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BPP BOARD MEETINGS

Dear community Members,

Yesterday's Parsi Times (5-12-2020) issued a notice from our colleagues Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala calling for a physical Board meeting at the BPP on Tuesday, Dec 8, failing which they will be physically present to meet with beneficiaries from 4pm to 6pm.

To clarify, the BPP Board meeting of Dec 8 will be held over Zoom at 530pm.

This announcement made by our two colleagues has been without our knowledge or consent. Neither of them even cared to discuss the same at our Board meeting.

Previously, Noshir had suggested that we trustees physically meet once a month for matters which require a review of papers and to have easier access to physical files that can't be completed online. His suggestion can be strongly considered at our next meeting.

We have managed to achieve quite a lot during our Zoom Board meetings. Please note no court hearings from the Supreme Court down to the Charity Commissioners office are taking place. Even schools and colleges are yet closed and public meetings are banned as well.

More so, our colleagues seem to have forgotten that currently only 30% of our staff attends the main office.

With this advertisement in the Parsi Times, we can expect a lot of our community members visiting the BPP office on Tuesday. Sadly while they may be coming to discuss their personal problems they may just end up either coming into contact with the virus or spreading the same. Maintaining social distancing will be a nightmare.

Since the vaccine is imminent in the next few months we would request our beneficiaries to be a little patient with us.

All our superior staff and other staff member have been available on Zoom through the lock down and we have found no difficulty in conducting such meetings and most issues are decided except housing matters for reasons given below.

Never during our earlier meetings has a suggestion been put forth to meet beneficiaries, especially not without an appointment during these times.

Everyone is aware our community is full of senior citizens. Today trains remain shut and buses crowded to the brim. Can you imagine the plight of our senior citizens if they have to travel by taxi or bus to come to the BPP. Not only would they be endangering themselves but also their families and friends.

More so, if people began coming to the BPP, our staff, who have so far maintained social distancing would be unintentionally exposed to the virus.

We would never know where any one has come from or whom they've met or even if anyone in their family has Covid or not or if they are asymptotic.

We strongly urge our community members to please stay indoors and stay safe. If there is any matter that needs urgent attention you can directly contact any of the Trustees or admin staff. We can schedule a meeting with you and the trustees via Zoom on an urgent basis.

Most enquiries we get are regarding housing but from March till November, the BPP was not addressing any housing

issue as the BMC and registrars were closed and we also had to change legal paperwork of power of attorney on account of Mr. Bhathena's death. Now with the registrars open, the Trustees will be taking up housing issues of all colonies and residents on a war footing.

What is more surprising is that on Friday (Dec 4) we had our Wadia committee meeting via Zoom and these same Trustees had no hesitation with an online meeting. We finished the entire agenda efficiently in two hours. In fact these same Trustees were happy to schedule our next meeting via Zoom too.

While we can understand the need for physical meetings for certain important matters, the rest can be very seamlessly dealt with via zoom.

Residents and beneficiaries who have any issue can contact us directly personally as well or on the details provided above.

These are unprecedented times. We have fought the virus together for 7 months. As we know, a vaccine is a few months away and it would be in everyone's interest if we continued to remain safe for these few additional months. This will not only keep our seniors safe but will ensure there is no hardship upon anyone we care for.

We request you to please call the BPP and request a meeting to be scheduled for your case. Till then we urge you to please stay home and stay safe for the sake of not only yourself but your families too. Feel free to contact us any time.

Sincerely,

BPP Trustee Armaity R. Tirandaz

BPP Trustee Xerxes V. Dastur

BPP Trustess Viraf D. Mehta



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FUNDS & PROPERTIES OF THE PARSI PUNCHAYET BOMBAY

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

Ref. No. 031/202

Dec. 04, 2020

Dear Community Members,

Over the last few days a few members of our community have been mischievously spreading unsubstantiated messages regarding sale of our sacred Doongerwadi by the BPP Trustees.

The community be rest assured - Nothing can be further from the truth!

Our Doongerwadi is completely safe and secure and there is no intention of the BPP to sell any inch of the Doongerwadi.

Of late, individuals taking recourse their phones think it is amusing to spread false propaganda to create disharmony within the community. The BPP is in the process of considering filing a cyber-crime complaint against all the members of WbatsApp groups, especially their admins that propagate the spread of such false information.

In the meantime, as Trustees we request our community members not to believe any such false messages. Our properties are safe. If any member is concerned, they may call us at any time to verify any such lewd and vilifying messages.

