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FAREWELL YAZDI!



*BBP Trustee
Viraf D. Mehta*



*BBP Ex-Trustee
Yazdi Desai*

Many might be surprised for me to write an eulogy for ex-Chairman of the BPP Yazdi Desai given the bitter history between our families. But I cannot forget how it all began.

In 2008 my father, Dinshaw Mehta, stood for re-election as a Trustee of the BPP. Yazdi stood on the WAPIZ panel. During the course of the campaign the WAPIZ panel and my father aligned themselves alongside each other and fought to save the orthodoxy of the Parsi community that was under threat from the Reformists. They succeeded.

Unfortunately in a few years time, differences arose between them and a bitter rift was caused for the community to see, due to my father's opposition to Anahita Desai, his wife standing as a candidate.

In 2015, during fresh elections for five seats, Yazdi surprisingly aligned himself with Kersi Randeria, whom he had fought bitterly against in 2008 and their rivalry was from 2000. When the election results were announced, Yazdi was declared fourth and I was elected as an Independent as the fifth Trustee.

I knew I was in for a tough time and the next few years were just that.

Despite whatever the equation between Yazdi and my father, Yazdi maintained a civil relationship with me. Yes we had our bouts of disagreements but he always maintained that his issue was not with me but with my father.

In fact he even once told me that he admired what I was doing at a young age by becoming a Trustee and giving my time to the community.

Since the time this Board came in 2015, we left the handling of the finances to Yazdi. **Given his background we let him manage payments or structuring of cash flow.** The first thing this Board did was lift the stay on housing imposed by the Charity Commissioner in 2013/2014. Unfortunately under the influence of Kersi Randeria, the auction of houses which had come to a halt since late 2013 was not re-instated by this Board till late 2019 which today has left the BPP in a financial mess.

Luckily by 2019, Yazdi realized the folly of Kersi's policy and the impact it was having on the BPP. He joined us in restarting the auction of flats to bring much needed revenue back to the BPP. Of course Kersi opposed this tooth and nail to the extent that **Yazdi had threatened him that he would not only move the High Court and file contempt proceedings against Kersi but**



would also move the Charity Commissioner and file a 41(D) application for the removal of Kersi as a Trustee of the BPP.

Unfortunately barely a month into lockdown, Yazdi fell ill in April 2020 and eventually resigned as the Chairman of the BPP. He ultimately succumbed to his illness on Nov 2, 2021.

I remember when a few of us had approached the BPP to form the first youth wing of the BPP, ZYNG. It was created under Dinshaw Mehta's Chairmanship at the BPP along with the support of Yazdi and other members of the Board. Yazdi had not only graced a few of the events but also guided the group through a few events. Unfortunately under the influence of Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala, ZYNG was disbanded from the BPP in 2017. Regardless ZYNG 2.0 is now an independent body and once again striving to bring the community youth together.

When I joined the Board, there seemed to be a clear divide between the orthodox and liberals. Yazdi, Mrs. Tirandaz and myself were always steadfast in

upholding the Parsipanu of our Trust whilst Kersi, Noshir and Zarir Bhatena were always on the liberal/reformist side. Given at the start of our term, there were only 6 Trustees, **Yazdi was always able to use his casting vote as Chairman and help protect the BPP in preserving its Parsi/Irani identity. This was one area where Yazdi and I stood shoulder to shoulder despite the differences between our families.**

I am confident that in the next elections, Anahita will get a chance to continue her husband's legacy and I hope she too will carry the torch of protecting our Trust and assets just as Yazdi did and not fall prey to Kersi's tactics.

Maybe I could have sat on the Board with Yazdi under different circumstances. But regardless of the past, I bid him a heartfelt farewell and pray his soul rests in peace.

Sincerely,

Viraf D. Mehta

Colleague Trustee, BPP

મુરઆયલો છોડ

દિલ દિમાગમાં સતત ચાલતો રહે છે ઝગડો,
કોણ ખરું કોણ ખોટું

દિમાગ કહે, "તું સપનોમાં જીવે, તું આશાવાદી, હું,
હકીકત જોવું એટલે, હું મોટું"

દિલમાં ઊંડે ઊંડે એક આશ છે, એ માનવા તૈયાર
નથી કે તું સિધારીયો;

દિમાગ કહે, "તું ગાંડા ન કાઢ, જે જાય એ ફરી કદી
નથી આવતાં, તેં તો ખોટો મોહ વધારીયો"

દિલે કહ્યું, "જે મુઝમાં એકવાર વસે, એ અમર રહે
છે, એ મોહ નહીં, સાચો પ્રેમ છે"

"એ મારા દિલના એક ખૂણામાં સદા જીવશે, એ
ત્યાં કાયમ હેમખેમ છે".

વાંચકો, તમે કહો કોણ ખરું, કોણ ખોટું ???

Armin Dutia Motashaw

Two Heads are Better than One

Why would I want
To tailgate or nitpick
Anyone unless of course
Status of our Religion
Zoroastrianism is at stake.

We are all living under
A canopy of darkness
Where there is uncertainty around
So put your heads together
Come up with a solution
So we can scatter the seeds
Of Happiness unity prosperity
All around

This problem is not a game
As to who is superior or
More knowledgeable
Cause nobody has
A monopoly over wisdom

I would like to stress
Mumbling the Holy Prayers
Or performing ceremonies
Is not the answer to the problem
If Zoroastrianism to survive
But coming up with a solution
That will be the answer to our
problems

For the sake of our religion
Put aside your differences
Unite the community as one
Cause in the end one's
superiority
Ego as well as pride
Will definitely pay a
Very heavy price

**Choicest Happiness
Farida**

HYPOCRITE KERSI RANDERIA'S EULOGY OF YAZDI DESAI BETRAYS HIS MOTIVES



Kersi Randeria

Yesterday's Parsi Times of 6-11-2021 carries the eulogy of the Owner, Kersi Randeria for Yazdi Desai which betrays his need for support of Anahita Desai and her Wapiz followers if he is to be re-elected a Trustee in March 2022.

On page 6, he admits that **“From 2015 – 2018, we worked cohesively and effectively as a team—joining forces at the BPP, for the common good of the community.”**

It is common knowledge that in this period Kersi Randeria was the real Chairman and Yazdi Desai had abdicated his Chairmanship in favor of Kersi Randeria probably as agreed at election time as an electoral ploy to get his support to get elected as a Trustee.

It was only in 2019 when BPP was reduced to penury by the wrong policies

of Kersi Randeria that Yazdi Desai for the very first time asserted his Chairman qualities by threatening Kersi Randeria that if he did not desist his ill conceived policies, he would file Contempt of Court proceedings against him in the High Court for disobeying the Consent Terms signed by all in 2017.

Not just this but Yazdi Desai even threatened Kersi Randeria that he would file an Application against him before the Charity Commissioner for his removal under section 41D as a Trustee of BPP if he continued to interfere in his functioning as the Chairman.

Thus it was only in 2019 that the real Chairman showed his sterling qualities to lead from the front against Kersi Randeria after he realized that his wrong policies had brought BPP to beg for funds even to pay monthly salary to the workers. However it was too little too late for he suffered a massive stroke in April 2020, never to recover again. What a relief it must have been for Kersi Randeria that his nemesis was out of circulation.

In the October 2015 elections, assuming it was not rigged, since the counting was done in secret without the presence of any candidate or their authorized representative, Kersi Randeria came piggy back on Noshir Dadrawala and got elected.

Since Noshir has made it clear that he is not interested in standing again as a candidate for future elections, Kersi Randeria has read the writing on the wall that he is unlikely to be re-elected unless he gets support from a powerful candidate. Realizing the massive sympathy wave in favor of Anahita Desai first due to Yazdi's illness and now due to his unfortunate demise, he has clung on to Anahita Desai well knowing that he can come in only piggy back on Anahita, he has heaped massive praise for her in the last two paras of his eulogy.

