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PETROL PUMP EVICTION AGAINST HPCL

In the Parsi Junction issue No. 139 of 26th June 2022 as well as issue No. 140 of 10th July 2022, we had informed the community of BPP winning the Eviction T.E. Suit No. 73/97 of 2000 against HPCL Petrol Pump at Khareghat Colony at prime location of Hughes Road after 22 years of litigation, initiated first by Counsel K.K.Nariman and continued by Advocate Kersi Bhot who got the Order in favor of BPP.

Even after winning the Decree to receive vacant and peaceful possession of the plot of land admeasuring approx. 971 sq.yds. bearing C.S. No. 1/434 of Malabar Hill Division within three months from date of order of 24th June 2022, rumours are rife that HPCL would not even file an Appeal, well knowing that due to reservation on the plot for use for only Petrol Pump, the plot would be useless even for the Trustees and hence it is only a pyhirric victory for the Trustees.

However Advocate Bhot assures the Trustees that the vacated plot can be used for any purpose the Trustees desire. In this context he has forwarded Writ Petition No.2992 of 2014 of Sherin Jasdenwalla vs BMC decided by the Division Bench of the Chief Justice and Sonak on 4th October 2016 where the High Court has approved Plans for construction of a hotel on the petrol pump plot which was earlier rejected by the BMC. The governing principle seems to be that there should be no existence of filling and service station of petrol, diesel, compressed natural gas as indicated in Regulation 69 of DCR 1991, which reads as under:



“Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations, in the redevelopment of sites of EXISTING filling and service station of Petrol, Diesel, compressed Natural gas or any other Motor vehicle fuel, change of user shall not be permitted.”

In view of this case law, Advocate Bhot is quite confident that there will be no problems for BPP Trustees to use the plot for any purpose they desire.

Another petrol pump which has been replaced by a brand new construction of a multi-storied

building is right opposite Bhatia Hospital. There was a small petrol pump at corner of Tardeo Road and Forjett Street bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1/658 of Malabar Hill Division and Architect Manish Manharlal Shah has got plans sanctioned on 13-12-2016 and today a four storied building has been constructed on the small plot of less than 400 sq.yds.

The Trustees have to contact the said Architect to ascertain how to develop their plot in the best interest of the community.



Cyrus Mistry's Legacy

Cyrus Mistry's entrepreneurial legacy

25 Nov, 2011, 05.02AM IST,

Nauzer K Bharucha, TNN

Cyrus Mistry, the heir apparent of the Tata empire, has an entrepreneurial legacy going back to the turn of the last century.

The family's beginnings were humble. His grandfather, Shapoorji Pallonji Mistry (born 1889), lived in a small lower middle-class Parsi house with 11 siblings at Khetwadi, Grant Road in south Bombay. He executed his first independent job of constructing the Girgaum Chowpatty pavement around 100 years ago.

Everyday, young Shapoor and his father Pallonji would walk to work from home to save the two-anna tram fare. "He made a profit of Rs 2,000 on the footpath contract within six months," said Jamsheed Kanga, who was municipal commissioner of Mumbai in the mid-1980s. The now-retired IAS officer dug into the Mistry family history some years ago and wrote an exhaustive chapter on Cyrus's grandfather as part of a compilation, 'Parsis of the 20th Century', edited by Nawaz B Mody.

Pallonji (Cyrus's great grandfather) had started a small construction firm in partnership with an Englishman, Littlewood, called Littlewood Pallonji and Company. It was one of the firms involved in constructing the Malabar Hill reservoir. But Pallonji struggled to make ends meet and welcomed his son Shapoorji into the business.

After executing the Chowpatty footpath construction project, young Shapoorji realised that this business could be profitable-earning Rs 2,000 in six months was what many graduates could not achieve and he could do so without being a matriculate. "With his smartness and intelligence he picked up the nuances of the trade very quickly and was of great assistance to his elderly father," said Kanga.

Pallonji died in 1921. Shapoorji went on to form his own company, Shapoorji Pallonji Construction Pvt Ltd.

In the beginning, it undertook simple jobs for the military and the PWD, constructing barracks, small public buildings and

municipal works. As his reputation grew, he procured bigger contracts like construction of a small military hospital as well as an ammunition factory in Bhopal and Kanpur, and a large hospital project in Sagar (now Madhya Pradesh).

"He also constructed a prisoner of war camp for Italian prisoners and training camps for American soldiers in general warfare as well as an anti-submarine building at Versova, the Royal Air Force camp at Worli and the Military Engineering mess at Colaba," said Kanga. By now Shapoorji had gained sufficient experience in the industry and ventured into taking contracts to build private houses.

Some of his earlier projects were residential buildings in Colaba like Persepolis, Heliopolis and Acropolis. The company also built bungalows for rich clients such as Sir Sorabji Pochkhanawala and Sir Nowroji Saklatvala. One of its biggest projects then was the construction of Dhanraj Mahal near the Gateway of India. The building was commissioned by Raja Dhunrajgirji Narsingirji, a nawab of the former princely state of Hyderabad.

"The whole complex was requisitioned by the Indian navy during World War II. Even today it retains its old grandeur and the high quality of its construction enhanced SPCL's reputation as a reliable contractor," said Kanga.

