

## **BPP** resolves to Convert Leave and License to Tenancy







Chairman Armaity Tirandaz Trustee Xerxes Dastur

Trustee Viraf D. Mehta

Dear Community Members,

At our Board meeting of Monday February 21, 2022, Chairman Armaity Tirandaz, Trustee Xerxes Dastur & Trustee Viraf Mehta passed a resolution to grant a Licensee of a residential premises of the BPP, who is lawfully in occupation and in respect of whom no legal proceedings have been initiated (including any legal notice or contentious correspondence), the option to apply to the Trustees to convert such Leave and License Agreement into a monthly contractual tenancy, subject to completion of legal formalities.

The above item was pending on our agenda for the last 6 months. We were asked to get a legal opinion before we took this forward to safeguard the Trust.

On Monday, Feb 21 2022, we tabled a legal opinion from Solicitor Jehangir Mistry, Senior Partner at the renowned firm of Mulla & Mulla & Craigie Blunt and

Caroe, confirming that the Trustees of the BPP are within their legal right to convert a Leave and License of a resident of such premises to a monthly contractual tenancy with no legal ramifications to the Trust, by following the legal process to be prescribed including payment of stamp duty and registration charges and the execution and registration of a Contractual Tenancy Agreement.

By way of this resolution, all BPP beneficiaries will be treated equally without fear of peremptory eviction with protection under the Rent Control Act.

The SOPs towards converting lawful licenses to tenancies is being worked on by the BPP and the same shall be shared shortly.

Additional tax and audit clarifications are being sought especially in cases where Licensees, given the option to convert to a monthly contractual tenancy, have paid a deposit.

We shall endeavor to keep you updated on further developments in this matter.

Regards,

**Chairman Armaity Tirandaz Trustee Xerxes Dastur Trustee Viraf Mehta** 

# WELL DONE ARMAITY TIRANDAZ, XERXES DASTUR AND VIRAF MEHTA

At the Board Meeting of 21st February 2022, Trustee Viraf Mehta distributed copies of the legal opinion dated 14th February 2022 from Mr. Jehangir Mistry Partner of M/s. Mulla & Mulla And Craigie Blunt & Caroe. The opinion is obtained in the matter of converting the leave and license Agreements to tenancy.

Trustee Viraf Mehta wanted the Trustees to discuss the above issue which was pending on the agenda for the past 6 months and pass a resolution in the matter. Trustee Kersi Randeria immediately refused to discuss the matter and said he wanted to get this legal opinion, despite it being obtained from the firm that represents the BPP, vetted by his legal friends so that he could get a counter opinion. For years Kersi Randeria has told the Board that he is against the conversion of LL to Tenancy and will even more the Court against this decision.

Ultimately Kersi Randeria decided to walk out of the BPP and instructed Noshir Dadrawala to follow him out, which he did. Before leaving, Noshir Dadrawala spent a few minutes with the Board to understand what was being proposed. While Mr. Dadrawala seemed to understand, he was not permitted to stay back in the Board room by Kersi Randeria and they both walked out.

On Aug 1 2021 Trustee Viraf Mehta wrote an article titled "Time to Convert Leave & License to Tenancy is Now". Since then this item has been on the agenda. At that time Trustee Noshir Dadrawala suggested that for the BPP to take this forward, a legal opinion should be obtained. This opinion was tabled by Trustee Viraf Mehta on Monday, Feb 21 2022, after which a resolution was passed.

It was obvious that Kersi Randeria is opposed to giving all our residents the protection of the Rent Act and wanted Licensees to continue to live under the sword of the Leave License Agreement. Hence the three Trustees namely Chairman Armaity Tirandaz, Trustee Viraf Mehta and Trustee Xerxes Dastur passed a resolution "to grant a Licensee of a residential premises of the BPP, who is lawfully in occupation and in respect of whom no legal proceedings have been initiated (including any legal notice or contentious correspondence), the option to apply to the Trustees to convert such Leave and License Agreement into a monthly contractual tenancy, subject to completion of legal formalities." The legal process will include payment of stamp duty and registration charges of a Contractual Tenancy Agreement. The three Trustees stated that they will also be taking tax and audit clarifications before going ahead, especially in cases where Licensees, given the option to convert to a monthly contractual tenancy, have paid a deposit.

It is important to note that at the hearing on the Scheme of Elections on February 22, 2022 before Justice Kathawala and Justice Jadhav, Kersi Randeria and Hoshi Jal raised an objection that the above resolution cannot be passed as the election was to be announced and the same would amount to a policy decision.

Advocate for the three sensible Trustees explained that the Scheme was yet being finalized and till such time the Trustees were at liberty to pass decisions for the interest of the beneficiaries. In fact, if Kersi, Noshir, Hoshi Jal or anyone had any opposition to the decision above, they should challenge the same before the appropriate forum.

The Division Bench of the High Court refused to interfere in the matter and advised Randeria and others to move the Chamber Judge for any relief if they felt it was illegal and not in the interest of the community. It is interesting to see whether the Kersi,

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Noshir and others will challenge this decision of the Trustees which has been taken keeping in mind the interest of the beneficiaries.

Ironically, when Hoshi Jal was given tenancy in Jan 2021 (after a 12 year battle with the Trust that claimed he was a licensee), it was two months before the March 2021 elections in which he was going to be a candidate. At that point in time he had no objection to the timing of his getting tenancy.

In Saturday's Parsi Times of 26th Feb 2022, Kersi Randeria has published a scathing attack on the resolution to convert Leave and Licenses to Tenancy alleging that it was vote bank politics and the benefits would accrue to the rich. But the real truth is that it would weaken his modus operandi of always terrorizing licensees.

# Let us put some facts before the community to decide the truth:

- 57% of the residents of the BPP are on Tenancy basis
- 43% of the residents of the BPP are on leave and license
- If you consider just the Wadia Baugs, 80% of the residents are on Tenancy basis
- Out of the 43% Licensees, less than 5% of the flats are on a Deposit basis whilst the rest are allotted on free basis without any Deposits.

