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## TRUTH BEHIND THE BMC PIPELINES Running through Doongerwadi since 1918

Most in our community are not aware that BMC water pipes have been running through the Doongerwadi property for over a century, since 1918 to be exact. If one was to walk past the lower bungli, past the side gate till the end of our property where the stairs lead down to Khareghat Colony, you will see a 600mm pipe coming out of the wall and going underground. Below that is another 750mm pipe. The 750mm pipeline leaves our property just before the side gate and the 600mm pipeline leaves our property after the now demolished lower Bungli pavilion.

This is an addition to the large overhead water pipe we see in that same area which was made in 1987-88 as stand-by.

What we need to realize is that these pipes are over a 100 year old and have run their life. They have never been repaired or maintained. They need to be urgently replaced. The landslide last year happened right in front of the Doongerwadi side gate below which the hill gave way. God forbid if the pipes had burst higher up, towards the Spenta bldg, then the land slide would have not only affected the foundation of the Spenta Building but also the Khareghat Colony buildings situated at the top of the hill.

Given the large diameter of these pipes, they cannot be taken below the road until after Spenta bldg because the road leading down is built over arches whose depth is very narrow. That is why Mr. Baig has requested the BMC to provide us with a solution in which the BMC Water pipes exit the Doongerwadi property right after the arches end. We await the new BMC schematic to discuss and decide in the Board.



Projects Dept Head Bilal Baig & Deputy Khushru Bharucha along with the BMC team



Arch below the road going from Spenta Bldg to Kemp's Corner



Current Scenario



## ANOTHER ATTEMPT BY KERSI RANDERIA TO DIVIDE OUR COMMUNITY WITH HIS LIES!

Dear Community Members,

Friday evening a malicious and fabricated whatsapp message was circulated against me by Trustee Kersi Randeria who is once again trying to create disharmony within the community on a non-issue. Despite knowing the facts of the meeting held at the Doongerwadi, he has lied to the community to create hurt and hatred amongst us.

Everyone is aware that Mr. Randeria is under investigation by the authorities for financial misappropriation for a slum rehab project. But it doesn't end there. Lately I have been exposing various other financial discrepancies at the BPP committed by Mr. Randeria's during his first few years as a Trustee. This is probably why he is now fabricating stories to take the spot light away from himself.

Mr. Randeria tries to predujice the community against my family because of the good offices we share with the BMC D Ward. My family have been Corporators of the D Ward continuously for 47 years. My grandfather Rusi Mehta served five terms, my youngest Kaka Noshir Mehta served three terms and my Fui Anahita Mehta served two terms. So evidently we share a good and cordial relation with them.

What Mr. Randeria will not tell you is the number of times, at our Board meetings of which he has been a part of, I have been asked to use these same good offices to help the BPP in various matters. In fact just a few weeks ago the Board asked me to speak with the D ward municipal commissioner and report back in regards to proposed Skywalk at Malabar Hill as well as the soil solidification of the hill behind Building 5 at Khareghat colony adjoining the newly constructed wall.

When the BMC water-pipe burst last August, I was the only Trustee that stayed on site that day. I personally called up each of my colleagues and got their approval to allow the BMC to lay the temporary water pipes through our property given the civic emergency. I visited the site almost daily to ensure that all our conditions were met. So naturally the BMC made me their point of contact in this regard. Hence when the BMC had a presentation ready for removal of these temporary pipes, they contacted me and asked me to share it with the Board, which I did on Monday July 5. Unfortunately this seems to have bruised the ego of Mr.

Randeria who has making false allegation on me and my family ever since.

At our Board meeting on Tuesday, July 6, we discussed a presentation sent by the BMC. During our discussions I requested the Board to make a site visit along with the BMC Water Dept team so we can understand the situation and their proposal better. Mr. Randeria refused to attend and insisted that the BPP Projects Dept Head Mr. Bilal Baig visit the site first along with the BMC team and then send a report to the Board to be analysed.

On Thursday evening, July 8, I spoke with the BMC Water Dept representative and set up a meeting for 430pm on Friday July 9 with his team as well as our BPP Project Dept Head Mr. Baig along with his Deputy Mr. Khushru Bharucha. In attendance from the BMC D ward were Asst. Engineer Mr. Bagwe, Asst Engineer Hydraulic Engineering and Construction Division Mr. Phaphale, Sub Engineer Hydraulic Engineering and Construction Division Mr. Khode and Mr. Sayyad, OSD D ward among others.

At the meeting with the BMC, Mr. Baig raised some queries and made some suggestions and asked the BMC team to prepare a detailed schematic so that he can present it before the Board. Post that it was suggested that the entire Board of Trustees make a site visit to understand the details better. The meeting ended here and we await for the BMC to revert to Mr. Baig with a fresh plan so that he can make a representation of facts to the Board. Constructive dialogue was held and no decision on any kind was taken at this meeting. **It was repeatedly made very clear to the BMC that the final decision would be made by the entire Board of Trustees after taking into consideration all the facts and no one Trustee could take that decision.**

Ironically Mr. Randeria spoke to Mr. Baig before Friday's meeting with the BMC. He knew what the meeting was about. Yet he chose to lie to the community. More so he deliberately tried to mislead the readers by mentioning that I was present with some BPP staff when he was fully aware that the BPP Project Dept Head Mr. Baig was present to meet the BMC team.

If any of you have any doubts or queries please feel free to call. I will be more than happy to clear any misconceptions you may have. If you'd like to do a site visit and see for yourself, we can do that too.

As you can read from the above, this entire episode has been blown out of proportion by Mr. Randeria. This is another instance where (to create hatred within the community), Mr. Randeria has lied and mislead the community – just for political mileage!

My father is above 75 years old but as the ex-Chairman of the BPP and a Trustee for 21 years he is still passionate about our community. Last year when the land slide happened, despite it being peak Covid time, he kept visiting the Doongerwadi and Khareghat Colony to ensure the BMC was doing their job right, ignoring our concern for his health.

Despite such dedication to our community, Mr. Randeria refuses to drop his angst against my father. In his battle to settle scores with my father Mr. Randeria is dragging the BPP down with him. He has become a deterrent to anything constructive the BPP wants to do and lately has taken to social media and his newspaper to constantly misrepresent facts and create biases and divide amongst us (like he tried to do against Dr. Zuleikha Homavazir when he admitted to us that he had leaked the BPP minutes to prejudice voters against her).

