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BPP ELECTIONS IN MARCH 2022 Will It Be Under The New Scheme?



BBP Trustee Viraf D. Mehta

On Wednesday, October 20, all 5 trustees signed consent terms (attached on page 3) as well as an undertaking to produce the same in Court. When I signed these documents I repeatedly told Noshir Dadrawala that I was doing so under duress and the only reason

I was signing was to get him to eat and drop the farce of a fast he was on. He was blackmailing us because he was unhappy being in a minority and only out of concern for his health, Mrs. Tirandaz, Xerxes and I were willing to sign too. In fact Adv Berjis Desai repeated the same to Noshir that all this was being done only to get him to eat and nothing else. It was a new low for the BPP and unfortunately we had to bow down to Noshir's blackmail just to preserve his health.

It is important to note that in September 2021 Kersi and Noshir were advised that if they were so confident that the Court would permit elections, to move a petition calling for early elections before a Single Judge. However, after realizing that elections were NOT PERMITTED UNDER THE PREVALENT SOPs, they realized moving the High Court would cause them further embarrassment and hence, they chose to go on a hunger strike and blackmail us into holding elections.

One has to realize that Noshir and Kersi wanted to hold elections now for only 2 seats under the old

scheme costing the BPP Rs. 40 lakhs, even if it meant spending another Rs. 40 lakhs in ten months on another election. But even if they wanted to hold elections today it would not be possible as the August SOPs restricting electioneering are in play. Instead Mrs. Tirandaz, Xerxes and myself agreed to cut short our terms to ensure elections for all 7 Trustees would happen together.

I would like to let the community know that never have I said I would not sign nor have I wriggled out of any commitment as was mentioned by Kersi and Noshir in the Parsi Times yesterday. I intend to stand by what I signed on October 20 '2021. I have repeatedly mentioned that I have shown my bonafide by signing those consent terms.

The reason all Trustees decided to step down early, curtailing our lawful term of office was to ensure that the scheme of elections is not only amended but also applicable to all perspective candidates who stood for elections in March '22 elections.

In yesterday's Parsi Times Kersi and Noshir have once again made baseless allegations against me and conveniently have not disclosed the facts.

On Oct 20 '21, when the consent terms were being typed out, a very important clause was missed out. Despite that, I was being pressured to sign the consent



terms with that crucial clause missing and unless I had pointed it out, the consent terms would have surprisingly been filed in Court without it.

This important clause mandated the BPP to amend the scheme of elections by a certain date (originally Nov 1 now revised to Nov 15 '21) and subsequently have the new scheme apply to the March '22 elections. This was pointed out to the Board by me at our Board meeting on Tuesday, Oct 26 and a revised draft was sent to all to settle.

On Wednesday, Oct 27, I informed the Board that the revised draft was missing the date by which the scheme had to be amended. Without a date being set the amendment process can be dragged on for years, just like it was dragged along for the last 5 years despite Kersi and Noshir having the majority on the Board.

Please note that despite having signed the Consent terms last week and giving a press statement, Kersi and Noshir wrote against us in the Parsi Times last Saturday (Oct 23). More so, Kersi in his usual style decided to take advantage of what we had signed and added that he wanted the Trustees duties and responsibilities also to be curbed. This was never discussed by us nor should it have even been considered. Knowing that Kersi always has a tricks up his sleeve we were forced to clarify and were advised to include in the consent terms that the Trustees will continue to function unfettered till their term ends. To this request of mine Kersi replied that this was understood and didn't need to be added in the consent term, contrary to what he wrote in the Parsi Times last weekend. This seemed like another attempt by Kersi to limit our decision making and hence made it even more necessary to include in the Consent terms. This transpired through Thursday, October 28 and was finally incorporated in the Consent Terms.

This sequence of events clearly indicates that there is more than meets the eye to Kersi and Noshir's sudden insistence to immediately file the incomplete Consent Terms. Whether the signed consent terms were filed last week or this week would not make a difference but the pressure tactics adopted by Kersi and Noshir definitely makes one wonder.

Never in a single correspondence of mine have I gone back on my word nor have I done anything against my conscience. I have always maintained that the March '22 elections should be under the new scheme but Kersi and Noshir refused to insert a clause mandating that. If the Court does not allow for the new Scheme of Elections to apply to the March '22 elections, then these elections will happen under the old scheme, exactly how Kersi and Noshir wanted it to be.

Now it is for us to ensure the newly amended scheme will be applicable for the March '22 elections.

Noshir talks about honestly and being a true Zoroastrian however he will not admit that Kersi and he wanted early elections only for two seats under the old scheme only to benefit their candidates Hoshi Jal and Anahita Desai (openly admitted by Kersi in our Board meeting). Noshir will not tell the community that they were advised to move the Single Judge Bench of the Hon'ble high Court and yet he chose to go on an illegal hunger strike to blackmail us to give in to his demands. Noshir will not tell you that such was their angst to get us out of the BPP that they would rather have an administrator take over in March than us continue our terms and he has the audacity to question my integrity.

I will repeat myself. I intend to honour what I signed on Oct 20, 2021. We will move to get the scheme of elections amended and will work hard to ensure it is applicable for the March 22 elections. I will not play word games like Kersi and Noshir and try and mislead the community with half-truths and innuendoes. I will ensure our early resignation pays off in the larger interest of the community and unlike some of my colleagues, this won't be mere lip service.

Given that social media is full of fake news nowadays, I request anyone that has any questions or doubts please feel free to call me.

