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## WHY SHOULD THE BPP BEAR RS. 70 LAKHS in LEGAL COSTS OF *INTER SE* TRUSTEES DISPUTES?

As the community is aware in October 2015, the new Board of five Trustees was elected, namely Yazdi Desai, Noshir Dadrawala, Viraf Mehta, Zarir Bhathena and Kersi Randeria.

In early 2016, elections were held for one seat where Mrs. Tirandaz was re-elected defeating Mrs. Arnavaz Mistry. This is where all the troubles began.

Soon after Mrs. Tirandaz was re-elected, then Chairman Yazdi Desai, Kersi Randeria, Zarir Bhathena and Noshir Dadrawala used their majority and instructed the BPP staff not to share any BPP papers, files, legal cases, account statements, minutes of meetings etc with Mrs. Tirandaz, Mr. Cama or myself. They denied us our basic rights as Trustees.

Ironically Noshir Dadrawala supported this stand despite himself being on the receiving end of exactly the same situation in 2008-9. Somehow Mr. Dadrawala felt that he was treated unfairly by the previous Board but didn't feel the same when he did the same to us.

Given that Mr. Randeria is known to not only record all conversations and phone calls but also threaten staff with termination given his majority in the Board, the BPP staff was forced to comply with this illegal order by the majority Trustees.

Ultimately in 2017, Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz, Mr. Cama and myself moved the High Court for Justice as duly elected Trustees. The Hon'ble High Court told the majority Trustees that they cannot act like dictators and deny us our rights. It ordered that all Trustees are entitled to all records of BPP as Trustees. Ultimately after prolonged hearing Consent Terms were filed in June/July 2017.

Mr. Cama chose to be independently represented while Mrs. Tirandaz and myself were represented together. Mrs. Tirandaz and myself personally spent lakhs in lawyer fees. But the majority Trustees of then Chairman Yazdi Desai, Kersi Randeria, Noshir Dadrawala and Zarir Bhatena paid their legal fees with the BPP's Community charity funds.

To defend their illegal actions, the

Majority Trustees incurred legal costs of Rs. 70 lakhs of which more than half were towards the fees of one of the costliest Senior Counsels in the Bombay High Court, with whom Mr. Randeria's son worked as a Junior Counsel. The balance payment is to be made to the BPP's advocate on record. Till date almost half of the outstanding dues have been paid by charity funds of BPP.

From 2017 till 2021 Yazdi Desai, Kersi Randeria, Noshir Dadrawala and Zarir Bhathena chose to stall payments in this matter. They even tried to pass it through the Wadia Baug accounts but were stopped. Now in 2021, when the BPP is struggling to even make salary payments on time, this matter is constantly being brought up.

At our last zoom meeting the matter of payment of the balance legal dues to Senior Counsel was brought up by Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala.

Trustee Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala felt that the payment is long overdue and should be paid



(but they didn't for four years when they had the majority). Chairman Armaity Tirandaz, Xerxes Dastur and myself decided that this matter will be addressed and considered only once BPP has enough funds to pay this legal costs after first taking care of all our other philanthropic activities.

**Under the circumstances since this is a dispute inter se the Trustees, it is my belief that warring Trustees should pay legal fees from their own pockets without using community and charity funds to settle ego battles.**

If majority sanctions something patently illegal then they should bear the legal costs from their own funds and not mis-use charity funds of the BPP.

It is my view that the Trustees should take this matter before a Competent Court or the Charity Commissioner to give a ruling in this case, **WHETHER THE MAJORITY CAN PASS ON THEIR PERSONAL LEGAL COSTS TO COMMUNITY CHARITY FUNDS JUST ON THE BASIS OF THEIR MAJORITY?** We are sure that the full legal cost of over Rs. 70 lakhs will be ordered to be paid by the then Majority Trustees. With Mr. Bhatena's demise this cost will hopefully be ordered to be borne by the three of them – Yazdi Desai, Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala.

During the postponement of the March 2021 elections, Trustees Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala along with their Trustee aspirant candidate Anahita Desai opposed our application for postponement first before single judge and then before Division bench. Despite Chairman Tirandaz,

Trustee Xerxes Dastur and myself being in the majority, we chose NOT to mis-use charity funds in an inter se Trustees dispute and instead paid the legal charges from our own pockets.

This is how legal disputes inter se Trustees should be settled.

Ironically, when Mr. Randeria and Mr. Dadrawala opposed the postponement of the March 2021 elections, the counsels they used were nowhere close to being in the same price range as the 9 lakhs a hearing Counsel they used in 2017. The reason being that they were not being allowed to misuse charitable funds for their legal costs and hence had to pay these fees from their own pocket.

In a recent email, Trustee Noshir Dadrawala said that he is inclined to agree with me that matters concerning "inter trustee disputes", Trustees should pay from their own pocket.

Time and again I have requested my colleagues to stop this constant infighting. Let us work together to improve the BPP. There is much to be done and together, as a team, we can achieve great success. Mrs. Tirandaz's gentle yet firm hand has been a great guiding force for the Board. We should capitalize on this and make our community proud of the Trustees they elected.

Always in your service,

**Viraf D. Mehta**  
Trustee, BPP

### MAJORITY TRUSTEES PAY FEES THEMSELVES

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

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



Armaity Tirandaz



Viraf D. Mehta



Xerxes Dastur





## WEST ZONE- B MEETING HELD ON 18TH JULY 2021 AT VALSAD

### • TYRANNY OF THE MINORITY

Sam Chothia, Vice President of West Zone-B and CEO of Defunct Anjumans Committee (DAC), whose third term expires this month had called a meeting of the around 20 Anjumans of the West Zone-B to give a show of strength before his proposed re-election. Navsari does not attend FPZAI meetings since a long time.

It was a preplanned and well orchestrated meeting to ensure his election and continuation from his Zone but his continuing as CEO of DAC portends ill for FPZAI.

We give below the declared Agenda of the meeting but none of the items were taken up.

Homi Pithawalla , President and Dinshaw Mehta, Trustee of Bardoli Anjuman attended the meeting on behalf of Bardoli Anjuman. Whilst all were told only two representatives per Anjuman to attend there were other smaller Anjumans with more than two representatives.

