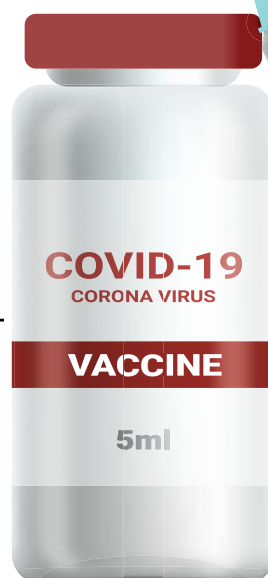
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Phiroze Amroliwalla & Zeree Jehangirji comment on Parsiana's March 21 Editorial Viewpoint

"A Costly Consent"



Phiroze Amroliwalla

The Editor,
Parsi Junction.

Parsiana Editorial Viewpoint: Issue Date:
21-Mar-2021 A costly consent !

The above has also appeared in today's Parsi Times and we the undersigned would like the community to know the REAL TRUTH!

Our Response to the Editorial of Parsiana:

We agree with you when you say "The tussle over the postponement of March 14, 2021, Bombay Parsi Panchayet (BPP) trusteeship election would qualify among the most tragic, wasteful and meaningless utilization of scarce community and judicial resources." However, we differ with certain views expressed thereafter.

We are of the view that the main culprits for this tragic and meaningless waste was Kersi Randeria, Noshir Dadrawala and Trustee in waiting since 2011, Anahita Desai who instead of gracefully



Zeree Burjor Jehangirji

accepting the Trustees decision to postpone the elections by two months due to Covid surge went before the High Court and after their Petition was rejected by the single Judge went in Appeal before the Division Bench who ultimately cancelled the March elections and posted fresh elections for 23rd May 2021, which is more than two months requested/ proposed by the Board of Trustees.

For starters, the postponement was not because of a last-minute call by Dinshaw Mehta. **Mehta and the undersigned along with several others from all over our baugs and colonies had long back by our email dated February 17, 2021, spelt out cogent and convincing reasons for the postponement.**

This was further strengthened by the Trustees themselves UNANIMOUSLY telling candidates on 23rd February 2021 to completely stop campaigning in all our Baugs/colonies citing a rise in Covid cases. However the adamant attitude of the Vociferous duo insisted on

going ahead with the elections despite the worsening situation on the ground. The writing was even then on the wall!

Events thereafter have proven that our fear as early as February due to the Virus was justified. We reliably understand the majority of Trustees were favourably inclined. Had the 'minority' heeded our suggestion there would have been no "tragic, wasteful and meaningless utilization of scarce community and judicial resources." The wastage was further compounded when these two did not stop at the single judge bench judgement and rushed through an appeal even before the signed judgement copy was made available. What was the hurry and what was the end result?

It is not " former BPP chairman Dinshaw Mehta unable to achieve his goal of controlling a majority on the truncated BPP board" but a genuine concern for the community which was reflected in our email. If at all, it is the vociferous two who should accept responsibility. Since Anahita Desai of the Randeria camp and Berjis Desai of the Mehta Camp were expected to be the sure shot winners of the March elections, his alleged majority would continue to prevail and hence in fact the postponement would hurt him more than benefit him.

The blame lies squarely with the "minority group" who are frustrated at having lost control of their unbridled power over their 'fiefdom' which they enjoyed for several years before they lost it with the unfortunate demise of Zarir Bhatena, who functioned totally under the diktat and subsequent stress of his panel Slum Developer member, Kersi Randeria. **To make matters worse for Randeria, former Chairman Yazdi Desai threatened to file either a contempt**



petition or a 41D application against his own colleague when he could no longer tolerate his dominance on any and every issue.

The Jagdale matter worsened the relationship further when Yazdi very correctly advised Jagdale to approach the Police Commissioner as the local police were not registering Jagdale's complaint under IPC section 420 for cheating Jagdale.

Being the opportunist that he is, Randeria, with the Parsi Press in his control, has roped in Yazdi's wife, though Anahita being a complete traditional orthodox and Randeria the reformist. The community only needs to wait and watch how the duo functions. So the hurry is that this minority be converted to 'majority'.

One fails to understand how a loyal and dutiful lady like Anahita forgets all that has transpired during her husband's tenure, more so when she had during her earlier attempts at trusteeship admitted that as the Chairman's wife she was completely conversant with the day-to-day goings-on at the BPP! **As a dutiful wife her first duty is to look after the needs of her ailing husband and only after he has fully recovered throw her hat in the Trustees ring.**

You further write that the former BPP Chairman "also unwittingly nullified the candidature of his friend and ally the lawyer Berjis Desai." Was Dinshaw really responsible for this or was it the insistence of the two 'minority' who again dictated that since one of them was Berjis's proposer, Berjis had to toe their line and intervene in their favour. Had Berjis done that then this would have been the starting point of another 'camp'?

Berjis therefore, as any prudent candidate would, chose to remain independent. The community has lost out on a good candidate not because of Dinshaw but because of the dictatorial attitude of the trustee who only believes in "my way or the highway". You too have admitted this fact by stating in your very editorial that Berjis "opted to remain neutral. But his proposer and others saw Berjis's

refusal to cooperate as a betrayal and may withdraw their support." So it was not "Dinshaw's ill-conceived subterfuge" as there was no such subterfuge by Dinshaw.

