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THREE MAJORITY TRUSTEES FILE PETITION IN HIGH COURT TO AMEND THE ELECTION SCHEME

As the community is aware on 20th October 2021, all five Trustees had filed Consent Terms to have Elections on 27th March 2022 for all seven Trustees vacancies as well as to amend the Scheme of Elections to reduce the term of office of a Trustee.

However when the time came to move the High Court for sanction to hold elections on 27th March 2022 as well as Petition to amend the Scheme of Elections to reduce the term of office of a Trustee, Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria only opted to hold elections on 27th March 2022 but without filing Petition to amend the Election Scheme which application is pending hearing before His Honor Judge Menon of the High Court.

In the meantime the three Majority Trustees of Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur after signing the Petition to amend the Election Scheme through their legal Counsel DSK LEGAL sent the Petition to Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria for their approval and signature but the Duo refused to unequivocally endorse the same and hence a fresh Petition was signed by the three of them and forwarded to their advocate to file in the High Court.

We reproduce below the gist of the Amendment filed by them in the High Court:

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IN ITS INHERENT AND EXTRAORDINARY
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("Scheme").**

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Age: 76 Years, Occ: Social]
Worker Physiotherapist]
- 2. Mr. Viraf Dinshaw Mehta**]
Age: 43 Years, Occ: Service]
- 3. Mr. Xerxes Vispi Dastur**]
Age: 50 Years, Occ: Chartered]
Accountant]

All of Mumbai Indian Inhabitants,
being three of the five present
Trustees of the Funds and
immovable properties of Parsi
Panchayet of Bombay, having
their Office at 209, Dr. D. N. Road,
Fort, Mumbai – 400 001.

]... Petitioners

Versus

- 1. The Charity Commissioner**]
Maharashtra State]
having his Office at Dharmadaya]
Ayukta Bhavan, Dr. Annie]
Besant Road, Worli, Mumbai –]
400 018.]
- 2. Mr. Noshir Homi Dadrawala**]
Age: 59 Years, Occ: Service.]



Indian Inhabitants, being a present Trustee of the Funds and immovable properties of Parsi Panchayet of Bombay, having their Office at 209, Dr. D. N. Road, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001.

3. Mr. Kersi Jamshed Randeria Age: 63 Years, Occ: Business. Indian Inhabitants, being a present Trustee of the Funds and immovable properties of Parsi Panchayet of Bombay, having their Office at 209, Dr. D. N. Road, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001.

] ...Respondents

To:

THE HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND OTHER PUISNE JUDGES OF THE

HONOURABLE COURT. 3

THIS HONOURABLE PETITION OF THE PETITIONERS ABOVENAMED MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:-

- 1. The Petitioners abovenamed form part of the Trustees for the time being of the Funds and Immovable Properties of the Parsi Panchayet of Bombay. Mr. Zarir M. Bhatena, a Trustee, died on 24th June 2020; and Mr. 'Yazdi H. Desai, another Trustee, resigned on 23rd December 2020 (and subsequently died on 2nd November 2021).
2. Respondent No. 1 is the Charity Commissioner of the state of Maharashtra. Respondent Nos. 2 and 3 are also Trustees for the time being of the Funds and Immovable Properties of the Parsi Panchayet of Bombay. The Petitioners and Respondent Nos. 2 and 3 are hereinafter collectively referred to as 'Present Trustees'
3. The Scheme for the Election of Trustees of the Funds and Immovable Properties of the Parsi Panchayet of Bombay (hereinafter for brevity's sake referred to as "the Scheme") was originally sanctioned by this Hon'ble Court on 18-06-1910, in Suit No.689 of 1906 and was thereafter from time to time amended by this Hon'ble Court on 27-07-1931, 07-02-1935, 02-04-1970, 16-06-1992, 23-10-1992, 06-01-1993, 01-04-2005, 21-08-2006 and 05-04-2007. Hereto annexed and marked as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the Scheme as presently in force.

4. The necessity for filing this Petition to amend the Scheme

has arisen in the following circumstances:-

- (a) The Petition to carry out the last amendments to the Scheme was filed on 20th October, 2006, i.e. almost fifteen (15) years ago.
(b) Public opinion in the community has turned in favour of limiting the term of office of a Trustee to five years (from the present seven years) and for a maximum lifetime period in office of ten years (as against the present twenty one years). This is to ensure that there is no complacency amongst the elected Trustees and they remain accountable to the electorate.

5 Clause 70 of the Scheme provides as under:

"70. It shall be competent to a majority of the Trustees at any time, to submit to a Judge of the High Court in Chambers for sanction of this Scheme provided that the Trustees shall have given to the Charity Commissioner four clear days notice in writing of any application intended to be made by the Trustees under this Rule setting fourth in full the proposals to which the sanction of the Court is intended to be asked and the Charity Commissioner shall be entitled to appear and be heard on any such application."

6 All applications under Rule 70 of the Scheme are to be made by a Petition to the Hon'ble Judge in Chambers. It is also provided under Rule 74 as under:-

"74. Notice of every such application as in Rule 73 mentioned and of the day fixed for the hearing thereof shall be published by the Trustees once in a Gujarati daily newspaper published in Mumbai, at least 14 days before the day fixed for the hearing thereof and such notices shall contain brief particulars of the proposed alterations and additions.

The Trustees shall, on application in that behalf made by any Parsee and on payment of such fees as may from time-to-time be determined by the Trustees, furnish to such applicant the full particulars of the proposed alterations and additions."

