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GOODBYE DEAR FRIEND THE COMMUNITY & I SHALL MISS YOU DEARLY

We awoke yesterday morning to hear the heart-breaking news of the demise of our Mr. Muncherji Cama.

Muncherji Cama, popularly known as Munchi was a community stalwart and leader. His philanthropic deeds for the last many decades have been appreciated by one and all.

Munchi was a dear friend of mine who stood by me (and me with him) through every turmoil our community faced. Munchi was a fighter who would never back down from a good fight when he knew the cause was that of honesty and integrity. He was one of the most charitable men I and our community have ever known. Munchi was one who would come to the assistance of others at any time of day and night. There have been multiple applicants I had brought before Munchi for medical aid, education aid or just plain Doles and without any question, Munchi would go out of his way to help them.

Munchi lived a happy life enjoying his food and dance. After winning the BPP election for Trustee we all remember seeing Munchi doing the waltz with anyone who offered to dance with him. Munchi moved as gracefully even with his huge frame. He was one of the best story tellers of our time and narrated incidents of our community's painted history, with some hilarious tales.

Over the last few years, Munchi was keeping unwell. Yet, at every visit at his residence he was always positive on life and full of vigour. Never have I met someone this optimistic on everything in life. Just yesterday during our normal tele talk he was inquiring when the elections



Muncherji Cama

were likely to be held as he wanted to contest. I advised him to get well enough and not to depend on Oxygen cylinder all the time and then we would contest the next election.

He was very keen about Bhabha Sanatorium and informed me that he was in touch with Homi (Bhabha) and things would be sorted out soon in the best interest of the community. Though he was restricted to his bed, he was very keen to finish the Construction of a Senior Citizens home which unfortunately still requires a lot of input which one hopes his family and co-Trustees will finish and bring it to fruition..

On July 3, 2021, after ordering for his morning cup of coffee, my dear friend Munchi Cama passed away peacefully. Today, he has gone to a place where he can enjoy his waltz, love for dogs and his food without any worry. Munchi today is in a happy place. However, for us all, he will be missed deeply.

I am not an overtly religious person, however, for all readers reading this article today, I request that you spend 2 minutes of your time to pray to say thank you to Mr Cama for his service to the community and for his soul to rest in eternal peace.

There will never be another Munchi Cama and the one we have lost today will be missed forever. Rest in peace my friend.

With a heavy heart,

Dinshaw R. Mehta



FACTS OF THE 750 DISSECTED



Phiroze Amroliwalla

Dear Community Members,

Last Sunday 27th June 2021, Trustee Viraf Mehta had in Parsi Junction under the bi-line **"FACTS OF THE 750"** GIVEN A VERY SUCCINCT AND JUSTIFIED EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THE EXTRA SERVICE CHARGES OF RS. 750/ PM LEVIED BY THE BPP DICTATOR KERSI RANDERIA SINCE FEBRUARY 2017 AND PAID BY 2530 RESIDENTS UPTO AUGUST 2020 CANNOT BE REFUNDED JUST BECAUSE 25 RESIDENTS (INCLUDING YOURS TRULY FOR THREE FLATS) HAVE NOT PAID IT SINCE FEB 2017.

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE MY SAY ON IT AS UNDER:

MY RESPONSE ON 750!

The world is witnessing an unparalleled pandemic and suffering a health and financial crisis which is unimaginable, and here our community, hitherto known for helping and saving lives is today hell bent upon 'killing' each other! Vindictiveness has overridden wisdom!

The irony of the levy of the steep increase in service charges is that the main culprit Randeria, through sly and devious means, forced this levy upon the community and today, with an eye on elections, has taken a complete U turn and is instead instigating and provoking through his own PARSİ TIMES paper and his cronies, to demand a refund of those very charges he extorted from the community TO THE 2530 RESIDENTS WHO PAID "JUST BECAUSE 25 RESIDENTS DID NOT PAY THE SAME". Wah Randeria what logic!!

I, as one who has survived this onslaught at great cost to my personal reputation and integrity as also that of my family, now

FROM

PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA

appeal that the community should rightly demand a refund; **not from the BPP, but from Randeria who imposed this levy in the first place**, despite his own panel majority colleagues having a different view, of the amounts extorted from the residents, by refusing to accept rents and other legal dues which was solely at the instance of Randeria. **If he refuses to refund, I am prepared to lead the crowd into booting him out from the trusteeship of the BPP.**

THIS MAN HAS TO QUIT SO THAT SOME PEACE PREVAILS IN OUR AUGUST INSTITUTION! He is the cause of all the turmoil which is his sole creation and contribution in the five years that he has been on the board. There are none so blind as those who will not 'see'.

Last week through the PARSİ JUNCTION, Trustee Mr Viraf Mehta has laboured to put the 750 service charges issue in the correct perspective before the community and ended with a "hope and pray this changes."

I would like to remind Viraf of what we all learnt early in life: "ONE ROTTEN APPLE CAN SPOIL THE WHOLE BASKET!" In Gujarati there is a saying "KUTRA NI PUCHDI VAKI TEH VAKI".

Kersi Jamshedji Randeria cannot and will not change. Viraf keep praying! It appears that except for Viraf there is none on the board who is strong enough to take on **this vindictive dictator who is known to terrorise and subjugate all who dare to speak or oppose him and his grand plans of capturing and controlling our community funds and properties for his personal gain and aggrandizement of himself and his cronies to whom he throws a few crumbs as they beg for his favours.**

Viraf, I disagree with you on one point: "that all this stems from Mr. Randeria's angst against Mr. Phiroze Amroliwalla." It is NOT his angst against me but it is his sworn enmity towards Dinshaw Rusi Mehta who he had vowed to "send to jail" two decades ago; long before even Musharaf arrived on the scene! Musharaf is only an excuse!

This was amply proven when Randeria met me on that Sunday afternoon in March 2017 at Cafe Coffee Day, Farmer Bros. Dadar, and called Dinshaw a "chor". Ironically while the police have exonerated Dinshaw Mehta of Randeria's charge of misappropriation of Rs. 20 lakhs out of alleged Rs. 65 lakhs transfer fees, he himself is now charged with cheating a Govt servant of Rs. 30 lakhs in 2015 for booking a flat in a Slum Development project as well as not paying Rs. 10 Crores to slum dwellers as transit rent in the same project.

Randeria then offered me that he would waive all the Extra Service Charges on my three flats and even help me Encash their tenancy values ONLY if I withdrew my protest against this unjust, unfair and steep increase in service charges since, according to him Dinshaw was using "my shoulders to fire his gun" to ward off and divert the community's focus from the Musharaf episode. These offers to silence me were thereafter repeated twice, once in the presence of the late Zarir Bhathena and Noshir Dadrawala at ITC Grand Maratha, Lalbaug on the 24/25 May 2017 at around 9 am.

I have not opposed this unjustified increase for any personal or financial reasons as can be witnessed from the fact that the moment this INCREASE was withdrawn, my family and myself along with payment of over three years full arrears of rent, original service charges, water charges, parking charges, etc also donated, by cheque, an extra Rs. 50,000 to the BPP as also for the welfare of its security system at Khan estate.

Randeria now exhorts his colleague trustees to file a case against me. I ask if he was so sure and confident about the legality for this unjust, unfair and steep increase, then why did he not file such cases against me and others similarly placed when he was "ruling" the board with his majority from Feb 2017 till April 2020?

The history of this levy stems from the circular dated January 2017 of then-Chairman Mr. Yazdi Desai who had appealed to the community to "willingly agree to the proposed increase." He had expressed the hope "that the occupants in keeping with the tradition of cordial relations, will certainly co-operate in the matter."



NOWHERE IN THIS CIRCULAR WAS THERE A MENTION OR INDICATION OR A DIRECTIVE THAT RENTS AND OTHER STATUTORY LEVIES AND PERMISSIBLE INCREASES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM RESIDENTS WHO DO NOT PAY THIS STEEP INCREASE IN SERVICE CHARGES FROM Rs. 150/- pm. to Rs. 900/-pm irrespective of the size of the flat or the number of rooms, the area, location and services provided? It was basically this 'one-size-fits-all' policy and duplication of charges such as property tax, water charges, security charges, which any case were already being collected separately, though these were also made grounds for the increase in service charges.

