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## EGO VS DEATH IN THE TIMES OF COVID TRUTH BEHIND WHY BPP ELECTIONS ARE POSTPONED

Yesterday's Parsi Times dated October 9 2021 had the heading 'Tarikh Pe Tarikh Pe Tarikh' on its very first page, followed up with an inaccurate and misleading history by its frustrated owner, Kersi Randeria. .

In the article, it is being made out that the BPP Trustees, consisting of Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerses Dastur are intentionally postponing elections. There are many reasons behind this situation however, the truth of the matter is the BPP at present, under the prevalent State issued SOPs cannot hold full elections. This is a fact known to Kersi Randeria however he has intentionally lied to the community on the same.

Not many are aware that when Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala recently moved the Division Bench of the Bombay High Court seeking a fresh date of elections, they were not entertained and were advised to go before the single Judge who would have jurisdiction to hear the matter. They have refused to approach the Single Judge but instead have now devised a strategy of trying to pressurize the Trustees by taking along a group of friends some of whom are employees of Kersi Randeria and others who are indebted to him either financially or whose misdeeds with the BPP he is trying to desperately protect.

There are four criminal complaints against Kersi Randeria including outraging the modesty of a woman, assault, cheating, fraud and forgery. Kersi Randeria is trying desperately to take the attention away from all the scams he is embroiled in including the recently discovered scam

of Rs. 35 Crores filed against him by one Heritage Construction Company. He is even putting immense political pressure on Vikram Jagdale, who is one amongst many that Kersi Randeria has cheated in a slum rehabilitation project. But fortunately these poor slum dwellers have refused to heed to Kersi Randeria's pressure tactics and are fighting back.

### FACT:

**The Community needs to know that except for a few months in 2018-19, this Board has NEVER functioned with its full strength of 7.**

- From 2015-2018 Kersi Randeria along with Yazdi Desai, Noshir Dadrawala and Zarir Bhatena kept Late Munchi Cama out of the BPP and did not let him attend any meetings.

- In 2017 Zarir Bhatena fell ill and the Board functioned with just five Trustees. Mid 2018 Xerses Dastur was elected and the Board was back to a strength of six. For a brief bit, Zarir Bhatena's health improved and he came back to attend the BPP meetings but had to leave each meeting by 8pm due to health reasons, while the rest of the Board sat till 11pm or many time post midnight too.

- And from April 2020, ex-Chairman Yazdi Desai fell ill and subsequently resigned in Dec 2020.

Shockingly from Oct 2015 to Dec 2020 neither did Kersi Randeria or Noshir Dadrawala ever make a sound

in regards to having a Board strength of seven. The reason being they were in the majority so it suited them. The moment Mrs. Tirandaz became Chairman and changed the face of the BPP for the better, they changed their tune and now suddenly, after five and a half years, they realized the Board should have seven Trustees.

Let us now come to the manipulated and false reporting in the Tarikh pe Tarikh article. On the demise of Zarir Bhatena in June 2020 and the resignation of Yazdi Desai due to ill health in December 2020, the BPP announced in January 2021 that elections for two seats would be held on 14th March 2021.

Unfortunately, the second wave of Covid 19 started to pick up in February 2021 and by the beginning of March started to get rampant. On the March 9, 2021 the BPP Board, by majority, passed a



Kersi Randeria



resolution to postpone the elections and move the Chamber Judge, after giving the prerequisite notice to the Charity commissioner, to set a new date for the elections.

Instead of all Trustees unanimously moving the postponement in the interest of the safety of the community, Kersi Randeria along with Noshir Dadrawala moved the High Court on March 10 opposing the Board's decision. Anahita Desai, supported by Kersi Randeria, opposed this decision in Court as well and at that time too insisted the BPP hold elections putting the entire community at risk. Had the elections gone ahead, one cannot fathom the catastrophic results it would have had with COVID at its very peak. Thankfully, Hon'ble Justice Menon denied both applications and in view of the SOPs imposed by BMC and the State Govt given the rise in covid cases held in favour of the decision of the majority Trustees to postpone the elections. Shockingly and desperately wanting his candidate to come in, Kersi Randeria along with Noshir Dadrawala filed an appeal on March 12 before the Division Bench of the High Court to allow elections on 14th March 2021. All the Trustees decided that in view of the COVID situation it would be advisable to postpone the elections and hold them instead at a later date of May 2021.