It is time Anahita Desai started calling the shots as the sympathy wave has only increased now and hence in view of Yazdi Desai having threatened to move against Kersi Randeria for his removal as a Trustee as well as for Contempt of Court, it is in her interest to disassociate herself from someone who acted as the defacto Chairman to the detriment of Yazdi Desai and stood as an independent on her own merits without depending on Kersi Randeria who can only be negative for her but Kersi will get a lot of mileage through her which is unjustified and which her loyal orthodox would not appreciate supporting a known Reformist.

THINK WELL BEFORE DECIDING EITHER WAY!

An ASHEM

An ASHEM, first thing in the morning, an ASHEM at night
An ASHEM in the scary darkness, or an ASHEM in fullmoon
light.

An ASHEM helps turn things dark and dreary shades into
pure white.

Dawn or dusk, an ASHEM is a must to help us feel bright;

Especially if for some reason, we have had a fight.

ASHEM helps us to feel comfy, if you are in tension or are in
a fright.

An ASHEM before and after every meal brings joy and
satisfaction.....that's right.

Our prayers beginning with ASHEM, help us reach a great height;
And on hearing about a demise, an ASHEM helps a person in his
plight.

An ASHEM can be prayed all the time, in any situation, morning,
noon or night.

When ever uncomfortable, pray an ASHEM with all your
might; Magical effect has ASHEM, if prayed with full faith and
pronunciations right.



CRIMINAL KERSI RANDERIA PROTECTS THE ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF SANA IRANI AKA SANA ABDULLAH



BHABHA SANATORIUM

Parsi Junction has received the Exchange of mails, from one of the residents of Bhabha Sanatorium, between the transit residents of Bhabha Sanatorium and the Trustees on the illegal activities of one of its brazen trespassers--the UNGRATEFUL

Sana Abdullah--who has been residing there since over twenty years without paying a single penny as compensation or even for the electricity or water she consumes. The family of Bhabha had tried to

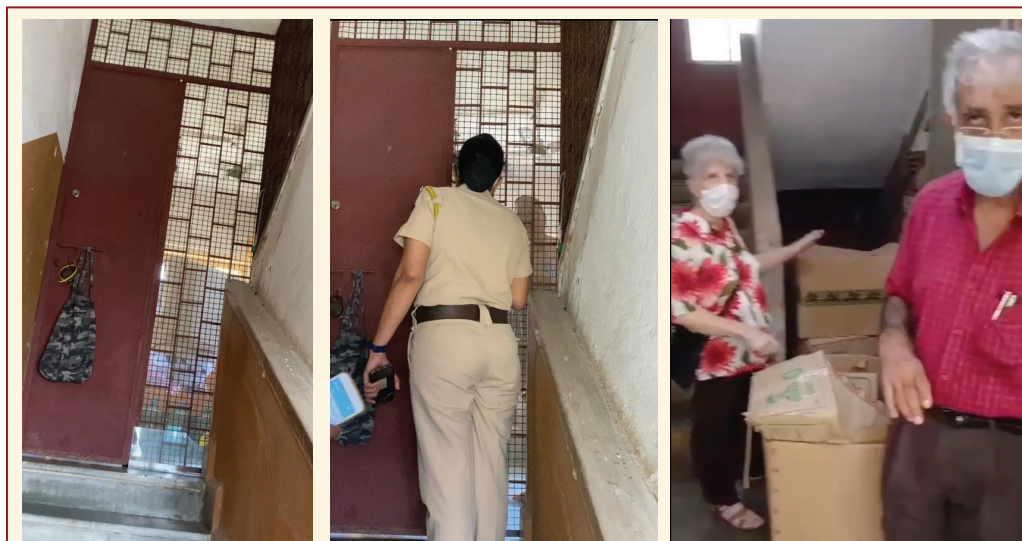
evict her with legal suits and other encroachers for years and ultimately in frustration handed over the whole property to then Trustees of BPP-Minoo Shroff, Silloo Kavarana, Rustom Tirandaz and Dinshaw Mehta.

Not only was Sana Abdullah shameless enough to stay there without paying any compensation but she would cry, plead with and beg late Mr. Muncherji Cama for funds to pay the legal costs to her lawyers and Munchi being a soft hearted

gentleman would send her funds to pay for her legal costs.

The community may not be aware but in Navajbai Contractor Baug at Mahim is a Building donated by the Godrej family through their Godrej Foundation Trust around 1970s or so known as Godrej Foundation Building wherein the Godrej on an experimental basis built this building using the Cast stone Technology which had just been developed by Pune Developers for easier and fast construction of buildings. However the life of this buildings was very low compared to RCC structures and this construction module has been given up as a failed and rejected technology since last thirty to forty years.

Naturally this Godrej Foundation building has also become dilapidated since last twenty years and needs to be reconstructed and replaced by a RCC building but due to shortage of accommodation and huge demand for free housing, the building continued to be occupied by desperate inhabitants who had no other source of housing.



Sana Abdulla urf Sana Aspi Irani urf Homai Aspi Irani on whom BPP has filed a case for illegally occupying a flat in Bhabha and not paying rents for years . But still trustees dance on her tunes . She has occupied illegally entire 4th floor with grills Locked so nobody can get excess to 4th floor. Common passage lights are on 24hrs for so many yrs . BPP staff are also scared to take action against her as she goes to BPP and abuse the staff as few trustees support her even after knowing her history . She is use by them to abuse opposite team trustees . Where is the answer of your promised made in this video that in 7 days action will be taken. Both the trustees seen in this video have no guts to take action against Sana Abdulla ..

Seven Days pass. They came on 2 Oct . A National Holiday to show off but they only came to harass legal tenants of Bhabha by closing the excess of terrace for tenants on complain of a illegal tenant Ms

It's actually 15 days as of today still this illegal grill is not removed



As the community is aware, Godrej Foundation Building in Navajbai Contractor Baug at Mahim was becoming dangerous to reside day by day and for the safety of its 26 residents, the Trustees decided to make A, B and C wings of Bhabha Sanatorium at Bandra habitable and then shift the residents of Godrej Building there and after repairing/redeveloping Godrej Foundation building shift them back to it.

Though repairs/renovation to B and C wings started without any hitch, **Sana Abdullah would not allow any workers to attend to repairs of A wing which is fully vacant except for one flat occupied by Sana.** However she controls all the other 9 flats there with the result that **A wing was not restored to a habitable condition.** Not only that but she has taken over the full fourth floor with several illegal additions and treats the full Wing A as if it is her father's property.

She was able to get away with all these illegal activities because she is being directly protected and advised by the charge sheeted Kersi Randeria who is out on bail on the police criminal complaint of outraging the modesty of a lady as well as molestation. Randeria is famous for his peccadilloes and the latest one is this Sana Abdullah.

The Architect Jamshed Bhiwandiwalla in spite of all the negative factors did a commendable job and by November/December 2020 both the Blocks were ready for occupation except one Flat B-1 of original Bhabha resident Aloo Daruwalla whose keys are retained by Anahita Desai since years though Aloo had given her Surrender letter on Stamp paper duly notarised in 2019 itself.

Thus why the keys are still with Anahita is not known. Of course one cannot blame the staff if they did not insist on receiving the keys of B-1 flat for after all Anahita was the wife of the Chairman and the staff had to just lump it. And to add insult to injury, Anahita Desai is now demanding that her masi Aloo who is residing with her in Rustom Baug since last over six years be compensated by Rs. 15000/pm as dole as alternate premises were given to other occupants who vacated Bhabha Sanatorium as Yazdi and Anahita are facing financial difficulty due to their medical expenses.

If they are really facing financial difficulty then the Trustees should refund a part of the Refundable Deposit of Rs 26 lakhs paid by Yazdi Desai to BPP to be allotted the 4RK flat of 1500 sq. ft. in Rustom Baug or in the alternative allow his widow to auction his flat on 50:50 basis which would fetch them over Rs. 1 crore considering after all that he was the Chairman of BPP and allow them to occupy the late brothers Godrej Baug flat which is still vacant.

Coming back to the plight of the residents of Godrej Foundation building, we would request the Trustees of the Godrej Foundation Trust to undo the damage they caused to the residents by making them occupy a building with failed technology.

