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## BPP HOUSING – CLARIFIED!



**BPP Trustee  
Viraf D. Mehta**

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instead. Yesterday's Parsi Times of August 28 '21 carried an article written by its owner, Kersi Randeria, under title "BPP HOUSING" denigrating the present Majority Trustees for auctioning High Value flats. It is quite unfortunate that Mr. Randeria continues to deliberately misguide our community with misinformation and half-truths.

The Refundable Deposit Scheme (RDS) which has been in existence since 1999 was previously challenged in the Small Causes Court as well as in the Division Bench of the Small Causes Court, which after hearing the parties approved this mode of raising resources for community use. Thereafter, a High Court Judge even advised Mr. Randeria to raise resources through this medium and come out of the financial rut the BPP is currently in. But the immense ego of Mr. Randeria has led the BPP to its lows. So much needs to be done to revive our dying community for which huge funds are required and if you have Trustees like Mr. Randeria then we will spend more time in Courts fighting vengeful litigation rather than serving the community.

Let us look at the reality of the situation:

The introduction of the refundable deposit scheme from 1999 raised the corpus of the BPP from a meager Rs 16 crores to Rs.161 crore today, Rs. 95 cr from the Wadia Baugs and Rs. 66 crores from BPP Baugs.

This revenue generated by the BPP is used for second and third child assistance, educational aid, financial aid (doles) to the poor, medical aid and various other philanthropic and welfare activities like the HPY program and Parukh Dharmshala. Till a few years ago, the BPP used to contribute 50% share towards repairs of buildings. But now tenants are requested to pay 100% upfront with the BPP paying its 50% share once it is financially healthy.

Sadly today the BPP is just about able to pay staff salaries on time. The rest of our philanthropic activities are temporarily on hold. Payments to contractors, financial settlement of legal cases and even legal fees are pending.

You may ask why the previous Boards never faced such a financial crunch as this Board is facing, and the answer is simple. From 2013-2019, with auctions of high value flats on hold, there was no substantial revenue for the Trust.

In 2013, there was a fall out between the then Chairman Dinshaw Mehta and Trustee Mr. Yazdi Desai which resulted in Mr. Desai obtaining a Charity Commissioner order that halted all housing allocations. When the new Board took office in Oct 2015, we moved the Charity Commissioner and had this order lifted. But Mr. Randeria, solely, was able to convince Mr. Yazdi Desai not to restart the auctioning of flats, which is where our problems started to compound itself.

Even Mr. Randeria's promise, made six years ago, of recovering Rs.300 crores through the sale of heritage TDR at Khareghat Colony has proven to be a lie to the community.

From 2015-2019 this year has had no revenue. In fact, neither has any redevelopment

project fructified nor did Mr. Randeria allow any auctions to take place. But our costs continue to rise.

It is pertinent to point out to him that all Welfare activities done by the BPP for all Parsis including both BPP Baugs and Wadia Baugs residents are paid from accounts of BPP Baugs. On an average every year about Rs. 8 to 10 Crores are spent by BPP for doles, education help, medical aid, higher studies gifts, second and third child beneficiaries and other Welfare activities for Parsis residing all over, including the Wadia Baugs. In addition BPP spends around Rs. 4 crores for maintenance of the vast Estate of Doongerwadi. Thus in a year BPP alone spends around Rs. 12 to 14 Crores for community welfare and Doongerwadi. If this amount was equally shared between BPP and Wadia Baugs this discrepancy of accounts of BPP Baugs and Wadia Baugs will be over.

Once the flow of revenue through auctions stopped in 2013, the BPP had to dip into the deposits. Neither me nor any Trustee can run away from this fact. But ironically of the 47cr deposits that have been used, more than half has been used by this Board under the Chairmanship of Mr. Yazdi Desai. It amazes me is that for almost 5 years, from Oct 2015 till Dec 2020, Mr. Randeria shared a majority on the Board along with then Chairman Mr. Desai but neither did he have a problem with the deposits being used for the functioning of the BPP nor did he say or write a word about it. But within 9 months of Mrs. Tirandaz becoming Chairman of the BPP, Mr. Randeria has taken to the press to point the finger away from him.

It is important for the community to know that in 2019, then Chairman Yazdi Desai finally and thankfully realized that the BPP would not last long under the misguided policy of



Kersi Randeria and resumed the auction of High Value flats. In fact on multiple occasions he even threatened Mr. Randeria that he would move for his removal as a Trustee u/s 41D as well as Contempt of the High Court Consent Terms signed by him if he did not stop publication of his Dissent Note below the BPP Auction notice published in Parsi Times and Jame Jamshed both under his control. In April 2020 Mr. Desai unfortunately suffered a stroke and could not make good on these actions. He subsequently resigned in December 2020 due to ill health.

Since then the Trustees under the leadership of Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz has been doing a very good job as Chairman and making efforts to raise money for the Trust. Let me state this for the record that Mr. Randeria has deliberately not helped in this crucial activity but has created a spoke in every attempt the BPP has taken to raise funds or undertake philanthropic activities. In fact on any project he pushed he insists on pushing the Board to constantly bribe government officials to take our projects forward. The BPP has already lost 35 lakhs to his 'consultant friends' in the Godrej Baug Ownership Project.

Since Oct 2015, this Board has had under 20 auctions, which is 0.5% of the 4400 flats under the BPP's control. Mr. Randeria indulges in making this an issue but forgets that the funds raised by these 0.5% is helping the BPP's activities for the rest of the 99.5%. If allowed to operate unitedly, under the Chairmanship of Mrs. Tirandaz this Board will hopefully recover soon from its near Bankruptcy to which it has been brought to by Mr. Randeria. In fact, this is cause enough for Mr. Randeria to realize the harm he is unilaterally causing the BPP and resign as a Trustee.