Here are a few facts for the community:

* When the landslide at Kemps Corner occurred early August, the water pipes supplying water to the significant part of the D ward burst rendering that area without water for days. The BMC legitimately approached the BPP to allow them to lay **temporary** water pipes through the Doongerwadi to restore water to the area, The BPP agreed provided the pipes were laid above ground and not underground so that it can be dismantled easily once the road is repaired. The BMC has given an undertaking that these pipes will be removed once the Ridge Road repairs are completed and that they would restore the property to its original condition. The BPP Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to assist the BMC and fulfil their civic duty.

* Before work could begin on the landslide Kemps Corner the BMC employed the services of IIT consultants to provide them with a topographical report. For this purpose the IIT consultants needed to use a drone to cover the damaged area. To do so, the BMC applied to the Police for drone usage which the Police granted, subject to BPP approval. The BMC then approached the BPP for permission to use the drone over the landslide area only. As long as only the damaged portion was captured and nothing more, the BPP Board of Trustees by majority granted permission. In addition, two Trustees, i.e. Xerxes Dastur and Viraf Mehta, along with the Doongerwadi manager Vistaspar Mehta were physically present with the BMC's drone team as a safe guard. Furthermore, Trustee Viraf Mehta, was personally standing alongside the drone operator to ensure that **only** the damaged portion where the landslide occurred was recorded and nothing more. Please note that a copy of the drone recording was immediately taken by the BPP and kept safely for its record.

* The BEST still has live electric cables running below the damaged Ridge Road which provides electricity to a large portion of D Ward. For work to start on the road these cables need to first be disconnected. The BEST approached the BPP to run a temporary set of safely insulated cables along-side the water pipes so that electricity to the area can continue. They have given the same undertaking as the Water Department that these cables would be above ground and would be immediately removed once the road is repaired and that they would restore the property to its original condition. The BPP Board of Trustees by majority agreed to the same.

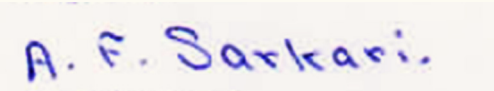
Let us not forget that Captain Colony, Gamadia Colony, Ness Bang, Godrej Bang and Khareghat Colony fall under the D Ward. It would be in the interest & the BPP and its colonies to assist our civic bodies who, we are confident, will reciprocate the same to the BPP when necessary.

It is important for the community to be aware that under the Essential Services Act, the BMC could have forced us to co-operate but there was no need for that. This way we earned the goodwill of the BMC which was shown by their efforts when a fresh landslide occurred behind Ithareghat Colony building 5.

Repair work is currently underway at Kemps Corner and once repaired, all temporary pipe lines laid by the BMC will be removed! No sale of any kind is being undertaken as is spread by an errant few on WhatsApp.

We would like to thank our community members who have been calling us and congratulating us for our swift actions during the COVID pandemic and torrential weather. We are always available to serve the community.

Regards,



Aspi Sarkari
CEO
On behalf of the BPP Board of Trustees

NEW DOONGERWADI TELEPHONE LINES

(Due to non-functional MTNL Lines)

Old Doongerwadi Numbers:

TELEPHONE NUMBER	LOCATION	SERVICE PROVIDER
+91 22 2367 1676	Front Office	MTNL
+91 22 2367 5974		MTNL
+91 83694 60336		JIO Telecom
+91 22 2367 5949	Sagdi	MTNL
+91 22 2367 5925	Management Cabin	MTNL

Below is a message received by the Doongerwadi manager.

Dear Humdeens
Kindly note the Telephone numbers of DOONGERWADI Front Office per below:
+91 83694 60336
+91 85912 44526
+91 22 2367 5974
+91 22 2367 1676
Vistaspar Cavas Mehta
Manager - DOONGERWADI

Please note the above listed MTNL number do not work.



KERSI RANDERIA REFUSES TO OBEY BOARD RESOLUTIONS

For five years due to the tolerance and cooperative attitude of Chairman Yazdi Desai, we saw how Kersi Randeria had usurped the Chairmanship of BPP and behaved as the De facto Chairman of BPP.

However since last over a year, Yazdi Desai realized that the financial crunch faced by the Trustees was the direct result of having stopped sale/auction of high value flats as well as not allowing occupants to encash the Tenancy value of their flats under pressure from just one Trustee Kersi Randeria who wanted to use this flats to benefit only his friends, supporters and relatives without any concern for the welfare of the Trust or the community.