The election schedule requires for two months' notice from the election date. Since the covid situation worsened in April 2021 it would not only have been possible to give the required two months' notice but also would have risked the health and lives of most of our Senior citizens. Hence on 7th April 2021 the Trustees, UNANIMOUSLY, decided to move the High Court to postpone the May 2021 elections and agreed to come back with a fresh Schedule of Elections once the SOPs of BMC and State Govt. allows them to hold elections.

**In July 2021, the Board had decided to look to hold elections in October 2021. However, the fresh SOPs of 6th August 2021 of BMC as well as State Govt. imposed restrictions on holding elections, election rallies and meetings to canvass the voters. Hence the Board decided to move the elections to the end of November.**

**The Community needs to know that till date the said SOPs have not been relaxed nor modified and the date of the election would have to be pushed further. Hence there is no question any contempt of Court. The Board can approach the Hon'ble High Court with a confirmed schedule of elections only once all the restrictions are lifted.**

In the meantime in August 2021, Ms. Zulieka Homavazir sent a Notice to the Trustees to consider amending the Scheme with to reduce the term to 5 years from the present 7 years. This was an electoral promise given by all the Trustees during campaigning for the October 2015 elections.

Considering the stay on holding elections, Mrs. Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerses Dastur felt it would be advisable to move this item before the Chamber Judge so that it could be implemented in the next election.

From 2015 to 2020, Yazdi Desai, Kersi Randeria, Zarir Bhatena and Noshir Dadrawala comprised of a majority on the Board. Besides lip-service, they made NO concrete efforts to amend the scheme of election. With the general elections due in 11 months, this Board has not fulfilled yet another promise to the electorate.

**Now that the Board wants to finally make good on its word, objections are being raised with Kersi Randeria telling people that it would be unfair to Anahit Desai and Hoshi Jal that they get only a five year term but should get seven years. But he is more than happy for the Trustees coming in 11 months, i.e. October 2022 to get a five year term.**

Noshir Dadrawala has confessed to the community that he will not stand for elections again so the above proposal would not have affected him, yet, he seemed to agree with Kersi Randeria as he always does. .

On Tuesday Oct 5, 2021, a group of so-called concerned beneficiaries (consisting of those on the payroll of Kersi Randeria) visited the BPP Board to

pressurize the Trustees to hold elections stating 'their rights were being violated'. Let us not forget that it was the same people who were instrumental in the increase of service charges by Rs. 750 which the community was burdened with. At the meeting it became apparent that these people had just come to the BPP at the behest of Kersi Randeria, Hoshi Jal and Anahita Desai.

**Trustees are meant to think about the interest of the Trust and its beneficiaries. The BPP currently has over Rs.10cr in outstanding dues with no immediate action plan. A prudent Trustee would take cognizance of the financial mess the BPP is in and would suggest holding the elections of these two seats along with the October 2022 elections together and save the BPP forty lakh rupees at a time when elections are not permitted. Not come with gang of yes men and on one hand claim to be concerned for the Trust and on the other hand squander off funds that can be saved and used for the objects of the Trust rather than fuel their political ambitions.**

The community is aware that COVID is still prevalent in every colony of the BPP. Our Community consists of aged most of whom are senior citizens over the age of 75 years. As a prudent community member would you send your aged parent out to stand in line to vote at the elections knowing full well that social distancing and wearing of masks is not followed in most places. The aged of our community have the same right to exercise their right to vote as any other person. Today this right is being snatched away by the likes of Hoshi Jal and Anahita Desai who want elections to go on knowing the aged will not attend such an election. In our view, the majority Trustees are correct in postponing elections. Once the SOPs permit holding of elections the BPP can then consider the situation and consider holding elections however, now is not that time.

Holding elections now at the risk of others may benefit the selfish. Our community is wise and appreciates the good work the current majority Trustees are undertaking and they are in no rush to hold elections to sooth the egos of a few.



## PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA ON TARIKH PE TARIKH ARTICLE OF PARSI TIMES

Dear Sir,

The above is the front-page headline of this week's Randeria owned Parsi Times!

