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## WHAT IS GOING ON AT BPP? When Will Some Trustees Start Demonstrating Their Trustworthiness??



*Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz*



*Mr. Viraf Mehta*



*Mr. Xerxes Dastur*



*Mr. Noshir Dadrawala*



*Mr. Kersi Randeria*

Yesterday's Parsi Times of 18-12-21 had the above headlines very akin to the famous proverb that 'when you point an accusing finger at someone without proof, there are four fingers pointing at the accuser'.

There is no doubt that the above headlines apply much more to Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala than to the other three Trustees as will be pointed out hereafter.

**Since the Govt. SOP of 3rd August 2021 were not withdrawn nor modified but still applicable to holding elections, electioneering, campaigning, holding election meetings, etc., the majority Trustees at Board Meeting of 12th October 2021 passed a Resolution to postpone the elections to fill two vacant seats of Zarir Bhatena and Yazdi Desai to be held along with the Trustees elections due in September 2022 for the three Trustees—Noshir Dadrawala,**

Viraf Mehta and Kersi Randeria—whose term would be ending in October 2022 to save Rs. 40 lakhs election expenses by combining the two elections which would be just a few months apart.

Noshir Dadrawala as is his habit to resign at the drop of a hat and then equally fast withdraw the same tendered his resignation to the Chairman but the criminal minded Kersi Randeria requested Armaity to hand the resignation letter to him which he thereafter never returned to the Chairman, giving Noshir time to withdraw.

However the two Trustees dissented accusing the three majority Trustees of attempting to falsely continue their majority. Nothing could be further from the Truth. In January 2021, Noshir Dadrawala suggested having two Consensual candidates from the two sides—Berjis Desai and Anahita Desai, to avoid the acrimony of a



bitter election campaign. This was acceptable to both sides. **Hence the equation of Majority would have remained the same. And therefore to allege otherwise is a contradiction of the plain truth.**

Even assuming that Berjis Desai would not contest after the rude and insulting behavior given to him by Kersi Randeria, elections will still have to be held to decide who becomes a Trustee.

In any case the two of them since they lost their majority have ensured that BPP stops functioning as since last over six months not a single item has been allowed to be taken by the blackmailing duo nor any other functions allowed especially since Xerxes Dastur due to family health problems has not been consistently attending the Board Meetings.

In fact with Xerxes absent many a meeting has been cancelled by the duo refusing to attend, knowing there would be no Quorum in their absence.

Last board meeting of 14-12-21, which was surprisingly attended by the duo though Xerxes was absent, was cut short by the two of them walking out at around 7 pm on some issue with Armaity Tirandaz. Whilst they were walking out, both Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria were accosted by desperate Parsis sitting outside the boardroom, with problems who had come to the meeting after taking appointment and accused them that they were waiting since 4 pm and how can they walk away without meeting them?

Both left but after reaching the ground floor, the duo realized that since elections were around the corner, it would be bad publicity if the desperate Parsis went around complaining against them and hence came back to the boardroom and even though Armaity Tirandaz left around 10pm, the three of them-Noshir, Kersi and Viraf met all the Parsis till well past midnight.

**Under the above circumstances it is clear that there is no merit in the charge of wanting their majority to continue.**

Although the Consent Terms filed by all five of them in High Court laid down that Majority decision is binding on the minority and have to be obeyed unless the minority moves the Court that the decision is illegal or unlawful, they decided against the legal remedy.

Instead of moving the Courts against the decision to hold both elections—for two Trustees in January/February 2022 and three Trustees in September/October 2022 if the same was illegal as alleged, Noshir Dadrawala sent the below mail to the trustees:

“The Trustees  
Bombay Parsi Punchayet  
209 Dr. D N Road  
Mumbai

Dear Trustees,

This is to give you Notice in advance that from Monday, 18th October 2021, 10.00 a.m., I will be going on a Hunger Fast at 209 Dr. D N Road.

**This is in addition to my tendering my resignation on Tuesday 12th October in protest of the absolutely illegal, unwarranted and unacceptable resolution to push the elections to October 2022.**

Please note that this is neither a publicity stunt nor drama. This is a serious attempt on my part to ensure good governance through peaceful, non violent means.

**I am not a potential candidate for election or re-election. I could have just recorded my dissent and I had nothing further to gain or lose.**

But, this is now a matter of principle and Righting an absolute Wrong on part of the BPP Board. I will be sitting at BPP and sleeping there at night till such time as this illegal Resolution is revoked.

You are welcome to have some of your friends or doctor/s sit along with me 24/7 to ascertain that there will be no cheating or snacking on the sly at all.

This is a serious Resolve.



**Declare election date and program for December 2021 or stand responsible for any consequence to my health and life.**

**Do take note that I suffer from hypertension and have other co-morbidities.**

Monday is Shehenshahi Roj Shehrevar of Mah Khordad. Shehrevar embodies strength and Khordad embodies Perfection.

May Shehrevar grant me strength to usher perfection at BPP.

The wrong has to be set right.

Yazdan Panahbad

**Best wishes.**

**Noshir H Dadrawala”**

Thus the duo devised a brilliant blackmailing plan by going on a hunger strike in the airconditioned comfort of the BPP Boardroom and taking vitamin injections from the doctor present as well as drinking gallons of water, knowing that the three Trustees full of compassion for Noshir would succumb to the pressure of his health suffering from various morbidities including being a Cancer survivor. None was bothered about Kersi who just hung on to Noshir for getting reflected mileage for his political agenda.

As expected the three of them succumbed to the blackmailing antics of Noshir Dadrawala and agreed beyond their wildest dreams to hold elections not for two seats but for all seven seats with all of them resigning in March 2022, forfeiting their balance term as Trustees of seven months, thirteen months and over three years for Viraf, Armaity and Xerxes.

However the three Trustees put down a condition that since they were resigning before the end of their term, the March 2022 and all subsequent elections would be held under the Amendment of the Election Scheme curtailing the term of office from seven years to five years and reducing the number of terms from three years to two years

thus effectively reducing the term of a Trustee from maximum 21 years to 10 years only. The duo accepted these terms and on 20th October the below Consent Terms on BPP Letterhead were signed by all five of them.