Mr. Randeria is now well known for his posturing. Since he owns the Parsi Times and also owns the editorial rights of the Jame Jamshed, he ensures his disclaimer is placed below every auction ad placed by the BPP. But what he won't tell you is that the first two auctions done by this Board only went through because Trustee Noshir Dadrawala was communicating with the parties involved. Except for a mere dissent to stay on record, Mr. Randeria did nothing to stop these auctions. In fact he went along with the process seamless and encouraged it so as to appease the potential purchasers and sellers. But when other auctions take place, Mr. Randeria conveniently forgets his favours towards the cases brought forward by Mr.

Dadrawala and cries foul. On one hand Mr. Randeria talks of not allowing auctions, and on the other he not only talks to brokers, has private meetings at coffee shops but in fact even brings forward prospective buyers. It is because Mr. Randeria knows that at the given moment there is no other revenue source with the BPP. I have laid down several revenue options for the BPP to raise money, but unfortunately they are constantly stalled by Mr. Randeria. Being in the minority today he sole aim seems to be to thwart any progress of the BPP and then blame us for it.

Coming now to the Refundable Deposit Scheme which was formulated in 1999 between ex-Chairman of the BPP Dinshaw Mehta and Mr. Nusli Wadia. Now that the government has legalized pugree, the then Trustees agreed that every resident of a BPP Baug or Wadia Baug flat would be allowed to share in the Tenancy value of his premises, the ratio to be determined on the facts of each case. This also incentivized tenants of locked flats to surrender the flats back to the BPP for compensation which not only allowed a new family a chance to make a new home but also brought additional revenue to the BPP. Just like the previous Board, this Board too has agreed that only High Value flats would be auctioned. From the proceeds, the BPP can take over low value flats and give these flat for FREE to the poor and needy.

Mr. Randeria cunningly compares auctioned flats against the market price of flats outside the Parsi Baugs. But he will not clarity that he is comparing an ownership flat to a leave and license one. Plus with a limited audience of only Parsi/Iranis buyers or sellers, a discount to market price is expected.

Mr. Randeria has made big promises during the 2015 elections to raise funds without auctioning of flats but unfortunately he has not delivered on even one of them. From Oct 2015 till Dec 2020 (when Mr. Yazdi Desai resigned as Chairman of the BPP) Mr. Randeria enjoyed a majority on the BPP Board. If he was serious about making good on any of his election promises he would have done something about it.

Instead, let me highlight a few instances where instead of helping the BPP raise funds, Mr. Randeria has in fact cost the BPP crores and gotten away with it thanks to his majority in the Board:

- He gave a flat in Godrej Baug to his business partner's cousin for a donation of a mere Rs. 8 lakhs. Not only did the BPP has a written

offer for Rs. 60 lakhs for this same flat, the allottee himself was willing to pay the BPP a deposit of Rs. 30 lakhs to the BPP, but Mr. Randeria convinced the Board otherwise.

- He convinced the then majority to pay around Rs. 4 crores in Land Under construction tax to the BMC. I objected and insisted we move the Court as this levy was incorrect but was ignored.
- He then used his majority to pay his "consultant" friends Rs. 35 lakhs to stop any further imposition of the LUC tax on the BPP. Unfortunately that too was a sham. The BPP is still being hit with a Rs. 90 lakh a year liability. Only recently was I finally able to convince the Board to move Court again the imposition of the LUC tax and take these consultants friends of Mr. Randeria to task.
- Mr. Randeria convinced his majority to drop Mr. Burjor Antia of Mulla&Mulla as the advocate for the BPP and appoint another more expensive partner of Mulla&Mullas only because his son has previously worked there.
- Mr. Randeria and his majority used almost Rs. 70 lakhs of BPP funds in the High Court to defend their illegal acts of denying Mrs. Tirandaz and myself our basic rights as Trustees. Of this Rs. 70 lakhs, about Rs. 40 lakhs was spent on a senior counsel charging Rs. 9 lakhs a hearing. Ironically this gentleman too Mr. Randeria's son previous boss. While the Mr. Randeria has made the BPP pay off almost half the pending bills previously, further payment has been put on hold as it is our view that litigation costs inter se the Trustees should be borne by the Trustees and not the BPP.
- He convinced the majority to allot a flat in Contractor Baug to his friend out of turn and in return promised the BPP Board would receive Rs. 40 lakhs. Till date the BPP has gotten ZERO.

I can go on but to what avail. I am sure Mr. Randeria will drag the past as well as my father in his reply. But I am not interested with the past, I want to work together for the future. The BPP has survived the last 20 years thanks to the deposits and interest brought about by the RDS scheme. With no other immediate revenue source in sight, this is our only hope. Difference of opinion as well as ideologies is expected but causing harm to communal progress is not. We need to stop this constant bickering and work together as a Board. That is the only way.

**Warm Regards,  
Viraf Mehta**



# AMENDMENT OF TERM OF OFFICE OF A TRUSTEE TO FIVE YEARS

Last week Dr. Zuleika Homavazir's call to the Trustees to reduce the term of office of a Trustee to 5 years from 7 years before holding Elections for the two vacancies of Trustees seats has caused panic among those two Trustees and their supported candidates who want urgent elections with seven year term without waiting to amend the term of office.

We asked Trustee Viraf Mehta if this matter was taken up for discussion yet. He informed us that the issue of reduction of term of office was discussed in last Tuesdays board meeting but two Trustees were of the opinion that the term of office should not take priority over announcement of the date of election in November 2021. In effect allowing a term of seven years for the new incoming Trustees.

Trustee Viraf Mehta stated that there was no sense in having elections post haste. He informed us that he suggested a two page Amendment application only for a single item of only term of office would likely be approved within a month by the Chamber Judge but if a full scale amendment of all relevant provisions of the Election Scheme was attempted than it may not be done even till October 2022 when the term of three more Trustees ends.

The Trustees agreed to seek legal opinion before discussion this matter further.