We would request Architect Maneck Engineer to take up the project of reconstruction / redevelopment of the dilapidated Godrej building and use the funds of Godrej Foundation Trust to restore the building to a safe and habitable condition.

If reconstruction of Godrej building alone is not feasible as it is a non-cessed building having been constructed after 1970 then Maneck Engineer should rope in the

seven Palmlands building whose occupants have already agreed to redevelopment with Trustee Viraf Mehta provided they are informed of the terms of redevelopment. Since Godrej properties is in a big way having several Redevelopment projects, we are sure Maneck Engineer with his team of Godrej Properties will bring this project to finalization with all sides benefiting from this Redevelopment Project.

By March 2021 both the wings were occupied and most occupants from Godrej Foundation building were shifted there.

However Sana Abdullah with the support of the criminal Kersi Randeria, started her dadagiri with the new Occupants who had just moved in to the B and C wings.

The harassment they face is not just from Sana Abdullah but also from Kersi Randeria who to please Sana has stopped the transit residents from using their terrace for taking walks for their well being in these pandemic times when going out on the streets is a big NO-NO.

Further a few residents of Godrej building are refusing to move to Bhabha Sanatorium and insist on being given transit accommodation in Contractor Baug itself. If all residents do not vacate how will the Trustees or Maneck Engineer or Godrej Properties finish the project of Redevelopment. There are 27 total flats in the ground plus four storey building of Godrej Foundation. Of these six flats are vacant and in possession of BPP. Two more flats are used as BPP Godown and Custodians office.

That leaves 19 residents to be rehoused in transit flat. Eight residents have shifted to Bhabha Sanatorium, five flats are locked and not occupied and their whereabouts not known and



hence there is no urgency to house them immediately, one resident on ground floor of Godrej building, Mrs. Perin Irani has already been shifted to F bldg. in Contractor Baug, and five residents continue to occupy Godrej building as they refuse to shift elsewhere and insist on being given transit accommodation in Contractor Baug itself.

Till these five vacate the demolition and reconstruction of Godrej building cannot start.

We only hope that the unreasonableness of this five resident families does not lead to a tragedy of the building collapsing on them.

The Trustees must prevail upon them to shift wherever available or take the help of BMC and/or Police to forcefully shift them wherever available else the Trustees will get caught in a nasty situation including even prosecution on ground of negligence.

We have received copies of the mails sent by the exasperated Occupants to the Trustees complaining against Sana but **due to the protection power of the Criminal Kersi Randeria, no action has as yet been taken against her in spite of several complaints and reminders sent by the new Occupants.** She is residing there since years for free without paying a paise as compensation or license fees nor does she pay for the monthly water charges or the electricity charges for power consumed in various gadgets she uses in her house. **She owes the Trustees of Bhabha Sanatorium lakhs of rupees.**

On 3rd June 2021, within a few weeks of the residents of Contractor Baug being shifted to transit camp in Bhabha Sanatorium, they complained to the Trustees of the BPP of the

harassment inflicted on them by the notorious Sana Abdullah through the active Connivance of a Trustee of the BPP. We reproduce the said mail below:

"From: Yazad Boga <yazadboga@hotmail.com>

Date: 03/06/2021 16:15 (GMT+05:30)

To: bppceoas@gmail.com, bppdyceo@gmail.com, bppjtdyceo@gmail.com, "Viraf Mehta, CLSA" <viraf.mehta@cls.com>, "Mr. Viraf D. Mehta" <viraf@viraf.com>, "Xerxes V. Dastur" <dasturxerxes@gmail.com>, armaity tirandaz <artirandaz@gmail.com>, Noshir - CAP <noshir@capindia.in>, Noshir Dadrawala <noshir101@gmail.com>, noshirbpp@gmail.com, Kersi - Ahura <kersi@ahuramazdagroup.com>, Cc: Anaita Boga <anaitaboga@hotmail.com>, darabhoj@yahoo.com, natasha_bharucha@yahoo.com, malooviraf@yahoo.com, kashwriter2@rediffmail.com

Subject: Sana Irani aka Sana Abdullah - Illegal activities

Dear Trustees & Office bearers of BPP,

This email is to put on record the various illegal activities of Ms. Sana Irani aka Sana Abdullah of A Building, Bhabha Sanatorium. Also this email is being sent in consultation with various other residents of B & C buildings of Bhabha Sanatorium and they are marked in this email.

Even before we from Contractor baug were to shift, this horrible and uncouth person had started on a personal tirade with all of us cursing not just us but also all the Trustees of BPP. Various unfortunate events have happened with her being the main instigator. We have been harassed by your CEO who seems to work as her

vassal. Our complaints about her have always fallen on deaf ears.

Now we are forced to shoot this video and point out all the illegal irregularities that this uncouth person has been carrying out in A Building of Bhabha Sanatorium.

To summarize as per the attached video

a) All the passage lights of A Building are kept on 24/7, 365 days as illegal electrical connection to her flat is given.

b) No one can access the 4th floor of A Building as she has illegally barricaded and taken over the entire floor. This will be very evident in the attached video as you will not only see the barricaded 4th floor but also the entire takeover of the passage space there. She has also installed a fan for her personal use and extended her living room into the passage.

c) Watchmen can't access the terrace from the A Building. They typically use the B Building to access the terrace.

This brings me to an issue where at her insistence, **one particular BPP trustee**, had sent a couple of BPP personnel today to take away the B & C building terrace keys from us. Ms. Shernaz of BPP had called my wife, Mrs. Anaita Yazad Boga today stating that the BPP personnel will take away the keys from all 3 buildings. That we must co-operate and do the needful.

We told the BPP personnel that one set of keys of B Building terrace is with Satya and you can do whatever you want.

We also told them that please ensure first the illegal barricaded 4th floor is opened up and the A building terrace keys must also be handed over. Long



story short, the BPP personnel went away achieving nothing.

So if BPP wants to change the locks of the terrace, one set of keys must be with one of the tenants of our building, in case we have to access the terrace due to any emergencies or fire or any other mishaps.

With this being said, We the tenants of Bhabha Sanatorium want to know what action will the BPP Trustees take against Sana Irani aka Sana Abdullah for all her illegal activities?

We, on record, want to state that our mental peace and well being has been destroyed and demand that she be evicted from the Bhabha Sanatorium as early as possible.

On behalf of all other residents and including my own family,

Regards,
Yazad J Boga”

On receiving this mail, **Mr. Boga is right as Kersi Randeria is hand in glove with the uncouth Sana Irani as his mail in reply to Mr. Boga clearly indicates:** the guilty criminal Kersi Randeria immediately shot off a reply which speaks for itself:

“From: kersi <kersi@ahuramazdagroup.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 3, 2021 8:11 PM

To: Yazad Boga; bppceoas@gmail.com; bppdyceo@gmail.com; bppjtdyceo@gmail.com; Viraf Mehta, CLSA; Mr. Viraf D. Mehta; Xerxes V. Dastur; Xerxes Dastur; armaitytirandaz; Noshir - CAP; Noshir Dadrawala; noshirbpp@gmail.com; Mr. Kersi Jamshed Randeria

Cc: Anaita Boga; darabhoj@yahoo.com; natasha_bharucha@yahoo.com; malooviraf@yahoo.com; kashwriter2@rediffmail.com

Subject: RE: Sana Irani aka Sana Abdullah - Illegal activities

Mr Boga

When you refer to "one Trustee" dare I presume that you are referring to me?

For your information this was a unanimous board resolution and the staff were there as per the resolution. Both Mrs Tirandaz and I were on the phone on a conference call with our Dy CEO, which Mr Darayus Bhoja refused to get on to. Not important but factual.

Further the Trustees are aware of the issues re Bhabha which are older than the tenure of most of the Trustees, probably all the Trustees.

Locked grills, abuses, electricity usage issues etc.

In fact at one time my colleague Viraf Mehta paid some Rs 60,000+ electricity bills personally after the electric connection of the illegal users was disconnected as the Trust did not pay the bill. This is the kind of concern that the Trustees have shown in the past.