7. As already stated hereinabove the last of the amendments to the said Scheme was sanctioned on 05-04-2007.

8. As a result of the said discussions, the Present Trustees are of unanimous opinion that the proposed changes ought to be made to the Scheme for elections of Trustees of the Funds and Immovable Properties of the Parsi Panchayet of Bombay.



9 For the purpose of convenience, the gist of the proposed amendments are set out hereunder:

- (a) Limiting term of office of a Trustee to five years and to provide that a person cannot be a Trustee for more than an aggregate period of ten years during his lifetime.
- (b) Such other consequential amendments as are necessitated by the above amendments.

10. A copy of the said Scheme inclusive of the proposed amendments is for the purposes of convenience annexed hereto and marked **Exhibit "B"**.

11. In the premises aforesaid, the Petitioners approach this Hon'ble Court pursuant to Clause 70 of the Scheme and under the inherent powers of this Hon'ble Court for the purposes of carrying out the said amendments to the Scheme.

12. As provided under Rule 70 of the said Scheme, the Respondent No.1 herein, the Charity Commissioner, has been given 4 days notice in writing of the present Petition which was intended to be filed by the Trustees, setting forth the full proposals to which the sanction of this Hon'ble Court was intended to be asked for. A copy of the said Notice dated 26' November 2021 is annexed hereto and marked as **Exhibit "C"**.

13. As provided under Rule 74 of the said Scheme, Notice of the present petition and of the proposed amendments, for hearing thereof is required to be published by the Trustees in the daily newspaper in Bombay, at least 14 days before the date fixed for the hearing. The said Notice is also required to state in brief the proposed alterations and additions.

14. The Petitioners will publish in the "Mumbai Samachar" as aforesaid the Notice of the hearing of the Petition and brief particulars of the suggested alterations, on a returnable date being fixed by this Hon'ble Court.

15. The Petitioners also propose to publish the said Notice in the 'Jam-e-Jamshed' which is a weekly newspaper which has a wide circulation amongst the Parsi Community.

16. The Petitioners says that the office of the aforesaid Trust is situated at Mumbai, and the Trust is administered in Mumbai. Most of the beneficiaries reside in Mumbai. The Scheme was originally sanctioned and from time to time amended by this Hon'ble Court. The Scheme

specifically provides for the same being modified with the sanction of this Hon'ble Court. The Petitioners therefore submit that this Hon'ble court has jurisdiction to try and dispose of the present petition.

17. The Petitioners have paid fixed court fees of Rs____ /.

18. The Petition is signed by the Petitioners, who being conversant with the facts of the case are able to depose to the same.

19. The Petitioners will rely upon the documents, a list whereof is annexed hereto.

20. The Petitioners therefore pray:-

- (a) That this Hon'ble Court be pleased to sanction the amendments of the Scheme in terms of Exhibit "B" hereto with or without such modifications as to this Hon'ble Court may deem fit.
- (b) For such further and other directions as the nature and circumstances of the case may require.
- (c) For costs of and incidental to the Petition and the ordersto be made thereon be provided.

1. **Mrs. Armaity Rustom Tirandaz**
(Petitioner No.1)

Petition drawn by:

Mr. Berjis Desai,
Advocate,
High Court,
Bombay.

2. **Mr. Viraf Dinshaw Mehta**
(Petitioner No.4)

3. **Mr. Xerxes ispi Dastur**
(Petitioner No.5)

Advocates for the Petitioners

DSK Legal

VERIFICATION

I, Mr. Viraf Dinshaw Mehta, Petitioner No.2, Indian inhabitant, being one of the present trustees of the Funds and Immovable Properties of Parsi Panchayet of Bombay, having their office at 209, Dr. D.N. Road, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001, and on behalf of all the Petitioners mentioned above, do hereby solemnly affirm and state that what is stated in the Paragraph Nos. 1 to 16 are true to my own knowledge and what is stated in the foregoing Paragraph Nos. 17 to 20 go are based on the information I believe to be true.

Solemnly verified at Mumbai]
On this____day of December, 2021]



Mr. Viraf Dinshaw Mehta
(Petitioner No.2)

Before Me, **BEFORE ME**

R. C. DUBEY
NOTARY
Mahara3htra
(Govt. of India)

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To
The Prothonotary & Senior Master
High Court, Original Side,
Bombay

Sir,

We, the Petitioners abovenamed, do hereby
appoint Messers DSK Legal, Advocates and
Solicitors, to act, appear and plead for us and on our
behalf in the above matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have set and
subscribed our hands to this writing on this , 7th day of
December", 2021,.

Petitioner No.1

Petitioner No.2

Petitioner No.3

Accepted:

Partner

DSK Legal
Advocates for the Petitioners C-16,
Dhanraj Mahal,
Apollo Sunder,
Chhatrapati Shivaji Marg,
Colaba, Mumbai-400 001
Regn. No. 6989



Thereafter The Miscellaneous Petition has been lodged with the High Court and has been numbered as MP/29493/2021.

The captioned matter was then mentioned on 21st December 2021 before the Hon'ble Bombay High Court seeking circulation in the captioned matter for hearing, when counsel Mr. Firoz Bharucha along with DSK team remained present before the Court.

When the captioned matter was mentioned, the Hon'ble Court was pleased to grant circulation in the captioned matter after hearing their submissions.