For how long does the community and his colleagues on the board want to suffer the double standards of this vindictive Randeria? Can anyone be more mean and vindictive, when this Randeria can deny one free meal to a senior Parsi whose only fault was that his case was represented by Amroliwalla with whom Randeria has a score to settle. **I call upon Randeria to face me head on to settle personal scores and not to be vengeful on those who cannot defend themselves.**

Randeria's double standards can also be gauged from the fact that, whereas he demands others to vacate flats occupied by their parents and relatives and wants them to look after these seniors in the family by getting them to reside with them, he transfers a large BPP charity flat in a genuine charity building standing in the name of his late Kaka to that of his mother who is a director in his Rs. 100 crore company but lives with his sister in Godrej baug despite Randeria himself living in a large flat at Dadar Parsi Colony! Randeria should practice what he preaches and surrender this charity flat in the charity Contractor building at Byculla for some needy Applicant. **Noshir, I hope you are reading and digesting the criminal acts of your colleague Trustee.**

One can understand the ulterior motives in this well thought out plan as he has also added the name of his nephew (his sister's son) as residing in this flat though the nephew resides in Godrej baug with the mother and sister. **WHAT DOUBLE STANDARDS, THIS RANDERIA EXHIBITS!!**

Randeria professes and pretends that he is against 'selling'/encashment of tenancy

rights and to this end he prints/publishes notices below every BPP auction notice of his dissent in gross violation and contempt of the consent terms by which he is bound to accept majority decisions of the board.

Yes I say he professes because he is interested in settling such deals privately so that he can work out terms favorable to him and NOT the trust. This gives him an opportunity to reduce his financial troubles in his business and professional losses. To better understand this I suggest that a committee or an auditor be appointed to scrutinize all deals of Randeria including but not limited to the number of cases before all tribunals and law courts where Randeria is mostly a defendant including the one where Randeria is the Slum developer in which Vikram Jagdale was duped of Rs.30/- lakhs flat booking amount and where Randeria owes the slum dwellers more than Rs. 10 crores by way of outstanding TRANSIT rents for the homes TO BE BUILT AND REHOUSE THE SLUM DWELLERS by Randeria for redevelopment and which are due over several years.

His favours to his friends and business partners are out in the open: One cannot forget the allotment of a house in Godrej baug to the nephew of his lady partner. This house for which there was an Offer of Rs. 60 lakhs was allotted to this nephew of his lady partner for a mere donation of Rs. 8 lakhs, though the nephew himself was willing to deposit Rs. 40 lakhs for it. WHY?

Why was Kaikhushroo Irani of Pol-Khol infamy allotted a flat in Palm lands at Contractor Baug BY RANDERIA LYING TO THE Board about the status of Petit TRUST's application before the Competent Authority and even today AFTER FIVE YEARS enjoys both a charity flat in a Petit trust as well as in BPP's Contractor Baug. **And for this allotment Randeria promised the board on behalf of Irani a sum of Rs.40 lakhs which as per my information has NOT yet been paid.**

In the very first year of his term, Randeria was primarily responsible for compelling Armaity and Viraf to move the High Court at their PERSONAL expense to assert their right to BPP documents/minutes etc. which were wrongly denied to them. This resulted in an avoidable wastage of BPP funds of nearly Rs. 1 crore as legal costs litigating with

ones' own colleagues. **Randeria should be made to pay for this wastage.**

From October 2015 till March 2018, Randeria along with Yazdi Desai and his wife Anahita Desai ensured that Mr. Muncherji Cama, sitting Trustee of BPP, was denied entry into the BPP BY FILING FALSE Change Report in June 2015 though Yazdi Desai was not the Chairman but enjoyed majority support --of his Wapiz Trustee Khojeste Mistry, the mother of his lady partner Arnavaz Mistry and the enigmatic Jimmy Mistry before the Charity Commissioner due to his majority on the Board.

To sum up, whereas Dinshaw Mehta, with his own personal wealth, both financial and knowledge wise helped enrich the coffers of the BPP with his pragmatic policies from just Rs. 16 Crores in 1994 to over Rs. 250 crores in 2013 when the honeymoon of Dinshaw Mehta with Wapiz came to an end as he opposed the unreasonable and unjustified ambitions of the wife of a sitting Trustee to become a Trustee by supporting Mr. Muncherji Cama, Randeria in just a few years due to his vindictiveness and anti community policy of not allowing Tenants to encash the Tenancy value of their flat or stop the auction of high Value flats but gift them for free to his friends and relatives, has reduced the BPP to bankruptcy partly due to his own failures in his housing projects etc. Further Kersi Randeria has brought shame to the whole Parsi Community by fooling Jagdale to part with Rs. 30 lakhs for booking a flat in his Slum Redevelopment project by commenting that "I am a Parsi and we Parsis never cheat people" to gain his confidence and now refuses to refund the Rs. 30 lakhs with Interest till today.

The community for its own good and survival of the apex body needs to get rid of Randeria from the trusteeship! And in this I hope and pray that the Lord helps us!

A wise man once said : "GOD, GRANT ME THE SERENITY TO ACCEPT THE THINGS I CANNOT CHANGE, COURAGE TO CHANGE THE THINGS I CAN, AND THE WISDOM TO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE"

Phiroze Amroliwalla



DOKHMENASHINI FOR PARSI COVID DECEASED HIGH COURT HEARING COMPLETED

As the community is aware, instead of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet, it was the Surat Parsi Punchayet who had taken the lead to file a Petition in the Gujarat High Court seeking approval for Dokhmenashini for Parsi Covid victims.

Noshir Dadrawala in his usual suave way would not let the BPP similarly move the Bombay High Court till authentic research papers were received from abroad that dead bodies cannot transmit Covid any further. He was not in favor of Dokhmenashini for Covid affected Parsis and brought up various pertinent objections against it which swayed the other Trustees as he is perceived as the most knowledgeable on such matters.

In the meantime, the Surat Petition was heard in detail by the Ahmedabad High Court and arguments were completed on Thursday 2nd July 2021. It has now been fixed for Judgment for which date will be announced later on.

Although Surat Punchayet had sought assistance and co-operation from all the Parsi Anjumans of India in response to which the below Anjumans gave Affidavits in support of the Petition:

List of the supporting Parsi Panchayats / Anjumans all over India including Gujarat.

1. THE NAVSARI SAMAST JARTHOSTI ANJUMAN GENERAL FUND
2. BARODLI JARTHOSTI ANJUMAN
3. BULSAR PARSI ANJUMAN TRUST FUNDS
4. PARSI PANCHAYAT CHARITABLE FUND VADODARA
5. ANKLESHWAR PARSI PANCHAYAT
6. BHARUCH PARSI PANCHAYAT
7. BILIMORA PARSI ZOROASTRIAN ANJUMAN TRUST FUNDS
8. MANDVI MANGROL TA. ZARTHOSTI ANJUMAN MANDVI
9. SHREE MAHUA PARSI ANJUMAN
10. VYARA-SONGADH PARSI JARTHUSTI ANJUMAN
11. POONA PARSEE PANCHAYAT
12. THE BANGALORE PARSEE ZOROASTRIAN ANJUMAN
13. SHRI AJMER PARSI JARTHOSTI ANJUMAN
14. BADNERA AMRAVATI PARSEE ANJUMAN.

It is unfortunate that the biggest Anjuman, BPP nor FEDERATION OF PARSI ZOROASTRIAN ANJUMANS OF INDIA (FPZAI), could not support Surat due to the continuous in fighting indulged in by Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria ever since they lost their majority on the Board of Trustees and Armaity was declared as Chairman, to frustrate the new majority and try and stop their functioning at all

costs since they were becoming popular especially after the cancellation of the extra Rs. 750/ pm service charges imposed on all residents of BPP Baugs from February 2017 by the ruthless Kersi Randeria against whom none of his then colleague majority Trustees—Noshir Dadrawala, Yazdi Desai and late Zarir Bhathena—had the guts or courage to oppose him.

TZML has been in the forefront of the movement for Dokhmenashini to Parsi Covid victims and in its mail of 29th May 2021 had clearly stipulated as under:

“From: TZML Admins

To: TZML

Subject: Re: BPP Trustee - Please Ensure Dokhmenashini is Available to Parsi Covid Victims

Dear all,

What a week it has been!