### BPP LETTERHEAD

### FUNDS & PROPERTIES OF THE PARSIPUNCHAYET BOMBAY

### 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. ArmaityTirandaz, 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 20<sup>th</sup>October, 2021

Mrs. Armaity R. Tirandaz :  
Mr. Noshir H. Dadrawala :  
Mr. Kersi J. Randeria :  
Mr. Viraf D. Mehta :  
Mr. Xerxes V. Dastur :



It is pertinent to point out that though the three majority Trustees agreed to resign but it was on condition that Election scheme would be amended

**On 24th October 2021, Kersi Randeria sent a draft of the Consent Terms as required by the Court and not just on BPP letterhead. A copy of the proposed Draft Consent Terms sent by Kersi Randeria to Dy. CEO to get signature of all the Trustees is reproduced below:**

“IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY  
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION  
MISCELLANEOUS PETITION (L) NO.7007 OF 2021

**1. KERSI RANDERIA** ]  
Of Mumbai, an Adult, Indian ]  
Inhabitant, the Trustee of ]  
Bombay Parsi Punchayet, ]  
having his address at 209, ]  
Dr. D. N. Road, Fort, Mumbai ]  
400 001. ]

**2. NOSHIR DADREWALA** ]  
Of Mumbai, an Adult, Indian ]  
Inhabitant, the Trustee of ]  
Bombay Parsi Punchayet, ]  
having his address at 209, ]  
Dr. D. N. Road, Fort, Mumbai ]  
400 001. ]

] ...PETITIONERS

**VERSUS**

**1. ARMAITY TIRANDAZ** ]  
Of Mumbai, an Adult, Indian ]  
Inhabitant, the Trustee of ]  
Bombay Parsi Punchayet, ]  
having her address at 209, ]  
Dr. D. N. Road, Fort, Mumbai ]  
400 001. ]

**2. VIRAF MEHTA** ]  
Of Mumbai, an Adult, Indian ]  
Inhabitant, the Trustee of Bombay ]  
Parsi Punchayet, having his ]

address at 209, Dr. D. N. Road, ]  
Fort, Mumbai 400 001. ]

**3. XERXES DASTUR** ]  
Of Mumbai, an Adult, Indian ]  
Inhabitant, the Trustee of Bombay ]  
Parsi Punchayet, having his ]  
address at 209, Dr. D. N. Road, ]  
Fort, Mumbai 400 001 ]

**4. BOMBAY PARSI PUNCHAYET** ]  
A duly registered Trust, bearing ]  
Registration No.C-416(BOM) ]  
having its address at 209, Dr. ]  
D. N. Road, Fort, Mumbai 400 ]  
001. ]

]**RESPONDENTS**

**CONSENT TERMS**

- The Petitioners and Respondent Nos.1 to 3 have agreed to the following and have at present resolved their disputes.
- The Petitioners and Respondent Nos.1 to 3 have agreed and confirmed that elections for all seven trustees will be held on 27th March 2022.
- The Petitioners and Respondent Nos.1 to 3 have agreed and confirmed 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).**
- The Petitioners and Respondent Nos.1 to 3 have agreed and confirmed that the term of office of the present five trustees i.e., the Petitioners and Respondent Nos.1 to 3 will be deemed to have expired on the date upon which the seven new trustees assume office, after the elections are held as specified under Clause (2) above.
- The Petitioners and Respondent Nos.1 to 3 have agreed and confirmed that notwithstanding anything



contained herein, the timetable for holding the elections as stated under Clause (2) 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.

6. The above Interim Application is disposed of in terms of these Consent Terms.

Dated this \_\_\_ day of October, 2021

Advocate for Petitioners	Kersi Randeria Petitioner No.1
	Noshir Dadrawala Petitioner No.2
Advocate for Respondents	Armaity Tirandaz Respondent No.1
	Viraf Mehta Respondent No.2
	Xerxes Dastur Respondent No.3
	BombayParsi Punchayet Respondent No.4"

It is pertinent to note that the erstwhile draft of the Consent Terms Recorded an averment to read "*An order will accordingly be obtained in terms of the above Consent Terms dated 20th October 2021*". The same was however deleted as it was not agreeable to some of the Trustees.

Whilst Noshir and Kersi were keen to file the Consent Terms before the High Court, they showed no urgency to file the Misc. Petition to amend the Election Scheme. Initially they informed the three Trustees that the Petition to amend the Election Petition would be filed by 15th November 2021 but the Duo moved the High Court without filing the Election Petition leading to Viraf Mehta putting the Condition of Amendment of the Election Scheme in the Consent Terms.

Even the condition of Zuleika Homavazir to delete the names of deceased Parsis from the Electoral Register was still not completed.

Hence the High Court by its Order dated 23rd November 2021 ordered the Petitioners-Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala to file the Petition for Amending Scheme of Election by 30th November 2021. A copy of the Order dated 23rd November is given below:

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT  
BOMBAY  
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION**

**MISCELLANEOUS PETITION (L) NO. 7007 OF 2021**

**WITH**

**INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 24946 OF 2021**

Kersi Randeria and Anr. ... Petitioners/Applicants  
vs.

Armailty Tirandaz and Ors. ... Respondents

**WITH**

**INTERIM APPLICATION (L) NO. 25676 OF 2021**

**IN**

**MISCELLANEOUS PETITION (L) NO. 7007 OF  
2021**

Phiroze Amroliwalla and Anr. ... Applicants  
vs.

Kersi Randeria and Anr. ... Respondents

Mr. Karl Tamboly a/w. Ms. Kausar Banatwala and Ms. Gauri Sakhardande i/b. Mr. Tushar Goradia for the Petitioners.

Mr. Jamsheed Master a/w. Mr. Declan Fernandes and Ms. Radhika Motiani i/b Mr. Purazar Fouzdar for the Applicant in IAL/25676/2021.

Mr. Firoz Bharucha a/w. Mr. Hormuz Mehta i/b. J.Sagar Associates for the Respondents.

**CORAM : A. K. MENON, J.  
DATED : 23rd NOVEMBER, 2021**

**P.C.,**

1. This interim application seeks an order in terms



of the consent terms said to have been arrived at between the parties on 20th October, 2021. The consent terms seek to set out a schedule for holding election of the Trust. Objections have been raised by the intervenor.

2. The intervenor has filed Interim Application (L) no. 25676 seeking directions as to updation of the voters list prior to holding fresh election and seeking that the schedule for holding elections be fixed after the proposed amendments to the scheme of election is approved by this Court. The proposed amendment of the scheme is yet to be placed before this Court. Today both learned counsel for the parties in the Miscellaneous Petition state that the proposed amendments to the scheme will be lodged for sanction by this Court on or before 30th November, 2021.
3. In the meantime it is stated that the electoral roll has been updated as late as last week and that this updation is a continuous process. It is further stated on behalf of all trustees today that this process of updation will continue on a regular basis. In that view of the matter it is open to the intervenor to take inspection of the records at the office of the Trust. Such inspection shall be offered on 25th November, 2021 at 11.00 am onwards. Once the applicant in the intervenor application is satisfied that the updation is being carried out, this objection will not survive
4. As regards the amendment, let a statement with the proposed amendment be filed on or before 30th November, 2021.
5. Stand over to 30th November, 2021.