Regards,

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Trustee, BPP
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Ref. No.

CONSENT TERMS

1. The Parties agree that elections for all seven trustees will be held on 27th March 2022.
2. The Parties agree to file a petition to amend the Election Scheme (including but not limited to, limiting the term of office of a Trustee to five years (from the present seven years) and a maximum of two terms during the lifetime of a trustee ; as also a suitable mechanism to prevent frequent mid – term elections).
3. The term of office of the present five trustees namely, Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz, Mr. Noshir H. Dadrawala, Mr. Kersi J. Randeria, Mr. Viraf D. Mehta & Mr. Xerxes V. Dastur will be deemed to have expired on the date upon which the seven new trustees assume office, after the elections under Clause (1) above.
4. Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the timetable for holding the elections (27th March, 2022) as stated in Clause (1) above, shall not under any circumstances be delayed/derailed/postponed/extended, save and except if the holding of such elections becomes impossible on account of a government/municipality ordered pandemic lockdown.

Dated 20th October, 2021

Mrs. Armaity R. Tirandaz : *A.R. Tirandaz*

Mr. Noshir H. Dadrawala : *N.H. Dadrawala*

Mr. Kersi J. Randeria : *K.J. Randeria*

Mr. Viraf D. Mehta : *V.D. Mehta*

Mr. Xerxes V. Dastur : *X.V. Dastur*



LIES OF NOSHIR DADRAWALA AND KERSI RANDERIA EXPOSED

As the community is aware, the 23rd May 2021 elections proposed by the Division Bench of the High Court by its Orders of 12TH March 2021 with directions to go before the Chamber Judge for his confirmation, were postponed in April 2021 by the Chamber Judge due to the severe onslaught of the second wave of the Covid Pandemic without fixing any further date of elections.

In July 2021 when the Trustees were unanimously considering moving the Chamber Judge with a fresh Petition for an Election date for Two vacancies sometime in October 2021, **the Govt. and BMC issued fresh SOPs dated 3rd August 2021 not permitting elections, electioneering, holding meetings and rallies or canvassing, the Trustees had no choice but to further postpone the elections to November 2021.**

Since the two Trustees, Noshir Dadrawala (ND) and Kersi Randeria (KR) were frustrated at their sudden loss of power from January 2021 when Armaity Tirandaz was elected as Chairman/Chairperson of BPP, **THE TWO DISSENTING Trustees surreptitiously behind the back of the three majority Trustees moved an Application/Appeal before the Division Bench of Hon'ble Justice Kathawalla and Justice Jadhav and by Praecipe dated 17th September 2021 sought urgent hearing of their Election Petition without serving the other three Trustees.**

The Division Bench of Justice Kathawalla rejected their Praecipe

and directed them to approach the concerned Chamber Judge with their Election Petition. A copy of their

Praecipe dated 17th September 2021 and the Court's Order to go to single judge in chamber is reproduced below.

EXHIBIT - " L "

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M Gmail Tushar Goradia <adv.tushargoradia@gmail.com>

HC - OS - Interim Application (L) No.20667 of 2021 - Kersi Randeria & Anr Vs Armaity Tirandaz & Ors

High Court Bombay <dbcourt6.os@gmail.com> Mon, Sep 20, 2021 at 6:53 PM
 To: Tushar Goradia <adv.tushargoradia@gmail.com>

As per the directions of the Hon'ble Court, please circulate before the Learned Single Judge.

On Fri, 17 Sept 2021 at 15:11, Tushar Goradia <adv.tushargoradia@gmail.com> wrote:
 Respected Sir/Madam,

We are concerned for the Applicants/Org. Appellants in the above matter.


Kindly find attached herewith the Praecipe dated 17th September 2021.


By an Order dated 12th March 2021, this Hon'ble Court by consent of the parties fixed a schedule for conducting the election of the Bombay Parsi Panchayat. The parties also gave an undertaking to hold elections on 23rd May 2021 and that the same would not be cancelled on any ground whatsoever including on ground of the prevailing pandemic, except a lockdown being declared by the State Government. By the said Order, the above Appeal was disposed off. This Hon'ble Court had granted parties Liberty to Apply. The Applicants have on several occasions requested the Respondents to hold the election/give a fresh timeline to conduct elections as per order dated 7th April 2021. However, till date the Respondents have not taken any steps for proposing a new programme for election and have not given a timeline for holding elections which is in the last week of November 2021. The Applicants have learnt that the Respondents are making attempts to postpone the elections to be held in November 2021 also. Hence the urgency.

The praecipe sets out in detail the urgency.

In view thereof, be pleased to circulate and place the above matter on board before His Lordship Justice S.J. Kathawalla and His Lordship Justice Milind Jadhav on Tuesday i.e. the 21st day of September 2021 for grant of urgent ad-interim/interim reliefs.

Regards,
 Adv Neuty Thakkar
TUSHAR A. GORADIA
 ADVOCATES






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Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz



Mr. Viraf Mehta



Mr. Xerxes Dastur



Mr. Noshir Dadrawala



Mr. Noshir Dadrawala

ND and KR did not move the Chamber Judge with their Election Petition and whatever grievance they had about not holding Elections for two vacancies but kept quiet about their Election Petition without informing anybody of the directions of the Division Bench. **If they were aggrieved by the majority not fixing a date of elections for two vacancies then they had the option to move Court on 20th Sept. 2021 as per the Court's directions.**

Even otherwise under the Consent Terms of May 2017 signed by them before the High Court it was agreed by all that majority decision would be binding on all including the dissenting Trustee and would have to be obeyed by all unless the dissenting Trustee moved the Court against any illegal decision of the majority Trustees.