I have been a trustee for over five years. During the course of my term Mr. Randeria has wished my father dead in front of the entire Board, imitated and mocked my mother at a Board meeting, beaten my brother, mocked the legacy of my late grand-father and much more. He has even threatened to go after my job. Mr. Randeria constantly tries to create controversy where there is none just for one-upmanship.

Despite all this I keep requesting him and the Board to work together harmoniously towards a brighter and more prosperous future, not just for the BPP but for the entire community. I am willing to take the first step in the right direction, I just hope he is too.

I can only hope Better Sense Prevails! Stay safe and be happy.

Regards,  
Viraf Mehta  
Trustee, BPP  
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BBP Trustee  
Viraf D. Mehta

## FACTS

### **BMC Water Pipes:**

Permission to the BMC to lay temporary water pipes was given unanimously by the entire Board of Trustees (including Kersi Randeria). He even came one day to look into the work that was going on.

### **Drones:**

Permission to allow drone survey of the land-slide area was given by 4 out of 5 Trustees. In fact Mr. Dastur was present on site and I was personally standing behind the drone operator to ensure that only the land slide area was recorded. A copy of the recording is with the BPP.

- Funnily enough in January 2021, Mr. Randeria, who opposed the drone survey of the landslide area, willingly agreed to allow helicopters to fly around the Doongerwadi at low altitudes during heavy monsoon and emergencies. This admission was made at our meeting at Mantralaya before the Chief Secretary of Maharashtra as well as Sq Leader Minoo Wadia, Trustee Noshir Dadrawala and myself.

- Full disclosure: a few days after the drone survey, Mr. Dadrawala withdrew his consent probably under pressure from Mr. Randeria.

### **Parsi Gate:**

Late last year, I was able to arrange a meeting with Cabinet Minister of Tourism and Environment for the Government of Maharashtra, Mr. Aditya Thackeray in regards to the Parsi Gate. I was accompanied by BPP Trustee Xerxes Dastur as well as Ms. Havovi Sukhadwala. Mr. Thackeray was emphatic to our plea but told us there was not much he would be able to do as work had already begun. But he offered us solutions to re-locate the Parsi Gate at the new promenade as close to the original position as possible. This was not acceptable to many a few community activists continued their efforts knocking on various other ministerial doors to try and re-align the coastal road but to no avail. Ultimately we ran out of time and the BMC have removed the Parsi Gate. Efforts are on to ensure the proposal given by Mr. Thackeray fructifies.



# IN MEMORIUM OF MUNCHERJI CAMA

Muncherji Cama, the last of the Sethia Trustees of yore, got up early morning on Saturday 3rd July 2021 and ordered a cup of coffee to his bearer. However by the time the bearer returned with the freshly brewed coffee Munchi was no more.

What a beautiful way to go! Everyone has to go back to dust when his time comes but to go so peacefully without suffering of any kind to himself or his loved ones around him is a special God's gift reserved for very few mortals. He must have done a lot of good to a lot of people because of whose blessings he left this world so blissfully leaving behind a multitude of followers shedding away tears galore.

Just five years back Muncherji had financed the full Construction cost of the Prayer Hall at BMC's Worli crematorium through his A. H. Wadia Trust of which he was a Trustee. And as pre-ordained, Munchi was consigned to the Worli crematorium. But due to his massive weight of over Kg 300 it was not possible to take him into the electric crematorium and hence he was taken to the wooden pyre to be cremated there. All his household staff of over 8 were there in full attendance helping to put him in the pyre and then the wood all around his body. They really missed their master and were bawling away. A real loyal breed of servants full of praise for their master, who looked after them well during his life time.

He had a wonderful sense of humor though more on the sarcastic side and I used to love seeing his winking when he was having it out with someone. Usually Khojeste Mirty was the butt of his many jokes especially when he would offer papers to him and make him stretch further and further with his trembling hands.

Munchi also donated two brand new Hearses to Doongerwadi to ferry dead bodies from their residence to Doongerwadi.

He was badly treated by his colleagues on the BPP Board when Yazdi Desai in revenge for having defeated his wife Anahita Desai filed a false Change Report



Muncherji Cama

is another story!

with Charity Commissioner in June 2015 due to his colleague Trustees- Khojeste Mistry, Arnavaz Mistry and Jimmy Mistry supporting Yazdi Desai though Dinshaw Mehta was the Chairman at that time. Even when the new Board was elected in October 2015, only Armaity Tirandaz and Viraf Mehta were willing to withdraw the Change Report but both Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala went against him and supported Yazdi Desai. It was his lament as to how a perfect Gentleman like Noshir could side with Kersi Randeria and deprive him his Trusteeship of BPP. But that

Ultimately justice prevailed and the Charity Commissioner ruled in his favor in March 2018 and the Change Report was dismissed and his Trusteeship was continued but his term then came to an end in July 2018. Thus out of his seven year term he could serve as a Trustee of BPP for just around four years. During the three years that the hearing of the Change Report lasted it was Anahita Desai who attended everyone of his hearing and kept on delaying the matter so that he could not function as a Trustee.

Parsi Junction has received many appreciative mails and letters from his well wishers which we feel we need to publish if only to show the high regard Munchi was held by the rank and file. The first one is from Homi Khushrukhan, his colleague on the Parsi General Hospital.

## “Homi Khusrokhan on Munchi Cama

From: Homi Khusrokhan <homirsk@gmail.com>

Date: July 4, 2021 at 12:50:26 PM GMT+5:30

To: Dinshaw Mehta <dinshawrusimehta@icloud.com>

Subject: RE: PARSI JUNCTION issue 89

Dear Dinshaw,

I share in your sorrow. There was a certain grace and dignity about Munchi. He was one of the last of the true, blue-blooded, Parsi Sethias.

I used to often tell him jokingly that that he must have had some



Japanese blood in him as he so resembled the Mikado, as he sat majestically (sometimes wearing his little Parsi Toppee) on the centre of the stage of the K R Cama Auditorium, on a chair (or should I say throne) specially designed to take his considerable weight. He was amazingly knowledgeable on history, religion, culture and languages and was a voracious reader. He often astonished me with snippets from history and told me things that I was totally unaware of. His loss will leave a large vacuum in the K R Cama Oriental Institute that will be difficult to fill.

He had a very strong sense of what is right and what is wrong and was bold enough to say so openly. Our views coincided on many issues and we often bemoaned the lack of morality we see around us today.