**(A. K. MENON, J.)**

However even on 30th November, the Amendment of Election Scheme was not filed and the High Court stood over the matter to 6th December 2021 but even then the Election Petition was not filed and the below Order was passed by the High Court

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BOMBAY  
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IN  
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2021**

Kersi Randeria and Another .. Petitioners  
v/s.  
Armaility Tirandaz and 3 Others .. Respondents

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Mr. Karl Tamboly, Counsel a/w Ms. Kausar Banatwala a/w Ms. Gauri Sakhardande i/b Tushar Goradia for the Petitioner.

Mr. Firoz Bharucha a/w Yohaann Limathwala and Mr. Ahsan Allana i/b J. Sagar Associates for the Respondent Nos.1 to 4.

Mr. Jamsheed Master a/w Declan Fernandez i/b Purazar Fouzdar for the Applicants.

**CORAM : A. K. MENON, J. DATED : 6TH  
DECEMBER, 2021.**

**P.C. ,**

1. The learned Counsel for the applicant had circulated a praecipe seeking leave to file Consent Terms. The applicants seek orders in terms of Consent Terms dated 20th October, 2021. The Consent Terms filed while seeking circulation appears on the letterhead of the Trust and hence the learned Counsel for the parties were granted time to file Consent Terms in the usual format, duly signed by the parties and their Advocates.
2. On the last occasion, Mr. Tamboly tendered fresh undated Consent Terms, these are seen to be signed by petitioner Nos.1 and 2 and their Advocates, Respondent Nos.1 to 4 and their Advocates. However, Respondent No.2 has made his consent conditional upon amendment of the scheme of holding elections supposed to be held in March, 2022. It is not possible to accept Consent Terms that are conditional. The order if passed on the Consent Terms in the present form may not be enforceable. In the present case, it is only respondent No.2 who has sought to make his consent conditional. Effectively, therefore, I am of the view that there is no consent between the parties which can lead to an operative and enforceable order in this Interim Application. Hence, in my view, the Interim Application will have to be heard on merits.



3. On behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4, Mr. Bharucha states that he intends to oppose the application. Reply to be filed within one week from today. Rejoinder, if any, to be filed one week thereafter.
4. Liberty to apply after rejoinder is filed.
5. The original Consent Terms on the letterhead of the Parsi Panchayat Bombay dated 20th October, 2021 filed along with praecipe dated 16th November, 2021 and fresh Consent Terms filed, have been returned today to the learned Counsel for the applicants.

(A. K. MENON, J.)

It now transpires that the Duo are only interested in getting sanction of the Consent Terms from the High Court to holding elections for all seven seats on 27-3-22 but do not want to amend the Election Scheme to reduce the term of office but want only the old terms of seven years and three terms applicable to the 27th March elections which is contrary to the Consent Terms signed on 20-10-21 and hence the dispute is still bound to continue.

**Even now instead of fling the Amendment to Election Petition post haste the DUO have filed an Appeal before the Division Bench of the High Court and it is to be seen how the Division bench deals with the partly fulfilled Consent Terms.**

**In the meantime the three majority Trustees have filed the amended Election Petition and the same will be served on the Duo and it is to be seen whether they will support the amendments of reducing the term of office of a Trustee from 7 years to 5 years and reducing the number of terms from 3 to 2 only.**

**From the above it is evident that it is the Petitioners—Kersi Randeria, the Owner of Parsi Times and Noshir Dadrawala have themselves not complied with the Consent Terms and have tried to frustrate the Consent Terms dated 30th October 2021 whilst the three majority Trustees have acted in the letter as well as the spirit of the Understanding which was agreed by the parties on 30th October 2021.**

## TRADE THE STOCK MARKET



### Expert advice by Champion Tiger Vispi Irani

Welcome to my weekly round up of stock markets.

First let us rewind back to what was our base case scenario for markets and benchmark index Nifty for the week gone by.

I had clearly stated that Nifty will have a range of 17650 on the upside and 16600 on the lower side and if you have noted that Nifty did a high of 17639 on the 13th of December and sold off till 16966 in the week ending on 17th Dec.

There were two stock calls given for the week and month:

- Coforge was given for the week to buy at 5315 and Coforge made a high of 5587 in the week giving a good 5% return for the week.

- Our monthly call on Larsen & Toubro Infotech was given for buy at 6615 and that call gave a good return of 8% in just one week after touching a high of 7129.

These two calls did well despite the fact that Nifty corrected almost 4% from its high during the week.

Now let's come to our trade plan for the coming week:

My take on the Nifty is that it faces stiff resistance at 17600 levels which I don't expect will come this week. And on the downside Nifty has now opened itself to maybe touch 16500 levels too if the relentless FII selling continues.

With the federal reserve announcing tapering by \$30 billion in purchases, it looks like the markets and Nifty will remain in sustained selling pressure.

But remember a falling market always gives long term investors great opportunity to invest in good quality stocks which have corrected so I will also be giving one fresh call for the week.

My weekly call for this week is HCL Technology currently trading at 1170. Even in such a weak market, one can expect HCL Tech to touch the 1230 levels in this week.

Happy Investing.

These are my personal views and full discretion should be used on one's part

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## poonawalla: Poonawalla family donates Rs 500 crore to Oxford University to build new vaccine research centre - Times of India



LONDON: The owners of the [Serum Institute](#) of India, the [Poonawalla](#) family, have announced a £50 million (Rs 500 crore) donation to Oxford University to build a new research centre focused on vaccinology.

The donation from [Serum Life Sciences](#), wholly owned by the Poonawalla family, is Oxford university's largest ever gift for vaccines research. It will be used to create a new facility to house more than 300 research scientists in the Old Road Campus.

Named the Poonawalla Vaccines Research Building, it will house the headquarters and main laboratory space of the Jenner Institute where the Oxford University/AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine was

developed, as well as other leading Oxford teams such as those developing a malaria vaccine.

It will be built on the same site as the recently announced Oxford University Pandemic Sciences Centre and the two buildings will share infrastructure and support facilities for scientific research and academic teaching and together will form a unique hub that will contribute to global pandemic preparedness.

Professor Louise Richardson, vice-chancellor of Oxford University, said: "The university has longstanding ties with the Poonawalla family and we were delighted to confer an honorary degree on Cyrus Poonawalla in the summer of 2019 in recognition of his extraordinary work manufacturing inexpensive vaccines for the developing world. I am delighted that through this generous gift we will be able to further our work on vaccines which have proven so critical to global health."