Accordingly, the matter was listed for hearing at Sr. No. 7 before the bench comprising of His Lordship The Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.K. Menon of

the Hon'ble Bombay High Court, on December 23, 2021.

The Respondents, Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria were also intimated with regards the hearing scheduled on 23rd Dec 2021 and a copy of the captioned petition was also served upon them.

ON DECEMBER 23, 2021 instead of expediting the issue of Public Notice for inviting comments and objections by the community members to the amendments proposed in the Scheme, the Duo deliberately requested time to file their replies so as to delay the early sanction of the Amendments.

It is to be seen on 6th January 2022 exactly what games the Duo are playing.

O AMARDAD AMESHASPAND

O Amardad Ameshahpand,
O divinity "mahan"

Bless this Earth, Spenta Armaity,
Dadar-e-gehan

Bless this Daadar Ahuramazda's created, "kul
jehan"

May Your blessings make this world oxy-rich
n lush green;

Laden with fruits, flowers, veggies n
many a bean

Help us O Revered Ameshaspand to
make this world serene.

Every individual grow should some
plants n many trees

This cool will our Earth , giving us cool breeze

The Earth's temperatures this way too
will decrease.

Armin Dutia Motashaw



BLACKMAILER NOSHIR DADRAWALA PONTIFICATES RIGHTEOUSNESS

Both Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria are unbelievable. **They go against the very Consent Terms signed by them in the High Court in 2017 when they were in the Majority that Majority decision binds the Minority Trustees and has to be obeyed by them and if they do not want to obey the majority decision they have to move the High Court against it.**

However when God in his wisdom transferred the Majority from early 2021 to the long suffering Minority of Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur, our two Heroes could not manfully accept the minority role and have ensured that BPP stops functioning normally with every trick of the game they are so famous for.

In October 2021 when the new Majority suggested to combine the election for two seats with the three Trustees elections due in September 2022 to save Rs. 40 lakhs election expenses thereby, our two heroes instead of moving the High Court if they felt cheated or was illegal, went on a Hunger Strike to force the Majority to rescind their lawful decision.

Armaity, Viraf and Xerxes out of compassion for the health of Noshir, a cancer survivor, but under duress and extortion agreed on 20th October 2021 to have elections not just for two seats but for all seven seats on 27th March 2022 giving up their balance term of 13 months, 7 months and over 3 years **but on condition that the Election Scheme would be also amended to reduce term of office from 7 years to 5 years and also reduce the number of terms from 3 terms to 2 terms thus effectively reducing total term from 21 years to 10 years and this term of office would be applicable to all elections to be held hereafter including the March 22 elections and accordingly Consent terms on these lines were signed by all five of them.**

However when the time came to implement the Consent Terms, both of them dilly dallied and refused to submit Petition for amending the Election Scheme as agreed in the Consent Terms.

Naturally Viraf Mehta was not ready to be taken for a ride by the devious methodology adopted by the two Heroes to have elections without even filing the Petition for Amendment of the Election Scheme. Then followed a plethora of sermons from the blackmailing duo about the three of them not keeping their word

and that they were not Zoroastrians who dishonor their commitment and so on and so forth.

But Noshir who talks so mightily of Righteousness is prone to the same charge of not keeping his word or honor the same signed commitment of amending the Election Scheme which was to apply to all elections hence forth. His shamelessness and hypocrisy is on a different level and yet he has the guts to call the three of them as defaulters when it is actually the Duo who are refusing to honor both the terms of the signed Consent Terms.

In any case Signatures obtained by blackmail and under duress has no value and Noshir having realized that is now changing his tune and now wants elections for only two seats on 27th March 2022 and agrees that they should not sacrifice their balance term of office and hence is no longer interested in having the Election Scheme amended to reduce the term of office.

But if in less than six months another election for three Trustees is due than is it not reasonable to combine the two elections and save Rs. 40 lakhs thereby especially since BPP is facing the worst financial crisis ever thanks to the muddle and wrong policies of Kersi Randeria and Yazdi Desai who followed it till 2019 and only thereafter Yazdi Desai threatened to remove Kersi Randeria by filing a case under section 41D of the Bombay Public Trusts Act as well file Contempt proceedings against him in the High Court for disobeying the terms of the Consent Decree signed by all seven Trustees in the High Court.

It is shocking that the very wife of Yazdi Desai is taking the support of a criminal like Kersi Randeria who has various cases against him in the Criminal Courts and is out on bail pending hearing of those FIRs.

Kersi Randeria as a Slum Developer has allegedly swindled over Rs. 10 crores as transit rent of the poor slum dwellers. He refuses to pay Vikram Jagdale any interest after using his Rs. 30 lakhs booking money for six long years and refunded the same only last month because of the impending FIR that would have been issued if he had not returned the same.

It is time that the community became aware of the pretentious Righteousness of the blackmailing Noshir Dadrawala and the criminal Kersi Randeria.



TWO CAN PLAY THE SAME DIRTY GAME DR. ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR



Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

Tricky Noshir Dadrawalla, supported by his Compatriot Kersi Randeria try in vain to summon the dwindling support of his friends who have been lavishly gifted with Flats and Contracts.

"WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE BPP?"

HOW IGNORANT OF A TRUSTEE TO ASK SUCH A QUESTION?

This article in the Parsi Times of 18/12/2021, have not maligned the Majority, in fact, it has confirmed the Lethargic Misdeeds of both the dissenting Trustees.