The answer lies at the doorstep of Randeria who for five years so to say 'ruled the roost' with a brute Majority and was busy doling out favors to his cronies, in the bargain brushing aside all norms and laid down practices.

He rode roughshod even with his own panel members on many an occasion; the glaring example being the increase in service charges when Noshir and late Zarir Bhathena attempted and failed to reason with him!

The SOLE reason why Randeria wants an election for two seats is so that he with his control over the Parsi media can attempt to regain control over the BPP board; so what if it costs 40 or 50 lakhs of precious community funds! As they say in Gujarati: "Kaun na baap ni Diwali"?

Apart from this wastage of community funds, if the election for two seats is held now, then Randeria's hopes of getting his sponsored candidates elected may be realized, because of a likely lower turnout, as most community members, especially seniors, are wary of stepping out because of the pandemic. This low turnout will likely favor him to mobilize his crowd who he has favored. Again, due to a second election for the remaining five trustees, being only a few months away, voters and volunteers will all face 'election fatigue' which too, will suit Randeria for the same reason and he hopes that will help him get re-elected.

**Randeria fears that he will lose very badly if elections for 5 seats are held simultaneously and is scared stiff of that!**

**Where was Randeria's concern when Armaity and Viraf were in a minority and not only were their "vital and balancing inputs, opinions and recommendations" brushed aside but they were even denied access to files and minutes of board meetings that they were entitled to?**

**Randeria, instead of propagating your personal views for your personal gain, have the guts and courage to throw open your Parsi Times and allow a free debate and then you will know the true picture of what the community wants.**

**Randeria, you have demonstrated that you can't face discussions or debates as**

**has been witnessed by the community. In your entire 5 years of majority, you have NOT ONCE had an Anjuman meeting, though you and your panel had promised one every year.**

**Also reducing the term of office of Trustees from 7 to 5 years, transparency, accountability, and openness were your election promises too. Randeria you have miserably failed on all fronts; so forget about holding elections by wasting community funds only to suit yourself!**

If you are now in a minority it is you and you alone who is to blame. It is your dominance over your colleagues and BPP employees with your "my way or the highway" attitude which led to excessive stress and strain on well-meaning fellow trustees, examples being the late Zarir Bhathena and the failing health of Yazdi Desai who had proposed action against you under Sec. 41 D or a Contempt of Court and, who ultimately resigned under your manipulating and scheming brain with the idea to get his wife Anahita elected so that she could toe your line.

Even your fan, friend, and community activist Piroja Jokhi in her letter which appeared in the PT of September 4, 2021, says "The pandemic is not going to end soon." and this columnist agrees, but with a caveat: The virus which led to the Pandemic is nearing control thanks to the vaccines developed with worldwide joint efforts. But I ask the lady Piroja and others how do we remove the virus which stealthily and schemingly crept into the BPP board with false assurances and promises of introducing electoral reforms including reducing the term of Trustees to five years, and drafting an enforceable code of conduct for candidates before the next elections, and so to say 'ruled the roost' for the first five years with little or no care for the then minority who had to seek intervention at their own cost from the High Court to assert their rights?

**Will the present minority of 'one' answer? I say 'one' as even today Mr. Dadrawala stands his ground on some matters. Let the present minority of Randeria do likewise if they feel they have been wronged! Is it what is expected from our candidates who made tall promises earlier?**

**I reliably understand that this minority had moved the division bench of the High Court but were admonished by the**

**Justices to move the appropriate Judge in chambers for further direction. What happened to that Mr. Randeria?**

**Developed cold feet?**

Mrs. Jokhi further wrote: "In 2008, we voted, for the first time – it was time for rejoicing, but there was no planning. Since then, elections are still conducted without a proper 'Code of Conduct', as it suits the candidates who cannot be disqualified for corrupt practices or penalized for breach of rules. If we want to have free and fair elections, a 'Code of Conduct' MUST BE drafted and legalized before the next election and implemented during the elections.

**"In addition, the voters register needs to be updated. To keep the trustees vigilant and focused, the duration of their term be shortened, to about 4-5 years.** The security deposit of a mere Rs, 5000/- encourages manipulators to exploit the system and the elections, by introducing fake candidates to stand for election so as to divide the votes and diminish the chances of other candidates. The deposit should be increased to Rs. 50,000/- with a provision that the deposit would be forfeited if the candidate fails to get a certain percentage of the total votes.