Future Serum Institute-Jenner Institute collaborations include an agreement for Serum Institute to manufacture and develop, with large-scale supply, the Jenner Institute's promising malaria vaccine, currently in Phase III trials, prioritising countries with high malaria burdens.

Prof Adrian Hill, director of the Jenner Institute, said the success of collaboration between the university and Serum Institute on the malaria and Covid-19 vaccines highlighted the potential of partnerships between universities and manufacturers to develop and supply vaccines cost-effectively at scale.



## નેમસે - તે આતશ મઝદાઓ

Homage onto thee Oh Fire of Ahura Mazda



## Iranshah Atash Behram

Restoration Project

Udwada, Gujarat, India

The Atash Behram building and other structures in the complex had undergone many changes over the last century, which were not part of the original architectural intent. Further, with the passage of time, the main building and other structures in the complex had deteriorated, necessitating extensive restoration and conservation work. Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor approached Shapoorji Pallonji And Company Pvt Ltd, with a request to undertake the required restoration work.

The Shapoorji Pallonji team acted as an anchor for the restoration project. A meticulous restoration plan was prepared with the objective to strengthen the structural stability and restore the architectural intent of the buildings in the Atash Behram complex as originally envisaged.



The current Iranshah Atash Behram building in Udwada was constructed nearly 130 years ago and has housed the revered Iranshah fire since 31<sup>st</sup> October 1894, upholding the faith of the Parsi, Irani Zoroastrian community. This structure was constructed originally with the generous contribution of Bai Motlibai Manockjee Wadia, daughter of the late Jehangirjee Nasserwanjee Wadia, in the memory of her husband, the late Manockjee Naorojee Wadia.





A detailed examination was conducted for vulnerabilities on the structures, by a team of experts from various fields. The stone, brick and lime mortar structure of the Atash Behram building, constructed by the composite masonry method, was structurally strengthened. All decayed wood in the building and the roof was repaired.

The roof that covered the terrace on the first floor was not a part of the original structure. It was a subsequent addition that has now been removed as it was an additional load on the structure, as well as a potential source of leakage. The roof waterproofing was redesigned to ensure no leakage.

With utmost care and special tools, the meticulous work of removing the layers of paint was undertaken, to expose and restore the original stone façade of the building, and the crafted stone pillars.



Before



After

The dome that houses the Kebla of the Iranshah Atash Behram is unique as it is a ribbed dome made of lime mortar; the testing of this dome posed an additional challenge as very few such domes are available in the country to serve as a reference for conducting a nondestructive test. The dome passed the required test hence no repair work was undertaken. The five chimneys in the Kebla were replaced as they were rusted beyond repair.

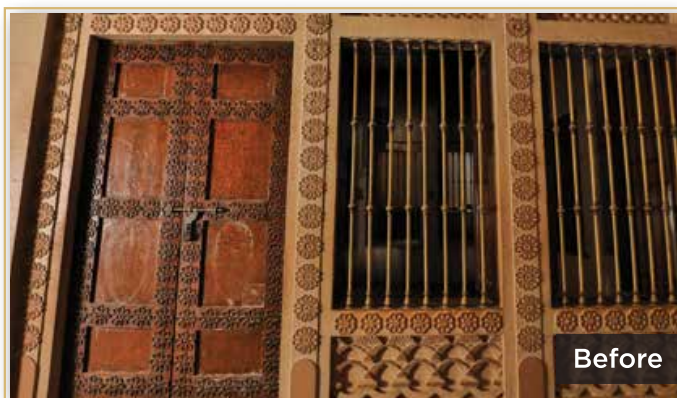


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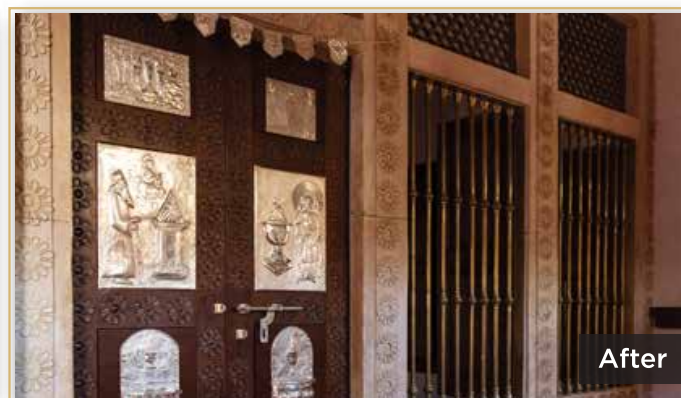


After

Iranshah Atash Behram Kebla

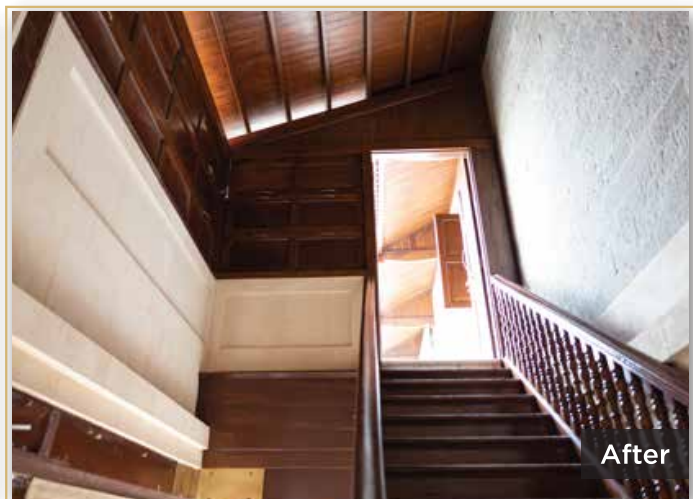
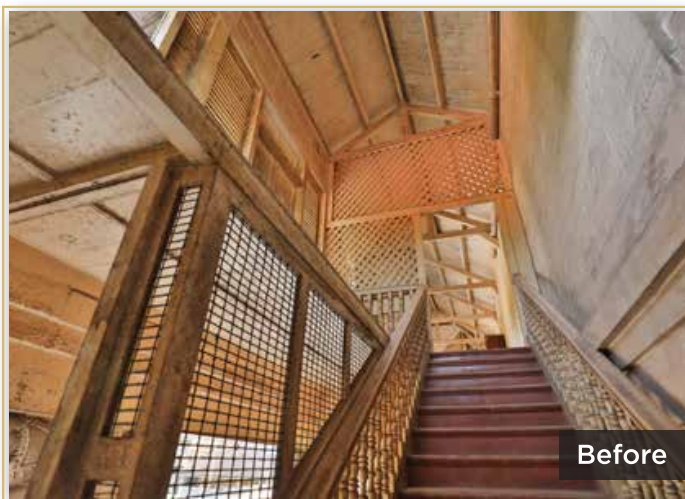


Before



After

The marble on the flooring of the verandah (otla) and the staircase was replaced with new marble of the same type.