He had a delightful sense of humour and I used to love seeing the mischievous twinkle in his eye when he was having a dig at something or someone. When I wrote to him about the passing of a common friend in June last year, he responded by saying "*and your pal survives to torture humanity*" and added "*(sent with Gentle Effect)*" as did many of his messages to me. That was Munchi!

Best regards,  
**Homi**

Next one is from the gentle lady of Dadar Parsi Colony, Mrs Pervin Mistry, now in Canada:

### “Sad to know about Munchi's passing

From pervin mistry on 04/07/2021 6:10 pm

Dear Dinshaw and Berjis,

Hope you and your families are in good health.

I am really sad to learn of Munchi's passing away. He was a very good Soul.

The community has lost a great philanthropist. I had visited him (and Villy) when they were both at PGH in 2020. Before I left Bombay in January 2020, I had met him after he had returned from PGH. I will really miss him. He was always very happy to discuss issues related to our community.

The sad thing is that money does not buy happiness. He was lonely and did not enjoy good health but he never showed he was lonely or ill. Always such a good host! He used to come to our home very often but not much after 2019. When he did not reply to my last mail about 3 weeks ago or answer to my call, I knew he must be very ill.

I knew him only since the last few years - about 9 or 10 years.

You two knew him for decades. You guys will miss him lots.

Please, may I request a favor from either one of you? If you attend any of his 4 days rituals, will you please offer a stick of sandalwood on my behalf? Thank you. I shall pray for him from here. Will miss him. Villy must be taking it very badly. My thoughts are with her.

May Munchi's Immortal Soul rest in Peace.

Sincerely,

**Pervin**

Next is a report from Nauzer Bharucha, Reporter of Times of India:

### “Nauzer Bharucha on Munchi Cama

Two days after Asia's oldest newspaper, the Gujarati daily Mumbai Samachar entered its 200th year, one of its owners, Muncherji (Munchi) Cama, passed away on Saturday. The paper was founded on July 1, 1822, but the Cama family became owners in 1933.

Besides being a newspaper proprietor, not many know that Munchi also controlled the Ardeshir Hormusji Wadia Trust, which according to government records, is one of the biggest private landowners in Mumbai. It has over 361 acres in Kurla and a corpus believed to be a humungous Rs 700 crore. Some years ago, when I asked him about the trust's phenomenal land holdings, he explained to me: "We cannot speculate on our land holding unless we take an audit. A lot of our land was acquired by the government decades ago, but it was returned to us completely encroached."

He told me that many builders had approached the trust, offering to rehabilitate slum dwellers and redevelop the land. In the early 20th century, the Cama family of Mumbai Samachar owned 1/3rd of the land in Chembur.

In the early part of the 19th century, Ardeshir Hormusji Wadia was given the lease for Kurla, which comprised the six villages of Mohili, Kole Kalyan, Marol, Sahar, Asalphe and Parjapur, for a yearly rent of Rs 3,587.

In 2018, I met Muncherji at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute in Mumbai, where he was a trustee. The library, founded in 1916, has a treasure trove of ancient Avesta, Pahlavi and Persian literature and manuscripts including books on Islam and the Koran. I was pleasantly surprised when Muncherji readily agreed to show me a rare manuscript, which also happened to be the library's most precious treasure-- a 7th century AD Arabic



manuscript called "Ahd-Namaha" or what is called "Covenants of faith" or charters granted by the Prophet Mohammad and his son-in-law Imam Ali.

In 2004, my front-page report in TOI about the sale of the Cama family bungalow, Cosy Corner, off Nepean Sea Road to a builder for Rs 108 crore, upset the Camas (So I was told). The builder was one of the tragic victims of the 26/11, 2008 Mumbai terror attack.

**\*Nauzer Bharucha\***

**Next is from a person who did not personally know Munchi, Kersi Gandhi of Cusrow Baug:**

### "Kersi Gandhi on Munchi Cama

To my dismay, I had never made the acquaintance of Mr. Cama, which, on reflection, has been my loss.

Seems, Mr. Cama, was A Man, larger than life, itself. Figuratively and in The Physical Form/Facade.

Must have been, A Man For All Seasons, in its Truest Form.

Another, Champion of our Minuscule Community, has departed for The Happy Hunting Grounds.

But, one thing, is for certain, that, In Doing Good Out Here, He Will Continue Doing His Good Deeds, in The Hereafter.

Mr. President, the praise bestowed by your Good Self, of Your Dear Friend, and Also A Fellow Committee Member, of The BPP, has touched, the very core of my heart.  
GAROTHTMAN BEHEST HOJOJI.

**Kersi Gandhi"**

### "Cyrus Digaria on Munchi Cama

Yes Dinshawji. Truly Indeed.

MUNCHERJI CAMA was a great philanthropist we have come across in our lives and a great human being with finest of qualities. I personally knew him since the time we came into contact during campaigning for his elections as Trustee for BPP, and you remember how we campaigned for him.

All and all he will be greatly missed by us and the community at large. I pray that his soul remains in eternal peace ! Garothman Behst to his soul 🙏

**Cyrus Digaria"**

## Poem: In Memoriam

Losing someone so near  
And dear can cause  
Cause agonizing  
Excruciating  
Wondering when  
We see our loved ones again?

May dear Mr Cama's  
Sweet Soul rest in eternal peace  
He is free of woes worries  
As well disease

He was the epitome  
As one calls the " Joie de vivre"  
Full of smiles happiness  
Whoever came to  
Him for any kind of help  
He never turned  
His back on them  
As he realised that it  
Was his first duty  
As a Zoroastrian

Please kindly accept our deepest  
Sympathies as well sincere  
condolences  
Farida Bamji & fly



# MASOOR PAV TRUSTEES MISSTREATED THE ARISTOCRAT MUNCHERJI CAMA

All the obsequies regarding late BPP Trustee Muncherji Cama stress only one thing that Muncherji Cama was the last of the Sethias of yore to have adorned the BPP Boardroom. In 2008 in the first General elections under Adult Franchise, the first Board comprised Dinshaw Mehta, Rustom Tirandaz, the Three Mistry's-Arnavaaz, Jimmy and Khojeste, Yazdi Desai and the only AFP member Noshir Dadrawala. Dinshaw Mehta was elected Chairman who in turn nominated Rustom Tirandaz as Dy. Chairman.