When Yazdi Desai due to the cash crunch agreed to re-start auction of high value flats in spite of opposition of Kersi Randeria, was the start of rejuvenation of Yazdi Desai as the Chairman and the side-lining of the hitherto defacto Chairman. When the auction restarted, initially Kersi Randeria only dissented to the proposal in Board Minutes. Then he became more adventurous and started publishing his own Public Notice expressing his dissent below the auction public notice. This led to very few purchasers and depressed the value of the flat leading to less and less attendance at the auctions due to publication of Randeria's dissent note directly below the Auction notice.

When Yazdi Desai realized the consequences of publication of Randeria's dissent notes below his auction Public Notice, This was when Yazdi Desai started showing his authority and his Chairmanship skills to put Kersi Randeria in his place and in the Minutes recorded that publication of Randeria of his Dissent Public Notice below the auction notice was in breach of the Consent Terms filed by all the Trustees before the High Court that a decision of the Majority Trustees was binding on all and had to be obeyed by all Trustees including those who dissented. Of course a right was given to the Dissenter to move the Court if he was convinced that what

the Majority was doing was against the interest of the Trust and the community. But if he did not move the Court to stop the implementation of the decision taken by the Majority of the Trustees if it was wrong then the Dissenter has to obey the majority decision whether he likes it or not.

Having thus explained the High Court Orders and its implications, Yazdi Desai then warned Kersi Randeria that any further publication of his dissent note below the BPP Public Notice and he would move the Charity Commissioner for his removal as a Trustee of BPP u/s 41D of the Bombay Public Trusts Act. He also threatened that he would move the High Court against Kersi Randeria for Contempt of Court as he was in contemptuous breach of the Consent Terms.

To Kersi Randeria's good luck, the Chairman Yazdi Desai unfortunately suffered a life threatening stroke which has immobilized him since April 2020 and since then Yazdi Desai has not been able to attend a single meeting of the BPP. The enclosed BPP Public Notice is the first since then and once again the shameless Kersi Randeria has defiantly continued to publish his Dissent Note below the BPP Public Notice and it is time that the Trustees immediately instruct both the papers – Pasi Times and Jame-Jamshed- not to publish Randeria's dissent note below the BPP Auction notice.

Whilst Kersi Randeria is unlikely to obey the Trustees instructions in Parsi Times, surely Jame-Jamshed can be prevailed upon to follow the Trustees instructions. Aside from that it is time that an Application was filed in the High Court calling upon Randeria to obey the Consent Terms. It is time that the incomplete work of the suffering Yazdi Desai was completed by the present Trustees. Since Randeria is hell bent on defying the High Court Consent Terms, the only option left to the Trustees is to file Contempt of Court Application in the High Court to force him to obey the Consent Terms.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The BPP N.N & R.N Wadia Baugs are in possession of a 3R+K flat admeasuring about **900 Sq ft.** carpet area on the **2nd floor** (no lift), being Flat No **J-21** at Cusrow Baug, Colaba 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 in excess of Rs.2 Crores (2,00,00,000) for the same.

Those interested are requested to contact the Custodian at Cusrow Baug (Contact No 022 22047521 or M: 9322825716) to take inspection of the said flat Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 pm.

- Those interested are requested to attend the Auction to be held by ZOOM Meeting (link will be provided closer to the Auction date) in attendance of BPP Board of trustees on **Thursday 10th December 2020 at 6 p.m.**, and submit their proposal in a sealed envelope 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.
- Interested applicants must quote value of the flat in excess of **Rs. 2 crores** (Reserve Security Deposit amount), exclusive of Stamp Duty and Registration Charges, as applicable for registration of Leave & License Agreement.
- The sealed envelopes will be opened in the presence of all the applicants on the same day (Thursday -10.12.2020) at 6.00 p.m.
- 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.
- The highest Open Offer will be taken as the Third Reserve Security Deposit amount.
- The applicants will then be independently taken offline by admin to make a confidential bid in excess of this Third Reserve Security Deposit amount.
- The flat will be allotted to the highest bidder in this round.
- 50% of the full Security Deposit amount of the flat must be deposited by the successful Applicant within 7 days of the auction and the balance 50% within 7 days thereafter. Failure to make payments on the Due date/s 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.
- The Leave & license Agreement will be registered after the full Security Deposit amount is received by the Trust.
- The Trustees reserve the right to refuse any or all offers at their discretion without assigning any reason.

