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APPEAL LETTER

Dear

The second wave of covid infection has literally swept away the whole country. The disaster management in India is found to be woefully inadequate. Today, situation is so critical that there is shortage of practically everything from availability of vaccines, hospital beds, oxygen supply, injections and medicines to what not. Added to this is shortage of medical staff and medical infrastructure. Front-line workers like doctors, nurses and support staff are overworked and exhausted. Worst time for people to get sick and/or to die. Even cremation grounds are full and we can see queues of vehicles carrying dead bodies with long waiting hours for cremation. Truly, a human tragedy of humongous proportion.

In these times of crisis, PGH, in its own humble way, is doing a yeoman's service to our community by promptly providing medical aid and hospitalisation to both covid infected, post-covid sequel and Non-covid cases. Our Hospital, which was earlier shunned by most affluent Parsis/Zoroastrians, is now a much sought after institution, as other hospitals are turning back patients, including scores of Parsi/Zoroastrian patients needing immediate healthcare, due to pressure on their bed capacity. What was a Hospital of last preference has now become preferred institution for Medicare for the community. As a result, PGH is having almost full occupancy for the last two months. We struggle daily to accommodate everyone, since in spite of our constraints, our endeavour is to see how we can take care of as many of our people as possible, rich or poor, and provide them prompt treatment so that they go back home to family, happy and healthy. Many accolades have been received by us these last few months and, we believe, that's our true reward. (Some of these letters/emails have been put out on our website for everyone to see).

What do we need at PGH? Well, let us say what all initiatives we are taking and those which are in pipeline and then we leave it to you to decide where and how you can help us in our endeavour.

1. Since 16th March, we have started our Covid Vaccination Centre. So far, we have vaccinated over 6,400 people, including as many as 3851 Parsi/Zoroastrians, FREE OF COST. Apart from that, as per Govt. regulations, we have also vaccinated 2550 persons who are other than Parsi/Zoroastrians. It is our intention to vaccinate entire Parsi/Zoroastrian population in Mumbai. So far, the Government was charging us Rs 150 per dose of vaccine, both for Covishield manufactured by Serum Institute of India (SII) and Covaxin by Bharat Biotech (BB). Effective 1st May, 2021, all private hospitals have to buy their requirements either from the manufacturers directly or through their dealers from open market. Price of one dose of Covishield is pegged at Rs 600 + GST by Serum Institute of India (Rs 6,000 per vial) and Rs 1,200 + GST by Bharat Biotech (Rs 12,000



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per vial). Now that persons of the age of 18+ are also eligible for vaccination, we will need more than 6,000 vials (60,000 doses for covering our entire population with two jabs) costing Rs 36 MN for Covishield and about 1,000 vials of Covaxin which will additionally cost Rs 12 MN. Not that all these will be available immediately, but we will have to procure them within a couple of months, by making upfront payment. Our Executive Committee has decided that PGH will bear the cost of these inoculations for parsis/Zoroastrians as we have been doing till now and we will NOT charge any of our co-brethren any money for this service. We will however be charging fees for inoculation to people from other communities.

2. For a long time, there has been a dire need for upgrading our Radiology Department by getting at least one CT scan machine, which is now a pre-requisite for diagnosis and chest examination of all Covid patients, as regular X-rays do not always give accurate reading of the extent of lung involvement, even in patients who may test negative by RT-PCR test. Fortunately for PGH, we have a donor who is prepared to fund this project up to Rs 23 MN. Looking to PGH requirements, we have decided to go in for Siemens CT Scan machine after detailed due diligence. Dr Kohli of Breach Candy, who is considered one of the experts in this field, is helping us on setting up CT scan machine in PGH and has agreed to extend whatever support we need for this purpose. We have negotiated the price for this Siemens machine which finally has come to Rs 30 MN. While we are talking to the donor to increase his support, but in case, we run short of funds, we will welcome other donors to fill in the gap. Once we have CT scan machine in our armoury, we are sure, even during normal times, PGH will have much larger footfalls, helping us to enhance Medicare for our community.