THE BITTER UNDERLYING TRUTH OF NOSHIR DADRAWALLA ARE HIS ERATIC EGOIST ACTIONS TO ALL DECISIONS UNFAVOURABLE TO HIM. HIS ONLY RECOURSE IS BLACKMAIL. WITHOUT ANY SOLITARY ARGUMENTS, HE RESORTS TO HIS RESIGNATIONS AND WITHDRAWLS LIKE A PENDULUM OR THE CIRCUS OF HIS HUNGER STRIKE TO REGAIN LOST POPULARITY.

To top his ever induced dramas, his resignations suddenly vanish into thin air, thanks to Kersi Randeria and eventually the resignation stands Withdrawn. Its now become a routine. Did our Community vote for such shirking Trustees?

Noshir Dadrawalla, had you realised, an encore was played against your Blackmail of your Hunger Strike, a futile Circus at the BPP, you would never have endorsed the article "WHAT IS GOING ON AT THE BPP".

As always your impulses without thinking of the consequences has always got the better of your dimwitted intelligence. If you can be "THE PENDULLUM" and get away with BLACKMAIL, so can others.

You both are nothing more than mere Tricksters who have not thought of the consequences of your sham Hunger Strike with those unrefuted Vitamin Shots taken by both of you.

Trusting your Manifesto, our Community voted you'll to take care of us, you have not only miserably failed in your Obligatory Duties as Trustees but you have taken the ultimate fatal step to cheat our Community.

STOP INSTIGATING OUR COMMUNITY AND COMPLETE YOUR OBLIGATIONS, AMEND THE

SCHEME OF ELECTIONS AS REQUIRED, UPDATE THE VOTER'S LISTS AND ONLY AFTER COMPLIANCE OF THESE CRITERIAS, WORK TOWARDS A FREE AND FAIR ELECTION, BOTH FOR THE VOTERS AND THE CONTESTANTS.

NOSHIR, YOUR UNETHICAL AVARICIOUS DREAM TO CONTEST FOR YOUR THIRD TERM IS FORCING YOU TO DELAY THE ELECTIONS. THE AMENDMENT OF THE SCHEME OF ELECTIONS WHICH HAS TO BE PRESENTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT BEFORE THE NEXT ELECTIONS WILL SHATTER YOUR DREAM OF BECOMING A TRUSTEE EVER AGAIN.

GOOD RIDDANCE TO BAD RUBBISH.

TAKE A STEP FORWARD, JOIN THE MAJORITY TRUSTEES TO GET THE AMENDMENTS PASSED BY THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT, RECTIFY THE VOTERS LIST AND CALL FOR SUPPORT TO HOLD EARLY ELECTIONS.

DO YOU HAVE THE GUTS NOSHIR DADRAWALLA?

Least said the better for Kersi Randeria. Where have your religious ethics disappeared which you so displayed during your Campaigns of 2015? The Crematoria at Doongarwadi, all swept under the Carpet, once elected. The hushed up topic will only be brought up by you once you are ushered out of the BPP Board. You have all along played the Spanner In The Wheel Syndrome as soon as you face the prospects of being in the Minority. So be it.

Our Dear Community Members-

You have seen the mighty decline of the BPP due to the animosity by these two Trustees who never worked for the betterment of our Community neither they let the then Minority but present Majority Trustees to work until the then Minority moved the Court and obtained a favorable Order.

Now the same Trustees in Minority are not allowing the Majority to work.

The only solution is to vote for like-minded and knowledgeable Contestants who possess the ability to get together and save the BPP and resolve the woes of our Community.

May good sense prevail upon all of us!

Kind regards,
Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

View profile at www.drzuleika.com

Message 9821033786 for updates



HAS SHAHRUKH BILLIMORIA REPLACED KAIKHUSHROO IRANI DR. ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR

A What's App message authoured by Shahrugh Billimoria of Godrej Baug, a known accomplice of Kersi Randeria and circulated on certain affiliated groups of Kersi Randeria & Noshir Dadrawalla, attempting to justify and authenticate the high handed behaviour of both the dissenting Trustees walking out of the Board Room. Using the instance, if true, Sharukh Billimoria has cast a maligned image of Viraf Mehta as well as Rayomand Sabawalla.

It is obvious that it is payback time for Sharukh Billimoria for having received Tenancy of his Godrej Baug flat whilst the whole of Godrej Baug is on Leave and License. Even the illegal extension of a purported balcony outside his window is also thanks to Kersi Randeria who is protecting its demolition action from other Trustees.

Where was Shahrugh Billimoria and his write up when the self proclaimed Righteous Noshir Dadrawalla cracked a mutually favourable deal with Hoshang Jal and Bergis Desai at a private location, without the presence of any other Trustees, and that too not conforming it to the Board Room. Just to get Bergis Desai as a Consensus candidate, Hoshang Jal was given Tenancy of his Cusrow Baug flat by blatant manipulation of facts and records which was hitherto denied to him since 2010 by the earlier Board as well as the present Board as well as THE HONORABLE Mr. Nusli Wadia on the specious ground of converting his Deposit of Rs. 1.24 crores to Donation. He was allowed even to avoid payment of Stamp Duty and Registration fees by avoiding Registration of his Tenancy Agreement by fraud and manipulation of facts by the two of them through the transmission route.