In 2009, Rustom unfortunately died in a pool heart attack and Armaity Tirandaz supported by Dinshaw Mehta was elected in his place defeating the Godrej Architect Maneck Engineer sponsored by Kersi Randeria and Arnavaaz Mistry.

In 2011, Yazdi Desai and Khojeste Mistry succeeded in hounding out the only Trustee from the Reformist Camp, Noshir Dadrawala and Muncherji Cama was elected in his vacancy supported by both Dinshaw Mehta and Kersi Randeria defeating Yazdi Desai's wife Anahita Desai supported by Yazdi Desai and the three Mistry's. But both Yazdi Desai and Anahita Desai did not forget this loss and were determined to extract revenge for the loss. Despite Yazdi and Anahita taking lakhs of rupees from Dinshaw Mehta to get a favorable Order from the High Court against the very same Kersi Randeria, Yazdi and Anahita managed to frame Dinshaw Mehta in a false misappropriation case in November 2013 which led to Charity Commissioner freezing all property assets.

This led to the Board getting divided into two camps—Dinshaw Mehta, Armaity Tirandaz and Munchi Cama on one side and Yazdi Desai and the three Mistris on the other and with their majority started taking all decisions without any reference or notice to the others.

Munchi Cama was getting frustrated at the number of applicants coming every week and in spite of having over 100 vacant flats in Trustees possession they were unable to help them.

In disgust ultimately in April 2015 Munchi Cama submitted his resignation to the Board of Trustees which was not in accordance with the Scheme of Elections and as CHAIRMAN Dinshaw Mehta refused to accept the same. But Yazdi Desai taking advantage of his Majority filed his resignation with Change Report before the Charity Commissioner and refused to allow him to attend BPP office till the Charity Commissioner gave his findings on the Change Report.

Thus the Masoor Pav Trustees –Yazdi Desai, Khojeste Mistry and Arnavaaz Mistry were able to block the entry of the last of the Sethia Trustee Munchi Cama for at least more than three years. The hearing of the Change Report went on and on with Anahita Desai coming with her bodyguard Kayresh Patel at every hearing and delaying the proceedings as much as she could.

The bodyguard later was rewarded by Yazdi and Anahita Desai with a large flat in Dadar Parsi Colony though he had a vacant flat of his late father Cyrus Patel in Godrej Baug C-10 which is now reserved by Yazdi Desai and Anahita Desai for the brother who is settled in USA and married to a Muslim. Due to their influence this flat is not even shown as an unoccupied flat in the BPP records. Ultimately in March 2018 the Change Report was rejected by the Charity Commissioner as being illegal and not in consonance with the terms of the Scheme of Elections and Munchi Cama's right as a Trustee of BPP was restored but he could attend only one Board meeting as his seven year term expired soon thereafter. Thus the husband and wife team of the Desai's did extract their revenge against Munchi Cama who was deprived of almost half his term as a Trustee by the cunning Yazdi and Anahita Desai.

**AND NOW ONCE AGAIN ANAHITA ASPIRES TO BE A TRUSTEE OF BPP IN PLACE OF HER HUSBAND, INSTEAD OF TAKING CARE AND LOOKING AFTER THE NEEDS OF HER AILING HUSBAND.**



# LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MAN BEHIND THE SUCCESS OF PARSI GENERAL HOSPITAL DR (LT. GENERAL RETD) MANOMOY GANGULY, VSM

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Ex- DIRECTOR GENERAL MEDICAL SERVICES (ARMY)  
EX- PRESIDENT'S HONORARY SURGEON  
Ex- PRESIDENT, INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY



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## Academic Qualifications:

1. MBBS (AFMC): 1979
2. MS (Gen Surg), AFMC, Pune Univ: 1986
3. DNB (Gen Surg) – 1987
4. PGDHHM
5. Trg in Oncosurg – Tata Memorial Hospital: 1990-91
6. MCh (Oncosurg) – Cancer Institute Adyar, Chennai: 1996
7. FICS (Oncology)

## Military Awards & Honours:

1. GOC-in-C (CC) Commendation: 2013
2. COAS Commendation: 2014
3. Vashisht Seva Medal (Presidential Award): 2015
4. PHS (President's Honorary Surgeon): 2019
5. Elected and Appointed as 'Colonel Commandant' of Army Medical Corps, on 27 Jan 2019

**Dr (Lt. General Retd.) Manomoy Ganguly**, has always been a brilliant student, from topping all his classes and the ISC Exam at his school at Pune, to winning most of the Gold medals while topping his final MBBS exam from the prestigious **AFMC Pune**. Both at school as well as college, he has been an "all-rounder", representing his house/class/batch in Athletics, Hockey, Football (soccer) and AFMC in Inter-College Debating & Dramatics. In addition, he set a

new record for being "Mr AFMC" for "best Physique" for a couple of years in succession.

Thereafter he rendered 40 years of Meritorious service in the Indian Army Medical Corps, where he was a brilliant Oncosurgeon, who is the only one from the Armed Forces till date, to have obtained an MCh degree in the subject. He has been a **Professor of Surgery & Oncosurgery** for over 30 years, at various institutions/Universities of India as well as the NAMS, and elected **President IASO** (Indian Association of Surgical Oncology). He has successfully served as **Dean** of the **ACMS** (Army College of Medical Sciences), Delhi Cantt., **Commandant** of the prestigious "**Officer Training College**" of the AFMS (where within one year he built a new College, operationalised and shifted it), **Chief administrator (CEO/ Group CEO) of various Tertiary Care Hospitals**, and finally **headed the entire Medical Organization of the Indian army, as the DGMS(Army)**.

He is a go-getter, who is known for his vision, hard work and drive in implementing his new ideas, for which he has won accolades and has been awarded with various Military Awards & Honours during the service.

Post-retirement from the Army, he is CEO of a multi-specialty hospital at south Mumbai, where in a short while he has revamped the hospital and won praises from the clientele and management.

He and his wife Nita, are keen environmentalists who implement all measures to save the environment. Over the last several years, General Ganguly has grown hundreds of trees from the seeds of all the fruits they eat and has been planting them in various stations. For the last 20 years, his wife has been composting all their green waste at home to make manure, as well as "Bio-enzymes" to be used in lieu of Pesticides. As a result, he has been turning wasteland into gardens growing organic vegetables, the latest being in his hospital at Mumbai.

In addition, the couple are fond of socializing, travelling, reading, and enjoy adventure sports.