For and on behalf of the BPP N. N. & R.N. Wadia Baugs

P.N. Sigantoria
SECRETARY

BPP – N.N. & R.N. Wadia Baugs



PARSI GATE DISCUSSION WITH BMC AND HERITAGE COMMITTEE

FORWARDED BY RAYOMAND ZAIWALA ON 4TH DECEMBER 2020



After several deliberations with BMC, leader of opposition in BMC Mr.Ravi Raja helped to connect the BPP with MHCC. Today there was an invite from deputy municipal architect to attend a monthly online meeting . All BPP trustees were invited with a link.

Mrs Armaty Tirandaz kindly requested for permission for Havovi M Sukhadwala and Architect Alan Abraham to attended too. 3 out of 5 trustees could attend. We waited for 10 minutes for all trustees to attend however regretfully Mr.Kersi Randera and Mr.Noshir Dadrawalla were unable to join.

The Dy. Municipal. Architect Mrs Aparna Bhatte briefed the Chairman of MHCC, Mr.Ramnath Jha who then was categorical in stating that BPP had to choose between Plan A and Plan B as shifting was inevitable for the Coastal Road. He said that the Community could have opposed in Planning stage when plans were put up on the Website from time to time. To this Mr.Viraf Mehta said that BPP was approached recently in June 2020 after placing the piling machines after which they had to face a lot of flak of the community about shifting the said Parsi Gate and that their religious sentiments are hurt.

Viraf Mehta sought clarity from the Chairman whether it's a Heritage Structure or not. To this Mr.Ramnath Jha said that's not a stand alone Heritage structure but was part of the Marine Drive Heritage Precinct.

Viraf too said that it was standing there for over hundred years as a religious

place of worship.

Viraf queried that after they discussed in the Board meeting and the community and if neither options were approved then what.

To this Mr.Jha said that it did not matter whether BPP gave an approval or not

to the MHCC who has total powers to approve plans for the Marine Drive heritage precinct according to their discretion. He further joked that BPP has a nice way to escape from flaks from the community.

Havovi intervened after Ramnath Jha kept on repeating that the Parsi Gate is not a Heritage structure by saying that if it's not a Grade 2A Heritage structure as part of Marine Drive Water Front in the Heritage List then why was MHCC approached to give NOC to restore it recently in 2017 as per the letter shared by the Dy.Municipal Architect Mrs Bhatte? More so Parsi Community is feeling bulldozed especially after the desecration of 2 Atashbehras for Metro 3 and that without approval of MHCC how did Coastal Road team break down the metal plaque about the Parsi Gate while barricading that place.

To this Ramnath Jha said that MHCC was involved because Parsi Gate is part of Heritage Precinct and is not a stand alone Heritage structure by itself.

Then Viraf asked architect Alan's views to be heard out. Alan was clearly stated that the propose plan even for Marine Drive Heritage precinct it will get totally ugly with that canopy coming up in place of the Parsi Gate. He clearly said that he just had one simple question that, 'If one tunnel exit (South bound) can come in the centre of Marine drive road, then why not the other (North bound) tunnel as well?'

Why are the tunnels openings for Coastal Road at Priyadarshini park centralized

and not at Marine Drive Heritage Precinct which makes it more less expensive also. This way shifting of the Parsi Gate will not be required if the 2 tunnels are centralized and the original century look of Marine Drive will not change with an ugly looking canopy on the side.

Alan also asked the architects out of 18 attendants in this meeting what they thought about the plan themselves. To this the Chairman of MHCC intervened and stated that now the planning of the road is over and done with and only 2 options are there to chose from and as Viraf had stated that they will discuss in the board meeting on following Tuesday, MHCC will await a written reply after a week.

He told Alan that he can write to the Coastal Road engineering team as to why the north bound tunnel position was made that way.

So its concluded that irrespective of whether BPP wants to shift or not, MHCC will wait for a week and then proceed to decide whether its Plan A or Plan B to follow.

Mrs.Tirandaz requested to not treat Parsis as a soft target and consider our sentiments.

Rajnath Jha said that MHCC has always taken care of Parsi Heritage structures which they should be mindful of.

Meeting was for 30 minutes. So here we clearly see what Heritage value, Religious place and Town Planning means to MHCC and BMC.

Thanks.
Havovi M Sukhadwala
4th December 2020.





LETTER FROM PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA

From Phiroze
Amroliwalla on 2020-
11-26 19:54

The Editor,
Today on whatsapp I
received the following
two unsigned
forwarded messages:



Phiroze Amroliwalla

1. "BREAKING NEWS BELIEVE IT OR NOT

ANNAHITA DESAI WILL CONTEST 2021
BOMBAY PARSI PUNCHAYET TRUSTEES
ELECTION
FORMER CHAIRMAN WILL SUPPORT
HER

ON THE PRINCIPLE OF EVERYTHING IS
FAIR IN LOVE WAR AND POLITICS"

2. "BPP Trustee elections will take place for
two candidates and not one .

