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Truth Behind Conversion of Leave n License to Tenancy



Last week I wrote to the community that the time to convert all Leave and Licences to tenancies has come. I wrote openly

BPP Trustee Viraf D. Mehta wrote openly to the community that the move recommended by me was fraught with legal and tax implications on the BPP and that an consolidated effort was required to ensure conversion was possible.

I have been inundated by phone calls from people pushing for this and the concern people share is genuine. They are worried that licensees can be removed from their homes at the whims of the Trustees and rightfully so.

During my five years as Trustee, I have seen time and again that

the Trustees who were elected to serve the community – use their power as Trustee to threaten, intimidate, pressurize our licensees with litigation. I have seen people come to the BPP Board cry and plead with the Trustees and then made to apologies because during some meeting they may have insulted a Trustee. In one case, one beneficiary had called a Trustee a cheater. Since the Trustee did not like this, he threatened the BPP staff to file evictions suits against the beneficiaries and this led to needless spending of BPP funds. Ultimately, the BPP settled the matter as we Trustees felt the BPP cannot pay bill to sooth the egos of Trustees but instead use these funds to serve the community.

Today, thankfully Mrs. Tirandaz, Xerses and myself look at each case in the

BPP objectively, without caring which beneficiary has called us names. We try to ensure that no matter what the situation, a suit for eviction is the last resort we must embark upon. Today we are Trustees, however, one day in the future if like-minded Trustees are not in the BPP and instead you have Trustees who feel it is their privilege to threaten and evict our beneficiaries – for that reason we need to protect all licensees today by offering them tenancies.

The above is the sole reason why I have taken it upon myself to endeavour to convert all licensees to tenancies. Whilst the BPP will be undertaking a comprehensive analysis on this, we request every resident (affected or not) to share their thoughts on converting licensees to tenancies.



**Winners announced inside
on page 13**

ReelIZYNG!



HIGH COURT DIVISION BENCH ORDERS OF 12TH MARCH 2021 FLOUTED

As the community is aware, the three Majority Trustees had sought postponement of the 12th March elections by two months due to Covid resurgence and to allow for vaccination which was opposed by Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala.

They took the Trustees to High Court where they lost against the Majority before the single Judge and in appeal filed by Randeria, the Division Bench also allowed postponement of the March elections and fixed 23rd May as the next date of elections by mutual Consent of both the Warring Groups of Trustees.

The Division Bench by its Order dated 12th March 2021 by mutual consent ordered that all Trustees shall move an application before the Chamber Judge on 17th March seeking extension of time to hold elections on 23rd May 2021 and the Chamber Judge was requested to dispose

off the application seeking extension the same day.

However the Division Bench may have proposed but the warring Trustees were not ready to dispose of the Application. The draft Application for extension prepared by Mulla and Mulla partner Yazdi Dandiwalla did not contain the reason for postponement of March elections as being due to Covid resurgence which was opposed by the two minority Trustees and after several days of several drafts being prepared, it was only on 24th March that the Application was filed before Chamber Judge and a precept filed to bring it on board for disposal.

Thus in spite of clear cut orders of the High Court to move application on 17th March, the differences among the warring groups was so strong that it was done only on 24th March which is exactly one week later than the Orders of the High Court. It is thus

obvious that unless like minded Trustees are elected, the next two years are going to be turbulent for the BPP Trust and the community. Of course like a chameleon Kersi Randeria will see the writing on the wall and ultimately succumb to the pressure of the needs and demands of the community at large. For the sake of peace and community welfare we hope the chameleon will change his colours sooner than later.

Anyway till 5th April there has been no Orders passed by the Judge in Chamber accepting the Application of extension of time as 23rd May 2021 which was to be done on 17th May 2021. With the irregularities in the Election Register not being rectified it is only fair that the elections are postponed again to some date in August/September 2021 so that the second jab of vaccine is completed by that time as well as rectifications done in the electoral roll and hopefully covid pandemic will be under control.

Letters to the Editor

CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT HOLD ELECTIONS

Open challenge to Anahita Desai

The BPP in its arrogance has last week yet again announced BPP elections to be held on May 23, 2021. This comes despite the exponential rise of COVID in Mumbai where cases are at a all time high!

Last week serious measures were put in place to curb groups gathering and the Government announcing that groups of more than 5 are not allowed to meet at any point in time. It is shocking that despite the grim situation where the city is on the verge of a lockdown, the BPP Trustees decide to announce elections.

We know Randeria is keen for his Anahita Desai to contest the elections so that she will help him on the Board, however

people like Anahita and Randeria need to understand that the community should not be risked in the name of petty politics and upmanship for their benefit. Get elected no matter the cost seems to be the mantra of people like Anahita Desai and Randeria.

The community is well aware that holding elections during this time is fraught with unimaginable risks. Risks to elderly, young, BPP staff, voters and the everyone else involved.

Many potential candidates have already indicated their willingness to postpone elections for the betterment of the community. We call upon Anahita Desai to prove to the community that she is in favour of postponement because of the COVID situation and she should write to

the community at large, knowing full well that holding elections now is not in the community's interest. Amroliwala, Zereeh Jehangirjee, Kersi Sethna, [] have all already written seeking a postponement of the election due to COVID.