In spite of two High Court directions, the two dissenting Trustees did not bother to move the High Court against any alleged wrong decision. And then they have the audacity and shamelessness to accuse Armaity and others of disobeying High Court orders. What a bunch of hypocrites!!

Due to the Govt. SOPs of 3rd August 2021 still continuing, the majority Trustees decided on 12th October 2021 board meeting to amend the Scheme of Elections promised by all Trustees in October 2015 and reconfirmed by KR in his interview

published in Parsi Times of 14th November 2015.

On 12th October 2021, two groups, one led by, Phiroze Amroliwalla and Dr. Zuleika Homavazir and the other led by Anahita Desai and Arzan Ghadially met the Board of Trustees.

In the BOARD MEETING, Zuleika submitted that she had served a legal notice from her advocate dated 11th October 2021 to the Trustees to first amend the Scheme of Elections to reduce the term of office from 7 years to 5 years **before holding any further elections as promised by KR and ND since last five years.**

Mr. Pheroze Amroliwalla informed about the news that Elections for the two vacancies were to be held in the coming months. He informed that as three more seats would be vacated in October 2022, **it was advisable to hold the Elections for all the five vacant seats together in October 2022, as, if an Election for two seats are held in the coming months then it would be a waste of community funds amounting to around Rs.40 lakhs being the cost of one Election.**

On one hand the community is informed that since 2016 BPP is facing a cash crunch and for which an additional service charge of Rs.750/- was levied upon the beneficiaries, but now the Trustees are ready to spend

around Rs.40 Lakhs to Rs.50 Lakhs for the two seats, it does not make sense at all, hence it was a request that the Elections for the total five seats be held in October 2022 only.

Mr. Noshir Dadrawala stated that Elections for the vacant seats and the term of the Trusteeship are two different issues. Mr. Rumi Zarir inquired that in 2015 all the prospective candidates had agreed / promised for a 5 year term, why is the term not reduced till date. Mr. Noshir Dadrawala stated that if in October 2022 all the Trustees resign at the same time then he was willing for the 5 year term. Mr. Kersi Randeria stated that actually the Scheme was drafted with two terms of 5 years each but it was not discussed and implemented. **Mr. Noshir Dadrawala confirmed the same and stated that he pleaded guilty for the same.**

Mr. Viraf Mehta stated that there was a majority on Board for a long time but the amendment was not considered at that time. **Mr. Berjis Desai has opined that it would take around 3 to 4 months for amending the term of Trusteeship. After the amendment, if the Elections are held for the current 2 seats then there would be a very short gap of around 8 months only before the next coming Election in October 2022. Two Elections in such a small period would be a costly affair.** At present there is a cash flow deficit of around Rs.11 Crores. It was advisable



to go for the whole amendment which could be done within a period of 8 months that is before October 2022, therefore, it would be better if the Elections for the present two seats are postponed till October 2022 where in one Election all the 5 vacant seats can be filled.

Mr. P. Amroliwalla stated that this group had visited the Trustees since the other group was forcing the Trustees to hold Elections for the two seats. Instead it was advisable to hold election for all the five seats in October 2022 which would save cost and within that period necessary amendment to the Election Scheme can also be done. Mr. Dadrawala stated that after October 2022 two more elections, one in 2023 and the other in 2025 are also to be considered for the cost factor, instead let all the Trustees resign together now and hold elections for all the 7 seats together.

The Group left and the other Group in favour of holding the Elections without waiting for amendments of the Election Scheme were called in. The Group was led by Mr. Hoshi Jal, Mrs. Anahita Desai, Mr. Arzan Ghadially and others.

Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz stated that she too was in agreement and that work to amend the scheme of elections should begin immediately and then the way forward can be decided. While KR kept pushing for early elections Mrs. Tirandaz stated that she was in favour of holding elections after the amendments were done. Mr. Viraf Mehta agreed with this proposal and a resolution was passed to amend the Scheme for reducing the Term of Trusteeship from 7 years to 5 years following due process.

Expectedly, ND disagreed and

insisted on early elections. He kept referring to the High Court order of March '21 to hold elections in May '21 but refused to acknowledge that the order was set aside in April '21 by the Chamber Judge. He insisted on December or early January 2022 even though current SOPs still had restrictions on the election process and no Court would give permission. He kept insisting on having early elections and at the same time amend the scheme knowing full well that the new scheme would not be applicable if early elections were held. **Important amendments like reducing the term of a Trustee from 7 to 5 years, two terms maximum, co-terminus elections and a code of conduct are necessary to be applicable to all new Trustees but ND and KR kept brushing that aside for early elections, for obvious reasons.**

It is the duty of the Trustees to protect the Trust and its beneficiaries. If the trust has outstanding payments of Rs. 11 crores, how can KR and ND justify spending Rs 80 lakhs on two elections in just ten months apart. They have to start to think about the community and not their supported candidates.

When Anahita Desai, Hoshi Jal & others were called back in to the Board room, they were informed of the decision to hold joint elections for five seats after the scheme of elections was amended and made applicable to the March 2022 elections.

Not taking kindly to this decision, Arzan Ghadially and Shahrukh Billimoria began to argue with the Trustees and begun aggressively talking to the Chairman Mrs. Tirandaz.