Some points to note on this topic of discussion.

1. According to the Zoroastrian religion where there exists a dokhma, Dokhmenashini is the religious mandate for funeral ceremonies. Neither burial nor cremation is allowed, especially on Dokhma lands. The above rule applies irrespective of the current Covid situation or not. No temporary burials on Dokhma lands. Those Anjumans in Gujarat (like Pardi?) who are contemplating such a step of performing burials on Dokhma lands **are breaking both religious and legal rules**. Beware. Since the religion does not permit burial or cremation on Dokhma lands, it is imperative that all Vada Dasturjis must be in consonance with this cardinal tenet.
2. The mainstream newspapers carried headlines like **"Virus in nasal, oral cavities dies 12-24 hours after death"**
3. Regarding the Surat Parsi Punchayet's appeal to allow Dokhmenashini for Parsi Covid victims, the Ahmedabad Mirror carried an article saying **"Centre seeks more time from Gujarat HC to file reply - May 2021"**

The hearing has been postponed to June 8, 2021.

Thank you to all who are doing their best in this project.

Sincerely,
TZML Admins"



On 8th June 2021, Surat PP wrote to BPP seeking an Affidavit in support to file before the Gujarat High Court in their pending Petition as under:

“From: SURAT PARSI PANCHAYAT
Subject: Affidavit in support of the Petition
To: <artirandaz@gmail.com>

The President,
Bombay Parsi Panchayat
Fort,
Mumbai

Kind Attn.: Madam Armaity Tirandaz

Dear President,
Hope you and your family are safe and in good health.

As you are aware that we the trustees of the Surat Parsi Panchayat have filed a Special Civil Application in the Hon. High Court of Gujarat for allowing "Dokhmenashini" to the Parsi person who dies due to Covid 19.

Please note that if your Panchayat/Anjuman desires to support us in the said petition, it is suggested to pass a resolution by your Panchayat/Anjuman stressing the importance of "Dokhmenashini" and authorising President/Managing Trustee to sign and issue the affidavit.

As discussed with you, we attach herewith a draft of affidavit to be prepared by your Panchayat/Anjuman.

You are requested to please prepare this affidavit and please get the same stamped and signed by notary public and please send the same to us at your earliest convenience at our address as under for which we shall be grateful.

The Surat Parsi Panchayat,
Dr. Jamshedji Laskari Road,
Shahpore, Surat 395003

If possible please also send the scanned copy on our email address office@suratparsipanchayat.com We thank you for your cooperation.

With warm regards.
Dr. Homi D. Doodhwala
Sr. Trustee
The Surat Parsi Panchayat Board”

Instead of straight away sending the requested Affidavit to support their cause, Armaity Tirandaz was prevailed upon to seek details of their Petition and accordingly sent the below mail to Surat Parsi Panchayat through their CEO as under:

“On 09-06-2021 14:25, Aspi Sarkari wrote:
[Respected Dr. Doodhwala,](#)

In principle the Trustees of Parsi Panchayat Bombay are agreeable for the required Affidavit, but before submitting the same they would like to go through the application / plaint filed in the court. You are

therefore requested to send the copy of the application / plaint filed in the matter.

Thanking you,

A. F. SARKARI
C. E. O.”

Immediately Surat replied as under:

Affidavit in support of the Petition

From: SURAT PARSI PANCHAYAT
To: Aspi Sarkari
Subject: Re: Affidavit in support of the Petition(HIGH-RISK-ATTACHMENT-FILETYPE)

**The Chairman and Trustees,
Bombay Parsi Panchayat,
209, Dr. D. N. Road, Fort,
Mumbai 400001
Dear Chairman and Trustees,**

As required by you please find attached a copy of the petition, Special Civil Application in the Hon. High Court of Gujarat with regards to "Dokhmenashini" to the Parsi who dies due to Covid-19.

Please note that we have already received the required Affidavits from the following Anjumans.

1. Bangalore
2. Valsad
3. Ankleshwar
4. Mahuva
5. Bardoli
6. Vyara- Songadh
7. Mandvi- Mangrol
8. Billimora
9. Bharuch

We once again request you to please expedite and send the required affidavit in the larger interest of the community.

Thank you in anticipation

Your's Sincerely

**Dr. Homi D. Doodhwala
Sr. Trustee
The Surat Parsi Panchayat Board”**

However instead of urgently preparing and sending the requested Affidavit, the Trustees continued in their in fighting to try and pull down Armaity Tirandaz as the Chairman and in their attempt to not let the BPP function, Dadrawala and Randeria were successful in their attempt not to send the support Affidavit to Surat and now the Petition is heard and kept for Orders without any contribution from BPP thanks to Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria.

We give below a sample Affidavit given by Surat High Priest MEHERJIRANA KEKI RAVJI as under:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AHMEDABAD.

DISTRICT SURAT.

SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 7585/2021.

In the matter between:

The Surat Parsi Panchayet Funds and Properties & Another.

Petitioners.

Versus.

Union of India & 3 Others.

Respondents.

Affidavit in Support of the Petition.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP.

I, Dastur Keki Cawasji Ravji, aged 77 years and residing at Readymoney Bldg., No 3, 3rd floor, Sir Ratan Tata Road, Opp., Kappawala Agiary, Mumbai 400 034., do hereby state on Oath as under:

- I, Dastur Keki Cawasji Ravji Meherji Rana, am the President of The Navsari Samast Jarthosti Anjuman General Fund, Dasturwad, Navsari – 396 445. I say that the Anjuman inter alia, carries out several activities by providing monetary / medical aid, educational aid to the poor and needy members of Zoroastrian Community. Moreover, the Maintenance of the Properties vested with the Anjuman including the Towers of Silence is also one of the main objectives and functions of the Anjuman and in this capacity, I am authorized to file the present affidavit in support of the Petition filed by Surat Parsi Panchayat Funds & Properties, Surat and I am also competent and entitled to file this affidavit on behalf of the Anjuman.
- I come from a Priestly family from Navsari (Gujarat). My forefathers have been Priests serving the Fire Temple (AHURA MAZDA) since ages. I was appointed as the Panthaki (Head Priest) of the Cama Baug Agiary at Mumbai in 1987 and since then I continue to do so till date.
- I have been Adorned the Title of VADA DASTURJI MEHERJI RANA at Navsari since June 2019 (Highest seat of Priesthood and Head of the Zoroastrian Religious teachings over the world.)
- I graduated from the DADAR ATHORNAN MADRESSA at Mumbai specialising in Zoroastrian Teaching.
- As a priest I have Performed innumerable Pav Mel (Religious) Ceremonies all over. I have attained the position of the Senior most (YozDathregar) Mobed (Priesthood) in the world.
- I have studied deep in to the ZOROASTRIAN studies and am totally devoted and dedicated myself very humbly for the Religion and its studies.I have therefore been considered as Head of the Zoroastrian Religion.
- It is for all the above reasons I have been requested to file the present affidavit to enlighten Your Hon'ble Lordship on the reliefs sought for in the present Petition.
- It is a known fact and has been a motto that Parsees are known for their Benevolence and Charity to Others during their life time and even thereafter. Exposure of the body is very essential from a spiritual point of view, as it's through the rays of the sun that the spirit is drawn upwards. It also harnesses the powers of disinfection of the sun and the wind.
- In several States of India, the Settlor of the Trust have created places known as "DOONGERWADI" where the Body of the deceased Parsee Zoroastrian is laid to rest after his/her demise.
- According to the tenets of the Zoroastrian Studies, Dokhmenishini (Disposal of the Body of the deceased Parsee Zoroastrians) is considered as the best and most sacred way for the disposal of the deceased Parsee Zoroastrians. Dokhmenashini is the process of exposing the corpse of a Parsi Zoroastrian in a ritually prepared open, circular funerary house called Dakhma, exposed to the rays of the sun (Khurshed-nagirashni). For Zoroastrians it is the best mode of disposal

of the dead. It not only ensures the speedy and ecological disposal of the physical constituents of the body, it also enables the early release of the semi-spiritual constituents of a human being, and prompt deliverance of the spiritual constituents. This is because Dokhmas are places of great sanctity as they are consecrated with elaborate religious ceremonies.