Now the true test will need to be to see whether Anahita Desai endorses the right view to postpone elections due to COVID to sometime in September 2021 or will she insist on holding elections on May 23, 2021 to sooth her bruised ego.

If she is agreeable to postpone elections, she should join hands with the above individuals and move the High Court to postpone the upcoming elections for the betterment of the community.

Fire Retardant Attire For Mobeds Teams - Empowering Mobeds & WZO Trusts

Saturday October 24, 2020 was indeed a dark day, not only on account of the Pandemic but more so that Er. Zahan Meherzad Turel, all of 14 years young, a shining star of our Mobedi clan, suffered severe (48.5%) burns injuries whilst performing the 'boi' ceremony at Goti Adarian, Surat.

After being administered basic treatment young Zahan was rushed to Masina Hospital at Byculla, Mumbai, where he was given treatment for an extended period of time and thereafter discharged on Monday, January 04, 2021.

Fortunately for Er. Zahan Turel, he received excellent treatment at the Burns Unit of Masina Hospital and is well on his way to recovery.

Such a grisly mishap is not the first such incident that our Mobeds have had to contend with whilst tending to our revered fires. It is beyond imagination that in this day and age our Mobeds continue to perform religious ceremonies without a modicum of protection.

The incident triggered off intense discussions amongst the core group of **Team Empowering Mobeds (a joint initiative of WZO Trust Funds and Athornan Mandal)**. After proactive discussions where various options were considered it was finally decided to have '**Jamas, Padan & Hand Pockets (for Boiwala Mobeds to wear when inside the kebla)**' made from fire retardant fabric that

would provide reasonable safety to our Mobeds whilst carrying out various religious ceremonies.

Over the last few months, experiments were undertaken to test fire retardant fabrics that would provide safety to Mobeds in case of embers landing on their 'Jamas, Padan & Hand Pockets'.

Trials have been conducted, where Mobed Volunteers have worn Jamas made from different fabrics of thickness comparable to existing Jamas (on which the fire retardant process would be added later on) to test the comfort levels.

A well wisher Mr. Viraf Sohrabji Mehta who was keenly interested in the project coordinated the exercise with Ms. Firoza Karani, Director of Casablanca Apparels Pvt. Ltd., in having samples made and trials done for which we are most grateful to both of them.

It has now been decided to place an order for manufacturing 800 sets each of 'Jamas & Padans and 200 sets of hand pockets with **Casablanca Apparels Pvt. Ltd.**, a well known garment manufacturing unit established in 1993 that manufactures a variety of garments for both domestic and export markets.

As fire retardant fabric is not available off the shelves, Casablanca Apparels have placed an order with **Arvind Mills, Ltd.**, to





produce the minimum quantity required. The fire-retardant fabric is expected to be ready by mid-June 2021, and the final product ready for distribution sometime between mid to end July 2021. A set each will be offered gratis to practicing Mobeds for their use, should they be interested.

After the fabric has been manufactured, appropriate certificates of the fabric having Fire retardant properties will be obtained from Arvind Mills, the manufacturers of the fabric, as well as Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS) an international inspection agency that inspects Apparels, Machinery, Medicines etc, before shipments.

High Priests, Dasturji Dr. Firoze M. Kotwal, Dasturji Khurshed K. Dastoor, Dasturji Keki P. Ravji Meherjirana, Senior Mobed Aspandiar Dadachanji, have all been informed about the initiative and their approval received.

After using the initial set, if Mobeds are satisfied in all respects, it will be for them, or their Agiary Trustees / Panthaki's to procure additional sets from the manufacturers against payment. A

suitable system will be put into place that will make it convenient to procure future supplies.

The ever-generous **Trustees of Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao** have committed to make funds available for this initiative through **WZO Trust Funds** which will facilitate the initial production from fire retardant fabric of 800 Jamas 800 Padans and 200 pairs of Hand Pockets.

Mobeds, Panthakies and Trustees of Agiarys wishing to accept sets of Jamas & Padans and Hand Pockets made from fire retardant fabric are requested to contact and coordinate with:

Er. Hormuz A. Dadachanji,

D. E. Mithaiwala Agiary

Opp Grant Road Station (West),

Mumbai 400007

Telephone Contact: (+91) 9820493813

Disclaimer:

It is clearly understood, implicitly agreed to and accepted by the Mobeds using attire made from Fire Retardant fabric that the initiative taken by Empowering Mobeds & WZO Trusts and funded by Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao has been undertaken solely with the intent of providing safety to our Mobeds.

Empowering Mobeds, WZO Trusts or The Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao, their Trustees and members will under no circumstances be held responsible or liable should the product malfunction / is found ineffective / does not offer protection / or causes any other complications.

It is also reiterated that The Trustees / Members of Empowering Mobeds, WZO Trusts or The Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao have no commercial / pecuniary benefit from this project.

Billimora Trust Funds Vaccination Drive

"BILLIMORA PARSI ZOROASTRIAN ANJUMAN TRUST FUNDS".. arranged today Vaccination Drive at Urban Health Centre, Billimora for our most valued Senior Citizens residing in Billimora. Majority of them have been vaccinated today including my 89 yrs old mother who very actively participated....

cooperation & help to achieve this humanitarian task.....