In the midst of this, ND stated that he has resigned with immediate effect. He hand wrote and signed his resignation

letter addressed to the Chairman and submitted the same to the Chairman. Kersi quickly took the letter from the Chairman and kept it in order to convince Noshir to change his mind.

INSTEAD OF MOVING THE COURT AGAINST THIS DECISION, IF THEY WERE AGGRIEVED AS PER CONSENT TERMS OF May 2017 OR AS ADVISED BY THE DIVISION BENCH OF THE HIGH Court, ND DECIDED TO BLACKMAIL THE TRUSTEES BY RESORTING TO A FARCE OF A HUNGER STRIKE IN THE AIR CONDITIONED COMFORT OF THE BOARDROOM AND DRINKING GALLONS OF WATER EVERY FEW HOURS AND A DOCTOR GIVING VITAMIN INJECTIONS.

AS EXPECTED THE TRIO WILTED UNDER THIS BLACKMAIL THREAT JUST OUT OF COMPASSION FOR ND AS HE IS A CANCER SURVIVOR AND SUFFERING FROM OTHER AILMENTS.

ON 20TH OCTOBER 2021, CONSENT TERMS ON BPP LETTERHEAD WERE SIGNED BY ALL FIVE TRUSTEES IN GOOD FAITH AND BELIEVING IT WAS THE EXACT REPRODUCTION OF WHAT WAS DRAFTED BY BERJIS DESAI AND AGREED BY ALL WHICH WAS PUBLISHED ON PAGE 4 OF PARSİ TIMES.

ACCORDINGLY CONSENT TERMS IN THE FORMAT REQUIRED BY THE HIGH COURT WERE AGAIN PRINTED OUT AND AFTER OBTAINING SIGNATURE OF THREE TRUSTEES WAS SENT TO VIRAF FOR HIS SIGNATURE. THE HASTE AND URGENCY TO GET HIS SIGNATURE RAISED THE SUSPICION OF VIRAF MEHTA WHO



STARTED COMPARING WITH THE ORIGINAL HANDWRITTEN NOTE OF CONSENT TERMS BY BERJIS DESAI AND TO HIS SHOCK DETECTED SEVERAL LACUNA AND DELIBERATE OMISSIONS OF IMPORTANT CONDITION THAT AMENDMENT WOULD APPLY RETROSPECTIVELY TO THOSE ELECTED ON 27TH MARCH 2022 WAS COMMITTED BY THE CRIMINAL MINDED KERSI RANDERIA. HE IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED BERJIS DESAI ON SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2021 WHO CONFIRMED THAT THIS CONDITION WAS IMPERATIVE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CONSENT TERMS.

HENCE ON SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2021 VIRAF MAILED KERSI RANDERIA TO INCLUDE THIS LEFT OUT PORTION IN THE CONSENT TERMS.

KR REALISING THE ERROR IMMEDIATELY AGREED AND A FRESH CONSENT TERM WAS TYPED OUT AND FRESH SIGNATURES OF THE OTHERS AGAIN OBTAINED AND SENT TO

VIRAF FOR HIS SIGNATURE

ONCE AGAIN THE HASTE AND URGENCY EXPRESSED BY KR RAISED VIRAF'S SUSPICION AND ON SCRUTINY HE DETECTED THAT THE DATE BY WHICH THE SCHEME WAS TO BE AMENDED AND FILED IN HIGH COURT WAS MISSING .

ONCE AGAIN THE CONSENT TERMS WERE SENT BACK FOR CORRECTION TO INCLUDE THE DATE AND AFTER DISCUSSION IT WAS AGREED TO FILE IN THE HIGH COURT THE SCHEME AMENDMENT BY 15TH NOVEMBER 2021. THE CONSENT TERMS WERE AGAIN AMENDED AND FINALIZED.

LAST SATURDAYS PARSİ TIMES OF 24TH OCT2021, ONCE AGAIN HAD A NEW ANGLE BY KR THAT TRUSTEES WOULD NOT DO ANY AUCTION OR ALLOT FLATS, ETC. THIS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE THAT THE RIGHTS OF THE TRUSTEES SHOULD BE FETTERED IN ANYWAY AND INCLUDED A FRESH TERM IN THE CONSENT TERMS. ONCE AGAIN KR HAD TO AGREE THAT

THE RIGHTS OF THE TRUSTEES WOULD BE UNFETTERED FOR THEIR REMAINING TERM.

KR WANTED BPP ADVOCATE TO ALSO SIGN THE CONSENT TERMS FOR WHICH VIRAF REQUESTED KR TO FIRST APOLOGISE FOR HIS FALSE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THEIR ADVOCATE THE FIRM OF J. SAGAR AND ASSOCIATES. LATE AT NIGHT, KERSI FINALLY AGREED.

PERHAPS DUE TO OTHER COMMITMENTS OF THE PARTNERS OF J. SAGAR AND ASSOCIATES, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO REPLY TO KR BUT IT IS VERY CLEAR THAT ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON 27TH MARCH 2022 AND WHETHER THE CONSENT TERMS ARE FILED BEFORE THE COURT VACATION OR AFTER THE COURT VACATION IS IMMATERIAL. THE REASON FOR THE UNHOLY HASTE IN FILING THE SAME IS NOT UNDERSTOOD AS LONG AS ELECTION SCHEME IS AMENDED WHOSE TERMS WILL BE APPLICABLE TO THE TRUSTEES ELECTED ON 27TH MARCH 2022 WILL APPLY.