For Tenancy Agreement, it is necessary to pay stamp duty and registration fees.

The figures of Stamp duty payable are much less than the figures shown as payable by Kersi Randeria who has not accounted for the depreciation of 60% permitted under law.

Kersi Randeria in his Parsi Times has shown Stamp Duty payable at Rs.12.5 lakhs for a 1RK flat at Godrej Baug. In truth, this amount would be less than half. For example, Sharukh Billimoria of Godrej Baug, who got his name added to his Masi's flat in Godrej Baug, was offered tenancy by the Board and has paid stamp duty. Why not we ask him to disclose the stamp duty amount paid by him at Godrej Baug?

If a licensee if not able to afford the stamp duty, it is open for a Licensee to apply to various Trusts for monetary help to pay Stamp Duty. Those who can afford its payment will welcome this relief as they are then out of the hanging sword of the Trustees.

We are sad to note the venomous opposition by a sitting trustee to this positive step. We are certain that in Godrej Baug 80% of the Licensees would be ready and willing to pay the Stamp Duty and those who cannot afford or do not want to waste their money on Stamp Duty can continue as Licensees of the Trust as per their option. Whilst Stamp Duty payment is mandatory it is the option of the licensees to opt for it or not.

But since this has been the demand of most Licensees who are well aware of the need to pay Stamp Duty on their Tenancy Agreement, the Trustees have acceded to their request as it was one of the promises made to the community.

In the Mumbai Junction supplement of Bombay Samachar of 24th June 2018, Xerxes Dastur has promised the community of converting "myth into reality: LEAVE LICENSE TO TENANCY". In fact, the same was also promised in 2008 by the AFP panel led by Kersi Randeria but he has failed to delivery.

The step taken by the Trustees finally is something which was long over due. It is pleasing to note that the Trustees have finally taken this stand despite the hatred and lies that is being spread against this step.

All Licensees should take advantage of this resolution immediately. It is in their interest, for them and their families for future.



# BPP BOL

On Aug 6, 2021 the BMC announced SOPs that put restrictions on electioneering which led to the BPP postponing elections. This did not go down well for Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria as they were desperately trying to get Hoshi Jal and Anahita Desai elected on the old Scheme of Elections. So in desperation, Noshir Dadrawala went on a hunger strike on October 18 insisting the BPP hold elections.

On October 20 2021 the Trustees filed consent terms (under duress and threats from Mr. Dadrawala) wherein it was agreed that the Scheme of Elections would be amended and only after the Scheme is amended would elections be held for all seven trustees. Viraf Mehta committed that despite his term ending in October 2022, he would step down early so that there were elections for all seven Trustees This was his condition which was set out by him before the Bombay High Court.

Despite Trustee Viraf Mehta's requests Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala kept insisting on holding elections now and having the new amended scheme applicable retrospectively. The Court observed that having a scheme have retrospective effect would lead to too many complications hence it would be best to amend the Scheme first and then announce the date for the next elections.

No matter how much Trustee Viraf Mehta was slandered on social media and in the Parsi press by Kersi Randeria and others, he stood firm.

And now finally on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 the amended Scheme of Elections will be sanctioned in the Hon'ble High Court, whereby changes have been made, as was his request.

### Some good practical Tips, to live a Peaceful Life.. A fwd.. \*JUST LEAVE IT\* principle:

- Try convincing a person once or twice. If he or she refuses to get convinced \*Just Leave it\*
- When the children grow up and take their own decisions, do not impose \*Just Leave it\*
- Your frequency doesn't match with everyone in life. If you can't connect with someone \*Just Leave it\*

# **Just Leave it**

- After a certain age if someone criticises you don't get upset \*Just Leave it\*
- When you realise that nothing is in your hands, stop worrying about others and the future \*Just Leave it\*
- When the gap between your wish list and your capabilities increases, stop self expectations \*Just Leave it\*

- Everyone's path of life, size of life, quality of life is different, so stop comparing \*Just Leave it\*
- When life has given you such a wonderful treasure of experience, stop counting your daily earnings, but \*Just Leave it\*
  - If this does NOT Appeal to You.... \*Just Leave it\* 🌹

### **NO PYAAR ONLY GAAR**

Last week the Trustees of the BPP (the straight and upright ones) passed a resolution to allow all licensees to convert their Leave and Licenses into that of tenancy.

This is a huge step in the right direction for all the beneficiaries of the BPP regardless of which colony, warring faction they belonged. Converting leave and licenses into tenancies ensured that every single Parsi licensee is treated equally as that of a tenant and none have the risk of being evicted or threatened eviction because the Trustees don't like you or your family.

This action benefits everyone, especially all new allottees of houses who were allotted flats on leave and license basis, specially many of those residents of Godrej Baug. These Trustees had been keen from day one of their term to convert all leave and licenses to tenancies. Ever since coming into majority in 2021, Armaity, Xerxes and Viraf have taken legal opinions, tax opinions, rent lawyer views, solicitor views, beneficiary views and more. They have finally, despite all the opposition from Noshir and Kersi taken the

bold decision to convert leave and licenses to tenancies.

This action - a step in the right direction, should be free of petty and hatred politics (we have become accustomed to). Yet, we have some who will publish lies and hate on whatsapp and do as they are told despite them being licensees themselves. We understand that some of these people may have an agenda in place but to spread hate on a step which would in fact benefit them and their families, is truly baffling.

Money speaks louder than words for these people. They may be getting paid per whatsapp post but for once, we pray, let the Trustees do some good. They have taken a step which will help the community! Let them act, stop giving them gaar but show them some pyaar.

Let them work and if they fail, you have the right to shoot them down. But, till such time, STOP THE GAAR AND SHOW SOME PYAAR YAAR!

**PERCY D. MISTRY** 

### Our World

"Our world is not divided by race, colour, gender or religion.