The Gujarat Anjumans comprise Surat with around 3500 Parsis, Navsari 3400 Parsis, Baroda 1500, Ahmedabad 1400, Valsad 600, Billimora 125, Mhauva 125, Mandvi 125, Bardoli 98, Bharuch 95, Ankleshwar 75, Vyara70, Daman/Vapi 50, Pardi 50, Gundevi 30, Chikhli 25, Godhra 25, Tavri, Udvada and other smaller Anjumans. Thus if the first four are removed the rest of 15 Gujarat Anjumans account for just around 1500 Parsis and including all still only 11000 to 12000 Parsis in whole of Gujarat. Compare this with around 50000 Parsis in Mumbai alone then any Resolution of Gujarat Anjuman would be Tyranny of the Minority.

During the discussion Sam Chothia was all the time attacking the BPP Trustees that he has been asking for information from them but he was getting no reply as no files were available with BPP as Soli Katpitya had taken them and passed it on to Chothia. But the members were quite displeasd with the way Sam Chothia was being denied any information and even suggested that all papers and files should be with Gujarat Anjuman and to take it back from Mumbai.

After the introduction of Trustees and representatives were over, Sam Chothia straight away went on the offensive disparaging Parsi Junction for its write up against Sam Chothia who has been called a criminal and conspirator anxious to sell all Anjuman properties so that he can get a cut from under the table dealing with his Muslim bidders. He tried to work up the Anjumans against Parsi Junction but when Dinshaw Mehta interjected that if he had been told that Parsi Junction was going to be attacked then he would have brought all the proof required to show how he was manipulating defunct Anjumans to get private sale deals done first and after coming to terms then apply to Charity Commissioner for sale of their properties.

Dinshaw Mehta took up the case of Rajkot graves being desecrated by Muslim

### The Federation of the Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India

#### West Zone - B

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### AGENDA

Dear Sirs,

With the support of Bulsar Parsi Anjuman Trust Funds, a Meeting of the Members of the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India West Zone - B has been arranged on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2021 at Bejan Baug, Bunder Road, Valsad at 11 a.m.

#### Agenda

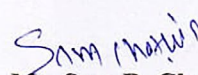
1. Humbandagi.
2. Introduction of Anjuman Trustees and Representatives.
3. Opening Remarks by Vice President, West Zone-B, Mr Sam Chothia.
4. Discussion on the impact of Covid on Dokhmenishini and solutions to counter the impact.
5. Address by Vada Dasturji Khurshedji Dastoor
6. Discussion on specific issues of individual Anjumans.
7. Any other business with the permission of the Chair.

We humbly request you to positively attend this important Meeting as some very important and crucial issues are to be discussed at length. Due to the pandemic we are restricting the number of representatives per Anjuman to 2 representatives.

We further request you to inform our Bulsar Parsi Anjuman Trust Secretary Mr Yazdi N. Laher on his contact number 9825639711 or email id fpzaiwestzoneb@gmail.com the number and names of Trustees / Representatives who will be attending the Meeting, at your earliest and oblige.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

  
Mr. Sam R. Chothia,  
Vice President  
FPZAI- West Zone-B

Developers and how Khushman Tamboli was fighting a lone battle to protect these graves and hence it was necessary to help him through funds and manpower to protect the Rajkot properties .

However both Vada Dasturji Khurshedji Dastoor and Sam Chothia were of the view that part of Rajkot graveyard should be sold which would fetch around Rs. 60 crores and from that the Agiary and rest of the property could be maintained. Dinshaw Mehta objected as to how graves of PARSIS of yore could be sold off just to encash its value and we should allow the graves to be retained with some modicum of respect.

Sam Chothia then talked about various properties of Gujarat and other Zones to be sold to get its value in cash. All he talked about was to encash the land value of various Defunct Anjumans that he was keen to sell.

No discussion on the impact of Covid on Dokhmenashini and solutions to counter the impact took place. Vada Dasturji informed the gathering that Pardi Anjuman had land adjoining their Doongerwadi which they had offered for burial use to Covid victims. On inquiry whether BPP could purchase land away from Doongerwadi and set up Aramgah for burial of Covid victims, he advised that Mumbai Doongerwadi was so huge that a small portion of it could be isolated and

used for burial of Covid Victims. When it was pointed out that Doongerwadi Trust Deed would not permit any other mode of disposal of dead bodies except Dokhmenashini, Vada Dasturji was skeptical that even at present there are breaches of the Trust Deed and hence burial at Doongerwadi should pose no problem. This was not acceptable to Dinshaw Mehta who wanted to obey the Trust Deed and Dasturji requested for a copy which he was advised to buy from BPP office.

Homi Pithawala, President of Bardoli Anjuman questioned Sam Chothia that he had given a summary of various properties Chothia proposed to sell what about the proposed sale of Valsad's property of Tithal Sanatorium which Meherwan Irani, ex-President of Irani Anjuman, had saved for the community by contesting right upto the Supreme Court of India and then due to his ill health passed it on to Valsad Anjuman to maintain and preserve for the Parsi community. Sam Chothia was evasive that matter was sub-judice but Vada Dasturji informed that Chothia had entered into a deal to sell 12 acres of Tithal Sanatorium out of 15 acres which would be worth a fortune and reserve the balance 3 acres for construction of a Sanatorium for Parsis. The sale proposal is before the Charity Commissioner of Mumbai and not Valsad or Gujarat.

Merwan's wife, Binafsha has written to the President of FPZAI opposing this sale proposal which letter was also published in Parsi Junction of 18-7-21. It is now to be seen how Valsad Anjuman will convince Mr. and Mrs. Irani to allow sale of 12 acres and the fair price for it. With them involved the under the table share paid to Chothia who no doubt distributes to other members of the Federation/Trust at least now there will be Transparency and Accountability as the credibility of the Iranis is impeccable compared to the shady credibility of Chothia who is always keen to share his ill gotten gains with his companions.

Now we come to the interesting part. One of the Anjuman delegates started reading from four pages of typed notes proposing one Resolution after another which in the long run would be detrimental to the very existence of FPZAI as Chothia having tasted blood is now very keen to get Gujarat and DEFUNCT Anjumans out of the control of BPP Trustees and the first salvo was fired when the bank signatories was resolved to be changed from the present BPP Trustees to FPZAI office bearers. But the most damaging would be their seeking independence from BPP.

**THIS WOULD BE REAL TYRANNY OF THE MINORITY.**

**GOD HELP THE FPZAI.**

## A few general observations!

The Editor,  
Parsi Junction.

Dear Sir,

For the weekend a few general observations, all my own work!



