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**Tentative date for closure of Donor and
General Register for Registration of
New Voters.**

**All non registered Parsi/Iranis are
requested to register by 29-3-22 for the
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PARSI TIMES REPORTS GARBLED HALF TRUTHS

Parsi Times of Saturday 12th March 2022, under the title 'HC evicts ex-Trustee', reports that the High Court Division Bench of Justices Kathawalla and Jadhav on 1st March 2022 whilst discussing the Election Schedule and fixing the date of election evicted Dinshaw Mehta from their Court.

This paper is not aware of the circumstances that led to the Court evicting him but this paper is reliably informed that not just Dinshaw Mehta was asked to leave the Court, but all the five Trustees who are the only ones entitled to fix the date of elections and who should have been allowed to remain in the Court room—the three Majority Trustees-Armaity Tirandaz, Viraf Mehta and Xerxes Dastur along with the two Minority Trustees- Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria were also evicted out of the Court room by the police.

Along with them all the Intervenors and his usual supporters and yes men Kersi Randeria had brought to the Court room were all evicted by the police. Thus we had the unholy site of Mrs. Anahita Yazdi Desai, Hoshang Jal Bejon, Arzan Jangoo Ghadially, Kaikhushru Sam Irani, Hanoz Minoos Mistry, Kaizad Behram Irani, Farhanaz Irani, Sharukh Billimoria, Rummy Zarir, Zuleika Homavazir, Firdosh Homavazir and several other individuals witnessing the drama being enacted in the Court were all evicted by the police. Not just these but even the Owner and Editor of Parsiana magazine

Mr. Jehangir Patel was evicted by the police.

In fact it is reported that Farhanaz Irani insisting three times to speak which led to the police being called in and yet Parsi Times reports as if only Dinshaw Mehta was asked to leave the Court whilst in actual fact its Owner, Kersi Randeria and his cohorts were all asked to vacate by the police.

It is futile to ask either side as to what led to the ouster of all of them from the Courtroom as each side will give their own versions but one thing is very evident that the Court itself did not elucidate how the Court was disturbed by Dinshaw Mehta though three pages and five paras of their Order was talking only about disturbance without caring to elaborate the reasons or causes of the disturbance. If the Court was doing something outside its jurisdiction or without due authority of law then the disturbance was not restricted only to Dinshaw Mehta but far wider than reported otherwise why evict innocent bystanders from the Court.

Perhaps this was only a ruse to get all Trustees out of the Court who could then dictate terms to their lawyers who would be unable to oppose anything proposed by the Court as they have to appear before the Court in other matters.

Humanity

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

That's what makes life
Worth living
If only we could
Learn from one another
Treat each human with
Understanding Respect
Dignity rather than
Scowling & growling with
With Hatred as well bigotry

Why don't need to
Hate each other

Look upon them
Snort and
sneer as well
Live in constant fear
We should try to
Educate
Ignorance we must try
To eradicate

Choicest Happiness
Farida



KERSI RANDERIA OPPOSES CONVERSION OF LL TO TENANCY

On 21st February 2022, the three Majority Trustees passed a Resolution to convert Leave License to Tenancy on payment of requisite Stamp Duty.

This Saturdays Parsi Times owned by Kersi Randeria, denounces it as a False Promise due to Elections. Even if that is true why don't the two Minority Trustees-Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala- support this move to make all Licensees into Tenants so that the Damocles' Sword hanging over the Head of all Licensees is removed and they can breathe easy.

In 2008, when the AFP was formed to fight those elections against Dinshaw Mehta and Wapiz one of the most important item on the Agenda to convince the community to vote for their seven candidates was the same promise of converting Leave Licenses to Tenancies. Then why are they opposing it now.

It seems that Kersi Randeria having tasted his immense power over Licensees is now loath to give them protection under the Rent Act and wants to subjugate all Licensees to obey all his orders to continue his rule over them.