Our world is divided into wise people and fools

And fools divide themselves by race color gender or religion"

(Nelson Mandela)

I could not have

Stated it much better

Does this quote ring a bell "?

As I have lot of

Anecdotes tell

Some see the world
As just black or white
Without a thought
As well reasoning
'Cause humanity is
Like a kaleidoscopic tapestry
With different cultures religions
Traditions, languages
Originating from different
countries
More educated and

knowledgeable

We become, more tolerant
Respectful as well we
Start treating people with
Understanding and dignity
No human should be treated
Like a slave ]
But every human should
Be able to breathe and live
free!!!!

Choicest Happiness Farida

# **Bombay Parsi Punchayet** PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AUCTION OF FLAT AT WADIA **BLDG, DADAR**

The Bombay Parsi Punchayet is in possession of a 2 Rooms + Kitchen Flat admeasuring about 618.58 Square Feet Carpet area on the 3rd Floor, being Flat No. 14, Wadia Building, Dr. Ambedkar Road, Near Hindmata, Dadar (E), Mumbai-400014, which has reverted to the Trust. The said flat is proposed to be offered on Leave & License basis to prospective offerors, who give the highest quantum of Refundable Deposit. (Kindly contact Mr. R. F. Patel on 02222617421/22/23 or Mobile: 9819946387 from Monday to Friday between 11.00 am to 5.30 pm for Base Price as well as inspection of Flat)

- 1. Those interested are requested to attend the Auction to be held Zoom Meeting with BPP Trustees and Administration on Monday, 7th March 2022 at 5.30 pm. Interested Applicants to submit their proposal in a sealed envelope @ BPP Office (Tel: 02222617421/22/23 or (M) 9819946387, with a separate Demand Draft of Rs. 1 Lakh in the name of "Funds & Properties of the Parsi Punchayet Bombay" as Earnest Money Deposit, which will be returned if their proposal is not accepted. Please do not put the Demand Draft in the sealed envelope but hand it over separately.
- 2. Interested buyers must quote value of the Flat in excess of (Reserve Security Deposit amount), exclusive of Stamp Duty and Registration Charges, as applicable for registration of Leave & License Agreement.
- 3. The sealed envelopes will be opened in the presence of all the applicants on the same day on Monday, 7th March 2022 at 5.30 pm.
- 4. The highest offer will be taken as the Second Reserve Security Deposit amount and the applicants will be requested to make an Open

- offer in excess of this Second Reserve Security Deposit amount.
- 5. The highest Open Offer will be taken as the Third Reserve Security Deposit amount.
- 6. The Bid member Buyer will be guided beforehand by the BPP Trustees and Administration for all 3 Rounds Bidding process. Final Round will be conducted on One-to One basis on direct Phone confirmation for bid in excess of 2nd Round final figure.
- 7. The flat will be allotted to the highest bidder in this Third & Final round. (If any tie it may occur, one more round will be conducted on same pattern of Third & Final round for Final Highest Figure)
- 8. 50% of the full Security Deposit amount of the flat must be deposited by the Buyer within 15 days of the auction and the balance 50% within one month of the auction. Failure to make payments on the Due date will lead to cancellation of their offer and the forfeiture of the Earnest Money Deposit. The flat may again be re-auctioned, or offered to the second highest bidder, as decided by the Trustees.
- 9. The Leave & license Agreement will be registered after the Full Security Deposit amount is received by the Trust. Possession of the flat will be given only after Leave & Licence Agreement is executed and registered.
- 10. The Trustees reserve the right to refuse any or all offers at their discretion without assigning any reason.

By the order of BPP Trustees

A. F. Sarkari **CEO** 

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**



The BPP N.N & R.N Wadia Baugs are in possession of a 4 Rooms+ Kitchen flat admeasuring about 1400 Square Feet Carpet area on Ground Floor, being "Building – 15, Flat No 1," in Rustom Baug, Byculla which has reverted to the Trust. The said flat is proposed to be offered on Leave & License basis to prospective offerers who give the highest quantum of Refundable Deposit .( Kindly contact Neville House 022 22618071 or M: 9833964746 for Base Price)

Those interested to inspect the flat are requested to contact the Custodian at Rustom Baug (Contact No 022 23750422or(M: 9820723002)-(9820389356) Monday to Saturday 10 am-1 p.m.

- 1. Those interested are requested to attend the Auction to be held (Zoom Meeting) at the Neville House Office on Thursday 3rd March, 2022 at 5.30 p.m., and submit their proposal in a sealed envelope @ Neville House (Tel: 9819004860 or (M) 9833964746, with a separate Demand Draft of Rs. 1 Lakh in the name of "Funds & Properties of the Parsi Punchayet Bombay" as Earnest Money Deposit which will be returned if their proposal is not accepted. Please do not put the Demand Draft in the sealed envelope but hand it over separately.
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- 4. The highest offer will be taken as the Second Reserve Security Deposit amount and the applicants will be requested to make an Open offer in excess of this Second Reserve Security Deposit amount.
- 5. The highest Open Offer will be taken as the Third Reserve Security Deposit amount.
- 6. The Bid member Buyer will be guided beforehand by the **Presiding Chairperson- BPP Trustee** for all 3 Round Bidding process. Final Round will be conducted on One-to One basis on direct Phone confirmation for bid in excess of 2nd Round final figure..
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- 10. The Trustees reserve the right to refuse any or all offers at their discretion without assigning any reason.

By the order of B P P Trustees P .N. Siganporia SECRETARY BPP N.N. & R.N. Wadia Baugs

## **Zoroastrian Dentists' Organisation 2022**



(L-R) Prof. Dr Porus Turner, Ms. Krina Jhaveri, Dr Ruxshin Bhot Mistry

After a two year hiatus, the Zoroastrian Dentists' Organisation bounced back with it's much-awaited Annual Scientific Symposium!

