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BBP Trustee
Viraf D. Mehta

TIME TO CONVERT LEAVE & LICENSE TO TENANCY IS NOW

BACKGROUND: -

After the Mumbai Port Trust (MPT), the Bombay Parsi Panchayat (BPP), is the second largest landlord of Mumbai, owning **4381 Flats**, in colonies and baugs all over Mumbai & Thane.

2482 of these flats have been let out by the BPP, on a monthly contractual tenancy basis, for which it receives monthly rent, and issues a rent receipt to the tenant.

1899 flats have been given out on a leave and licence basis (**L & L**), for which it receives monthly licence charges / compensation. Some of these licensees have also placed an interest free refundable security deposit with the BPP ('Deposit').

The approximate amount of these Deposits is Rs. 161.58 cr (Rs. 94.64cr from the Wadia Baugs and Rs.66.94cr from the BPP Colonies) which the BPP is liable to refund to the licensee, when the licensee hands back vacant possession of the flat to the BPP.

On an overall basis, the number of **tenanted** flats are around 57% and **L&L** flats are around 43%. However, for **all the larger colonies** (NAVROZE BAUG, RUSTOM BAUG, JER BAUG, CUSROW BAUG, NESS BAUG, KHAREGHAT COLONY, GAMADIA COLONY), the **tenanted flats** ('TF') are **as high as 84% to 88%**. This is a critical fact.

FINANCIAL POSITION: -

■ BPP's annual expenses (when consolidated with the Wadia Baugs) on all flats is Rs 20.84cr; and its annual income (L&L charges + Rent + Service charges, etc.) is Rs. 12.19cr. Therefore, the annual

shortfall or **LOSS** is Rs. 8.65cr, (without considering any other income like interest, etc).

- BPP's overall financial position for the first time in many years (even when consolidated with Wadia Baugs accounts) is in a Net loss of Rs.1.72 crores this year. Thus, the BPP is unable to subsidise the flats, or bear the repair and maintenance expenses.

LEGAL POSITION: (Tenanted Flats v/s. LL)

The following legal position is according to the legal advice I have received.

- In simple English, a tenancy is **protected** by law (**Maharashtra Rent Control Act**). While LL is only a contract between the BPP and the licensee; and, therefore, no protection under the law, is available.
- BPP can evict a tenant only on one of the grounds stated under the Rent Act, and that too, only if the Small Causes Court (SCC) **agrees**, in a suit. An appeal lies from a SCC decision to (a) an appeal bench of SCC, to (b) the High Court, and (c) the Supreme Court.

A L&L can be thrown out, by a simple order of the **Competent Authority**, within a year or so. BPP does not have to show any grounds, only show a breach / violation of the L & L contract, or if that the term (period) of the L & L has ended. The term of all BPP L&L is only **FIVE YEARS**. Thus, if the BPP refuses to renew the L & L, the Licensee has to leave.

- Further, when a tenant dies, then under the Rent Act, any immediate member of his family residing with him in the flat, **at the**

time of his death, is automatically entitled to the tenancy. If there is no such member of family, then the tenancy will go to the deceased tenant's legal heirs (staying wherever in the world) according to the law of Parsi succession.

For L & L, there is **NO SUCH RIGHT**.

- Thus, a tenant is in a FAR SUPERIOR position than a mere Licensee.

HOW DOES BPP FUNCTION IN RELATION TO TENANCY MATTERS:

- It is crucial to remember that the BPP cannot function like any other commercially minded landlord. The Donor (Lady Wadia) transferred these Baugs and Colonies to the BPP trustees for the **benefit of her community members**. Hence, every tenant / licensee is a **BENEFICIARY**; and the BPP is merely a legal owner, as a trustee. The interest of a beneficiary is **paramount**. Hence, BPP cannot function like any other landlord.
- By creating this artificial distinction between tenants and licensees, the BPP Trustees may have unintentionally committed a **breach**. They are obliged to treat every beneficiary equally. You cannot confer valuable tenancy rights on some beneficiaries, and treat others as mere licensees. On this ground alone, the BPP ought to convert all L & L into tenancies, and thereby, put all the beneficiaries on an **EQUAL FOOTING**; a level playing field. Otherwise, the Licensees can approach the Charity Commissioner and the Courts, particularly when the BPP in select cases does convert L&L into tenancy. Such instances when put before the Courts will further strengthen the case of the discriminated beneficiaries.



- The worry that the 'Parsi Only Covenant' will not be protected by converting L&L to tenancies is far-fetched. The BPP can enter into a contractual tenancy agreement with beneficiaries, with a clause mandatorily stating that the Parsi Only Covenant is to be followed under all circumstances. If breached, the BPP would have the right to commence eviction proceedings against the tenant.
- An apprehension has been created by some that if the BPP receives its landlord's share, upon transfer or creation of a new tenancy (which is perfectly legal now); BPP will lose its income-tax exempt status, as it may be said to be carrying on 'a business'. This is patently absurd. The monies received by the BPP are to be utilised for charitable purposes only. By any stretch of imagination, this is neither business nor taxable. The BPP has no profit motive; an essential ingredient behind any business venture.
- Given a choice, almost every licensee will opt to be a tenant. The law requires a tenancy agreement to be entered into between the BPP and the tenant and to be registered. This will attract stamp duty. The

tremendous rights and benefits a tenancy confers, most tenants will agree to bear the stamp duty. Those who cannot afford, alternative arrangements, through other Parsi charities and benefactors, could be organised, to subsidise such stamp duty burden. Even the government of Maharashtra can be approached to issue a one-time exemption notification to waive stamp duty for a minority community, in these extra ordinary circumstances. Those who do not desire to become Tenants can choose voluntarily to continue as a Licensee.

- **The real reason why some trustees are opposing this move is that they will lose control over the beneficiaries, who are also voters at a trustee election. This is plain and simple politics.** The community must realise the designs of such trustees who do not want to see the licensees as full fledged tenants and instead have a sword of being thrown out/ evicted at the whim of Trustees over the beneficiaries at all times. These trustees are threatening to move Court if the other trustees decide to convert all L & L into tenancies. The community must know who wants to prevent legitimate strong legal

rights being conferred upon the beneficiary – tenants.

- If the Trustees pass a resolution to this effect and notify, this objective can be achieved of converting all L&L into tenancies. Every licensee will be able to let his refundable security deposit be treated as a donation to the Trust. In this manner, the hanging sword of liability upon the BPP of Rs. 160 crores will go away.
- It is legal to transfer such a tenancy with the consent of the landlord (BPP) and even receive consideration for the same. The time is ripe to finally convert all L&L to tenancies and the community must come together to finally undertake this task at hand.

