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MAY 23RD ELECTIONS POSTPONED DUE TO COVID/LOCKDOWN

By its Order of 12th March 2021, the Division Bench of the High Court had fixed 23rd May 2021 by mutual consent the date to hold elections for the two Trustees vacancy in the Board of BPP, for which all the five Trustees were directed to move the Chamber Judge on 17th March 2021.

However the infighting among the two warring groups of Trustees continued whilst preparing the petition to be filed before the Judge in Chamber. One group led by Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala wanted no reason to be given for postponement in the Application to be presented to the Chamber

Judge whilst reporting the postponement of the 14th March elections whilst the majority group of Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur wanted to include that the sudden surge in spread of Covid infection was the reason for the postponement.

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PRESS RELEASE

BPP ELECTIONS POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19

On Tuesday, April 6 2021, the BPP Trustees convened a Board meeting chaired by Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz and attended by Trustee Xerxes Dastur and Trustee Viraf Mehta.

Trustee Noshir Dadrawala and Trustee Kersi Randeria did not attend.

At this meeting, given the escalated COVID19 cases in Mumbai and the SOPs issued by the Government of Maharashtra on April 4 2021, the Trustees present unanimously resolved to propose to postpone the elections which were proposed to be held on May 23, 2021.

The Resolution and above facts were placed before the Hon'ble Justice Gupte on Wednesday, April 7 2021 and Hon'ble Justice Gupte passed an Order postponing the May 23, 2021 elections.

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Justice Gupte, attached are copies of the Resolution passed on April 6, 2021 by the Trustees of the BPP and the Order of the Bombay High Court dated April 7, 2021 so that the community is aware of the steps taken by the Trustees to ensure the spread of COVID is curbed.

The BPP has been directed to propose a new program of elections, including a fresh time line, before the Hon'ble Bombay High Court on the next date on April 30, 2021.

The Trustees once again urge all community members over the age of 45 to please get vaccinated and stay safe.

As the BPP office is closed till April 30, 2021, a help-line to assist any community member has been created. Please feel free to contact the BPP on its helpline numbers on:
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EXTRACT OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PARSI PUNCHAYET BOMBAY HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 06, 2021

RESOLVED THAT the Trustees have unanimously decided to postpone the election which is to be held on May 23, 2021. This is as a result of the escalated COVID19 situation in the city of Mumbai and the SOPs issued by the Government of Maharashtra Notification No. DMU/202/CR92/DisM-1 dated April 4, 2021 wherein it has been stated that as of 8PM on April 5, 2021 (i) all private offices and religious places of worship are to remain closed. (ii) no religious, social, cultural or political functions of any kind are allowed; (iii) only district elections can be held with the permission of the District Collector and (iv) there will be a restricted movement of no more than 5 people in any public place between 7AM and 8PM; and (v) from 8PM to 7AM on weekdays and from 8PM on a Friday to 7AM on Monday, there is a complete lockdown wherein no one is permitted to move in public places without valid reasons or permissions. The above restrictions are in place till April 30, 2021. As a result of the above notification, the offices of the BPP shall be closed till further directions from the State Government. As per the current proposed election schedule, candidates are to file their nominations on or before April 12, 2021 and withdraw nominations by April 26, 2021, however, in view of the notification, the same is no longer possible. Further, the rise in COVID in BPP colonies has been exponential with currently close to 40 cases in Rustom Baug, Byculia, with many more infected in other colonies. Accordingly, the Trustee RESOLVE THAT to postpone the elections by two or more months.

FURTHER RESOLVED THAT MR. Dandiwalla, Advocate appearing for the Bombay Parsi Panchayat who has filed the Originating Summons before Hon'ble Justice Mr. Gupte of the Hon'ble Bombay High Court be requested to seek and file an amendment of the Originating Summons seeking to postpone the elections proposed to be held on May 23, 2021, by two or more months as per Article 16 of the Election Scheme, governing the Trust.

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A. F. Sarkari

Ch./By. Ch./Sr. Dy. Ex./
Parsi Panchayat, Bombay



Ultimately a compromise was done and the Misc.Petition (L) No. 8074 of 2021 for holding elections on 23rd May was filed only on 24th March 2021 by Advocate Dandiwala of Mulla and Mulla.

The petition came up for hearing on 6th April 2021 before HH Judge S.C. Gupte when one day's time was sought by BPP Counsel as the meeting of the Board of Trustees was fixed for that very evening.

At the Board meeting on 6th April 2021, the Trustees took note of the increase in the cases of Covid, the dramatic resurgence of the pandemic and the state lockdown announced including closure of all private offices and unanimously decided to postpone the elections. The two dissenting Trustees did not think it necessary to attend the said meeting and then not-surprisingly took offense that the postponement decision was not unanimous as they were not in its favor. Having decided not to attend the meeting then how can the two dissenting Trustees, Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala claim that the decision was not unanimous. Their logic is beyond comprehension.

On 7th April, the matter was taken up for hearing by the High Court when an Intervention Application (L) No. 9631 of 2021 filed by Phiroze Amroliwalla, Kersi Sethna and Zereeh Jehangirji was also taken up. Junior Counsel Jamshed Master argued the matter well on behalf of the intervenors.