**"We expect not only austerity in spending but accountability and transparency from the trustees. They are expected to keep their annual accounts, reports, budget, etc. open to public scrutiny. We urgently need to bring the above reforms.**

"The trustees should diligently manage the trust and the properties – and not advocate the cause of outsiders at the cost of our community's welfare."

Randeria, at this late hour if you have any care and respect for your community and the voters, make a sincere attempt to right the wrongs done by you and fulfill all your promises to the community before calling for elections.

**Phiroze Amroliwalla**





## INTRODUCING THE 'PAID COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS'

Last Tuesday the BPP Board had dedicated the entire evening to meet of beneficiaries and hear their requests and concerns. Prior appointments were given in order to control the crowd. Unfortunately with complete disregard to the Board's decision and to the people who had come earlier and waiting outside, Kersi Randeria brought 13 of his friends in to enter the Board room out of turn and without a prior appoint. The result was that the Trustees had to sit till 1AM for the meeting that started at 430PM.

Hats off to Chairman Armaity Tirandaz who drove herself home after the meeting. One would have expected Kersi Randeria to have some respect and not allow our Chairman to have to sit beyond midnight but as we have all seen, his disrespectful behavior towards women is profound.

The thirteen alleged Community Activists also handed over their letter dated 4th October 2021 which is printed on page 2 of yesterday's Parsi Times. Community activists are those who work in the interest of the community and upliftment of its members. But in this case Kersi Randeria has handpicked quite the opposite. Most of them are either on his payroll or indebted to him for protecting their misdeeds. Let us give you a brief of a few of these aides of Kersi Randeria

1) Arzan Ghadijally – Resident of Godrej Baug. He is a member of a sub committee of the Godrej Baug Residents Welfare Association. Allegations have been made against him for indulging in tax evasion and financial impropriety. Its been over three years and Mr. Ghadijally has still not been able to prove his

case. But Kersi Randeria will always defend him and use him as Arzan has very vocally turned against Dinshaw Mehta and his family. It has now come to light that Arzan is on the payroll of Kersi Randeria (of course Arzan will shamelessly deny it).

2) Shahrukh Billimoria—Another resident of Godrej Baug and a committee member of the Godrej Baug Welfare Association. He has constructed an illegal balcony in his house and has blatantly told the Trustees he will not remove it despite several notices being sent. He has falsely added his name to his aunt's tenancy and now claiming rights in two flats.

3) Karyesh Patel—is a paid employee of Anahita and Yazdi Desai. He is also indebted to Kersi Randeria who came to Court and fought for his case. Kersi Randeria convinced the majority Trustees to allot Karyesh a large flat in Dadar Parsi Colony even though he has the possession of his father's flat in Godrej Baug worth over Rs. 1 crore which has been kept locked and vacant for years on end. Karyesh's brother is married to an American citizen and lives in the US. Karyesh is also still in possession of a flat in Bhabha Sanatorium which was supposed to have been surrendered to the BPP when he was allotted a flat in DPC. With the blessings of Kersi Randeria he is able to hold on to three flats.

4) Kaikhushru Irani— lied to the BPP Board of Trustees that he was going to be homeless as he had lost the case with Petit Trust but in reality he had actually won. He was able to get away with this with the help and support of Kersi

Randeria who convinced the Board to allot a large flat, out of turn, to Mr. Irani and his non-parsi wife. Kersi Randeria promised the Board he would reimburse the Rs. 40 lakhs which the BPP paid the outgoing tenant to get control of this flat but three years later and the BPP has not seen a single rupee in this regard. At present Mr. Irani is not only in possession of the NC Baug flat in Palmlands but also a second charity flat in the Petit Trust blocks in Balam Street.

5) Mehernosh Fitter—his list of misdeeds are synonymous in the Dadar Parsi Colony. One just has to go to Dadar Parsi Colony and say his name and you will be shocked. Senior citizens beware.