- Dokhmenashini is based on 4 principles: (i) Disposal of corpse away from human habitation, (ii) Disposal on an elevated place, (iii) The corpse exposed to the rays of the sun, and (iv) The corpse exposed to birds of prey. Dokhmenashini is not just a method of disposal of the dead body of a Zoroastrian, it is also an integral part of the Zoroastrian religion. The speedy release of the soul from the earthly bonds largely depends on it. Dokhmenashini is an economical as well as ecological method. It does not use any resource from the ecosystem and also safeguards the environment. Dokhmenashini, even in its weakened form, is still the best among all the methods of disposal of the dead available to Zoroastrians today, from the points of view of the living, the dead, as well as the environment.
- Cremation, or burning the body, either through the traditional mode or electric mode, is considered incorrect in the Zoroastrian tradition for several reasons. Fire is given great reverence in the Zoroastrian religion, and so is air. Cremation (even electric cremation) is responsible for polluting fire as well as air. The Avesta talks about at least six different fires. Latent energy in all matter is considered as fire – hence, electricity is also a form of fire.
- Every Parsee Zoroastrian is a Beneficiary to the said mode of disposal and also as a matter of right. It is considered as the most sacred and most respectful for the deceased's soul to attend peace and purity.
- To sum up, every Parsee Zoroastrian has a right to get his/her body laid to rest at the Dokhmas (Doongerwadi).
- I may state that I am in total conformity with what has been stated and explained to me in the Petition filed before this Hon'ble Court by the Petitioners. My affidavit be considered as part and parcel of the Petition filed before this Hon'ble Court by the Petitioners.
- I humbly pray that this Hon'ble Court be pleased to grant the reliefs as Prayed for by thePetitioners and as stated in the Petition as also the relief stated therein.

Stated on oath.

Meherji Rana Keki Cawasji Ravji

Before me.

Advocate. K.F.Bhot.

Identified by me.

VERIFICATION

I, Dastur Keki Cawasji Ravji, do hereby state and declare that what is stated above is true and correct and I believe the same to be true.

Stated on oath.

Before Me.

Advocate.

If Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala are hell bent on not letting BPP function unless they get back their majority then it is time the two disgruntled Trustees resigned and let some fresh new Trustees who desire to function in the interest of the community take their place.



PUBLIC NOTICE



The BPP N.N & R.N Wadia Baugs are in possession of a **4 Rooms+ Kitchen** flat admeasuring **about 1,450 Square Feet Carpet area on the Building No.1 , Flat No: 7, Third Floor at Rustom Baug, Byculla** which has reverted to the Trust. The said flat is proposed to be offered on **Leave & License** basis to prospective offerers who give the highest quantum of Refundable Deposit. (Please contact Secrteary (M: **9833964746**) for details of Bid Start Value).

Those interested are requested to contact the Custodian at Rustom Baug (Contact No **022 23 750422** or (M: **9820723002** or **98203 89356**) to take inspection of the said flat Monday to Saturday 10 am to 1 pm.

- Those interested are requested to attend the Auction to be held (Zoom Meeting) at the Neville House Office on **Wednesday, 14th July, 2021 at 6.00 p.m.**, and submit their proposal in a sealed envelope with a separate **Demand Draft of Rs. 1 Lakh** in the name of **"Funds & Properties of the Parsi Punchayet Bombay"** as Earnest Money Deposit which will be returned if their proposal is not accepted. Please do not put the Demand Draft in the sealed envelope but hand it over separately.
- Interested buyers must quote value of the flat in excess of Base Value (**Reserve Security Deposit amount**), exclusive of Stamp Duty and Registration Charges, as applicable for registration of Leave & License Agreement.
- The sealed envelopes will be opened in the presence of all the applicants on the same day (**Wednesday on 14th ,July, 2021) at 6.00 p.m.**
- The highest offer will be taken as the Second Reserve Security Deposit amount and the applicants will be requested to make an Open offer in excess of this Second Reserve Security Deposit amount.
- The highest Open Offer will be taken as the Third Reserve Security Deposit amount.
- The Bid member - Buyer will be guided beforehand by the **Presiding Chairperson- BPP Trustee** for all 3 Round Bidding process . Final Round will be conducted on One-to One basis on direct Phone confirmation for bid in excess of 2nd Round final figure..
- The flat will be allotted to the highest bidder in this Third & Final round. (If any tie it may occur, one more round will be conducted on same pattern of Third & Final round for Final Highest Figure)
- 50% of the full Security Deposit amount of the flat must be deposited by the Buyer within **15 days** of the auction and the **balance 50% within one month** of the auction. Failure to make payments on the Due date will lead to cancellation of their offer and the forfeiture of the Earnest Money Deposit. The flat may again be re-auctioned, or offered to the second highest bidder, as decided by the Trustees.
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Ruzbeh Hodiwala's Doctoral Project Under Professor Almut Hintz at SOAS University Of London

A Story Of A Journey Of One Random Act Of Kindness

By: Meher Amalsad, California, USA

What I am about to share is a testimony of how one **Random Act Of Kindness** can change the trajectory of one's life.

And how **"A Prayerful Life Has More Meaning Than A Life Full Of Prayer."**

About 13-years ago, with a spark of inspiration to preserve a Zoroastrian heritage site, a 15-year old boy from India posted a few photographs of the Bahrot Caves on Ushta-Te Book – Zoroastrian Social Media Platform, asking for guidance. I messaged him back offering to introduce him to Zoroastrian Scholars in Mumbai, who at that time were working to preserve the Bahrot Caves.

He was introduced to my good friend and prominent Zoroastrian Scholar, Dr. Homi B. Dhallal – the Founding President of World Zarathushti Cultural Foundation. And the rest became history.

Homi took him under his wing – another Random Act Of Kindness, and asked him to help with a petition campaign appealing to the Archaeological Survey Of India to commence preservation work at Bahrot that Homi had initiated. This became the springboard for his pursuit to acquire more knowledge about Zoroastrianism.

As a token of gratitude for helping Homi with the petitions, Homi invited him to be part of the Zoroastrian delegation for an Interfaith Congress in Kazakhstan in 2012.

This facilitated his understanding of how joint efforts of religious-intercultural scholarship and policy makers is important in the twenty first century. His continued association with Homi, who has an experience spanning three decades in the interfaith movement and his exchange program with AFS Intercultural Program to Italy in 2010-11 provided him with an unprecedented ability to think beyond the conventional career choices. Being inspired by Homi's contribution in the interfaith movement and having realised its importance, he got involved with the International Association for Religious Freedom and subsequently travelled to UK, in 2014 to attend their Congress as a young Zoroastrian.

He believes that it was his lasting association with Homi and AFS that propelled him in this direction. Especially when during his stay in Italy, he had to give presentations on Zoroastrianism to those who had never heard about it. Since we are emphasizing on how one **Random Act Of Kindness** can have a lasting effect, his scholarship to Italy fructified due to a kind act by a Parsi lady in Ahmedabad who recommended him for the programme, and a visit to Bahrot - which became a trigger for his future pursuits - was a result of another Parsi lady's offer to accompany her on the journey to the caves .

During the 10th WZC in Bombay he heard about SOAS and discovered that SOAS offered an MA in Iranian Studies with a combination that suited his interests!

He received a scholarship which stemmed from a generous endowment gifted by the Fereydoun Djam Charitable Trust to SOAS– **another Random Act Of Kindness** – to look after his fees for Master's in 2016.

This was followed by **another Random Act Of Kindness** by my good friend Dinshaw Tamboly's valuable guidance to him on acquiring funds for his academic pursuits. His meeting with Dinshaw gave him hope that he will be able to pursue his dreams to study Iranian Studies at SOAS. Dinshaw's magnificent guidance opened up an avenue providing him with **a series of Random Acts Of Kindness** from several Zoroastrian Trusts.