Ultimately the 23rd May elections were postponed by the High Court but a fresh date of elections was kept in abeyance and they were asked to report back on 30th April in view of the restrictions imposed by the State due to the current Covid pandemic.

We give below the BPP Press Release dated 8th April, extract of the Minutes of 6th April board Resolution and the High Court Order dated 7th April for the community knowledge:



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
MISC.PETITION (L) NO. 8074 OF 2021**

Trustees of the Funds and Immoveable

Properties of the Parsee Panchayet of Bombay & Ors.
The Charity Commissioner, Maharashtra

...Petitioners and
...Respondent

**WITH
INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 9631 OF 2021
IN
MISC.PETITION (L) NO. 8074 OF 2021**

Phiroze Amroliwalla & Ors.

...Applicants/Proposed Interveners

In the matter between

Trustees of the Funds and Immoveable

Properties of the Parsee Panchayet of Bombay & Ors.
The Charity Commissioner, Maharashtra

...Petitioners vs.
...Respondent

Mr.Ankit Lohia with Rahjesh Satpalkar and Pinkesh Shah i/b. Mulla & Mulla & Craigie Blunt & Caroe for Petitioners.

Mr.H.B. Takke, AGP for State.

Mr.Jamshed Master i/b. Danish Chamadia for Intervenor.

CORAM : S.C. GUPTA, J.

DATE : 7 APRIL 2021

P.C. :

Learned Counsel for the Petitioners informs the court that a meeting of the trustees of Petitioner No.1 trust took place yesterday; this meeting was attended by three trustees who passed a resolution proposing postponement of the elections of the board of trustees by a period of 2 to 3 months having regard to the current restrictions due to Covid-19 pandemic.

2 Learned Counsel for the Applicants in Interim Application (Lodging) No.9631/2021 has no objection if the elections are postponed, since, in any event, that is one of the prayers of the Applicants themselves.

3 Though the Division Bench, which passed the order fixing the present schedule of elections, by consent of parties, has required the timeline laid down by it to be strictly followed, considering the subsequent events which have brought about a significant change in the circumstances including restrictions imposed by the State due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, applicable till 30 April 2021, the proposal of the trustees seems to be in order.

4 Accordingly, the misc.petition is stood over to 30 April 2021. The petition to come up on the next date along with the interim application taken out therein. The Petitioners are permitted to propose a new programme of elections, including a fresh timeline, and place the same before the court on the next date so that appropriate orders towards fixing the rescheduled election programme can be passed.

5 These new developments, that is to say, the resolution passed by the trustees of Petitioner No.1 trust yesterday and the order passed by this court today, should be communicated by a public notice by the Petitioners herein to all members of the community so as to keep them abreast of these developments.

(S.C. GUPTA, J.)



LATEST GOVT GUIDELINES

Government of Maharashtra

DMU 2020/ CR 92/ DM 1

Frequently asked Questions concerning Orders issued by the State Government for imposing of restrictions to prevent the transmission of COVID !!!
9th April, 2021

1	Can supermarkets or malls like D-Mart, Big Bazar, Reliance remains open?	Any establishment selling essential items as per the Government orders dated 4th and 5th April, 2021 can remain open between 7 AM to 8 PM subject to strict adherence to COVID 19 appropriate behavior. If it is selling multiple items some of which do not fall under essential items, that section may remain close.
2	During weekend lockdown which activities will remain open, and which will remain closed?	All activities categorized under Essential Services can remain open. No person can move without a valid reason, which includes reasons specified in the order as well - as reason for requirement of performing an essential service.
3	Can APMC market be kept open during weekend lockdown?	Yes. subject to strict adherence to COVID 19 appropriate behavior. If the local authorities feel that indiscipline in any APMC can lead to further transmission of the virus, then they may close the same after seeking permission from the State Government. It is expected that local authorities will keep an strict vigil over these.
4	Can shops providing construction materials remain open?	No.
5	Can garages servicing transport services remain open? Can shops of automotive spare parts etc remain open?	Garages being incidental to requirement of transportation may remain open. Shops shall remain closed. Local authorities are keep strict vigil on these and if any garage is found defaulting the COVID appropriate behavior, it may be closed till the operation of COVID 19 disaster notification remains in force.
6	Can employees of Central Government, PSU etc. be treated as an essential service provider?	No All employees of Central Government and PSU's cannot be treated as essential service providers. However, Central Government/ PSU employees belonging to sectors categorized as essential services fall under ambit of essential service providers.
7	Can citizen buy liquor?	Yes. In accordance with the Government order dated 4th April, 2021, citizens can buy liquor from bars (on take away basis) or as home delivery from the bars as per the time window provided in the said order for restaurants and bars. This is subject to rules of the Excise Department.
8	Can Liquor shops remain open/ do home delivery	No
9	Can roadside dhaba remain open?	Yes. But the rules applicable to restaurants will apply - No seating- only take away/ delivery allowed.
10	Can electrical home appliance (e.g. AC, Cooler, Fridge etc.) repairing shops remain open?	No
11	Can telecommunication devices (e.g. Desktops/Laptops, mobile etc.) remain open?	No
12	Can Aaple Sarkar Seva Kendra; SETU CSC Centers; SETU Kendra, Passport Seva Kendra etc. which provide one window system for various government services be treated under essential services?	Yes. They can remain open on weekdays between 7 AM to 8 PM.
13	Can restaurants supply home parcels post 8 PM and before 7 AM and on weekend?	Restaurants and bars are functioning as per the timings given by local authority, with the constrain that there is no seating dining allowed. Parcels are allowed to be picked up from restaurants by customers themselves during weekdays from 7 AM to 8 PM. No parcels can be picked up by the customer beyond these times and on weekends. However home deliveries through e-commerce are allowed beyond these times and on weekends subject to regular timings as decided by local authorities.