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

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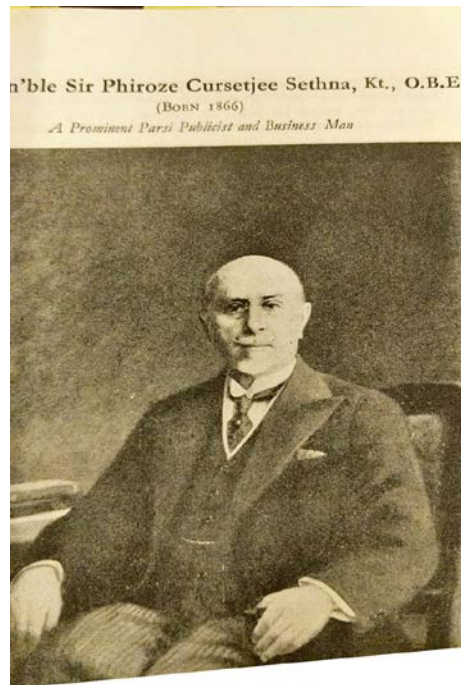
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## CASE #677 (Posted July 6, 2021) Possibly? Solved (July 6, 2021)

I Googled and gathered that (Sir) Phiroze Cursetjee Sethna, Esq., O.B.E., was the Bombay Manager of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, as per 4402^ -SUPPLEMENT TO THE LONDON GAZETTE, 3 JULY, 1926 <https://www.thegazette.co.uk/.../supplement/4402/data.pdf>. With a slightly different spelling of the middle name we have a **Mr. Phiroze Cursetji Sethna**, J.P., Ex. Municipal Councillor (1915 - 1916) of the (then) Bombay Municipality (now) Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai. Forwarded by Dara: 2DaraS Acidwalla <2darasacidwalla@gmail.com>, from Fali Engineer <faliengineer@sbcglobal.net>.

**CASE #677 (Posted July 6, 2021)** Dear Ader, This is further to the email "Phiroze Cursetji sethna" from Mrs Prochy Mehta <prochymehta@hotmail.com >. She has forwarded three (3) attachments from PARSİ STATUES by Marzban J. Giara. The first is a picture of **Sir Phiroze Cursetjee Sethna** who was the grandson of Dhunjibhai Behramji Mehta of Calcutta. The second is Page 140 from the book where the biography of Sir Phiroze begins. And the third attachment tells us that Sir Phiroze died in 1938 while the book was being printed. Besides, Mrs Prochy Mehta also says that with your help she hopes to connect with **the descendants of Dhunjibhai Behramji Mehta** who had built an Agiary in Kolkata. In an earlier email it says: I am looking for any **descendant of Dhunjibhai Behramji Mehta of Calcutta**. Phiroze Cursetji Sethna was the eldest son of his daughter Dinbai married to Cursetji Sethna. So I presume there were other brothers and sisters and their families who would qualify as descendants. Would appreciate it if you widened your search among family and friends. Thank you. With best wishes, dara: 2DaraS Acidwalla <2darasacidwalla@gmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Mrs Prochy Mehta <prochymehta@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/themissingparisi/>



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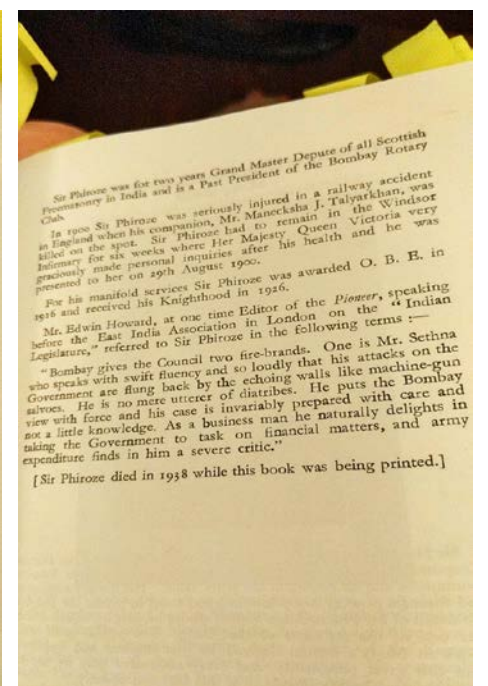
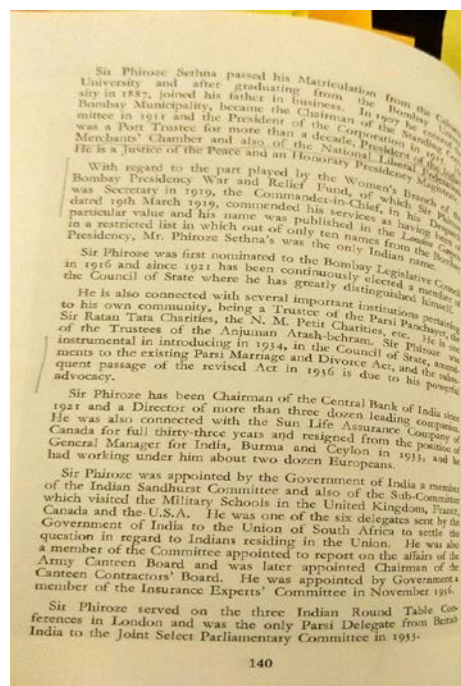
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**CASE #681 (Posted July 6, 2021)**

I am trying to trace **my Parsi ancestors** who bore the surname **Banaji** but either through marriage or conversion to Christianity, took on the surname **Taylor**. I believe the family resided in Maharashtra (probably Bombay) but one male member (Robert Taylor, my grandfather) married Gladys Nuttall about 1930 and had three children, Clarence, Iris and Norman. Robert Taylor was probably born in the early 1900s and he sent his two male children to study at St Peters School in Mazagaon. Alan Daniel TAYLOR <adtaylor33@gmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Alan Daniel TAYLOR <adtaylor33@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/themissingparisi/>

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**CASE #680 (Posted July 6, 2021)**