Noshir Dadrawalla and Kersi Randeria must get off their high pride pedestal and communicate with proclaimed

erring Beneficiaries to sort out litigations as Viraf rightly tried.

Instead of litigations prolonged over 20-25 years, settlements within legal criteria saves the ever depleting funds of the BPP. Which Trustee in his right mind would not want the expenditure be saved through discussions. As is, in the matter, a case is filed in the appropriate Court and can be withdrawn as soon as a settlement is reached.

Noshir and Kersi anticipating their dismal ouster now mitigate their efforts to show off their dissenting power by a "Walk Out" thus proving that they never will reason out with any Beneficiaries nor let the Majority function. They came back after Sabawalla left as imputed by Sharukh Billimoria but those waiting outside the Boardroom to meet the Trustees had insulted them and were rude and offensive with the two of them when they left and with Elections round the corner they were politically forced to return.

THE DISSENTING TRUSTEES MUST SEIZE PLAYING THESE DIRTY GAMES, BE AWARE THAT OTHERS CAN PLAY THEM BETTER.

REASONING OUT BY DISCUSSIONS WITH BENEFICIARIES IS THE VITAL AGENDA OF MY PORTFOLIO DURING MY ELECTION CAMPAIGN. LIKE MINDED CONTESTANTS ARE WELCOME ABOARD.

Best regards,

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir
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BEAUTY

They say
"Beauty lies in
The eyes of the beholder"
With due respect that's
Physical beauty
But real beauty
Emanates from the heart
Treating people humanely

With Respect understanding
As well Dignity

Wearing the latest fashion
Makeup perfume lipstick
That doesn't a
Beautiful person make
Having humbleness
Humility selflessness
With these qualities
A happy Peaceful world

One can create
Each one of is beautiful
No matter what we look like
So please let's concentrate
On the inherent qualities
To make this place
A peaceful happy world
Choicest Happiness
Farida
Happy Holidays!

KAIZAD PATEL - STAR IN THE MAKING



Meet the 24 year old genius who is all set to make us Proud!

Kaizad is a Remi-Award Wining Music Composer/ Orchestrator for Live-Action/3D animation Movies, Netflix Series and Games with experience of over 35 Movies/ Series under his belt. He has partnered with his dad Firoze Patel to form a Duo. They were Awarded the "Golden Remi Award" in Texas for the "Best Music Score" category for a movie named "Patiently Faithful". That has been a Turning Point in Kaizad's life. He started his career as a pianist and moved on to Compose Music for his very first Project called "Super K" a 3D Animation Movie at the age of 15. Being the Music Composer for one of India's most Famous cartoons "Bal Ganesh" and "Ghatothkach", brought them some recognition. Some of their other prominent works are "The Huntress- Rune Of the Dead (A Vikings Movie made in the U.K), Outrage (An American Action-Thriller Feature Film) , Carolyn (An American Horror movie), United Colors of Bennitt Song (An American Romantic Comedy) and many more.

Besides movies, Kaizad has also written his own Symphonies and many works for soloists.

Writing for the Orchestra has always been his strength.

He is really looking forward to have one of his Symphony's performed at the Dubai Expo this coming March at the closing ceremony.

Its been an Honour for him to have the opportunity to arrange and Orchestrate the Indian National Anthem that was performed by the SOI Orchestra.

Recently, he was invited to conduct the SOI Orchestra for one of his own Compositions.

His dream has always been Hollywood and the Oscar !

We wish him the best of luck !



TRADE THE STOCK MARKET



Tiger Vispi Irani

Expert advice by Champion Tiger Vispi Irani

Welcome to my weekly round up of stock markets.

First lets rewind back of our take on markets Nifty and our weekly stock call.

On the Nifty I had clearly stated that 17600 wont be visited in the week on the higher side and our downside tgts of 16500 will be tested and as per our predictions Nifty did not go anywhere near 17600 in fact the highest point it touched was 17155 and on the downside it showed a low of 16410 before having a bounce back to 17100 levels.

Where our stock call was concerned that was for HCL Tech which was weekly buy call at 1170 for tgts of 1230 was also succesfull and infact it showed a high of 1283 which works out to a healthy 10% returns in just a week.

Now lets come to our trade plan for the coming week:

First lets take the Nifty:

Nifty now faces hurdles at 17200 levels on the up side and supprt comes in at 16500 levels

My take is nifty will most probably be in range of the above given levels.

My stock pick of the week will be another software company Tech Mahindra at cmp of 1723 one can expect Tech Mahindra to show levels of 1800 levels in the coming week.

Happy investing!

These are my personal views and full discretion should be used on ones part

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Parsis want rules modified for last rites

New Delhi: The numerically dwindling Parsi community on Monday waged a battle in the Supreme Court to preserve 'Dokhmenashini', an integral part of their religious practice for disposal of bodies, and complained that Covid guidelines have made no provision for their ritual, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**.

Appearing for Surat Parsi Panchayat Board, lawyer Fali S Nariman argued before a bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud and A S Bopanna that the guidelines allowed only burial or cremation of bodies, hence made no provision for the community to carry out Dokhmenashini, a ritual during which the body of a deceased is kept at a height and over a well (Tower of Silence), to be eaten by vultures and decomposed by the effect of natural elements.

Nariman said, "In our faith, even the family members cannot touch the body of a deceased. It is the Nasheshalars who handle the body and take it to the Tower of Silence." Justice Chandrachud issued notice to the Union government seeking its response by January second week.