I am sure there will be detractors who will twist and turn what I have stated to suit their personal agendas. But we have to be strong and move in a direction that is fair to one and all.

Always in your service,

Viraf D. Mehta
Trustee, BPP

There was another son-in-law

"Once upon a time, there was another son-in-law!*"

The Forgotten Legacy

Over 50 years ago, an elegant Parsi in the Lok Sabha spoke , better to say roared.

He was exposing the first scam though he belonged to the ruling party.

His father in law, Nehru was hearing his thundering words.

Nothing prevented Feroze Gandhi from exposing corruptions.

The most extraordinary aspect of Feroze Gandhi's work was the forensic precision with which he collected facts and the manner in which he marshalled his arguments.

He exposed the scam on the Life Insurance Corporation by Haridas Mundhra. Feroze exposed how Mundhra manipulated the LIC to purchase shares in his little known companies.

Bowing to pressure, the Government appointed a commission of inquiry headed by Chief Justice MC Chagla who upheld Feroze's contentions and said that the Finance Minister should take responsibility.

TTK resigned, Finance Secretary was sacked and Mundhra jailed..

Feroze exposed corruption by Dalmia- Jain in the take over of Bennett and Colman by siphoning the funds of public money in Gwalior Bank and Bharat Insurance.

They were the directors of these banking and insurance companies and transferred the money for their own company, which lead to the immediate collapse of these public institutions. Feroze exposed Birlas, Goenka ("not the one running a newspaper).

Such was his impact that within two months the insurance industry was nationalised.

When some alleged that Feroze was doing these all for Tata's, as bother Parsis, next came against Tata. Feroze exposed Telco

for charging more than double for an engine to railways, which lead to exit for Tata and formation of locomotive workshops in public sector.

Mahatma Gandhi is said to have told Feroze's mother Rattimai in Allahabad in 1931:

"If I get seven persons like him, India would be free in seven days".

Feroze, the greatest campaigner against corruption passed away in 1960 at the age of 48.

Seeing the huge crowd, assembled for cremation, Nehru said : "I did not know that Feroze was so popular

The Forgotten Legacy Son-in-law of one Prime Minister (Jawaharlal Nehru), husband of another (Indira Gandhi) and father of a third (Rajiv Gandhi), its unfortunate that his daughter-in-law (Sonia) and grandson (Rahul) have forgotten his great legacy."



Phiroze Amroliwalla on “Why Should The BPP Bear Rs.70 Lakhs In Legal Costs Of Inter Se Trustees Disputes?”

[Joh Bawa, Tue, July 27, 2021]”

The crux of the matter is who should pay for the legal costs of "inter trustee disputes"? And there I agree with both Viraf and Noshir when Noshir writes "Trustee Viraf Mehta was of the view that for matters concerning "inter trustee disputes" Trustees should pay from their own pocket. Personally, I am inclined to agree with him except for the fact that this was not the decision of the Board when it was decided to approach Mr. Dwarkadas."



Phiroze Amroliwalla

However, what is contentious is was it **genuinely a decision of the board** to approach Mr. Dwarkadas? May I ask who all were on the Board at that time? The community knows that the board consisted of seven trustees but only six could function as trustees because the late Mr. Munchi Cama was not allowed to attend board meetings as his matter was being adjudicated by the Charity Commissioner, thanks to the illegal Change Report filed by Yazdi Desai in 2015 as Reporting Trustee with support from the three Mistrys to avenge the defeat of his wife Anahita Yazdi Desai.

This left Armaity and Viraf at the mercy of the well-known 'Majority'! It was Armaity and Viraf who were denied their lawful legal rights as equal trustees by the tyranny of this 'Majority' and for securing their rights they had to move the High Court. **If as Noshir now states that he is inclined to agree with Viraf, did he then hold a different view? If not then what stopped him from expressing and recording his dissent when it was imperative to do so more so when he had suffered a similar or probably worse fate during his earlier stint with the then board? Had he then vociferously expressed his inclination to agree with Viraf, things would not have come to this.**

But I will readily believe if I am told that it was one of those meetings he could not attend. It was very likely that he was **NOT EVEN** consulted on many issues as most decisions were taken by the one man, Kersi Randeria, who functioned as a Dictator as the high Court rightly admonished him and who continued like a self-appointed de-facto Chairman and assumed and presumed consent of his co-panelists who contested the 2015 elections as his terrific trio team.

Besides the only reason we can justify employing the highest charging Senior Counsel is that Kersi Randeria's son was a Junior Counsel with the Senior Counsel and was probably paying off a debt of gratitude to the Senior. The case was so open and shut that no matter who the Counsel was there was no way to justify a Trustee being deprived of his right to act as a Trustee with his right to all files, Minutes, Agenda, Documents, etc.

This fact has been corroborated by both Viraf and Noshir in several emails exchanged in the past by them with the trustees. Even the late Zarir Bhatena in an aside during the meeting in April 2017 with the board had said that he was **NOT** present when the resolution to increase the service charges by Rs. 750 was passed.

This itself demonstrates what I have stated earlier that this one person used to ride roughshod over his colleagues and have his will prevail.

And if Mr. Firoz Bharucha wonders when he questions "Are you serious that BPP has gone broke?" My answer to that is Yes Sir very likely and the reasons for this are not far to seek! What with the nepotism, largesse, and favoritism indulged in by Kersi Randeria, the de-facto Chairman who is desperately trying to get back his majority at any cost even if it means aligning with adversaries of yore and aspiring candidates with dubious records. Men are known by the company they keep!

As far as Noshir's reference to the renegade priests case is concerned, Noshir was a member of that very board till 2011 and that was **NOT** an inter-trustee dispute but a unanimous decision of all the Trustees which Dinshaw Mehta as Chairman had also supported till the matter was in the High Court when already Rs.75/-lakhs had been spent. Mr. Mehta, Mr. Cama and Mrs. Tirandaz thereafter were not inclined to appeal to the Supreme court but by then despite being the Chairman, he was reduced to a minority when Yazdi Desai and Khojeste Mistree along with the other two Mistrys decided to proceed with the appeal to the Supreme Court which was ultimately settled with a compromise after spending crores of community funds!

Before concluding I would like to ask Trustees who are well-intentioned and principled but are with a background of modest means how they would be able to fund such legal disputes? As a matter of fact even in the present matter whereas the late Zarir Bhatena was financially well off and so is Yazdi Desai with the backing of his groups, will the slum developer Trustee, Kersi Randeria whose shenanigans have now surfaced been able to put his hands in his pocket given his present financial crunch?

In the interest of the community and the BPP as the apex institution, it is a matter of grave concern as it involves our funds which have been and are likely to be frittered away in frivolous litigation given the present scenario and the recurring inter trustee disputes!