Last but not the Least many many thanks to **Honourable Dr.Shri Gadhvi Saheb** & his entire team of Health Workers who were so humble & Polite & Cooperated Wholeheartedly...

Many Many Thanks to my **Co Trustee Shri Homyar Medhora** & our young & energetic **Secretary Vaspan Medhora** & our most active member & social worker **Shri Firoz Variava** for their kind

Feeling Very much Happy & Blessed.....

"Atha Jamyad Yatha Afrinami"





FAILURE TO UPDATE OF GENERAL/ DONOR REGISTER

The Division bench of the Bombay High Court by its Order dated 12th March 2021 in Zuleika Homavazir's Appeal (L) No. 6826 of 2021 in Interim Application (L) No. 6147 of 2021 in O.S. SUIT (L) No. 5425 of 2021 has set aside the Order of the Trustees of BPP rejecting the Nomination of Zuleika Homavazir for the 14th March 2021 elections and ordered that her Nomination form is valid and she can contest the said elections.

In this context Kersi Randeria was keen to challenge the Division Bench Order before the Supreme Court (since he was not paying for the litigation but charity funds were being spent for it) but since he got no support from the other Trustees he had to give up his desire to file an Appeal.

The High Court further remarked that it was for the Trustees to ensure that persons whose names appears on the Register has ceased to profess the Zoroastrian faith has to be removed from the electoral roll but only after following the clear terms of the procedure to be followed by the Trustees especially 30 days Show Cause Notice.

In spite of this clear cut directions on 12th March 2021 to all the five Trustees and with the Elections now being allowed to be postponed to 23rd May 2021, the Board did not think it material to urgently post haste issue Show Cause Notice to any such converts on the Electoral Register to remove their names from the roll. Yes, a notice was sent to Advocate

Dandiwalla to issue such a notice on 18-3-21 but there has been no further follow up action after that.

The result is that the name of Rustom Jeejeebhoy, a Parsi allegedly converted to Christianity still continues on the Electoral roll, entitling him to not only vote though allegedly ineligible but even propose or second a Trustee candidate. It is thus imperative that the Electoral Register be updated by deleting the names of converts, dead persons names still on the register as well as those names appear multiple times.

This has to be done right now before the cd's of their names are sold to prospective candidates. With the increasing Covid instances it is likely that the May elections are bound to be postponed again and hence no elections be held till the roll is updated.

In this context Zuleika Homavazir has also sent a Notice email on 29th March 2021 calling upon the Trustees to Update the Electoral Register before the elections can be conducted. We reproduce below the email notice of Zuleika Homavazir sent to all the Trustees.

"From: **Zuleika Homavazir** <voteforzuleika@gmail.com>
Date: Mon, 29 Mar 2021, 10:29 pm
Subject: Failure to Update of General/ Donor Register
To: Aspi Sarkari <bppceoas@gmail.com>, SHEHNAAZ KHAMBATTA <bppdyceosk@gmail.com>, TRUSTEE - MR. NOSHIR H.

DADRAWALA <noshirbpp@gmail.com>, Trustee Mr Kersi Randeria <kersi@ahuramazdagroup.com>, Viraf Mehta, CLSA <viraf.mehta@clsa.com>, Xerxes V Dastur <dasturxerxes@gmail.com>, armaity tirandaz <artirandaz@gmail.com>

To,
The CEO & Trustees
Bombay Parsi Panchayet.

With extreme reluctance, I have to once again state that the update of the General / Donor Register has not been done to date for the scheduled upcoming elections.

Though the names of new registrations have been added, deletion of names of the Deceased as also names of single persons bearing 3 different Registration Certificate Numbers with 3 different names as pointed out earlier is yet to be implemented.

Atleast close to a hundred errors can be pointed out. This has been checked on the latest data supplied to me on a Pen Drive yesterday (Sunday 28th March 2021) along with the Nomination Form.

Yours truly,

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir.
Mobile: 9821033786."

WILL THE TRUSTEES CARRY OUT THIS EXERCISE BEFORE ALLOWING ELECTIONS TO BE HELD



EMAIL NOTICE OF DEFAMATION BY ZULEIKA TO KAIKHUSHRU IRANI

As some community members on selected WhatsApp groups are aware that from time to time Kersi Randeria sends dirty, vile, defamatory emails attacking Dinshaw Mehta and his whole family including the innocent wife of his Pansy and even her family through his paid employee the briefless dimwit of Balam Street whose name he uses as Editor, Printer and Publisher of a rag named Poll Khol Sachu Bol.

All the 10 issues actually written and published by Kersi Randeria but in name of his proxy employee the brainless goonda of Balam Street of this worthless rag only comprised defamatory and malicious fabricated lies to run down Dinshaw Mehta and his whole family including his wife Pansy who have served the community so wholeheartedly so that the prestige, love and goodwill that Dinshaw Mehta commands among the majority of independent thinking Parsis is somehow reduced and transferred to him.