Yezdi Desai will resign soon , Anahita Desai
will stand in his place, and Dinshaw Mehta will
support Anahita Desai, and not oppose her in
the upcoming BPP Trustee elections."

Before I comment on this, let me wish that Mr.
Yazdi Desai's health improves and he keeps
well.

If what is stated in the above two forwards is a
fact then I feel that instead of holding an election
to fill two seats on the Board, Ms. Anahita Desai
should be allowed to walk in uncontested in the
vacancy of Mr. Desai. Readers may recall that

even in 2018, Ms. Desai had lost with a very
thin margin! As elections during the pandemic
are not likely to be held before March-end,
such a step would not only save costs but also
help the board to function effectively and help
resolve the present impasse.

Both Mr. Dinshaw Mehta and I were not against
Anahita Desai's candidature per se but took a
principled stand against a husband and wife
duo serving on the same board at the same
time. We both maintained the same stand in
2018 when we extended support to Xerxes
Dastur.

The present scenario is different if Yazdi Desai
resigns and I extend my full support to her.

Wishing her the very best,
Phiroze Amroliwalla

Fake and motivated forwards!

From Phiroze Amroliwalla on 2020-12-05
15:03

The Editor,
Parsi Junction.

For favour of publication
Hi Parsi/Irani Zarhostis,

When the frequency of fake, fabricated
forwards increases, one can be sure that BPP
elections are round the corner. I normally do
not answer/forward all undated, unsigned,
or forwards from unknown entities. Last
week I received a forward from a contact
authored by one Vispi Batliboi. The forward
is reproduced below ad-verbatim:

"YES Doongerwadi is up for SALE by none
other than the Mehta's and the Majority
Trustees - Armaity Tirandaz and Xerxes
Dastur.

Viraf Mehta has become the whole and sole
decision maker in the BPP (Father like Son)
even after opposition from one trustee. A
new big water pipeline was allowed to be put
in our pious Doongerwadi without informing
the community. Drones were allowed to fly
next to our Dokhma under the supervision of
Viraf Mehta himself whereas Doongerwadi is
a NO FLY ZONE. Only one trustee objected
to that.

As of today B.E.S.T. Cable is been laid with
the permission of Viraf, Armaity and Xerxes.

By allowing such encroachment and giving
our land out to these government officials
are paving the way for the government to
take over our precious property so that in
return the officials will help Dinshaw Mehta
in his various building projects that he has
started with various builder lobbies.

The community should unite and question
Viraf Mehta as to why he is allowing outcaste
to take advantage of our community land.
The community should unite and throw these
Trustees out before they make personal
gains on cost of our Doongerwadi.

Regards

Vispi Batliboi. "

I don't know who is Vispi Batliboi nor have
I heard of this person discussing any of our
community issues yet.

The fact is that in early August Mumbai had
torrential rains which resulted in the washing
down of a part of the hillside of Doongerwadi.

This resulted in our own Khareghat Colony
and surrounding areas facing the brunt.
Water and electricity supply was gravely
affected and emergency measures had to
be taken. Pictures of the extensive damage
were then doing the rounds and instead of
appreciating Trustee Viraf Mehta who led
from the front to help reduce the hardship
faced by Parsis and others, his own coward

colleague who does not have the guts to
come before the community but instead
spreads false and malicious rumors through
his stooges with the ulterior motive to show
Viraf, Armaity, and Xerxes in poor light.

**The community should know that
during such a natural calamity, the
Municipal authorities are well within
their rights to utilize all means for
carrying out emergency repairs to
restore essential services. There is no
question of encroaching or acquiring our
Doongerwadi lands at all. This is a bogey
raised during election time!**

Therefore this forwarded message is very
likely motivated and maybe even fabricated/
fake identity created by the ONE trustee, or
at his instance by one of his stooges. The
One Trustee referred to seems to be the
same trustee who is at present involved
in several litigations including cheating of
poor slum-dwellers. An FIR for cheating and
depriving a flat purchaser for several years is
being investigated and awaits the filing of a
charge sheet.

Instead of answering the charges he faces,
his best-known weapon is to attack through
his cronies his opponents who he perceives
as a threat to his re-election and subsequent
chairmanship of the BPP. He is a great
strategist and manipulator and can resort to
lying and falsehood to achieve his goal.