Armaity, Viraf and Xerxes have laid the policy that disputes interse Trustees should be paid by the respective Trustees from their own pockets and not mis-use charity funds even if they have Majority. When the Minority Trustees Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala opposed the postponement of the March 2020 elections, the Majority Trustees did not make BPP pay their legal costs but paid from their own pockets.

Hence a policy needs to be laid down NOW!

THAT ANY INTERSE TRUSTEES DISPUTE SHOULD BE PAID FROM THEIR OWN POCKETS AND COMMUNITY CHARITY FUNDS SHOULD NOT BE MIS-USED TO FINANCE SUCH DISPUTES!!!

Phiroze Amroliwalla



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BPP TRUSTEES SEND PETITION TO BMC FOR MUKTAD PRAYERS

MUKTAD Prayers will start on 6th August 2021 for ten days just prior to our New Year.

The Trustees of BPP have written to BMC Commissioner seeking relaxation in rules to permit 20 worshippers at one time in Agiaries and 50 in Atashbehrams with maintenance of all Covid SOPs.

It is expected that he will refuse relaxations even for the holy month for doing prayers for the demise of our dear departed family members. This will enable BPP to move the High Court for this relief.

The community will recall that doing Farvandian prayers recently at Doongerwadi, the High Court had sanctioned and allowed 200 Parsi families to do so though the same was turned down by BMC and State Govt.

Similarly if the BPP moves the High Court once again citing the instance of sanction being given to it for prayers at Doongerwadi during Farvandian, we are sure the High Court will also allow Muktdad Prayers for 10 days at the various Agiaries and Atashbehrams spread all over Mumbai.

We congratulate the Trustees for this proactive step to seek exemption for Muktdad prayers at Agiaries and Atashbehrams. Whether the High Court grants such exemptions will be seen shortly once they move the Courts but at least the Trustees will have tried to get such exemption.

Some idiots on WhatsApp seem to be critical of this move as they wanted the Agiaries to do the Muktdad prayers clandestinely irrespective of the consequences of fines or closure of the Agiary for breach of Covid protocall.

We give below the BPP letter to BMC Commissioner requesting the exemptions.

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FUNDS & PROPERTIES OF THE PARSI PUNCHAYET BOMBAY

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Ref. No.

CEO / ADM / 298

28 July 2021

The Municipal Commissioner
BMC Head Office
Mumbai

Dear Sir/Madam,

Sub: To seek permission to allow fully vaccinated Devotees in Fire Temple during Muktdad Prayers from 6th August 2021 to 16th August 2021.

We, the Trustees of The Funds and Properties of Parsi Punchayet, Bombay, on behalf of all Parsi Zoroastrian community reverently request you to kindly permit the entry of fully vaccinated Devotees in the Fire Temple for the observance / performance of Muktdad Prayers from 6th August 2021 to 16th August 2021 in our Fire Temples.

In Zoroastrianism, the 10 days of Muktdad are of great religious significance as the prayers are conducted by the family members for all the departed souls. The Parsi Zoroastrians observe / perform these 10 days of Muktdad Prayers with utmost religious sentiment and belief.

The Fire Temples shall ensure that all the precautions as per the safety protocols including sanitization and maintaining distance shall be adhered to by the Devotees.

On behalf of Parsi Zoroastrian community, we therefore urge you to kindly grant us permission to permit maximum 50 fully Vaccinated Devotees in Atashbehram (i.e. Big Fire Temple) and maximum 20 fully Vaccinated Devotees in Agiary (i.e. Small Fire Temple) strictly for the sole purpose of Muktdad Prayers from 6th August 2021 to 16th August 2021.

Thanking You.

**For & on Behalf of the
Board of the Funds & Properties of Parsi Punchayet, Bombay**

A.R. Tirandaz
**Armaity Rustom Tirandaz
Chairperson**



STRATEGIES, STRATEGIES & MORE STRATEGIES.



Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

The Goodwill and Honesty earned by our Forefathers and philanthropists are being demolished by today's Trustees who being on the BPP Board are using the most crooked means available to them, are vying to jostle into the Election Campaign not only to push their favoured candidate to gain majority but also to reserve their own Campaign Strategy for their own term in the following Elections of 2022.

Yes, the self proclaimed Upright & Righteous Noshir who had blown his pompous trumpet to garner funds for the BPP failed to get even a dime. **Kersi the Developer Businessman most wickedly cheated Slum Dwellers and had to use the good offices of the BPP to pacify the cheated.**

During campaigning for his first term, the Slum Developer had promised the community that if he was voted in he would ensure that the community benefitted by over Rs. 500 Crore from sale of Heritage TDR available with BPP.

Regrettably not a dime has yet accrued to BPP. Instead he has brought BPP TO PENURY BY HIS WRONG POLICIES against the very beneficiaries he proposes to serve. Why? Any answers?

The righteous decisions are already on the Back-Burner as the declining faith in both the Minority Trustees, Noshir and Kersi are now visually clear. My dear Community Members **we must demand from them a performance report viz-a-viz what have they done for five years while they enjoyed majority on the board? They use their own devious ways to malign the now Majority Trustees and above all stop advancement of the BPP work-process, instead of working together to find solutions.**

None of the Trustees on the Board are capable in Management nor are they legally qualified except two thus squandering funds by appointing high profile Counsels, and sacrificing the ever depleting resources of our Trust.

Who has given the right to these Trustees to spend such exorbitant sums on legal fees for internal wrangles on the Board?

These Trustees now have to be ushered out once their term ends as they have been most shameless not to give up their Seat of Power.

Our Community's dire need is not to elect scamsters or criminals with FIRs filed against them or even petty donors who use their donations for their own ulterior motives. The only solution is to get on board people

with proper management skills and love for the enhancement of our Community as also legal background for enhanced foresight and wisdom. Grassroot level workers are welcome. Ones without bloated Egos are also welcome.

People who have no educational qualifications to speak of nor any background of logical functioning & management skills should themselves stay away from being nominated as they could cause immense and notoriously irreparable damage to the Trust. **What the BPP needs is a handful of professionals in Finance, Law, Taxation and Estate Management, not organizers of Bhakhra, Dal Poli & Patrel sales as some ambitious social workers aspiring to be Trustees excel in.**

My Dear Community Members, have you not had enough of the infighting between the Trustees? Remember you are the ones to elect the Trustees, so vote wisely. **It is therefore important to vote for like minded Trustees with common objectives so that interse disputes are kept at a minimum.**

Forget relationships, friends or acquaintances to influence your vote as your vote can usher in a new Era in the history of the BPP.

Make your precious vote count for the betterment of your own future generations of our Community.