 ***Thank You Dr. Farokh E. Udwadia and Parsee General Hospital*** 

With effect from 8am on November 8, 2021, the Eminent Dr. Farokh E. Udwadia will be available for Consultation, at the OPD, of The B. D. Petit Parsee General Hospital.

Kindly book your appointment at

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Let there Be Light...Please!



Phiroze Amroliwalla

The Editor,
Parsi Junction.

The Editor of the PT writes: "Let there Be Light...Please!". Light? What light?

A torchlight, a Spotlight, or a Circus light focussed on the trapeze artists?

Madame, even our natural own sunlight will not suffice to light up the dark corridors created by your owner's own "Trapeze Act" at the BPP. For those not familiar with Trapeze, it is during this act that there is complete darkness in the Circus Arena and the only lights are on the star performers. A Trapeze act may be static, spinning, swinging or flying, and may be performed solo, double, triple or as

a group act. I am sure readers will guess who the Star performers are at the BPP these days. I will certainly credit them for their master strategy and suspense creation which would put the master of suspense Alfred Hitchcock to shame. The cobweb of intrigue, duplicity, revenge, plotting, and vindictiveness that was hitherto non-existent has resulted in a total eclipse. Hitchcock at least did always end his movies with an acceptable finale but I wonder if this suspense will ever end!

My own forecast is that no matter what, there will henceforth be TWO Camps at the BPP and unless there is a powerful person who can oust Randeria from the trusteeship of BPP there will always be a majority v/s minority.

Elections henceforth will be money down the drain for both the BPP and aspiring candidates as well!

There is another way to bring about peace and serenity at the BPP: If as claimed by all aspirants from all camps who wish to save BPP funds and genuinely wish to bring the BPP out of this morass, I feel they should keep away from offering their candidature and gracefully invite stalwarts from our community who command respect.

Can one ever imagine a Tata, Wadia, Godrej, Jijibhoy, or a Poonawala ever sitting on a Farcical Fast merely because they have a different view with their colleagues on the board?

Phiroze Amroliwalla

Do you remember older generations drinking from their saucer ?

My grandmother always did and I thought it was because her coffee was too hot.

Then today I came across this poem that made me feel there was much more meaning to the coffee ritual :

Drinking from My Saucer

I've never made a fortune and it's probably too late now.
But I don't worry about that much, I'm happy anyhow.
And as I go along life's way, I'm reaping better than I sowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

I don't have a lot of riches, and sometimes the going's tough.
But I've got loved ones around me, and that makes me rich enough.
I thank God for his blessings, and the mercies He's bestowed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

I remember times when things went wrong, my faith wore somewhat thin.
But all at once the dark clouds broke, and the sun peeped through again.
So God, help me not to gripe about the tough rows that I've hoed.
I'm drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

If God gives me strength and courage when the way grows steep and rough, I'll not ask for other blessings, I'm already blessed enough.

And may I never be too busy, to help others bear their loads.

Then I'll keep drinking from my saucer, 'cause my cup has overflowed.

John Paul Moore



Dr. ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR CASTIGATES THE ANTICS OF NOSHIR DADRAWALA



Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

My Dear Community

NOSHIR DADARWALLA'S GIMMICKS:

In a desperate last bid struggle to win over the lost faith of our Community, Noshir rolled the dice to play his most strategic devious trick "Hunger Strike" to salvage his profound image as the So-Called Righteous Trustee.

THE BARE TRUTH BEHIND THE MOCKERY HE ENACTED WAS TO CONTEST FOR THE THIRD TIME. Noshir Dadrawalla, being a TOY TOP SPINNER that he so closely resembles by twisting and turning, he and Kersi Randeria, without wasting any further time should have filed the Consent Terms at the Office of the Charity Commissioner the very next day and the next step would have been to move the Hon'ble High Court, Mumbai, but with all the Legal Eagles at their disposal, both failed and created a "Status Quo".

The malafide intent of Noshir Dadrawalla for not doing so, is his fear of Amendment of the Scheme of Elections, not only for the reduction from 7 years to 5 years but his main bone of contention being reduction from 3 terms to 2 terms for Trustees, if incorporated in the Scheme of Elections, will not allow him to Contest for his third term.

The Ostensible Righteous Trustee Noshir Dadrawalla is upto his petty wiles again.

All the drama not only brought our Community into the bad light of the National Media which was specifically invited to cover the farce created at the BPP for ulterior motives, but has cost the BPP the burden of facing a Dangerous Precedent. Now any Trustee or a Beneficiary will sit on a Hunger Strike or resort to any such devious antics to get his way.

It is now evidently clear, Noshir Dadrawalla and Kersi Randeria despite working their way around the Majority are bent on having Elections at all costs without Amendment of the Scheme of Elections, which is neither fair to the Contestants nor the Members of the Anjuman Committee. An Election before the Amendment of The Scheme Of Elections will be solely for the benefit of Noshir Dadrawalla, who will be able to contest for his 3rd Term unless the scheme is amended otherwise.

Mistakes after Mistakes – The Trustees never seem to learn. Now Noshir and Kersi have filed an Interim Application in the Hon'ble High Court against the Chairperson Mrs. Armaity Tirandas & ANR, **it is wishful thinking for Elections to take place on 27th March 2022** as the Hon'ble High Court will be obligated to hear the Intervenors to this Petition.

What a waste of Precious Time, Efforts and above all the financial erosion of funds meant for you, my dear Beneficiaries, just to Sooth the Bloated Egos of these Trustees who have no Scruples nor the inclination to serve the Community.