Interestingly from 2015 to 2020 Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala along with Yazdi Desai and Zarir Bhathena were in the majority, yet except for giving lip sympathy to the cause of amendments of the Election

Scheme, the Majority Trustees for some reason did not seriously try to even attempt the proposed amendments promised by them during the election campaigning of October 2015.

For the first three years only the four of them led by Kersi Randeria were functioning as Trustees as Armaity Tirandaz, Muncherji Cama and Viraf Mehta were treated worse than Untouchables and only after the High Court warned them against acting like Dictators that the Minority Trustees were allowed to function as Trustees. **Why the Majority Trustees led by Kersi Randeria did not seriously move for Amendments except just lip sympathy is not understood.**

**Stay tuned.**

## \*Have a laugh\*

Only in Mumbai:  
Banana is Kela  
Single is Akela  
Tired is Thakela  
Bored is Pakela  
Stuck-up is Atkela  
Angry is Satkela  
Hung-up is Latkela  
Lost is Bhatkela &  
Dead is Tapkela  
Dry is Sukela  
Hidden is Chupela  
Problem is Jhamela  
Drunk is Piyelaa  
The one coming is Aarelaa  
The one going is Jaarelaa....  
and now everyone is  
Corona se Darela.

Phir bhi apun iddharich tikela...



## Kanishk

That day, three hundred and twenty nine precious, hopeful, innocent lives we lost  
Passengers and crew all; an aircraft entire; unaccountable, was the cost  
O Ahura bless those souls and their families to this irreparable loss bear.

Even today, sad I feel when visualize I, those crying relatives; their hope mixed with that scare.

What a drastic, horrible result it was, due to some people who were grossly misled.

Happens this often, when illogical, lies, fear and hatred to weak minded people is fed.

Those who do these crimes heinous, prepared must be, for consequences dire

Burn have to in hell, all those people who misuse and play with ammunition and fire.

The theory of KARMA, understand must, these misled individuals; use they must their mind.

Aware must be all those leaders, who inculcate such crimes n vulnerable poor find.

Ahura, bless every individual with Beh-man, the good mind, so all things, we do right.

Help the misled ones with a good, kind, compassionate mind, with Your divine light.

**Armin Dutia Motashaw**

## SC issues notices on alleged ostracisation of Parsi women

**Petitioners allege that women marrying non-Parsis, and their offspring, are not allowed to participate in the community's religious, social and other activities**



**Supreme Court of India**

The Supreme Court on Friday issued notices to the Centre and others on a petition challenging the alleged discrimination and ostracisation of Parsi women who marry outside the community.

The petitioners – a minor named Rian R. Kishnani and his mother Sanayaa Dalal – have alleged that women marrying non-Parsis, and their offspring, are not allowed to participate in the community's religious, social and other activities, besides being derided on social media.

The bench of Justices Abdul Nazeer and A.S. Bopanna sought the response of the Centre and the Parsee Central Association Co-operative Housing Society Ltd after it heard

that such discrimination was a violation of Articles 14 (right to equality) and 21 (life and personal liberty) of the Constitution and that Parsi men who marry outside the community are not subjected to such harassment.

The petitioners sought the following directions from the apex court:

- Declaration of any discrimination against the petitioners on grounds of race, ethnicity or parentage as unconstitutional.
- A directive to community leaders to ensure that there is no discrimination against the petitioners on communal or racial grounds, and they are not excluded from the Parsi community and the society at large.
- Deletion of social media posts, by two groups of orthodox Parsis, that are racist, hateful, derogatory and vituperative. The posts, the petitioners have alleged, target Parsi women married outside the community, and their children, as well as all non-Parsis in general.

The petition said: "The petitioners' fundamental rights are circumvented

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## KHUSHRU ZAIWALA ON SUPREME COURT NOTICES

In the above matter Supreme Court has issued a notice to the Government on the plea by a Parsi Lady, married to a non Parsi Husband.

The right to manage it's own affairs in the matter of faith and religion, has been upheld by the Special Seven Judge's Bench of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, in what is known as "Syedna Case" and the Bombay Legislation prohibiting Ex Communication has been struck down by the Supreme Court.

In case the present issue of entry of a children of Non Parsi father is to be heard by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, then the Civil Application had to be filed immediately on the next date of hearing that the Matter be placed before a Special Bench of Nine

Judges of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, since the Syedna Case has already been heard and decided earlier by Seven Judges.

In such a situation the Dawoodi Bohra Community, including the Learned Syedna, will have a right to become a Party Intervenor and be a Heard in Matter.

It is also worth noting the in Ratilal Panachand Gandhi case of 1954, in which the Bombay Parsi Panchayat were also parties, the Five Judges Bench of Supreme Court had held quoting the Davar and Beamont Judgement of the Bombay High Court as follows.

" If this is the belief, and it is undoubtedly proved to be the belief of the Zoroastrian

because they face social and religious ostracisation owing solely to factors of lineage, ethnicity and race consequential to the fact that Petitioner No 2 (Sanayaa Dalal) is married to a man considered to be a non-Parsi.

"Parsis are a race and ethnic group and ostracisation of a Parsi Zoroastrian and her offspring on the ground of her marriage to an individual of a different lineage, race or religion is contrary to basic human rights and the fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution of India."

The petition, filed through advocate Jasmine Damkewala, contended that marriage being a personal choice, women should be free to exercise it without having to face ostracisation.

It was submitted that a section of Parsis believes that the community is racially superior being of Aryan descent and insist that intermarriage of Parsis with other races "dilutes" and "contaminates" the ethnicity of the Parsis.

"This is contrary to the human rights of young impressionable children who are victimised simply because their mother is a Parsi but did not marry a Parsi. While some also discriminate against children born of inter-community marriages where the father is a Parsi married to a non-Parsi, the discrimination is prevalent and accepted as the norm where the child's mother is a Parsi but not the father," the petition said.