I am concerned about your insulting reference to our CEO. This is unacceptable and I hope that you will apologize in writing for this rude and untrue statement.

I believe that it is the prerogative, nay the duty, of the Trustees to take decisions regarding their property.

Please allow us to do so. Your suggestions are welcome. Your directions to us are not acceptable.

For the record you are NOT tenants of Bhabha. You have been given temporary transit accommodation which please note.

Request you not to tell us what we need to do first before we put the locks of the Trust on the terrace doors nor whom we should give the keys to etc. This is not your domain and as a temporary transit accommodation occupant you must please show restraint and some respect for the Trustees and our staff.

Your reference to BPP personnel going away without achieving any thing is one more unwarranted and unnecessary comment that you could have and should have avoided, more particularly since you are not aware of the facts. Let this rest here for the present.

I will leave it to our Chairperson to take this further.

I am also confident that my other colleagues will also share my objections to your uncharitable references to our staff and our CEO, your demands and diktats and your misplaced confidence that genuinely boggles my mind.

I have received some videos about some efforts made by the occupants to clear the grass and the debris.

Well done. I have also received videos of the same being burnt, which I am informed is not legal to do and could land the concerned occupants and the Trust in considerable trouble. More about this later.

I look forward to your support and some amount of respect, if possible, for your Trustees, the senior staff and the staff of the Trust. This of course depends on you.

Best

Kersi Randeria
Trustee
BPP”



Mr. Boga has to understand that the BPP CEO is mild mannered and a perfect gentleman. But Sana can be such a handfull that nobody wants to take her on especially as she can be a vengeful lady and allege molestation at the drop of a hat. Hence Mr. Boga's description of CEO Aspi Sarkari as Sana's 'vassal' is not appropriate at all but it was based on his not knowing the mild CEO. The reply of Trustee Randeria is more to help and safe guard Sana than to reply to the complaint of illegal activities of Sana.

Yazad Boga in his reply to Randeria exposed the mind set of Randeria as under:

"On Thu, Jun 3, 2021 at 21:16, Yazad Boga <yazadboga@hotmail.com> wrote:

Mr. Randeria,

Does the cap fit you sir because i mentioned one trustee?

I will only point out one line of yours which shows me the arrogance with which you are approaching this issue.

Your sentence given below

"I believe that it is the prerogative, nay the duty, of the Trustees to take decisions regarding **their property**".

Since when have the Trust's properties become "their property" of the trustees. You are caretakers of the BPP Trusts properties. But i am sure you know your job well. Let this rest here for now.

In the past so many years of me and family living in BPP's Contractor Baug, have you even heard of me. I am a very private person but when it affects my family directly, i will speak up and you are no one to tell me not to.

Regarding a couple of the BPP employees, the points that i have made is my personal interaction with them and hence first hand. So please do not tell me to apologise. **As expected you have completely skirted the actual topic of Sana Irani aka Sana Abdullah. Why are you so eager to support this uncouth woman who has made our life miserable since the time BPP told us to shift here?**

I will leave this here because as usual you will go on a complete tangent and not address the core issue at hand. If Sana Irani aka Sana Abdullah behaves with us, doesn't provoke us, we have no interest in such an uncouth female.

The video that i had attached in my earlier email is first hand proof of how this female is lording over all the occupants of Bhabha Sanatorium and even getting all of you to kow tow to her demands.

So being the caretakers of BPP Trusts' lands and properties, i am sure you will take proper action against her.

Regards,
Yazad J Boga"

In this cross fire, we sympathize with Darayus Bhoja, the ardent supporter of Randeria but now caught in an Embarrassing situation due to confrontation with Sana. Naturally taking a cue from Mr. Boga, other transit occupants also chipped in. We have to applaud Darayus Bhoja who seems to be made of sterner stuff than most Parsi residents of BPP Baugs and especially since he is a Licensee and not a Tenant, who could be easily terrorized by the threats of Kersi Randeria who even then castigated the Dy. CEO for not replying to their complaint against Sana Abdulla/Irani wrote back as under:

"DARAYUS M. BHOJA
MOB: +919820425511
EMAIL: darabhaj@yahoo.com

On Friday, August 6, 2021, 01:35:20 PM GMT+5:30, darayus bhoja <darabhaj@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Ms Shernaz Khambhata,

Hope you are doing fine...

Ma'am during our last conversation on mobile , I and few tenants of Bhabha had asked you about what action has been taken on our complain regarding a tenant keeping electricity on of entire Bhabha A wing common passage whose bill is payed by BPP.

So request you to kindly update us what action has been taken for the same as even today the electricity lights are on 24 hrs and 365 days...

We as a tenant of Bhabha Sanatorium are still waiting for the feedback from your office.

For making things easy for you I have copy paste the original mail for you ma'am."

Darayus Bhoja not one to be cowed down sent three reminders to the Dy CEO who was probably Instructed by the devious Kersi Randeria not to reply, to whom she primarily owed her allegiance, having been appointed by him as Dy. CEO of BPP along with a gift of a Cusrow Baug flat. We reproduce the Same for the benefit of the community as under:

"DARAYUS M. BHOJA
MOB: +919820425511
EMAIL: darabhaj@yahoo.com

On Monday, August 23, 2021, 11:16:54 AM GMT+5:30, darayus bhoja <darabhaj@yahoo.com> wrote:



Dear Shernaaz Ma'am ,

Hope you are doing fine..."

"DARAYUS M. BHOJA
MOB: +919820425511
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On Tuesday, August 31, 2021, 03:59:01 PM GMT+5:30, darayus bhoja <darabhoj@yahoo.com> wrote:

REMINDER NO 3

Dear Ms Shernaz Khambatta..

Hope you are doing fine....

This is 3rd Reminder and I have wats app you also the same , just to remind you of the mail ...

Can you share with us when the action will be taken on our mail (Complain) ...

Dear Trustees if your Dy. Ceo is not able to reply to the mail or she seems to be very very busy, then can one of you ask or let us know the status of our complain. We have shown you with proof many times through mail and wats app also.

1) How can a Tenant occupy entire 4th floor? Infact entire A wing one can say ..

2) How can a tenant not allow a BPP appointed Watchman to switch off common passage electricity in morning, like he switch off electricity B and C wing ... For A wing it is on for 365 Days . Isn't it a criminal waste Trustees ?

Ms Shernaz hoping that you will reply now and perform your duty towards BPP and their tenants...

Still waiting for your reply "

"From: darayus bhoja <darabhoj@yahoo.com>

Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 5:11 PM

To: Yazad Boga <yazadboga@hotmail.com>; kersi <kersi@ahuramazdagroup.com>; bppceoas@gmail.com; bppdyceo@gmail.com; bppjtdyceo@gmail.com; Viraf Mehta, CLSA <viraf.mehta@cls.com>; Mr. Viraf D. Mehta <viraf@viraf.com>; Xerxes V. Dastur <dasturxerxes@gmail.com>; Xerxes Dastur <xerxes.dastur.2018@gmail.com>; armaity tirandaz <artirandaz@gmail.com>; Noshir - CAP <noshir@capindia.in>; Noshir Dadrawala <noshir101@gmail.com>; noshirbpp@gmail.com; Mr. Kersi Jamshed Randeria <kranderia@ahuramazdagroup.com>

Cc: Anaita Boga <anaitaboga@hotmail.com>; natasha_bharucha@yahoo.com; malooviraf@yahoo.com; kashwriter2@rediffmail.com; Mahatab Bharucha <mahatabbharucha@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Sana Irani aka Sana Abdullah - Illegal activities

REMINDER 4

I request at least trustees to please see my reminders . But still your staff has no professionalism to reply.

On 2nd October on a National Holiday promised us and asked Khuhro Bharucha to take action within 7 days to remove any thing placed in common passage that includes illegal grill placed by a tenant of A wing Ms Sana Abdulla aka Sana Irani..Electricity of common passage for whom BPP pays the bill is kept open 365 days by this tenant. We have complained many times from the day we came to stay at Bhabha in March 2021. But none of the trustees or BPP CEO or Dy CEO has taken any action

Even the boxes still remain near

electricity board and her personal furniture are still lying on terrace...