Yes Stamp Duty has to be paid by one and all but stamp duty payable depends on the location of the colony and the area of the flat. Bigger the flat higher the Stamp duty liability.

Their criticism that this will help only the rich is not understood. It is the colonies where most poor/middle class Parsis reside who will benefit the most. Thus BPP Complex at Nirlon will probably pay the smallest STAMP DUTY.

We have sent the valuation of every colony to an expert dealing in Stamp duty calculations which we had published in last Parsi Junction issue who have informed us that the valuation done by us is on a higher side and in the next issue we will publish the exact valuation of a flat in every colony from which by multiplying the area of the flat one could calculate stamp duty payable at 5%. In addition rs 30000/ has to be paid as Registraton charges.

We once again request Noshir Dadrawala to abide by his own Agenda item of conversion of license to Tenancy.

Since Hoshi Jal himself is a beneficiary of the conversion of LL to Tenancy which was denied to him since 2010 by two Boards of Trustees we are confident that once he comes on Board he will support this policy. In fact in Court he was very categorical that per se he was not against conversion of LL to Tenancy but the timing on the eve of elections is not correct. Hence if he is elected he will support the conversion.

Uncertain World

We are living
In uncertain times
Under a canopy
Of an uncertain world

Imagine every human
Looking alike belonging
To the same color caste
Creed and ideologies
Does one ever realize
How boring it would be?

Vive le difference
C'est la vie!!
We are
A Kaleidoscopic Humanity
Difference in thoughts
Words deeds
Including colour caste or creed

Humanity is like a menu
From apparently we cannot
Pick or choose

But we are a part
So, let's put
Our differences
Aside
EmbraceTolerance
Respect Understanding
So please

"Give Peace A Chance"
(John Lennon)

Choicest Happiness Farida



STORY OF DAAR NEE POREE:

Symbolism in food is often intriguing. This can be said of Daar ni Pori, a sweet lentil filling in a pastry crust resembling a thick rotli (flat bread), often especially prepared for happy occasions. It was initially referred to as Poli (hollow); changing colloquially somewhere down the line to 'Pori,' a word affectionately referring to a sweet girl.

The circular shape of the daar ni pori represents the earth, while the hard and soft outer and inner shells represent the outer and inner worlds, i.e. the physical and spiritual worlds we all live within.

Traditionally prepared by the family of a bride, to be gifted to the grooms' side, it is a special sweet shared between the two families soon to be joined in their life's journey. It may be seen as a symbol of the marriage ceremony where one seeks the blessings of two worlds joining us, the spiritual and the physical.

Since joint family living was the norm, most families were large and generally seven poris were gifted (an auspicious number), if not more. Legend has it that while great pride was taken to specially prepare this at home, the asserting mother-in-law often inquired who exactly had prepared the poris; a sneaky way of gauging the cooking skills of the daughter-in-law to be!

The lentil and the crust were symbols of unity – each one if eaten alone seems somehow incomplete, but they are delicious together. A perfect symbolism for partnership, complementing each other. In the food world, one could refer to it as the perfect marriage of textures and flavors. With the ingredients both simple and economical, these basic food staples are found abundantly in every Parsi home pantry.

The skills necessary to prepare this intricate lentil filled flat bread are a reminder of a bygone era. Everything was prepared by hand; there were no ovens and each one was patiently cooked over a low flame in a cast iron skillet called the 'tavo.' It was delicate to handle and was generally moved around the skillet with a cloth until each side was cooked through. With no refrigeration available, preserving the cooked lentils within this hollow flour casing was rather clever. With its ingredients a source of sustenance, this method made it possible to be carried along on a long journey.

While we continue to embrace our heritage with pride it is my personal opinion that change in any community is inevitable, and adapting by living in the moment can be most rewarding.