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

Your partner in progress our Community

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બેહરામ યઝદ

જો ઘંઘા માં, કે બીજી મુસીબતમાં થઈ ગયો છે તું બરબાદ;

તો ખારાં મનથી, ચકીન થી, કરજે તું બેહરામ યઝદ ને યાદ.

આસાન કરશે એવન તારી મુશ્કીલ, સાંભળશે તારી યાચના, ફરિયાદ.

આપે છે એ ભલા યઝદ આપણ ને તાકાત, કરે છે મુશ્કેલિયો આસાન.

સૌફી તારી મુશ્કેલીઓ, સંપૂર્ણ શ્રદ્ધાથી, આપજે એમને માન;

મેળવશે તું, ખોવાયલું બધું; ફિરોઝી, ફત્તેહ, રોજી રજક અને સન્માન.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

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Budding Young Parsi Entrepreneur - Zoya Irani



Zoya U. Irani

They say it's never too late to do something you love and to start your own business. Well, it's never too early either and this has been proved by one of our young Zoroastrian entrepreneurs Zoya U. Irani. She's only 12 years old but has started a successful business of handmade wooden and acrylic accessories. From chic magnets to religious wall hangings to elegant photo frames and elegant candle stands. She has a wide range of accessories available. Perfect as a gift for Navroze or to just spruce up your home. Her mother handles her orders and deliveries while she continues to study and be a topper in her class. Is there anything this budding entrepreneur can't do? Most of the products are made of acrylic while there are some carved out of wood like the grand asho farohar wall hangings and the major sell out asho farohar fridge magnet. People have been very impressed by her work n given rave reviews. She designs these products herself with few inspirations from here and there. Her father introduced her to a factory who makes her ideas into reality. You can visit her insta page #zoeydesigns2021 to check out all her products and customer reviews and also get updated about her new designs that she plans on making So get in touch with her if you're looking for some truly unique items and let's support this talented business girl!! ZoEy's Designs





BPP Trustees - Please Ensure Dokhmenashini is Available to Parsi Covid Victims

From TZML Admins on 26/07/2021 6:49 am
RSCA75852021_GJHC240263592021_5_23072021.pdf (~340 KB)
Dear All,

This is with reference to Noshir's remarks of 24 July reproduced below this email.

1. Surat did go to the courts with very strong convincing arguments and preparations.
2. But who would have expected the PK factor. PK stands for Percy Kavina.
3. Also, **why** would the bench call our case "**of academic interest**" only.

Were they not aware that we are a living entity, a community - which is earmarked by the Centre in the 'Jio Parsi' scheme. **The majority of our humdins in India prefer Dokhmenashini, where it is available.** The covid pandemic is still around, and sadly some Parsis may still fall victim to it. This petition was to avail Dokhmenashini to such unfortunate souls now and in the future. Where does the question of academic interest even arise?

4. Many Parsis are shocked at the verdict of the Gujarat High Court on the petition of the Surat Parsi Panchayat.

Criticism is circulating on social media platforms.

A few important remarks have been penned by Mr Khushru Zaiwala, of the Bombay High Court. It has been reproduced below.

From: Rayomand cursetjee <cursetjee72@hotmail.com>
Date: 24 July 2021
Subject: RSCA75852021_GJHC240263592021_5_23072021.pdf

In my Fifty Years of practice at the Bombay High Court, I have seldom seen such a brazen subversion, as it seems to have happened in Ahmedabad.

It seems that there was an organised sabotage of the matter in Ahmedabad, when the Intervenor joined the hearing only to sabotage the Dokhmenashini matter from within.

In the very first instance Surat Parsi Panchayat got the matter placed before the Division Bench, when originally it was being heard by the Learned Single Judge and thus blocked out the right of an appeal before the Division Bench, with intention which does not seem to be bonafide, as no Parties or Advocate, would ever like to surrender the right of the first Appeal before the Division Bench in the High Court itself, as in all matters errors are always possible.

One is shocked how a Zoroastrian intervener can ever tell the Hon'ble Court that the burial is the preferred mode of disposal of the dead in the Parsi Community. Obviously it is a false statement as burial is used as a last resort in places where Dokhmas are not available at all. Further the statement that even in Calcutta where there is a Dokhma, burial is preferred, seems to be an untrue attempt to misguide the court by the Learned Intervener Advocate.

It is a tragedy of the Community, where there is a repetition of history, for the last thousand years, where the sabotage always comes from within. We can learn many a lesson, from Muslims and Christian Communities who fought for their rights and were given relief, even in the height of Covid Pandemic by the Bombay High Court.

Khushru Zaiwala
Advocate
Bombay

5. The official court release has been enclosed in the PDF file attached.
RSCA75852021_GJHC240263592021_5_23072021.pdf

6. Just wondering: Can the community or the Surat PP launch a complaint against the manner in which the case was conducted by the Ahmedabad High Court.

7. Of course, **Surat PP can approach the Supreme Court.**

8. BPP trustees, please do not fail the community.

Please, give all timely support to the Surat PP - morally and financially too, if needed.

Sincerely,
TZML Admins.

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **noshir** <noshir@capindia.in>
Date: Sat, Jul 24, 2021

<https://indianexpress.com/article/cities/ahmedabad/safety-of-state-supreme-law-gujarat-hc-dismisses-plea-to-allow-parsi-rituals-of-final-rites-in-covid-deaths-7419321/lite/>

BPP can choose to read the writing on the wall (of the Indian Judiciary) or read the writings of our very learned and wise High Priest and the devout orthodox.

I had been saying all along that if we go to the courts let's go with strong and convincing arguments. Are we still anxious to commit Hara kiri in Mumbai?

Noshir H Dadrawala



YASHAN JOKHI ANALYSIS HIGH COURT ORDER IN SURAT PARSI PUNCHAYET'S PETITION

On Thu, Jul 29, 2021 at 5:55 PM Yashan Jokhi <yashan_j@hotmail.com> wrote:

Some Unanswered Questions on Judgement of SPP's petition:

With due respects to honorable judges, a very apparent error in comparing Kanwar Yatra with Dakhma rituals. Dakhma is not some proceedings on the roads or a crowd puller. Why quote such irrelevant suo motu in the judgement ?

The judgement states the reasons of safety, morality and public order. **How is one mode of disposal more moral or safe compared to other mode?** In all methods the risk of transmission exists, if any. So why only cremation and burial are exempted ?

The wordings in the judgement suggests that vultures are the primary mode of disposal and the sun playing a secondary role. It is incorrect presentation. We all know the **Sun is the primary mode of disposal in Dokhmenashini and vultures have secondary role.** The lawyer Asim Pandya in the last hearing also quoted a research stating vultures or birds cannot spread the virus as their body composition is different then humans. Scientifically, Dakhma method is the most speedy and environmental friendly method of disposal compared to all other methods. For e.g. burial contaminates earth with risk of health hazards for not less then 50 years. Why were judges not briefed on these important aspects? **Maybe a joint affidavit from High Priests could help orient the judiciary on these religious matters.**

We are always taught by all our past and present High Priests / scholars, **"For a Zoroastrian, the only way is to go the Dokhma way"**. Any other mode of disposal for us is certainly sacrilegious. However the judgement wrongly quotes, burial and cremation are not sacrilegious for Parsis of India.