The ZDO celebrated it's 68th glorious year of existence by an exciting scientific meeting on 20th February 2022 at the picturesque Gateway Banquet of the renowned Taj Mahal Palace Hotel, Mumbai.

The most distinguished luminary of our Parsi community, Padma Bhushan Dr. Farokh Udwadia presided over the proceedings as Chief Guest. In his inspirational speech, which moved everyone present in the room, he spoke of his father from whom he learnt about empathy towards patients. He particularly spoke fondly of his mother, who was a strict disciplinarian and taught him to always be truthful, modest and yet excel in every sphere of life. He also mentioned that music, especially classical music was a great stress reliever and advised the audience that when in stress to listen to classical music like 'Mozart'. However, the most important thing he said was that just because a patient cannot afford your fees, it is not a reason to not treat him. Dr Udwadia states that his family, including his wife and children form the core of his existence and hold the greatest priority in his life.

The most important event was the release of the book 'Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice' written by Dr.



ZDO MEMBERS (L-R)

Standing top row- Dr Avinash Kshar, Dr Jamshed Tavadia, Dr Cyrus Karkaria

Standing middle row- Dr Priyaranjan Oze, Dr Pervez Cooper, Dr Kaiwan Shroff, Dr Taronish Bharucha, Dr Mehernosh Dotiwala, Dr Kayannush Dadachandji, Dr Shazneen Kalyaniwalla Sitting- Dr Shazneen Kandawala, Dr Gulnar Sethna, Dr Khushnuma Karkaria, Dr Ruxshin

Bhot Mistry, Dr Porus Turner, Dr Sorab Jhaveri, Dr Jasmine Tavadia, Dr Farzana Bharucha

Porus Turner in collaboration with Dr. Farokh Udwadia. It was first published in 1986 but was suitably modified, reprinted in colour and released on this occasion. It is a must have in the clinic of every dental practitioner.

Prominent art connoisseur and family historian, Mr Adi Jehangir was also the Chief Guest present. He regaled everyone with his tales and his friendly relations with Dr Udwadia and his family in his introductory speech. Mr Jehangir has long standing relations with the ZDO family.

The other luminaries present on the dias were prominent figures such as the three term ex-BPP Trustee Mr. Dinshaw Mehta, who has long-standing associations with the ZDO and is an inveterate supporter of the organisation, along with renowned dental surgeon. Dr. Firoze Mirza who was the first to introduce dental implants in our country.

Other prominent guests including Mrs. Vera Udwadia, wife of Dr Farokh Udwadia, Parsiana magazine's ace Mr. Jehangir Patel and his wife Mrs. Veera Patel were also present.

The Chief Guests Padma Bhushan Dr Farokh Udwadia and Mr Adi Jehangir were both presented with beautiful lamp pieces of Lladro with a Farohar emblazoned across each of them, marketed by C.T. Pundole of Pune. Floral bouquets were presented in gratitude to each of the luminaries, Mr. Dinshaw Mehta, Dr Firoze Mirza, Mrs Vera Udwadia, Mr Jehangir Patel and Mrs Veera Patel.



Honoured Guests on the dias (L-R): Mr Dinshaw Mehta, Pdm Dr Farokh Udwadia, Mr Adi Jehangir, Dr Firoze Mirza, Dr Porus Turner at the podium, Dr Ruxshin Bhot on the mic

Dr Firoze Mirza in his speech, lauded the efforts of the ZDO and that of Dr Porus Turner to hold this dental conference year after year and for encouraging youngsters to present their clinical cases. He thanked Dr Farokh Udwadia for gracing the occasion and inspiring everyone.

The ZDO Secretary Dr Ruxshin Bhot Mistry introduced the chief motivator of the organisation, Prof. Dr PorusTurner and called upon him to introduce the Chief Guest Padmabhushan Dr. Udwadia.

Dr Turner stated in his speech that he was inspired to join medicine thanks to Dr Udwadia. He mentioned that although he is probably the greatest medical luminary of our country, he is a true Zoroastrian at heart who never failed to help any genuinely needy person without expecting anything in return. This, Dr Turner mentioned, is a motto that he also practices in his Dental clinic. Dr Turner mentioned whereas today's physicians rushed to form medical diagnosis for patients without spending much time to ponder upon each case, Dr Udwadia stood out with his vast experience and humble compassion by examining and giving individual attention to each of his patients, no matter what economical background they came from.

The ZDO boasts of humble beginnings, being founded in the residence of Dr. Fali S. Mehta, probably the most eminent dentist of all times. The other founder members were Cap. Dr. Nariman Vazifdar, Dr. Minoo Ginwala, Dr.Billimoria, and Dr. Ratan Doctor.

The ZDO wishes to thank Dr. Jasmine Tavadia and Dr.Ruxshin Bhot Mistry for the excellent work of organizing and orchestrating the entire event to the tee.

The Scientific Symposium was principally sponsored by **Colgate Palmolive India Ltd.**, the undisputed leaders in Oral Hygiene. The Co-sponsors were Dentsply Sirona, Bredent, Geistlich and Nobel Biocare. Each of these companies held the members' intrigue with their display of various products at individual booths set up.

The ZDO thanks the MDM Jeejeebhoy Trust and it's trustees for their unwavering support in all the scientific activities and other charitable work.

For this, the ZDO would like to appreciate the most efficient Dr. Sorab Javeri, to whom the ZDO is infinitely grateful for his continuous guidance in all its activities.

The ZDO appreciated it's other sponsors such as Mr Prakash Mody and his family, Dr Ervad Burjor Antia, Jehangir Oracare Dental Centre, Meher Distributors, Surat Goods Transport Pvt Ltd, Total Shipping and Logistics Pvt Ltd, Amulya Mica Laminates, CT Pundole and Sons for their support.