Community, a secular Judge is bound to accept that belief, it is not for him to sit, in Judgement on that belief, he has no right to interfere in the conscience of the Donor, who makes a gift in favour, of what he believes to be the advancement of his religion, and the welfare of his community and mankind ". The Supreme Court had further stated " This is the level of protection under Article 25 and 26 of the Constitution of India", in the matter of faith and religion.

Hence in case the Hon'ble Supreme Court decides to hear the present matter, then immediate application be made that this matter be heard by larger Bench of Nine Judges, and a notice be also issued to the Learned Syedna, who will be have right to be heard in the matter.

**Khushru Zaiwala**



# PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA SUPPORTS DR. ZULEIKA FOR NO ELECTION TILL TERM REDUCED TO FIVE YEARS



Phiroze Amroliwalla



Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

The Editor, Parsi Junction.  
Dear Sirs,

A few stray thoughts, a few observations, and some points to ponder!

Readers have showered praise on the Parsi Junction for highlighting the exchange of emails from prospective candidate Dr. Zuleika Homavazir who has very correctly raised the issue of reducing the trustee's term of office to 5 years instead of the current 7 as she rightly said this was the poll promise of the current lot of trustees especially the "Terrific Trio", who had also assured the electorate of electoral reforms and an enforceable Code of Conduct. Like most promises, these remain unfulfilled.

Dr. Zuleika further elaborates: "The Election of 2015 and thereafter, the candidates in their campaign, promised to resign at the end of 5 years which never happened and also promised that **they would amend the Election Scheme to reduce the term of office for a Trustee to 5 years only**, along with other amendments as necessary.

The Majority Trustees led by Kersi Randeria though in absolute power for five years conveniently did not move the Hon'ble High Court either for finalization of Code of Conduct nor to reduce the term to 5 years.

As Armaity Tirandaz took over only in December 2020 with elections proposed to be held in March 2021, the new majority has had no time to amend the Election Scheme for reducing the term and bring in Voluntary Code of Conduct."

Further Dr. Zuleika states: "Under the circumstances since full amendment of the Scheme is not possible due to lack of time, a simple reduction of term from 7 to 5 years is possible and should be done before holding any further elections.

You are now absolutely required to approach the Hon'ble High Court to enforce the term of Trusteeship reduced to 5 years, before the commencement of the oncoming election schedule. Any delay would cause undue trouble to our community due to such a large term of office."

Well done Dr. Zuleika! I may add that **where there is a genuine will there is a way.**

May I remind **Dr. Zuleika and my reader friends that some Trustees, who are builders and slum developers, are like politicians, and as we all know the saying that "Politics is the last refuge of scoundrels!" A recent WhatsApp forward aptly states "Politics is when you can tell the same s-t in different ways to fool a different audience, to allow you to look good in every way....!"**

As events have proved over the last few years, **reducing the term to 5 years and having an enforceable Code Of Conduct has now become absolutely essential given the track record of the trustee whose financial liabilities are out in the open. Given the delays in judicial proceedings and procedures, especially the process of removal of a trustee under section 41D, it is now imperative that a trustee's term be limited to 5 years.** Thereafter if the community and the voters feel that a trustee continues to enjoy their trust, then the person can offer one's self for reelection for one more term of five years limiting Trusteeship to a total term of office to a maximum of 10 or 15 years.

However, under the present circumstances **with elections due for 2 seats in**

**November 2021 and 3 seats in October 2022, it would be best if elections for the present two vacancies are kept pending till October 2022 and elections for five seats are held together in October 2022 with five year term for all Trustees hence forth.**

This will also result in substantial savings of community funds of Rs. 40 lakhs. Even the state government has written to the Election Commission as reported in a local English daily and has come out strongly against holding elections to the municipal corporations in the state including Mumbai city and the reasons cited being a likely third wave of the virus.

**If Maharashtra can postpone elections to the 18 civic corporations, then I see no reason why the BPP should not postpone the elections for the two vacancies, at least till the term is reduced to five years.**

Before concluding I urge readers to peruse an article "The Trust of India" in the TOI dated August 24th, 2021! The **essence** as the title suggests is **TRUST! Can and should we as an educated community continue to trust such a person who is hypocritical in his writings in his own publication when he writes in this weeks Parsi Times that**

**"A TRUSTEE is a MERE CUSTODIAN of the property. A trustee is NOT THE OWNER."**

**when in fact he acts and behaves like the sole landlord of BPP properties. His hypocrisy can be gauged when on the one hand he prints a notice of dissent to the auctions of flats by BPP and on the other encourages his Parsi Times to accept paid advertisements for such auctions! "Paiso Boley Chey"!**

**Any and every person, including prospective candidates who ally or seek support of such a "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde personality" gets tainted and painted by the same brush!**

Phiroze Amroliwalla



## High Priests Upset after Parsi Times Misleads Readers

Dear Ervad Bhandara

I am deeply upset to find that the message that you ostensibly asked me to send to celebrate a Behram Ruz Jashan for members of the Zoroastrian Association of California on September 4, 2021, has appeared in an advertisement in Parsi Times (See Below) as a joint celebration connected with the 6-year celebration of the Worli crematorium.

This was not disclosed to me in your email and if this is not the true intent of your celebration or your email and if your jashan is separate and has nothing whatsoever to do with the Worli Crematorium then the Parsi community has been misinformed and misled by the advertisement appearing in Parsi Times of 28 August 2021, and you and the President of the Zoroastrian Association of California need to ask Parsi Times to forthwith retract my name and print this letter in their next issue.

I have never been a supporter of the crematorium and I categorically state that burning a Zoroastrian corpse is against the time-tested traditions and religious principles of our ancient faith. In Mumbai and in other places where we have a fully functional dokhmenishini system, those who as a matter of personal choice choose the crematorium route, are deen dushmans.