The Kusti area was entirely rebuilt as the existing structure failed the structural requirements.



A ramp for easy access by wheelchairs was relocated.

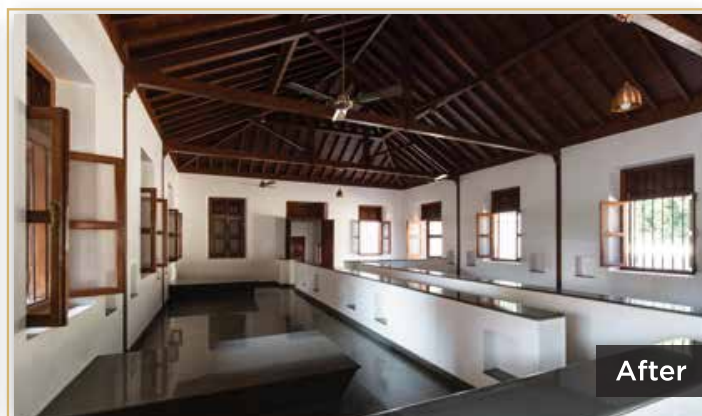


New Ghodas were crafted from a monolithic sandstone block and placed at the gate of the Atash Behram.

The Nanhya house was a part of the architectural intent and was constructed in 1895; this is a building where the Mobeds take their bareshnum and live in isolation as part of their purification process. The restoration of the structure involved repairing and restoring the roof and walls which were deteriorated on account of water seepage.



Before



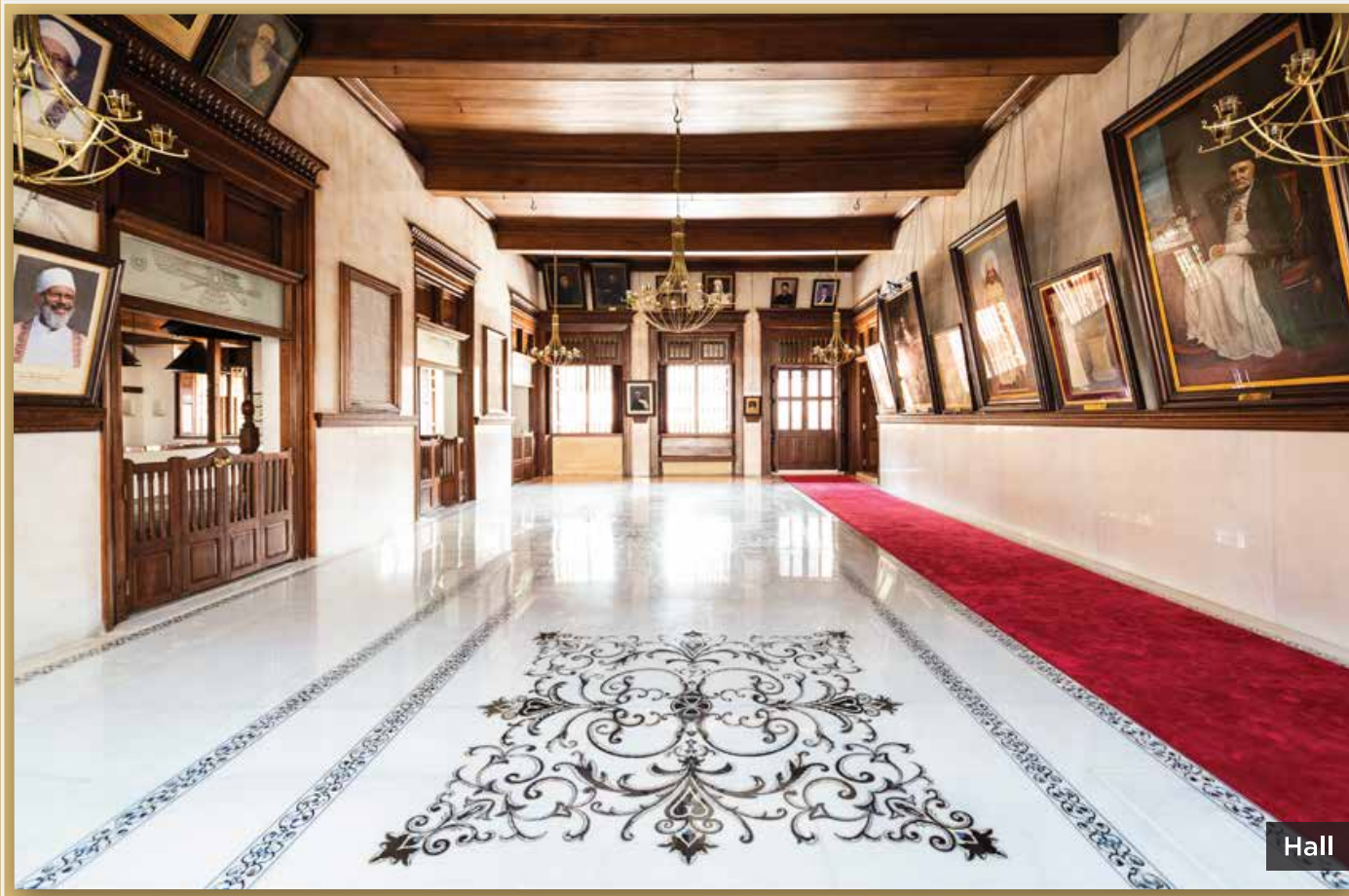
After

The construction of the Mobed's resting house was completed in 1998 and donated to the Iranshah Atash Behram. All damages to this building were repaired and the architecture modified to be in consonance with the complex.



**Art and Antiquity:**

An art and antiquity restoration lab was setup in Dasturji Kayoji Mirza Hall in Udwada. The team of conservationists restored all plaques, metal antiquity and paintings which were damaged over the years.



Hall

The original flag of Iranshah was restored and framed. As the restored flag cannot be hoisted, a new flag as a replica using the same material palette of the original flag has been made. It will be hoisted on all auspicious occasions.



New Flag



Restored Flag



Restored Flag



Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastoor of Iranshah Atash Behram initiated and guided the restoration and conservation work, along with members of the nine priestly families who serve the Iranshah Atash Behram. Our sincere thanks to Vada Dasturji Dr. Firoze M Kotwal, Ervad Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia, Ms. Firoza Punthakey Mistree, Mr. Marazban Giara and Ms. Parveen Z Mistry for their help and guidance throughout the project.