The speakers for the day were Prof. Dr. Porus Turner, Dr. Gulnar Sethna, Dr. Kayannush Dadachanj, Dr. Kaiwan Shroff, Dr. Cyrus Karkaria, Dr. Jamshed Tavadia, Dr. Farzana Bharucha, Dr Taronish Bharucha, Dr. Pervez Cooper, Dr. Shazneen Kalyaniwalla, Dr Shazneen Kandawalla, Dr Khushnuma Karkaria,

The ZDO has always opened it's doors to non-Zoroastrian members and invited them to showcase their talent. Dr Avinash Kshar spoke about TMJ splints and their effects. Ms Krina Jhaveri held the audience's rapt attention with her engaging yoga demonstration and fitness exercises for dentists.

Volunteers from the audience were called up on stage to pull off some exercise moves such as pushups. Dr Porus Turner enthralled everyone by his amazing fitness levels and left an inspiring note on keeping oneself fit no matter what. After all age is just a number! Dr. Farzana Irani Bharucha also demonstrated the correct techniques for back and abdominal exercises for fitness.

As usual the hospitality and excellent arrangements provided by Taj Mahal Palace Hotel were gratefully acknowledged.

# LEAVE-N-LICENSE V/S CONTRACTUAL TENANCY; WHY THE OPPOSITION FROM RANDERIA, DADRAWALA AND THEIR CRONIES?



Congratulations to Chairperson Armaity Tirandaz, trustees Viraf Mehta, and Xerxes Dastur for bringing finality to the conversion of L/L to Tenancy and hopefully helping licensees live in peace hereafter!

Phiroze Amroliwalla

Besides keeping their own promise, what Armaity, Viraf, and Xerxes have done is

in fact what an eminent team of experts and professionals had promised to do for the community way back in 2008 when the Adult Franchise for Progress was conceived by Berjis Desai and Kersi Randeria, as an electoral alternative to the community with the introduction of Adult Franchise for the election of Trustees of Bombay Parsi Punchayet!

The AFP manifesto of 2008 spelled out unequivocally: "CONVERT EXISTING LEAVE AND LICENSE AGREEMENTS INTO TENANCY."

It also prominently highlighted "ONLY A SINGLE TERM" and further elaborated:

"NONE OF US WILL SERVE AS TRUSTEE FOR MORE THAN A SINGLE TERM OF 7 YEARS."

It seems Randeria and Dadrawala have a very short-lived memory! If they remain true to their declaration and manifesto of 2008 then both of them should not stand again as candidates for Trustee elections as both have each completed a seven-year term.

However both of them having completed their seven year term are still keen for two more terms if the NEW SCHEME PERMITS!! How shameless can they be just to stick to power!

To refresh the memory of Randeria's cronies, AFP was the brainchild of a stalwart in the legal field and current Intervenor in the election petition, Mr. Berjis Desai who was then ably supported by present 'Minority' trustee Kersi Randeria, the late builder trustee Zarir Bhathena and some others.

It had among seven candidates: 1) Noshir Dadrawala as their only victorious candidate.

Other candidates who supported and stood on the AFP manifesto were 2) Mr. Nadir Modi, an unchallengeable expert on legal matters who this writer holds in the highest esteem, besides 3) Manek Engineer, an avid supporter and earlier boss of Randeria, 4) Keki Mistry, a banking and finance expert, besides other community leaders such as 5) the late NRI philanthropist Mr. Byram Jeejeebhoy, 6) late Oncologist Dr. Kety Dinshaw, and 7) the late Mr. Munchi Cama, a then friend of Randeria.

Were all these eminent leaders wrong in their thought process or were they misled, and/or was this promised only with an "eye on the vote bank"? Rather than criticizing the move, the present Minority should in fact thank the Majority for turning their election promise into a reality!

Instead of being instruments of change for the betterment of the community, this Minority of two along with some of their cronies are out to confuse the community by attempting to raise unfounded and baseless fears of huge Income Tax liability through their Whatsapp messages.

To my mind, the question of Income-tax should not arise as there is no income involved either to BPP or the licensee. I reliably understand that an eminent Tax Expert has advised the Trustees the way forward for licensees of auctioned flats under the Refundable Deposit Scheme, and similar advice could be sought.

In my view, the big difference with this change would be that landlords will not be entitled to double the rents upon the termination of the license and move the competent authority for eviction. Also, all litigation would revert to the Small Causes Courts with fairly reasonable scope for appeals, and not with the Competent Authority at Bandra!

With regards to the applicability and quantum of Stamp Duty, I not being a legal or taxation expert would not like to offer solutions but my commonsense tells me that these apprehensions can be overcome with help and advice from our community's legal and taxation experts.

I strongly believe that any bonafide step which the trustees take in the interest of the beneficiaries while continuing to protect the interest of the trust should be supported by one and all! I am sure most Licencees will welcome this move.

Before concluding may I ask Randeria, Dadrawala, and company why the double standards and favors to friends like prospective Trustee candidate Hoshi Jal, who is backed by Randeria and Dadrawala? I understand his L/L was surreptitiously transferred as a tenancy, and that too without paying any Stamp Duty but with the connivance of the two Trustees as a TRANSMISSION OF Tenancy on basis of a bogus and manipulative family tree and despite 12 years of refusal to transfer by two sets of Trustees, while those without godfathers are left at the mercy of unscrupulous and manipulative trustees?

lask Randeria and Dadrawala; this scheme was your own baby; why are you disowning it now? The community would like to know the reasons for your disowning this scheme now. What has changed between 2008 and now? Has the law changed? Let the truth prevail. Can we have answers?

Or is it that Randeria wants to continue to terrorize our God fearing licensees/beneficiaries!

**Phiroze Amroliwalla** 





Leading India's largest homegrown, Indian Multinational Company and the most popular and trusted brand Rasna is a mammoth task. Mr. Khambatta got involved with the company at the age of eighteen and has been its Chairman & Managing Director since 1997. Rasna today is present in more than 53 countries and Rasna is spread across India with 12 manufacturing plants, 36 depots and 1.8 million outlets in India making a host of food and beverage products.