BEWARE! My Dear Community, please do not get carried away by

the Gimmicks of Noshir Dadrawalla and Kersi Randeria who have done nothing progressive, though being a part of Absolute Majority for 5 long years, isolating Armaity Tirandas and Viraf Mehta till God intervened and removed their unholy majority and now Armaity Tirandaz is the Chairperson which both of them cannot gulp.

Vote for Candidates with Team Spirit and Impartial Amicability, unlike Contestants whose Loyalty towards the BPP stands irrelevant to their ulterior motives and benefits.

You are the Beneficiaries and do not deserve a Board of Trustees who vie for Stronger Egos at your expense. Our Community has suffered enough at the hands of such Trustees who think the BPP is their Fiefdom and they are the Tzars. Instead of Protecting the Community, these Power Brokers conceptualize private deals to favour their Friends, allotting free houses knowing fully well that such friends have multiple houses whereas so many are in need of accommodation.

Growing number of Suits pending in various Courts can be settled across the Table, but nay that would be shameful to these Egoist Trustees to bow to the very Electorate who has voted them to Power.

The Bombay Parsi Panchayet needs to be completely revamped. Starting with The Scheme of Elections which is a Thesaurus to be followed to the Tee, it's a pity the Trustees do not follow it and create blunders upon blunders in the name of Adult Franchise.

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir



ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR SEEKS AMENDMENTS TO THE NOMINATION FORM FOR THE BPP ELECTIONS



Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

From Zuleika Homavazir on 28/10/2021 6:19 pm
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To Kersi Randeria, TRUSTEE - MR. NOSHIR H. DADRAWALA, Viraf Mehta, Xerxes V Dastur, armaity tirandaz

Cc Aspi Sarkari, SHEHNAAZ KHAMBATTA

Date Thu 6:19 pm

EMAIL TO THE TRUSTEES OF BOMBAY PARSI PUNCHAYET ON 28.10.2021.

The Trustees
Bombay Parsi Panchayet
209, D. N. Road
MUMBAI 400001.

Trustees,

You are hereby called upon to update the following to enable Candidates nominated for Elections to be held on March 27, 2022 to have a free and fair Election.

Update the Form of Nomination in consistence with the form to be filed by candidates being elected to the Legislative Assembly.

a) Names & Residential Address of the Contestant and Spouse.

b) Affidavit declaring Movable & Immovable Assets including Valuation of Gold etc.

c) Copies of PAN Card & Aadhaar Card.

d) Notarized declaration of the Code of Conduct with implications of punishment in case of proven act of misconduct by the Candidate.

e) Certified extract of Income Tax Returns for the last 5 years of the Contestant and Spouse with Source of Income.

g) Educational Qualifications with a Certified Copy of the Highest Educational Degree attained.

The above criteria will enable the Anjuman Community to judge the Eligibility and Status of the Contestants. It shall prevent candidates sponsored for ulterior motives of breaking votes.

The Deposit to be paid for contesting Elections should be raised to a substantial amount and must be treated as a Donation to augment the BPP resources.

The relevant reduction in the term of Trustees from the existing 3 terms to 2 terms be amended in the Scheme of Elections at the earliest.

Rectification in the List of Voters in the General/ Donor Register with names of the Deceased be deleted, duplicate and even triplicate on multiple registration numbers be identified and deleted as also telephone numbers as well as email addresses be added.

Trustees, you have ample time of 5 months to enforce your CEOs to regulate their employees to complete this task.

Respect your promises of Good Governance and let the Community decide on your prospects of being Re-elected for another term.

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

Your Partner in the Progress of Our Community

Connect: 9821033786

Profile at www.drzuleika.com

From: Meher Amalsad, Westminster, California, USA

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OF THE GOOD MIND

On Sunday, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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8:30 PM Iran Time

9:00 PM Pakistan Time

9:30 PM Indian Time

4:00 PM UK Time

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HONGKONG (NOV 8, 2021)

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4. Dr. Merezban Katrak FRCS. (UAE)

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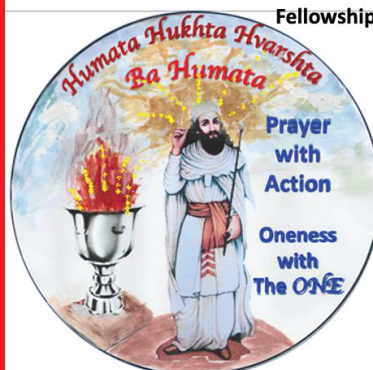


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Please join us on Sunday 07 Nov 2021

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Good thoughts and prayers with good actions for
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(Related Prayers from the Zarathushti Daena)



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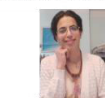
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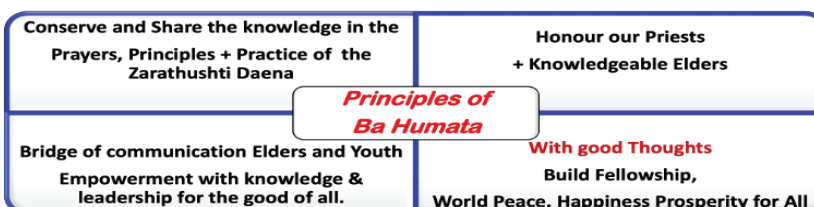
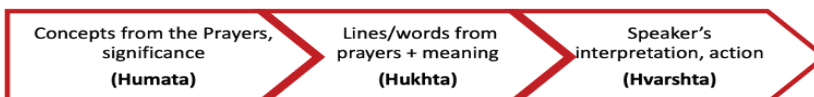