I want to forthwith state that I am not in support of the Crematorium in Worli and my name and photograph have been wrongly used in Parsi Times of 28 August 2021. I will not be speaking or giving a message for this enterprise. Please ensure that a retraction is given in the papers and to the public in this regard.

I reiterate categorically that as a High Priest I do not support any crematorium or the use of crematorium for Parsi Irani Zarthoshtis and this advertisement has wrongly used my photograph and name to mislead the community.

I attach below the misleading Advertisement appearing in Parsi Times today.

I withdraw in totality the message I have sent you for the Zoroastrian Association of

California and please inform the community that I am not in support of the crematorium that I will not be speaking and I will not be giving any message for the event as described in the advertisement.

2. It is a very unfortunate incident that has caused me immense pain at this time of my life.

Dastur (Dr.) Firoze. M. Kotwal  
High Priest H.B. Wadia Atash Bahram

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Dear Ervad Bhandara

I stand with Respected Dasturji Kotwal on this issue. I would like to categorically state that in no way do I support the Worli Crematorium or what it stands for.

I was approached by yourself to address the global community following a Jashan ceremony being held by the ZAC to wish peace, harmony and happiness to our community worldwide. I would have been very happy to do this. Unfortunately, in light of the above advertisement, I will withdraw my name from the list of speakers.

It is deeply distressing to wake up to scores of messages showing a picture of the High Priests above an advertisement supporting an Irreligious institution without their knowledge. It may be that you were completely unaware of this and it may be that this is a mistake. However, in light of what has happened, I cannot justify going ahead with my address following the jashan.

I would like to add here that I am deeply disappointed an error like this was made in the Parsi Times. It simply causes unnecessary controversy and disharmony at a time when we as a community need unity and peace.

Yours in His Service

Dastur Jamasp Dastur Kaikhusroo  
JamaspAsa

MBBS, MA, FRCS

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Dasturji Keki Ravji Meherjirana has also decided to not give any message or participate in the zoom meeting.

Respected Dasturji saheb Kotwal,

Thanks for clarifying immediately. It was a despicable attempt to wrongly portray the Vada Dasturjis as being supportive of the Worli Prayer Hall and by extension, cremation. We urge the other Dasturjis to also issue a similar condemnation asap so that the attempt to wrongly influence people fails and the perpetrators of this sin stand exposed before the community.

The ad which appeared in today's Parsi Times is also attached for the benefit of those who may not be aware of why you have written as you did.

Team TPV

**Jashan To Welcome Positivity At ZAC Atashkadeh**



**All Five Respected High Priests To Address the Global Parsi/Zarthosti Community**

On September 01, 2021, (Roj Sarosh, Mah Farvardin), the Prayer Hall at Worli will have completed six years of serving community members. To commemorate the occasion, Co-ordinator Er. Framroze Mirza will perform a Jashan ceremony at 11:00 am. All community members are invited to attend the same.

Since its inception, on September 01, 2015, over 593 funerals have been performed at the Worli Prayer House (upto July, 2021).

A Jashan will be performed on September 4th, 2021, (Behram Roj) at 7:30 PM (IST), at the ZAC (Zoroastrian Association of California) Atashkadeh to invoke and welcome 'Positivity and Good Times' for all. For the very first time ever, all five of our community's most revered High Priests (our Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor, Dasturji Kotwal, Dasturji Ravji, Dasturji JamaspAsa and Dasturji Cyrus) will address our global Parsi/Zarthosti community. The event will be streamed over Zoom for the benefit of our community members worldwide. After the Jashan, for the first time ever all of our 5 High Priests will address our worldwide Zarthosti community with a message of Health, Wellbeing, Peace, Prosperity, and Longevity.

Join on Zoom Platform: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7522040799>  
Meeting ID: 752 204 0799  
Passcode: Jashan#1



## Young and sprightly and nearly ninety, Our Khan estate senior citizen Mr. Rumi Vervatwala.



I would like to share with my readers the grit and determination of possibly our seniormost resident Mr. Rumi Vervatwala, who though nearing 90 years in age, recently underwent knee replacement surgery simultaneously on both his legs and has almost resumed his normal life within a short span of time. Thanks are also due to the efforts of his physio therapist and his caregiver who have helped him during his recovery.

Congratulations Rumi and best wishes from all of us at Khan Estate!

I also thank the readers of Parsi Junction for their calls, messages and encouraging comments on my report last week regarding the Security at Khan Estate and the excellent work done by the committee of Nirlon complex in Goregaon.

Regarding the Nirlon issue, though I did state that "This is as per the information received and we hope that it is substantially correct.", I do stand corrected and thank Nirlon Committee member Mr. Vistasp Contractor for drawing my attention to the **increased service charges which were collected for the extra CCTV cameras and NOT for the Nallah. My apologies!**

**Phiroze Amroliwalla**

### Opinions Vs Judgements

Never judge someone by the opinion of others! ( coolnsmart.com)

I recall the saying:  
"Birds of a feather  
Flock together"

Why?

People fear what will  
Society say if step they  
Out of line or  
If they speak out  
Or express their opinions.

To all the opinions  
I heard & have read before  
Most of them have traveled  
Through my revolving doors  
Haven't I heard all the criticism  
before?

People are always  
Are forever eager to  
Lend a ear or  
Willing to give their  
Two cents as though  
They are professionals  
Psychologist or for that  
Matter behavioral scientist

"Empty vessels make  
The most noise or  
Rolling stone gathers no moss"  
They think no end of themselves  
As though they are the boss

Who cares what the world thinks  
Either they are green with envy or  
don't

Want you to succeed  
I lead my life they way I want to  
Cause it's entirely upto me

Rumours are spread  
By haters  
Spread by fools  
Accepted by idiots

Live your life  
They want it  
Forget people say  
When the Great Call comes  
The  
Sunset gleams  
One can say:  
"I did it My Way!!!