Not many know that the Bombay Central train terminus was also built by SPCL at a cost of around Rs 1.6 crore.

The work was commended by the then governor of Bombay, Sir Fredrick Sykes, and The Times of India of December 18, 1930, reported: "From the engineering point of view, it is of supreme interest by reason of the fact that this collection of huge structures has been erected within 21 months of laying the foundation stone-... here there is beauty combined with utility, an impression of vast space of which none is wasted."

Other landmark buildings followed. The Reserve Bank of India, Bank of India and HSBC buildings at Fort and the new State Bank of India headquarters at Nariman Point. The Shanmukhananda hall at King's Circle, NCPA auditoriums, and the Tata and Jamshed Bhabha theatres at Nariman Point were all built by the company.

Said Kanga, "After reclamation of the area in south Bombay, the Cricket Club of India was established, and it was decided to build a stadium, pavilion, club house, swimming pool, etc. SPCL was awarded the contract. These structures were completed in record time. Since the club had some difficulty in raising resources for paying his dues, Shapoorji was even made a patron of the club."

"Fortunately, Shapoorji had a worthy son in Pallonji (Cyrus Mistry's father and the current head of the Shapoorji Pallonji Group) whom he had groomed well and would be relied upon to continue and expand the work," said Kanga. Pallonji expanded the business abroad, especially in the Gulf where he built the Sultan's palace in Muscat in the early 1970s.

Shapoorji died in 1975 at the age of 87, but his son went on to execute large projects including the Sterling Apartments at Pedder Road, Dhirubhai Ambani's residence Sea Wind at Cuffe Parade and the World Trade Centre (Cuffe Parade). "Like his father, Pallonji is a very private person and does not believe in publicity. Though highly respected in business circles, he shuns limelight, preferring a quiet life with his family including his two sons, Shapur and Cyrus," said Kanga.

Tata eager to retire

Ratan Tata, who recently started a Twitter account, tweeted on Thursday, "I look forward to my retirement while I am still active and pursue many interests that I enjoy but have not had time to undertake. I am very pleased and committed to achieve a smooth and seamless transition to my successor. Finding a worthwhile successor has been an important milestone and this milestone was achieved yesterday. I have been with the Tata Group since 1962. The years have been exciting and interesting."

Family Tree

Cyrus's father Pallonji Mistry married Irish-born Patsy Perin. Patsy is the sister of shipping magnate Adi Dubash. Her sister Maki married Pallonji's first cousin, Kersasp. Katy Mehta, wife of former Tata director Freddy Mehta, is Pallonji's first cousin.



TRESPASSING & ILLEGAL RENOVATION AT 13/11 RUSTOM BAUG

The Trustees,
Bombay Parsi Panchayet,
Secretary and Joint Secretary,
The Management Committee,
Wadia Buildings.

REJOINDER TO MY EARLIER COMPLAINT
DATED 4TH JULY 2022.

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

This rejoinder is a Continuation of Facts to be placed on record following my Complaint of 4th July 2022.

1. My father Firdosh Minocher Homavazir, representing me called Mr. Rustom Lawyer on 30th June 2022 at 04.29 pm and appraised him of the illegal demolition of internal support wall and installation of french sliding doors (by shaving off 28 inches of the wall) and grills on common ledge. My father also requested immediate action to be taken as the Estate Manager though informed immediately, refused to take cognisance of the complaint whilst the grills were being installed at that time. Mr. Rustom Lawyer promised the Engineers deputation the following day and assured that grills on the common ledge will be removed.
2. My father called up two days later and Mr. Rustom Lawyer would not pick up calls, neither reply to the what's app messages sent to him.
3. Most importantly please note that none of my own calls to him as on 30th June 2022 were ever answered during the time when the peripheral grills were being welded in heavy rains.
4. After receiving no response or a return call from Mr. Rustom Lawyer, again on 08th July 2022 at 10.51 am my father ultimately called up Mr. Percy Sigantoria to enquire on the status of action taken by the Management Committee and Mr. Sigantoria being the Secretary conveniently washed his hands off the issue by blaming the BPP Trustees further stating he is merely a salaried individual who works under their instructions and control. He further categorically states that the Management Committee is out of the picture and will act on the Trustees' Action Taken Report. Breach of security being committed, for which the Security Personnel have been warned and intimidated by him.
5. When persistently asked who issued the permission, he refused to reply only stating he works under the orders of the BPP Trustees, though no such permission was ever granted to trespasser Farah Dastur.
6. Secretary Percy Singantoria further elaborates that the last occupant Late Parveen Marzbani from whom Rent was received being the descendant of original tenant Katy Marzbani had come from Iran, is also not a legal tenant. Parveen Marzbani's son Behram Marzbani being the legal heir to the flat and his Legal Notice to the Trust is totally overlooked for obvious reasons. (Refer Family Tree at Exhibit 9 for reference.)



7. Mandatory "No Objection Certificates" from the existing Descendants of Katy Marzbani, namely Grandchildren Behram and Benifer has never been taken by the Wadia Managing Committee nor the BPP.

How and why was Farah Dastur (A Foreign National) allowed to occupy the entire flat without mandatory NOCs heads towards obvious inducements.