Again through the kind courtesy and abled guidance of my Good Friends from United Kingdom, Rusi Dalal, Past President ZTFE, Dorab Mistry, Past President ZTFE, and Malcolm Deboo, ZTFE President; and 'others at ZTFE', that he was showered by **a series of Random Acts Of Kindness** that provided him the key funding for his doctoral studies and continued support since 2016 during his studies in London. ZTFE's Zartoshty Brother's Scholarship and SOAS' Kamran Djam and Shapoorji Pallonji Scholarship made it possible for him to think about realising his Ph.D. goals. He was fuelled with another **series of Random Acts of Kindness** in the form of scholarships from The Vakhshoori Foundation; FEZANA; The Pirojshah Godrej Foundation; Bai Maneckbai P.B. Jejeebhoy



Charity Fund's Scholarship; WZO – UK; Hong Kong Charity Funds among others.

Another **Random Acts Of Kindness** were bestowed on him by my good friend late Sammy Bhiwandiwalla of WZO-UK, who became another guiding source for him; and Former Presidents of FEZANA, Homi Gandhi and Dr Dolly Dastoor who helped him pave his understanding on Zoroastrian Discourse in North America. My good friends, the FEZANA President, Arzan Wadia and PARZOR Director Dr Shernaz Cama gave him the opportunity to join the Zoroastrian Return to Roots Tour in 2020, another **Random Act Of Kindness**.

His interest in contemporary Zoroastrian Studies developed around 2012-14 when the internet was regularly flooded with material on people accepting the Zoroastrian identity. This roused curiosity among lay Zoroastrians but also resulted in information asymmetry.

In 2015, he contacted a Norway based organisation instrumental in initiating people into the Zoroastrian faith. He was invited to attend a Summer Camp in the Netherlands, where members would meet, which was an opportune occasion to interact with the new adherents. Having graduated recently and unable to fund his trip from India, his acquaintances in Italy offered to pay him if in return he would clean dishes in a communal kitchen during an annual retreat. **That was another Random Act Of Kindness.**

His parents in India lend him the seed money for his travel. Thereafter, he embarked on a trip to the Netherlands to meet the new adherents and to Italy to do the dishes and help the chef in the kitchen.

All of the above and numerous other random act of kindness marked the beginning of his academic pursuit in the form of an MA program and finally a PhD project that he is currently undertaking at SOAS under the supervision of Professor Almut Hintze and Arshin Abid-Moghaddam.

In case you are wondering, who is the blessed recipient of these amazing **Random Act Of Kindness** - that person is **Ruzbeh Hodiwala, from India.**



Ruzbeh is now asking our Global Zarathushti Community to reach out to him for "ONE RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS" by participating in and supporting his project surveys.

Your participation in the Project will help provide a valuable insight on contemporary Zoroastrian communities.

URL Links

Surveys on an ethnographic study of 'Zoroastrians-by-Choice' and their interactions with 'Zoroastrians-by-Birth'

Survey II: For Zoroastrians-by-birth <<https://forms.gle/mBkyDgsfar6jYhzd7>>

Click on the above survey link if you are a Zoroastrian who was born into a family where 'both' the parents or 'at least one parent' – mother 'or' father – is/was born a Zoroastrian. You can undertake this survey if you have not undergone a Navjote/Sedreh Pushi ceremony but identify yourself as a Zoroastrian.

Survey I: For Zoroastrians-by-choice <<https://forms.gle/bJcEsyJmAm6mkpuT9>>

Click on the above survey link, if you were born into a non-Zoroastrian family – where both mother and father are/were born non-Zoroastrians, i.e. they were legally assigned a non-Zoroastrian identity at birth and you decided to accept the Zoroastrian identity by undergoing a Sedreh-Pushi ceremony; or you/your family publicly identified as non-Zoroastrians but privately remained Zoroastrians, so you accepted the Zoroastrian identity by undergoing a Sedreh-Pushi ceremony.

If you are a 'Zoroastrian-by-choice' who has not undergone a Sedreh-Pushi/Navjote ceremony or you are waiting to undergo a Sedreh-Pushi ceremony and would like to participate in the project, please contact the researcher at <ruzbeh_hodiwala@soas.ac.uk> or by completing the contact form at <https://www.neozoroastrianproject.com/contact>.

After clicking on the survey, you will see additional information on the eligibility criteria and have the option to proceed to a different survey based on your eligibility. If you are still unsure about which survey to complete, please contact the researcher at ruzbeh_hodiwala@soas.ac.uk

The surveys are best viewed on a device with a large screen and can take up to 20-25 minutes to complete.



THE MISSING PARSI

Below are 7 new cases & 3 already solved... more to follow.

Since the last e-mail, I have started a private Facebook group for TheMissingParsi.com. You can check out and join the group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparsi/>. It already has 150 members and it is growing by the day.

Previous Recent Campaigns:

June 23rd

June 8th

Our mailing address is:

AderGandi@Gmail.com

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CASE #672 (Posted July 1, 2021)

Greetings of the day ! There were two dear members of our Parsi community by the name of : **BOMAN HIRAJI KAPADIA AND NADIR HIRAJI KAPADIA**. They had their office in Fort (B Hirrus & Co.) and residence in Bandra. I am looking for the legal heirs or rightful beneficiaries of their assets. If someone has any knowledge about the whereabouts, please contact on any of the following numbers : Vaibhav Joshi ... or Eruch Mehta ... Mumbai, Fram Framji <framjiob1@gmail.com> , forwarded by ASPI BHARDA <abharda@comcast.net>. If you have any information, please write directly to Fram Framji <framjiob1@gmail.com> and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparsi/>

CASE #671 (Posted July 1, 2021)

Hello Ader, I'm also trying to locate a childhood friend **Zenobia Marfatia**, who was a boarder at A F Petit Girls High School in Bandra Mumbai, between 1980-1986. Any leads would be helpful. We have not spoken in 40 years. Kindly, Mrs Nawaz Merchant <nawaz@fezana.org> & <navmerch2002@yahoo.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Mrs Nawaz Merchant <navmerch2002@yahoo.com> and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparsi/>

CASE #670 (Posted July 1, 2021)

Also please look at CASE #205 at <https://themissingparsi.wordpress.com/2013/04/03/case-205-posted-july-20-2009-solved-july-30-2009>

Dear Mr. Gandhi. I came across your site and am wondering if you could please post a request for anyone who may have the contact information for either of these twin sisters: **Dinaz and Dilshad Billimoria**. Their maiden name was Billimoria. Their first names are Dinaz and Dilshad and they would currently be around 55 years of age in 2020. Both sisters attended St. Joseph's Convent in Bandra, Mumbai and then graduated from St. Xavier's College in the same city -- Dilshad in 1986 and Dinaz in 1987. They used to live in Pali Hill, Bandra, in Mumbai. We were college friends and lost touch after our Xavier's days when they moved away from their previous residence. If anyone has information or contact details for either sister, please email Ishita at casaseeker@gmail.com . Thank you for your help. Ishita Roy <casaseeker@gmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Ishita Roy <casaseeker@gmail.com> and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparsi/>

CASE #669 (Posted July 1, 2021)

Also please look at CASE #212 at <https://themissingparsi.wordpress.com/2013/04/03/case-212-posted-august-06-2009-solved-august-16-2009>

Hi Ader, I am trying to find **Dr Minoo Vaghaiwalla** who was my dissection partner at G S Medical college in Mumbai. I see his name listed on Google in Port Orange FL. However it does not give me a phone number for him. I have looked at several sites. Since I am 71 I am wondering if he retired and that is why there is no phone number. My other dissection partner and I were talking about him today on the phone, wondering how to locate him. I happened on your site the Missing Parsi, in pursuit of Minoo today. I don't know how you work your magic, but would appreciate it if you could help me out. Thanks Himani Natu M.D., Retired Psychiatrist, Jewelry Artist, <himani.natu@gmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Himani Natu <himani.natu@gmail.com>



gmail.com> and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparsi/>

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CASE #668 (Posted July 1, 2021)

Hello, First of all, you are doing this excellent job and taking blessings always. I am looking for my ex colleague **Mr Rustom M Soonawala**, he is from Poona and we were working with the Allied Foods and Gulf Ship Chandler Co. Dubai. Who is my best friend. He is currently and most probably located in Poona. If you have his contact details, kindly share with me. Thank you, Warm regards, Piyush Bakhai <piyushbakhai@yahoo.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Piyush Bakhai <piyushbakhai@yahoo.com> and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparsi/>