Dr. Karishma Koka
Founder-Host

Speakers and Biographies arranged by
Mr. Meher Amalsad – Mentor, facilitator

The audience will be invited to share with Vohu Manah (Good Mind) how Zarathushti
Prayers have helped, inspired or enabled them to have different experiences

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Photography

A riot of colours



The oriental dwarf kingfisher also known as the three-toed kingfisher, is a pocket-sized bird, residing in lowland forests, typically near streams or ponds, where it feeds upon insects, spiders, worms, crabs, fish, frogs, and lizards. This tropical kingfisher is a partial migrant bird that is endemic across much of the Indian Subcontinent and Southeast Asia. I was lucky to shoot this tiny jewel at a farmhouse in Chiplun, Maharashtra.



Behram R. Aderbad works as a professional in a reputed private company, and is also a passionate wildlife lover which got him interested in pursuing wildlife photography. He wants to promote and showcase the wild and wonderful side of Planet Earth through his images. He has travelled to the wild jungles of India and Africa to pursue photography, and any spare time that he finds back home in the concrete jungle is spent photographing different species of birds in and around his house.

Khushru Zaiwalla regrets declining Parsis

Today, Monday morning at 9.30 am , only 5 people were there in Banaji Atash Behram, when earlier hundreds of Parsis , would visit the Banaji Atash Behram, every Monday morning.

Question is where are all the Parsis gone ?.

Answer is, planned , funded, motivated and encouraged to leave India and go Australia, New Zealand, Canada and educated ones to USA .

In late nineties, a Senior Advocate asked me a blunt question in the Bombay High Court," where have all the Parsis gone".

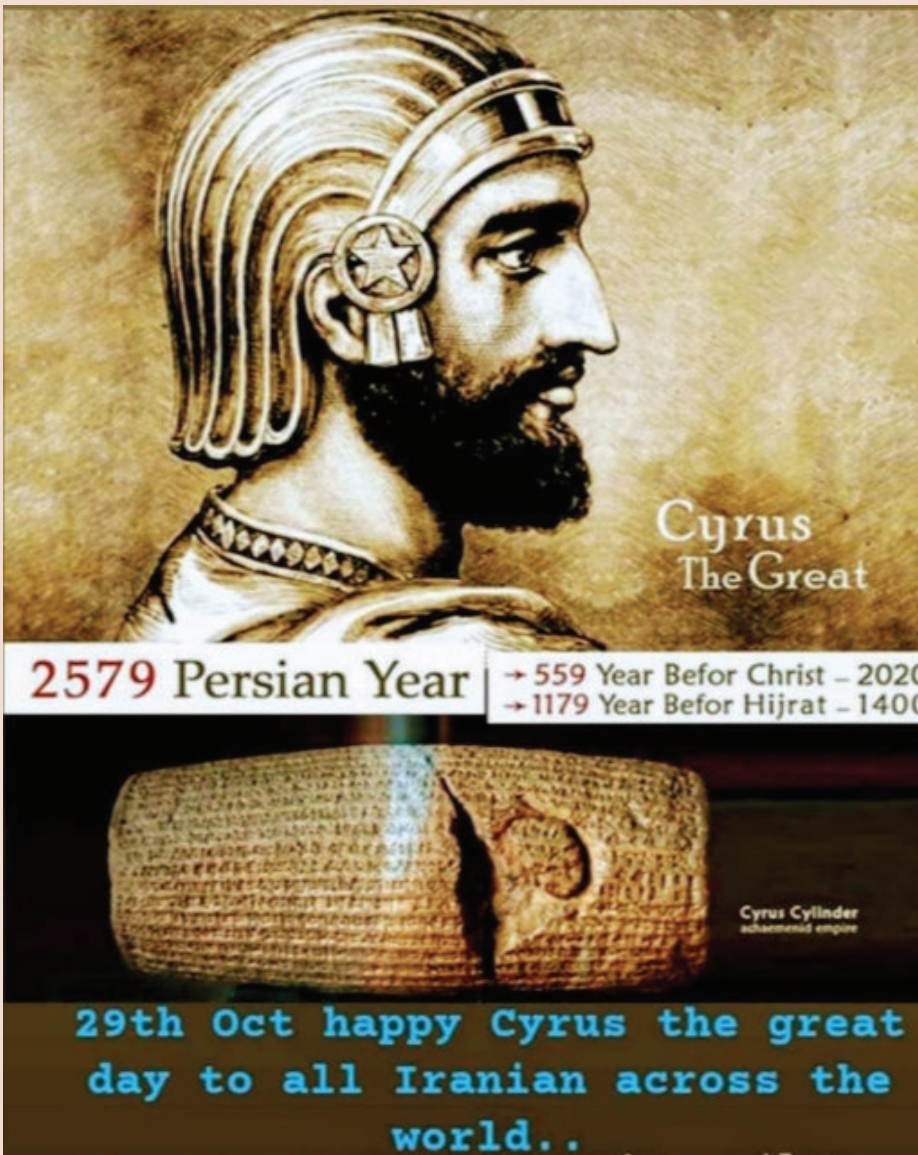
But the community continues to remain in a deep slumber of this planned genocide , by those who have sworn to destroy Zoroastrian religion in India from within, and who started the campaign to eliminate the Parsi Community in India , to fund the youths and their children, to run away to the white lands , and work as heavers of wood and drawers of water .