The Shapoorji Pallonji Mistry family gave valuable guidance and unstinted financial support. The conservation and restoration work was supported by architect Mr. Hanoz Ichhaporia of NEU dekor, Mr. Anupam Sah, Head of Art Conservation, Research and Training at the CSMVS Museum Art Conservation Centre, Mr. Rahul Kshirsagar of Gadially and Rawaal, Mr. Ram Savani from Savani Heritage Conservation Pvt Ltd, Mr. Saud Dastagir of Soft Touchline Products Pvt Ltd, Mr. Jimmy Mehta and Mr. Khusru Petiawala of Icotone Pvt Ltd, Mr. Rohinton Engineer from Industrial Boilers, Mr. Aspi Karani, Mr. Pesi Awari, Mr. Adil Patrawala and Mr. Anil Gajjar contributing as key domain experts.

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## Iranshah Atash Behram

Restoration Project





## “WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE BPP?”



Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

Oh! The manipulative statements churned out by the Dissenting Trustees Noshir Dadrawalla and Kersi Randeria are nothing but a Buttered, Sugar coated Imaginary Version with Creamy Lies which portrays their own inefficiencies and failures including the

**BLACKMAIL, HIGHLIGHTING THEIR CIRCUS OF A FAKE HUNGER STRIKE LACED WITH UNREFUTED VITAMIN SHOTS to gain sympathy as also fool the gullible Community.**

Solely because of such Trustees, our Community made Headlines in the Invited National Media culminating in shameful reading and resulting in fun frolicking remarks of “What is going on at the BPP”, made by other Communities.

Do these Dissenting Trustees have any self esteem or decorum to follow? Are they only driven by their ulterior motives to realize their dreams? Noshir Dadrawalla, righteously is most concerned to conduct Elections before the Amendment of the Scheme of Elections as he would lose out on his third term as Trustee and also have 7 long years under the existing Scheme, full of egoist charm if elected.

**LIES COME OFF AT THE DROP OF A HAT.**

Failure to understand the Law by the two Dissenting Trustees have culminated into the miserable financial crunch faced by the BPP. Our Community now wants to know – are you both still using the funds of the BPP in your disastrous efforts to file the suits against the Majority in the Hon’ble High Court, Mumbai or are funds being siphoned out from other resources including in some cases during allocation of flats? No doubt, without any Legal Acumen, you both must have gone a step further to file an Appeal, having been rightfully rejected by the Honorable Single Judge A. K. Menon.

Can you both take the solemn decision and answer the queries raised by our Community?

**“WHEN WILL THE ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE, WILL IT BE FOR TWO SEATS, FIVE SEATS OR ALL SEVEN SEATS ?”.**

Did you not have any knowledge of law whereby you cannot force a Trustee to resign, nor can you blackmail them into signing such Consent Terms which are BAD in Law. You being Trustees plead and publish an Apology under duress. IS THIS A JOKE?

**WHY DO YOU NOT RIGHTFULLY WANT THE SCHEME OF ELECTIONS TO BE AMENDED WHICH WAS PROMISED ELECTIONS AFTER ELECTIONS BUT NEVER DONE AS THE AMENDMENTS WORK AGAINST YOUR INTERESTS MR. SELF RIGHTEOUS DADRAWALA?**

**WHY HAS THE VOTER’S LISTS NOT BEEN REGULARLY UPDATED? THE NAME OF A DECEASED CAN BE DELETED AND ADDED AGAIN AS MANY TIMES. THE SOFTWARE HAVING SUCH GLARING LOOPHOLE HAS NEVER BEEN RECTIFIED – WHY? YOUR PARSI TIMES CAN PUBLISH THE NAMES OF THE DECEASED EVERY WEEK, BUT THE DATA TO THE BPP IS ONLY MADE AVAILABLE AT THE END OF EVERY CALENDER MONTH. WHY? DOES KERSI RANDERIA REALLY THINK THAT HE CAN TAKE THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR A MERRY RIDE?**

**THE FUNCTIONING AT THE BPP NEEDS A MAJOR OVERHAUL. WHAT ARE THE DUTIES OF THE HIGHLY PAID AND FAVOURED CEOs? ARE THEY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CASCADING EFFECTS ON BOTH THESE WARRING GROUPS OF TRUSTEES?**

**PLENTY OF QUESTIONS WITH A SINGLE VITAL ANSWER. ONLY LIKE-MINDED, NON-EGOIST, INTELLIGENT AND AFFILIATION TO MANAGEMENT SKILLS BE VOTED TO TRUSTEESHIP TO SAVE OUR BPP FROM THE ULTIMATE HORROR THAT OUR COMMUNITY WILL FACE FROM THE CRUCHING FINANCIAL LIABILITIES OF THE COLLECTOR OF MUMBAI COMPOUNDED WITH THE LATHARGIC MISMANAGEMENT OF THE MINORITY TRUSTEES WHEN THEY HEADED THE MAJORITY.**

**CARE REMINISCING YOUR MISDEEDS DURING THE TIME OF YOUR MAJORITY ON THE BOARD, REGRET YOUR FOUL DECISIONS AND MAYBE OUR COMMUNITY WILL HAVE THE MAGNANIMITY TO FORGIVE YOU.**

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## Photography

### Chandra Taal



Chandra Taal meaning Lake of the Moon in Spiti is situated at 14100 feet. The lake surrounded by Himalayas on all sides derives its name from its crescent shape. The beauty of this place is that the colour of the lake changes with the colour of the sky.