**Choicest Happiness  
Farida**

### Friendship

Plz read slowly....\*It's a very Nice one...\*

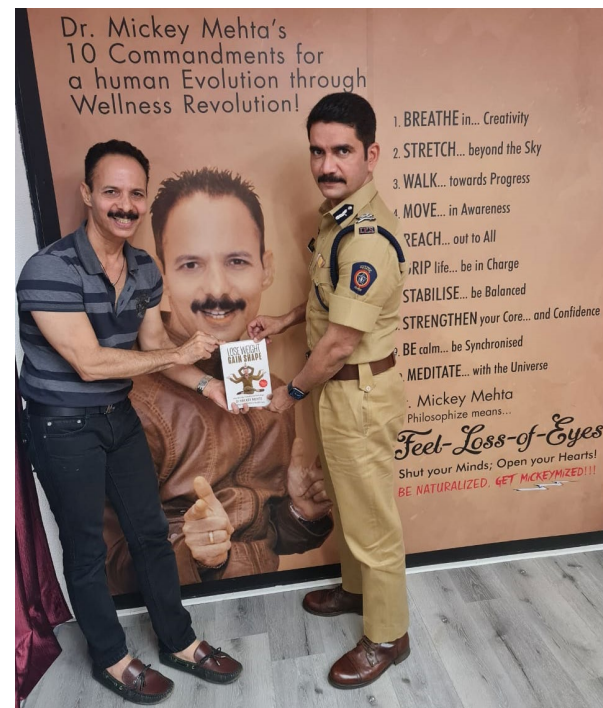
\*We make many friends,\*  
\*Some become Dearest,\*  
\*Some become Special,\*  
\*Some We Fall in Love with,\*  
\*Some go Abroad,\*  
\*Some change their cities,\*  
\*Some Leave us,\*  
\*We Leave some,\*  
\*Some are in contact,\*  
\*Some are not in contact,\*  
\*Some don't contact,\* \*because of their ego,\*  
\*We don't contact some, because of our ego,\*  
\*Wherever they are,\*  
\*However they are,\*  
\*We still remember,\*  
\*Love, Miss n Care\*  
\*because of the part they played in our life.\*

\*Send this to all your friends..\*  
\*No matter how often you talk or how close you are...\*  
\*Let old friends know you haven't forgotten them &\*  
\*Tell new friends you will never forget them\*

\*Cheers To\* \*Friendship ...



# Birthday campaign - Stepping into 60



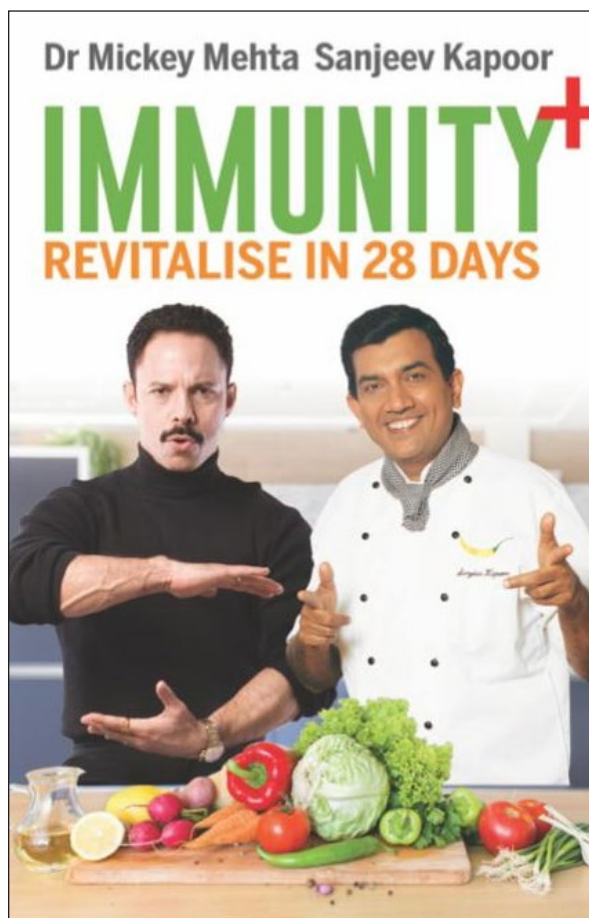
## On August 29 2021 – Dr. Mickey Mehta will be stepping into super sixties.

Four decades normally seem very long, but for Dr. Mickey Mehta it seems they flew pass like a breeze. Yes this year as he steps into 60th birthday, he also completes 40 years as the pioneer of wellness industry on many counts. The first holistic health columnist in India, first fitness TV radio presenter, first one to bring fitness to reality shows ( Indian idol junior, fame gurukool, nach baliye, channel V get gorgeous,channel V pop stars and many more ), first personal trainer of India, first one to promote equipment free training in India, first one to coach miss India / Mr. India / supermodels etc. He also has a world record in teaching swimming in 24 hours.

Incidentally he also completes 51 years of practicing yoga. Yet when we ask him are you a yogi? Pat comes the answer, “no am just an ordinary bhogi.”

He feels very fortunate as being appointed the FIT INDIA MOVEMENT champion and he also got the original Indian Olympics t-shirt to make videos for cheering the Indian Olympians.

Being a part of Indian merchant steering committee for holistic health there is lots India can expect post pandemic with his intended ventures HEALTHY INDIA WEALTHY INDIA.



As he steps into his 60th year, the Fit India movement turns three- . Is it a coincidence you ask? “And he says ... I am simply blessed! ....”

So what’s new we wonder? “Every moment, newness depends on your creativity driven by your own enthusiasm and getting inspired from within”. And he quickly opens up his cell phone with childlike enthusiasm,

shows me the cover of his new book with global super chef Sanjeev Kapoor and the book is called, “IMMUNITY PLUS” where Chef Sanjeev Kapoor has contributed with health food recipes. Immunity plus also has a 4 week program of workouts, breathing, meditation, mind science, affirmations and prayers. In his own words it is a fully loaded club sandwich of well-rounded IMMUNITY all the way.