Yes, he appears to be the same person who
owns a weekly paper to promote himself and
delivers nothing but falsehood every week.

He is the same trustee who advises and threatens other colony residents to surrender their flats under the often false accusation of keeping their flats locked but surreptitiously transfers his late Kaka's flat in Contractor building, a BPP owned charity building at Byculla to his mother's name and as a precaution also adds his nephew's name as if they were residing there, when in fact both the mother and nephew reside with his sister in a Godrej Baug charity flat.

He is the same trustee who prints a note of dissent every time the BPP advertise to hold a public auction to secure the highest bid for allocation of flats on leave and license basis and NOT SALE with the intention to discourage bidders so that he can thereafter allot such flats in a privately arranged deal benefiting him alone.

It is the same trustee who shies away from printing details of the 150 flats allotted by him

over the last four years when he manipulated the majority in his panel to favor his chosen ones.

This trustee projects himself as Mr. Clean whereas the reality is completely different. For the real facts make it a habit to read the Parsi Junction for the factual "Pol Khol" .

Phiroze Amroliwalla

PRIDE FOR PARSI COMMUNITY

– DR. PERSIS MEVAWALA (DOODHWALA)



DR. PERSIS MEVAWALA (DOODHWALA)



Recently The Surat Municipal Corporation carried out a “ SWACHHATA SARVEKSHAN SUEVEY “ in all the zones of Surat and Kadiwala Maternity Home and urban health centre of Surat Municipal Corporation, managed by a Parsi doctor Dr. Persis Homi Mevawala (Doodhwala), bagged the prestigious “ SAWACHHATA SARVEKSHAN AWARED – 2020” in the central zone of Surat with two other private hospitals. In fact , this is a great honour as in other zones , private hospitals got the award whereas this maternity home is a corporation run hospital. Same maternity home got the clean hospital award last year too in central zone.

Dr. Persis did her schooling from Sacred Heart Convent School- Jamshedpur and MBBS from MGM Medical college, Jamshedpur and stood first in her post

graduation in obstetric and gynaecology from GMCS, Surat, after her marriage to Dr. Homi Doodhwala. Dr. Homi Doodhwala is a senior & renowned surgeon of Surat. Her husband had worked as professor of Surgery and Medical Superintendent at SMIMER Medical college of Surat Municipal Corporation. He retired as a Medical Superintendent and Director (Medical Education and Research) from Surat Municipal Corporation. He was given one year extension after his retirement in view of his excellent administrative skills, dedication and being a pioneer in starting a corporation medical college, inspite of many difficulties, in the year 2000. At present, Dr. Homi Doodhwala is serving as a Trustee of the Surat Parsi Panchayat.

Dr. Persis has also taken active part in many national programmes related to health on

behalf of Surat Municipal Corporation and is well known for successfully treating patients of long standing sterility and patients come to her for treatment of sterility from all over India.

She has worked selflessly as a CORONA WARRIOR as well without fear or hesitation.

SHE ALSO SUFFERD FROM CORONA BUT, RECOVERED AND AGAIN JOINED HER DUTY.

Due to her remarkable work in the corona pandemic, the Surat Municipal Corporation honoured her by giving her an extension after her retirement due to which she is continuing her job as well as working selflessly to serve huminity.

Dr. Persis has two sons- Sarosh & Dr. Cyrus. Her elder son Sarosh is a commercial pilot & instructor. Sarosh married to Natasha, who works in Cayenne Pepper Productions as assistant to the director. Dr. Persis's younger son Dr. Cyrus is preparing for NEET, after MBBS and at present, he is working as a RMO in one of the leading hospital in Surat.

May God give Dr. Persis the strength to keep up the good work and make our small but sweet Parsi community & our nation proud. Hats of to this ever smiling Parsi female doctor.

- **Keki Doodhwala (SURAT).**



LAST RITES: PARSIS TURN TO TECH AS VULTURE NUMBERS DECLINE



The Tower of Silence located in Parsi Gutta, the final resting place of the 1,200-strong Parsi community in Hyderabad, now has a solar concentrator to speed up the decomposition of dead bodies due to the dwindling number of vultures that used to devour the flesh.