SPP along with other Anjumams should explore going to Supreme Court. BPP (representing majority of Parsis in India) should take a lead in removing these misconceptions.

Most importantly, the terms **Hum Mithra and Hama Zor** should not remain on paper only. It is high time our leaders implement the same.

If we see the last court proceedings, the Hindu lawyer (based on his limited religious knowledge) was trying his best to convince the judges in allowing Dakhma, while the Parsi lawyer interjected out of turn and informed the judges about his acceptance of burial for Parsis. He is free to choose burial, however it definitely confuses the proceedings. It clearly gives the wrong impression to the society at large that Parsis are not United. This is the most important area where our leaders need to work upon. The reason our sister communities got the permission for their death rituals was their **Unified Voice.**

Parsis need to speak in one unified language and spirit. **The true essence of Hum Mithra and Hama Zor lies in that.**

Best Wishes,

Yashan Jokhi

❖ Difference between Ignore and Ignorance ❖

Why do we try
To flaunt the "Rules"?
Or side step or ignore them
Cause He only knows too well
How to play the game
As He is Omnipotent
Omnipresent
Omniscient

Our pristine tenets are
Like a waterfall
Gushing effortlessly
Enriching the valley below

Why do you guys
Want to muddy the
Waterfall so that you
Can Hold sway?

Should I remind you
That life is transient
Nothing that you learnt
Will come in handy
When you pass through
The Gate

"Nothing in this world
Is more dangerous
Than sincere ignorance
And conscientious stupidity"
(Martin Luther King)

Because of your
Ego as well pride
Trying tomuzzle the
Right message
You are committing sacrilege

I sincerely hope and pray
Just to teach the "holies"
A lesson
Variants continue to cause havoc
That's when I want to see
The all Prayers you pray
In the front of the Holy Fire
In Atash Behrams as well
Agiaries are ever going get
Answered
One Vada already flunked the
test. Who's next?
Good Luck
(My Power of Prayers against
yours)

**Choicest Happiness
Farida**

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

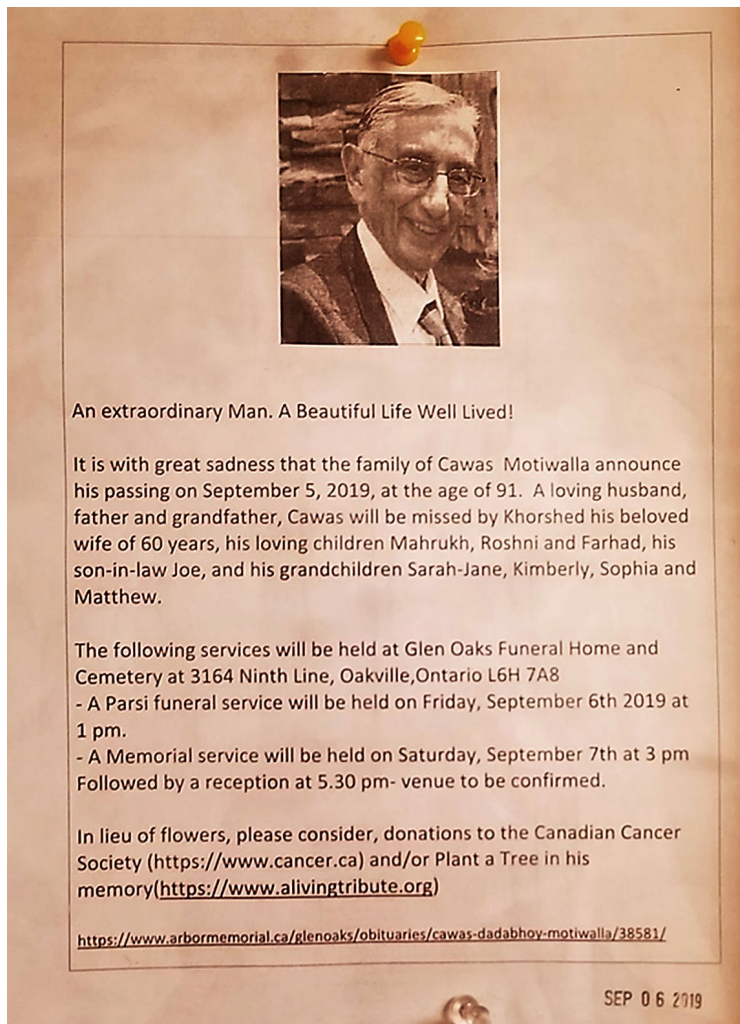
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Indira Chakraborty Bhattacharya

Sir, It is a chanced encounter that I came to know about your website. It is extremely interesting for me, even though I am a Hindu Brahmin (Bengali), particularly because I am working on Rohinton Mistry taking him as one of my authors in my Ph.D work and also because of my keen interest in this culture. I hope this website will prove to be a constant source of my enlightenment.

CASE #567 (POSTED February 3, 2014 Now Solved!) Further Solved (July 21, 2021)

Saw your post about **Mr Cawas Motiwala**. He passed away on the 5th of September 2019. I live in the same building. He was an extraordinarily amazing man... Junaid Zuberi via Facebook.



An extraordinary Man. A Beautiful Life Well Lived!

It is with great sadness that the family of Cawas Motiwala announce his passing on September 5, 2019, at the age of 91. A loving husband, father and grandfather, Cawas will be missed by Khorshed his beloved wife of 60 years, his loving children Mahrukh, Roshni and Farhad, his son-in-law Joe, and his grandchildren Sarah-Jane, Kimberly, Sophia and Matthew.