As a senior Editor would it not have been prudent that the fair name of the Bombay High Court and its outstanding judges was not dragged into this community politics. In our humble view, you have exposed yourself to judicial scrutiny for going into great detail about a sitting judge and his career graph which was totally unwarranted.

By announcing the names of likely candidates one feels you have jumped the gun. Your editorial implies that you are aware the undersigned has given notice to the BPP and their legal team about our intention to intervene in the application for extension under the election scheme before the Judge in chambers. It is only after this decision, that the BPP can go ahead with the election. Therefore it is presumptuous of you to expect elections without waiting for the outcome of this petition.

Also when you say that "Anahita is probably unbeatable but the other seat as of now is up for grabs". are you not taking the voter for granted and/or trying to promote her candidature. Besides by naming likely candidates, you have inadvertently started the smear campaign. The exchange of WhatsApp messages, of news reports in the TOI of 2017 clearly show this. When integrity comes under scrutiny all goodwill gets questioned and is attributed to some hidden agenda. In this case candidacy for trusteeship!

You have named the two, Mehta and Randeria as arch enemies but conveniently forget that these very persons did align in 2011 to defeat Anahita Desai's maiden attempt at trusteeship. Politics certainly makes strange bedfellows! And Parsi politics takes the cake!

You say "The human and financial costs incurred due to the postponement is enormous." and further elaborate on the

costs. On a plain reading, one wonders how much of this is attributable to the majority of Trustees? And even on that score, the majority trustees had to spend ONLY due to the obstinacy of the minority who not being satisfied with the single bench judgement went in for a hurried appeal and achieved the same result. We are informed that this litigation of three Petitions will cost the community charity funds not a rupee. Further details are awaited. We would have appreciated if as a responsible community Fortnightly you had taken a balanced view and questioned the propriety of such frivolous litigation. Your tilt is very obvious and you too being a tenant of BPP/Parsi Lying in Hospital like many in the community, are made to feel the stress and strain!

The postponement is not "a Pyrrhic victory for the majority trustees who rubber stamp Dinshaw's diktats." It is the reality accepted by our judiciary too in the overall interest of our community and of the society at large. No one in his senses wants the pandemic to spread and cause more damage to life and commerce than it already has and this is a time when we need to put aside petty differences and one-upmanship.

No one single person has caused more harm to the BPP than the one who has been managing some staff who owe their very existence to him and through the clever manipulation of his panel and other colleague trustees. Anyone associating with his manipulations is only helping him expedite the end of an over 350-year-old institution.

In the last para, you say "The only real check on those in positions of power is an alert and active citizenry. But the lay Parsis, like most others, are indifferent or unconcerned or approve of the status quo." We the undersigned do not wish to see the end of this edifice. For this reason alone we will not hesitate to do our best to free our community from the clutches of trustees who though in minority, attempt to subjugate all who come in their way. In this, we seek the partnership and support of our community.

Phiroze Cawasji Amroliwalla
Zeree Burjor Jehangirji



SLUM DWELLERS SOCIETY FILES APPEAL BEFORE HIGH COURT AGAINST KERSI RANDERIA

As the community is aware Vikram Jagdale, a Central Govt. employee of the Homi Bhabha Atomic Research Centre had booked a flat in a Slum Redevelopment Project of Kersi Randeria by advancing Rs. 30 lakhs in 2014-15 to the proprietary firm of Kersi Randeria under the name of M/s Ambaji Construction and due to the pressure and exposure of Parsi Junction ultimately last year Kersi Randeria agreed to refund the Rs. 30 lakhs with 18% Interest thereon, which till date he has not done in spite of all his solemn promises. But that is another story.

Due to the inordinate delay in executing the Slum Redevelopment Project, and non implementation of the agreed terms especially non payment of Transit rent as agreed with the Society of Slum Dwellers, known as Jivdaya SRA CHS had sought cancellation

of their redevelopment project through Kersi Randeria's Ambaji Construction and appointment of a new Developer, which was approved by the CEO, Slum Rehabilitation Authority.

To retain control of the project, Kersi Randeria filed an Application No. 313 of 2019 before the Apex Grievance Redressal Committee of the Govt. of Maharashtra against Jivdaya CHS, M/s Deodhar Associates and CEO/SRA which was decided in favour of Kersi Randeria by its Order dated 25th November 2020 with certain conditions to be complied by Kersi Randeria and his company M/S Ambaji Construction.

Senior Advocate Cherag Bulsara appeared for Kersi Randeria and obtained favorable Orders in his favour.

We are now informed that the Society has filed an appeal against the above said Order before the Hon'ble High Court which is likely to be heard soon. Whilst the Appeal is voluminous, we give below only the Prayers sought by the Slum Dwellers Society against Kersi Randeria.

Whilst most of the Prayers are normally expected Prayers in an Appeal what is most relevant to note is Prayer Clause

g) **which calls upon Ambaji Construction to deposit all arrears of Rent to the tune of Rs. 9,50,77,752/- which was and is due and payable by the Respondent No.2 to the members of the Petitioner's Society till 31st December, 2020;** which will go beyond Rs. 10 crores by the time the Appeal is taken up for hearing.