Hyderabad: The dwindling number of vultures has made the Parsi community in Hyderabad to turn to technology for the last rites of departed souls. The Tower of Silence located in Parsi Gutta, the final resting place of the 1,200-strong Parsi community in Hyderabad, now has a solar concentrator to speed up the decomposition of dead bodies due to the dwindling number of vultures that used to devour the flesh. The solar panel focuses the sun rays to the elevated stage where the body is left letting the vultures feed on the flesh. According to Zoroastrian

scriptures and tradition, a corpse is a host for decay. Scriptures command safe disposal of the dead in a manner that a corpse does not pollute the air. The Parsis hope that the 8,000-year-old tradition of leaving the bodies to the vultures will revive once the number of vultures increases. They still prefer cultures to technology as the birds devour flesh very fast and solar based system takes time and depends on the intensity and extent of the sunshine.

Meanwhile, the Union government's Action Plan for Vulture Conservation (APVC) 2020-25 for the next five years includes prevention of poisoning of cattle carcasses, the principal food of vultures, enhancement of conservation breeding programmes in the country, regular monitoring of vultures across the country, enhancing the vulture safe zone network by creating at least one vulture safe zone in each State and continuing to work on existing efforts of vulture safe zones. As most vultures die after consuming carcasses of animals that were administered painkillers such as Diclofenac, a veterinary non-steroidal antiinflammatory drug (NSAIDs), the Centre plans to stop the misuse and overuse of NSAIDs by regulating its sale only against prescription and ensuring that all treatment

of livestock is done by qualified veterinarians. "There are a good number of veterinary NSAIDs of unknown toxicity to vultures and they could cause mortality. Two more drugs, Ketoprofen and Aceclofenac, have been found toxic but are still not banned for veterinary use. These medicines are used by farmers to treat cattle," the action plan said. It was observed during the analysis of cattle carcass liver samples that the animals were routinely heavy dosed, sometimes as much as 35 times the normal veterinary dose. The Action plan advises treatment of animals by only qualified veterinary doctors. Scientific management of dumping of carcasses was also suggested. Vultures consume the dead animals when they were left in the open. If the animals died because of synthetic pesticides the vultures or any scavenging bird feeding on it will die around the carcass. If the carcasses have toxic NSAID residue the birds would die within one week.

In addition to the eight existing conservation breeding centres in the country, establishment of five more centres was suggested one each in Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Tamilnadu, Karnataka and Tripura. The founder stock for these centres has to be obtained from the existing VCBCs in the country.

Mumbai (Queen of Hearts)

If you visit Mumbai ()
Don't miss pretty sights
Beautiful girls in sarees
As well in jeans
Always in a plight
Handsome Romeos
Hanging around
Whistling at the girls
Leaning on the lamp post
Near Back Bay Queen of Pearls

Rajabai Tower and Queen's
necklace
Are the landmarks of this city
Beach Candy and Chowpatty
Are famous for Bhel puri
People can't keep it clean
That's a pity
That's the biggest folly of
Mumbai city

Colaba and Crawford market
Are bubbling with life

Bombelli's and the Taj
Where teenagers did jive
Eros, Regal Strand,
People throng like mad
Sunday's is the worst egad!!!!

People living this
Romantic city
Always will & will
Always weep
Mumbaites know for sure
That this city:
Never sleeps
As they say:
"Come to Mumbai
Come to Mumbai
Mumbai Amchi Hai"

(7th May 67)

**Choicest Happiness
Farida**

Pandemic

With due respect
I wish to state
That this deadly
Virus is a real curse
Taught us a very
Valuable lesson
Does not distinguish
Between a Hindu
Muslim Sikh Jew
Bahai or a Zoroastrian

We have lost many
Innocent lives through
No fault of their own
Moral here is:
"United we stand
Divided we fall"

We have taken
Life for granted
Including our Prayers
As well Ahura Mazda
Thinking no matter
He will be there
When the last
Tear Drop Falls

It has not happened so far
Virus is still raging
Like bull in a china shop
Have Faith and Pray
By leaning on one another
That's the only way
The virus can stop

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Farida**



1st December, 2020

ENTREPRENEURSHIP WITHOUT BORDERS
WZCC GLOBAL VIRTUAL MEETINGS SCHEDULE - DECEMBER 2020

TECHNOLOGY

Yazdi Tantra has been having a series of Zoom Meetings online on Technology for the Layman under the title of **TantraTech**. The meetings are held on 1st Friday at 9:30 p.m. (IST). They can be attended by anyone. For more details please visit www.tantratech.in.

Upcoming meetings as follows:

December 04, 2020: Productivity Apps - 5

December 11, 2020: Exclusive Session - Chrome Tips & Tricks

December 18, 2020: Exclusive Session - Mindmapping Tools

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1. SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th-13th, 2020 after 5PM INDIA TIME

BANGALORE CHAPTER: THE MARKET PLACE- A virtual Symposia for charity.