8. Behram Marzbani according to Percy Sigantoria has migrated to Austin - Texas in USA. Percy Sigantoria must get his facts rectified as Behram Marzbani has never ever been to US but is working in Sydney - Australia as an Overseas Indian holding Indian Citizenship.
9. The fact remains that Farah Dastur (Mrs. Farah Rohan Bogdawalla) in connivance with officials in governance have unduly taken grave advantage of her illegal access and influences over such officials who have preferred to overlook :
 - a) Legal notice dated 25th October 2021 sent by the advocate of legal heir Behram Marzbani.
 - b) Emailed dated 6th July 2021 of Behram Marzbani to Mr. Rustom Lawyer (Refer Exhibit 10)
 - c) Email dated 21st and 22nd April 2022 sent by Behram Marzbani to BPP Trustees and Mr. Rustom Lawyer. (Refer Exhibit 11A and 11B)
 - d) Joint complaint of nine tenants of Building 13.
 - e) A separate complaint given by Mr. Ruzbeh Karkaria of 13/9, Rustom Baug, being one of the affected parties. The common ledge outside Mr.

Ruzbeh Karkaria's Flat no. 13/9, rear portion has also been encroached upon and grills installed by Farah Dastur. (Refer pictures at Exhibit 8)

10. Yet, Mr. Percy Sigantoria blatantly lies to my father during his telecon that I am the only Complainant against Farah Dastur which please note.
11. It is reliably learnt, that Farah Dastur and both her parents were summoned to the Wadia Management Committee Office by Mr. Percy Sigantoria on 8th July who asked them to reconcile with me, to which Mrs. Farah Dastur demanded a copy of my Complaint. Though Percy Sigantoria safeguarding his position, immediately called up Trustee Anahita Desai to release a copy of my Complaint to Farah / Firuzi Dastur.
12. Why has Farah Dastur, being a Foreign National and a Trespasser been allowed to renovate the said flat without permission by the BPP, though the Quotation by the Contractor was acknowledged (stamped) by Percy Sigantoria vide his signature on its copy retained by Farah. Has the refundable security deposit and the official survey charges been paid and accepted by the Trust?
13. Despite being consistently warned, the Management Committee thought it fit not to take any action against Farah Dastur who demolished the common roof support wall and shaved off the peripheral walls to accommodate French Sliding Windows / Doors to gain
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TRESPASSING & ILLEGAL RENOVATION AT 13/11 RUSTOM BAUG

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access and control over the common ledge. (Refer Exhibit 12)

14. Mr. Percy Siganporia informs my father, if the MCGM is brought into the picture, there will be a lot of irregularities in Rustom Baug that would come to the foray and many flats at Rustom baug & Jer Baug will come under their scanner.

Please note that there are 3 such similar encroachments on the common ledge which is not permissible as per Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Act 1976 and more so these are cessed buildings under MHADA Act 1977.

15. Most importantly Mrs. Firuzi Dastur shamelessly and pompously claims, her immense wealth can and will buy off any person who crosses her path. If such is the case why is she and her family in possession of 3 flats in a Trust Colony? More so such a crass person tries to usurp a mere ladder of the neighbour, falsely claiming it to be her contractors. The Police was finally summoned and the ladder was handed over to Mr. Ruzbe Karkaria.

16. It is pertinent to note that Dr. Rohan Boghdawala, husband of Farah Dastur had collectively threatened the last tenant Parveen Marazbani at Dr. Dossibai & Jehangir Ratanshaw Dadabhoy Charity Convalescent Home at Masina Hospital trying to obtain the keys of her personal room containing her cupboard with important documents and other valuables which eventually went missing after the lock of the room was broken by Farah Dastur and the wall was demolished. (Refer Exhibits 11A and 11B)

When she refused, Dr. Rohan Boghdawala caused a ruckus abusing her at the home and persistently harassing her day to day. Eventually she was left with no choice but to file an NC at the Byculla Police Station accompanied by the care taker of the home Mr. Cyrus Guzdar in early 2021.

17. May it be known to you respected Trustees, such acts of ingress, aggression, encroachments and trespassing will keep recurring until you Trustees apply existing rules applicable to one and all. Considering the above, the blame is forwarded upon you by Mr. Percy Siganporia. The BPP has been vested with the interest and rights to manage all the properties including the Wadia Baugs.

The rejoinder warrants a detailed reply to me to avoid any further embarrassment and abuse of Trust property. The Trustees may please follow up with the MCGM Authorities, failing which we the tenants of Building 13 will have to take necessary recourse to avoid any occurrence of damage to the roof and the building in general, which is now almost 100 years old and are governed under the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai at Sr. no.397 Grade III at page 57 of the DCR-67 Heritage list (Refer Exhibit 13). Hence no modifications whatsoever should be allowed to the structure of these buildings.

An appointment may be reserved for a joint discussion at the next Board Meeting.

I reserve my right to lodge a complaint the MCGM to demolish illegal structural alteration and rebuild the roof support and peripheral walls. Further issues that may arise with other flats of Rustom Baug will be entirely at the risk and consequences of the Trust and the Managing Committee.