**Phiroze Amroliwalla**

Ever since the Coronavirus appeared on the scene and spread like a pandemic, every disinfectant manufacturer claims that their product is a solution to sanitize and get rid of the Covid virus with 99.9% efficacy. What I wonder is these manufacturers and their marketing and advertising agencies engaging the services of celebrities to endorse their products! What are the credentials of a

film star or a cricketer or for that matter any other celebrity in the field that they promote? Are they chemists, health professionals, or scientists that they endorse such products without even a basic knowledge of chemistry or the composition of the product?

Talking about Marketing, Advertising, and the Media; it all boils down to making hay while the sun shines! A large and leading media publishing house more known these days for selling its front page for advertising instead of news which we readers pay for, beat their own norms: Last week they even sacrificed their Masthead and splashed instead "The Dreams of India"! Whereas rooting for team India is laudable, the hidden motive was to promote the product!

Then there was a hilarious episode on an English language News channel:

In their morning news broadcast this channel, known for standing up to the powers that be, were covering the havoc the monsoon created during the week. They were showing footage of flooding of rail tracks on the Central and Konkan areas and attributed the news to the CPRO of the Central Railway, one Mr. Shivaji Sutar. Since it was an English language channel the same was attributed to "Shivaji Carpenter". I did not know that due to the language of the channel they even translated surnames!

Have a pleasant week!

**Phiroze Amroliwalla**





# GUJARAT HIGH COURT REJECTS DOKHMENASHINI FOR PARSI COVID VICTIMS

## IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 7585 of 2021

FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE:

HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE BELA M. TRIVEDI Sd/-

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BHARGAV D. KARIA Sd/-

1	Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgment ?	YES
2	To be referred to the Reporter or not ?	YES
3	Whether their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the judgment ?	NO
4	Whether this case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution of India or any order made thereunder ?	NO

THE SURAT PARSI PANCHAYAT BOARD  
Versus UNION OF INDIA

Appearance:

MR ASIM PANDYA, SR. ADVOCATE WITH MR.MANAN BHATT(6535) for  
the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2

MR DEVANG VYAS(2794) for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MR KAMAL TRIVEDI, LD. ADVOCATE GENERAL WITH MS MANISHA LAVKUMAR SHAH, LD. GOVERNMENT PLEADER(1)  
for the Respondent (s)

No. 2 & 4

MR DHAVAL G NANAVATI(2578) for the Respondent(s) No. 3 NOTICE SERVED BY DS(5) for the Respondent(s) No. 4 NOTICE  
SERVED(4) for the Respondent(s) No. 2

SERVED BY RPAD (N)(6) for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2

CORAM: **HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE BELA M. TRIVEDI**

and

**HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE BHARGAV D. KARIA**

**Date : 23/07/2021 CAV JUDGMENT**

**(PER : HONOURABLE MS. JUSTICE BELA M. TRIVEDI)**

1. The petition was initially listed before the Single Bench having regard to the prayers contained therein, however, after the issuance of the notice, at the joint request made by the learned Advocates for the parties to list the petition along with the Sua Moto PIL being WP(PIL) No.53 of 2021, the Single Bench had directed the office to take appropriate orders from the Hon'ble the Chief Justice. Accordingly, as directed by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, the petition was placed before this Court, which was hearing the WP(PIL) No.53/2021. The said PIL along with the other petitions is being disposed of by separate orders.

2. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner – The Surat Parsi Panchayat Board through its Trustee Dr. Homi D. Doodhwala, seeking following prayers :-

“10. (a) Admit and allow this petition by passing an appropriate order, direction and/or writ directing the authority to permit the petitioners and its members to perform Dokhmenashini/last rites in Dokhmas of its member having died due to Covid 19, in accordance with their religious practices which is duly protected by the Constitution of India.



- (b) *Be please to declare that the Guidelines at Annexure P1 do not prohibit the Parsees to perform the last rites of any of its member died due to Covid 19 in accordance with their religion.*
- (c) *If the Guidelines at Annexure P1 is interpreted to prohibit the Parsees to perform the last rites in accordance with their religion of its member died due to Covid 19, be pleased to declare the Guidelines at Annexure P1 being ultra vires Articles 14, 19, 21, 25, 26, and 29 of the Constitution of India.*
- (d) *Pending admission and final hearing of the present petition, the respondents, their officers, servants and agents be restrained from creating hurdles in the exercise of the fundamental rights of the petitioners and their members to perform Dokhmenashini/last rites in Dokhmas even with regard to any of their members died due to Covid 19.*
- (e) *Ex-parte ad-interim relief in terms of Clause 10(d) of this petition may kindly be granted."*
3. As per the case of the petitioners, the petitioner No.1 is a Religious Charitable Trust registered under the Gujarat Public Trust Act, 1950 and is the apex body representing the Parsee Zoroastrian Community of Surat. The petitioner No.2 is the Trustee of the petitioner No.1 and a devout Parsee. It is further case of the petitioners that for the last more than 3000 years the Parsee community as per their religious mandate, laid out the deceased in a secluded place known as "Dakhmas" (the Tower of Silence).
4. The respondent No.1 issued guidelines on 15.3.2020, namely "Covid-19 Guidelines on Dead Body Management", whereby two modes i.e. either cremation or burial are identified for the disposal of the dead body, who died due to Covid-19. According to the petitioners, the said guidelines are completely silent on the other mode of funeral/disposal of dead bodies and impliedly ignoring the other religious practices of other communities. Accordingly, the respondent authorities do not allow the Parsee community to follow their religious and customary mandates of the last rites of the Parsee, who died due to Covid-19 pandemic. As regards the religious practices of "Dokhmenashini", it has been stated that the Parsees across India since several centuries have practised "Dokhmenashini", wherein the dead body is kept at a height in a structure known as "Well/Tower of Silence" to be eaten by vultures and the remains being exposed to the Sun to be decomposed. The well is situated at secluded place and would be accessible to "Nasheshalars", who handle the dead body and place it in the well. Most of the Parsees prefer *Dokhmenashini* for the final disposal of their dead bodies following their religious faith, however, on account of the Covid-19 Guidelines for the management of dead bodies, the Parsees are not allowed to perform their last rites *Dokhmenashini* as per their religious faith.
5. The learned Sr. Advocate Mr.Asim Pandya appearing with the learned Advocate Mr.Manan Bhatt for the petitioners vehemently submitted that the *Dokhmenashini* is an integral part of the religious practices of the Parsee community, who are in a very miniscule minority, and that it is their fundamental right to practice their religion in accordance with their faith and belief. He further submitted that under the pretext of the impugned guidelines on Dead Body management during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Parsees are deprived from practising their religion by not permitting the *Dokhmenashini*, which action is violative of the fundamental rights guaranteed to the Parsees under Articles 14, 19,21, 25, 26, and 29 of the Constitution. Mr. Pandya further elaborated that the respondent authorities could not compel the Parsees to opt for either cremation or burial against their religious practices and sentiments, more particularly when the cremation or burial is considered as sinful. He also submitted that there is no scientific study made or data available that Corona virus could be spread through dead bodies or to prove that the dead bodies of such infectious patients are likely to get exposed to the animals, if not buried or cremated. Mr.Pandya also placed reliance on the unreported decision of the Bombay High Court in case of Pradeep Gandhi and Ors. Vs. State of Maharashtra & Ors. (LD-VC-46 of 2020 & Others – decided on 22.5.2020), as also the decision of the High Court of J & K in WP (PIL) No.5 of 2020 decided on 3.6.2021 in support of his submissions. Lastly he submitted that merely because the rigours of Covid-19 Pandemic have subsided, it could not be said that the cause propounded by the petitioners has become infructuous or has become academic.
6. The learned Sr. Advocate Mr.Perci Kavina, who belongs to the Parsee community, was incidentally present during the course of hearing through the video conferencing and with the permission of the Court, he sought to put forth certain facts. He submitted that since last 100 years, the means of disposal of dead bodies of the Parsees is burial only. According to him, except the belt of Ahmedabad to Bhilad, where the 'Dakhmas' are available, at all other places like Delhi, Panchgani, Mahabaleshwar, Ootty, Calicut, Varanasi, Culcutta, Lukhnow etc., the consecrated burial grounds are available for the Parsees. He further elaborated that the burial is neither unknown to the Parsees, nor it is considered anathematic or sacrilegious to be buried. He also submitted that now, huge reform movement is in vogue in the cities of Ahmedabad, Surat, Baroda, where even the cremation is the preferred form of disposal of the dead bodies of the Parsees.