DOONGERWADI

The pallbearers at Doongerwadi have refused to carry Covid afflicted corpses to the dakhmas. The president of the Mumbai Mazdoor Sabha and the pallbearers conveyed this message to all the five Bombay Parsi Panchayet trustees at a meeting in the Union office on March 5.

All of the pallbearers unanimously signed a letter stating they would refuse to handle Covid cadavers even if full protective gear is offered, paid quarantine

leave, an additional Rs 10,000 per pall bearer per cadaver is paid, Covid insurance given for the full family, etc. They even refused to clean the interiors of the dakhma assigned for Covid afflicted corpses.

"They are scared if something happen to us who will take care our family?" explained a Union official. "They informed the trustees that they could terminate their services, but they will not carry the bodies."



KERSI RANDERIA'S ZTFI DISTRIBUTES FOOD PACKETS TO POOR YESTERDAY AT CAMA BAUG AND WANTS THEM TO VOTE FOR KERSI RANDERIA, ANAHITA DESAI, HOSHI JAL AND DARA PATEL AS A GROUP.

This paper has been informed by those who attended the Food Distribution at Cama Baug to the poor have informed us that all of them were told after receipt of the food packets that they should vote for the group who was giving them the food packets.

One by one Kersi Randeria came on the stage and introduced Hoshi Jal from Cusrow Baug, Dara Patel from Dadar Parsi Colony who had brought darni pori and sweetmeets for them and Kersi Randeria who was distributing food packets. He also exhorted those present to vote for Anahita Desai who could not attend the Cama Baug function.

Even before the Schedule of elections has been announced as per Orders of the Division Bench Justice Kathawalla the nefarious practice of feeding the poor to capture their votes has begun.

Will Justice Kathawala take cognizance of this immoral act or ignore it as he is due to retire on 23rd March 22? Will the Election Commissioners take action on this

blatant act of Corruption or will they sweep it under the carpet?

Will Hoshi Jal and Anahita Desai continue to be on the panel of the criminal Kersi Randeria or will they break rank and contest as Independents.

The community has to be vigilant to ensure that those who use corrupt means to woo the poor should be shown the door as the poor Parsis cannot be bought by food packets or morsels of sweetmeets.

Let the community elect persons who will act in the interest of its beneficiaries and not through creation of fear psychosis for which Kersi Randeria is famous. The community should study the Agenda of every candidate and support only those who promise to bring in policies in favor of the residents of all BPP Baugs and colonies along with helping to feed all the poor in free kitchens set up as was done during Covid times.

Religions

Religions are like
An orchard of different
Fruit trees awaiting your
Arrival to suck the
Pristine message within

All religions are
The same
Cause no single
Religion is superior
Or inferior
But on the same playing field
Religion is like a
Charter of Rights
Within it are

Carved the
Dos and don't
To guide you safely
To the "Other side

We have an alter ego
Called Conscience
It pricks when
We stray from
The Path
Reminding us
To trudge the
Path of straight
And narrow

I am proud to
State that
I am a Zoroastrian
Belonging to a
Religion call Zoroastrianism
Whom I have grown to
Love and Trust
An uncut clear
Crystal Diamond
A diamond in the rough

Choicest Happiness
Farida



ELECTRONICALLY OPERATED LIFTER AT THE DOONGARWADI

With the ageing Nessassalars it is very difficult to carry the deceased after the final rites on the marble platform to climb up the steep slopes and eventually up the steep steps coming to the door of the Dokhma. There are now only four Nessassalars in Karachi and when they are indisposed then one or two Behdins have to assist the other two Nessassalars to take the body up to the door of the Dokhma.

In order to think of the future when more problems may arise with only one or two Nessassalars being available, Byram D. Avari, the Chairman of the Karachi Parsi Anjuman Trust Fund (KPATF) initiated an idea of installing an electronically operated lifter. This initiative was fully supported by the KPATF Trust Board but unfortunately there was no funding available of Rs. 3 million for this project.