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CASE #667 (Posted June 30, 2021)

Hello friends, I am looking for **Aspi Contrctor**. He came to Leicester from Mumbai in 1975 to study accountant and stayed with us in Leicester at 304 Gipsy Lane. His brother in law was a pilot for Air India. If anybody knows him could you please email me kusum.panchal@yahoo.co.uk. Kusum Panchal. If you have any information, please write directly to Kusum Panchal <kusum.panchal@yahoo.co.uk> and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparsi/>

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CASE #666 (Posted June 23, 2021)

Dear Ader, Thank you for your help always in locating friends from all over the world. I have a request. I am looking for **Mr. Bomi Billimoria and his wife Roda Billimoria**. The last I had heard was he was working with Emirates airlines in Dubai long back. Is there any contact available? I would be grateful as we would like to connect with him after a long time. I would be grateful if you could please reply to my email address on this email itself. Best regards to you and many thanks. Tanaz Gandhi <gandhitnaz701@gmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Tanaz Gandhi <gandhitnaz701@gmail.com> and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparsi/>

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CASE #640 and #632 (Posted January 24, 2018) Solved (June 29, 2021)

Multiple sources: 1) Dear Sonali, Are you looking for **Aban Mistry** (married surname) who was living in Kuwait? My relative Firoze Mistry's wife is Aban Mistry but I have no idea about her maiden name or address before marriage. They have 3 children. Please let me know if this is the Aban Mistry you are looking for. If so I will try to get you her contact details from my cousins. Hope I can be of help. Regards, Manijeh Mistry <manijehmistry@gmail.com>

2) This case is solved. I was contacted by Manoj's wife and I forwarded them **Aban**'s details in Kuwait. Niloufer Engineer (via Facebook)

CASE #640 (Posted January 24, 2018) Hi Ader, Am looking for a Parsi lady named **Aban Mistry** who had migrated to Kuwait in 1983- 84, she was my husband Manoj Mathuria's tuition teacher and we would like to be in touch with her, Miss Aban Mistry was residing in Marine line area around that time, if you can pls help us to get in touch with her. Thank you Regards SONALI MATHURIA <sonali.mathuria@gmail.com> If you have any information, please write directly to SONALI MATHURIA <sonali.mathuria@gmail.com> and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparsi/>

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CASE #529 (Posted May 13, 2013) Solved (June 30, 2021)

Dear Vinita, I'm dropping you a note in reference to your post searching for **Mahrukh Wadia** on The Missing Parsi back in May 2013 which I chanced upon shortly. Mahrukh is my first cousin - our mothers are sisters. She is currently based in Pune & living with her mum. I have just spoken to her & personally shared this, and she was very surprised and happy to learn that you are looking for her. Below are her contact details for your guidance: ... If you are around/living in Pune, it would good if you pop by and give her a surprise visit. Good luck & keep connected - do let me know the outcome. God bless. Kind regards, Rashida S Todiwalla. Thanks! Rashida Shavak Todiwalla <rashna2612@gmail.com>.

CASE #529 (Posted May 13, 2013) Dear Ader, I have been searching for a friend **Maharukh Wadia**, who I went to college with. She and her family lived in pune around 1974-80 and we went to SNTD college of home science pune. She had a very loving mum and I think Maharukh also worked in Jehangir hospital pune, for a few years. Everytime we organize an alumnae meet she is missing. please help. She lived near golibar maidan camp i think. Regards, Dr vinita apte. (vapte27@hotmail.com) If you have any information, please write directly to vapte27@hotmail.com and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparsi/>

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CASE #222 (Posted August 26, 2009 Further SOLVED Jan 24 2018) Further Solved (June 30, 2021)

Multiple sources: 1) Hello, I came across the posting from 2009. My name is Rustom Madon, and **Homi** was my father, and **Betty** was my mother. Are we related? **RUS MADON** <rus.madon@btinternet.com>

2) Hello Zubs, This is Firdosh Tolat from Mumbai. **Nusserwanji & Alamai Madon** (of Madon Colony, Bhusaval) were our neighbours in Fort, Bombay. Nusserwanji was very fond of me and used to call me as his GRANDSON. Homi Uncle left India somewhere in 1950s for further studies in London. There he met Betty and they had 2 sons – Neville and Rustom. Their Navjote was done sometime in the late 1960s. Nusserwanji expired somewhere around in 1970 and that was the first time that Homi Uncle visited India after several years. Thereafter he kept in touch with us for his mother. Alamai expired in mid 1980s. Betty expired in 1990s. After that Homi Uncle married Patricia, who was also recently widowed and a very close friend of Betty & Homi. They visited us in 1999. Homi Uncle expired sometime later. Patricia continues to keep in touch with us. She resides in Harpenden, England, UK. She last visited India in February 2015, with her son David Katan. Behramji's wife Aloo used to reside in Canada. She would also have crossed the mortal bridge by now. One of Nusserwanji's brothers (don't know which one) had a daughter Soonu who was married to a Doctor and who stayed opposite the Petit Sanatorium, on August Kranti Marg, Kemps Corner. I think name of the building was White Hall. Soonu expired sometime in the 1990s and we do not have any contacts with the

family. You may write to Patricia patriciamadon.pm@gmail.com or David dmkatan@gmail.com Best wishes & warm regards, Tan Darosti & Cheers! Firdosh Khurshed Tolat

Response to 2) Mr. Tolat, **your parents** started living in the 2 nd floor flat where I lived with my parents.....when we left, my dad's cousin Maneck postwala lived there for years and then my parents rented it out to your parents and my uncle still occupied a room even then. It was in the 60s or 70s that your parents came to live there. You were a little child then. Mahabanoo Mody-Kotwal via Facebook

Case #222 (Posted August 26, 2009 Further SOLVED Jan 24 2018) Hi Ader, Hope you can post this!! I am quite interested in family tree research and am looking for some long lost relatives. I am looking for the **descendants of Soonamai Madon (nee Mistry)**. I do not know her husband's name. They both must have passed away in the 1930s. They had 3 sons – **Nusserwanrji, Jamshedji and Behramji Madon**. Nusserwanji married Alamai and had a son Homi Madon, who married a Christian lady named Betty. Jamshedji married, and had 2 kids – a girl, Gool and a boy. Behramji married Aloo Merchant and had a daughter, Gool. I think they may have been from Ahmedabad or Allahbhad. If you have any info, please email me at zappoo@zip.com.au Thanks! Zubs If you have any info, please write directly to zappoo@zip.com.au and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparisi/>

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Covid (Second Wave) relief measures by WZO

COVID (SECOND WAVE) RELIEF MEASURES UNDERTAKEN BY WZO TRUST FUNDS & WORLD ZOROASTRIAN ORGANISATION TRUST APRIL TO JUNE 2021.

The second Covid wave that began from mid-March 2021 has hit members of our community very severely.

Recognising that many in the community have been adversely affected The WZO Trust Funds and The World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust have raised funds and provided relief to individuals as per chart below between April to June 2021.

TOWARDS	NOS. OF BENEFICIARIES	AMOUNT
MOBEDS (Loss of income due to closure of Places of worship)	114	28,50,000
SELF EMPLOYED (Loss of income)	53	10,95,000
SALARIED INDIVIDUALS (Received reduced salaries or no salaries)	184	33,35,000
FARMERS (Loss of agriculture, dairy and poultry incomes)	19	4,25,000

MEDICAL (Hospitalisation & treatment on account of Covid)	75	64,79,116
Others (Misc. reasons)	32	6,35,000
TOTAL	477	1,48,19,116

The relief has been possible entirely due to generous donations received from Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao, Pervin & Jal Shroff, Hong Kong, Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA), Bai Maneckbai P. B. Jeejeebhoy Deed of Settlement Fund, Mumbai.

The relief / rehabilitation process is ongoing and is expected to continue over the next few months.