JIVDAYA SOCIETY PRAYERS BEFORE HIGH COURT

on 22/02/2021 6:45 pm

THE PETITIONER THEREFORE PRAYS THAT:

(a) This Hon'ble Court in its Jurisdiction under Article 226 of Constitution of India be pleased to issue a writ of certiorari and/or writ of mandamus and/or any other appropriate Writ and/or direction and/or order calling upon Respondent No.4 to produce case papers of Application No.313 of 2019 and after examining legality and/or validity and/or propriety thereof of impugned Judgment & Order on 25/11/2020 passed by Respondent No.4 in Application No.313 of 2019, the same be quashed & set-aside and Respondent No.2's Application No.313 of 2019 be rejected with compensatory costs;

b) Pending hearing & final disposal of present Writ Petition, the execution and/or implementation and/or operation of impugned Judgment & Order dated 25/11/2020 passed by Respondent No.4 in Application No.313 of 2019 the same be kindly stayed by an Order of this Hon'ble Court;

c) Pending hearing & final disposal of present Writ Petition, the Petitioner be allowed to appoint its new Developer and the Petitioner and its newly appointed Developer be allowed to further implement present Slum Scheme on the basis of the permissions and/or sanctions granted by Respondent No.1;

d) Pending hearing & final disposal of present Writ Petition, the Respondent No.1, its officers and/or agents and/or persons acting through them, be restrained by an order of injunction of this Hon'ble Court from carrying out further development on Suit Property and granting further permissions / sanctions to Respondent No.2 in any manner whatsoever;

e) Pending hearing & final disposal of present Writ Petition, the Respondent Nos.1 and 2, their officers and/or agents and/or persons acting through them, be directed and/or ordered to maintain status quo as on today in respect of the Suit Property;

f) This Hon'ble Court be pleased to direct

the Respondent No.1 & Respondent No.10 to present compliance report of Circular No.153 & 153A in present case.

g) **Pending the hearing and final disposal of the present writ Petition, the Respondent No.2 be directed and /or Ordered to deposit all arrears of Rent to the tune of Rs. 9,50,77,752/- which was and is due and payable by the Respondent No.2 to the members of the Petitioner's Society till 31st December, 2020;**

h) Ad interim reliefs in terms of prayer clauses (b), (c), (d) and (e) be granted;

i) This WRIT PETITION be allowed with costs;

j) Any other relief or reliefs in the nature & circumstances of case be granted as this Hon'ble Court deems fit & proper;

Shri S. M. Shah
Advocate for Petitioners
Petitioners



What we would like to know is why is Kersi Randeria so keen to suck the blood of helpless and hapless Slum Dwellers when he is not able to deliver the goods of redevelopment since the last 8 years in spite of full co-operation of the slum dwellers. Is it not time for him to hang up his boots as a Trustee of BPP and concentrate on his project of Redevelopment of Jivdaya Society so that the poor slum dwellers can at last find a place to call their home.

With this kind of track record no wonder the BPP during his tenure of now almost six years has seen any kind of new projects even started except on paper. It is time that he too resigned so that a

more efficient Trustee can take over in his stead. All that Kersi Randeria has been doing in his 6 years as elected Trustee of BPP is enjoying the fruits of labour left over by the earlier Board. He seems to be an expert only at stalling all projects like he did with the Panthaky Baug Ownership Building which though ready for sale and Occupation since 1997-98 could only be sold in 2009-10 but at the 1997 rate causing immense loss to charity, BPP and the community.

HIGH TIME FOR KERSI RANDERIA TO STEP DOWN IN VIEW OF HIS FAILURES ON ALL FRONTS!!

We are now informed that since Kersi Randeria does not have the finances to complete the Project of Slum Development, he has brought in a new partner to whom he has sold off 90% of his company and is now forcing the slum dwellers to accept his term or face litigation for the next 10 years during which time the only sufferers will be the helpless slum dwellers. The High Court has fixed the next date of hearing of the Slum Dwellers Application in April 2021.

WHAT A MASTER CON ARTIST THIS BPP TRUSTEE HAS TURNED OUT TO BE SUCKING THE BLOOD OF POOR SLUM DWELLERS FOR THE LAST OVER EIGHT YEARS.

Parsiana Editor Quoted in Parsi Times – WHY ?

Jehangir Patel, Editor of Parsiana, is currently fighting an Eviction Suit against the Trustees of the Parsi Lying in Hospital. The case has been on for over 30 years and is now in the High Court. Jehangir is most likely going to lose.

Surprisingly the case is being stalled. Why and by whom you may ask?

Last week Jehangir Patel wrote a report on the recent postponement of elections full of irregularities and wrong facts and figures. A surprisingly biased and one-sided article. In fact he brazenly blames Dinshaw Mehta and tried to cover for certain Trustees of the BPP. Highly unethical and unprofessional for a journalist.