On the corporate level Mr. Khambatta is actively involved in various industry associations. He is currently Chairman – CII Task Force on Ease of Doing Business and Chairman CII National Committee on Special Abilities. He is Ambassador Make in India initiative and Champion of Change (NITI Aayog). Hon. Consul General South Korea(Gujarat), Director National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (NIFTEM), Member MICA-EDC Advisory Council, Member Advisory Council Vibrant Gujarat, Government of Gujarat. Mr. Khambatta in past has also been President of All India Food Processors' Association, Chairman, CII Gujarat

Council and Chairman CII National Committee on Food Processing and Director, Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd, for several years.

Under Mr. Khambatta's leadership Rasna received various awards including some internationally acclaimed awards like Superior Taste Award, instituted by the International Taste and Quality Institute, Belgium. Monde Selection Quality award and host of Indian awards such as Consumer Award, Most Promising Brand Award, Most preferred brand, Consumer World Award, to name a few.

Mr. Khambatta has also initiated and led various CSR activities under his foundation and Trust - Rasna Foundation and Areez Khambatta Benevolent Trust which are active in health care and education of underprivileged people.

IMr. Piruz Khambatta, Chairman Rasna Private Limited



Photos: Dargah of Sufi Lal Shah Baba

What's in the name? Plenty, in this one! It instantly evokes the memory of the most famous Ganapati; Lalbaugh cha Raja. One thinks of it as a predominantly Maharashtrian locality, but over more than 100 years it has undergone a sea change.

It was a revelation to me when I learnt that what I always believed to be a predominantly Maharashtrian locality, was actually named after a Sufi Saint Lal Shah Baba also known as Lal Badshah. His shrine is not easy to find, it lies hidden in the maze of bylanes of Lalbaugh.

Sufi Lal Shah Baba had arrived in Bombay from Mecca in the 17th century and he blessed the city and its inhabitants. He was revered by all; when he died in 1782 a Mausoleum complex was built in his memory by a British officer! The shrine is now being taken care of by khadims.

Close by is the dargah of the saint's younger brother\*\* \*\*Chand Shah which is looked after by a Hindu Gaikwad family for generations. What a marvellous symbol of harmony this area is.

Delving into the history of the place, one finds that in the 19th Century the suburb was most cosmopolitan with people speaking Konkani, Telegu, Marathi, Gujarati and Urdu and practised different religions. Bombay was growing into a textile hub and the city's first textile mill, Bombay Spinning Mill, was set up in 1854. Over the next few decades, dozens of mills came up. This attracted the earliest waves of migrants to Bombay. Many were settled in Lalbaugh chawls.

Lalbaugh also houses\*\* \*\*one of\*\* \*\*the city's oldest Parsi residential complexes, Nowroz Baug. A close look at some of the very old buildings reveal Parsi and Muslim names. Ardeshir Godrej set up his padlock factory in the narrow lanes of Labaugh in 1897 and the family still owns a lot of land in the area.

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## Xerxes Dastur's Article in 2018 on Converting **LEAVE & LICENSE To Tenancy**



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### ISSUES TO CONVERT LEAVE AND LICENSES TO TENANCY

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#### STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Covenant can be protected in tenance

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## SAME TERM FOR **ALL TRUSTEES**

I have learnt that every election held by the EPP costs the trust over Ris.40 lakhs.

I hereby commit that, if elected I will ensure amendment of the BPP Scheme of Elections and will step down along with the rest of the BPP Trustees in October 2022 having served just over four years out of my actual seven year term and then recontest the election with the other

This is my commitment to the community. The Ris. 40 Lakhs saved can be utilised towards reducing the financial burden of service charges forced upon the community by the Chairman;

- ERV. XERXES DASTUR



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# FINALLY, A FAIR

After days of deliberation and intervention, the Bon Parsi Pancheyat elections will be held at:

- (1) Cusrow Baug.
- (2) Khareghat Colony,
- (3) Rustom Baug:
- (4) J.B. Vatcha School, Dadar
- (5) Bharucha Baug

A note of gratitude to four of the five conte candidates, who stood up and vehemently opp the change of the voting centres of Cusrow Bau Kharegat Colony to outside schools.

Unity was shown by these four candidates (e Anahita Desai) who stood their ground for what is and ensured a fair election takes place on 1st July



નવું આદિક સમયર 'મેટ્રો જંકાન' કુંમઈ સમસાર જુવનું જ છે. જોકે આ આખાર 'મુંખઈ સમાગાર'થી આવવા ફે. જની ઉપને અપને આ અખમાર મચ वायांने हेरियाने कार करवानी कोरों 'मेटो बंक्शन' मेबकवामां को वायांने होई मुक्केशी यह तो तेन्नो र र ८४ ४४ ३१ - ३२ - ३३ (बेक्से-सन-अप) જ સાથી મહે છે.

# Nargol Parsi Jarathosti Anjuman

(Charity Commissioner Surat Registration No. CG/120/Bulsar) Nargol, District Valsad, Gujarat 396135 Email: nargolanjuman@gmail.com

## **An Appeal for Donations**

Nargol is one of the oldest Parsi Zoroastrian settlements in India. It is believed to have been settled by a group of Parsis when they were forced to flee the sanctuary of Sanjan due to an Islamic threat, around the same time as our revered Iranshah was moved to Baharot hills. This would date this settlement around 800 years ago.

We all know our people established a Holy fire wherever they lived. This would make our old Nargol Dadagah Saheb at least 800 years old. A consecrated Adaran Saheb was later established in 1946, the building for which was very generously financed by Poonjiaji Brothers (Hence the name). This historic institution is in danger today due to lack of funds. Our corpus would have been a princely sum some years ago but not so any more. Inflation has eaten into the value of the Rupee to such an extent that the interest earned is not enough to pay for the recurring expenses at the Agiari, leave alone pay for repairs and maintenance of the premises.