7. The learned Advocate General Mr. Kamal Trivedi for the respondent State, learned ASG Mr. Devang Vyas for the respondent Central Government and the learned Advocate Mr. Dhaval Nanavati for the respondent Corporation, relying upon their respective affidavits-in-replies, submitted that the impugned Covid-19 Guidelines were issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Directorate General of Health Services (EMR Division), Government of India considering the emerging issues related to Covid-19 Pandemic for the prevention of further spread or transmission of the infection of Covid-19. Attention was drawn to the affidavit stating that the World Health Organization in its guidelines dated 4.9.2020 "Infection prevention and control for the safe management of a dead body in the context of Covid-19", has made recommendations for the disposal of dead bodies of Covid-19 patients by cremation or burial. The said guidelines being issued in the larger interest of the public to ensure that the Covid-19 Pandemic is not further spread, the Court may not entertain such petition.
8. At the outset, it may be noted that the petitioners have sought the indulgence of the Court for declaring the impugned Covid-19 Guidelines on Dead Body Management, issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, on 15.3.2020, by filing the present petition in May 2021 when the severity or the ordeal of Covid-19 had substantially subsided. When the petition was being heard, the curve had almost flattened. Since the Court was of the opinion that the issue raised in the petition had become academic, Mr. Pandya was specifically asked by the Court as to how many Parsees as on the date were on the death bed due to the Covid-19, who were likely to be deprived of their practising *Dokhmenashini* because of the impugned guidelines, however, Mr. Pandya was unable to answer the query of the Court. It is well settled proposition of law that the High Court does not undertake to decide an issue unless it is a living issue. If an issue has become purely academic, the Court would not engage itself in deciding it. Beneficial reference of the decisions of the Supreme Court in case of Loknath Padhan Vs. Birendra Kumar Sahu, reported in (1974) 1 SCC 526, in case of R. S. Nayak Vs. A. R. Antulay, reported in (1984) 2 SCC 183, in case of Amit Das Vs. State of Bihar, reported in AIR 2001 SC 3575 and in case of Ramdas Athawale Vs. Union of India, reported in AIR 2010 SC 1310, be made in this regard.
9. Apart from the fact that the issue raised in the petition has become academic, there is no substance in the merits of the petition also. The impugned guidelines have been issued by the Ministry of the Health and Family Welfare Department in the wake of Covid-19 Pandemic on the management of dead bodies, in order to prevent the further spread or covid related infection. Such guidelines issued in the larger public interest considering extraordinary circumstances prevailing in the country, would take precedence over the individual interest as also over the religious faith and belief of a particular class of community.
10. The safety and the welfare of the State is the supreme law as comprehended in the legal maxim – "*salus populi suprema lex*". Even the fundamental rights to profess, practice or propagate religion, and the right to manage religious affairs, as enshrined under Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India, are subject to public order, morality and health.
11. The Supreme Court recently in the Suo Moto case relating to holding of annual Kanwar Yatra amid Covid-19 Pandemic has observed in the order dated 16.7.2021 that "The health of the citizenry of India and their right to "life" are paramount. All other sentiments, albeit religious, are subservient to this most basic fundamental right". The impugned Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare considering the prevailing situation of Covid-19, in the larger public interest for the disposal of dead bodies by cremation or burial, could not be said to be violative of any fundamental rights of the Parsees, more particularly when such means of disposal of dead bodies is also in vogue in all parts of the country and when it is not anathematic and sacrilegious to the religious practices being followed by the Parsees.
12. In that view of the matter, the petition being devoid of merits is dismissed.

Sd/-  
(BELA M. TRIVEDI, J)

V.V.P. PODUVAL

Sd/-  
(BHARGAV D. KARIA, J)



# GET VACCINATED WITH US - TEAM RUMY ZARIR

In these dangerous times when we all are struggling to protect our beloved ones against the deadly Novel Corona Virus, a team of Parsees lead by RUMY ZARIR have taken it upon them to help our Parsi Community get vaccinated at the earliest. This time they focused more on the suburban colonies where vaccine slots are not easily available. The majority of our community resides in the suburbs and our senior citizens were facing various issues with regards to slot availability, transportation and guidance. Rummy and his team made themselves available against all odds to make sure that the process was smooth and everyone was comfortable.

The vaccination drive was held at Lallubhai Park -Andheri, Millat Nursing HomeJogeshwari and continues to be at the B.D. Petit Parsi General Hospital. Rummy and his team were successful in helping more than 250 Parsees get their jabs.