(Aseem Gupta)
Principal Secretary
Disaster Management, Relief & Rehabilitation



In Eternal Remembrance Of



Dinoo Vispi Dastur

[3 November, 1941 - 8 April, 2021]

(Beloved wife of Vispi Shapur Dastur, Daughter of Late Rustomji and Khorshed Doomasia, Mother of Xerxes Dastur, Mother-in-law of Meher Dastur, Grandmother of Cyrus and Yohann)

*As we all gather to mourn as one,
Your glorious memory will never be undone,
The brilliance of your warmth and love
Will always shine on us from up above.*

With a heavy heart, we share the news of the passing of Dinoo Vispi Dastur, a beautiful soul who has left behind a trail of beautiful, unforgettable memories that will be forever cherished. She passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by her loved ones, after braving an illness.

She was extremely loving and caring as a wife, mother and grandmother and always there for her family and friends. She lived her life as a true Zarthoshti – and was a constant source of support and happiness to her family.

While we greatly miss her presence, we will always be grateful for having her grace our lives and we will hold her in our hearts until we can hold her again in heaven...

From: Vispi and Xerxes Dastur

[Uthamna at Mewawalla Agiary, Byculla at 3:45 pm on Saturday, 10th April 2021]



JUNIOR PARSI COUNSELS SHOW THEIR METTLE

Our Future is in safe hands!



Firoz Bharucha

Month of March 2021 was a record-breaking month for BPP with five Petitions being filed in the Bombay High Court in a span of just five days, all concerning the then now cancelled 14th March 2021 elections for vacancy of two Trustees elections.

Two of these Miscellaneous Petitions were by a candidate Dr. Zuleika Homavazir against the whole Board of Trustees challenging the Trustees action removing her as a candidate on technical grounds, whilst two Misc. Petitions were inter-se the Trustees due to the proposed postponement of the March 21 elections by the majority of Trustees citing Covid surge which was unimaginably opposed by the two Minority Trustees—Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala and the fifth filed by two candidates, mainly Anahita Desai opposing the postponement as long as she got elected no matter the risk to the voters. More noteworthy was that all the five Writ Petitions were disposed off in five days based only on their Lodging numbers.

Background

A little history is necessary to be given at this stage. The community is aware that after the October 2015 elections, the then four Majority Trustees (led by the defacto Chairman Kersi Randeria, along with the de jure Chairman, Yazdi Desai, Noshir Dadrawala, and late Zarir Bhathena, (Slum Developer Partner of Randeria) treated the three Minority Trustees—present Chairman Armaity Tirandaz, Muncherji Cama and Viraf Mehta—as untouchables denying them any papers, Minutes, documents, etc so that they could not effectively function as Trustees though all three of them were duly elected Trustees by the Parsi Community at large.

Ultimately in 2016, the three Minority Trustees fed up of being denied their rights as Trustees moved the Bombay High Court seeking Justice and **the HIGH Court not only rapped the knuckles of all four of the Majority Trustees but admonished them to stop behaving like Dictators in the Boardroom and forced them to sign Consent Terms that the Minority Trustees have the same rights and privileges as the Majority Trustees.**

During this dispute in Court, the sad part is that Kersi Randeria employed the most expensive Senior Counsel in Mumbai to argue the matter in the High Court costing the BPP close to Rs. 40 Lakhs.

Since Kersi Randeria nor the Majority Trustees were paying from their OWN pocket but using community charity funds of the Trust to boost their egos, they were least bothered about the legal costs. The matter went on and was settled only in May/June 2017 by filing Consent Terms by which time the Majority Trustees had spent almost a Crore of rupees as legal charges for this futile and meaningless litigation. Senior Counsels

legal costs borne by the BPP alone came to around Rs. 40 Lakhs.

It is not understood why Trust funds should be used for a dispute among the Trustees which should preferably be borne by the Trustees themselves.

The three Minority Trustees, Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Muncherji Cama, had to personally bear their own legal costs and willingly paid the same.

DECISION TO DISQUALIFY ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR & HER SUCCESSFUL CHALLENGE

Based on an opinion of Yazdi Dandiwalla, partner of Mulla and Mulla, the BPP disqualified Zuleika Homavazir as a candidate on the ground that she was proposed by Rustom Jeejeebhoy, a Parsi who had subsequently converted to Christianity. It was at most a technical error which could have been rectified but **Kersi Randeria was adamant that Zuleika Homavazir be disqualified.**

Zuleika moved the High Court against the disqualification. Zuleika filed an Interim Application (L) No. 6147 of 2021 in O.S. Suit (L) No. 5425 of 2021 which came up for hearing before His Honor Judge Mr. A. K. Menon who by his Order dated 8th March 2021 refused to grant any ad-interim relief and rejected her Application. Zuleika filed an appeal being Appeal (L) No. 6826 of 2021 before the Division Bench of Justice Mr. S. J. Kathawalla and Justice Mr. Vinay Joshi JJ who by their Order dated 12th March 2021 allowed the appeal of Zuleika Homavazir by ordering that since the name of her proposer Rustom Jeejeebhoy continued to be shown as a Voter on the electoral roll of the BPP, her nomination was valid and she could contest the 14th March 2021 elections.