6) Rukhshana Delkah—who was undeserving of the allotted a flat in Nowroz Baug but since Yazdi Desai and Kersi Randeria were able to use their majority to pass this, as favor to them she came to Magistrate Court with several others and filed a bogus molestation case against Dinshaw Mehta in gratitude for the flat.

7) Meher Panthaki—is a Co-Trustee of Wapiz along with Anahita. She came to support her Managing Trustee.

8) Shahrukh Randelia – was caught standing in the corner of the Board room slyly taking a video of the proceedings. He is a known acquaintance of Kersi Randeria.

As you can see, those who attended have vested interest and many are either indebted or are being protected from legal action by the BPP by Kersi Randeria.

# DOCTOR IN KHAREGHAT COLONY

In the last Parsi Junction issue of 3rd Oct 2021, we had informed the community of the Trustees under the Chairmanship of Armaity Tirandaz agreeing to give the large two Room Bungli behind Bldg Nos 10 and 11 to set up a Doctor's clinic for the residents of Khareghat Colony and surrounding areas.

The residents will recall that a few years back there was a resident Doctor in Khareghat Colony, Dr. Tehmul Karanjia who was allotted a 2 Room flat (partly shared) in Bldg No. 11. After his demise, the said flat was surrendered to the Trustees who in turn allotted the same to a deserving applicant for residence and since then for the last few years there has been no Doctor in the Colony.

**Kudos to Cyrus Dastoor, President of Khareghat Colony Youth Association Trust Funds, to have revived the need for a resident Doctor and with his persistent follow up, the Chairman was kind enough to give the unused Bungli which required repairs but for which the BPP has no funds due to the bankruptcy being faced by BPP.**

Coming back to the need of a Doctor in Khareghat Colony, last weeks Parsi Junction had called upon community members to be magnanimous in their donations for the noble cause to set up a Doctor's clinic in Khareghat Colony, and lo and behold we are informed that **Mrs. Maharukh Noble, SOCIAL ACTIVIST, is sponsoring the full expenses of repairs and renovation of the 2 Rooms structure offered by the Chairman to KCYA provided it bears the full cost of repairs which is expected to be not less than Rs. 10 lakhs.**

However Mrs. Noble has proposed funding the repairs provided the Clinic when it becomes operational will be known as "**Dr. Nellie R. Noble Medical Centre**". This request of Mrs. Noble was conveyed to the Trustees by Cyrus Dastoor who have accepted this naming of the Clinic in memory of late Dr. Nellie Noble, ex-Trustee of BPP in the 1980s, and given permission to Cyrus Dastoor to start the repairs and renovation of the dilapidated structure.

**Whilst the immediate need of repairs cost is being funded by Mrs. Maharukh Noble, more funds will still be required and we call upon our Parsi Donors to be magnanimous with their donation as the President of KCYA in CO-ORDINATION with Mrs. Maharukh Noble has other more innovative plans for this clinic once set up.**

As a starter Cyrus Dastoor is planning to give free treatment to Senior Citizens above the age of 70 years as also to practicing Mobeds as well as Behdin Pasbans for which funds will be required to pay the doctor as well as for FREE medicine.



Cyrus Dastoor



Maharukh Noble

Since the Clinic is not going to be used for more than two hours in the morning and two hours in the evening, Cyrus Dastoor is in co-ordination with Mrs. Maharukh Noble planning to start a **PHYSIOTHERAPY CENTRE** in the Clinic which is the need of the hour especially for the Senior Citizens of our community. With Mrs. Maharukh Noble at the helm of the Clinic together with Cyrus Dastoor will be doing yeoman service not just to the residents of Khareghat Colony but also to Parsis in the surrounding areas.

**Well done Armaity Tirandaz, this is one more feather in your cap. Please continue to do your work silently and without publicity unlike others for the greater good of our Parsi community!**

## Judiciary

Dead is our conscience and almost blind too; as the emblem of Justice is

Justice true there is hardly; it has pathetically, sadly, almost ceased  
Now three "M"s rule it; muscle power, ministers n money to palms grease

An honest man, a poor victim, from our jails, or judiciary claws hardly gets released.

What expect can one from people with a conscience dead, crumpled n creased?

Lawyers, false witnesses create and train, then their fees ten folds increase

An honest victim wrongly caught , with frustration n fight can to death freeze.