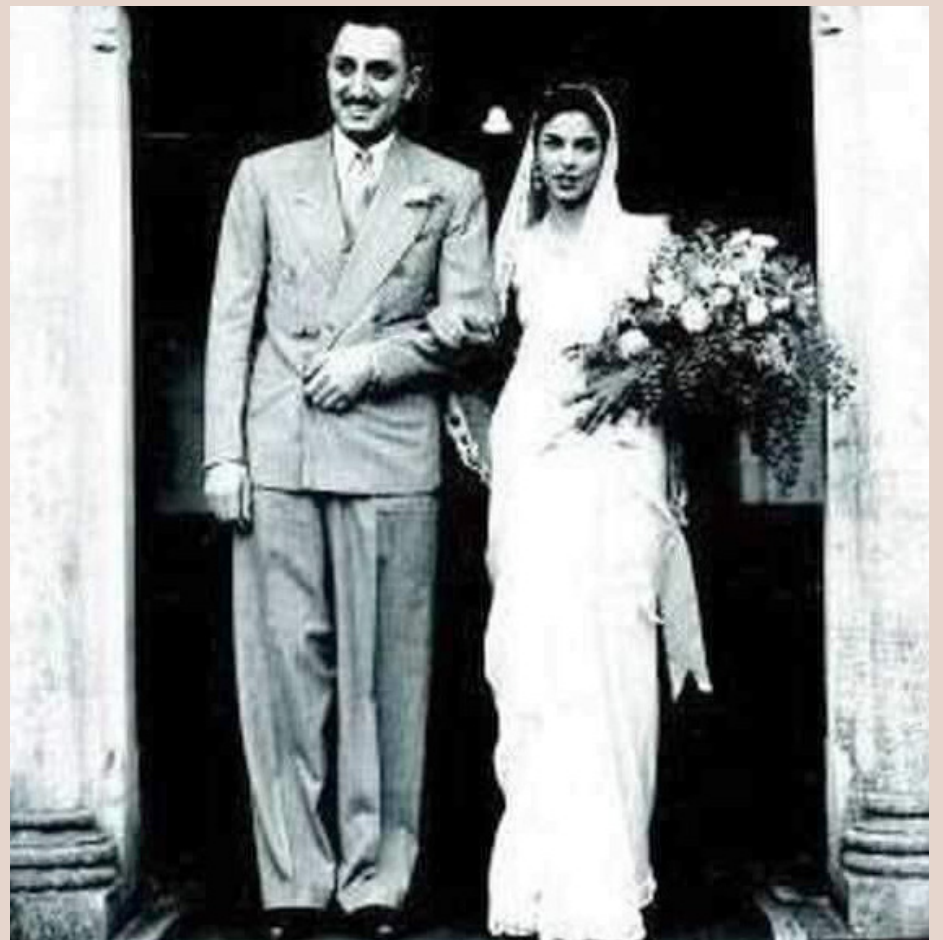


*Ruby B. Aderbad*

**Ruby B. Aderbad** works with an **MNC** in Mumbai and is an avid traveler who likes to digitally capture memories. She quotes that traveling is her drug of choice and is happily addicted to it. The mountains and jungles are her go-to places to detoxify, anything that connects her with nature.



Today in a meeting of Navsari Samast Parsi Zoroastrian General Fund Mr. Yazdi Kasad - Secretary along with the Trustees Keki vandriwala & Hormaz Avari Felicitated Mr. Kersi Deboo who is appointed as a member of National Minority Committee.



Dina Wadia, the only daughter of Mohammad Ali Jinnah marries Neville Wadia at All Saint's Church, Bombay, 1938.





**AS THEY SAID GOODBYE**  
**-Neil John-**

The masses stood in solemn silence, awaiting the braves  
that had gone,

A nation stood glued to their screens, every minute  
emotions were being born,

In the crowd, stood a wife, a daughter, a relative holding  
back their tear,

They were used to the waiting, reminded them of the  
bullets at the borders, but today there was no fear,

Cremating her husband, Mrs Lidder with her young  
daughter Aashna in tow,

She stood like a rock, graceful and resolute as she took  
that last bow,

Kissing her husbands coffin and saying a silent prayer,

Such indomitable spirit, is what commends the fauji wife,  
something absolutely rare,

She leaves that pyre, head held high, yet humbly  
respecting the thousands, that came her grief to share,

A good man was lost, a soldier a gentleman, a father a  
husband, but this was not the way it was supposed to end,

He was soon to be a general, the promotion just around  
the bend,

To the other site, she heads, hurried steps, Knowing she  
needs to be there with the daughters of the CDS, who  
need her beside,

Cause in better times, with her husband, they had come to  
be the generals staff and as a family reside,

Consoling the young women, having cremated her own  
husband, just five hours back, this is courage untold,

As she helps them bear the loss of their parents, her  
emotions suppressed, face almost cold,

Along with her is Mrs Harjinder, who doesn't even know  
whether she can identify her husband, DNA testing being  
done in R & R, her very own,

These women of steel, in the army, with fortitude and  
courage, have the world a character of resilience shown,

But what can you compare this with, women who have lost  
their husbands sharing and caring, for the generals kith  
and kin,

Humanity, you have a lesson here, DEATH HAPPENED,  
BUT THE FAUJI WIFE DID FINALLY WIN.

**- Brig Neil John**

**\*English is FULL of contradictions\***

Here are some funny ones:

- \*1) Found Missing\*
- \*2) Open Secret\*
- \*3) Small Crowd\*
- \*4) Act Naturally\*
- \*5) Clearly Misunderstood\*
- \*6) Fully Empty\*
- \*7) Pretty Ugly\*

\*8) Seriously Funny\*

\*9) Only Choice\*

\*10) Original Copies\*

\*11) Exact Estimate\*

\*12) Tragic Comedy\*

\*13) Foolish Wisdom\*

\*14) Liquid Gas\*

\*15) Working Holiday\*

**Forgot to mention \*Happily Married\* !!!!**



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### What a visionary lady Bai Jerbai N. Wadia was!

Much before those of her times she had envisaged the need for building homes and allotting them at low rents to middle-class Parsi migrants to Mumbai, from small towns in Gujarat, who came here looking for a livelihood.

She was a humble unassuming philanthropist with the interest of serving the less fortunate in society, especially those belonging to her community.

If, today, hundreds of Parsee families have a roof over their heads, it's because of her foresight in building charitable blocks for her less privileged brethren, way back in the early twentieth century.

Despite of having inherited an enormous amount of wealth after her husband's death at a young age, she refused to remarry and live a luxurious life, but instead dedicated it for the betterment of the poor, particularly of her fellow Zoroastrians.

In this picture she is seen wearing a simple Parsee style saree with a decent long-sleeved blouse coming upto the waist, and a "mathubanoo" covered with a "sor", which was considered a gesture of respect, in those days.

The minimal jewellery with which she has adorned herself goes to show that she did not believe in unnecessary ostentation and the vulgar flaunting of her riches.

May her "anushe ravan" keep rapidly progressing towards higher and higher realms of spirituality in the Unknown World.

**Ravan Garothmani Bad!!!**



If you cannot afford to buy the highest quality Malbari sukhad (at Rs26,000/- a kg.), then offering a baval ni kathi (without the skin) is the next best option, and is permissible, according to our texts. But, to offer cheap jungly-wood sticks, coated with a synthetic fake chemical composition that resembles the odour of sandalwood would be sacrilegious. It is harmful for the skin to even hold such sticks in one's hand for the duration of reciting the Atash Nyaish, leave aside offering it to the holy padshah saheb. The defaulting devotee is actually defiling the consecrated fire and unknowingly incurring a sin by offering such chemically-treated impure bars of inferior wood.