Truly yours,
Dr. Zuleika Homavazir.
13/10 Rustom Baug - 9821033786.

Nota Bene: At 8.02 pm today as seen in Geo-tagged photograph showing location and time, work is still being done at 13/11 Rustom Baug to complete the collapsible railing in their flat. (Refer Geo-tagged pictures at Exhibit 14). When Percy Siganporia was sent the photographs and called, he refused to speak and said he should not be disturbed and should be contacted in the morning. Engineer Panchal was then called, who immediately called the Security and got the work stopped.

It is amply clear that Farah Dastur will gain access to the ledge through the collapsible grills fitted near the sliding doors.

Please note and issue orders immediately.

Exhibits attached:

8. Photos of the common ledge outside Mr. Ruzbeh

Karkaria's Flat no. 13/9, rear portion been encroached upon and grills installed by Farah Dastur.

- 9. Family Tree of Original Tenant Mrs. Katy Irani.
- 10. Emailed dated 6th July 2021 of Behram Marzbani to Mr. Rustom Lawyer.
- 11. A & 11B) Email dated 21st and 22nd April 2022 sent by Behram Marzbani to BPP Trustees and Mr. Rustom Lawyer.
- 12. Pictures of demolished common roof support wall and shaved off the peripheral walls to accommodate French Sliding Windows / Doors to gain access and control over the common ledge.
- 13. DCR-67 Heritage list
- 14. Geo-tagged photograph showing location and time, late evening at 8:02PM, work being done at 13/11 Rustom Baug to complete the collapsible railing in their flat.

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**PRESS NOTE****THE BOMBAY PARSI PUNCHAYET FUNDS AND PROPERTIES**

209, Dr. Dadabhai Naoroji Road, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001.

The following Housing applicant whose name is published hereunder was shortlisted and approved by the Board of Trustees.

Before completing the process of allotment, the Trustees, as a matter of abundant caution, are publishing the name of the allottee so that if there is any adverse factor against the proposed allotment, the Trustees attention may be drawn thereto latest by 05/08/2022.

Communication furnishing the full details of the objections should be addressed to the Chairman, Mrs. Armaity R Tirandaz, Bombay Parsi Punchayet, 209, Dr. D. N. Road, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001.

By Order of the Trustees of

The Parsi Punchayet Funds and Properties, Bombay

17-07-2022

Mumbai

Aspi F. Sarkari

CEO

THE NAME OF TENTATIVE ALLOTTEE FOR ACCOMMODATION IN BPP COLONIES.

Mrs. Farah Zubin Fitter

Evershine A6 B Bldg.

Flat No.202,

Agarwal Lifestyle, Global City, Narangi Bypass Road,

Virar (West)

Palghar-401303.

Thana Anjuman constructing Ownership as well as free sale flats for needy Parsis/Iranis

THE THANA ZOROASTRIAN CHARITY FUND

The Trustees of the Thana Zoroastrian Charity Fund have envisaged a housing project at a Plot adjacent to the Doongerwadi at L. B. Shastri Marg, Thane.

The building would be of 18 floors, comprising of 2 BHK flats of about 691.26 sq. Ft. carpet area and 1 BHK flats of about 555 sq. Ft. carpet area. **These flats will be on ownership basis** on a land leased to the Society.

Arrangement for Bank Loan is feasible.

The Trustees, from the surplus realised from the sale of flats, intend to construct Charity Blocks for needy Parsi / Irani Zoroastrians.

The feasibility of the Project will depend on the response received as also the approval of the learned Charity commissioner.

Interested Parsi / Irani Zoroastrians may please mail their replies to:

Thana_ agiary@hotmail.com

Or Write to: The Executive Secretary
The Thana Zoroastrian Charity Fund,
Agiary Compound, Agiary Lane,
Tembi Naka, Thane (West) 400601.

BJP PARSI CELL- MALABAR HILL VIDHANSABHA

This newly formed Parsi Cell has been set up for the betterment and protection of us Parsis, which will be functional under the guidance of Shri Mangal Prabhat Lodha - Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly & BJP Party President of Mumbai.

BJP being our ruling party has always considered the hardships faced by our community and stepped forward to provide assistance to our community whenever required. BJP has always been giving support and backing us Parsis and we have reciprocated our loyalty with our votes time and again. Due to the fondness for our Parsi community, BJP decided to start the PARSI CELL where we the members, will help and support the community under BJP's protection. The President of this cell is Mr. Rummy Zarir who has our community's interest at heart. The BJP Parsi Cell – Malabar Hill Vidhansabha will be functional under Rummy Zarir's able leadership. Most of us already know what Rummy has achieved for our community. He has taken the initiative to gather a group of like - minded Parsis to form this Cell who are willing to work towards the betterment of our community. Rummy and his team are the face of the Parsi Cell. Rummy and his team believe that the inauguration of this Parsi Cell is the steppingstone to resolve any issues that the Parsi community may face. Under the orchestration of Rummy Zarir the Cell will be functioning to iron out all affairs from major to minor to help the community grow. Rummy and his team urge the community to approach the Parsi Cell if you are facing difficulties, conflicts and we will try to resolve the issues which come under the purview of the Parsi Cell.