## Testimonials from our dear community members

We would like to thank Team Rumi Zarir, Vahbiz, Nazneen, Ruzbeh and other members for helping us and making arrangements for the vaccination doze 2 for my mother Nergish Marolia.

Inspite of shortage of vaccine the entire team made great efforts for getting vaccination done for my mother at the Milat Nursing home. Thank you and God bless you all always.

**-Farhad and Farzana Mogal (Panthaki Baug)**

Mr. Romy Zarir had organised for vaccination of Parsi citizens from the suburbs at Parsi General Hospital on 25th June 2021 and I was one of them. It was very well arranged with vehicles that picked us up from our colony by Mr. Romy Zarir and his team to the hospital and they dropped us back again till our colony after the vaccination. The whole procedure was conducted very smoothly and completely free of charge. We are lucky to have such nice people in our community. Many thanks to Mr. Romy Zarir and his team not forgetting his very gentle wife Vahbiz

**-Tanaz Elavia (Panthaky Baug)**

Just wanted to thank Mr. Romy Zarir and all of you on his team for the sincere and extremely hardworking efforts to facilitate complete vaccination for our community.

Right from the time you and your other volunteers contacted us with the vax date and center information, to actually booking our appointments for us and then guiding us throughout the entire process on the day of the actual vaccination, every single member of your team was helpful, polite and extremely hard working. My wife and I definitely benefited from your guidance and help. For other senior members of our community who might not be tech savvy or mobile, your assistance would be nothing short of a miracle. A BIG THANK YOU to all of you!

**-Pirooz Movdawalla**

Thank you Romy for your efforts in ensuring our minuscule community gets vaccinated and that too without a financial burden, especially for the old people. God bless you and Vahbiz.

**-Kashmira Surti (Zoroastrian Colony)**

Hello Vahbiz, Thank you very much to you and Rumi for getting my vaccination done. Appreciate everything you are doing for our community. All the best.

**- Aspi Desai (Panthaky Baug)**

A BIG THANK YOU to Rumi and his Team for having arranged this Covid vacation drive for me and my family, this place chosen was very Clean & Disciplined. Thanks to Rumi & his Team to be present at site to make this drive very comfortable for us, also A Big thank you for taking this appointment for us on our behalf, God Bless the Team.

**-Dara P Saher, Mahrukh D Saher & Arnavaz Panthaki (Behram Baug Parsee Colony - Jogeshwari West.)**

This is to thank Romy Zarir & all the volunteers in his team who organised to see that the elderly members of the Parsi community get the much needed vaccination to protect & safeguard them from the deadly Virus COVID -19, it was very well organised right from getting the slot & booking which I believe is a very time consuming task & then picking up the people to & fro from their residence all the way to Parsi Genral Hospital at Cumballa Hill that too fetching from distant suburbs like Jogeshwari / Andheri absolutely free of cost. On having reached the Hospital all was done in an orderly manner, all the staff were helpful & courteous including the nurses all worked out like clock. A special thanks to Romy, Vahbiz and also to Ruzbey Hansotia who initially helped me get registered & following up from time to time as to when my turn would come & Romy Zarir for picking & dropping me from Panthaky Baug Andheri. My sincerest thanks to one & all.

Yours Sincerely.

**-Noshir Jalnawala. (Panthaky Baug)**

I Would like to thank you all for arranging Vaccination for the senior citizens. It is great to see that during this tough time, Romy and his team managed to think about us. I was relieved after taking my 2nd dose. Thank you & all team members for driving this initiative.

I hope you all continue to do this generous work all your life.

**-Hutoxi Mogal (Behram Baug)**

My wife and myself got vaccinated recently due to untiring efforts of TEAM RUMY ZARIR

Their motto is... 'SERVICE BEFORE SELF'

THANK YOU everyone in the team, you'll are doing a great job.

Keep it up!

**- Khurshed Patel (Malcolm Baug)**

Guys, thank you very much for your efforts and initiative taken to facilitate the Covid vaccination. May God bless the team!

**-Burzis Keki Patel (Cama Park)**

I would like to thank Romy Zarir for taking initiative and arranging Free Vaccination camp.

I would like to share my experience regarding the Vaccination camp.

As I entered the premises of Millat Hospital, Romy alongwith his team members were present and helped me in going through the Vaccination process very seamlessly without any problems.

Great job done Romy and team

**-Nariman Elavia (Behram baug - Jogeshwari)**



Many Thanks to Rumi Zarir and Team for their worthy initiative and dedicated effort in facilitating Covid

Vaccination for a good number of our community members. With their swift response, I could get my jab for the second Covishield dose on the 3rd of July without much ado. I wish the team well to keep the good work going.

**- Khushrow Havewala (Salsette Parsi Colony)**

We are highly indebted to Rumi and his Team for initiating the vaccination drive for the second dose in the western suburbs

Thanking you all for the good efforts. Please do initiate many more helpful drives like these in the future.

**-Rashna Ghista (BehramBaug – Jogeshwari)**

I have known Rumi since a long time and I have noticed that he has the genuine passion to help and serve the community at large. Rumi is our go to guy for all big and small problems. Rumi has selflessly come forth to help our Zoroastrian colony tenants in our time of needs e.g when the old and technologically challenged people couldn't find slots for the vaccine he found way to get them vaccinated, from taking them, liaising with the hospital, end to end assistance to the elderly. I mention this as I saw the assistance and hand holding he did for my parents vaccine too. Rumi is a true Gem for our colony and community.

**-Hamavand Shroff (Zoroastrian colony)**

My experience of getting my second dose of Covishield vaccine was very good. One of the team members from Rumi Zarir's team personally called me to book the slot for me. Even on the day of vaccination I got a courtesy call asking if I am on my way to the vaccine centre. The centre selected by Rumi and his team was very clean and the drive was well organised with all protocols of social distancing followed. The team working at the center was very helpful and within an hour I was able to return home. Though I went from Vikhroli to Jogeshwari, I was happy that I had no problem in getting the vaccine at all.

Thanks to the organizing team "Team Rumi Zarir" once again for helping our community in these difficult times and by reaching out to so many Parsis.

Warm regards,

**-Ms Mahatab Bilimoria (Godrej colony - Vikhroli Mumbai.)**

My wholehearted support and sincere gratitude to Rumi Zarir and his wife Vahbiz Bilimoria in selflessly initiating the Covid-19 Vaccination for so many Mumbaiites like me staying in the suburbs. My experience at our Parsi General Hospital was absolutely extraordinary, with highest standards of efficiency and hygiene maintained. Besides South Mumbai, the "Rumi Zarir team", selflessly and silently engage in getting citizens of all communities vaccinated, securing them against the dreaded COVID-19 Virus in the Mumbai Suburbs as well. Kudos to the entire Team of youngsters who are tirelessly striving to protect their fellow-men with their devoted, voluntary service. May they all be blessed abundantly for this noble deed.