Taking advantage of this mischievous article, Noshir Dadrawala was quick to forward it on Whatsapp and email and yesterday Kersi Randeria printed it in his Parsi Times. Thus the collusion between the Managing Committee

and the Intruder into PLIH premises is now brazenly evident

But what the community does not know is that Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria are not only Trustees in the very same Parsi Lying in Hospital but also members of the Managing Committee who are responsible for the day to day functioning of the PLIH. They along with Yazdi Bhagwager have been delaying the hearing of the appeal in Parsiana matter as Parsiana has always come out in their support whenever required. Thus it suits the Managing Committee to delay the hearing in the High Court so that their Eviction is delayed and they can continue to benefit from the papers stand for Trustees on the Managing Committee as well as embarrass other Trustees who are not on the Managing Committee.

I guess now we know WHY!

TRUSTEESHIP OVER LIVES!

The telling tale of aspiring Trustee Anahita Desai



Anahita Desai

As everyone is aware, recently aspiring candidates Anahita Desai and Kaikhushoo Irani filed Writ Petitions before the Bombay High Court demanding that the 14th March postponed

BPP elections be held, despite the COVID wave spreading across Mumbai and India. A similar (if not identical) petition was filed by two Trustees Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrewala who too demanded elections be held on March 14, 2021.

Thankfully, the Trustees of the BPP, Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerses Dastur stood their ground and insisted that elections cannot be held during this pandemic time, putting the lives of our beneficiaries at risk.

Anyone even considering to stand as a

Trustee must first understand that the role as Trustee is to SERVE the community. Unfortunately, from the filing of cases demanding to hold elections during COVID, we have sadly seen Anahita Desai not care for the community but just care for themselves. To serve their own objectives – no matter the what the consequences!

Such desperation to be a Trustee not only bamboozles us but makes us wonder if such a person is elected – who cares only for themselves and not the community – what would happen to our beneficiaries (specially those who she does not like) if she were to be elected!

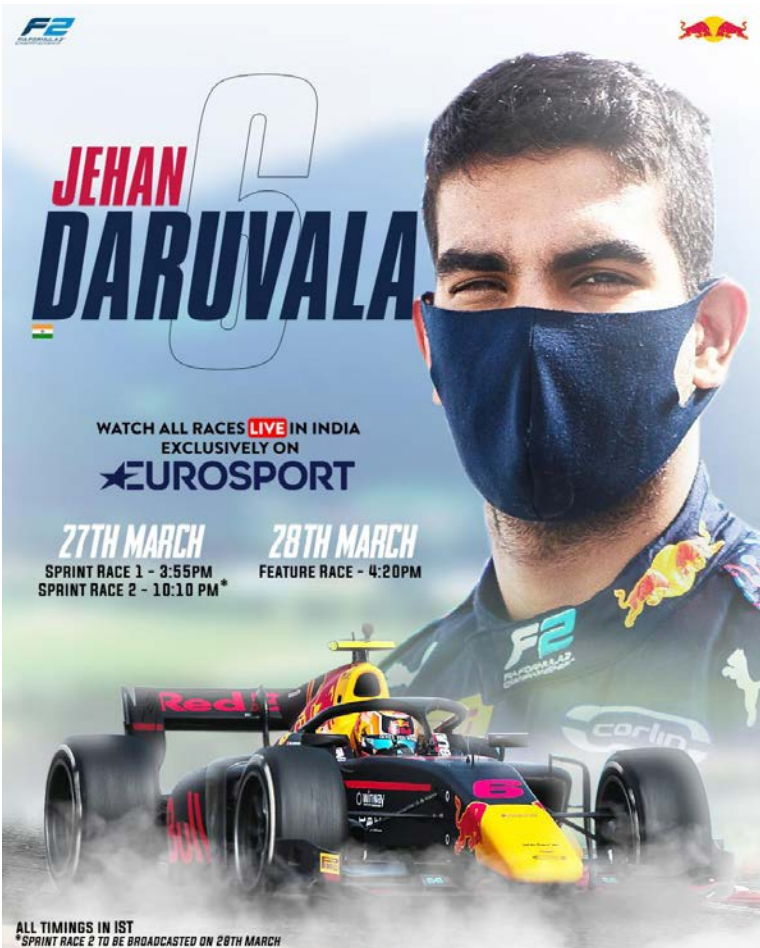
Covid cases have spiked and continue to spike day by day. The decision to postpone elections was on the sole ground that our elderly residents should be protected at any cost. Imagine the consequences if even one person who came to vote on March 14 and got infected due to the election crowds. Imagine if this one person had to suffer the illnesses COVID brings with it or worse off,

imagine if one of our own members of the community passes away due to COVID only so that candidates such as Anahita Desai can have an election.

This very issue was taken to Court by Anahita Desai and Hon'ble Justice Menon of the Bombay High Court in his wisdom held that the postponement of elections was done to protect the residents of the community and dismissed Anahita Desai's petition.

With rising covid cases, the community must rise on this issue together. The BPP Trustees must not hold elections during this time, especially since a night time lock down has now been announced by the Government because of the surge in cases. We must postpone elections till such time that we are certain that there is no risk to members of our community.

Anahita Desai can wait. Her eagerness to be a Trustee is NOT more important that the life of even one member of our community.



Educate & Eradicate

Racism Discrimination
Bigotry as well Hate
Still runs rampant
In our society
Through education
Perseverance patience
We can eradicate

To be different is
Not a crime
Whether it be religion
Race colour caste or creed
or for that matter the
Colour of one's skin
If we spread understanding
Tolerance as well respect
Humanity can begin to heal

Didn't make sense
They didn't have to die
Alas!
Cause being Asian was their only
crime

This pandemic is teaching
Us a very valuable lesson
It has stuck to use like glue
No matter what colour caste creed
Or religion!!!!