Today, our Poonjiaji Agiari building and associated structures are badly in need of repairs and would cost Rs 4,000,000 (four million), at a conservative estimate, to restore. Our old Mobed Saheb is well past his retirement age but is still bravely soldiering on as we are unable to attract a young Mobed Saheb to replace him due to our inability to pay the salary at the going rate. So is the case with our Chasniwala. He is also way past his retirement age and is too frail to carry out even simple tasks of keeping our Agiari premises clean but we are unable to employ a young man due to our inability to pay the going rate.

We, the new set of trustees have recently taken over the responsibility of running the affairs of the Anjuman and are in the process of setting things right.

This is an appeal to munificent individuals and institutions to come forward and donate generously to help us restore a historic institution to its past glory. We would be more than happy if individuals or institutions come forward to sponsor any project fully or partly.

Cheques may please be drawn in the name of the Nargol Parsi Jarathosti Anjuman and mailed to our treasurer Mr. Rohinton Dadachanji at Lady Dorab Tata Building No.3, Flat No. 4, Tata Blocks, S. V. Road, Bandra West, Mumbai - 400050, Maharashtra Or online transfers may please be sent to any one of the following bank accounts and information sent to us at the above email address:

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We remain your ever grateful Trustees,

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### TRADE THE STOCK MARKET



#### **Expert advice by Champion Tiger Vispi Irani**

Welcome to my weekly round up of stock markets.

Last week we had stated that the NIFTY will have a range of 17500 on the upside and on the lower side expect the support of 16800 to be broken and the NIFTY will ty to show levels of 16500.

Tiger Vispi Irani Exactly as per our call NIFTY showed 17351 on the upside and sold off to show a low of 16203. Again Foreign Institutions remained net sellers for whole of last week.

My take going forward is that the NIFTY will have its upside now capped at 17000 and now the downside on the NIFTY has opened up till 15850. Although for this week I don't expect 15850 to be tested on the downside. So expect the NIFTY to remain between 17000 and 16200 for the coming week.

Now coming to our weekly call. We had given two sell calls for the week.

First was on Canara Bank at 238 for targets of 227. Canara Bank did exactly as expected and sold off to show a low of 20 6which is a return of almost 14% just for one week. Our second call, a sell on REC Ltd at 126.4 for tgts of 120 sold off for lows of 116.6 for the week to give returns of almost 8% for the week.

#### So again 100% success on our weekly call.

This week as I am expecting a volatile week I will give one buy call and one sell call.

My buy call will be on Mastek at cmp 2790 for weekly targets of 3130.

My sell call will be on Bank of Baroda at cmp 107 for tgts of 100 on the downside.

My long term investment call will be on Infosys at cmp of 1694 for returns of 25% in about six months time.

Happy Investing!

Team champion tiger

These are my personal views and full discretion should be used on ones part Vispivis@yahoo.co.in

# Certainly not a Follower

I don't like to

Be a follower

Even if I stand out

Like a sore thumb

Cause I have been endowed

With the power of reasoning

AS I march to the tune

Of my own drum

Humans are not perfect

In society they put

On a outward show

Cause this is what

I believe:

"The feather floats high

But the pearl lies low"

One doesn't have to

Prove anything to anybody

Be yourself and forget

The opinions and judgements

That are thrown your way

Be blind and deaf

Cause in the end

One will proudly say

"I did it my way"

**Choicest Happiness** 

Farida Bamji

#### **KNOW & SHARE**

- 1. \*PAN\* permanent account number.
- 2. \*PDF\* portable document format.
- 3. \*SIM\* Subscriber Identity Module.
- 4. \*ATM\* Automated Teller machine.
- 5. \*IFSC\* Indian Financial System Code.
- 6. \*FSSAI(Fssai)\* Food Safety & Standards Authority of India
- 7. \*Wi-Fi\* Wireless fidelity.
- 8. \*GOOGLE\* Global Organization Of Oriented Group Language Of Earth.
- 9. \*YAHOO\* Yet Another Hierarchical Officious Oracle.
- 10. \*WINDOW\* Wide Interactive Network Development for Office work Solution.
- 11. \*COMPUTER\* Common Oriented Machine. Particularly United and used under Technical and Educational Research.
- 12. \*VIRUS\* Vital Information Resources Under Siege.
- 13. \*UMTS\* Universal Mobile Telecommunications System.
- 14. \*AMOLED\* Active-matrix organic light-emitting diode.
- 15. \*OLED\* Organic light-emitting diode.
- 16. \*IMEI\* International Mobile Equipment Identity.
- 17. \*ESN\* Electronic Serial Number.
- 18. \*UPS\* Uninterruptible power supply.
- 19. \*HDMI\* High-Definition Multimedia Interface.
- 20. \*VPN\* Virtual private network.
- 21. \*APN\* Access Point Name.
- 22. \*LED\* Light emitting diode.
- 23. \*DLNA\* Digital Living Network Alliance.
- 24. \*RAM\* Random access memory.
- 25. \*ROM\* Read only memory.
- 26. \*VGA\* Video Graphics Array.
- 27. \*QVGA\* Quarter Video Graphics Array.
- 28. \*WVGA\* Wide video graphics array.
- 29. \*WXGA\* Widescreen Extended Graphics Array.
- 30. \*USB\* Universal serial Bus.
- 31. \*WLAN\* Wireless Local Area Network.
- 32. \*PPI\* Pixels Per Inch.
- 33. \*LCD\* Liquid Crystal Display.
- 34. \*HSDPA\* High speed down-link packet access.
- 35. \*HSUPA\* High-Speed Uplink Packet Access.
- 36. \*HSPA\* High Speed Packet Access.
- 37. \*GPRS\* General Packet Radio Service.
- 38. \*EDGE\* Enhanced Data Rates for Globa Evolution.
- 39. \*NFC\* Near field communication.