Dinshaw Mehta being the Honorable man that he is completely ignored the vile and false propaganda written against him and his family by Kersi Randeria through his paper Poll Khol Sacchu Bol but in the pseudo name of his paid employee.

No wonder Kersi Randeria rewarded him in advance and he brazenly lied to the other Trustees and got them to agree to allot a 2RK flat at Contractor Baug by lying to the other Trustees and now he is in possession of two Parsi charity flats even though he is married to a non-Parsi lady. But then Zuleika Homavazir is a different person and not one who will take insults and lies lying down but retaliate and retaliate hard if some one maligns her name.

Since the last issue of Poll Khol Sacchu Bol had derogatory remarks about her and her father, she immediately sent the below Defamation Notice by email and promptly Kersi Randeria's new lady friend Sana Irani of Bhabha Sanatorium fame along with Aspi Deboo, Farad Irani and others phoned her up and pleaded with Zuleika to withdraw the Defamation notice and the police complaint. But when Sana Irani found her pleadings being reported on WhatsApp she suddenly became very polite and sweet and tried to deny that she never begged her to withdraw the Defamation Notice.

The other Irani Jamshedji Salamat Irani who also has nothing to do but is on WhatsApp the whole day pretending to be blind asked Dinshaw Mehta what was the defamation complained about and then came to the conclusion that there was nothing defamatory and in fact exhorted the Editor not to apologise to Zuleika but to fight her in Court and with the police with funds which will be given by Kersi Randeria.

In his audio he tried to frighten Zuleika by calling upon Parsis not to vote for a person who files Defamation notice even before she becomes a Trustee and hence she is likely to file cases upon Licensees once she becomes a Trustee. Poor Jamshedji, what logic! perhaps he is not aware that she has already announced that she

is in favor of giving Tenancy to all and not License. Thus with three Trustees already in favor of Tenancy is anybody going to listen to the stupid advice of Jamshedji.

We reproduce below the Defamation Notice sent by Zuleika Homavazir against the bogus Editor of Poll Khol Sacchu Bol:

“NOTICE BY: EMAIL

Mr. Kaikhushroo Irani
Editor, Printer, Publisher
Poll Khol Sacchu Bol newspaper
Volume 1 - Issue 10 dated 30th March 2021.

Subject: NOTICE, INTER ALIA, FOR CRIMINAL AND CIVIL DEFAMATION AND TO CEASE AND DESIST FROM MAKING AND PUBLISHING DEFAMATORY REMARKS; RECALLING YOUR ILLEGALLY PUBLISHED NEWSPAPER PAGES NO. 5 and 8 AND ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC APOLOGY IN RESPECT OF PERSONAL ATTACKS ON ME AND MY FAMILY THROUGH YOUR ONLINE NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION “POLL KHOL SACCHU BOL” DATED 30TH MARCH, 2021 CIRCULATED ON 1ST APRIL 2021.

Mr. Kaikhushroo Irani,

It has come to my attention that you have made defamatory, false and wilfully misleading statements without merit, about me and my family members in your illegal published newspaper “Poll Khol Sacchu Bol” dated 30th March 2021.

You had already been warned on 16th March 2021 at 15:24hrs on “Community Matters” WhatsApp group to refrain from making personal comments and attacks on me and my family members, failing which the legal consequences that might follow.

“It is unlawful for an individual to make deliberate statements that intend to harm a person’s reputation without factual evidence or based on hearsay”.

The false statements that you have made in your newspaper publication are reckless and highly defamatory and has caused me to suffer:

1. Substantial harm in the face of the World Zoroastrian Community
2. Economic harm
3. Harm to my profession of serving the educational fraternity for over a decade
4. Harm to my character and reputation of my family
5. Harm to my election campaign for the forthcoming Trusteeship of the Bombay Parsi Panchayet.

I hereby demand that you immediately cease and desist from



making any and all false, unsubstantiated, fraudulent and baseless accusations against me and my family members henceforth.

Your attempts to spread libellous/ slanderous and defamatory material about me and my family have raised serious and irreparable injury to my reputation and that of my family.

This letter be served as a warning and pre- suit letter demanding that you provide a written assurance within three working days that you will :

- 1) Cease and desist from making defamatory remarks in the future.
- 2) Retract your statements publicly
- 3) Provide an legible and unconditional apology in your next publication

If you do not comply with this cease and desist notice within the

aforementioned timeline then I will be forced to send all the late night whatsapp messages of yourself and that of your Trustee friend to the Cyber Crime Cell of Mumbai Police as also the Press Trust of India and will proceed with filing a lawsuit in the proper jurisdiction seeking monetary damages as well as pursuing all available legal remedies for defamation against you and your Trustee friend leading to outraging the modesty of a woman and that of my family members, entirely at your risks and costs.

Take full notice accordingly.

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir.
Mobile: 9821033786

PFA the copy of Poll Khol Sacchu Bol newspaper, Volume 1 - Issue 10 dated 30th March 2021."



Queue this morning at the Petit Parsi general Hospital of Mumbai for the vaccine!