Both matters were argued 'probono' on behalf of the Trustees of BPP by ex-Partner of J. Sagar Associates, SENIOR Counsel Somashekhar Sunderesan.

Thus except for Advocate Dandiwala's fees of Mulla and Mulla this litigation will cost the BPP nothing.

UNTHINKABLE CHALLENGE TO THE DECISION TO POSTPONE THE ELECTIONS

Though the elections were fixed for 14th March 2021, due to resurgence of the Covid Pandemic, the Trustees by majority on 9th March 2021 rightly decided to postpone the elections by two months (though discussions for its postponement was going on since February 2021). The postponement came after the BPP first stopped all campaigning in all BPP Baugs by its Resolution of 23rd January 2021 and thereafter received a letter dated 17th February 2021 signed by over 40 signatories from all colonies all over Mumbai seeking postponement.

Petition by Kersi Randeria to stay postponement of elections

Unfortunately, Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala instead of abiding by the decision of the majority Trustees, to sooth their bruised egos, filed Miscellaneous Petition (L) No. 7007 of 2021 calling upon the Court not to allow postponement of the elections.

Petition by Anahita Desai to stay postponement of elections

Instead of looking after the well-being of the community over her own pride to be Trustee, Anahita Desai also filed a separate Misc. Petition (L) No. 7039 of 2021 not to allow postponement of elections, along with a dummy candidate put up by Kersi Randeria.

Petitions of Kersi Randeria & Anahita Desai dismissed by the Bombay High Court

The said Petition (L) No. 7007/21 and 7039/21 was dismissed by the Hon'ble Justice Mr. A. K. Menon on 11th March 2021.

APPOINTMENT OF PARSI COUNSEL

It is important to note that since BPP Trust was not paying Kersi Randeria's litigation fees, Kersi Randeria could not appoint high

flying Senior Counsels to argue the matter. Nevertheless, he appointed Karl Tamboly to argue the matter and Anahita Desai appointed Sarosh Bharucha, both of whom are well respected at the Bar.

At the same time the Majority Trustees led by Armaity Tirandaz could have followed the precedent set by Kersi Randeria and appointed a Senior Counsel charging Rs. 8 lakhs a day as his fees with an equally high flying Advocate on record and used charity funds to contest this litigation.

But the Majority Trustees of Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur appointed J. Sagar Associates who worked on the matter pro bono. They in turn appointed Counsel Firoz Bharucha to argue the matter who did a commendable job to get the Court's verdict in favor of the majority Trustees.

Similarly in the Petition of Anahita Desai, (which was also dismissed by the High

Court), the Majority Trustees appointed J. Sagar Associates who again offered their services free to the Majority Trustees. They in turn appointed Junior Counsel Cyrus Ardeshir to argue the matter, who also succeeded in getting orders in favor of the Majority Trustees.

Being frustrated at the rejection of their Petition, Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala went in Appeal before the Division Bench of Hon'ble Justice S.J. Kathawalla and Hon'ble Justice Vinay Joshi who by their Order dated 12th March cancelled the 14th March elections and by consent of the Trustees fixed a fresh date of election as 23rd May 2021.

All in all, all the Parsi counsels who argued for and against the Trust have indeed shown that the future of Parsi lawyers is in great hands. Firoz Bharucha has time and again come to the aid of the community and his calmness with which he handled the matter at hand is commendable.

MAJORITY TRUSTEES PAY FEES THEMSELVES

It is in fact now been brought to light that despite being in majority, Majority Trustees of Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur have decided that **charity funds should not be mis-used in disputes inter-se Trustees and hence they will pay the three Junior Counsel's fees from their own pocket and not mis-use community funds.**

WELL DONE ARMAITY, VIRAF AND XERXES! AN EXCELLENT LESSON/PRECEDENT FOR ALL FUTURE TRUSTEES TO FOLLOW DISPUTES THAT END UP IN COURT!



Armaity Tirandaz



Viraf D. Mehta



Xerxes Dastur



POLICE WANT TO RETURN THE CASH RS.20 LAKHS FOUND IN LATE CEO'S CABIN BUT KHOJESTE MISTRY AND KERSI RANDERIA WON'T TAKE IT BACK

As the community is aware, Kersi Randeria and Arzan Ghadially by making false and fabricated charges that the Rs. 20 lakhs found in the late CEO's cabin was the same misappropriated transfer fees out of Rs. 65 lakhs and though released by the police after investigation in May 2015 ensured that the same was confiscated by the police and taken under its charge in 2017-18 in Khojeste Mistry's FIR.