Photography

Colourful Stupas



Stupas are dome shaped structures serving as Buddhist shrines. They are an integral part of the Ladakhi landscape and are the symbols of Buddhist faith. These colourful stupas are built near the Diskit Monastery near Nubra valley. Here's wishing everyone a colourful and peaceful Christmas.



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.

Photography from Sharukh Bhadha



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"Better to Give than to Receive"

Instead of saying:
 'What I would like
 For Christmas
 Isn't better to give
 Than to receive?

Material gifts have no
 Value only temporary Happiness
 They don't give one
 Eternal happiness
 And peace of mind
 But good deeds done
 By treating people with
 Respect as well dignity
 And Understanding
 Last a lifetime
 As they say:
 "Happiness is to those
 Who seek happiness for others"

Humanity is in
 A state of crises
 Tornados hatred
 War Violence etc
 Seems to be
 The order of the day
 Wouldn't it be nice
 To sprinkle seeds
 Of love happiness
 Bring about
 Lots of smiles
 Each & every day
 Mind you not

Dictating how
 To lead one's life
 As one is captain of one's fate, master of one's soul
 My thoughts with you

So before Humanity
 Sits to eat by
 candle light
 Turkey dinners
 Drinking bubbly
 Champagne
 Delicious desserts
 Remember life is
 Transient & swoosh
 With a wink of an eye
 It can be taken away

We cannot tell
 Foretell the future
 For that matter what
 Will happen
 In the next minute or so
 Please do sow seeds of happiness
 Wherever one goes

Lastly let us be reminded the
 prayer of Ahem Vohu:
 "Do good to humanity without
 Expecting anything in return"
 Choicest Happiness
 Farida

Ps: feedbacks welcome

❖ Merry Christmas ❖

MERRY XMAS

Peals of laughter, we hear, as the bells toll,
 Xmas is here, once again ; Santa may call.
 Request him I will, to grant us, prosperity n
 peace.

May all our troubles n tribulations forever
 cease.

Dear Santa, the world today, for peace of mind
 years ;
 Yet to achieve the same, no one wishes, to ways learn.
 Gift us with thoughts, words and deeds good.
 These definitely, most certainly, change the world
 would.

Armin Dutia Motashaw.

વિશેષ સન્માન | 65 વર્ષે રક્તદાનની યાત્રા થંભાવતા રેડક્રોસના કર્મચારીઓ ભાવવિભોર રક્તદાન યાત્રા પથ ઉપર નવસારીના પારસી અગ્રણી દારા મોગલનું 123મી વખત રક્તદાન

ભાસ્કર વ્યૂઝ | નવસારી

નવસારી સંસ્કારી નગરીમાં રહેતા પારસી સજ્જન રક્તદાન યાત્રા પથ ઉપર દારા મોગલનું 123મી વખત રક્તદાન કર્યું હતું. 65 વર્ષની વયે રક્તદાન સફર યાત્રા ઉપર બ્રેક મારી હોવાનું જણાવતા પારસી સજ્જન ભાવવિભોર થયા હતા. જ્યારે તેમનો દીકરો પણ આજ માર્ગે આગળ વધી રહ્યો છે.

માનવ સેવા માટે રક્તદાન શ્રેષ્ઠ કર્તવ્ય છે. આ સૂત્રને નવસારીના

પારસી સજ્જન દારા નોસીરવાન મોગલે 7મી ડિસેમ્બરે 123મી વખત રક્તદાન કરી સંવેદનાસભર ઉદાહરણ સમાજને આપ્યું છે. દારા મોગલ નજીકના દિવસમાં વયમાં 65 વર્ષનો આંક પૂરો કરે છે અને તેમની રક્તદાન સફર યાત્રા ઉપર હવે બ્રેક લાગવાની છે. આ હકીકતની જાણ આ દારાને હતી. તેથી ઉપરોક્ત તારીખની સાંજે રેડક્રોસ રક્તદાન સેન્ટર ઉપર દોડતા આવ્યા સાથે માનદ મંત્રી કેરસી દેબુને જાણ કરી હતી. કેરસીભાઈ આ રક્તદાન



યાત્રાને પોંખવા પુષ્પગુચ્છ શાલ લઈને આવ્યા અને સન્માનિત કર્યા હતા. 65 વર્ષ પુરા કરી રહેલા આ દારા મોગલ દર ત્રણ મહિને રક્તદાન-એ જાળવી રાખવા શહેરમાં યોજાતા રક્તદાન કેમ્પમાં

17 વખત ઇમરજન્સીમાં રક્તદાન કર્યું હતું

બી નેગેટિવ રક્તજૂથ ધરાવતા દારા મોગલે આજ સુધીમાં 17 વખત ઇમરજન્સીમાં રક્તદાન કરી દર્દીઓને નવજીવન બક્ષ્યું છે. તેઓ સ્મરણોને વાગોળતા જણાવે છે કે પૂર્વ વડાપ્રધાન રાજીવ ગાંધી બી-નેગેટિવ રક્તજૂથ ધરાવતા હતા. તેમની નવસારીના વાંસદાની મુલાકાત વખતે તેમની સુરક્ષા માટે જિલ્લા પ્રશાસન આરોગ્ય વિભાગ સાથે તેઓ જોડાયા હતા.