BAHUMATA - APRIL SPECIAL FEATURES THE SPIRIT OF ZARATHUSHTRA

FROM HUMATA TO HVARASHTA TO PROTECT AND HEAL THE EARTH

(Spentomad Gatha 48.12)

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4. Shirin Mehri - Zarthushti Peace Agent (Pakistan)
5. Afreed Mistry - FEZANA AVA Project (Canada)

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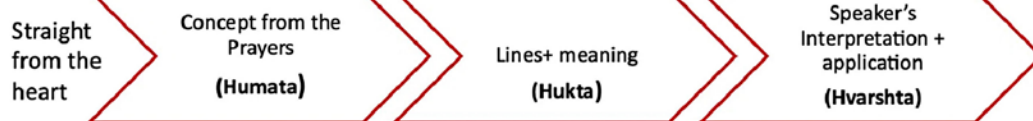
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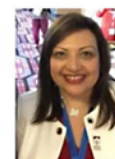
From Humata To Hvarashta : Asho Zarathushtra's messages to Protect
And Heal The Earth Spentomad Gatha 48.12 and related prayers



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Ervad Mahiyar Keravala
(Australia)



Afreed Mistry
(Canada)



Shirin Mehri
(Pakistan)



Arzan Sam Wadia
(USA)



Dr. Karishma Koka
Founder & moderator

The speakers and Biographies arranged by Mr. Meher Amalsad - Mentor and Facilitator

The audience will be invited to share with Vohu Mana (good mind) how Zarathushti prayers
have helped, inspired or enabled them to have different experiences.

PRINCIPLES



Grow in our journey from **ASHA (Purity) to USHTA (Happiness)**.
Rejoicing all good actions done with the good Wisdom of the Mind for the Good of All
(Yasna Ha 28.1)

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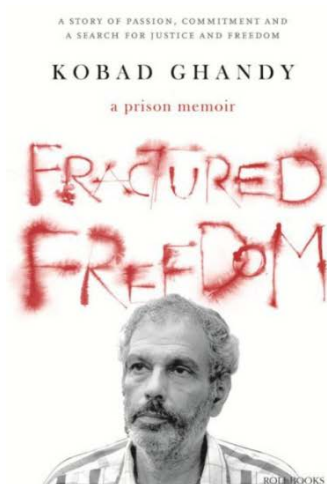
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From Parsi Son To Prisoner of Conscience: Kobad Ghandy – The FEZANA Talks #20

Add event to calendar



Join us as we discuss the arrest and imprisonment of Parsi-Zoroastrian activist Khobad Ghandy as he worked to empower oppressed communities in India. Ghandy and his late wife, Anuradha, exchanged upper middle-class comforts for lives of hardship in service of India's most downtrodden. Then the government charged him with terrorism and sedition. Courts threw the charges out, but not before he spent 10 years in some of India's most notorious prisons. At liberty now, Ghandy speaks to FEZANA Talks from Mumbai and shares stories from his memoir.

**The FEZANA Talks Presents****From Parsi Son to Prisoner of Conscience: Activist Kobad Ghandy's Prison Memoir**

Moderated by Porus P. Cooper

Sat. April 10th

9am PDT / 12pm EDT / 5pm BST / 9:30pm IST

ZOOM MEETING ID: 998 2808 7131

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**Join On ZOOM****Speaker Bios****Kobad Ghandy**

Kobad Ghandy was born into an affluent Bombay Parsi family, graduated from an elite high school, and was on his way to qualifying as a chartered accountant in London when he changed course. Instead of trying to scale lucrative heights in finance, he became a radical activist, espousing Marxism as he worked to empower oppressed communities in India. He paid a cruel price for his idealism: 10 years in jails, on terrorism-related charges that were thrown out by courts. His life has inspired lurid headlines and been fictionalized in Bollywood. Now he tells his story in a memoir, "Fractured Freedom."

In Conversation with Porus Cooper

Porus P. Cooper is a veteran journalist who got his start in the profession at the Times of India in Bombay, and most recently was a senior editor at the Philadelphia Inquirer. His freelance articles have been published in Parsiana, the FEZANA Journal, and other publications. He maintains an abiding interest in India and in his Zoroastrian community. Through media accounts he has followed the Kobad Ghandy saga for years.

Add event to calendar

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ZYNA Zoroastrian Youth of North America

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Zoroastrian Youth Of North America

A COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION OF ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA



Over the Nowruz weekend ZYNA held two events that had amazing participation and presence from our global Zarathushti community. We would like to share the recordings of those two events for those who could not participate live.

The **FACES of TODAY** video compilation was also premiered at one of these events. We share this with you as a standalone presentation.

We hope you enjoy viewing these recordings. ZYNA welcomes suggestions and ideas on topics and issues that concern Zarathushti youth and young adults. Feel free to reply to this email or write us at zyna@fezana.org

Sincerely
Parshan Khosravi & Farzin Avari
ZYNA Co-Chairs



FACES OF TODAY



ZYNA Nowruz 2021 Virtual Musical Gala



ZYNA Nowruz Global Prayer Circle



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Celebrates Easter, all around, the entire Christian world, on this auspicious day.

Kiddos enjoy the Easter baskets, eggs n Bunnies , in every corner curled, happy n gay!!!