This funds have come from Middle East routed through a third country , specifically sent into India to destroy the Parsi Zoroastrian Community from within. The Writer himself experienced it , when one of agents approached him in the mid 90s, with a offer, " If you want to become rich , join us and come to our office in South Bombay".

Let all of us , wake up from the slumber , for tommorow will be too late .

Khushru Zaiwala

RUZ-E KOOROSH-E BOZORG A HAPPY KING CYRUS DAY TO EVERYBODY



King Cyrus the Great established the mighty Achaemenian Empire, thanking the Gods of the people under his reign and also being grateful to Ahura Mazda for guiding him to become the ruler of the Achaemenian Empire (historical references suggest that he was a follower of the Mazdayasni faith)..

In the annals of history, the Cylinder of King Cyrus is considered to be the very first Charter of Human Rights and a Declaration of Liberty..It reflects the benevolence of King Cyrus the Great as well as his Arya (noble) Mazdayasni characteristics of valour, righteousness, kindness and generosity..True to his name 'Koorosh' / 'Kourosh' which is composed of 'Khurvash' / 'Khorvash' meaning 'Like the Sun', King Cyrus the Great spread rays of hope and light..He was a man of mercy, a fair minded administrator and a just ruler..His virtuous deeds benefited not only Iran and Greater Iran but the entire world since he raised the bar for all of humanity by his meritorious deeds..King Cyrus the Great is my hero..I, Aban Mignonne Chinoy have always been in awe of his noteworthy achievements and manifold contributions to humanity..Even in his death, this humble soul preferred a simple but dignified place to be put to rest, his royal tomb at Pasargadae speaks volumes of his wonderful thought of 'less is more'..

Let us live by the exemplary behaviour of King Cyrus the Great..His strong principles and ethical conduct of the utmost sincerity is timeless - a much needed reminder for the whole world today..Respect and religious tolerance for others, reverence for women, a life of integrity and dignity, empathy to everybody, care for the underprivileged people, the fight against injustice and falsehood, value for life and God's creations, dispel dark thoughts from the mind and spread happiness - thy name is King Cyrus the Great

29th October will always be remembered as the International Day of King Cyrus the Great..On the seventh day of the month of Aban as per the Iranian calendar, King Cyrus the Great entered Babylon, liberated the captive Jews, permitted them to return to their homeland and helped them rebuild their temple in Jerusalem..

Diversity and Inclusion

"My wish for you is to continue
Continue to be who you are,
To astonish a mean world
With your acts of kindness
(Maya Angelou)

If it rains tiny droplets
Of kindness
Happiness Happiness
By planting seeds of
Humbleness Humility
What a wonderful
World for humanity
It would be.

Sharing each other's
Ideologies opinions
As well points of view

Would do us a lot
Of good

Is Racism Discrimination
Bigotry Exclusion?
Helping us in any way?
I don't think so
Cause it's tearing
Each one of us
In opposite directions

What do we get by acts of
Segregation dominance
Exclusion? Nothing
The end result is
Hatred War Violence.

Remember our lives

Are transient
We are all weary travellers
On the path of life
Any moment
The Great Call can come
Snatch one away to
The Land of Dreams

Ego pride exclusion
Racism Discrimination
Bigotry will be all
All in vain
Cause with Him around
One's efforts will surely
Be in vain!

Choicest Happiness
Farida



Join us retrace the journey of our ancestors with

TrekZYNG to BAHROT CAVES

Schedule & Stay Details

12th Nov -

6:00pm -
9:00pm

Assemble at the J.N.Petit Sanatorium, Bordi. Enjoy a fun filled night with campfire, games and dinner.

13th Nov -

7:30am

Leave for trek to Bahrot Caves. It's a 3 hours trek uphill.

Spend an hour at the caves

12:30pm

Begin downward journey.

3:30pm

Reach the sanatorium and have a late lunch.

5:00pm

Head to the beach for games after some rest.

8:00pm

Dinner and campfire.

14th Nov -

9:00am

Leave for home.



***ZYNG 2.0 is retracing the journey of our ancestors this November!!* Inviting all Parsi Irani Zoroastrian Youth to join us on a Trek to *Bahrot Caves in Bordi*, Dahanu (Maharashtra) with a 2 night stay at the J.N.Petit Sanatorium, Bordi.**

The cost of this event - 'TrekZYNG to Bahrot Caves' is ***INR 3000 per person.*** This will include:-

1. Stay at the J.N.Petit Sanatorium for 2 nights - right on the Bordi beach!
2. Breakfast on Saturday & Sunday
3. Dinner on Friday & Saturday
4. Lunch on Saturday
5. Trek to Bahrot Caves
6. Snacks, Fruits, Coffee, Tea & Water

You can either use your own transport to travel from your home to the Bordi Sanatorium and back, or travel by train with the ZYNG team. You need to reach the Sanatorium on 12th Nov Friday evening between 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm - before dinner. We start the trek up the mountain to Bahrot caves on 13th Nov Saturday at 7:30am sharp & return at 3:30pm. This will be followed by camp fire & games at the beach. Start the return trip to your homes on 14th November Sunday at 9am. Do note the stay at the Sanatorium will have only basic amenities & all safety measures will be followed. ***Girls & Boys will be housed in separate rooms.***

**So hurry & register for *ZYNG's first overnight event before 8th November 2021.*
Contact the numbers in the brochure & register before the last date..Hurry!!!**