જઈને પણ રક્તદાનને મહેકાવ્યું છે. સંસ્થા-મંડળે સન્માન પણ કર્યું છે. સાયકલ યાત્રી આ દારા મોગલને કોઈ રાજરોગ નથી. નવસારી બી.પી.બારિયા સાયન્સ કોલેજમાં સેવકની નિષ્ઠાસભર નોકરીમાંથી

નિવૃત્ત થયા છે છતાં પણ માનવતાની મહેકની યાત્રાને બાલ કર્યું છે. ઓછાબોલા-સદા હસમુખા આ દારા મોગલ રક્તદાન સેવાયજ્ઞના મિશાલ બન્યા છે. એમના પુત્ર પણ આજ માર્ગે આગળ વધી રહ્યો છે.

એમના પુત્ર પણ આજ માર્ગે આગળ વધી રહ્યો છે.

A Parsi I was born
And a Parsi I will be-
A Parsi poryo to the core
Answering to "Bawa-ji".

But Parsi-panu I have learned
Is much more than daal-ni-pori
Or dhanshak or even sali-ma-gos
Cooked up by some Parsi poryi.

It's childhood memories of fragrance
Of lobaan and sandalwood,
And being taught by grandma
That all thoughts, words and deeds be good.

Later learning to tie the kusti
And chanting Yatha Ahu Vairyo
And on the holy day of Ava Roj
Worshipping by the daryo.

And at a Parsi wedding event
Hearing the call, "Jamva Chalo ji"

Where we rushed to lined-up tables
To indulge in feasting orgy.

Remembrance of walking down the path,
Laying a grandparent to rest,
While a peacock danced, at Doongerwadi,
As the loved one left for Behesht.

We Parsis do love to argue
And can hurl insult gaalis galore,
But when it comes to trying times
Our goodness comes to the fore.

In the sanctity of Udwada
As our souls revive our past,
We pay homage before the Iranshah -
Mazda renews our faith at last.

Yes, Parsis we were born
And Parsis we shall be-
Our proud legacy to uphold
Is now up to you and me.



Zoroastrianism stands for Equality and Universality

Another year is
About to end
Another one round the corner
What have we achieved so far?
Nothing.
Instead of peace
There seems to be more violence
Hatred racism discrimination bigotry
As we can't seem to stomach differences.

Some members of humanity
Seem to have an false air around them
They are above the Law
Just to burst one's bubble
We are imperfect and flawed

Some who control the
Zoroastrian Community
With an iron hand
The more Humbandagis
Get done
More variants are out of hand
It seems that
Prayers seem to failing
Every step of the way
If there is no response
That should give
One the hint
That He will not

Tolerate the
Shabby treatment
He is getting all along

Plead Beg
Go on bended knees
Visit the Fire Temple
As often on can
Unless & until one
Submits to His Plans

His Final Message
To Humanity is:
" Treat & be treated
Not like a slave
Who is being humiliated
Poked prodded waiting
To be bought
Humans need not
Be discriminated
Because of their
Color caste or Creed
But treated with
Self respect tolerance
Equality as well dignity"
As Zoroastrianism stands
For Universality as well
Equality
Choicest Happiness
Farida

Tonight is the longest night of the year in the Northern Hemisphere. The people of Iran and Zoroastrians have been celebrating the night for thousands of years and believe that God Mehr is born at dawn.

This is the day when light overcomes darkness Tomorrow is the day of Khorram in the Zoroastrian calendar. The people of Iran and several other

countries stay this night together with the elders until morning and celebrate and wait for the sunrise and the angel of love.

We set the table next to the elders and eat the symbol of Mehr angels such as red apple, red pomegranate, red table and watermelon. On this day, the devil escapes with the birth of Mehr's



Know Zoroastrianism - Know Shab-e-Yalda

The Persian night of mithra, goodness, poetry and light

- "Shab-e-Yalda" or Yalda night is an ancient Persian cultural festivity marking the last day of fall, the longest night of the year.

- It's also referred to as Shab-e Chelleh, a celebration of winter solstice on Dec. 21.

Persians all around the world gather with friends and family to celebrate and welcome winter into their homes. Other countries such as Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan also celebrate the festival.

- The word Yalda means birth in Syriac, a dialect that emerged two thousand years ago.

The last day of the Persian month "Azar" is the longest night of the year, when the forces of "Ahriman" or evil are assumed to be at the peak of their strength.

- The next day, the first day of the month "Day" – known as "khoram rooz" (the day of sun) – belongs to Ahura Mazda, the Lord of Wisdom.

Since the days are getting longer and the nights shorter, this day marks the victory of sun over darkness.

- In the past, Iranians celebrated Mithra, the goddess of light. To keep evil away, they kept a fire burning all night. This was also an opportunity to honor their deities and help others.

- Today, Iranians welcome each other usually at the home of the elders to eat and drink until well after midnight. Elders read poetry from the two ancient Iranian poet Hafez. He belonged to Shiraz, a well-known city of gardens and poets. Not many know that Dastur Azar Kaiwan Saheb was born in a village called Istakhar in Shiraz and lived some years ago.

- Each member of the family makes a wish and randomly opens the poetry book and asks

the eldest member of the family to read it aloud. What is expressed in that poem is believed to be the interpretation of the wish and another way of fortune telling.