SITTING LEFT TO RIGHT: Mrs. Sanober Tampil - Gamadia Colony - Member, Adv Mrs. Huzan Wadia - Gamadia Colony - General Secretary, Rummy Zarir - Zoroastrian Colony - President BJP Parsi Cell Malabar Hill Vidhansabha, Mr. Daraius Dalal - Ness Baug - Secretary, Adv Mr. Jamshed Mistry - Breach Candy - Member. **Standing left to right:** Dr Mr. Shahrookh Dumasia - Captain Colony President BJP Parsi Cell Ward 224, Mr. Homi Irani - Tardeo - Member, Mr. Anil Kamble - General Secretary Malabar Hill Vidhansabha, Mr. Vinay Antarkar - President Malabar Hill Vidhansabha, Mr. Dinear Mehta - (special invitee) President BJP Parsi Cell Colaba Vidhansabha, Mr. Ajay Chourasia - General Secretary Malabar Hill Vidhansabha, Mr. Jamshed Bhagwagar (special invitee) - ITSM state convenor, Gujarat BJP Minority wing, Mr. Shazman Contractor - Zoroastrian Colony - Member, Mr. Neville Wadia - Gamadia Colony - Vice President, Mr. Sharukh Govadia - Zoroastrian Colony - Vice President & Mr. Ronnie Patel - Warden Road - Member. Six people were absent for the declaration ceremony. Their names are as under: Mr. Minoo Khan - Tata Colony - Member, Mr. Behram Havewala - Gamadia Colony - Member, Mrs. Khursheed Havewala - Gamadia Colony - Secretary, Mr. Cherag Italia - Gamadia Colony - Member, Mr. Neville Velati - Godrej Baug - Vice President, Mr. Neville Daroga - Godrej Baug - Member



ALL HIGH PRIESTS WITHDRAW EXEMPTIONS GIVEN FOR 4-DAY OBSEQUIES

One of the first acts of this newly elected Board of Trustees was to make available Dokhmenashini for those unfortunate COVID-19 victims who hitherto had no option but to get cremated as per Government protocol. Towards this end, the Banaji Dakhma has been brought into use for the exclusive disposal of only COVID-19 corpses.

During the course of the pandemic, the High Priests had, in their wisdom, purely on compassionate ground, permitted the performance of the 4 days obsequies for such COVID-19 victims who were perforce cremated as per Government rules, much against their wishes and beliefs.

However, since Dokhmenashini is now permitted for such COVID-19 victims in Mumbai Doongerwadi, we would like to inform you that ALL the High Priests of India have now revoked their earlier permission to perform the four day obsequies of any deceased Parsi who is now cremated. Their respective concurrence is attached for your information and dissemination to the community.

Yours faithfully
For Bombay Parsi Punchayet

Aspi F. Sarkari
Chief Executive Officer

HIGH PRIEST'S REPLY
Chairperson and Trustees
July 5, 2022

Bombay Parsi Punchayet
209 D.N. Road
Fort
Mumbai 400001

Dear Chairperson and Co-Trustees of the BPP,
Ref: Your ref letter no-- CEO/TOS/88

We received your letter of June 29, 2022, and are pleased to know that the BPP trustees have successfully worked towards getting the Banaji Dakhma operational for the exclusive use of COVID-19 victims.

We are also pleased that the new board, as its first task, persuaded the Brihanmumbai Mahanagar Palika authorities to permit Dokhmenashini to COVID victims in accordance with the order passed by the Supreme Court of India.

It is only due to the unprecedented Covid Pandemic that, on humanitarian grounds, we, the High Priests of India, relented and allowed the four days of obsequies to be performed by our priests for Covid victims who were cremated against their long-standing religious beliefs. Unfortunately, this was enforced upon the community due to the Government of India orders prohibiting all forms of disposal of Covid victims, except by cremation during the pandemic.

As the Banaji dakhma has been prepared for the exclusive use of our COVID victims, and we have been given relief by the Supreme Court, there is now no need for a Zoroastrian corpse to be consigned as per government diktat to the crematorium. The crematorium

is religiously an unacceptable mode of disposal of our dead, especially in places where there are functioning dakhmas.

In view of the above, we withdraw our earlier permission for the four days of prayers to be performed for Covid victims for those who continue to choose to be consigned to the crematorium. As High Priests, it is our duty to reinforce and re-establish our long-held religious views that the four days of obsequies should not be performed by our dedicated priests in our religious places of worship when a Parsi Irani Zarthoshty chooses voluntarily to take the cremation route, where the mode of Dokhmenishini through khurshēdnigērishn is available and practiced as per the tenets of our religion.

We greatly appreciate the prompt action taken by the new BPP Board of Trustees. We look forward to your strong support in matters of religion and to uphold our noble faith's time-tested customs, traditions and ritual practices.

I attach copies as annexures of the email replies sent to me by all the High Priests. A signed copy of the above letter will be sent to the BPP later as Dastur Khurshedji Saheb and Dastur Jamasp Saheb are presently abroad.