For us it is a very very special day, it's memory with us will always, forever stay.

An icy cold day at Niagara Falls it was, in 1984; when we couldn't keep the cold at bay;

I impulsively requested a lift and met Leena and Grandma on this very special day.

Took us she around the falls, almost into Canada n to Grandma see, on the way.

Dropping us at our motel, after a sumptuous Italian meal, at a posh restaurant, she went away;

Only to surprise us with a big Easter Bunny n basket, n gifts many; as in our room we lay.

At the desk, cancelled she the taxi booked; n back came early morning, bright n gay

She first home drove us and with gifts umpteen loaded us; Santa on an Easter Monday !!!

At Buffalo airport, dropped us she when; overwhelmed we were and didn't even know, what to say

We thought never would we meet them ; never would we be able to come back, to see them some day !!!

But a relationship strong grew, letters n gifts lovingly exchanged we; visited them we did, one day.

Lovingly, a good morning n night I wish her, every morning n night, even today;

May in Heaven happy they remain; our dearest Grandma, Leena n Arlene I pray.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

Faith

In the beginning Lord hath said:
In Ahura Mazda have absolute faith
He alone can save you from
Ugly worldly baits

When everything does go wrong
Cause you have waited too long
You feel frustrated and blue
Faith alone can see you through

Faith is really a magic wand
Close your eyes and say a little prayer
Soon all your worries will disappear
Will no longer feel alone and forlorn

Choicest Happiness

Farida
29/10/79

Zoroastrianism

The teachings of
Our Pristine Religion
are like butterflies
Pollinating & emanating aroma
As it flits from flower
To flower or tree to tree

Pollination breathes
New life into
Our beautiful flora
As well as Fauna
So too our
Pristine Prayers
Of our Asho Zarathushtra
Pollinating the human
Mind and Soul
To work towards
A Peaceful world
For all of humanity

We have a responsibility
To serve in what ever
Capacity we can
Cause we have
Only one life to lead
So, please
Why not Give Peace A Chance?

Choicest Happiness

Farida



EMPOWERING DIALOGUES

The Empowering Mobeds webinar held on 20th March 21, provided a platform for our priests to swap their resilience stories. Here are snippets of the "Empowering Dialogues" describing how our mobeds, powered through the difficult year gone by. Thanks to the digital platform, there was a wide spectrum of priests joining EM team Mumbai from Navsari, Surat, Mandvi, wee hours of UK and for the first time Pundole agiary Udwada.

Moderator Er Kerman Fatakia invited our senior priest Ervad Asfandiyar Dadachanji to commence the program by invoking blessings of Ahura Mazda. EM chairperson Dinshaw Tamboly acknowledged that "many lives and livelihood had been snatched away by Covid. We are battered but definitely not beaten because we persevered. Hope is the word that God has written on the brow of every human being". Picking up the thread from his narrative, co-ordinator Binaifer Sahukar added another layer of light in darkness which can only be discovered by expressing feelings rather than trapping your troublesome thoughts in the echo chamber of your head. Er Marazban Kanga talked about his emotional distress and reiterated that it's okay for men to seek relief by crying.



Er Firdaus Pavri

Er Firdaus Pavri spoke about the stressful confrontations with the cops for the travel restrictions at the peak of lockdown until finally, his vehicle got impounded. Left with no choice, he and his dad stayed at the spartan agiary. It was just father, son and chasniwalla praying at the 287th saalgreh. His dad won the battle against covid only to succumb to a heart attack months later.

Er Kaizad Karkaria lamented the empty Rustomframna agiary for their salgreh celebration on 22nd March 2020. As a boiwalla of both the agiary and Wadiaji



Er Kaizad Karkaria

Atashbehram he too was hassled by the police checkpoints who were rightfully doing their duty. He was grateful to the trustees for not cutting the mobed salaries. He expressed gratitude to Mr Dinshaw

Tamboly for the monetary assistance of all mobeds in need through the WZOTF. Kathi was fast depleting and two main suppliers from Gujarat were not allowed to cross the border, as they were not a part of essential services. Kudos to Dasturji Khurshed Dastur who through the office of honourable minister Smriti Irani successfully cleared the bottleneck.



Er Hormuz Dadachanji

Er Hormuz Dadachanji's brother was stuck in Karjat for many months and the onus of managing both Mithaiwalla and Vatchagandhi agiary fell on his shoulders. He was fortunate to have two new boiwallas join his staff. His staff even pitched in to cook for everyone. Never before in his career has he got to spend so much time tending to the beloved fires.

Er Darayesh had similar problems with food and Kathi shortage. The caretakers took over the catering responsibility. He personally went by car to drop the salaries to the mobeds home. Two important takeaways are the need for identity service cards for our priests for times like nakabandis and online salary payments.

Ever helpful **Er Porus Katrak** from Saheragiary, ferried people in his car for essential services and got provisions for people stuck at home.



Er Porus Katrak

Er Kobad Bharda recalled an empty Udwada gaam on the Adar nu Parab. Only the village residents paid obeisance to Iranshah.