Hello Sir/Madam, I am looking for my mother's colleague and friend named **Shireen Nagarwala** from Mumbai, India. Approximate age - 65. Back in the 1971 era, my mother and Shireen were colleagues, working together for 2 years in the night shift as a telephone operator in the telephone exchange at VT -(Victoria Terminus, Mumbai India) back then. After my mother's marriage, my mother shifted to Pune where we presently live. At the time of 1971's Shireen was unmarried and had visited my mother's marriage ceremony that took place at Tupe wadi, Mulund, Mumbai. We have snaps of Shireen and if someone knows somebody who was working there or has any clue please mail/contact me at the earliest. I, her son, am desperately trying to locate **my mother's old long lost friend - Shireen nagarwala** for many many years. It would be very helpful if you could contact **anyone in the Nagarwala family** from Mumbai or just give few references or clues or any information, whatsoever. Im available on this mail id. I'm Sushil and my mother's name before marriage was Manik Bhagwat. It would be very helpful if you could help in any sort or kind. Hoping for the best. With Kind Regards, Sushil Dhumne. Pune. <22sushil@gmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Sushil Dhumne <22sushil@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/themissingparisi/>

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**CASE #679 (Posted July 6, 2021))**

Hi, I am trying to find my college class mate **Ms Kashmira Irani**. We studied in H R College of Commerce at Churchgate, Mumbai from 1975 to 1979. Thru some sources I was given to understand that she had moved to USA in the 1990's but it is not a confirmed news. I will appreciate your assistance in helping me locate her. She was a very very good friend of mine. Thanks, Chandru Samtani <cms@peerandpeer.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Chandru Samtani <cms@peerandpeer.com> and copy

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**CASE #678 (Posted July 6, 2021)**

Hello there !!! I am trying to find a friend of mine of 40 years. His name was **Noshir Kharbare** if my memory is correct, he was from Nagpur (Parsi) gentleman. He used to work at the Taj Mahal Palace hotel in Bombay now Mumbai. I am talking about late 70s early 80s. He used to work as a cashier with the hotel. Will sincerely appreciate if you can locate him for me. My name is Malek Malekpur. Malek Malekpur via Facebook. If you have any information, please write directly to Malek Malekpur via Facebook 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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**CASE #676 (Posted July 5, 2021)**

Hi Ader, Its a remarkable service you started. I am Looking for **Zarir Karanjia**, arjun award winner in yachting. His original roots belong to Udvada, Would be a great help if can **trace him and his family member**. Thank you. Regards, Navil kumana <navil.kumana@rediffmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Navil Kumana <navil.kumana@rediffmail.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/themissingparisi/>

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**CASE #675 (Posted July 5, 2021)**

Dear Sir, Request your help to find the relative of late Firoz Kathok, he used to stay in Naigoan Dadar...expired somewhere in 1963... I am searching for his relative to unite his granddaughter with them. Thanks and regards, Navil Kumana <navil.kumana@rediffmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Navil Kumana <navil.kumana@rediffmail.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/themissingparisi/>

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**CASE #674 (Posted July 5, 2021) Partially Solved (July 6, 2021)**

Hi Roz...**Zarius Dastur** is very much in Bombay. He's currently staying at Wadia Baug ,Parel with his wife Manreez ( who was also an air hostesses at some point)and his three kids ... Send me a



message in messenger and I'll respond with his number so you can get in touch with him. Rukhshie Khambatta via Facebook

**CASE #674 (Posted July 5, 2021)** Hi Ader, My name is Roz and I live in Brisbane - Australia. I only just came across your page online about 'The Missing Parsi'. I have been for a very long time, many years in fact, trying to reach out to two of my very close friends from Bombay, but have not been successful. Just to give you a brief, I was a cabin crew with Air India and the two people I am trying to touch base with are: **Zarine Buhariwala (Cabin Crew herself) & Captain Zariaus Dastoor**. Both the people were my colleagues and we flew with Air India together from 1978 - 1997. Based out of Bombay. Apart from that, if there is anything you need to know that will assist you in finding them for me would be so good. Would be so, so very grateful if you could help me locate the above two friends of mine. In anticipation. Anxiously, Roz DeCouto <rozalinds@hotmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Roz DeCouto <rozalinds@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 #673 (Posted July 5, 2021)**

Hi Ader, I'm trying to find my second cousins **Roshan and Zarine Colah**. They may spell their name as Kolah. Their father was Fali Kolah and their mother was Kathy kolah of Scotland. They lived in Pune in the 1970-1990s. We have lost touch, and I'm keen to find them. They would both be about 50 now. Kindly, Mrs Nawaz Merchant <nawaz@fezana.org>. If you have any information, please write directly to Mrs Nawaz Merchant <nawaz@fezana.org> 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) Solved (July 6, 2021)**

Dear Mr. Gandhi, My name is Bomi Billimoria but I am not the person you are looking for. Although we share a name, we were not related but his wife Roda was a distant relation on my mother's side. My contact with them was limited to a very few meetings at family functions. On inquiring with some family members, I came to learn that both Bomi and Roda have passed away in Mumbai within the last few years. I was not able to ascertain further details such as precisely when or how. I'm afraid I have no more information about them but I believe, considering the source, that this limited information must be correct. Regards, Bomi S. Billimoria <bomibillimoria@yahoo.com>.

**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 <gandhitanaz701@gmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to Tanaz Gandhi <gandhitanaz701@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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## Tehmtan Dumasia – featured in the FORUM VIEWS magazine, July 2021 digital edition of the Bombay Stock Exchange Brokers' Forum (BBF) for his humanitarian work.

Tehmtan Dumasia, has recently been featured for his humanitarian work in the FORUM VIEWS magazine, July 2021 digital edition in the column named volunteering | social empowerment.

Placed herein is the

- FORUM VIEWS, July 2021 cover page
- Below is my article published in said magazine

Tehmtan initiatives has not only been appreciated by several members of the community for all his efforts and help rendered. A recent message from another member of the community said the following:

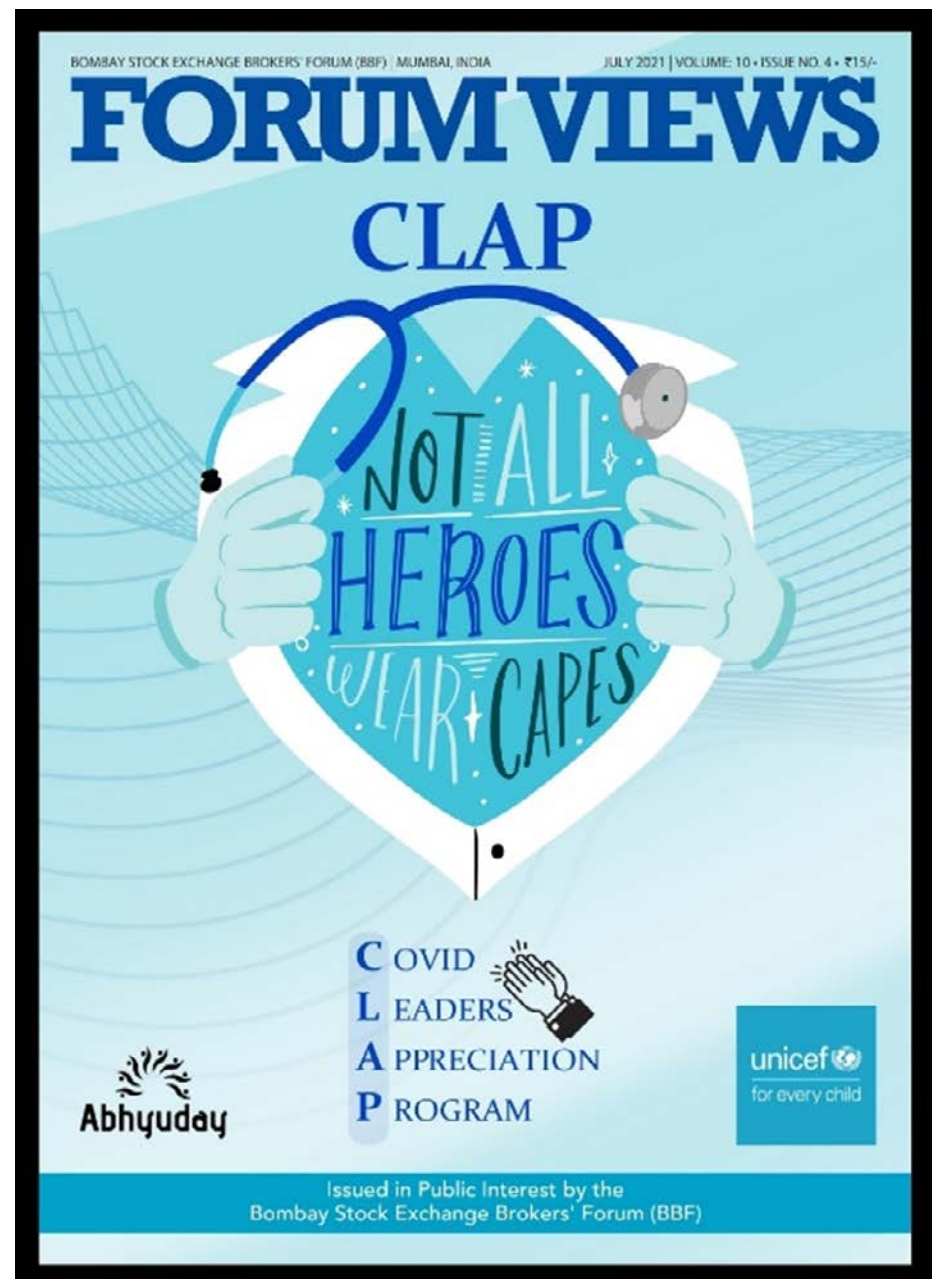
*"Dear Friends,*

*It gives me great pleasure to inform you all about a person, who is silently doing sincere social service for our community. He is present (daily) at the Parsee General Hospital, helping the community members get their doses of vaccination. When he is approached by any person for help, he coordinates with them for the necessary information required for registration and shares the same with the Hospital authorities to enable them to fix an appointment for the vaccination. Once the date is confirmed by the hospital authorities, he intimates the same to the respective persons. The time, effort and devotion involved daily is really worth praising. The gentleman is none other than Mr. Tehmtan Dumasia. He is a charming man with a pleasing personality. He needs no introduction as everybody in our community knows him as one of the leading caterers, well known for his lip-smacking delicious meals. I thank him for the wonderful job he is doing and wish him Good Luck and Good Health.*

*– Meherwan Katrak"*

When asked on the same to Tehmtan, he had the following to say...

*"Till date I have helped over 600+ members from the community towards COVID-19 vaccination drive; it always feels heartening to receive genuine appreciation towards*



*sincere work. Further, I wish to add, that it is not only me alone doing this hard work, but also the sincere and humble support of the Parsee General Hospital staff and the CEO, Mr. Gangoly, Dr. Anuj and Ms. Nilufer and all other Doctors. They are the real heroes in this battle and would like to convey my gratitude and thankfulness to them for helping us in these tough times."*



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## TOUCHING PEOPLE'S LIVES: THE JOY AND CHALLENGE OF BEING A HUMANITARIAN

Tehmtan Dumasia

**Favorite quote:** As said by Victor Hugo "Initiative is doing the right thing without being told." This is one of my favourite quotes. It is an ideal that I have lived by in every aspect of life, be it work, family or social service.

**Journey:** As a social worker in the field of humanitarian assistance, I would say that it is not just a profession but a way of life that demands dedication. Having a career in humanitarian support was not a choice for me, I just found myself in it. Coming from a small vicinity in the lanes of Khetwadi, Mumbai, I had a hugely different understanding of life. My family struggled in hardships and the only way to come out of it was to work hard and rise.

Over the last 30 years of my life, despite having a busy business schedule, I have still found time to help people socially and standing up for what is right against all odds - I believe in delivering results as well as accountability. By taking small steps, I can see change for good in society. It is a satisfying feeling, binding you to life and allowing you to continue working with passion and motivation. The greatest challenge is to witness suffering and hearing stories that break your heart.

In my journey with the support of my wife, I have achieved numerous goals successfully. I have been recognised as one of the Celebrity Parsi Chef's, having catered to Bollywood Stars, organising Parsi Food Festivals in 5 Star Hotels at pan India for hotel chains like the Oberoi group, Sofitel, Novotel to name a few. I always believe that "No Risk, No Gain" whether in business or while serving my community or humanity at large.