May there sweet souls
Rest in eternal peace
Please kindly accept
Our sincere condolences
As well deepest sympathies

The senseless killings
Of these innocent women

**Choicest Happiness
Farida**



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor Parsee Junction,

I would like to express my anguish about that constant whatsapp messages floating around around this push back of the BPP Elections. Why is there so much noise on this? Are people really that power hungry that they do not see what is happening to our lovely Bombay city. I read that some Trustees went to Court because they wanted their own party people in. Even some desperate candidates went to court asking for elections now. What wastage of money is this? If people have excess money please give it to the poor. Our community has many who live on doles and can make use of this. If one side went to Court that means BPP also has to spend money meant for charity. Such nonsense. What is the hurry? The position of a Trustee is honorary and to do good for the Parsis and Iranis in our city. Such acts are only to fuel your ego, nothing more. We need people who are selfless and think beyond politics. I hope the new Trustees are young and bring a fresh perspective. These seniors on the Board only think for themselves and look what has happened to the BPP. Youngsters please step forward and get rid of all this past hatred once and for all.

In disappointment,

Mr. Rasheed J. Dastur

Dear Sir,

This is my first letter to any Parsi Publication. I am a 28 year old Parsi girl with two senior citizens parents at home. Unlike me, my parents are very much in tune with what is happening in our community. They have also actively participated in voting for BPP elections. Early this month with

Covid cases rising, I told my parents that for their safety, they should not go out of the house to vote. We had a big argument and I felt very bad. Tensions at home continued to grow and we stopped talking to each for a few days. I could understand their passion to vote for their candidate but as a daughter how could I allow my parents to risk being exposed to corona. When I read that the elections were postponed I was happy as I took it as a sign that I was right to be concerned. I want to thank Armaity madam and her team. I know she must be facing a lot of attack because of this decision but I would like to tell her that my prayers and good wishes are with her. Her leadership has been a blessing in disguise for me and I'm sure for other families too.

Best of luck for the future madam and always do what you feel is right. I read some of the bad things people wrote about you, but do not worry, they will get their punishment.

Sanober T. Anklesaria

Dear Mr. Sethna, Editor,

Please print my email. I would like to know what happened to the changes to the election scheme that Trustees had promised. The Trustees were going to have one election every seven years for everyone saving money of the BPP. And if there was a vacancy midway the new Trustee would come only for the remaining time of that term. I remember reading all big talks from candidates that they would reduce the term to five years as well, what happened. Kersi Randeria, Yazdi Desai & Noshir Dadrawala were controlling the BPP for so many years, why did they not do this? And now with only 18 months left for the main

2022 elections, they are spending 40 lakhs of BPP money. This money is the community's money which is being spent. Why is no one standing up to this? I am very upset to see these people who claim to be our leaders just wasting our community money to get their own people in. Noshir Dadrawala writes so righteously and he does no action. I used to be a big fan of his but the way he has been acting taking that Kersi Randeria's side all the time has changed my mind. He does not think for himself anymore. I thought he would have taken the lead to change the election rules in Court. We need to community to wake up protect our funds, otherwise we will be bankrupt very soon.

Regards,

Mr. Darius Cooper

Dear Editor,

Please ask the BPP to increase the second child money from 3,000 to 5,000 rupees per month. Many youngsters have either lost their job or are on half salary it is very difficult for young boys and girls to survive. My daughter is about to have her second child and will apply to the BPP soon but all I read in all the Parsi papers is that the BPP is out of money because it keeps going to court. I request Mr. Dadrawala and Mr. Randeria to stop this fighting and always going to court. Sirs, please think of our children. Save the court money and give it to people like my daughter who are doing what the community needs, more Parsi babies. They need your help to survive. Otherwise young couples will not have more children. With folded hands I make this request and hope the BPP sees my message and does something about it.

Mrs. Benaifer Contractor



DR. ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR GIVES UP OWNERSHIP CLAIM OF RUSTOM BAUG FLAT NO. 13/10

Zuleika Homavazir probably realising the error of her false and ineligible claim of Ownership of the Rustom Baug flat allotted to her on Leave License basis in an auction of highest Refundable Deposit has sent a letter to the Trustees giving up her claim of Ownership rights to the said flat if Tenancy rights are given to her for the same. In Exchange she is willing to convert the Rs. 1.40 crore paid by her as Refundable Deposit to Donation to the Trust under the same arrangement extended to Hoshang Jal for his son's flat at Cusrow Baug.

If her proposal is accepted by the Board then the only negativity against her would cease to exist and we are sure she would give a tough fight to Anahita Desai, a house wife compared to the learned Zuleika being a professor at Wilson College.

Between the two ladies Zuleika towers over Anahita Desai without any educational qualifications and her only claim to fame being she is the wife of the Chairman who has suffered a stroke. But Trusteeship cannot be sought on sympathy grounds but on what a candidate can bring to the community. It will be an interesting battle of two ladies-one at most a social worker and the other a learned highly educated lady who can bring a wave of fresh air to the BPP.