However on 27th January 2021, MRA Marg police informed Khojeste Mistry, who claims to be a HOLY MAN by calling himself A Parsi Preacher, to come to the Police Station to complete formalities and collect the cash Rs. 20 lakhs found in late CEO's CABIN lying with the MRA Marg police but deposited in his FIR filed by him.

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

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

THUS IN SPITE OF CASH CRUNCH FACED BY BPP, CASH RS. 20 LAKHS BELONGING TO THE TRUST AND THE COMMUNITY WHICH WAS LYING SEALED IN THE BPP CUPBOARD SINCE AUGUST 2014 IS NOW LYING SEALED IN MRA MARG POLICE LOCKER, IN THE FIR FILED BY KHOJESTE MISTRY.

WHY IS KERSI RANDERIA NOT ALLOWING KHOJESTE MISTRY TO APPROACH MRA

MARG POLICE STATION TO INQUIRE INTO THE POLICE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THEY CAN RELEASE THE RS. 20 LAKHS TO THE BPP.

In the Parsi Junction issue of 7th February 2021, we had reported that according to police the Rs. 20 lakhs Cash deposited in the 38th Magistrate's Court has been deposited in MRA Marg Police Station Locker in Khojeste Mistry's Complaint No. MECR 02/2014 u/s 406, 420 and 34 IPC as seized property amounting to Rs. 20,01,000/=. Hence the amount can only be returned to Khojeste Mistry and no one else though the money does not belong to Khojeste Mistry but to BPP Trust.

We further reported that only Khojeste Mistry has to file an Application in the 38th Magistrate Court at Ballard Pier for Return of Seized Property in his pending Complaint No. SW/3800027/2014 (MERC Complaint No. 02/2014) and the money will be returned to Khojeste Mistry who will then have to forward the Cash of Rs. 20,01,000/ back to the BPP Trust.

HOWEVER ALTHOUGH ALMOST THREE MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE POLICE INFORMED KHOJESTE MISTRY TO COME TO MRA MARG POLICE STATION TO COMPLETE FORMALITIES TO COLLECT THE CASH RS 20 LAKHS NOT ONE STEP HAS BEEN TAKEN EITHER BY KHOJESTE MISTRY OR BY KERSI RANDERIA TO RECOVER THE CASH RS. 20 LAKHS FROM THE POLICE IN SPITE OF THEIR REQUEST.

BOTH OF THEM REALIZE THAT IF THEY COLLECT THE CASH OF RS 20 LAKHS THEN THE CHARGES OF MISAPPROPRIATION LEVELLED BY THEM AGAINST DINSHAW MEHTA WOULD NO LONGER SURVIVE.

The witch hunt of Yazdi Desai, (due to loss of his wife Anahita Desai to Dinshaw Mehta and Kersi Randeria supported Muncherji Cama), Khojeste Mistry (Wapiz Trustee), Kersi Randeria and Arzan Ghadially to somehow discredit Dinshaw Mehta in the eyes of the community so that the community stops electing candidates

put up/supported by Dinshaw Mehta was so strong that they were willing to sacrifice Rs. 20 lakhs of community charity funds to get their revenge on Dinshaw Mehta.

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

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

However it is open to doubt whether both Khojeste Mistry and Kersi Randeria will allow this Rs. 20 lakhs to be returned to BPP as both of them had made false and fabricated accusations that this is the Rs. 20 lakhs cash found in the late CEO's cupboard that Dinshaw Mehta had misappropriated out of Rs. 65 lakhs transfer fees for the Dadi House Tenancy and only Rs. 45 lakhs had been received by BPP in November 2013.

IF THIS TOO IS RETURNED THEN ALONG WITH THE ADMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE BY KERSI RANDERIA, KHOJESTE MISTRY, YAZDI DESAI AND NOSHIR DADRAWALA THAT TRANSFER FEES WERE RS. 45 LAKHS AND NEVER RS. 65 LAKHS AS FALSELY ACCUSED BY THEM TO FABRICATE A FALSE FIR AGAINST DINSHAW MEHTA NO LONGER SURVIVES AND ALL OF THEM WOULD HAVE TO APOLOGISE TO DINSHAW MEHTA AND HIS FAMILY FOR THE FALSE ACCUSATION.

WILL THEY BE MAN ENOUGH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR GUILT FOR FALSE CHARGE AGAINST DINSHAW MEHTA AND APOLOGIZE UNEQUIVOCALLY TO HIS FAMILY.



POLICE COMPLAINT OF ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR AGAINST KAIKHUSHROO IRANI FOR OUTRAGING THE MODESTY OF A LADY

Last week we had published the Defamation Notice served on Kaikhushroo Irani by Dr. Zuleika Homavazir for the defamatory statements published by him in his rag 'POLL KHOL', under the instructions and finance of his employer benefactor Kersi Randeria.

We are now informed that Zuleika Homavazir has filed a police complaint against him for 'OUTRAGING THE MODESTY OF A LADY'. We now await the outcome of the police investigation.

Of course we are aware of the wide reach and influence of Kersi Randeria with the police Department and are doubtful if any action will be taken suo moto by the police against Kaikhushroo Irani.

In keeping with our motto of transparency and Accountability, we reproduce her complaint below:

To,
The Cyber Crime Investigation Cell
Crime Branch, CID, Mumbai.