The following services will be held at Glen Oaks Funeral Home and Cemetery at 3164 Ninth Line, Oakville, Ontario L6H 7A8
- A Parsi funeral service will be held on Friday, September 6th 2019 at 1 pm.
- A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 7th at 3 pm Followed by a reception at 5.30 pm- venue to be confirmed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society (<https://www.cancer.ca>) and/or Plant a Tree in his memory (<https://www.alivingtribute.org>)

<https://www.arbormemorial.ca/glenoaks/obituaries/cawas-dadabhoy-motiwala/38581/>

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CASE #567 (POSTED February 3, 2014 Now Solved!) **mr. cawas d.motiwala** of ALLIED GROUP DUBAI originally from Aden was a very helpful person to parsis as well as others who got sudden termination from their jobs & got employed by him. he ran various establishments as below 1] allied intercon plaza dubai 2] gulf shipchandlers 3] gulf packaging 4] laundry services etc ... his wife name is khorshed ... daughter name maharukh son- farhadmother - Avabai ... father dadabhai ...brothers noshir, bhikhaji, rohinton ,bomi ... whoso ever parsi required his assistance for deporting dead bodies to india his one phone call is enough for clearing all hurdles.the work he has done for parsis in gulf region is unbeatable. there are many more unending if i describe. beji buhariwala bejibuhariwala@yahoo.com If you have any information, please write directly to bejibuhariwala@yahoo.com and copyAderGandi@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/>

CASE #567 SOLVED ON FACEBOOK (POSTED February 3, 2014) Niloufer Engineer: Mr. Motiwala is in Toronto, Canada and lives in Mississauga as i was last informed. You should be able to get his number from the ZSO, Zoroastrian Society of Ontario by checking with someone who is listed on their web page (ZSO.org). Beji Buhariwala: thx ader & niloufer for all u have done for me, may dadar ahuramazda bless u

CASE #696 (Posted July 21, 2021)

Hey FriendsI m looking for one of my good friend n colleague **Ms. ARNAWAZ DEVICHA**.... we used to work together with NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATIONKarachi Pakistan..... Muhammad Sharief Faridi via Facebook. If you have any information, please write directly to Muhammad Sharief Faridi 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/>

CASE #695 (Posted July 21, 2021)

Hi. How are you? I used to work with a lady called **Rukshana Batliwala** at AF Ferguson and Co back in 1994 in Mumbai. She was doing the chartered accountancy course and was probably 20-21 years old then. I am trying to establish contact. would you have any suggestions? Thanks! Sajeer Narayanan via Facebook. If you have any information, please write directly to Sajeer Narayanan 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/>

CASE #694 (Posted July 21, 2021)

I am searching for **parvez taraporewala** n his brother **adil taraporewala**, last met them in gulshan. they were our family friends. Sanobar Adeni via Facebook. If you have any information, please write directly to Sanobar Adeni 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/>

CASE #693 (Posted July 21, 2021)

Dear Ader, My name is Jeanette Yehezkel (nee Abraham) I finished my SSC in 1956 at the St Joseph's convent Bandra. I have two close Parsi friends **Yasmin Kothawalla** married name Sybil. Her father was a high ranking officer in the Bombay Police, and **Zenobia Baxter** also married both of them lived in Bandra. I have been trying to find them for many years and only recently came upon your site. I immigrated to Israel in 1963 where I live with my family. I shall be very grateful if you could help me find Yasmin and Zenobia both will now be in their seventies. Thank you and honors for your good work. Jeanette my email address is <david_ye1@yahoo.com> and my husband David Yehezkel is on Facebook. David Yehezkel via Facebook. If you have any information, please write directly to Jeanette & David Yehezkel at <david_ye1@yahoo.com> and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparisi/>

CASE #692 (Posted July 21, 2021)

I am V Srinivas. My class mate of 1984 Xth batch **Cyrus Khambatta** of Kendriya Vidyalaya 1 Bhubaneswar, son of may be Mr Khusro Khambatta. His father was with Oil India Limited and had come from Digboi during Assam unrest to Bhubaneswar. Cyrus's Sister Shiraj Khambatta was also in the same school , one class junior to us. We are looking for him for our class reunion. I am in the army. At school I was V Srinivas. E Mail: <vishysri68@gmail.com> Thanking you for providing a mode and for such a great thought. V Srinivas <vishysri68@gmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to V Srinivas <vishysri68@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/>

CASE #691 (Posted July 21, 2021)

Dear sir I am looking out for contact details of **Mrs Kashmiria Elavia**, famous channel and medium. I have lost my close friend recently, so I wish to contact mrs. elavia for automatic writing. I tried getting her contact details for just dial and internet, but without luck. I will be very glad if you could provide me her contact details. Thanking you. Tanvi Agarwal via Facebook. If you have any information, please write directly to Tanvi Agarwal 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/>

CASE #690 (Posted July 20, 2021)

Trying to locate a classmate of mine . His name: **Rohinton Irani** age approx 70 years old. He did B.E in civil Engineering in 1973 from VJTI - Bombay University. Used to live near Minerva theater in Mumbai. Any contact please send me email rrvazirani@yahoo.com. Ramesh Vazirani via Facebook. If you have any information, please write directly to Ramesh Vazirani <rrvazirani@yahoo.com> and copy AderGandi@Gmail.com so it can be recorded as a solved case. Thank you. Be sure to mention the case #. You can track updates to cases by becoming our Facebook friend at <https://www.facebook.com/TheMissingParsi/> and by becoming part of our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/themissingparisi/>

CASE #687 (Posted July 16, 2021) Partially Solved? (July 21, 2021)

Multiple Sources - 1) Zenobia: If i am not mistaken Pesi and Dolly Jagus have passed away. However, their daughter is in Canada. I think the Billimorias are there in Cumballa Crest in Bombay. Zenobia A. Navder via Facebook



2) Meher: Hi Anya, I know one **Dadi Billimoria** who lives in Mississauga, Ontario Canada who is married to Arni and has 2 kids one son and 1 daughter. Not sure if this is the person you are looking for. He spells his name as Dady. Also **Dolly Jagus** is listed in our Zoroastrian Directory in Ontario - married to Pesi. Not sure if she is still here or not. If these 2 the ones you are looking for I can forward you their contacts. Meher Panthaky <meherpanthaky@yahoo.ca>
CASE #687 (Posted July 16, 2021) Hello, I've been referred to you by many looking for some **long lost relatives in Mumbai. Dadi Bilimoria, Homai Bilimoria, Cowsi Bilimoria & Dolly Jegus (Dolat)** who live/lived around Mumbai/Khambala Hills. If anyone knows them or their families please help with putting us in contact. Thank you so much. Anya Panthaky via Facebook. If you have any information, please write directly to Anya Panthaky 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 #469 (Posted April 28, 2012) Solved (July 21, 2021)

Dear Ader , just to let you know that I had response for this case from the family member and appreciate your assistance to reach out to find the missing person. Keep up the good work. Thank you ZK. Homi and Zerine Khambatta <homiandzerin@hotmail.com>

Case #469 (Posted April 28, 2012) Looking for a dear friend. Name is **Rusi Daver**, approximately in late 60s. Met him at KC college around early to mid60s. Lived at Tardeo, Mumbai, above motilal masala walla store, in the 60s. Would love to hear from him. Thanks. Zerine Khambatta (Doctor.) <homiandzerin@hotmail.com>. If you have any information, please write directly to <homiandzerin@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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Beauty cum Brains