This is a week long extravaganza of events, on the zoom platform. Our marketing will be launched mid-November and we request the global community to help us achieve our goal of fund raising and youth mentoring.

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2. SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th, 2020 @ 10 AM NEWYORK TIME (8:30 PM INDIA TIME)

NEW YORK CHAPTER: "A Novelist's Journey to a Mid-Life Career Change" – Murder in South Bombay by Nawaz Merchant

SPEAKER: Nawaz Merchant in conversation with Lila Sidhwa

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/8487251418>

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3. FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2020 @ 1 PM SYDNEY TIME (3 PM NZ TIME)

SYDNEY CHAPTER: "Minimum viable product : Why it is important to make a start"

SPEAKER: Perzen Patel

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87432008624?pwd=K010Zm5hU2lYTXQ4U2UyemxtT0tjQT09>

Meeting ID: 874 3200 8624

Passcode: 532399

Contact: Jimmy Medhora

4. SATURDAY DECEMBER 12th,2020 @ 7 PM INDIA TIME (8:30 AM NEW YORK TIME)

PUNE CHAPTER: Nuts and Bolts of Digital Marketing

SPEAKER: Parinaz Buhariwalla

Link: <https://forms.gle/Y9xmreTYrWEKjdU8>

Fill up the form and mail the form to wzccpune@gmail.com. Thereafter, link to join the webinar will be sent to you by email.

5. SATURDAY DECEMBER 19, 2020 @ 9:30 AM NEW YORK TIME (8:00 PM INDIA TIME)

GLOBAL PRESENTATION: Surviving and Thriving against All odds

SPEAKER: Sam Balsara and Lara Balsara Vajifdar, Madison World

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/8487251418>

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6. SUNDAY DECEMBER 20, 2020 @ 7:30 PM INDIA TIME (9:00 AM NEW YORK TIME)

ZFN: Scholarships and Funding for Higher Education

PANEL DISCUSSION: Neville Shroff - Zoroastrian Charitable Trust of Hong Kong, Canton & Macao

T.J.Ravishankar - Tata Trusts; Ryan Pereira - United States-India Educational foundation;

Farrokh Rustomjee - R.D. Sethna Scholarship Fund

Link: Register at www.zoroastrianfacultynetwork.org **Direct** <https://bit.ly/yazdizoom>

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PLEASE FORWARD INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR JANUARY 2021 SCHEDULE BY DECEMBER 25 IN THE ABOVE FORMAT.

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Date & Time

19th December, 2020

Time: 8.00 p.m to 9.00 p.m Indian Standard Time

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9.30 a.m to 10.30 a.m - New York

2.30 p.m to 3.30 p.m - London

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6.30 p.m to 7.30 p.m - Dubai

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The Economic Times, Brand Equity Ad Agency Reckoner ranks Sam as "India's Most Influential Media Person" for 11 consecutive years. Sam is also the recipient of the Advertising Agencies Association of India's Lifetime Achievement Award, Ad Club of Kolkata's Hall of Fame Award and has entered the International Advertising Association's (IAA) Hall of Fame. Sam has over 45 years' experience in Marketing, Advertising and Media of which the last 32 years have been entrepreneurial. Sam is actively involved in many community matters including Jiyo Parsi, GWG and WZCC.

LARA BALSARA VAJIFDAR
Executive Director, Madison World

A leader who believes in leading through example, Lara has played a key role at Madison over the last 16 years. She also oversees marketing, new business, HR and Legal for Madison World companies. She has been featured in Impact's Top 50 Most Influential Women in Media in India for 9 consecutive years since the inception of the Report. She features in the Economic Times Brand Equity Ad Agency Reckoner's Top 50 most influential people in Advertising and also in Impact's Top 40 Under 40.

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Jiyo Parsi Friday Forum | 11 Dec | 6-7 PM IST

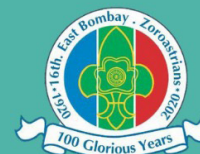
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The 16th East Bombay Zoroastrian Bharat Scout Group, celebrates 100 years, a century of developing Zoroastrian Youth.

The Scout Group, under the Young Zoroastrian Society (YZS) provides a platform for growth, adventure and service with other like minded community youth from age 5 to age 17.

Join us with Ashdeen Lilaowala in conversation with Scout Master Mr. Freddy Khapoliwala on Friday, 11th December, 6-7pm to understand how Scouting upskills today's youth for a brighter tomorrow

Join live on 11 December on Jiyo Parsi's Facebook page and Parzor Foundation's YouTube Channel.



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