Sub: Defamation & outraging my modesty & reputation of my family members through What's App messages and Unregistered Private Newspaper Publication circulated on Whatsapp.

Respected Sir,

I am Dr. Zuleika Homavazir, aged 39 years presently residing at B-8, Jerbai Baug, Byculla, Mumbai 400027. I am a renowned Professor and Head of Department at Wilson College and have been part of the educational fraternity for over 12 years and social work of over 10 years.

It has come to my attention that

defamatory, false and wilfully misleading statements without merit, about me and my family members have been published on page 5 and page 8 of the illegal newspaper publication "Poll Khol Sacchu Bol" dated 30th March 2021 by the Editor, Printer, Publisher - Mr. Kaikhushroo Irani, Mobile number +91 98201 59916; email: pksbol2020@gmail.com.

The false statements that have been made are reckless and highly defamatory and has caused me to suffer:

1. Substantial harm in 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 Punchayet.

You are earnestly requested to look into this Complaint and investigate into the attached excerpts (page 5 and page 8) of the unregistered Publication "Poll Khol Sacchu Bol" of March 30, 2021 circulated on April 01, 2021 which tarnished my reputation and that of my family in the eyes of the Parsi Community.

Mr. Kaikhushroo Irani is a perpetual offender with cases registered against him at the Lamington Road Police Station is also a contender in the BPP elections. A couple of trustees connived with Mr. Kaikhushroo Irani and tried in vain to disqualify my candidature for the March 14, 2021 elections which stand postponed after my appeal was upheld by Hon. High Court, Mumbai and I was allowed to contest the elections.

A couple of disgruntled Trustees in collusion with Publisher of this unregistered private publication are running a "Smear Campaign" to somehow force me to refrain from Contesting the elections now scheduled for 23rd May 2021.

Sir, your assistance is most politely desired to ensure this harassment comes to an end.

Mr. Kaikhushroo Irani had been forewarned on March 16, 2021 at 15.24 hours, to refrain from unsubstantiated statements on the Community Social Media Groups.

An additional mandatory Notice which has been emailed to Mr. Kaikhushroo Irani has been attached below for your kind reference.

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

Truly yours,

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir.

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PERSIAN PEDALERS TAKING OVER MUMBAI



Watchout walkers! Persian Pedalers have been spotted every morning on Marine Drive.

Don't worry, these pedalers are a group of avid, young, dynamic cyclists who have formed their own cycling group with some serious pedal power.

The group, the brain-child of Mehernosh Captain, Jimmy Bhesania and others started off as a small group of cycling enthusiasts riding together. Today, the group has over 45 members with the numbers ever increasing.

The Persian Pedalers ride practically every morning including some seriously long rides of over 100 plus kilometres over the weekends. Every morning these pedalers wake up at sometimes even before 5 am, don their custom made and fitted Persian

Pedalers cycling jerseys and hit the road to put some foot power to the pedal. It is a joy to see the pedalers ride together on the streets of Mumbai. You will spot these Persian Pedalers some mornings ending their long rides with a hot coffee at Blue Tokai (Inox) or catching a hearty breakfast at Café Olympia etc.

Cycling is the new trend in Mumbai and it is indeed such a pleasure to see all these young men and women take their immaculately maintained cycles for morning rides. Each of the cycles, no matter how expensive is well kept and spotless. These pedalers advise and guide each other on how to better their cycling skills! If anyone wishes to join these pedalers, they will have to wake up very early in the mornings and spot them cycling on Marine Drive. They will surely welcome you to the Persian pedaling community.





Parsi Heritage

The Bomanjee Hormarjee Wadia Clock Tower

The Bomanjee Hormarjee Wadia Clock Tower was erected in 1882 at Bazaar Gate Street (Perin Nariman Street), Fort, Mumbai.

Seth Ardeshir Hormusjee Wadia, brother of Late Bomanjee, obtained the large clock from England for the Tower and also presented the bust of Late Seth Bomanjee installed at the centre of the fountain.

On three sides of the fountain, are engraved few lines from the ancient Behistun rock inscriptions (Iran) in Old Persian Cuneiform script, which when translated read:

1. "Ahura Mazda, the wise Lord, who created this earth, who created the sky, who created dwellings of human beings."
2. "The reach (nejo) of Parsis (Persians) is spread far and wide, will that now remain unknown!"
3. "O man! Ahura Mazda has decreed – do not forget the path of righteousness, do not spoil that path, do not close that path."

This monumental fountain and Clock Tower, popularly known as "Bomanjeeba-no Fuvaro", was recently renovated and restored to its original glory thanks to the efforts of the Kala Ghoda Association.



Hemin Bharucha appointed as Country Director, India at London & Partners



Hemin Bharucha

Based in Mumbai, Bharucha is the Mayor of London's chief representative in India and leads the teams in India with offices in Mumbai and Bangalore, according to a statement.

London & Partner on Friday announced the appointment of Hemin Bharucha as Country Director, India. London & Partners is London's international trade, investment, and promotion agency that promotes London as the best city in the world in which to invest, work, study, and visit.

Hemin will report to Janet Coyle, Managing Director - Business Growth, London & Partners who is based in London, according to a statement.