It is now exactly ONE MONTH but no action has been taken.. Hope the trustees stays to their word"..

It is indeed unfortunate that the Trustees led by Kersi Randeria do not have the decency to reply to the transit occupants who have been uprooted from their Mahim residence on their promise of safer Accommodation at Bhabha Sanatorium and then denying them access to the terrace even during pandemic times when going for a refreshing walk on the roads is a big NO NO by the authorities and the only option left is to exercise on the terrace.

We would like to point out for the information of all occupants of Bhabha Sanatorium that Kersi Randeria is not a Trustee of Bhabha Sanatorium and all of you can tell him to get out of its premises being a Trespasser. His Change Report has been rejected by the Office of the Charity Commissioner and hence he cannot even come inside and you can boot him out. Once he cannot come in, his protection of Sana Abdullah will come to an end.

The lawfully approved Trustees of Bhabha Sanatorium are Armaity Tirandaz, Muncherji Cama, Yazdi Desai and Dinshaw Mehta. With two gone only two are left. **Till Godrej Foundation building is repaired You can stay there as transit accommodation.**

Since Armaity Tirandaz and BPP Trustees have housed you here it is their duty to look after your well being too. If there is any problem you have to contact Armaity Tirandaz or Dinshaw Mehta.



DR. ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR RECOMMENDS CHANGES IN ELECTION SCHEME



Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

My Dear Community Members,

After the dismal and wretched fiasco of their dramatic Hunger Strike by Noshir Dadrawalla and Kersi Randeria, hyped by a handful of their pets and favoured and rewarded loyalists, trying

to blackmail the rest of the Trustees and the BPP, to implement their demand for immediate Elections for two seats only fetched bad publicity in the National Media whilst the Law was completely disregarded.

Both these Trustees can only be termed as Betrayers of the very Institution they represent as also our Community who elected them to the Seat of Power on the Board of the BPP. Instead of idling away precious time in the Board Room both these Trustees must contribute to regulate the functioning of the BPP and rectify the mistakes of the past which has brought the BPP into such financial chaos. The So-Called Righteous Trustee Dadrawalla has completely lost track of this stark reality.

It is paramount for the Board led by the Affidavit filed by Noshir Dadrawalla in the Hon'ble High Court, to recall the unprecedented impediment they faced during the unwarranted episode of my disqualification of Candidature during the March 14, 2021 Elections since postponed as a Face Saving Grace.

The Board submitted Affidavits in Support of their Stooze candidates to prop their case but yet again Law prevailed despite their high profile team of Counsels and the presentation of the Legal Opinion by none other than Solicitor & Partner Yazdi P. Dandiwalla of Mulla & Mulla and Craigie Blunt & Caroe. None of the Dissenting Trustees on the BPP Board nor their CEO and the Deputy CEO were learned enough to interpret the simple vocabulary of the rules under the Scheme of Elections. Sad to have such Dissenting Trustees and CEOs, without any acquaintance of the Law to manage the affairs of our BPP.

Several letters and a Legal Notice to the Trustees have hopefully set the ball rolling as I would not want any of the Contestants to face the deceit of such Trustees at the very tenth hour just to have their joy of Vengeance as I was the only person to first object to their proposal of Consensus Candidates to

walk into the Board of the BPP without Contesting.

However when Hoshang Jal displayed his intention to Contest, he was bought off by the Manipulative Broker Noshir Dadrawalla by offering him Tenancy as settlement for his Cusrow baug flat License which was pending for over a decade. Only when realization dawned of my unflinching stand, the unscrupulous Broker with his henchmen filed affidavits upon affidavits to disqualify my Candidature but their ignorance of their own Scheme of Elections brought down the curtain on themselves. The Financial Drain combined with the Trauma suffered for no fault of mine was worth it when both Noshir and Kersi who attended the arguments slyly smiling had to bear the brunt of Hon'ble Justice S. Kathawala through their Counsel.

The Trustees are forthwith reminded to incorporate the recommendations presented in my letter sent by E-mail on October 28, 2021. To begin with, the Form of Nomination to be filled by the Contestants must be in accordance of legal implications and once submitted at the Office of the BPP be treated as final. Any erroneous or incomplete information submitted, inconsistent with the Scheme of Elections as also the Donor / General Registers of the Voters maintained by the BPP, warrants for disqualification of Candidature which will be totally binding on the Candidate. No candidate must be allowed to file another Form of Nomination at any juncture.

Any / All Trustees must be allowed to examine any document at the BPP. Any / all Discrepancies must be discussed and settled in the Board Meetings and if any Trustee so desires to file a Suit against his compatriot Trustee / Trustees must do so at his /her own costs and consequences.

Under dinshaw mehta's chairmanship, BPP was flush with funds but from 2014 when Yazdi Desai decided to target Dinshaw Mehta for the loss of his wife Anahita Desai till 2019 when Yazdi Desai became Chairman and Kersi Randeria was the defacto Chairman and Noshir Dadrawalla and Zarir Bhatena were ruling the BPP for five long years, BPP lost all its funds and had to beg for funds to pay even salary, etc.

This was the state to which Yazdi Desai, Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawalla brought BPP to till in 2019, Yazdi Desai realized his mistake and parted ways with both Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawalla and threatened them to desist or he would file Application to Charity Commissioner for removal of Kersi Randeria u/s 41D as well as filing Contempt of



Court proceedings against him for being in breach of the Consent Terms signed by all of them in 2017 in the High Court.

And now the shameless Anahita Desai to fulfill her ambition to become a Trustee by hook or by crook is now joining hands with the same despicable Kersi Randeria who Yazdi Desai till he suffered the Stroke in March 2020 had promised to remove Kersi Randeria from the Board of Trustees. What a wife!

Anahita Desai joining hands with Kersi Randeria can only benefit Randeria but will be detrimental to her cause. But the community is bound to understand this Union is only for political reasons and for no other reason can the Orthodox Anahita jell with the Reformist Randeria unless there is more than meets the eye.

The Trustees during their term of 5 years in Majority lost precious time and it would be a race against time to complete rectifications and amendments before the proposed date of March 27, 2022 for the next Elections. The Majority under the Late Chairman Yezdi Desai and defacto Chairman Kersi Randeria for five years did nothing progressive for our Community except illegally curtailing the rights of the Minority Trustees (again an act of vengeance) and allotting out of turn houses to their near and dear hunched supporters and the double faced Noshir Dadrawalla wants the Late Chairman's wife to take his legacy forward.

The Lure for Power is so intense that the Power-Crazy lady spent crucial time at the BPP just to support the Blackmailing Drama of Noshir Dadrawalla and the Scheming Kersi Randeria which eventually flopped. This same Noshir Dadrawalla seldom supported Yezdi Desai who remained sidetracked on the Board of the BPP. No doubt Noshir Dadrawalla is famous for his dual personality and is rightly nicknamed "The Pendulum".

It is said "As you sow, so shall you reap" and "what goes around, comes around". A full circle has turned at the BPP. The first Causality of Treachery was Ex CEO Mehli Colah who was declined any support, infact suffered at the hands of such Trustees and now it's the Late Ex Chairman. The tricks played by Kersi Randeria to allot flats to his friends and relatives have taken its toll, above all defrauding the BPP of the promised Rs. 40 Lakhs for the flat given to his Friend and ally Kaikhushroo Sam Irani at Contractor Baug, Mahim. The promised amount to be paid by Kersi Randeria is yet to see the light of day. Such are the promises of these unscrupulous Trustees.

I will ensure that this Rs. 40 lakhs of BPP funds is recovered from either Kersi Randeria or Kaikhushroo

Irani whether I become a Trustee or not.

My Dear Community, lets face the facts. The Trustees elected in 2015 and who formed the majority, only brought misery to the Electorate and the BPP. I do not mince words and I have the grit to call "A Spade A Spade" though it may be remotely possible that a few amongst us would not accept this harsh reality.