Nature has endowed us
 With many beautiful qualities
 Among them physical appearances
 With all due respect
 Not all of us are exactly like
 Venus and Adonis

Most important all
 Is one's inner beauty
 That attracts people

Like a bee to a flame
 At the same time
 This quotes comes to mind::
 "Choose not your friends
 From outward show
 For the feather floats
 The pearl lies low"
 (http:// estatesaleschronicles.
 blogspot.com)

Lastly:
 She was a loaded gun
 And he was a just a boy
 Nearly blew out his brains
 Cause he mistook
 For a toy
 Shakieb Orgunwell

**Choicest Happiness
 Farida**

Respect

I was taught to show
 Respect for whoever
 They may be of
 Any colour caste or4 creed
 Or from different walks
 Of life be they
 Nassalsars babbarchi or a mochi

Unless He sees a
 Softening of attitudes
 Like humility humbleness
 As well inclusion

He too has a right
 To refuse help
 No matter how much
 One pray yelp or gripe

 One may plan conferences
 As well as congresses
 But variants continue to evolve
 Unless there is a change
 Variants are here to stay

I am not a seer or nor,,a preacher

But a human with weaknesses
 and flaws
 I too am not above the Law
 So let's get rid of all the
 negativity
 Live in peace & harmony
 And leave this place a better
 place

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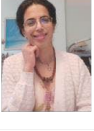
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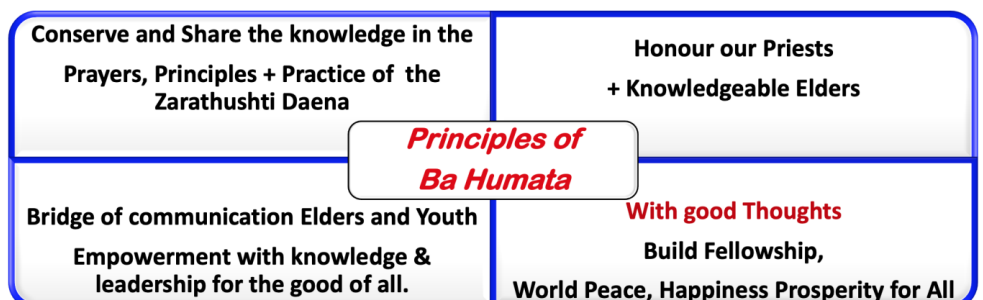
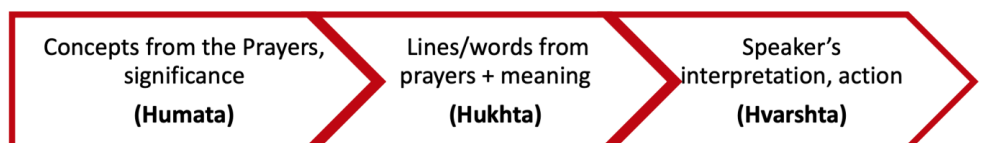

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Zyng Trek

Written by Bianca Engineer



Bianca Engineer

The trek to Prabalmachi & Kalavantin Durg organised by ZYNG2.0 was an amazing experience and a big success!

Home to unexploited nature, this hillside village hosts fantastic weather, lush green slopes and clean, fresh air. It is a perfect destination for a much needed weekend getaway since it features rocky cliffs and hilly terrain - a great spot to explore nature from a height.

Kalavantin Durg Trek is one of the best treks in Maharashtra. Situated at around 2,205 feet in the Raigad district of Maharashtra, the Pinnacle of Kalavantin is a thrilling experience indeed.

76 Zoroastrian Youth signed up for this trek which started at 5am & ended at 9.30pm, on Saturday 24th July, 2021.

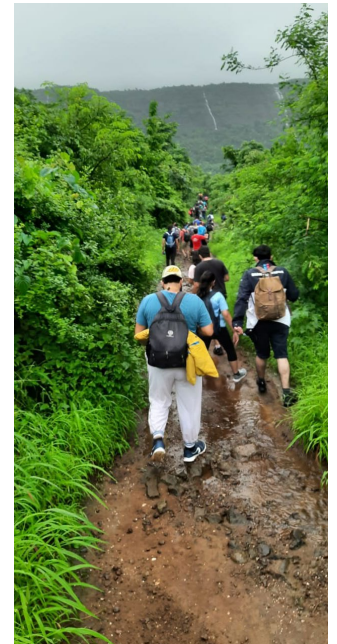
All necessary precautions were taken to ensure the safety of the participants. RTPCR test results as well as vaccination certificates were collected from all.

Everyone was well briefed about the trek and were assisted by 4 Professional Trekkers, along with 9 committee members of ZYNG 2.0

We started ascending at 8am and reached the top by 10am.

The weather was fantastic, where it even rained at times. By the time we reached the top, hot breakfast was arranged for all the participants, after which a few opted to still go further up to Kalavantin Durg Peak with the Trek Leaders. Some preferred to enjoy the waterfalls, alongwith absolutely scenic views from the top of Prabalmachi. It didn't take long for us to get struck by wanderlust.

From the base point (in the village of Thakurwadi) to Kalavantin Durg and the Prabalgad Fort, the trek to this adrenaline-sparking fortress takes about a little over three hours and is accessible by zigzag stairs carved into the edges of the rocky mountains, with swathes of scree along with a few guards up there. The trail gets notably steeper and vertigo-inducing on the way up; though this doesn't deter those in pursuit



of heart-pounding adventure. However, jaw-dropping views and beautiful scenery on the way up make the trek all the more worthwhile.

After that, the Zoroastrian trekkers had lunch prepared by the locals of the village and post that Icebreaking sessions took place.

We also played some competitive games, where the Zoroastrian youth mingled and got to know each other well. It was an amazing opportunity to bond and much appreciated by the participants.

It was a memorable day and everyone was already keen on knowing when the next event would be!

Few of the participant's feedback:-

"It was a once in a lifetime experience.. 🌟
Thank you to Zyng 2.0 for organizing such an amazing trek and to all who were present. ❤️"

"Hey Zyng team.
Thank you guys so much for an amazing day really appreciate it. Had a mad time after long.

Looking forward to meeting you all soon."

"Thank you to the lovely folks of Zyng putting today together and ensuring we had a ball of time and returned home safely.

Cheers."

"Thank you for this memorable trip & looking forward to many more. Awesome work ZYNG "

"Great work Zyng, thanks for a memorable one 👍
God bless and keep the good work going 💪"

Zoroastrian Youth for Next Generation (ZYNG) continually provides a platform for bringing the Zoroastrian youth closer.