Yours in His service

Dastur (Dr.) Firoze M. Kotwal,
High Priest H.B. Wadia Atash Bahram, Mumbai
Dastur (Dr.) Jamasp Kaikhusroo Dastur Jamasp Asa, High Priest Anjuman Atash Bahram, Mumbai
Dastur Khurshed Kaikobad Dastoor,
High Priest, Iranshah, Udvarda
Dastur Keki Cavasji Ravji Meherjirana,
High Priest, Bhagarsath Anjuman, Navsari
Dastur Cyrus Noshirwan Dastur
High Priest of D.N. Modi Atash Bahram, Surat"

OUR COMMENTS: WE APPLAUD THE TRUSTEES FOR STICKING TO THE TIME TESTED DOKHMENASHINI SYSTEM OF KHURSHEDNAGRISHNI FOR DISPOSAL OF ALL INCLUDING COVID INFECTED CORPSES

HOWEVER THE LAST LINE OF BPP'S REQUESTS RAISES SOME DOUBTS AND WORRIES IF THE SAME IS IMPLEMENTED. THE SAID LINES ARE REPEATED BELOW:

"This will enable us to PREVENT PRIESTS performing kriyas for those who opt for cremation/burial, from functioning at Doongerwadi".

WE ARE OF THE VIEW THAT SUCH A DICTAT OF PREVENTION IS NOT NECESSARY NOR JUSTIFIABLE IN TODAY'S TIMES.

PERHAPS THE NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES ARE NOT AWARE OF THE RENEGADE PRIESTS MATTER WHICH

WENT UPTO THE SUPREME COURT CAUSING A LOSS OF COMMUNITY CHARITY FUNDS OF NEARLY RS. 4 CRORES.

THOUGH MOST OF THE THEN TRUSTEES INCLUDING MUNCHERJI CAMA AND ARMAITY TIRANDAZ WANTED TO SETTLE AFTER INCURRING LEGAL EXPENSE OF ABOUT RS. 1 CRORE AT HIGH COURT STAGE, BUT DUE TO THE

INTRANSIGENCE AND INSISTENCE OF THE TWO THEN TRUSTEES-KHOJESTE MISTRY AND YAZDI DESAI TO MOVE THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA IN APPEAL, COST THE COMMUNITY NEARLY RS. 4 CRORES.

HENCE WE HOPE NO FATWA WILL BE ISSUED AGAINST SUCH MOBEDS WHO PERFORM AT THE PRAYER HALL OF DINSHAW TAMBOLY.

NOWROZE BAUG ALL PARSIS CARROM TOURNAMENT

The Nowroze Baug Play Centre & Nowrosjee N Wadia Welfare League jointly organized the All Parsi Carrom Tournament. This year Tournament commenced from 2nd July - 10th July with 70+ Individual participating from all different age groups in different categories. It was nice to see how every player had played their matches with showing their skills, making sure the fun quotient of the games was high.

About 90 matches were played over the course of 6 days to finally find the champions in across all categories.

A interesting match in the finals of mix doubles was played between Farang Bakhtiyar & Ava Diventri vs Zahir Zaiwalla & Delna Tatory, the scores were 23-24 respectively, a perfect home shot by Farang and taking the queen made them the champions.

Let's hear from some of the players what they had to say about the tournament: Congratulations to the organizers

for organizing the All Parsis Carrom tournament smoothly and flawlessly. It was fun participating at a new venue, a different playing format and with a lot of new participants. I thoroughly enjoyed participating and request the Organizers to hold this tournament every year.

As Gary Gygas expressed "Games give you a chance to excel, and if you're playing in good company you don't even mind if you lose because you had the enjoyment of the company during the course of the game." - Ava Diventri (Captain colony)

The whole tournament was organized extremely well. Kudos to the Navroz Baug organizing committee for an excellent job! Cheers to the residents too, as they played excellent hosts to all players. Had a great time! - Eric Lath (Panthaki Baug Welfare Centre)

Winning is great, but if you are really going to do something in life, the secret is learning how to lose. Nobody goes

undefeated all the time. If you can pick up after a crushing defeat, and go on to win again, you are going to be a champion someday. Thanks to All Parsees Navroze Baug Carrom tournament for organizing a fabulous event. It was a great experience for players like us to come and participate in various categories. Looking forward for next year - Cherag Batliwalla

Ask Organizer Firdosh Khambatta what made the All Parsis Carrom Tournament possible and he said "it would be impossible without all the help and hard work from all the volunteers and the members of the both the association. Special mention to Zubin Luth & Cyrus Patel (sports secretaries of NPC & NNWWL) for devoting their weekends & time over the past 1 month in making sure that all arrangements & expectations are met. Lastly it is the participants and their enthusiasm and encouragement that is driving us at Nowroze Baug to organise & encourage each sport"

RESULTS

Open Singles:

Winner: Zahir Zaiwalla (Gamadia Colony)
Runner up: Eric Lath (Panthaki Baug Welfare Centre)
Upcoming Player: Rustom Bhesania (Nowroze Baug)

Ladies Singles:

Winner: Delna Tatory (CJ Colony)
Runner up: Ava Diventri (Captain Colony)
Upcoming Player: Zanaida Kapadia (Nowroze Baug)

Open Doubles:

Winners: Eric Lath & Zareer Wadia (Panthaki Baug Welfare Centre)
Runner up: Cherag Batliwalla & Meherzad Bharucha

Mix Doubles:

Winner: Farang Bakhtiyar & Ava Diventri (Caption Colony)
Runner up: Zahir Zaiwalla (Gamadia Colony) & Delna Tatory (CJ Colony)
Till we meet again, stay safe & god bless all...