But her bete noir is going to be Kersi Randeria who is not going to allow her proposal to be accepted in the Board as he is bound to realise that doing so will weaken the chances of Anahita Desai who he is backing and depending on her to get back his majority and become the de facto Chairman of BPP.

Yazdi Desai just before his stroke had threatened to move the Charity Commissioner for his removal u/s 41D as well as Contempt of Court for breach of the High Court Consent Terms but here we have Yazdi Desai's wife join her husbands enemy camp to ensure her victory for the third time trying. Politics indeed make strange bedfellows as is proved by the above alliance.

In fact both Kersi Randeria and Anahita Desai wanted Berjis Desai to join them in their Petition before the High Court opposing

postponement of the 14th March elections and when Berjis Refused, both of them so threatened and terrorized Berjis Desai for not joining them that the mild natured Berjis immediately withdrew his candidacy from even the May elections.

Thus the BPP and community lost a very valuable Trustee material who could have brought a semblance of discipline to the Board.

We reproduce below the said letter of Zuleika Homavazir to the Trustees.

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

Dr. ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR
Flat No.10, Building No. 13,
4th Floor, Rustom Baug,
Sant Savta Marg,
Byculla, Mumbai 400 027
24th March, 2021

To,
THE TRUSTEES
BOMBAY PARSI PANCHAYET FUNDS & PROPERTIES
209, Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji Road,
Fort, Mumbai 400 001.

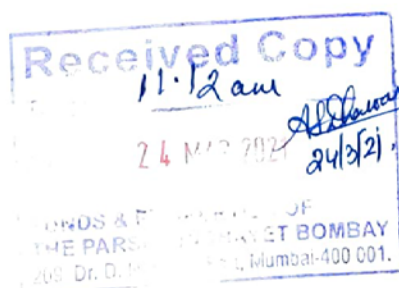
Dear Madam/ Sir,

WITHOUT PREJUDICE to my rights and contentions in High Court Suit No. 626 of 2015 and other litigations with BPP in respect of residential Flat No. 10, fourth floor, Building No. 13 at Rustom Baug, Sant Savta Marg, Byculla Mumbai 400 027 and in keeping with my alternative plea for a permanent right to use and occupy the premises, I hereby request you to consider an amicable and unconditional out of court settlement, under which I am agreeable for an alternate arrangement to accept tenancy rights in respect of the flat acquired by me under the auction sale, in the larger interest of the community.

The auction amount paid to the BPP may be treated as a Donation to the Trust under the same arrangement that has been extended to Mr. Hoshang Jal for his son's flat at Cusrow Baug. All suits for 13/10 Rustom Baug will be withdrawn by both sides by filing necessary Consent Terms.

Immense inconvenience has been caused to both parties hence look forward to an amicable settlement.

Dr. ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR
Mobile: 9821033786
Email: voteforzuleika@gmail.com





TWO RESIDENTS OF BULSAR EXPOSE THE CRIMINALITY OF SAM CHOTHIA TO SELL TITHAL SANATORIUM PROPERTY WITHOUT CC APPROVAL

WE REPRODUCE BELOW THE MAIL RECEIVED FROM TWO RESIDENTS OF VALSAD ALONG WITH 36 PAGES OF ATTACHED DOCUMENTS IN PROOF OF THEIR CHARGE OF CRIMINALITY AGAINST SAM CHOTHIA:

TO BRING TO THE NOTICE OF THE FEDERATION AND DEFUNCT ANJUMANASWELLASTHECOMMUNITY ABOUT AN ILLEGAL ATTEMPT MADE BY Mr. SAM RUSI CHOTHIA AND OTHERS AND MEASURES AND LEGAL REMEDIES UNDERTAKEN BY US TO SAFEGUARD THE SAME

Name Of The Trust:- The Teethal Parsi Sanatorium Trust.

Registration Number Of The Trust:- C/88; Valsad, Gujarat.

Applicants :-

- 1) Mr. Rohinton Minocher Driver.
Res. 103, Megh- Rachna Towers, Sheela Park Complex, Tithal Road, Valsad, Dist. Valsad.
Gujarat 396001. Tel No. 7383166259.
- 2) Mr. Sarosh Marazban Marfatia.
Res. Rustomji Lodge, Besides Doctor House, Halar Road, Valsad, Dist Valsad.
Gujarat.396001. Tel. No. 9898107031.

To:-

The Hon'ble. Chairperson Ms. Armaity Tirandaz, Hon'ble. Trustees and Members of the "Federation Of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjuman". Mr. Noshir Dadrawalla, Mr. Xerxes V. Dastur, Mr. Kersi Randeria, Mr. Viraf Dinshaw Metha. And Members Of The Defunct Anjuman.