'To be Emotionally Blackmailed during the forthcoming Elections would only crush the BPP and bring upon us the wrath and impose payments of Property Taxes upon the Community'

May Yezdi Desai's Soul Rest In Peace. My Condolences to the Bereaved Family. He being his gentle self, allowed Kersi Randeria and the Pompous Noshir Dadrawalla to take over the reigns of the BPP despite being its Chairman and both Noshir and Kersi misused the Trust, intentionally being vengeful upon the Minority Trustees.

My dear community, you have your own future and that of your descendants at stake, vote for the right candidate who should be Impartial, Amicable, Result Oriented, Academically Qualified, Law Abiding and above all with full Loyalty to the BPP. The Future of the BPP is in your hands.

I reiterate, you as Beneficiaries 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.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir
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Nelly and her Band

Viraf Langrana's post on Bombay's Parsi Bands has prompted me to post an article I wrote (first showcasing here) encapsulated from a telephone interview Toronto to Bombay with Nelly's granddaughter Sanaya and daughter Pearly a few months ago.

It was only with much effort that I was able to trace and contact someone close to Nelly, as my way of giving back a memory of a kind lady whose music gave me great pleasure to hear and dance when I was a young man growing up in Bombay.

Please give credit to your repostings to Roland Francis, Pearly and Sanaya Dalal.

The Grand Lady of Bombay Bands
A Story of a Gutsy Parsi Lady

Nelly and Her Orchestra later known as Nelly and Her Dance Band.

Ancestry & Family

Nergish Battivala came from a well-off family. Her grandfather's brother Muncherji Joshi built a bungalow near Dadar Railway Station and developed a neighbourhood known as Dastur Bungalows later to become a cosmopolitan housing cluster called Dasturvadi. Dadar's Parsi Colony came up near its location.

She was an only child and was a preemie at 7 months old, swaddled in cotton as were all preemies born in those times before ventilators were invented. But she soon overcame that handicap and became a strong normal child. Maiden name Joshi, she came a Battivala upon marriage. She knew her husband Jehan when she was 12 and he was 17. It was a case of marrying a childhood sweetheart. He came from a family of 9 siblings but died at 42 leaving her with a young family. She was 36.

Early Life

Left on her own with 3 children Pearly, Adil and Roshni, she decided to brave it in the music field. Coming from a musical family, she was adept on the keyboards and was classically trained, doing her LTCL diploma. Her first attempts at

playing for a living consisted of knocking on doors of Parsi homes asking to be engaged for navjotes, birthday parties and weddings. She had to face rejections and hostility, sometimes having doors slammed on her because her community was not yet ready for an independent woman trying to make a living and that too in the music field at which people of those times looked questionably.

She started on the keyboards with which she was trained and familiar, but a cousin vacationing in Italy presented her with an oversized accordion on returning and she gladly took to it, training on it all by herself, standing in front of the mirror at home and sticking notes on the ivories to find a connection with the piano keys she knew.

She got a break with Goody Seervai circa 1959, selecting her for his band. Goody was the western gold music standard for the Parsi community and Bombay of the time, getting all the affluent business there was to pick up. Even Maurice Concessio an East Indian later to become like Nelly, one of Bombay's best bands and in later years the Musician Laureate of the Bandra Gymkhana and the founder of a music training school called the Lonely Hearts Club, first earned his spurs with Goody.

The Band

It was old Bombay's finest music hour and Nelly was not going to let it pass by. A strong woman with a heart of gold, she hid an iron hand in a velvet glove. Leaving Goody, she struck out on her own. She flourished with Goan and Parsi musicians, a long line of them, including her son Adil and her crooner daughter Pearly. Her outstanding singers were Freddy Morris a Parsi, and Goans Allwyn and Alex. Alwyn from Byculla was known for his Elvis Presley renditions. Unfortunately the two Goan boys loved the bottle and passed away from its complications. All the musicians who did not own a band were part timers with a day job. It must have been hard work for them too.

It was always a striking moment when Nelly's Band started on the stage at their turn. There was this diminutive and well-dressed lady with the shiny accordion covering most of her torso. It must have been heavy, all metal little plastic in those days, but she handled it like a baby, squeezing the most pleasant melodies out of it. Then there was this tall, almost European looking Freddy belting out a range



of tones and voices with a svelte looking reedy Alwyn by his side singing without being left behind. The music for each song would start with Nelly stomping on the stage with her high heels cueing the band to follow her in robust accompaniment. She always smiled to the crowd and if you showed appreciation while in close distance to the stage, she would nod in recognition of your patronage.

There was no musical venue in Bombay she didn't play. The clubs, gymkhanas and the hotels, all clamored to engage her at any function you could name or think. A band leader's life in those days was not so easy as it would be today. There would be sudden absences of band members at the last moment, no managers to deal with the negotiations, no easy transport for heavy and cumbersome musical instruments. L.M. Furtado for example could be counted on to send his rental pianos to the venue but there were sometimes delays that were stress-causing to the band. Nelly was a strict no nonsense disciplinarian. No drinking alcohol before or during intervals even if you were plied with them by management or happy dancers as was the custom with other bands. You could drink only when everything was over and the money received.

Making A Decent Living

Nelly was a hard worker, sustaining her family in luxury, 3 generations of them – parents, herself and her children in their Dadar grandparent's bungalow. Nothing was less for them because of her hard work. A comfortable home, a car, domestics and the first telephone line in Dasturvadi, Dadar when telephones were a sought-after rarity.

She worked gigs on weekdays whenever she got them and boy did she get them. On weekends it was two engagements a night often a big physical distance from each other with all the hassles and coordination that came with it. In those days the band was paid from 300 to 500 rupees which might seem a decent amount for the time but after you paid off everyone and for everything, it was not so much for the amount of work.

She also played some background music for film studios but she refused to actively interact with the music industry where she could get paid so much more because despite her brave exterior, Nelly was a decent woman and the film industry was not, at least not to a woman and at least not in the general perception. Besides, with her own gigs she did not answer to anybody.

With Nelly, it was all about the love of music. Playing music and performing didn't seem like work because she loved it. To her delight, she was awarded a Rajiv Gandhi music award for her lifetime contribution. She and her family were proud to travel to Delhi and receive it. More than the award, it was the adulation of her audience that was always the driving force and in this, her cup overflowed.

Family and The Sunset

At home the lady was like at work, a strict mother except with her grandchildren. Manners in life and at the table was insisted upon and received. Everybody across the generations was musically inclined and trained. Her two daughters like herself were piano-taught, Pearly being classically trained, but her son Adil Battivala was something else, a musical prodigy playing several instruments, forming a band called the Waterfront in Bombay and then going to Dubai and onwards to the USA where he played in pubs, hotels and all kinds of musical venues. One of his bands played for Pink Floyd. At 48, struck with cancer he came home to rest and die. It was tragic for Nelly and all the family. The apple of the eye, gone before his time although with a life well lived.

Her grandchildren and even great grandchildren are all musically connected. That's the hallmark of a truly musical family. One of them has a state of the art music studio in Bombay, one like her is a women's lib activist fighting for Parsi women's equality and for their children born from non-Parsi fathers to be recognized as Parsi. Nelly would have supported it. Minus the overt activism, she was first and foremost a woman who broke her own gender barriers. Nelly slowed down after her stroke in 2003, giving up her beloved gigs but still playing solo at places like the Radio Club, Otters and the Willingdon Gymkhana at Mahalaxmi. Her granddaughter remembers her even playing at her navjote celebration. Like an old soldier she never died in 2009, she just faded away leaving behind a trail of love and musicians.

At her funeral, a peacock stepped out onto the clearing at the Towers of Silence, spread out its multicolored feathers and did a little ceremonial dance in front of the mourners. It was a fitting tribute to a celebrated lady who had delighted people with her music for decades.

Performing at the Albless Baug 1970
Freddy and Alwyn at right, sitting.