Based in Mumbai, Bharucha is the Mayor

of London's chief representative in India and leads the teams in India with offices in Mumbai and Bangalore. As part of the London & Partners Senior Leadership team, he advises on strategic plans for London & Partners, participates in the evaluation of projects, and monitoring budgets and financial affairs, keeping in mind the mission, values, and policies of the organisation.

Bharucha is also responsible for delivering against set targets for trade and investment activities in India. This entails encouraging Indian companies to expand their business into London as well as support London-based companies to enter the Indian market and identify suitable partners in India for them to tie up with.

As London's senior-most government representative in India, he also maintains strategic relationships with key stakeholders in India and London such as senior business leaders, central and state government heads

and cabinet ministers, top bureaucrats, Mayor of London's office, Greater London Authority, UK's Department of International trade and heads of major trade bodies across India and London.

He is often called upon to present to the Board of London & Partners, the Mayor of London's office and London Greater Authority (GLA).

Under Hemin's leadership, India now ranks amongst the top three countries that invest in London for business, students and visitors. In FY 2019-2020, India was the second-largest investor in the UK. In FY 2020-2021, despite the lockdown, India continued to be the fastest-growing market for London and saw 16 new companies being set up in the city, the statement said.

London & Partners is a not-for-profit public-private partnership, funded by the Mayor of London and its network of commercial partners.

Photography

Machli



The renowned tigress of Ranthambore National Park T-16 aka Machli stands guard over her kill. Was lucky to have a 15 seconds photo op with the famous Lady of the Lakes in the twilight of her life. In her prime, Machli was known for her hunting skill and strength, in particular an incident in 2003 when she fought with and killed a 11-foot-long crocodile.

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.

POLITICS

A politician is a person vicious, who his people divides

He/she is the one, who on others, his horses rides.

To his own ego boost, and his own bread roast;

He, easily can burn, so many people's bread-toast.

Sadly today, difficult it is to find good honest leaders.

Politicians to destroy goodness, appoint pleaders.

O seers, not politicians, leaders please become.

To be remembered eternally, do good deeds some.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

EMPOWERING DIALOGUES



Empowering Mobeds invites you to join us for our Second webinar of 2021 as our Young Madressa students host this special event and speak about their experiences during the past year !

Come hear their stories and gain unique insights into their experiences

**On : Sunday April 11th, 2021
Time : 11 am to 12.30 pm**

**ZOOM MEETING ID : 962 6772 5007
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Fashion Tips

How to dress for your body shape- Part 3

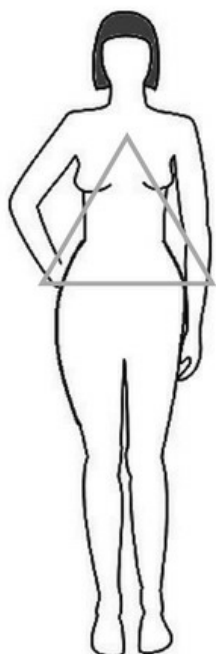
**Kash Pitha**

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

People with triangle body shape tend to have narrow shoulders, wider hips &/or thighs, slimmer arms compared to their legs, average to small bust/chest and smaller waist. They typically have rounded buttocks and appear bottom heavy.

Clothing styles for females:

In triangle body shape in women, one must try to visually minimize the lower torso and lay emphasis on the upper torso.



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TRIANGLE body shape

Fill out the shoulders with fullness and design details. We have to try to balance out the lower body with the upper body and accentuate the waist.

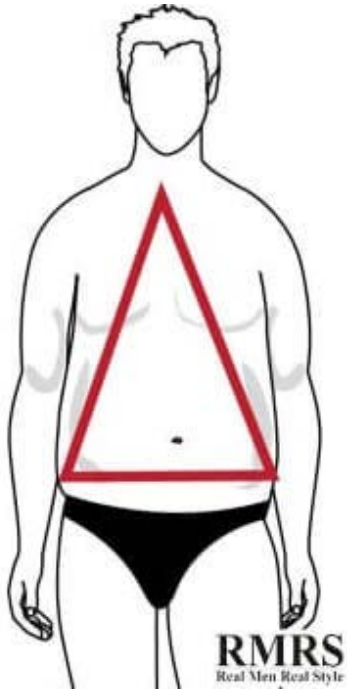
- Boat neck, round or heart shaped tops and off shoulder tops would be an ideal option.
- Blouses or shirts with decoration on shoulders like puffed sleeves or frills on sleeves would add the volume required.
- Blazers and jackets with shoulder pads would work great. Double breasted jackets and blazers are advised.
- T-shirts with lighter colors and bolder brighter prints would be ideal.
- Avoid tops or blazers to fall at the widest part of your hip. Let them fall either above or lower to draw eyes away from that area.
- Wrap dresses or tops that accentuate the waist can draw attention towards your slim waist.
- Go for tops and T-shirts with horizontal stripes to add width on the top.
- Avoid tight fitting trousers or pants with frills, pockets, decorations or

details. Let your pants be basic and plain as far as possible.