**Future plans:** I have several plans for our Parsi community, which are as follows:

- always be approachable to facilitate the community members
- priority assistance and efficient support to senior citizens
- to assist economically backward Parsis financially or medically whenever required
- to digitize all records related to medical, housing, finance and other related documents with a unique card/ number for each Parsi citizen with an aim to maintain census

- single matrimonial website for young couples to encourage early marriage and start a family
- to take a concerned view about our religious principles
- to encourage the youngsters of our community to take a lead in education, sports and help them with professional training and sponsorships
- to set up a creche in all Baugs with the support of senior citizens, which shall enable young couples to plan a family and empower them to leave their children under a watchful eye and comfortably go to work
- development of an App that will be used for all community related activities, proposed for: Housing, community events, community updates through social media platform, open forums for the community engagement with the trustees and other related engagements



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**Humanitarian assistance must be holistic;** without the support of people in the community we cannot create a significant impact in the society. It is our responsibility to alleviate and facilitate people's concern - whether professional or as a volunteer, humanitarian workers are touching people's lives, empowering and changing them.

Views, thoughts and opinions expressed are personal in nature.

## Doctor on Call

Are we falling short of the sugar to make the milk sweet, even king Jadhav Rana of Sanjan from the 8th century would not deny this in the present circumstances considering the declining population of the Parsi community.

Speaking of India itself, infertility affects around 10-15% of married Indian couples. As of 2019, it has been estimated that there are only 100,000 to 200,000 Zoroastrians worldwide, with around 60,000 Parsis in India. The reasons for the decline may be attributed to- late marriages, marriages outside the community, separation, divorces and fertility decline as per the study conducted by the National Commission for Minorities (NCM), The Parzor Foundation and Tata Institute of Social Science (TISS). So why is infertility a concern for us? For this, we need to know what infertility is, what the causes for infertility are and what are the treatment options available for it.

So firstly, what basically is infertility? Infertility is the inability to conceive after two years of unprotected sex. Well this is what the standard definition says but if you ask me the definition changes with age, which means the two-year duration may be applicable to someone who is in their twenties however the same would not be applicable to someone in their late thirties and forties. Infertility in 30% of the cases may be due to the female factors, in 30% of the cases it may be due to the male factors, in about 10%-20% of the cases the cause may be attributed to both the partners and in the remaining 20%-30% the cause is unknown- which we generally term as unexplained infertility, which means it affects both men and women equally and both bear the equal brunt of this condition. The prerequisites for conception are- normal ovaries and ovulation, open and functional fallopian tubes, structurally normal uterus, normal hormone status of the female and normal semen parameters in male. A defect at any of the above levels may cause a difficulty in conceiving.

It is important that women are aware of the age-related decline in fertility rates. That means a woman is born with all the eggs she is going to have which decrease to 23% at puberty, 12% at the age of 30 and only 4% at 40 years which means that 7% of women are infertile before the age of 30 years, 11% of them are infertile by the age of 35 years and almost 87% are infertile by the age of 45 years.

The causes of infertility pertaining to the ovary may be either due to polycystic ovarian syndrome (ovulation defects) which forms one side of the spectrum and is a common condition encountered in the present-day scenario and premature ovarian insufficiency forming the other end of the spectrum where there is decreased number of eggs. The tubes may be damaged mainly due to infections and due to certain disorders like endometriosis. The structure of the uterus may be disturbed due to fibroids, adenomyosis, polyps and other structural defects. The hormonal disturbances commonly linked to infertility are the thyroid and prolactin related disorders. The investigations commonly carried out to find out the cause of infertility are- female hormone profile, blood tests to check for number of eggs the ovary harbors called ovarian reserve tests, ultrasound examination, x-ray dye tests to check whether the fallopian tubes are open and semen analysis of the husband to find out sperm counts, motility and the structure.

Fertility treatments have seen dramatic changes over the years from inducing ovulation by medicines and hormone injections to intrauterine inseminations to IVF and now ICSI (intracytoplasmic sperm injection).

Quoting the latest article published in Times of India on 14th June titled "As Jiyo Parsi scheme delivers, community sees record births", Jiyo Parsi has been helping with the fertility issues in the community, with the new Doctor on Call program, anyone can seek help sitting at home and get their queries sorted by the specialists. With doctors covering a short discussion of topics related to fertility and pregnancy.

Come join us on Sunday, 18th July 2021, at 10.30am. Being an interactive session, one can ask questions and get their issues sorted out.




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**Sunday, 18 July, 2021**  
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**Panel discussion of Doctors on issues related to fertility**



**Dr. Rita Modi**  
MD, DNB, MNAMS, FICMCH



**Dr. Parzan Mistry**  
MS, DNB, FMAS, MRM (London)



**Dr. Shiraz Havewala-Vazifdar**  
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### Langza



Nestling in the Himalayas at a height of 14500 feet, surrounded by green pastures with a population of less than 150 people is one of the highest villages in the world - Langza in Spiti Valley. A Buddha statue believed to be around 1000 years old, dominates the landscape, seeming to protect the infinite valley below him. Langza is also known as the fossil village, as the mountains there contain fossilized stones. It is said that these fossils proved that Spiti Valley was once under the Tethys Sea, and millions of years ago, when the Indian and Eurasian plates collided, the Himalayas emerged from this sea. The first image is while we are driving up to the village and the second one is after reaching Langza.



Ruby B. Aderbad

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

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## Why is Ahmai Raescha to Kerfeh Mozda prayed at the end of every Geh, Niayesh and Yasht?

A) Given below are two extracts which will help us understand the importance, splendour and repetitiveness of these beautiful prayers.

બહેરામશાહજીને, તેઓની હયાતીમાં પુછાયેલા કોઈક સવાલાના જવાબો આપતા તેઓએ જણાવ્યું હતું કે ગુજરાવા પછી, તેમજ જીવતાં જીવત દીનદાર જરથોસ્તી બસ્તેકુસ્તીઆનોની હાલત કેવી બનવી જોઈએ, તે, અહમાએરેશ્ય, હઝધરેમ, જસ્મે અવધહે મઝદ, કેરફેમેજદ, હમાઝોર બીમના જેવી માંથ્રની તાવીલમાંથી દેખાડી શકાય છે. (1)

The Ahmai Raescha prayer in the Sarosh Baj gives health and strength to the physical body, by which longevity can be assured. It also strengthens the 10th (Heart) Chakhra.

The Hazangrem prayer heals the astral body (Kehrp) as well as strengthens the first four chakhras.

The Jasa-me-avangahe Mazda, among other things, helps one to reduce the number of cycles of life and death (Thwashe Khadaat) and achieve salvation faster.

The Kerfe Mozda prayer helps one to create Ashoi (piety) for the love of the soul, by performing good deeds. It also brings the blessings of the holy, saintly souls, as the reciter of the prayer wishes a long life to these great souls.(2)

Hope this helps



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