And knowing our mighty Mickey we certainly knew that wasn’t it at all. He once again pulls out his research paper on IMMUNITY FOR HUMANITY ‘by UGC-UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION’ for which he was assisted by Dr. Havovi Rana under the guidance of Dr. Ali Irani-HOD PHYSIOTHERAPY NANAVATI HOSPITAL, DEAN NMIMS COLLEGE OF PHYSIOTHERAPY and his assistant Dr. Mansi Mehta. And yes this is Dr. Mickey, Mehta’s second medical research paper, the first being the monu- mental code - Vedic Wisdom, published in SCI VISION JOURNAL.

Wow now we have 2 global Parsees in the business of immunity from our community. One – Mr. Adar Poonawala and second – Dr. Mickey Mehta. He quickly remembered his first meeting with Adar Poonawala at the Serum institute of India 2020 march 17 just 5 days before the lockdown to be precise and he says the idea of work on immunity germinated there.



**Let's say GET IMMUNIZED...GET MICKEYMIZED!!!**

And in his own words he says, work and communicate, to the world and let maximum people get the benefit. So what's the noise we ask? And yes he says a campaign of wellness revolution for human evolution on radio one, fever and nasha parallely around STEPPING INTO SIXTY, and that's not it, hold on; a campaign on Tata sky by Dr. Mickey Mehta "freedom from fat" was launched on the Independence Day.

On his birthday itself 29th August, Tata sky will run a special tribute for the legendary global leading holistic health guru Dr. Mickey Mehta – SUPER FIT SIXTY...completing 40 years of professional journey.

Parsees are known for caring and sharing and Dr. Mickey Mehta has just launched a brand new 360 degree holistic health healing center at Bhulabhai Desai Road Mahalaxmi chambers south Mumbai.

And you ask him any community related

service, and he says "I serve the Maharashtra police, the BMC, the immigration, the customs, army, navy, air force time to time and have now started serving senior citizens from Zoroastrian community every Friday 6 pm at captain colony.

So does legendary mean THATS IT? And he says "I have just begun, I plan to live forever and contribute forever. I share my passion of social impact with my brother Jimmy Mistry and yes we both are driven by purpose."

Then comes the line from the wordsmith's mouth, "don't chase your dreams ...pursue your purpose and the universe will fulfil your dreams"

The project closest to his heart is DELPHIC GAMES of Greece it's like the Olympics of art and culture. This was launched at the governors house on Saturday the 21st of August by joint commissioner Gst Sahil Seth, Hema malini ji, veteran actor Paresh Rawal, music directors Salim Suleiman, choreographers Bosco - Ceasar, MD BMG Crescendo and above all the grandmaster

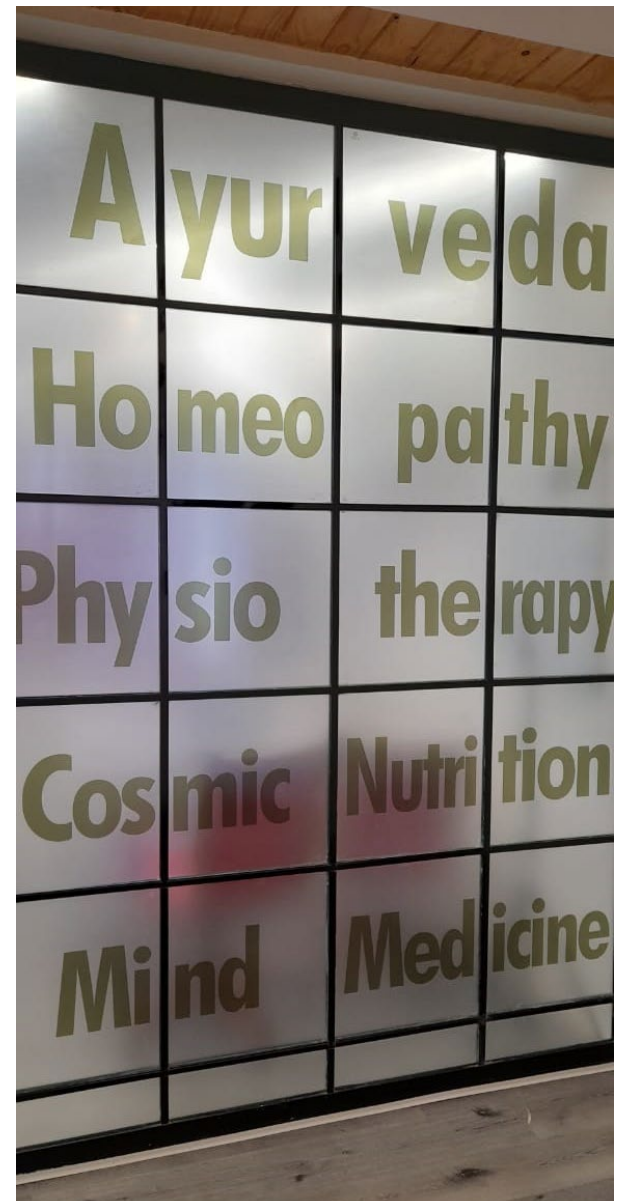
of physiotherapy Dr. Ali Irani, just to name a few. As a chair of holistic health for Delphic games, it seems he has the responsibility of starting a "SWAST BHARAT MAST BHARAT MOVEMENT"

It was time we had to close the interview and he appealed like a child that I have four more lines please and of course who could refuse that innocent face with a charming and a mesmerizing smile.

And then he says, "My vision is, LET WELLNESS BE THE RELIGION NUMBER ONE.

My mission is START A WELLNESS REVOLUTION FOR HUMAN EVOLUTION. My objective is LET'S HAVE A DISEASE FREE WORLD. And my motto is SLEEP EVERY NIGHT WITH A WISH TO HEAL YOURSELF .... AND WAKE UP EVERY MORNING WITH A PROMISE TO HEAL THE WORLD."