- Straight cut or fitted trousers that flare at the bottom are ideal.
- Avoid bottoms that taper down.
- High-rise pants or jeans will accentuate your slim waist.
- Choose darker colors at the bottom and avoid large prints or horizontal patterns. Vertical striped pants work best.
- Go for smaller prints and patterns and make sure your bottoms have muted, darker colors as compared to the top.
- An empire waist dress or a fit and flare dress is a good choice.
- Wear a slim belt below the bust.



Fashion Tips



Clothing styles for males.

For men, triangle body shape is exactly the opposite of their ideal inverted triangular shape. We have to try and create an illusion by accentuating the upper half more and narrow down the bottom.

- Wear horizontal striped t-shirts or t-shirts that have horizontal stripes on the upper torso.
- Wear blazers with heavy shoulder pads to broaden the width.
- Go for darker, muted colors at the bottom.
- Slim fitting bottoms on the lower half would be a good option, but not heavily tapered.
- Round crew neck t-shirts with lighter brighter colors are ideal.
- Opt for single breasted jackets for a

relaxed slimming fit.

- Any kind of detailing or bright color panels across the chest and shoulders would help to add width.
- Avoid contrasting large belts.

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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Triangle shape

**Who is Ahura Mazda**

He has no shape or form
Nor even an Image
Apparently called
Lord of Wisdom
Lives and breathes
Through His Creations
Alas! as the sun is
About to set
He is right up
There front and centre
Pondering deep in thought
Whether reward or punishment
One should get
He does not flinch or cower
As we are all equal before the law
No matter who you be
Prince or pauper!

Choicest Happiness**Farida**

Sept 21st 2013

Stay safe & Keep well

Chaos and Hope

Ever since the Pandemic
Raised its ugly head
For humanity it never cared
And has stuck
To us like glue
Tightly wrapping
It's tentacles
Suffocating me and you

It's swatting humanity
Like flies left right centre
Regardless of colour caste or creed

We are all gripped with fear
As there is nobody near
In darkness we do grope
Wondering what are
We going to do?

Please do not despair!
Cause Prayers are there
Keeping us on the Path
Of straight and narrow
Even in times of trouble
Don't give up
Cause Prayers will
Always keep one afloat
Tagged along with a sign
Called :HOPE!"

Choicest Happiness**Farida**

Stay safe and keep well!

જાગો વાહલાઓ

વડવાઓએ ઉઠાવી જહેમત, બહુ મેહનત કરી, આં
અનમોલ દાન કરિયાં હતાં

એ લોકો, વહેલાં, નાની વયે, કોમ માં જ પરણી,
પારસીઓ ને જ વરિયાં હતા

બાળકોબી ઝાઝાં હતાં એ જમાનામા; એટલે આપણે
વસ્તી ધરાવતા હતાં થોડી ઘણી

આજે અંગ્રેજ થઈ ગયાં છીએ આપણે; કરો યાદ,
કેટલી તરીકતવાલી કસ્તી ગોરાણીઓએ વણી ?

ફેશનની ફિશ્યારીમાં સદરો ગયો છૂટી, લો-નેક અને
સ્ટ્રેપ્લેસે, જગા એની લીધી

ધીરે ધીરે અંગ્રેજી લિબાસ અપનાવી, ડગલી,
પાઘડી, ફેટો, બધાંને તિલઅંજલિ કીધી

જરા અંતઃકરણમાં ઝાંકી લો, જવાબ સાચો શોધી
લેજો વાહલાં બાલુડાઓ

આટલી પ્યારી કોમની, આં ઉત્તમ દીનની ડોર,
તમારાજ હાથમાં છે, વાહલાં બાલુડાઓ.

વિચારજો એવું, કે હવે કોમની તાકત, ઈજ્જત,
આબાદી છે નેમત અમારી

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બચાવાની જવાબદારી છે તમારી

Armin Dutia Motashaw**A Question of Belief**

What if we had no system of beliefs
Nor religion too

Can't seem to fathom

What would become of me & you?

System of belief is like a rudder

To keep one's ship on course

There is nothing in our religion

Which is compelled or forced

It's good to take advice

And listen to what people say

They will do it anyway

One thing for sure

They will not be accompanying you

On Judgement Day!!

I quote: "Hear with your ears

Ponder with a Good Mind

Do what good one can do

Leave unto Ahura Mazda the rest"

I shall pass this way but once

Any good therefore I can do

Let me do it now\

For shall not pass this way again

Choicest Happiness**Farida****AN AUTUMN LEAF**

Came a gale, harsh wind blew n
those attached leaves, one after
another fell

Fresh crispy green leaves slowly to
pale yellow turned, as died each cell;

Some even dried, when to the
ground they fell; sadly with the new
ones they couldn't gel.

Gathered they were in a heap by
someone n burnt; said they, "it felt
like hell."

Now new ones, take their place will
soon, to replace them, awaiting the
tree is for spring

Even our human lives are like this
circle; childhood adulthood n old
age, form a ring

When young, joy, enthusiasm, quick
action into everyone's life we bring.

But as older we grow, to our kids,
siblings, to our dear ones we wish to
cling.

The tree then has to shed us, like it
does, an autumn leaf, which is no
longer green.

Burnt, buried or put to dokhme
nashini we are, to keep our Earth
clear n clean

Because our planet should remain
clean, to do this most people are
keen.

O Lord Ahura, request You I, to make
this whole cycle easy, peaceful n
serene.

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