TEHMTAN DUMASIA REPLIES TO THE CIRCULAR OF THE DEREGISTERED GODREJ BAUG ASSOCIATION (GBRWA)

The de-registered Association of Godrej Baug recently put out a circular spinning the blame from their own illegal activities onto Tehmtan Dumasia who brought these illegalities to light. The whole matter began after Tehmtan started probing into the financials of the Association after being asked to sign a bearer cheque on his name and submit/return the cash to the Association/Farhad Hozdar which he refused.

As an elected representative of the Association in that period Tehmtan requested the book of accounts to be shown to him, which was flatly refused. Imagine those boasting of being clean hiding their own books. At that point he was told to "Go do what you want." Tehmtan then sent across two official letters to Farhad Hozdar, Chartered Accountant and President of GBRWA, which were not replied to. Then two legal reminder notices, which were again ignored. After which he sent a letter addressed to Shahrukh Billimoria, Secretary of GBRWA but at that time nothing was provided with dishonest intention. Constant reminders were sent between July of 2019 and November of 2019 but to no avail.

The current members of this same de-registered GBRWA are currently still operating and collecting funds illegally. This money belongs to the people of Godrej Baug along with donations and funds received from The Bombay Parsi Panchayat and others.

All committee members of the said de-registered trust are currently accused before the Magistrate's Court at Girguam under Section 420 r/w. 34 of IPC and under section 66 and 67 of the Maharashtra Public Trust Act and are all out on bail.

Under these circumstances is it considered wise that money from a trust like The Bombay Parsi Panchayat be given to the said association already under investigation? What happens if those same funds are frozen once proceedings take place?

Tehmtan in his email clearly stated that the money rather be given to residents in accordance with the oversight of the BPP for the said road repairs to be conducted.

The members of the said deregistered accused association will choose to call Tehmtan a liar but till date has not produced the accounts asked for, all this farce could have been avoided if this association had provided the accounts like they are required to give any

committee member who requests for the accounts and bank statements for the period in question.

Arzan Ghadijally, a resident on behalf of himself, commented on the said letter Tehmtan wrote and asked, Why Tehmtan attended meetings of the said de-registered committee? What he may not have known is Tehmtan has attended meetings to be present to make sure further illegalities do not take place, and he has time and again told the deregistered association to not collect funds since it is an illegal act to do, and has signed many a times in writing that he is doing so under protest, which in no form gives any sort of legitimacy to the said deregistered GBRWA.

Arzan also questioned why this was not brought up at the AGM held, but the same question can be put forth as before when Tehmtan followed the norm, procedure for asking for the book of accounts and bank statements for inspection as is his right of being an elected committee member and Resident of the Baug, why weren't the book of accounts shown to him. Arzan refers to the accusations as Legitimate Tax Saving measures being adopted without explaining what the tax saving measures actually were. It is our belief that this so called tax saving measure is illegal. He may not realize what is happening here is nothing but an attempted Tax Fraud.

The association can choose to spread its lies and spin the story around as much as they want, but one question is clear, Why hasn't this so called Truth Speaking association ever handed over the said documents of accounts and bank statements, even when asked by Trustees of the Panchayat?

Tehmtan Dumasia has put out a direct call to those who call him a liar, "If you are so innocent as you claim, I will wait for this deregistered association to come forward and hand over copies of Bank Statements for GBRWA's Axis Bank, Napeansea Road Branch account, along with fully filled Income Tax Returns filed between 2016 to 2019. I will await the reason they come up with for them to not do so.

Tehmtan stands by the fact that his fight is for justice to expose the mismanagement of FUNDS and Fraud and other illegal acts attempted to be executed/committed by this de-registered Association.

Most important is that whilst all residents of Godrej Baug and almost all Baugs were in favor of Conversion of Leave License to Tenancy, the Godrej Baug Association led by Farhad Hozdar was the only one who were not in favor of such Conversion of Leave License to Tenancy.

A SAD STATE OF AFFAIRS INDEED!



Tiger Vispi Irani

TRADE THE STOCK MARKET

Expert advice by Champion Tiger Vispi Irani

Welcome to my weekly round up of stock markets.

This week we saw, after a long period of sell off in stocks, bargain buying in our markets from the bottom of 15200 and rallied to close at 16710 which incidentally is exactly the resistance level on the NIFTY.

Bank NIFTY is already in a buying mode and i expect even NIFTY to give a buy signal in the coming week.

Many stocks have given buy signals and are looking good for further upside. This week i will give two stocks to buy:

First is ICICI Bank to buy at 799 for tgts of 828. Second one will be a buy on Kotak Bank at 1827 for tgts of 1900 in the coming week.

Our investment call on Hindustan Unilever at 2200 given in the month of june has already given a fantastic return of 20% in just two months.

I have one long term investment call in Ultratech Cements at 6464 for atleast 15% returns in coming 6 months.