Objective of this appeal/correspondence:- Since Mr. Sam Rusi. Chothia is C.E.O. of The Defunct Anjuman which falls under your Federation This appeal is a measure to inform the Federation about a sinister and nefarious plan of Mr. Sam Rusi. Chothia.

i) Sell a major part of a Trust Property Belonging to 'The Teethal Parsi Sanatorium Trust' C/88 Valsad, without any **'Justifiable reason' and without obtaining permission under section 36 of Public Trust Act.**

ii) **Concealing facts and information** from the community and Government officers to which he was aware of.

iii) Either

a) **Not recording correct information** in Minutes of meetings as a managing Trustee of Bulsar Parsi Anjuman Trust Valsad C/62,
OR.

b) **Prima Facie what appears to be a Manipulating/forging of Minutes of meetings held by Trustee of Bulsar Parsi Anjuman Trust Valsad C/62**, to suit his allegations in case of Teethal Parsi Sanatorium C/88 in his reply as a Managing Trustee of The Teethal Parsi Sanatorium Trust. Valsad..

Dear Madam/Sir;

We the above named individuals are Parsi Zoroastrians by birth and are residing at the above mentioned addresses since a very long time and thus are natural and deemed beneficiaries of all the Public Trust set up for the Benefit and Utility for the Parsi Community at large. Hence it is also our solemn duty to ensure that such Trusts and its property/resources are protected and utilized in the best possible manner for the betterment of the community at large and also, to try and ensure that the purpose of the Trust is fulfilled as per the mandate given to The Trustees in the Trust Deed.

This communication is being made by us before you to bring to your notice that Mr. Sam Rusi Chothia C.E.O. Of the Defunct Parsi Anjuman and also Trustee cum Managing Trustee of 'Bulsar Parsi Anjuman Trust Funds, Valsad' bearing registration Number C/62 Valsad, in collusion with other members of our Parsi Community belonging to Valsad who are at present also happen to be The

Board Of Trustees of 'Bulsar Parsi Anjuman Trust Funds, Valsad' bearing Registration No. C/62 Valsad and sold a parcel of land admeasuring approximately 10 Acres out of the 15 Acres at Teethal village Tal/Dist Valsad, this parcel of land belongs to a Trust known as 'The Tithal Parsi Sanatorium Trust' Valsad to their preferred purchaser without following due/legal procedures as per trust act. Kindly find a detailed report of the same in Attachment of this email.

Your prompt action and reply in this said matter shall be highly appreciated as it is in the benefit of our community at large.

Warm Regards.

Mr. Rohinton Driver & Mr. Sarosh Marfatia"

THE TWO CRUSADERS HAVE ATTACHED 36 PAGES OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE ALONG WITH THIS APPEAL FOR HELP FROM THE FEDERATION AND BPP TRUSTEES.

UNFORTUNATELY THE HON. SEC. OF THE FEDERATION, NOSHIR DADRAWALA, IS SO BUSY WARRING WITH HIS COLLEAGUE TRUSTEES ON THE ISSUE OF POSTPONEMENT OF BPP TRUSTEE ELECTIONS DUE TO COVID RESURGENCE, THAT NO MTG OF FEDERATION OR EVEN THE DEFUNCT ANJUMAN COMMITTEE HAS YET BEEN CONVENED TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER THE ALLEGATIONS OF TWO RESIDENTS OF VALSAD OF ATTEMPTED SALE OF TEETHAL SANATORIUM PROPERTY WITHOUT SANCTION OF THE CHARITY COMMISSIONER.

WE HOPE THAT IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE STEPS TO REMOVE SAM CHOTHIA AS CEO, DAC, IS TAKEN AND TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF AHMEDABADPRESIDENTBRIGADIER JEHANGIR ANKLESERIA IS DONE TILL THE TRUTH OF THE ALLEGATIONS IS ESTABLISHED ONCE AND FOR ALL.

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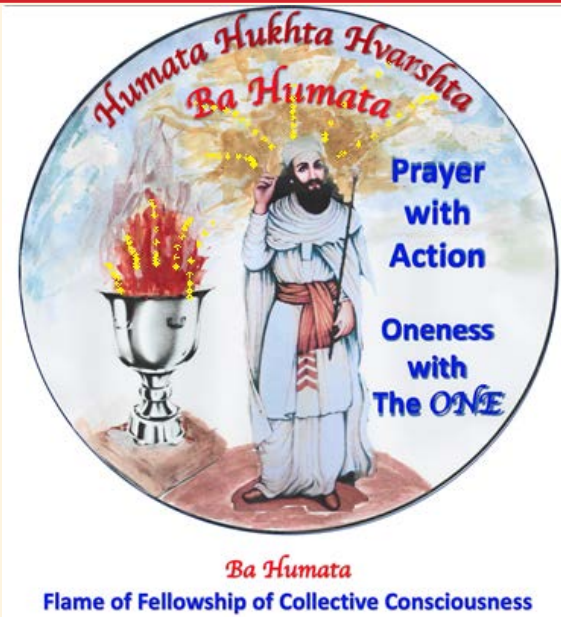
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TAROT PREDICTIONS FOR THE 12 MOON SIGNS (RAASHI) FOR THE WEEK

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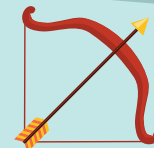
Aries (Mesh Raashi-a l e)

Lots of good improvements happening in your love life. You and your partner will work together and plan for a secure future. Career wise also it's a great week as financial prosperity is seen. Overall however you will find yourself going into contemplation or some sort of isolation to find yourself.



Leo (Simha Raashi-m tt)

Important decisions will be made this week. The female in the relationship will have the final say. Careerwise it's not a great week as sudden changes can bring in difficulties. Remember change is always for the better. Overall there will be new opportunities for you to start again.