Ahura, Your justice so impeccable is, than why do innocent humans suffer like this?

Armin Dutia Motashaw



## COMMODORE MEDIOMA BHADHA DONATES SAREE WOVEN OUT OF THREAD SPUN BY MAHATMA GANDHI TO ALPAIWALA MUSEUM

We are pleased to inform the community that Commodore Medioma Bhadha, resident of Godrej Baug, on behalf of the Bhadha family, has donated a Khaddar Saree gifted to his Mother Maneckbai Siavaxa Bhadha by Mahatma Gandhi on her wedding.

This was in recognition of her participation with her then husband to be, Siavaxa Bhadha in the historic Dandi Salt March in 1930, and their subsequent incarceration by the British Government.

This is an awe inspiring, historic, gift which will enhance greatly the F D. Alpaiwalla Collection and add historic value to the museum collection.

We are indeed proud that the Bhadha family has chosen to single out the F.D.

Alpaiwalla Museum as a recipient for this treasured gift.

**This Khaddar Saree, woven out of the thread spun by Mahatma Gandhi, was presented to their Mother, Maneckbai Siavaxa Bhadha, by the Mahatma as a wedding gift with a lot of love & affection.**

**This was in recognition of her participation, along with Siavaxa, her husband-to-be, in the historic Dandi Salt March in 1930 and their subsequent incarceration in jail along with him, by the British.**

**Presented to the Alpaiwalla Museum by the Bhadha Family of Belgaum.**



Commodore Medioma Bhadha flanked by Mrs. Firoza Punthakey Mistree (L) and Mrs. Pheroza J. Godrej (R)

### Our Air India

A beautiful, wealthy, sleek, famous and most precious lady, kidnapped was

Sadly, her importance, her popularity, her profitability was the cause.

On this occasion, her father, her creator, mentor, absolutely shocked and shattered was

So were all his colleagues, his employees; they all had a deep grouse;

But today very pleased must be our revered JRD; and so also, his pretty spouse

Thank you respected Ratan, you our joy, expectations, verve n enthusiasm did arouse

Happy are we all that the kidnapped beauty is now safe n in the hands of a great person where she belonged.

To see this happy, satisfying, exuberating day I dreamt and had earnestly longed;

May my Air India always prosper, may she again be at the very top ; for that's where she always belonged.

HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS RATAN. WE LOVE YOU n ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

Armin Dutia Motashaw



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**Bungalow:** 3000 square feet

**Price:** Will be discussed on contact

**Contact:** 9930256111

Inspection on Dusshera (15/10/2021)

# DONATION OF C.T. SCAN MACHINE TO PARSI GENERAL HOSPITAL

Recently rumors have been circulating on WhatsApp that from October or November, parsi general hospital is starting MRI AND C T SCAN . Machines have already come and Technicians are ready. Oxygen plant has also started now and the Hospital won't have to borrow oxygen from outside.

On making inquiries we learn that the Hospital has received a Donation of RS. 3 Crores from Bucky Bhesania being the Executors and Trustees of the Estate of Col. P.M.R. Bharoacha Trust. From the said Donation, the hospital is planning to buy only a C T SCAN MACHINE and set it up for use at the earliest. The MRI MACHINE costs in the region of Rs. 15 crores.

It is hoped that the C T SCAN machine is so set up that even non-Parsis will get access to it and use it. With the dwindling Parsi population it will be uneconomical to reserve it only for use by Parsis and to maximize its use it is hoped that community activists will not challenge its use by outsiders. Time alone will show how pragmatic the Hospital Managing Committee is so as to maximize its use.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

THIS IS TO INFORM ALL THAT THE LANDLINE NOS. OF ALBLESS BAUG ARE NOT FUNCTIONING. THE NEW PHONE NUMBER OF ALBLESS BAUG IS 9833972136 WHICH PLEASE NOTE.