3. Acute shortage of oxygen has become a major issue these days. At PGH, we have been spending around Rs 1.3 MN every year on buying oxygen cylinders from open market. At our Executive Committee, we have decided to install an oxygen plant which can take care of our normal daily needs. After considerable negotiations, we have been able to get a CSIR-IIP designed oxygen plant at a negotiated cost Rs 50 MN from M/s GASCON Ltd. One of the corporates has promised to fund this project from their CSR funds and we have already placed an order with advance payment, (there is a mad rush for buying these plants from State Govts & hospitals, but we have somehow managed to rope them in at the earliest and they have agreed to supply this plant within 60 days). The pay-back, you will agree, will be in just about four years and we will have uninterrupted supply of oxygen for our own hospital for a long time to come. In the event, there are any glitches in getting CSR funds from the donors, then we will have to look for some other funding.

4. With the sudden spurt in covid patients resulting in much higher occupancy at PGH, it has put pressure on our Medical Services. This has made us think on how to enhance the efficiency at the Hospital. Today, we are operating with almost 140 beds full, of which 90 are for covid patients. These includes Isolation Ward, separate ICU for covid patients, entire Nursing Home section (where there is high demand from affluent parsis)





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and free and subsidised beds for poor and indigent patients. Almost doubling of our activities with almost the same staff has highlighted to us some key requirements in medical services. Merely having beds does not solve problems. We need required paraphernalia and manpower to support higher activities. Here, doctors, nurses and support staff play a pivotal role. We propose to hire well-qualified doctors, registrars and intensivists. They will of course come at a price. Likewise, we need to hire adequate nursing staff on an ongoing basis as there is large attrition these days; some move for money while some go back to their families in these times of distress. Actually, entire nursing staff and support staff are unionised and currently we are paying them as per last Wage Settlement when there was no pandemic. However, in order to retain them, we have been paying all the staff working with Covid patients, extra covid allowance since the lockdown was imposed last year. Wage negotiations are on as the new Wage Settlement is overdue from January 2021. The Union is, as it is, pushing us for a substantial increases in wages. This will put extra pressure on PGH resources. But being front-line workers, they are an important cog in the wheel and we need to look after them at this crucial time. We are therefore toying with an idea of creating a separate Medical Services Fund of around Rs 50 MN.

5. As part of improving our Medical Services, we are also planning to replace our age-old beds with latest surgical beds, replacement of many old equipment, refurbishing and refurbishing Wards, changing of furniture and fixtures, electrical equipment like Generators and electrical panels, laundry machine, A.C plant etc. For this, we are budgeting about ₹ 20 MN during current fiscal.

6. Lastly, our Victorian heritage building is in an urgent need of reinforcement for which a separate capital cost of ₹ 50 MN will be set aside, subject to proper cost estimation. This will of course be a two-year project to be taken up after monsoon.

We now appeal to you to look at any or all of the above initiatives for appropriate funding falling within your own objects. We will however be failing in our duty if we do not acknowledge and express our gratitude to you and your co-Trustees for your continuous support in sustaining PGH from time to time.

With warm personal regards,

HOMA PETIT
PRESIDENT





Dr. Zuleika Homavazir's Message to the Community



Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

My Dear Community Members,

Thank God! Honorary CEO, WAPIZ Mrs. Anahita Desai has finally woken up from her deep slumber. Too late, after avoidable forceful legal expenditure incurred by the BPP in her haste to become the Trustee enforcing elections happen on 14/03/ 2021 and thereafter on 23/5/2021, only now she realises the escalating number of Covid deaths that have destroyed families due to the raging pandemic.

The Trustees, Kersi Randeria and Noshir Dadrawala without any foresight towed the line to hold elections and bring their favoured candidates to the Board risking the lives of, not only the aged but also the lives of all Community Members.

Unnecessary forbidden expenditures could have been better utilised for providing MEDICLAIM to the poor and the needy. **A common Community Mediclaim Policy can be worked out with an Insurance Company and Premium / Claims could be routed / absorbed through the BPP.**

It's quite sad to see the sole bread winners of families passing away, the distress faced by the dependents is overwhelming. Every Baug has tens of multiple Covid cases.

Hon.CEO, WAPIZ- Mrs. Anahita Desai through WAPIZ (not through BPP) is to provide one oxygen concentrator per baug is physically impossible, considering the 32 listed BPP properties within the limited resources available to her. To be effective small colonies would need at least 2 Concentrators and the bigger ones at least four for them to be effective to give much needed oxygen to the residents of each Baug.