After personal requests the following Trust Funds supported the project:-

- Sir Jahangir Kothari Trust
- The Shireen & Godrej Kandawalla Trust
- Feroze & Shernaz Bhandara Charitable Trust
- Hommie & Jamshed Nusserwanjee Charitable Trust
- Faroukh & Roshan Karani Trust
- Rattanjee & Cooverbai Collector Charitable Trust
- Personal donation of Rs. 500,000 by Mr. Cyrus R. Cowasjee

With the technical expertise, perseverance and follow up by Mr. Viraf R. Daroga the lifter was custom manufactured and eventually installed at the Dokhma at Doongerwadi Karachi. The presentation to the Trustees of various Trust Funds

who supported the financing was given on Sunday February 6th 2022 when the lifter was eventually put into operation.

Standby generator has also been installed to not only power the lifter when electricity fails but its connection has also been made with the prayer hall at the Sezdegah so that it serves a dual purpose.

Both the Lifter and the stand-by Generator are guaranteed under an annual maintenance contract.

Forwarding for clarification and information how the Trolley, Stretcher and Lifter will operate.

Stretcher trolley is collapsible and can come down to ground level so that after the final prayers at the Sezdegah, the Nassesalars pick up the body and put it on the stretcher trolley which then expands for the ease of being pushed along to the marble platform when the trolley is again collapsed. Then the collapsible trolley is not used. The body is transferred on to the marble platform, where the two priests recite the final short prayer.

After the short prayers the body is picked up and put in a larger stretcher which fits into the hearse.

The hearse is then driven up to the dokhma when the body will be placed inside the Lifter.

The purpose of the above exercise is to give the least trouble to the Nassesalars who are incapable of now handling the heavy weight.

Byram D Avari
Chairman
Karachi Parsi Anjuman Trust Fund



Why Teachers retire early or take to drink.....

The following questions were in a UK grade 12 equivalent examination-- (Purportedly genuine answers).

Q. What is a turbine?
A. Something an Arab or Sheik wears on his head.

Q. How is dew formed?
A. The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q. What are steroids?
A. Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs. (Shoot yourself now, there is little hope.)

Q. Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.
A. Premature death.

Q. How can you delay milk turning sour?
A. Keep it in the cow. (Simple, but brilliant)

Q. How are the main 20 parts of the body categorised (e.g. The abdomen)?
A. The body is consisted into 3 parts - the brainium,

the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs and the abdominal cavity contains the 5 bowels... A, E, I, O, U

Q. What is the fibula?
A. A small lie.

Q. What does 'varicose' mean?
A. Nearby

Q. Give the meaning of the term 'Caesarean section.'
A. The caesarean section is a district in Rome .

Q. What is a seizure?
A. A Roman Emperor. (Julius Seizure, I came, I saw, I conked out.)

Q. What is a terminal illness?
A. When you are sick at the airport. (Irrefutable)

Q. Name the four seasons
A. Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

No wonder Britain Brexited !!

Believe in yourselves

Humanity has been
Endowed with all
Five senses
Main being the mouth
As well as the ears
Does this saying
Ring a bell?
"Hear with your ears
And ponder with a Good MInd"

Constantly under a
Microscope
Watching scrutinizing
Criticizing what ever
One does or says
They think our minds

Are a mound of clay
To be shaped moulded
In anyway!
They enjoy running people
down
I just shrug my shoulder
Cause to me
They are bunch of clowns

Please don't let people's
remarks
Bother you no matter sharp
Or acute they may be
Remember be yourself
Cause you are the master
Of your fate

Captain of your soul
If Asho Zarathushtra
Believed & acted
Feared what people
Have to say
Today we would not be having
A Religion named after Him
Zoroastrianism

"If you believe in yourself
anything is possible"

Choicest Happiness
Farida
Stay safe & keep well



Mehernoz Homi Kapadia

History has it that when the ancient Chinese decided to live in peace, they made the Great Wall of China; they thought no one could climb it due to its height. During the first 100 years of its existence, the Chinese were invaded thrice and every time, the hordes of enemy infantry had no need of penetrating or climbing over the wall, because each time, they bribed the guards and came through the doors.