Happy investing!
Team champion tiger

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- Rotli
- Patra Fishi or Saas Ni Macchi
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- Kashmiri Mutton Pulav Dal
- Lagan Nu Custard

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- Achar
- Rotli
- Kid Ghosht
- Safi Marghi or Fareha
- Kashmiri Mutton Pulav Dal
- Lagan Nu Custard

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- Achar
- Rotli
- Safi Marghi or Fareha
- Kashmiri Mutton Pulav Dal
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TRUSTEES PERMIT INSTALLATION OF A LIFT AT BUILDING NO. 24, KHAREGHAT COLONY

Building No. 24 in Khareghat Colony known as Nadirsha Dinsha Building No. 2 is in a dilapidated condition and requires major repairs.

Notice dated 14/2/2022 was served by BMC on Parsi Panchayat and on the residents of the Building. The Two storey Building has two flats per floor and total six flats. Flat on first floor was occupied by the Bhiwandiwalla sisters and on their demise, their servant Sharda Sonavane is in Occupation of their full flat.

One Rustom Bharucha, a Senior citizen, resides on the Second floor and by his letter dated 16-6-2022 submitted that he was aware that the Parsi Panchayat does not have the finances to carry out the repairs to the Building and accepts that the Parsi Panchayat will not contribute towards the repairs of the Building.

He further stated that he was hopeful that residents of the Building will contribute their pro-rata shares towards the cost of repairs. In the event the other residents do not contribute anything he is ready to bear the entire cost of repairs estimated to be around Rs.60,00,000/- but only on condition that he be allowed to install a lift.

The entire cost of purchase of the lift and its running and maintenance will be borne by Applicant. Both the repair work of the Building and the installation of the lift will be done only after obtaining prior approval of the Parsi Panchayat, the BMC and any other regulatory body as required.

The repair work of the Building will be undertaken by A.D Shintre Consultants who are well reputed for repair work on old buildings, who have already submitted a report which has been sent to the Parsi Panchayat and the Trustees are satisfied with the credentials of the Consultants and the said report.

The lift will be purchased from a reputed Company who will be responsible for its installation, commencement of its operation. These activities by the concerned company will be done under the supervision control and guidance of the Consultants.

The trustees suggested that the lift will be the property of the Parsi



Panchayat. The Applicant agreed to the suggestion but only for the consideration of the trustees he is setting out problems that will be faced by the trustees and the Applicant if the lift is to be the property of the Parsi Panchayat.

After considering the various options whether the lift should be the property of the BPP or the Applicant, it was ultimately decided that the lift will be the property of the Applicant.

The Trustees suggested that though at this point of time there may not be other users of the lift, it should be made available to the future residents of the Building who may wish to use it. This suggestion was accepted by the Applicant but he is putting below for the consideration of the Trustees the following points:

i) One of the first floor flat is occupied by a lady called Sharda who was the servant of the then lawful residents of the flat who have expired and Sharda is in illegal possession of the same.

ii) The other first floor flat which is directly below the flat the Applicant is occupied by Ms. Mahrukh Driver who stays 10 months in a year outside of India.

iii) Ground floor residents will not require the use of the lift.

iv) If the lift is freely made available to all and sundry, it will be used by outsiders who are not even connected with any of the residents of the Building e.g. Vendors of eatables, house hold items, individuals, seeking donations.

v) If the lift is open to be used by general public it can also be a security risk.

vi) For security reasons operations of lifts which are not manned by a lift man in all building are switched off in the night so that no unknown person can use it.

If new residents occupy either one of the two first floor flats equity demands that they should pay pro-rata amount of maintenance and running cost of the lift and

not get the lift's use gratis merely because they are subsequent entrants. I am not even suggesting that they should pay pro-rata cost for the purchase of lift on its written down value at the point of time if and when such new entrants come as residents.

There can be conflict between the officer of the Panchayat and the new residents (who may come to occupy either of the two first floor flats at some future unknown dates) about the quality of the lift service.

If the lift is made property of the Panchayat any mishap to the lift or to any individual using it the liability emanating there from will squarely be on the Parsi Panchayat and the trustees jointly and severally.

The Applicant clarifies that the above mentioned problems are for the consideration of the trustees to decide whether or not they wish to consider as property of Parsi Panchayat and that future residents to the Building should get the use of lift free of charge. If the trustees insist on maintaining the said two conditions, even then the Applicant will abide by the verbal commitment given in the meeting of 26/6/2022.

At the end of the meeting the trustees verbally stated that they are giving in principle approval both to repairs to the building and to the installation of the lift and preparation of further documentations can be made between the legal department of the Parsi Panchayat and the Applicant.

OUR COMMENTS: The second floor tenant due to his frail health was ready to pay the full cost of installation as well as maintenance of the lift, in addition to bearing the full cost of repairs of Rs. 60 lakhs.

It is therefore suggested that occupants of second, third and fourth floor of all colonies like Cusrow Baug, Rustom Baug should come together and construct a lift for their personal use as it will be free of FSI and the Trustees will give their NOC without any charges. Further such lift facility will increase the value of their flats and if ever a situation arises to encash the Tenancy value of their flat, the resident is bound to receive much more than what he had spent to install the lift.