**-Nergish Balsara (Cama Park)**

## Too good not to share. Little Kids are great!

Teacher: How old is your father?

Kid: He is 6 years.

Teacher: What? How is this possible?

Kid: He became father only when I was born.

(Logic!! Children are quick and always speak their minds.)

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now, Class, who discovered America?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile'?

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I love this child)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's. Did you copy his?

CLYDE: No, sir; It's the same dog.

(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

TEACHER: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?

HAROLD: A teacher

**PASS THIS AROUND AND MAKE SOMEONE LAUGH! LAUGHTER IS THE SOUL'S MEDICINES**





## ARZAN GHADIALLY NEEDS TO APOLOGIZE TO THE COMMUNITY

Arzan Ghadially is a fast learner from his master manipulator Kersi Randeria how to twist facts and fabricate stories from no where and put it up as if he is stating some new discovery. Grow up Arzan instead of rehashing the same old story with some new adjectives. You waste five pages of Poll Khol issue of 18-7-2021 to make an Omlet of the whole episode.

When the Cash Rs. 21 lakhs was found in the late CEO's cupboard, ALL SEVEN Trustees made an Application to the MRA Marg police to inquire into the source of the cash found in the cupboard in July 2014 and got the police to seal the cupboard pending investigation.

Even at that time it was hinted that this was the missing Rs. 20 lakhs out of Rs. 65 lakhs transfer fees paid by Musharraf for the first floor of Dadi House Guest House as only Rs. 45 lakhs were received by BPP upto November 2013—Rs. 20 lakhs by cheques in March 2013 and Rs. 25 lakhs Cash on 31-3-2013 to the wife of CEO at his residence as Musharraf pleaded that he could not make full payment in white at that time and hence to accept the Cash Rs. 25 lakhs.

On sworn Affidavit, Yazdi Desai ordered the late CEO to return the cash back to Musharraf and insist on cheque payment which was ultimately done in November 2013 and once that was done, then made a false complaint to Crime Branch, Mumbai police against Dinshaw Mehta that he had misappropriated Rs. 20 lakhs out of Rs. 65 lakhs Transfer fees.

In December 2013 Crime Branch exonerated Dinshaw Mehta of any charge of misappropriation and after inquiry with the Outgoing Tenant as well as the Incoming Tenant held that the Transfer fees were indeed Rs. 45 lakhs which has been received in full by BPP in November 2013.

Not being satisfied with police investigation, Khojeste Mistry, who pretends to be a Preacher, filed another false complaint with Ballard Estate Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate of the same charge of misappropriation of Rs. 20 lakhs out of

Rs. 65 lakhs Transfer fees.

In May 2015, MRA Marg police gave a detailed report to the Magistrate after investigating and questioning all the BPP Staff and the outgoing tenant that the Transfer fees were only Rs. 45 lakhs which has been received in full by BPP and hence to close the case. However Khojeste Mistry did not give his NOC and wanted to give his Objections to the findings and report of the Police. Khojeste had to suffer a heart by pass due to which dates were taken by his advocate.

In May 2015, MRA Marg police gave a detailed 30 page report after investigating and questioning all the BPP Staff that the Cash Rs. 21 lakhs found in the CEO's cupboard was cash belonging to the BPP and to unseal the cupboard and use the Rs. 21 lakhs for community charity purposes by Sr. Inspector's letter dated 16-5-2015.

**Now comes the diabolical role played by both Arzan Ghadially and Kersi Randeria. They approached the Additional Commissioner of Police Rakesh Maria that the MRA Marg police did a shoddy investigation who ordered that 'Needs to be probed thoroughly. Kindly do so and submit a detailed and factual report WITHIN 15 DAYS POSITIVELY' Sd. Rakesh Maria 23-6-2015.**

Naturally the Senior Inspector, MRA Marg Police Station by his letter dated 27-7-2015 to BPP directed that further investigation has been ordered and hence not to open the seal of the cupboard. Thus the over Rs. 20 lakhs cash was once again impounded in the BPP cupboard in the late CEO's office cabin.

**THIS IS WHERE ARZAN GHADIALLY'S 5 PAGE REPORT ENDS IN POLL KHOL.**

In October 2015 the new Board was elected including Kersi Randeria who lost no time in moving the Magistrate's Court and in 2017-18 ensured that the cash Rs. 21 lakhs was confiscated by the police and taken under its charge in Khojeste Mistry's FIR. Kersi

Randeria then called Musharraf Kader to the Writer Corporation office at Byculla and tried to force him to give a false Affidavit that Transfer fees were Rs. 65 lakhs and he had paid Rs. 20 lakhs cash to Dinshaw Mehta under threat of closing his Guest House business. But Musharraf realizing that he would have to prove the source of further white Rs. 20 lakhs refused and ultimately Randeria still extracted an Affidavit from Musharraf that the cash Rs. 25 lakhs paid in March 2013 to CEO'S residence was returned not by CEO as instructed by Yazdi Desai but by Dinshaw Mehta in November 2013 so that some stupid charge sheet can be framed that Dinshaw Mehta used BPP funds from March 2013 to November 2013. In 2018, since it was now established that transfer fees were Rs. 45 lakhs and not Rs. 65 lakhs as originally charged and which Rs. 45 lakhs were received in full in November 2013, Musharraf was given Tenancy Agreement Resolution and rent receipt for first floor premises.

But the Tenancy Agreement has till this day not been registered nor Stamp Duty paid on it and the Trustees are therefore in breach of this mandatory provision of law.

Thus if full Rs. 45 lakhs is received by BPP then this Rs. 21 lakhs in police custody is obviously belonging to BPP and should be returned to Bpp. But thanks to Arzan and Randeria the said Rs. 21 lakhs is still in police custody. When will they apologize to the community for wrongly allowing Rs. 21 lakhs belonging to BPP NOT TO COME TO BPP FOR LAST SIX YEARS.

NOW COMES ANOTHER TWIST TO THE TALE.