Sagittarius (Dhanu Raashi-bh f dh)

A good week with regards to your love life. Happiness and joy is seen from your companion. Career wise there will be confusions. It is best not to make any move right now. Overall travel and moving progressively towards better days is seen this week.



Taurus (Vrishabh Raashi-b v u)

An excellent week ahead. Companionship and love await you with regards to your love life. Those who are single will most likely find a good suitor. Careerwise this week entails planning and laying foundation for the future. Financial planning and investments keep you busy. A few of you may even pamper yourselves this week.



Virgo (Kanya Raashi-p tthh)

An important decision which could change the direction of your love life will take place this week. Careerwise it's a great week as something comes in full circle and you find completion and success. Overall it's a great week for new beginnings especially business wise and career wise.



Capricorn (Makar Raashi-kh j)

Romance can turn into something more serious this week. A great week to seal deals in the love area. Careerwise this is not a good week as you are seen burdened or simply put off by things happening around you. Overall the energies push you towards seeking something new and starting all over again.



Gemini (Mithun Raashi-k chh gha)

A Wish comes true with regards to your love life. Career wise people in creative pursuits will find success. A few of you might even be busy studying or learning something new. You are seen taking guidance and proceeding ahead in all matters.



Libra (Tula raashi-r t)

Disappointment and heartbreak is seen this week. Remember this is not the end of the world. Career wise it's a good week as accolades and promotions are in store. Overall you will remain withdrawn and aloof but try to maintain social relations.



Aquarius (Kumbha Raashi-g s sh)

With regards to your love life you do not want to take a risk as you have been scarred in the past. Try to put this behind you. Career wise this is a great way to start new jobs or to get into studies. Overall it's a good week as you will have support from your loved ones around you.



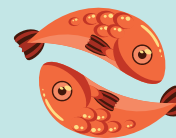
Cancer (Karaka Raashi-dd h)

A good week with regards to your love life. However a warning-do not let tried get in your way. Career wise it's a great week as financial prosperity is seen. For people in creative jobs it's a great week. Overall this week entails soul-searching for you as well.



Scorpio (Vrishchik Raashi-n y)

You seem to be healing from past heartbreak. You will move to better days ahead. Career wise disappointment is installed this week. However do not lose hope other opportunities will arise. Overall this is a week where a lot of karma is being dished out to you.



Pisces (Meena Raashi-d ch z th)

A good week with regards to your love life as clarity and answers will come your way. Careerwise this is an excellent week especially for those who are into trade and commerce and have their own business. Overall the energies push you to make clear-cut decisions and to think with absolute clarity.

Photography

Happy Holi



Behram R. Aderbad works as a professional in a reputed private company, and is also a passionate wildlife lover which got him interested in pursuing wildlife photography. He wants to promote and showcase the wild and wonderful side of Planet Earth through his images. He has travelled to the wild jungles of India and Africa to pursue photography, and any spare time that he finds back home in the concrete jungle is spent photographing different species of birds in and around his house.

These two tiny beauties of the avian world prove that good things come in small packages. It's never a good idea to stay cooped up in your hotel room as the outside world has a lot of things to showcase. Had a chance to photograph the Common Rosefinch (on the left) and the Blue-capped Rock-Thrush (on the right) during my recent trip to Coonoor, an exquisite hill station nestled in the Nilgiris. Once again nature shows how vibrant it is. Have a colourful weekend and stay safe!

YA AVAN ARDAVISUR BANU BERESAD

Invoke you I do, O Yazad divine, to this community bless

Fertility grant unto our ladies n men, reduce their worries n stress

Prosperity n peace unto this community, once again grant, of You, I beg

Our fertility, prosperity, status, is on the decline; please upto the brim fill our keg.

O Yaad, our wisdom, honesty and integrity please increase

With your waters holy increase flora, fauna, waters sweet n trees.

Your divine blessings we sincerely seek, through our Manthr vaani divine

Help us to once again wisely shine out n prosper O revered Yazad of mine.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

OUR CLOCK

Today, or these days, everything may seem fine.

We enjoying fully are life; with music, dance, dine and wine.

But one day, all of a sudden stop suddenly will, this clock of mine

Straighten the ECG curve will; flat will become the line.

Then upon my earthly remains, Khorshed Yazad will fully shine.

Hopefully far away I will be from nitty gritty; n for my departed ones I will no longer pine

Then peace prevail will; n of physical or emotional sufferings, there won't be any sign.

Prepare me O kind Ahura, to always ready be, when it is turn mine.

Aedoon Baad

Armin Dutia Motashaw

HOLI

On this day of Holi, today on a full Moon night ;

Lost evil and celebrated victory truth and things right.

Hirankashyap and his proud sister were so confident about their might;

But lost the evil Hirankashyap and Holika to righteousness .

Won Prahlad's faith against his father's viciousness ;

As burnt Holika into flames, survived Prahlad because of God's graciousness.

Let us also, all our vices burn, as burn will Holi, tonight

Along with ire, jealousy, suspicions, ego and all that isn't right

As arises morrow, spread may colours of happiness, shining bright .

Armin Dutia Motashaw