CYRUS BHARUCHA ON 12-10-21 TRUSTEES MEETING

In PT, a lot has been written about the meeting held on the 12th instant n how the resolution of postponing the much debated election in Dec 2021 was taken by the majority Trustees. None have touched upon a simple point as to why the resolution of postponing the election in Dec 2021 was taken. The much stressed point of not holding frequent elections in view of the severe cash crunch experienced by the BPP is conveniently overlooked. There is no mention of it, as to why was there a petition against holding frequent elections. One now for filling up of 2 for the vacancy created n then again within a span of 10 months for another 3, when the term of 3 is expiring.

Another valid point taken up by the petitioners in favor of postponing the election was a lapse on the Board of not bringing about the much promised ammendments to the Scheme of Elections. These ammendments were promised by the then campaigning Contenders, (now the sitting Trustees), in the year 2015 n nothing was done till date. These include a reduction in the term of a Trustee from the present 7 to 5 years, an only 2 term seat on the Board, a code of conduct to b followed by the candidates during campaigning n no promoting of a candidate by the sitting Trustee. All these ammendments in the Scheme of Elections are pending since 2015. Those opposing the elections were justified in their demands that these ammendments be first made in the Court of law n then fair elections be had after the changes are made. The Trustees in the minority were in a hurry to hold elections n then apply for the much delayed ammendments to the Scheme. This was not acceptable to the Trustees in the majority n so there was a debate on this issue.

All this was very firmly but respectfully put forward by a group of petitioners who met the Board on the 12th instant. There was no exchange of unpleasantaries or any unparliamentary remarks made with reference to any sitting Trustee in the Board room.

It was the group supporting the Trustees in the minority that followed later played havoc in the Board room with an exchange of unpleasantaries with those in the majority. Not wanting the situation to turn ugly, the Madame Chairman exercised her power to take a decision of passing a resolution of deferring the elections to a later date after the ammendments to the Scheme of Election was duly made by the Court.

This was a sensible move but blown out of proportion by misinterpreting it n giving it an ugly turn. There was no need for the fast. It was a farce, only to gain attention n pity from the members of the Community. What transpired as an amicable solution later, as given by a mediating person was the same as suggested by the group of petitioners who had approached the Board earlier. It was also accepted by both the factions but was not officially declared as the other group was still to b heard.

I was present in the Board room with the group that met the Trustees first n hence know what transpired there then.



Must read this.

How true n I whole-heartedly support n agree with this.

This is a very sad. A situation that Parsis worship other saints and religions but do not know what spiritual wealth lies in our own!

Sadly, we have time for everything except to know about our own religion! Instead of Ganpati, why cannot Parsis be devoted to our Yazads, e.g. to Mino Ashishvangh who is the same as Ganpati except that we have no form given to our Yazads! Just as Ganpati gives success and wealth, so does Mino Ashishvangh!

We also have our own saints who have achieved Immortality such as Kaikhusroo Padshah and Dastur Peshotan, the son of Kai Vishtasp who was granted immortality by Asho Zarathushtra! Many remember them in prayers and ask for their blessings which are given! We have Faredoon Padshah who not only captured Zohak but has given us nirangs which heal, bring peace and prosperity! We have the Ardibehesht and Vanant Yashts to ward off any evil including any sickness! If Parsis do not even know about these great Saints and what power the utterance of their names have, then they seek instant results elsewhere.

What a pity! Sad that we are supposed to be a literate community but truly, we are the most religiously illiterate! If only Parsis knew what power there is in our own Manthravani! How Dasturan-e Dastur Adarbad Marespand performed the miracle of pouring molten metal on his chest but remained unscathed! How Dasturan-e Dastur Neriosang Dhaval brought down the Fire of Lightening from the Heavens by reciting the Sacred Manthra of the Ahunavar! Dasturan-e Dastur Ardaviraf went to heaven (and also to hell) while living and in trance, and he returned to give the proof of Immutable Justice that every action causes reaction. Dasturan-e Dastur Ardeshir Kermani saved the Parsi lives in Iran when he recited the Ijeshne ceremony to prove to Sultan Mohammed that we are people of the Book and that there is Power in our Prayers and Religion too when he made the Yazads appear on a white screen on which the Sultan watched the Yazads!! Do our children know the story of the Holy Fire of Aden and how it was brought here? No, by and large, parents are only interested in their own parties, sending kids to dance schools, but our own religion is simply put. aside! It is easy for many to "follow the crowd"!

Our community is mesmerized by the false glitter and glamour of the 21st century and has no time to even look elsewhere! No time to pray or read religious books. How long will we survive when many do not even know the basic kusti prayers? How many offer kusti in each geh.?

In dis modern fashionable lifestyle most teenaged women dont wear sadreh and kusti.. What a shame on them. Hope this situation changes soon and the old Parsipanu returns!

As we respect all religions but remain committed to only ours! We cannot walk on two Paths/roads simultaneously although we have two feet! We walk only One Path, the religion in which we are born!

I would thus request each and every Zarathusthi to ask themselves as to wther they are doing religious things correctly? And if so, then are u gonna change or stay like this and pass this to ur kids too??

Decide urselves...

Please pass it on to all Zoroastrians....



★How grandchildren perceive their grandparents★

- ◆ I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....
 - ◆ My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 72. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"
 - ◆ After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"
 - ◆ A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"
 - ◆ My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.
 - ◆ A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."
 - ◆ I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I really think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"
 - ◆ When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."
 - ◆ When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6." (WOW! I really like this one -- it says I'm only '38'!)
 - ◆ Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked. "Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
 - ◆ A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and whenever we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
 - ◆ My Grandparents are funny, when they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.
- SEND THIS TO OTHER GRANDPARENTS, OR HECK, SEND IT TO EVERYONE. IF THEY'RE NOT ALREADY GRANDPARENTS, MAYBE SOME DAY THEY'LL GET LUCKY AND BECOME ONE!
- IT WILL MAKE THEIR DAY!

Photography

Lazy Lamhe



Even the apex predator of the Mara grasslands needs his R&R, when we saw this gorgeous young male lion getting ready to get his much needed shut eye. It was almost time to get out of the park when our driver stopped suddenly seeing this huge ball of golden fur by the side of the road and we got our chance to quickly take a few images of this handsome hunk.



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.

Zimbabwe's ex-President Robert Mugabe Hilarious Quotes



Zimbabwe's ex-President Robert Mugabe

“ If you are ugly means, you are ugly. Stop talking about inner beauty because people don't walk around with X-ray machines to see inner beauty. ”

“ No girl will choose six pack over six cars.. So stop going to the gym and go to work ..! ”

“ It is better to sit in a bar thinking about God than to sit in a church thinking about beer. ”

“ Treat every part of your towel nicely because the part that wipes your bum today will wipe your face tomorrow. ”



High Court Orders



Santosh Bane

BEST GIFT EVER: The happy group, who got keys to flats in Goregaon's 27-storey Earth Terrace, brought festive cheer to the high court with their smiles and small celebration with kachoris and chocolates

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Just for laughs!

Why is the place in a stadium where people SIT, called a STAND ?

Why is that everyone wants to go to HEAVEN, but nobody wants to DIE..

If money doesn't grow on TREES, then why do banks have BRANCHES ?

Why doesn't GLUE stick to its BOTTLE ?

Why do you still call it a BUILDING, when its already BUILT ?

If you aren't supposed to DRINK and DRIVE...

Why do bars have PARKING lots ?

If All The Nations In The World Are In Debt, Where Did All The Money Go..?

When Dog Food Is New With Improved Taste, Who Tests It..?

If The "Black Box" Flight Recorder Is Never Damaged During A Plane Crash, Why Isn't The Whole Airplane Made Out Of That Stuff..?

Why Do People Say "You've Been Working Like A Dog", When Dogs Just Sit Around All Day..??



INTERESTING FACTS WORTH READING

Very interesting numbers...

The current population of Earth is more than 7 Billion. The statistics can tell us the numbers, the distribution, various races and other information of the population.