**Although Parsi Junction of 7-2-2021 as well as 11-4-21 reported that Khojeste Mistry had received a phone call from MRA Marg police to come and collect the cash Rs. 21 lakhs lying with the police, Khojeste refuses to go to the police station and collect the same.**

For some reason Kersi Randeria is not allowing Khojeste to approach police station to inquire requirements before they can





release the cash to BPP. The main reason seems that both Khojeste and Randeria realize that if they collect the cash then the charges of misappropriation leveled by them against DinSHAW Mehta would

no longer survive and both of them as also Yazdi Desai and Noshir Dadrawala as also Arzan Ghadially would have to apologize to Dinshaw Mehta and his family for the false accusation.

What can one expect when Arzan Ghadially files a false case through his wife against Dr. Patel who was willed all his assets by 87 year old Dinshaw Gandhi, a distant relative of Arzan's wife.

## Doctor who treated elderly couple to get all their assets



**Dr Veena Patel runs a clinic in Tardeo. (Right) Dinshaw Gandhi willed his flat in Batliwala Compound in Tardeo to her. Its tenancy is still disputed since the building is owned by Zoroastrian Building Fund Trust**

*Tardeo resident had willed everything to his family physician; assets include 3 bank accounts and properties across the state; couple's grandniece had contested the will, saying it was forged.*

A general physician who runs a clinic in Tardeo will get all the assets owned by an elderly couple she had treated for at least five years. The Bombay High Court recently upheld the authenticity of a will drawn up by 87-year-old Dinshaw Gandhi five years before his death in 2014, in which he apparently bequeathed everything he owned to his physician Dr Veena Patel.

Dr Patel became the couple's family physician in 2001.

Tardeo residents Gandhi and his wife Homai, who died in 2006, were child-free. Gandhi owned several assets across the state, including three bank accounts and

fixed deposits. The court order did not reveal the total estimate of the assets.

After Gandhi's death, Dr Patel filed for execution of the will in the HC. But the will was contested by Gandhi's grandniece Bhaktawar Ghadially. She claimed that not only was the will "false and fabricated", but also that Gandhi was physically unfit owing to his advanced age when it was executed. She also raised questions about the will being executed in Dr Patel's handwriting as well as about Gandhi's signature on it. Ghadially had claimed that Gandhi's residence was her ancestral home, and that he had no right to will it to anyone.

Patel, however, said that her own father had passed away on the same day in Rajasthan and therefore she could not make it.

During her cross-examination, the physician denied taking undue advantage of the couple

being child-free or that she coerced Gandhi into bequeathing his assets to her.

Justice AK Menon rejected Ghadially's contentions, holding that Gandhi seemed to be of sound mind while executing his will. "The testator (Gandhi), in my view, appears to have signed the will after having understood the effect thereof," he said in the order.

The court accepted Dr Patel's statement that Gandhi had dictated his will to her. She had also claimed that Gandhi was "hale and hearty" at the time, and that he often visited a bank, the Parsi Agiary, a temple, and the market near his home.

The court held that it wasn't relevant if the couple considered Dr Patel to be their daughter. "But it could be true considering that the plaintiff (the doctor) also stayed with them for some days and used to send food to them," it said. Ghadially had claimed that if Patel was indeed treated like a daughter, Gandhi's last rites would not have been performed by the landlord.

On the contention over the signature on the will, Justice Menon pointed out that Gandhi had signed in both English and Gujarati, and given a thumb impression. He also observed that the will was executed in the presence of two witnesses, Jimmy and Zenobia Bhoot.

One of Gandhi's assets, however, is still under dispute. His flat is in Batliwala Compound in Tardeo, a property owned by the Zoroastrian Building Fund Trust. A previous HC order had clarified that separate civil proceedings will have to be initiated to establish its tenancy.

During hearing of the suit, another claimant to the property had emerged. Neville Sam Daruwalla, a relative, had filed a caveat, asking to be made party to the petition, claiming that he was the Gandhis' rightful legal heir. His claim was dismissed after he refused to reveal his actual relationship, saying he "did not trust Patel".



# A reply to Ms. Jokhi's letter in the Parsi Times

The Editor,

This has reference to a letter 'An Appeal To The Residents Of BPP Colonies' in the Parsi Times dated 24th July by Ms. Piroja Homi Jokhi. Seems to have been penned in the comforts of an AC room.

At the onset, let me appraise one and all, that gone are the days when our Parsi Community was all rich, as Ms Jokhi sounds it to be. There are quite a few families who have a hand to mouth living and a few more who live only on Charity and Funds doled out by benevolent Trusts other than the BPP. A load or an additional expense of Rs.750/- every month cannot be affordable, not only to all such families but also to those who just about manage.

This amount was being collected under the heading of Service Charge. What is a Service Charge? It is the amount one pays to the Service provider, in addition to the regular rent, for the extra facility provided to the beneficiary. The Service provided by the BPP to several Colonies, does not extend beyond an occasional service of a plumber, compound lights, the water pumps and the collection of garbage. For this an amount is already being paid. There is no greenery to be maintained or a children's park to be provided for. The staircase lights are replaced/repared by the tenants on their respective floors. The internal repairs to the flats are attended by the tenant and now it has come to a stage where even the maintenance of the entire building is to be shared by the tenants. How is the BPP justified in collecting extra Service Charges when the Service provided is deteriorating each day?

The compound flooring has got eroded at places and it is so bad that parking of vehicles and 2 wheelers becomes difficult. There is a perpetual danger of the old, the infirm and the kids tripping over the uneven surface. Time and again the resurfacing is done by the tenants and the entire expense is borne by them. The dilapidated gates, (the main entrance and the other small wicket gates), are all repaired and maintained by the tenants. Infact, the tenants are more like the Custodians of the BPP property. We don't grudge doing it but then when we are tickled by such appeals as posted by Ms. Jokhi, all these feelings surface up and one is then forced to speak one's heart.

Ms Jokhi says that the residents of the colonies have become so used to receiving benefits from the trust, that it becomes a habit with them to get everything for free. Yes, I agree that the community has become complacent and expects things to fall in their laps but that does not give the BPP the licence to shirk their rightful duties as a Trust or landlords and dump heavy levies on the tenants who they, (the BPP), know are at their mercy.

As per the rules, the Landlord is supposed to look after the upkeep of its properties entirely. This not being possible, the tenants have been ready to foot 50% of the maintenance cost

of repairs of the buildings but of late, even that is negated by the BPP with an excuse of a cash crunch. The practice earlier was to collect 50% of the estimated cost of the repairs from the tenants. The BPP will then pool in their 50% and the Contractor appointed by the BPP will carry out the repairs. The Contractor's bills would be settled in parts as the repairs would progress but then gradually the Contractor was coerced into completing the entire job without any part payment and then put up his final bills. The poor Contractor will then be made to run from pillar to post to get his dues. That is one big reason, good Contractors are not willing to work for the BPP.