**Yes of course Mickey - we are mesmerized and are Mickeymized ....**





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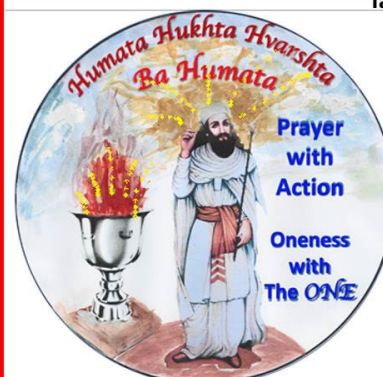
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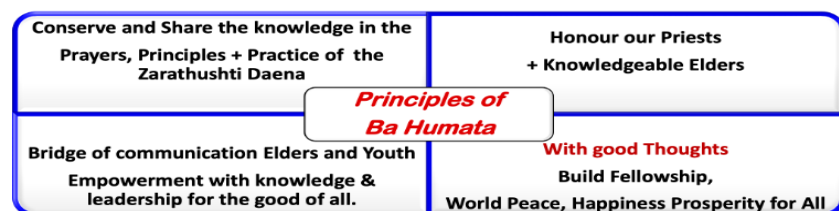
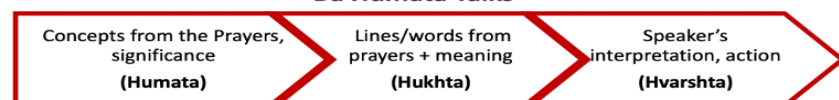


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## Naming of new airport at Navi Mumbai

Respected Trustees,

Attached herewith is a scanned copy of letter dated 12-08-2021 received from Mr. Valsa Nair Singh, Principal Secretary, Tourism Civil Aviation, State Excise, in respect of our request for naming of the new airport at Navi Mumbai in the name of Mr. J.R.D. Tata.

Thanks & Regards,

A. F. Sarkari  
CEO



TOURISM, GAD-CIVIL AVIATION  
& STATE EXCISE  
GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

VALSA NAIR SINGH, IAS  
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY

NO:PS/Civil Aviation/2021/07

Dt. 12.08.2021

To,

Shri. A.R. Tirandaz  
Chairperson  
Funds & Properties of the  
Parshi Panchayet Bomaby  
209, Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji Road,  
Fort Mumbai-400001.

Dear

*Mr. Tirandaz*

Sub : Naming of new airport at Navi Mumbai

The Department of Aviation is in receipt of your letter addressed to Hon. Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra. The contents of the letter has been noted and has been communicated to the concerned department (Urban Development Department -1 and CIDCO) for further necessary action.

Thanking you.

(Valsa Nair Singh)  
Principal Secretary, Tourism  
Civil Aviation, State Excise

C.C: to

1. Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department-1, Mantralaya, Mumbai-32
2. Managing Director, CIDCO, CIDCO Bhavan, Sion-Panvel Road, CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614

## Peace VS Violence

Peace can only be achieved  
When people come to  
Their senses that  
Violence achieved through  
Thoughts Words or Deeds  
Are going against the  
Very survival of a Humanity

What does one accomplish  
Through violence by  
Spreading hatred Discrimination  
Bigotry  
Which leads to wars murders  
Rape and bloodshed  
Haven't we learnt  
Regarding our fellow  
Zoroastrians being  
Cut down like flies  
When "Persia" got invaded  
Hasn't sunk in yet?

The drama is being  
Played out in Afghanistan  
Or for that matter  
All over the world.  
Don't some of you  
Feel remorse  
Unless one's  
Heart is made  
Of stone

Closing the blinds  
Shutting drapes  
Is not going  
Get one anywhere  
Cause very soon  
You'll discover  
The "fatwa" will be  
At one's front door

Lastly:

"For want of a nail  
The kingdom was lost"  
So because one's stupid  
Ego as well Pride  
Zoroastrianism will  
Be forever lost  
For that one should  
Be awarded  
A Nobel Prize.

Choicest Happiness  
Farida



## Photography

### Jakhau Wetlands



This is the Jakhau Wetlands in Kutch. The Ramsar Convention defines - "Wetlands are areas of marsh, fen, peat-land or water – natural or artificial, fresh, brackish." These are areas where water covers the soil or is present either at or near the surface of the soil thru the year or for varying periods of time during the year. These wetlands are home to many water animals and birds.



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.

#### WAR

Pictures streaming  
Out of Afghanistan is  
Gut wrenching  
Causing excruciating pain  
When Peace will  
Ever return again?

Believe me, we are not immune  
Never know when we will be  
Dealt a blow  
So before we are struck  
Give up your Pride  
As well ego  
And let the peaceful  
Waters flow

Zoroastrianism stands  
For Equality Univerality  
treating people with  
Dignity humility respect  
Understanding  
Learning from each other  
The difference  
As its stated:

"Happiness is to  
Those who seek  
Happiness for others"

How many of us viewing  
Cyrus Cylinder have followed  
Through what the Cylinder stated?

To most us it may be a cylinder  
But contains words of wisdom  
I will state it emphatically  
As none of has monopoly  
Over wisdom

To emulate as one being  
A follower of Zoroastrianism  
Follow it's three fold tenets  
In thoughts words & deeds  
And respect Humanity  
whether they be of any  
Colour Caste Religion  
Creed

**Choicest Happiness**  
**Farida**

#### MUTUAL RESPECT

Please an appeal, with all my  
heart, to you all I make

Let us love n respect each other,  
for Ahura's sake

In seconds few, if He wills, your  
ego-filled wings break

Come we empty and whilst  
going, nothing we take.

Remember let us, to humble  
n humane be; let's a new  
beginning make.

Armin Dutia Motashaw