As the population is so large, a purely statistical report, for most people, would not make meaningful sense. Therefore, someone has produced this simple and wonderful statistical report condensing the 7 billion in the world into 100 persons, and then into various percentage statistics. The resulting analysis is very easy to comprehend and quite illuminating.

Out of 100:

11 are in Europe
5 are in North America
9 are in South America
15 are in Africa
60 are in Asia

49 live in the countryside
51 live in cities

12 speak Chinese
5 speak Spanish
5 speak English
3 speak Arabic
3 speak Hindi
3 speak Bengali
3 speak Portuguese
2 speak Russian
2 speak Japanese
62 speak their own language.

77 have their own houses
23 have no place to live.

21 are over-nourished
63 can eat full
15 are under-nourished
1 ate the last meal, but did not make it to the next meal.

The daily cost of living for 48 is less than US\$2.

87 have clean drinking water
13 either lack clean drinking water or have access to a water source that is polluted.

75 have mobile phones
25 do not.

30 have internet access
70 do not have conditions to go online

7 received university education
93 did not attend college.

83 can read
17 are illiterate.

33 are Christians
22 are Muslims
14 are Hindus
7 are Buddhists
12 are other religions
12 have no religious beliefs.

26 live less than 14 years
66 died between 15 - 64 years of age
8 are over 65 years old.

If you have your own home,
Eat full meals & drink clean water,
Have a mobile phone,
Can surf the internet, and
have gone to college,
you have little reason to complain.

Amongst 100 persons in the world,
only 8 can live or exceed the age of 65.

If you are over 65 years old be content & grateful.
Cherish life, grasp the moment.

You did not leave this world before the age of 64 years like the 92 persons who have gone before you. You are already the most blessed amongst mankind.

**Common Sense**

Everyone has a
Different understanding
Of Zoroastrianism
For example lot
Of dos as well
As don'ts
The only theory
I believe just
Three simple tenets
Of Good Thoughts
Good Words Good Deeds.

According to some
With all due respect
If one doesn't follow
What's in the Holy Scriptures

Obey the holy law
One can go to hell

I believe lead one's life
The way one see fit
Let Ahura Mazda decide
Whether it's
Heaven or Hell

Listen to nobody
No matter say or do
But listen to one's conscience
Cause one has been given
The power of Reasoning
Which implies
Common Sense.

Choicest Happiness
Farida

THIS DIWALI

Instead of spreading pollution with
crackers, please, please, please a
tree plant

Because manind has taken a
wrong turn; in Nature, there is a
deteriorating slant;

Every cracker we burst, will
pollution in our environment
immediately increase

A tree planted by us, or even
indoor plants small; this will
definitely decrease.

Also, instead of making China
richer n more powerful; who, on
our land encroach;

Let us buy mud "diyaas", from our
own poor brethren; come, let us,
them approach.

Mithais enjoy let us, our own
traditional ones Laddoos, Pedas,
Jalebis

After all, Cadbury, Nestle,
Toblerons, Lindt, Lindor etc are not
our alibi.

All our hard earned money, let us, in
our country, for our India keep

Encourage let us our own arts and
crafts, at Tribal Jewellery, please do
definitely peep.

Feel very good I, when some deeds
useful and good I do, boost they,
my morale.

In my important endeavor, please
do join me, I bet you, it will also
increase your morale.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

Parsi Psyche

"United we stand
Divided we fall"
We will never be united
But will surely crumble like
The Berlin Wall!

Where there is
Sumptuous food
And lots of wine
To drink
Parsis swarm like bees
They gorge & gorge
Till they say" No more
Thank you Please
Keeping the Motto:
Eat Drink and be Merry alive

Having deaf ears as
As well being blind as
To what's going on
Half a world away
The attitude:"Who cares"
As long as it's not in our backyard

Religious Meetings on Zoom
Is doing nobody any good
Instead concentrate on
How to eradicate
Hunger disease poverty
And eradicate
Hatred Racism Bigotry

Do you know that the
Situation in Afghanistan
Has gone so dire
That families are selling
Their babies as commodities
In order to provide food
For the rest of their families
And light the house fire

If you Parsis were in dire need
Of food water shelter or clothing
Would you consider selling your kids
As commodities?or
Would you rather starve to death
Before you took your last breath

Lastly
Before one frets and fumes
or let Fire coming out ones ears
After reading what I penned
The reason being :I am A Parsi
As well as A Human

Choicest Happiness
Farida

**Tillers of Soil**

Humanity is like
A farmer tilling the soil
From sunrise to sunset
With sweat dripping over his body
Working one's fingers to the bone
Sprinkling seeds of Good Thoughts
Good words Good Deeds
According to the saying
"As you sow so you reap"

Thoughts Words Deeds
Are constantly on the go
As the peaceful waters flow
That enriches the "soil"
Making rich "vegetation" grow
So that rich rewards in
"Afterlife" they may sow

A mind is like a tossed salad
Everything mixed ready to eat
Thoughts words Deeds
They are always on the go
Follow you like a shadow
Wherever you go

My concept of Zoroastrianism
Is not the Holy Scriptures or
The lectures that are being taught
On various subjects
But basic tenets of Good Thoughts
Good Words Good Deeds
As well doing good in this world
By getting rid of Racism
Discrimination Bigotry Seclusion
Wasn't it Asho Zarathustra's vision?
Isn't He what He sacrificed
His Precious life for?
Not to Eat Drink & Be Merry
Teaching humanity
To treat people with respect
As well Dignity as well
As treat them as equals
No matter what colour caste
Religion or creed
To leave this world
Full of Prosperity
As well Happiness

Choicest Happiness
Farida

SHARE

People so easily share happiness,
joy, fun with a friend or a host

But when it comes to sharing pain
of another, only very few can boast

Insensitive or busy we become,
always running short of time

Believe me, this indifferent attitude
of ours is almost a crime.

A call or two we definitely make,
on hearing about death, disease
or illness

But do we help out? reach out to
them? to share pain n ensure their
wellness

Do think, a formality so different
is, from genuine care n concern
about someone

Duty-bound people may go a step
further n help offer; but there is
care little or none

Let us genuinely reach out to
people in pain, like a few good
friends of mine did, in my hour of
need

Children n grandchildren are rock
like support, even morsels of food,
us they feed.

A big THANK YOU to all my dear
ones, my Freyu, family and friends
who stood by me

Freyu if it were not for your
unconditional love n support, to
go through this, able I wouldn't be.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

What A Pity !!

The Persian Kings
Were able to rule
A mighty Persian Empire
And keep it under control
Whereas here we a
Miniscule Zoroastrian community
With all the infighting
Can't seem to bring about Unity!!!

By donning a white gown
A white cap an a padan
Doesn't a dasturji make
Nor ruling your flock
Like a despot with an iron fist
By spreading twisted
Turned messages
Just to feed your
Ego as well pride
To those who
Swallow every word
Like a pill so seriously
I wish to say
Follow your vohu mano
That's all needed to get to
The other side

Ahura Mazda is omniscient
Omnipotent as well omnipresent
Whatever prayers you know
Pray with sincerity
(no matter what language)
Is all that matters
Cause He is not going give
Poor soul a written or an oral exam
But will ultimately depend on the
type
Of life one led.

What happened to the Soothe
soul
Hambandagi?"Were you
successful?
NO

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!!!**

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Friday | 12 November 2021
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in discussion with



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Freemasonry, Theosophy and Ilm-e-Khshnoom: Parsis and the esoteric in colonial times with Mariano Errichiello, PhD Candidate, SOAS Shapoorji Pallonji Institute of Zoroastrian Studies

During the 19th and 20th centuries, the proximity of the Parsis to the colonial power exposed them more than other communities to the Western culture. The Zoroastrian community of India, however, was still enjoying close ties with Iran and was an important player of the Persianate world. When the need for rediscovering authentic Zoroastrianism arose, such

cultural entanglement provided resources to the quest for religious authenticity. By examining in what way Parsis engaged with Freemasonry, the Theosophical Society and Ilm-e-Khshnoom, Mariano will discuss how esotericism became a contested form of religious knowledge.

Join us on Zoom:

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