It is far better to offer a single toothpick-thin "sali" of pure natural sandalwood (belonging to the burjisi jirum) than to offer several thick stalks of other inexpensive non-burjisi wood, many a times done only to make a fake but impressive show of falsely placed piety and devotion.

### By Yazdi Hodiwala.

**\*\*Offering cheap quality wood to our Atash Padshah Sahebs.\*\***

Message from Mr. Yezdi Hodiwalla.

We need to set our priorities right. The present day Parsees sadly lack a proper sense of judgement to be able to understand where they need to cut corners and where not.

They will gladly spend thousands (if not lacs) on buying fabulously exotic designer clothing, and on dining at frightfully expensive restaurants of 5-star hotels; splurge millions on hosting a navjote or wedding function in a bid of extravagant show of one-upmanship over other fellow Zoroastrians.

Yet these same naive and shallow-minded people, when they visit a fire-temple, will crib to offer the best quality pure sandalwood to the sacred fire enthroned there, saying that it is too costly. They are the ones who will gladly loosen their purse strings to leave tips running into hundreds of rupees for waiters at posh eateries, but will be wary of digging into their pockets to place a fifty rupee note on the "chamach", or give a hundred rupees as "ashodad" to a genuinely deserving dedicated priest.

What kind of warped, degenerated thinking is this?

The callous disinterest that most of our people show for anything connected with our most exalted religion is truly pathetic, and is a major cause for concern for the remaining devout few. It stems from the absence of feelings for our most sublime "deen", and the total ignorance of the knowledge of its pristine teachings, and the lack of realisation of how relevant they are even in the twenty first century.

Until we transform our mindset, and learn to appreciate Zoroastrian values and our Parsee culture, this shameful trend will sadly continue. A major metamorphosis in our currently prevalent debauched way of thinking can alone bring about a change for the better.

The day we return to our roots and feel proud of our heritage and everything that is Parsee, we will see a revival in our lost glory. In order that that may happen we need to instill in our youth a sense of justifiable pride and allegiance for their ancient lofty religion, and the realisation of how privileged they are to be born into the Faith.

~Y.H.



## માલિકની મરજી

એક માત્ર માલિકની મરજીથી જ  
ચાલે છે આં દુનિયા સારી

કંઈજ કરી શકે નહીં બિચારો  
માલી, ખમવી પડે છે એને હાડમારી

વાવે, ખોદે, સીંચે, બધુંજ કરે માલી,  
પણ ફૂલ તો ત્યારેજ આવે, જ્યારે  
માલિકની હોય મરજી

ઋતુ આવે, ઋતુ જાય, પણ માલિક  
ચાહે તો જ કળી આવે, તો જ ફૂલ  
ખીલે

રેતાળ રણમાં એ ચાહે તો ગુલાબ  
ઉગાડે, ફૂંકે મૃત દેહમાં પન પ્રાણ

માલિકની મરજીથી જ ચાલે છે આં  
દુનિયા સારી, આં પૃથ્વી આખી

અને એની મરજી વિના પાંદડું બી  
ના હાલે, ભલે વાયડો વહે જોરથી,  
બહુ ભારી

ઓ માનવ તું તો છે તુચ્છ, માત્ર એક  
નાનું અમસ્તું પ્રાણી, જે પળભરમાં  
જાય હારી

ગુમાન નહીં કરતો, ના કરતો  
કોઈની અદેખાઈ, પડશે આં બધું  
તને બહુ ભારી.

**Armin Dutia Motashaw**

## "Fravahar"

"Fravahar is like  
"The Master's Voice"  
It's like a conscience  
Reminding us that  
We have a Choice  
The Choice is yours  
Lead your life  
Whichever you wish  
But don't expect  
Ahura Mazda to  
Cast a fishing net  
When the "sea gets rough"  
To extricate the "fish"

Farvahar is like a backpack  
Travels wherever you go  
Whether Hiking in the mountains  
Or swimming in the valley below

It's on the constant look out  
For any signs of deviation  
That's when the "voice" steps in  
To remind us from faltering

No human is perfect  
Sometimes along the  
Way do falter and deviate  
With Fravahars by our side  
Faltering and deviation  
We can eradicate "  
Choicest Happiness

Farida

## Humanity

Humanity is like  
A giant pie  
Whose shell happens  
To be a clear blue sky  
Everyone mixed together  
With different colour caste  
Or creed like a salad of  
Mix delicious greens

Humanity is like  
A marinade seasoned  
With smorgasbord of spices  
That's what makes life  
Worth living

If only we could  
Learn from one another  
Treat each human with  
Understanding Respect  
Dignity rather than  
Scowling & growling with  
With Hatred as well bigotry

Why don't need to  
Hate each other  
Look upon them  
Snort and  
sneer as well

Live in constant fear  
We should try to  
Educate  
Ignorance we must try  
To eradicate

Choicest Happiness  
Farida



Translation:

India's Chief of Defense Staff Vipin Rawat has said that every person of India must read the sentences written below about the Indian Army.

You are cordially requested to kindly cooperate in taking these invaluable 'national defense sources' to maximum number of countrymen through various mediums.

Indian Army 10 Best Priceless Words: Must Read.

Feeling proud to read these...

1.  
"\* I will come back after hoisting the tricolor or I will come wrapped in the tricolor, but I will definitely come back."

- **Captain Vikram Batra,  
Param Vir Chakra**

2.  
"\* What is the extraordinary adventure of a lifetime for you is our everyday life.\* "

- **Signboard on Leh-Ladakh Highway  
(Indian Army)**

3.  
"\* If my death comes before proving my bravery, then it is my oath that I will kill death only.\*"

- **Capt. Manoj Kumar Pandey,  
Param Vir Chakra, 1/11 Gorkha Rifles**

4.  
"\*Our flag doesn't fly because the wind is blowing, it flies with the last breath of every soldier who lays down his life to protect it."

- **Indian Army**

5.

"\*You must be good to get us, you have to be fast to catch us, but you must be a child to win us.\*"

- **Indian Army**

6.

"\*God have mercy on our enemies, because we will not.\*"

- **Indian Army**

7.

"\*Our living is our coincidence, our love is our choice, our killing is our business.\*"

Officers Training Academy, Chennai

8.

"\* If a person says that he is not afraid of death, then he must be either lying or he will be of the Indian Army.

- **Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw**

9.

"It is God's job to forgive terrorists, but it is our job to make them meet God."

- **Indian Army**

10.

"\* We regret that we have only one life to give to our country.\*"

We forward jokes a lot

Keep it going...

Introduce everyone to the Indian Army.

..Jai Hind.....

**Indian Army**