For more details on ZYNG2.0 and updates on the activities conducted this year and upcoming ones kindly follow:

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/zyngyouth>



Photography

Sunrise



Spiti in Himachal Pradesh is a magical place which God must have painted in his leisure time. And it's always a good idea to wake up early if you want to catch such mesmerizing views when you are in the mountains. The sun has its own story to tell basking its warmth and glow as it rises.



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.

How do we dispose torn prayer books?

Q1) How do we dispose the torn prayer books?

A1) Torn prayer books (i.e. Paak Khordeh Avesta) contains sacred Manthras printed on it. Many traditionals are not comfortable burning these Holy books as it reminds them about how the Arabs burnt, destroyed the Holy Manthra Books in Sassanid Iran. According to Zarthosti ilm e khshnoom torn paryer books should be offered (Vadhaavu i.e. exalted) to the Holy waters of the sea or a river. So scared are these papers that the fishes who will eat these Manthra printed paper will get instant salvation (Mukti).(1)

Q2) How do we dispose the old Kusti??

A2) Tie it on a rock and offer(Vadhaavu) it in the sea or a river. (2) Sanjana Priest of Udvada tie it or offer the sacred energies of the Kushti to a Pomegranate tree and let the Kushti wither away.(3)

Q3) How do we dispose of the old Sadras??

A3) Remove ALL the 9 seams from the Sudreh and after that the remaining cloth can be used as rags.(4)

The answer to our question regarding the "potlu of OLD gareban and girdo" is that this reet reevaj has vestiges of what is mentioned in ilm e kshnoomn. According to Zarthosti ilm e khshnoom a deceased Parsis body should be dressed with a "old" Sudreh and kashti (during the Sachkar Ceremony) that was worn by the Parsi during his life time. Why "old" and not a "new" Sudreh kashti? "Old" because it was regularly used by the devotee for Kusti Padiaav Manthras and this "old" Sudreh Kushti protects the dead body from the demon of decomposition (nasa druj). (5)

Does this "potlu" of "old" girda and garebaan help keeping the demon of decomposition (i.e. nasa druj) at bay?

Hope this helps



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WHO BUILT BOMBAY ?

According to ancient history, a group of 7 (seven) islands comprising Colaba, Mazagaon, Old Woman's Island, Wadala, Mahim, Parel, & Matunga-Sion formed a part of the Kingdom of Ashoka the Great of Magadh, ironically in North India !

The 7 islands of Mumbai passed through many hands - the Sultans of Gujarat, the Portuguese & the British !

Every ruler left behind proof of residence in Mumbai !

The Mauryans left behind the ★Kanheri-Caves (Borivali N-Park), ★Jogeshwari-Caves ★Mahakali-Caves & the caves of "Ghara-puri" island more popularly called.. Elephanta !

The Sultans of Gujarat built the Dargahs at Mahim & Haji Ali !

The Portuguese built the two Portuguese Churches, one at ★Prabhadevi & the other ★St. Andrews at Bandra !

They also built Forts at Sion, Mahim, Bandra & Bassien (today's Vasai) !

The Portuguese named the group of 7 islands 'Bom Baia', Good Bay !

The British built a city out of the group of 7 islands & called her Bombay - derived from the original Mumbai !

The original settlers of the 7 islands, the Koli fishermen, worshiped Mumba Devi, her Temple still stands at Zaveri Bazar/Paydhoni.. Cotton Exchange ..near Chowpatty !

The Kolis called the island Mumbai, 'Mumba'-devi, Mother Goddess' !

In 1662, King Charles II of England married the Portuguese Princess Catherine of Braganza, & received the 7 islands of Bom Baia as part of his dowry !

6 years later, the British Crown leased the 7 islands to the English East India Company for a sum of 10 pounds in gold per annum !

*It was under the "English East India Co" that the future megapolis began to take shape

! After the first War for Independence in 1857, Bombay once again became a colony of the British Empire !*

History has forgotten this, but the first Parsi settler came to Bombay in 1640, he was Dorabji Nanabhoy Patel !

In 1689-90, a severe "plague" प्लेग epidemic broke out in Bombay & most of the European settlers succumbed to it !

The Siddi of Janjira Fort(MS) attacked in full force. Rustomji Dorabji Patel, a trader & the son of the city's first Parsi settler, successfully defeated the सिद्धी Siddi (African-Negro) with the help of, the Kolis & saved Bombay !

Gerald Aungier, Governor of Bombay, built the Bombay Castle, an area that is even today referred to as Fort !

He also constituted the Courts of Law. He brought the Parsi shipbuilders, Gujarati traders, Muslim & Hindu manufacturers from the mainland & settled them in Bombay !

It was during a period of 4 decades that the city of Bombay took shape!

Reclamation was done to plug the beach at Worli & Mahalakshmi, and Hornby Vellard was built in 1784 !

The Sion Causeway, connecting Bombay to Salsette, was built in 1803 !

Colaba Causeway, connecting Colaba island to Bombay, was built in 1838 !

A Causeway connecting Mahim & Bandra was built in 1845 !

Lady Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy, the wife of the First Baronet Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy donated Rs.1,57,000 to meet construction costs of the Causeway. She donated Rs.1,00,000 at first ! When the project costs escalated & money ran out half way through, she donated Rs.57,000 again to ensure that the vital Causeway was completed !

*Lady Jamsetjee stipulated that no toll would ever be charged for those using the Causeway. Today Mumbaikars have to

pay Rs.-75 to use the Bandra-Worli Sealink, connecting almost the same two islands !*

Sir JJ Hospital was also built by Sir Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy !

The ship building "Wadia family of Surat" was brought to Bombay by the British. Jamshedji Wadia founded the ★Bombay Port Trust & built the ★Princess Docks in 1885 & the ★Victoria Docks & the Mereweather Dry Docks in 1891 !

Alexandra Docks were built in 1914 !

A Gujarati civil engineer supervised the building of the Gateway of India !

The Tatas made Bombay their headquarters & gave it the iconic Taj Mahal Hotel & India's first civilian airlines, _Air-India_ !

The Godrejs gave India its first vegetarian soap !

Cowasji Nanabhai Daver established Bombay's first cotton mill, 'The Bombay Spinning Mills' in 1854 !

By 1915, there were 83 textile mills in Bombay largely owned by Indians !

This brought about a financial boom in Bombay ! Although the mills were owned by the Parsis, Gujaratis, Kutchis & Marwaris, the workforce was migrant Maharashtra from rural Maharashtra !

Premchand Roychand, a prosperous Gujarati broker founded the Bombay Stock Exchange. Premchand Roychand donated Rs. 2,00,000 to build the Rajabai Tower in 1878 !

APART FROM ITS ORIGINAL INHABITANTS, THE KOLIS, EVERYONE ELSE IN MUMBAI ARE IMMIGRANTS !!

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Excellent information about *Aamchi Mumbai*!