- Iranians believe by eating summer fruits they will defeat sickness in wintertime. Pomegranates, placed on top of a fruit basket, are reminders of the cycle of life – the rebirth and revival of generations. The purple outer covering of a pomegranate symbolizes birth or dawn; their bright red seeds, the glow of life. Talking about this sacred fruit with maximum Khoreh, flashes before the eyes a miracle performed by our Prophet Asho Zarathushtra by giving one seed of a Pomegranate to Aspandiyar (son of King Gushtaspa, Shah of the Kayanian Dynasty) which made his body of Bronze so that no weapon of war could hurt him.

- For Iranians, Yalda Night is also the time to celebrate the birth of Meher Yazad. In the Avesta he is called Mithra and in Persian Mehr- the symbol of light, friendship, love and kindness. Meher Yazad is connected with all high energy radiations originating in outer space, which include sunlight (Khorshed Yazad). For this reason, we recite Khorshed and Meher Niayesh together in our mandatory prayers before sunset. Thus, Yalda Night is also celebrated as the 'Rebirth of Sun'. Therefore, a Divo is also part of the Yalda Table and should burn throughout the night to celebrate the victory of light over darkness.

- Persian poetry on Yalda night also serves as a metaphor for other special meaning in today's life: separation from a loved one, loneliness and waiting. But at the end, the waiting is over, light shines, and goodness prevails.

- This is an opportunity to celebrate life and a reminder of stepping into a new season. Hope we, Parsis / Iranis/ Zoroastrians embrace these festivals, by celebrating them from wherever we are.

Happy Yalda to one and all !
YJ



The little known brave and pioneering Parsi Battalion in World War I

Parsis, most hailing from Bombay, served as soldiers in Europe during World War I. A stone cenotaph at Hughes Road at Kharegat Parsi Colony commemorates the 46 known Parsi soldiers killed in action in that war in Europe.

During WW I operations in Europe and the Middle East, the Parsi Battalion was accorded distinct honour and privileges over any of the other regiments hailing from India.

Since The Parsi Battalion was the only fighting force hailing from British India that was granted the same status as the British Army units, and it had a sanctioned strength of 1,051 Officers & men. All the battalion's men also had a working knowledge of English for commands and signals. For all other Indian Battalions, the Commanding Officer was a British officer of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (Lt.Col) but the Parsi Battalion, was headed by a Parsi Commanding Officer with the full rank of Colonel. Parsis comprised the entire range of Commanding Officer, other officer ranks and general infantry ranks, with no British officers holding any commanding oversight over the Battalion.

The Parsi Battalion also had a reserve force of 551 Officers & men that did not go overseas, but were fully trained and stationed at strategic locations at Bombay for local guard and reconnaissance duty lest the World War reach Indian shores.

The first two Indians ever to be awarded the DSO Distinguished Service Order medal were Parsis in World War I (1914 – 1918). Capt. (later Maj. Gen.) Cursetjee and Capt. (later Col.) Bharucha, both of the medical services unit of the Battalion.

The reason why not much is written or remembered about the Parsi Battalion formed in India, like the history of the other regiments from India that also took part in WW I is due to the fact that the Parsi Battalion was the only fighting force hailing from British India, that was actually granted the same status as the British Army units, and were always counted as a British force rather than a British Indian Army unit, and all the Battalion's records therefore were kept in England rather than India.

Unfortunately too, about 60% of the Battalion's soldiers' official service records were irretrievably damaged or lost completely as a result of enemy bombings in London in 1940 during the Second World War. The exact number of serving Parsi Battalion soldiers is not known because of

the unfortunate irrevocable loss of these paper records. The Parsi Battalion was fortunate enough to be equipped with high power weapons, machine guns, extra ammo, & rations & supplies including woolen blankets, woolen uniforms, which were superior in both quality & quantity. The heavy fire power they carried to the battle front made a great difference on the battle field.

Most men in the Parsi Battalion carried a Lee-Enfield rifle. Staff-Sergeants were also armed with the sword-bayonet. The new machine guns though were in short supply at the time, but the Parsi Battalion never felt the shortage and was well-equipped and trained in their use.

The battalion also carried a certain fixed amount of ammunition, which was replenished with re-supply, if needed. The initial supply per rifle came to 550 rounds per man. The battalion transport carried 32 boxes of 1,000 rounds, and each man could carry up to 120 rounds at a time. Food, water and rations had to be used very sparingly, until the supply was replenished.

The Parsi Battalion was actually the first among British forces to get THE LITTLE WILLIE, which was a "Mobile Fortress", an early version of a battle tank; so the Parsi Battalion soldiers became early pioneers of battle tank warfare.

The first tank was named "Little Willie" and it had a top speed of just 3 MPH. Tanks received their name because the British tried to conceal their identity by calling them water storage tanks, hence the name "tank". They originally were also called "landships."

Among the many inventions during WW I was the metal helmet. It was introduced by the French in 1915. All sides soon wore a metal helmet, and once again The Parsi Battalion was the first to be given the metal helmet by the British Army.

The Western Front, which ran from the English Channel in France all the way to Switzerland, had over 25,000 miles of dug trenches, of which many battle front forward-most trenches were occupied and held by the Parsi Battalion due to their fire power. The Parsi Battalion, immediately after their arrival in France, became involved in the thick of the battle in launching the initial front line attack against the Germans during the fierce Battle of the Somme in July 1916, with 19 of its soldiers killed in that initial action.

To join The Parsi Battalion one had to be at least 18 years old, but some Parsi boys lied about their true ages to enroll, and some were known to be as young as 16 years old when they joined the force.