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Dinshaw K. Tamboly

Snapshot of the Fashion Show of the 34th Holiday Programme for Youth – 2021





World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce

Building the Spirit of Entrepreneurship

28th June, 2021

Invitation for Comedy show with Cyrus Broacha and Kunal Vijaykar and WZCC Entrepreneurial Quiz on 10th July 2021 at 7:30 p.m IST

DEAR MEMBERS

We are pleased to inform you, that based on numerous requests received by us, we have increased the number of participants from 40 to 100 to play the WZCC quiz with famous TV Personality, Cyrus Broacha on 10th July, 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

The simplified process is as given below:

- As a first step, you will have to log in on Zoom on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85819994853> with passcode as 192797, either to watch the program or participate in the quiz.
- Prior registration for quiz and the comedy show will not be necessary.
- A brief 'Practice Session' shall be conducted for all the quiz participants.
- The Practice Session will take place at 7.30 p.m IST on 10th July, 2021 so that the participants know how to log in and play the quiz confidently.
- All WZCC Directors, Chapter Chairs, Members, Non-members & their Guests are welcome to participate in this quiz.

There will be a mixed bag of questions in this quiz. There are prizes for the winners and the audience.

Those who do not wish to play the quiz can remain logged on Zoom and see the entire program of quiz and the comedy show.

If you have any queries then do contact us on e-mail bhesania@emirates.net.ae

This program is open to all Zoroastrians worldwide. Let's make this an enjoyable event!

[Click Here for Invitation](#)

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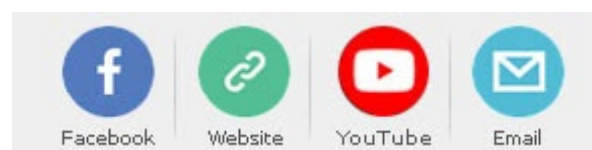
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So how can we wear leather shoes specially while praying?

Q) Leather is Dry Naso! So how can we wear leather shoes specially while praying?

A) Animal skin which has gone under the process of tanning becomes leather. The process of tanning stops the decomposition of the animal skin. (1)

So leather is not considered Naso (નસો). Our Parsi Zarhostis Priest for centuries have used leather mattresses (ચાકર) and leather footwear (સપાત, ચાચીયા જોડ).

Te jamana ma darek zarhosti nu gher goya Ashoina killa (fortress of righteousness) saman hatu ané kabas sanjogoho ma pan téo Dharma nu palan chustpané karta hata. Navsari ni Vadi Dare Meherma kriyao thati hoi té vakhté Atashne roshan rakhva Gai-Dhorna suka chaan (cow-dung) vapadta hata ane Iran ma Mobed

Sahebo Untna Chaan (camel-dung) vapadta hata. Banne jatna prani Bahman Amesvandni dekhrekh mujan teoni sharirni darek vastu upyog ma lai shakai che. (2)

Hope this helps



References:

(1) Tanning hide into leather involves a process which permanently alters the protein structure of skin, making it more durable and less susceptible to decomposition, and also possibly coloring it. (Source: Wikipedia)

(2) "Dadgah shabda upar mann", article written by Dr. Firoze Meherji Kotwal, "Shree Saronda Jarhosti Anjuman Dare Meher Centenary Volume [1906-2007]", Pg.17. Bold fonts added.

**World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce**

Building the Spirit of Entrepreneurship

2nd July, 2021

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITHOUT BORDERS WZCC GLOBAL VIRTUAL MEETINGS SCHEDULE - JULY 2021

TECHNOLOGY

Yazdi Tantra has been having a series of Zoom Meetings online on Technology for the Layman under the title of **TantraTech**. The meetings are held at 9:30pm (IST) every Friday. They can be attended by anyone by logging on <https://bit.ly/yazdizoom>. Instructions for joining are available at https://bit.ly/Zoom_Instns and past recordings are available on YouTube at <https://bit.ly/yazdiyoutube>.

Upcoming meetings at the above link are as follows:

July 02, 2021: TECH TRIVIA NIGHT - QUIZ (Open for all)

July 09, 2021: Exclusive Session - Productivity Apps - 13

July 16, 2021: Exclusive Session - Word Tricks

Contact: Yazdi Tantra yazdit@gmail.com

JULY 2021 SCHEDULE

1. MONDAY JULY 5, 2021 @ 7:30PM INDIA TIME (10:00 AM NEW YORK TIME)

FOODPRENEURS: Take The Dive..... Or Not

PANEL: Ashima Major (Pj's Kitchen); Pasangh Shroff (The Culinary Wazwan); Rhea Bharucha (BakedbyRee) moderated by Sanaya Patel

MEETING LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5939357257?pwd=V2ZqUk5HMGNnSXVvTHZxaFNxVWxTdZ09>

MEETING ID: 593 935 7257 **PASSCODE:** FoodPr

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2. SATURDAY JULY 10, 2021 @ 7:30PM INDIA TIME (10:00 AM NEW YORK TIME)

GLOBAL MEETING: COMEDY NIGHT With Entrepreneurial Quiz

SPEAKERS: Cyrus Broacha and Kunal Vijaykar

MEETING LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85819994853>

PASS CODE : 192797

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3. FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2021 @ 7.30 PM IST

PUNE WEBINAR: LINKEDIN ADS AND MARKETING STRATEGY

SPEAKERS: Youth Committee member Dinyar Mehta

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84522807956?pwd=RzRDUHk0bmxObkdFVzR0bkNjS3ZrQT09>

Meeting ID: 845 2280 7956 **Passcode:** 650242

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4. SUNDAY JULY 18, 2021 @ 10:00AM NEW YORK TIME (7:30PM INDIA TIME)

ZFN : UK Scholar Program

SPEAKERS: Farokh Mistree, Zubin Sethna

LINK: TBA

CONTACT: Dr.Koka Karishma kokakavitakarishma@hotmail.com

5. SUNDAY JULY 18, 2021 @ 5:00PM LONDON TIME (12 NOON NY, 9:30PM INDIA TIME)

UK CHAPTER: Leadership

SPEAKER: Zarir Shroff

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86808220417>

MEETING ID: 868 0822 0417 **PASSCODE:** 291489

6. MONDAY JULY 19, 2021 @ 7:30PM INDIA TIME (10:00AM NEW YORK TIME)

FOODPRENEUR: Legal Formalities & Licences. Setting up your home kitchen

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AUGUST 2021 SCHEDULE

1. MONDAY AUGUST 2, 2021 @ 7:30PM INDIA TIME (10:00AM NEW YORK TIME)

FOODPRENEUR: Interactive Cooking Demo

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2. SUNDAY AUGUST 8, 2021 @ 9:30 PACIFIC TIME (12:30PM NEW YORK; 10:00PM INDIA)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER: Entrepreneurialism: Suvio & ZEDF

SPEAKERS: Homayar Gandhi, Khushnam Crawford, Eric Minassian & Edul Daver

LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2356601995>

MEETING ID: 235 660 1995 **PASSCODE:** WZCC

CONTACTS: Homayar Gandhi at info@suvio.com for company/presentation inquiries

Faridun Dadachanji at fkdadacha@gmail.com for meeting logistic inquiries

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CHAPTER CHAIRS: IF YOUR CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JULY 2021 IS MISSING OR IF THERE ARE ANY ERRORS ABOVE PLEASE LET ME KNOW ASAP.

PLEASE FORWARD INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR AUGUST 2021 SCHEDULE BY JULY 25 IN THE ABOVE FORMAT.

Thanks,
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With graduation ceremonies being cancelled or turned virtual around the world, students have not been able to truly celebrate their well-deserved achievements. As a community, please join us to celebrate the Zoroastrian youth triumphs from around the world at the first Global Zoroastrian Graduation Ceremony.

July 18th 2021

8:00 am Pacific Time

11:00 am Eastern Time

8:00 am Pakistan

8:30: pm India

7:30 pm IRAN

3:00 pm United Kingdom

11:00 pm Hong Kong, Singapore and Perth Australia

3:00 am (New Zealand) {July 19th 2021}

Please Note That Registration to take part is mandatory.

Graduates from high school, undergraduate & postgraduate degrees must sign up via the following link: <https://forms.gle/7dstkKry9PUJVAoU7>

The ceremony will feature Zoroastrian youth speakers, the procession of graduates, followed by a Humbandagi. Through this event, graduates will be able to celebrate their feats with our worldwide Zoroastrian community. We look forward to seeing you at this special event!