### Puppets On A String

We are worse than puppets on a string, at least feelings they have not  
Thank God, in emotional turbulences or sentiments they are caught not.  
We puppets, dance to Your tunes O Lord, our wishes to You, matter not  
Impossible it is for us to fulfill our dreams; unless You wish, we dare not!  
Decide You, our birth, death, illnesses, marriage, love, kids, success, what not!  
In fact, even the reason for our birth, of its very purpose, we are aware not  
Ask You I, answer me please; why are You so secretive, this mystery I know not  
To surrender unto You, from childhood we are taught, then why these desires; I know not.  
The individual purpose of our birth, of these puppets, understand we will not.  
Sadly, millions of puppets, continuously dancing on Your string, stop will not.  
Armin Dutia Motashaw

### A Global Village

Humanity is like  
A global village  
Where humanity resides  
No matter what  
Colour caste or creed  
Including rich poor  
Beggars or thieves  
Including  
Difference of opinions  
As well Ideologies  
Along with the flora  
Fauna side by side  
Life was very simple  
Once upon a time  
Folks would work together  
Helping one another  
In time of need  
They did not distinguish  
Between colour caste  
Religion or creed  
Over the years  
Technology has  
Made great strides  
News messages etc  
So has war violence  
Hatred racism  
Bigotry as well  
Discrimination is  
On the Rise!!!!  
Why can't we co-exist  
Side by side?  
Learning from each other  
The differences whether it  
Be it Traditions language culture  
Including cuisine  
Ultimately we will  
Cause the Creator  
Does not own a  
Sorting machine  
Sorting souls  
According colour caste  
Religion or creed  
But according to the  
Type one lead on Earth  
Choicest Happiness  
Farida



Ladies & Gentlemen,

It will be appreciated if the following information is published prominently in the forthcoming issues of your esteemed publication by way of a report from Trustees & Team WZO Trusts.

Warm regards,  
Dinshaw K. Tamboly.

## WZO TRUSTS

### Update on support to Zoroastrians affected by Covid Pandemic

Though sporadic cases of Zoroastrians affected by Covid continue, the second wave (April 2021 onwards) has subsided to an extent. However, the trail of misery caused in its wake continues unabated, with community members from different walks of life suffering for various reasons, health as well as financially related.

Since the beginning of the Pandemic in March 2020, WZO Trusts have been raising funds from donors, big & small, from all over the world and have been actively involved in alleviating the suffering of community members to the extent possible.

The WZO Trusts, in keeping with their policy of being transparent and accountable in all community welfare projects undertaken from funds raised are pleased to share details of the assistance provided to Zoroastrians affected by the second wave of the Pandemic.

PRODUCT	NOS. OF BENEFICIARIES	AMOUNT
MOBEDS: (Loss of income due to closure of Places of worship)	121	30,25,000
SELF EMPLOYED: (Loss of income)	74	15,80,000
SALARIED INDIVIDUALS: (Received reduced salaries or no salaries)	259	49,77,000
OTHERS: (Misc. reasons – Education / Relief from Poverty)	37	7,30,000
FARMERS: (Loss of agriculture, dairy, poultry and allied incomes)	29	4,25,000
MEDICAL (Hospitalisation & treatment on account of Covid)	107	84,21,916
FOOD GRAINS Distributed	650	21,91,150
<b>Total Beneficiaries</b>	<b>1277</b>	<b>2,13,50,066</b>

Our welfare initiatives towards alleviating the suffering of Zoroastrians affected by the Pandemic will continue over the next few months, which will be in addition to our regular welfare activities.

As a matter of interest, it will be pertinent to mention that during the first wave of the pandemic (March 2020 to March 2021) the WZO Trusts had raised and disbursed to affected Zoroastrians, aid to the extent of Rs.2,90,16,137.

WZO Trusts are extremely grateful to donors, big and small, from all over the world, well-wishers, our resource persons at various locations in India and our Administration Team who have ceaseless been involved in this humanitarian exercise.

Trustees & Team WZO Trusts.



**Dinshaw K. Tamboly;**  
**Chairman.**

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## OBITUARY

The erstwhile Principal of Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Fort Boys' High School, Mrs Silloo K Irani is no more. She breathed her last today morning of 9th October 2021 at a grand age of 85 years.



She served the Institution with love, care, affection and dedication for almost 15 years as a Principal. She insisted upon high standards of education, discipline and punctuality. She was always impeccably dressed in elegant saris. Under her authoritative and commanding looks, dwelt a soft, tender and kind person who wanted to give every child a stepping-stone to a better and fruitful life. She will be missed a lot but will be fondly remembered by all those who came in contact with her. All of us bow in gratitude. Rest in eternal peace, Mrs Silloo Irani!!!