In neighbouring Mandvi, Er Pervez Mandviwalla had stocked up Kathi for 4 months but fell short of diva kakras which he was able to source eventually. Dinshaw Tamboly was thanked for assisting the villagers through WZOTF.

Er Mahernosh Gulestan, Surat was appreciative of the Madrassa looking after the kids until one day the fathers from Gujarat were able to coordinate the travel strategy to bring the children home with travel permission on the Athornan Mandal

letterhead provided by the principal Ramiyar Sir. Online learning was a challenge in the beginning but now they have got the swing of it.

Er Meherzad Turel, was stressed with balancing his corporate job and 5 times boi at Goti Adarian, due to priests shortage. Often the Rapithwan boi would clash with a zoom work call. His fully trained son Zahan stepped up to help with boi and muktads. An overwhelmed dad acknowledged the powerful blessings of serving the fire that helped the family power through their epic tragedy. It was thrilling to see a shy Zahan briefly switch on his camera to say hi.

Dinshaw Tamboly believes that no mobed should endure pain like young Zahan. Under the guidance of ER Hormuz Dadachanji, by mid July 800 padans, 800 Jamas and 200 gloves of fire retardant material, lasting 50 washes, will be given gratis to our mobeds. The project of 18 lakhs has been sponsored by the Zoroastrian charity funds of Hong Kong, Canton and Macau.

In UK, ZTFE has employed a full time mobed **Er Yazad Bhada**. Online Jashans and Muktads have been a boon and comfort to the behdins.

Athornan Mandal principal **Er Ramiyar Karanjia** was hopeful of the school term beginning in June but the second Covid wave has tanked the idea. He praised the great synergy between parents and kids for online school and bhntar class. Through the Zoroastrian charity funds of Hong Kong, Canton and Macau, he thanked Mr Dinshaw Tamboly for providing laptops to the students. The pandemic has forced us to take a pause in the rat race and do the things we wanted to do. He urged all of us to treat the adversity as a stepping stone.

Kashmira Kakalia, expressed her gratitude to all our magnificent atash na rakhwallas for sharing their stories of hope and resilience. A special thanks to Er Sheherezad Pavri for the major heavy lifting in ensuring the seamless flow of the event. Our community owes them a debt of gratitude of going beyond the call of duty to ensure our fires are reverentially well fed. Thank you Parsi Junction for the print space.

Winners of Reelizyng

This Navroze, while Covid-19 still swayed round the corner ZYNG 2.0 didn't give in and came up with yet another virtual event... ReeliZYNG.. Open to Zoroastrians of all ages across the globe, participants had an opportunity to express their creativity by sending in their Instagram Reels of the

theme of their choice and could integrate Parsipanu (Navroze Themed). ZYNG 2.0 received an overwhelming number of 85+ reels from Zoroastrians across the globe including Mumbai, Nagpur, Baroda, Navsari, Coonoor, London, Oslo, USA and more.

Below are the winners of the contest:



1st
Rhea Vesuwala



2nd
Danish Bhandara



3rd
Zara Lakdavala & Team



With the *Festive season* round the corner, we bring to you

Reelizyng!

Send in your best Insta Reels 15/30 seconds to info@zyng.org & **WIN** cash prizes!!!

Our Judging Panel



MARZI PESTONJI



NAUHEED CYRUSI



SHREYAS PARDIWALLA

So what are you waiting for???

GET READY TO REEL WITH

ZYNG 2.0

FOR ALL AGE GROUPS

Congratulations to all the winners!!

ZYNG thanks the Judging Panel - Marzi Pestonji, Nauheed Cyrusi & Shreyas Pardiwalla for their time and effort.

One can watch all the amazing reels on @zyng2.0 Insta and be updated for future events.

While we continue to take precautionary measures against Covid-19, let's not deprive ourselves from virtual entertainment activities. ZYNG 2.0 looks forward to your wholehearted participation in their upcoming events.. Till then, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy!

ZYNG 2.0 also recognised those who displayed their talent and obviously some Parsipanu..



1st
Dinshah Anklesvaria



2nd
Mhelly Bhumgara



3rd
Jenny Bamji



4th
Yazad Elavia



5th
Behnaaz and Vahbiz Nanavati with Mabrin Nanavati

Fashion Tips

How to dress for your body type - Part 2

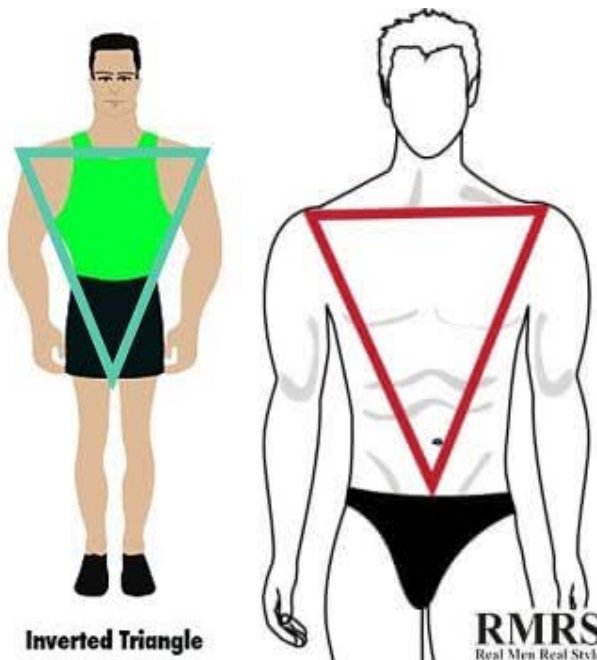


Kash Pitha

In my last article, we discussed a diamond body shape and how we could counter your diamond silhouette to make it look ideally balanced and attractive. Today, we shall discuss about the inverted triangle body shape.