The Chinese built the wall, but forgot the character-building of the wall-guards. Though the Great Wall has over the years become a powerful symbol of the country's enduring strength and spirit, but it has actually been a good reminder to the Chinese of the superiority of human character.

The Chinese realised much later that the best defence against the enemy is not a fortified wall, but a fortified character. Thus, the building of human character comes before building of anything else.

William Shakespeare captured it succinctly when he said: *"The fault is not in our stars, but in ourselves* ."

Peter Schutz, the former chief executive officer of Porsche said: " *HIRE CHARACTER; TRAIN SKILLS* ."

Lastly, back in the days when Germany was divided, a huge wall separated East and West Berlin.

One day, some people in East Berlin took a truck load of garbage and dumped it on the West Berlin side.

The people of West Berlin could have done the same thing, but they didn't.

Instead they took a truck load of canned goods, bread, milk and other provisions, and neatly stacked it on the East Berlin side.

On top of this stack they placed the sign:
"EACH GIVES WHAT HE HAS"

How very true! You can only give what you have.

What do you have inside of you?

Is it *hate* or *love* ?

Violence or *peace* ?

Death or *life* ?

Capacity to build or *capacity to destroy* ?

What have you acquired over the years?

Team spirit or *pull down* architecture ?

"EACH GIVES WHAT HE HAS"



Valentine Day

Valentine Day is nothing but the ancient Sepandarmazgan (more than 3000 years old ceremony) which Like everything else, they stole from us and exported in their own name

Sepandarmazgan is the celebration day of Love, Friendship and Earth in ancient Persian culture.

According to Iranian tradition, the day of Sepandarmazgan was held in the Great Persian Empire in the 20th century BC. This day is registered on Bahman 29th in the Iranian Calendar.

Persians have a rich culture with many great feasts based on natural occasions that have been mixed up with happiness & joy. In the feast of Sepandarmazgan, Earth was worshiped and women venerated. On this day, Women and girls sat on the throne and men and boys had to obey them and bring them presents and gifts. In this way, men were reminded to acclaim and respect women. Sepandarmaz is another name for mainyu (earth) meaning Holy, Humble & Passionate. Also Sepandarmaz is Earth Guardian Angel. It is the symbol of humbleness, it means modest toward the entire creation. These are the qualities attributed to Earth that spreads beneath our feet, thus the symbol of modesty and love. As human beings, there are

creatures that we find unpleasant and repulsive, but Earth is not like us. She embraces all creatures the same and loves them the same; like a mother who loves all children alike, even when they are ugly. In our ancient culture, mother is symbolized by Sepandarmaz or earth. Have you ever seen a Love more sacred than Mother's Love to children?

This festival has Zoroastrian roots dating back to the times of the great Achaemenid empire. The feast is still celebrated among many Zoroastrians but due to chronological changes with 6 months having 31 days, the feast now coincides with 29th of Bahman ie February 18th.

According to the Avesta, when the farmers toil the soil and the peasants look after cattle or when a child is born, Sepandarmaz joyfully blesses them. The Earth embraces all, loves and nurtures all equally, just like a mother who loves all her children alike. In ancient Iranian culture, mother is symbolised by Sepandarmaz or earth. Sepandarmaz is offended on seeing evil people walking on earth but she endures them, thus she is the symbol of patience.

Mehernosh Kapadia...



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Expert advice by Champion Tiger Vispi Irani



Tiger Vispi Irani

Welcome to my weekly round up of stock markets.

Last week we had stated that NIFTY will have a range of 17000 on the upside and 15800 on the downside. We had clearly said that the downside support of 15800 will be tested and as per our call NIFTY exactly did the same. It went down to test our 15800 levels and showed a low of 15671 and on the upside NIFTY rallied up to 16757 and as per our call 17000 on the upside was not violated.