## Beehive

We all know that  
A beehive is where  
The bees co-exist  
Who work in  
Unison to produce  
Honey as well pollinates  
Other plants so humanity  
Does not go hungry  
Essential for humanity

Humanity is too  
Like a beehive  
Where we co-exist  
But instead of  
Benefitting society  
With our thoughts  
Words deeds  
All we do is spread  
Misinformation as  
Well stoke the fires of  
Racism Discrimination  
Exclusion and Bigotry

Do not say  
It's not true  
Cause this negativity  
Is running rampant in  
Our very own  
Zoroastrian community  
All we think of is  
"Eat Drink and Be Merry"

If we work together  
We can close the gap  
But apparently not  
Cause each one  
Wants to feel  
Superior in

Thought word  
As well as deeds  
Over the other  
Nobody is inferior  
Or superior but  
Equal on the same "playing field"

Being deaf as well  
Blind is not  
Benefiting humankind  
So forget superiority  
Ego Pride hypocrisy  
If we want  
Zoroastrianism to survive

Does anyone realize  
Nobody can live forever?  
Cause He is will be waiting  
At the receiving end  
Since he is omnipotent  
Omnipresent, omniscient  
He doesn't forget  
The type of life one led.  
It's our poor ole soul  
Who will be at the  
Receiving end

Lastly  
I do not mean  
"NitPick"  
But the attitudes  
of some of our  
Zoroastrians really  
Makes me sick  
Choicest Happiness  
Farida

## Judgements vs Opinions

"The ability to speak several  
Language is an asset  
But the ability to keep one's  
Mouth shut in any language  
Is Priceless!!!

If one has nothing to say  
Do not say anything at all  
Nobody is interested  
In other people's opinions  
As well judgements

I for one don't care  
For other people's  
Opinions or judgements  
Cause I am responsible  
For my own life  
Mine alone!!!

It's said:  
"Hear no evil  
See no evil  
Speak no evil"

Does it ring a bell?

We should be able  
To Lead our lives  
The way see we fit  
Without opinion  
Or judgements  
Toting like a  
Pack sack  
Behind our backs

Why should we care?  
What people do or say  
Cause they will  
Do it anyway  
My advice is  
Be deaf and blind  
To the judgement  
As well opinions  
Of humankind

If all the planners  
Architect builders

Of ancient civilizations  
Lent their ears  
And listened to  
All the stupid judgements  
Including various shades  
Of opinions  
We wouldn't be  
Learning about these  
Magnificent ancient Civilizations  
Which we visit today

No wonders tabloids are  
Selling like hot cakes  
As people are more  
Interested in what  
Goes in other  
People's lives & bedrooms  
Than their own

Why don't we take  
A good look  
At ourselves  
Figuring out  
The faults  
As well weaknesses  
We own  
Before judging others  
And giving 2 cents opinions

Society is not flawless  
Like a Carrara marble  
Along gossip as well hypocrisy  
Totally inefficient and flawed

Because of lies, gossip  
People's lives have been destroyed  
Through no fault of the their own  
So please mind one's own  
business  
Before one's life goes up in  
smoke!!!

Lastly I would like to add:  
"As you sow , so you reap"  
Choicest Happiness  
Farida

## ERRATA

IN THE PARSI JUNCTION ISSUE NO.101 OF 3RD OCTOBER 2021, WE HAD PUBLISHED ON PAGE 13 AN ARTICLE TITLED 'A PARSI ODYSSEY'. AT ITEM 32 OF THE SAID ARTICLE, IT WAS STATED THAT "THE FIRST INDIAN TO BE MADE A BARONET WAS SIR DINSHAW PETIT. THE TITLE WAS CONFERRED ON HIM BY QUEEN VICTORIA IN 1890".

HOWEVER MR. MARZBAN GIARA, PARSI HISTORIAN PAR EXCELLENCE, HAS POINTED OUT BY HIS MAIL OF 6TH OCT 2021 THAT "THE FIRST PARSI BARONET WAS NOT

SIR DINSHAW PETIT BUT SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHOY".

HENCE THE CORRECTION.



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