Body shape- *Inverted Triangle*

People with an inverted triangle body shape appear to be top heavy with wider shoulders and narrower hips and thighs. Women have an average to large bust whereas men have a broader chest. The upper body is larger in comparison to the lower with thin legs and almost flat buttocks.



Clothing styles for males.

Inverted triangle is an ideal body shape for men unless the ratio of upper body to lower is more than ideal. Best example would be Jhonny Bravo's body shape. In that case, we would try to fill out the area below the waist with soft fullness.

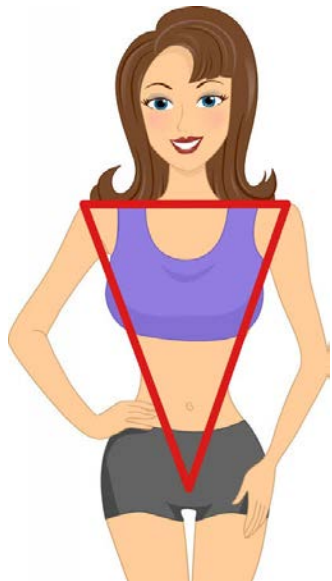
- Since your shoulders are broad, to fill out the area below the waist opt for jeans that have a slight flare. Avoid skin tight jeans or pants.
- Lighter shade jeans and pants in the color grey will also assist in adding some width. Avoid dark shaded jeans that might add oddness to your overall look.
- Some prints on your pant can draw attention to your legs.
- Pleated trousers are a great option for this body type. Cargo pants work well

with this body type too.

- Your shoulders are your highlight so there is no doubt you need to show them off.
- Gym vests are recommended for just casual wear of course.
- T-shirts with V or oval necklines which are well fitted.
- Go for polo neck t-shirts that have stripes on the stomach rather than chest.
- Avoid shirts or jackets with shoulder pads.
- Make sure your jacket fabric is soft rather than stiff. We dont want your already broad shoulders to look wider and let your jacket be in open style than closed.
- A contrast of dark color jacket with light color trousers will suit you well.
- A double breasted jacket will work well with your body shape.



Fashion Tips



Clothing styles for females.

In females an inverted triangle body shape can be countered by minimising the upper torso with loose fit. Emphasising the centre front or anywhere below the waist and by filling out the area below the waist with some design details.

- Avoid tops that are figure hugging and have high necks. V necks would help you accentuate your centre front.
- Avoid boat necks or any form of wide necks.
- Avoid horizontal stripes that are widely spaced on t-shirts.
- Go for peplum tops and dresses as they create an illusion of a curvier and a fuller hip.
- Light coloured bottoms that have a slight flare or have horizontal stripes can make the lower body appear fuller.
- Baggy pants, cargos and balloon pants are a great option too.
- You can play with medium to large printed bottoms.

- Avoid pencil cut pants or super skinnies.
- Wear flare long skirts, an A line skirt is a great option.
- Opt for darker coloured jackets without shoulder pads with details at the pockets near the hips.
- Let jackets be of medium to light weight which button at the waist and flare at the hip.
- Since there is a possibility of you being high waisted, try wearing your bottoms slightly low to add length to your torso.

Knowing your body type will help you to get the best out of your clothing. You would also need to know whether you are high or low waisted.

Kash Pitha

To get the best recommendations and styles suitable for your body type get in touch with me on
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V Shape



Keyhole



Gathered Neck



Raglan Sleeves



Bell sleeves and a Deep V



No lapel, flared shape



Narrow lapel



Patch pockets on hips



Distressing and Whiskers, Boyfriend style



Flared jeans



Wide legs



Bias cut



Flared shape

Photography

Tusker



Mornings like these are a dream come true as I had visualized this image for a long time. Getting a majestic tusker with Mt. Kilimanjaro in the background was one of the images that I had envisaged before setting foot in Africa. It was hazy when we started but the Gods decided to be kind as the weather soon cleared up.



Ruby B. Aderbad

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

Born to Serve

No human should
Be a slave of another
Cause you are the
Master of your fate
Captain of your soul

I am solely responsible for
My thoughts words deeds
And do not have to answer
To any one but
Only to the one
I was born to serve

Do not be a
Slave to society
Or explicitly do
It's bidding but
stand tall

Have a spine
Speak your mind
Please do not fall
Fall victim to
"What will people say"?

If we all believe in
Ourselves and continue
Working for the
Peace and Prosperity
Of Humanity
What a wonderful world
It would be!!!

Lastly:
You are responsible to no one
But, only to the one
You were born to serve.

**Choicest Happiness
Farida**

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