In the present scenario, the building repairs charges are contributed 100% by the tenants and given to the BPP with an assurance of refunding 50% of it on 'Payable when able' basis. I have till date not heard of any tenant getting his 50% back after the repairs have been completed. Not just that, even the Contractor is not paid his dues on time.

The water tax and property tax bills are also passed on to the tenants. This was never done by the earlier Board. In short, the BPP is now palming off all its liabilities to the poor tenants who with the fear of being evicted, keep getting pressurised and quietly succumb to the tactics of the BPP.

Same was the case with the extra Service Charges that were forced onto the tenants. Not one tenant has paid them willingly. They were ready to pay their monthly rents but then that was not accepted under instructions from the BPP Office. The Custodians were instructed not to accept the rent if the increased Charges are not included. This is nothing short of force exerted by those in authority and threaten the tenant that if he does not oblige, there is a possibility of he being evicted from his flat. This arm twisting technique was enough to scare the daylights out of the timid Parsi who would panic and do anything to keep the roof over his family safe. Those under the Leave and Licence clause were more scared and thus obliged.

The phrase 'Cash strapped' has so liberally been used by the BPP Office to escape from every responsibility that is expected of them. How did this situation arise? The richest Trust in the city now has empty coffers. This has certainly not happened overnight. The earlier Board had left sufficient funds when the charge was handed over to the new Board. The new Board instead of building the corpus, squandered it by way of useless litigations in Court and also changing the rules of allocating flats. Funds received, by way of deposits through allocation of flats to the needy, was done systematically by the earlier Board but the pattern was discontinued by the new Board, resulting in a chaos and a lot of infighting and difference of opinions, that no one realised when the good got going. Ms. Jokhi rightly states that the BPP Board should sit together, thrash their differences, put their act together and take the tenants into confidence once





again. Instead, everyone is playing a solo game of patience and randomly throws his/her cards at will.

Ms. Jokhi should realise that all those staying in the flats provided by the BPP are not rich and are not wrongly trying to portray otherwise of not being able to pay the increased Rs.750/- towards Service charges. There are all categories of tenants and I will proudly say that there are many who take care, physically and financially, of their neighbours without uttering a word. There are several incapable widows, handicaps and other invalids who are being looked after and so these good souls are spending much more than just Rs.750/ a month on them. There are a few retirees who solely depend on their meagre pensions for their livelihood. What with the continuous inflation and the cost of living subsequently rising. The entire monthly expense and other overheads are to be contained within the funds they have as there is no income now.

All these things are neither considered by Ms. Jokhi, nor by the BPP who are so very busy in smoothening down the feathers they have so badly ruffled up over time. So, in my opinion, the illegal collection of the Service charge has been rightly stopped by some good level headed Trustees of the Board

at the request of an Activist and have given a much needed relief to us all. Those who still feel that they can afford, and that it should be continued may pay it every month by way of voluntary donation but not made compulsory at all.

(I would suggest that instead of being happy that we don't have to shell out Rs.750/- extra now and let it go unaccounted into the deep coffers of the BPP, every tenant should put aside an amount of Rs.750/- in his safe custody every month and build up his own corpus that would come in handy in his hour of need).

Trustees, not only of the BPP but in general, are supposed to be role models for others to emulate. We are fortunate to still have a few of them on the present Board. Hope and pray they continue to do the good work they are doing amidst a lot of opposition from some in their group. Also pray that good sense prevail and those opposing also come together and work for the common good of the community. Amen.

**Cyrus R. Bharucha,**  
**Khan Estate**

## Photography

### Tawang



Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh is a place which will flatter you with its natural beauty wrapped in the scent of spirituality. A huge statue of Lord Buddha located near the Circuit House towers over the town. The city has several viewpoints offering mesmerizing views of the stunning scenery.



*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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# \*ZYNGing Musical Live 2.0\*



Written by  
**Natalia dalal**  
(ZYNG committee member)

\*ZYNGing Musical Live 2.0\* once again, was a clear entertainer. \*Behram Siganporia\* who is amongst the \*Times Most Desirable Men\*, \*Best Dressed Men\*, \*Most Eligible Bachelor's of India\* and the \*Top 10 Indian Musicians\* to watch out for from India in 2020 was the performer of the ZYNGing Musical Live 2.0 in collaboration with Jiyo Parsi held on 16th July 2021 hosted by Shanaya Boyce, ZYNG 2.0 committee member.

It was a fun and interactive evening wherein Behram mesmerised the audience with his lovely voice. He also accepted song requests from his fans and covered as many Bollywood & Hollywood tracks as possible. The event was viewed by an audience of more than 1000 people and was a great success!

Behram's band \*Best Kept Secret\* has performed over \*500 shows in over 45 cities across the world!\* It has also won the \*Wow Award\* and \*Live Quotient\* for the \*Best Band in India\* in the non Bollywood category! He currently endorses brands like Puma, BMW & Cupa (for dogs adoption) to name a few.

On asking Behram about his experience during the event, what he feels about ZYNG 2.0 as a youth centric organisation and his message to his followers & to the youth of the community, here's what he said.

"It was great to see so many lovely messages and receive so many song requests. More importantly it was nice to connect with more Parsis offline as I don't know too many young Parsis.

Our community is known to be such a fun-loving bunch and all the activities planned by ZYNG 2.0 just seems like a lot of fun. I think it's fantastic for the community to come together for events such as these. Just hope that these kind of get togethers can happen on ground soon rather than virtually.



I am a Pilot turned Musician. I always wanted to be a Pilot so I got my License and even got a job with a Private Charter but my passion for Music resulted in other plans. I always believe, one should follow their dreams but also stay in touch with reality. If possible, take the leap of faith and give it your best. If it works out, you'll be doing what you love for the rest of your life. And if it doesn't workout, at least you tried. I've been fortunate that my family understood my goals and encouraged me to pursue my Rock n Roll dreams. Last but not the least, if you want to do something that you truly love, then you should do it with all your heart."

ZYNG 2.0 thanks Ministry of Minority Affairs Parzor & Jiyo Parsi for their support. The committee looks forward to entertaining it's youth and community members through its on going events and hopes to receive continuous love and support via active participation.