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THE SPIRIT OF ZARATHUSHTRA

CREATING A BOUNTIFUL AND PROSPEROUS EARTH WITH THE GOOD MIND

(Yasna 51.5 and 51.7 and related prayers)

On Sunday, July 4, 2021

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8am PST, 11am ET, 4 pm BST, (3pm GMT), 8.30pm IST, 11pm SGT/MYT

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Dr. Karishma Koka Founder & moderator

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Jiyo Parsi Virtual Summer Camp

Adventure Education Tours (Mumbai) Pvt. Ltd. has been around for more than a quarter of a century.

Originally started with just a capital of Rs. 500/- it has now grown and operates in more than 750 schools all over Pan India having its presence in Mumbai, Pune, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Kolkata & Delhi with its headquarters in Mumbai.

Before the start of the Pandemic it specialized in conducting Outreach experiential learning programs and trips related to day picnics, Camps, Domestic and International Tours, Exchange & Immersion programs and Space Tours to NASA & ISRO for school students.

The company counts among its many clients some of the premium schools of India. Adventure through its subsidiary companies also conducts conferences and incentive tours for Corporates all over the country. They also conduct specially curated domestic and international tours for families and groups.

Adventure is known for its incomparable customer service and for being a stickler to their commitments.

Due to the constraints of the pandemic the company adapted to change and started conducting online programs, activities & camps for school children all over the country. These camps have been specifically planned by a select panel of educators from all over the country.

The children joining these program camps take part and are educated in 21st Century Skills Development, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, Experiential Learning, Activity Based Learning, Conventional Learning, Development of Life Skill Activities and Hands on Experiences related to real life activities.

All these activities are planned around the central theme of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

These goals are adopted by all the countries that are a part of the United Nations, including India, and form a very large part of the new National Education Policy being

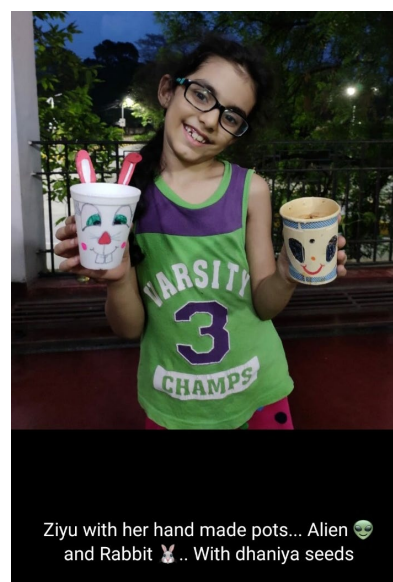


developed by our Country. As per the new Education Policy rather than concentrate on textbook studying the children are taught through inquiry and research, to develop latent skills, personal reflection and finally the culmination of their personal learning outcomes.

Jiyo Parsi taking a big leap into the 21st Century partly sponsored 50 plus Zoroastrian Students to the Virtual Camp organized by **Adventure Education Tours (Mumbai) Pvt. Ltd.** from Sunday, 16th May 2021 to Saturday, 22nd May 2021. The students had practical demonstrations and activities like making a SpaceX Rocket and

Aeromodelling with testing in Creativity and Innovation was specially enjoyable and we are sure laid the foundations for many a Elon Musk amongst our children. Going Green with Sustainable Energy Fun & Games, A Live Virtual Tour of a Spice Plantation with Seed Heart Activity where practical sessions with food colours and dyes emphasized with the children the fact that without proper environmental conservation the world would indeed be a sad place. Activities like Design your Creativity, Sew a Softy, Doodling Art Competitions and Jam with Jamie were instant hits with the Primary School Children. Self Defence and Zumba Activities were also held for all the students.

The activities were enjoyed by all the students and they came out of the assessment and certification with flying colours. This camp was greatly appreciated by the parents and enjoyed by the students as the rainbow amid the clouds of the pandemic lockdown.



Ziyu with her hand made pots... Alien and Rabbit 🐰.. With dhaniya seeds 🌱



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Jiyo Parsi Friday Forum presents

AN EVENING WITH BOMAN IRANI



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Friday | 9 July
6-7 PM IST

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Join us on Friday , 9 July 2021 from 6-7 pm IST

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HELP

Of no one's misery, be ever I should, a cause.
 May I, about this deeply think, taking a pause.
 Lord kind, happiness unto others, through me spread.
 At least an infectious smile I can give, if I offer cannot bread.
 Remember this fact I must all the time, all the way;
 That a deed good, with both receiver n doer always does stay.
 If cause I misery to another, I too won't be able to keep it at bay.
 Sometimes, somewhere I will, it's consequences have to pay.
 My actions good, tiny can be, but positive they must stay.
 Pain someone's lessen must; each word, that I say.
 Grant unto me a boon, o Ahura, soothing should be every word, I say.
 As per Karma, help me, to the universe, to my debt repay.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

મારી મા નું આંચલ

કેવી મીઠી નીંદર આવતી હતી મને, ઓ મા,
 તારા ખોળે, તારા આંચલમાં
 દુનિયાની મને કોઈ પરવાહ કે ફિકર ન હતી,
 તારા પ્રેમાળ આંચલમાં
 તારો સુરીલો કંઠ સુવડાવતો હતો મને, ગાયી
 લોરી, મીઠી મમતા હતી એ કંઠમાં
 મારું નામ પુકારતી, ત્યારે ટહુકો હતો કોયલ
 જેવો મીઠો, તારા સુરીલા કંઠમાં
 ખવડાવતી પ્રેમથી, તારા હાથનો સ્વાદ હજી
 હું વાગોલું છું મનમાં મારા
 ફૂંફ હતી તારા હાથની બેશુમાર; દિવસ રાત
 આર્શીવાદ આપતા એ, માથે મારા
 આંચલ તારું, લાગે વહાલું મને, પ્રેમથી
 ભરપૂર, તારો સુવાસ છુપાયો છે એમાં
 ઘરની હર નાની મોટી ચીજ યાદ અપાવે
 તારી, જાણે વસી હોય તું એમાં.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

રાત

સંપૂર્ણ આનંદમાં રાત આખી આજે વિતાવી હતી મેં તારી
 સાથે,
 કંગન પહેરી, બિંદી, સિંદૂર લગાવીયું હતું મેં પોતાના હાથે,
 મહેકતા ફૂલોનો ગજરો પહેરિયો હતો મેં મારા માથે
 અને વગાડીયા હતાં મેં પ્રીતભર્યા મધુર ગીત મધરાતે
 મોઘરાના ફૂલોની સેજ બિછાવી હતી મેં પોતાની જાતે
 મધુર સ્વર સાંધ્યા હતા તે વાંસળીના અગર, તો હું પણ
 થોડું ગાતે
 સવારે ઉઠીને પડી ખબર, સ્વપ્ન સુહામનું જોયું હતું મેં
 મધરાતે
 રાધિકાના સ્વપ્ન તું છીનવી ન લેતો ઓ કન્હાઈ, બસ એ જ
 હવે છે મારી સાથે
 સુખ દુઃખના સાથી છે એ મારા; દુરી તો સાંધી લીધી છે
 તે, તારા હાથે.
 આપણો પ્રેમ-સંબંધ જીવી ન શકિયા આપણે; દુરી
 સ્વીકારી હાથે જાતે
 તો પણ આં સ્વપ્નોમાં જીવી લાઉ છું હું, તારા વિના, તારી
 સાથે.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

I AM NOT MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

I am nobody's keeper
 Nor a teacher or
 A preacher or a scholar
 Trying to appeal to
 People's side of
 Humane qualities
 Letting them know
 Ego and Pride
 Has no place
 In our society
 But, treating people
 With dignity respect
 Tolerance understanding
 As well humanley

So alter one's attitude
 Towards others as
 Remember : "Do unto
 Others what others
 Would like to unto you"?

Keep your ideologies to yourself
 Do not force or shove them
 Down people's throats
 As nobody has monopoly
 Over wisdom

None of you have received
 "The Ten Commandments"
 Nor ordained by the Creator
 To spread His Message
 All you are doing is
 Committing Sacrilege

Lastly
 You can fool all the people
 Some of the time & some of
 The people all of the time
 But you cannot fool all the people
 All of the time

Choicest Happiness
Farida

PS: This poem is penned for people
 who don't who are full of it