Now coming to our weekly call of last week. We had two calls one on the buy side and one on the sell side.

Our buy side call was of Mindtree at 3884 and it showed a high of 4220 thats almost fantastic 9% returns for the week.

Our sell call was on Tata Steel at 1277 which showed a low of 1241 which gives a 3% returns for the week.

This is once again 100% success on our weekly positional calls for the fourth week running.

Now lets come to our call on the NIFTY for the coming week.

I expect NIFTY to have a range of 17100 on the upside which I feel will act as a strong resistance on the upside and on the downside. We expect that NIFTY will have strong support at 15900 levels which I dont expect it to be broken on the downside.

My take is NIFTY will remain flat to positive for the week.

On the individual stock calls I have two buy calls. First is a buy on Jubilant Foods at cmp 2871 for weekly targets of 3156. Our second buy call will be on Aurobindo Pharma at cmp 643 for expected target for the week of 696.

My long term investment call will be on Maruti at cmp of 7099 for a decent 15% returns in the coming 6 months.

Happy investing!

Team champion tiger

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

I am just
Trying to opine
Neither do I
Mean to criticize
People's views
As to how they view
Zoroastrianism?

The railway issue
The Parsi Gate
Especially other issues
Is immaterial
Solidifying our
Miniscule community
Is far More important

These monuments
Will outlast us
But to shred
The mantel of
Racism discrimination
Segregation & Bigotry
Is far more important
Cause the future generations
Must be told there once
Lived a society of
Called Zoroastrians
(Followers of the prophet
Asho Zarathushtra)
And the religion
Zoroastrianism.

We are all transient
Regardless of colour
Caste creed or Religion
Once the umbilical cord
Has been cut
There will be no recall
Hence we can become
A Vanishing Breed!

Do good as much
You can for humanity
Cause one never knows
When the Great Call comes
And one is swept away
To the land of dreams

Choicest Happiness
Farida



Turtuk

Photography

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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.

One has to climb up to the Turtuk Monastery in Ladakh, to get this view . This is the Shyok river which is about 550 kms originating close to Siachen and flowing thru northern Ladakh into Gilgit Baltistan (POK). All you do is follow the river from Nubra till you get to Turtuk. The Karakoram range is what you see in the background, the majority of it is in Gilgit Baltistan and extends into Ladakh.

Origins of the Ahunavaiti Gatha

On the banks of
The River Daitya
One sunny morn
Was Asho Zarathushtra
On him it dawn
His lasting relationship
With Ahura Mazda
Was about to be born

A bright light out
Of the blue
Suddenly appeared
Not knowing the apparition
He very much feared
A blinding Halo
Unable to see
His own shadow
Lo! behold
It was Amesha Spenta :
Vohu Mano

"Who art thou"?
Queried Asho Zarathushtra

"I am Vohu Mano"
Sent by our own Creator
Ahura Mazda"

In Ahura Mazda's presence
Asho Zarathushtra stood
Totally in awe
Transfixed to boot
Upon Asho Zarathushtra
Was placed the mantle
Of the Chosen One
That's when His
Conversation with
Ahura Mazda begun

Ahura Mazda further
Went to say:
"I have chosen you
Asho Zarathushtra
To clear the way
Defeat evil until
Truth becomes the
Order of the day"

Each and every day
Atop a mountain high
Against the backdrop of
A clear blue sky
The white fluffy clouds
Silently floating by
As the sun appears a peeking
The gentle wind
His hair softly caressing
I can almost hear
Asho Zarathushtra chanting
The Gathas

Questions were put forth
Answers were given
Ahura Mazda had
A Divine Plan

Having received
Divine Enlightenment
From Ahura Mazda
To always follow the
Path of Asha
Divine Enlightenment

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