- 40. \*OTG\* On-the-go.
- 41. \*S-LCD\* Super Liquid Crystal Display.
- 42. \*O.S\* Operating system.
- 43. \*SNS\* Social network service.
- 44. \*H.S\* HOTSPOT.
- 45. \*P.O.I\* Point of interest.
- 46. \*GPS\* Global Positioning System.
- 47. \*DVD\* Digital Video Disk.
- 48. \*DTP\* Desk top publishing.
- 49. \*DNSE\* Digital natural sound engine.
- 50. \*OVI\* Ohio Video Intranet.
- 51. \*CDMA\* Code Division Multiple Access.
- 52. \*WCDMA\* Wide-band Code Division Multiple Access.
- 53. \*GSM\* Global System for Mobile Communications.
- 54. \*DIVX\* Digital internet video access.
- 55. \*APK\* Authenticated public key.
- 56. \*J2ME\* Java 2 micro edition.
- 57. \*SIS\* Installation source.
- 58. \*DELL\* Digital electronic link library.
- 59. \*ACER\* Acquisition Collaboration Experimentation Reflection.
- 60. \*RSS\* Really simple syndication.
- 61. \*TFT\* Thin film transistor.
- 62. \*AMR\*- Adaptive Multi-Rate.
- 63. \*MPEG\* moving pictures experts group.
- 64. \*IVRS\* Interactive Voice Response System.
- 65. \*HP\* Hewlett Packard.
- \*Do we know actual full form of some words???\*
- 66. \*News paper =\*
  - \_North East West South past and present events report.\_
- 67. \*Chess = \* \_Chariot, Horse, Elephant, Soldiers.\_
- 68. \*Cold =\* \_Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease.\_
- 69. \*Joke =\* \_Joy of Kids Entertainment.\_
- 70. \*Aim =\* \_Ambition in Mind.\_
- 71. \*Date =\*\_Day and Time Evolution.\_
- 72. \*Eat =\* \_Energy and Taste.\_
- 73. \*Tea =\* \_Taste and Energy Admitted.\_
- 74. \*Pen =\* \_Power Enriched in Nib.\_
- 75. \*Smile =\*\_Sweet Memories in Lips Expression.\_
- 76. \*etc. =\*\_End of Thinking Capacity\_
- 77. \*OK =\*\_Objection Killed\_
- 78. \*Or =\*\_Orl Korec (Greek Word)\_
- 79. \*Bye =\* \_Be with you Everytime.\_

<sup>\*</sup>share these meanings as majority of us don't know\*

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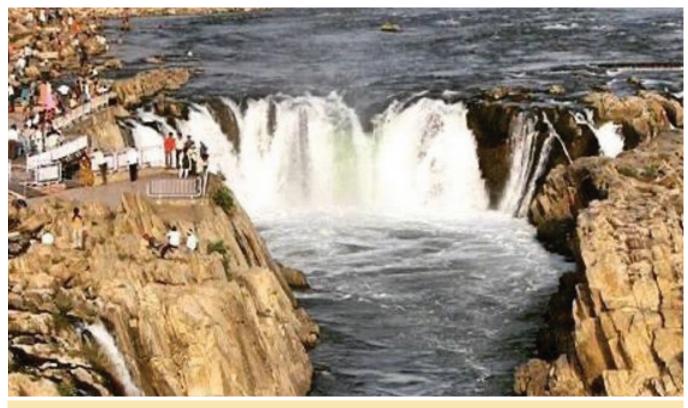
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# **Photography**

### **Dhuandhar Falls**



Bhedaghat in Jabalpur is famous for high marble rocks on either side through which the Narmada river flows. And the Dhuandhar falls here make it a very attractive tourist spot to visit. It literally means a stream of smoke because of its appearance. One must take the ropeway or the cable car service to enjoy the view of these spectacular falls.



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.

Day 3 Gujarat Trail

### Udwada ...the Village.

It's a cliché to say Udvada is a village that time forgot. But yet so true!

The village is lined with lovely old heritage homes made of brick, wood and kavelu roofing. The entire village is now a heritage zone, so thankfully it will remain 'frozen' in time.

The pace is unhurried! Everyone here is either chilling, praying sleeping or most importantly, eating!.

The 'Udvadian' version of 'hectic activity' is a stroll on the beach in the evening.

Here the Atashbehram or fire temple is the centre of the universe. Parsis who stay here pray and visit every day. Visitors come from all over the world to worship. The entire village can hear the temple bells that are rung 5 times daily!

An entire ecosystem has developed around the Atashbehram! Outside its gate, homes sell sandalwood sticks, incense and other items from their verandahs.

At a discreet distance, vendors sell papads and Parsi goodies like Bhakras and Batasas. Famous here is the Sancha (hand-churned) ice cream, sold from the back of an auto rickshaw, with Mango being the flavour of choice.

'Sunta' a local brand makes great Rasberry soda. Every

morning ladies carry thaalis with glasses of doodh puffs to the hotels and guest houses.

There are a handful of hotels and cafes here, and they have a reputation for serving the best Parsi food. Fried 'Boi' fish (mullet) is an Udvada speciality! but usual favourites like prawn curry, dhansak, aleti paleti, cutles are all made and served in generous helpings.

Cafe Farohar is highly rated and makes amazing Sizzling Prawns. But the leader of the pack is the Globe Hotel, Just meters away from the Fire temple. Our Nagpur's own Zubina Bhamgara is married here to Percy Sidhwa who along with his brother owns and runs the place.

It is clean, unpretentious and comfortable. Even the Mistrys and Godrejs stay here when they visit Udvada.

Zubina spoils us with amazing dinners that include the famous Boi fish.

But the special (farewell) breakfast we had was truly the stuff of song and legend..

Aakuri, keema, Aleti Paleti, Brain cutlets, Buttered Toast, Jam and Maalai all washed down with Phudina Parsi Choi.

If you gave this breakfast to Vladimir Putin, he would 'Burp' contentedly at the end of it and cancel of the invasion of Ukraine. Then order another cup of Phudina Choi.

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Vibrations of love travel far n wide, faster than an aircraft or car.

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**Armin Dutia Motashaw** 



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