Besides the price of Rs. 60,000/ quoted by her is for the cheap Chinese model which have no reliability on its usefulness or its life. Reliable brands of Oxygen Concentrators cost in the region of nearly Rs. 1 lakh each.

The Covid situation turns desperate by the day, breathing gets laborious, non availability of ambulances, Remdesivir, the life saving Tocilizumab injections and above all the non-availability of hospital beds, especially ICU beds. One oxygen concentrator can only help one patient. Instead BPP has to consider having their own ambulances and Oxygen plants, concentrate on tie-ups with eminent doctors and medicine suppliers to save our Community's poor and needy beneficiaries who are unable to afford the escalated bills of hospitals.

The proposed Community mediclaim policy will overcome such inflated bills of hospitals.

A case at C17 Jerbaug is a sorrowful reminder of a senior citizen lady who had to take assistance of one Mr. B. Basla who slogged for resourcing an ambulance, hospitalisation, arrangement of medicines but it was a desperate attempt too late to save the lady. Covid has become a curse as single people staying in Baugs remain helpless.

The Wadia Managing Committee seemingly incapable are helpless bystanders when

it comes to helping such beneficiaries but through their Estate Manager illegally race to put their own lock over the existing lock. Such super efficiency of Wadia staff is not available for permissions, but is always at the site to unlock the premises during alleged sell offs of furniture and taking photographs of Bank Passbooks and accounts of the demised soul.

It is pertinent to question the right of the Wadia Management Committee to conduct themselves in such a manner when the Wadia Baugs were bestowed to the BPP as of the year 1952.

Are the Trustees of the BPP aware of such misconduct?

Kersi Randeria's need to implement **"ONE TRUST ONE RULE FOR ALL BENEFICIARIES"**.

YES ! I FULLY AGREE TO THE ABOVE - ONLY IF THE FOLLOWING IS ANSWERED AND THE TENANCY APPLIES TO EACH AND EVERY BENEFICIARY AND ALL EXISTING CASES BARRING ONLY THOSE WHO ARE TRESPASSERS ARE SQUASHED SAVING LEGAL EXPENDITURE.

Kersi Randeria, you are here upon called to explain :

- 1) Where was your opinion when your only stooge supporter Noshir Dadrawala brokered and touted the Hoshang Jal Deal ?
- 2) **Where were you when a flat was allotted to your stooge employee and beneficiary of "Poll Khol Sacchu Bol" despite his own Petit Trust flat at Grant Road which is still retained by him. Why has a young Parsi couple not been allotted the same flat despite Kaikhushroo Irani being married to a Christian according to**



his affidavit? Is it because of this that he helped you with the affidavit supplied to Mulla & Mulla for their opinion in my case of rejection of candidature for the BPP Elections which you hopelessly lost in the Hon'ble High Court ?

- 3) **Be it your stooges, friends, colleagues or your own family members not to forget the case of your mother's flat where she has been provided Tenancy recently with your nephew's name inducted.** Your voice and that of your colleague trustee Noshir Dadrawala is muted.

Both you and Noshir become silent spectators. Why?

YOUR STUNTS TO GET RE-ELECTED FOR A FRESH TERM CAN NOW BE SEEN THROUGH BY OUR COMMUNITY WHO ARE CONVERSANT TO YOUR DEVIOUS WAYS OF FUNCTIONING AS A TRUSTEE.

Do not forget the alleged sell-offs of properties and your episode for non payment of Rs. 10 crores as transit rent in a Slum Redevelopment Project and the ruckus caused by Mr. Vikram Jagdale at the BPP's doorstep for refund of his booking money of Rs. 30 lakhs paid in 2015, whereupon you used the service of the female Deputy CEO of the BPP though it was your own personal business problem.

An advice to you Kersi Randeria and your spineless colleague Noshir Dadrawala, the community Pendulum

"IF YOU ARE SO DISSATISFIED WITH THE MAJORITY TRUSTEES ON THE BOARD, WHY DO YOU NOT MOVE THE CHARITY COMMISSIONER UNDER 41 D AND LET AN ADMINISTRATOR BE APPOINTED BY THE COURT TO TAKE OVER THE SO DISASTROUS WORKING OF THE BPP"?

The Trustees must take an example from the Sikhs wherein they conduct Food Langars not bound to only their Community but they have also started Oxygen Langer.

SO TRUSTEES - UNITE AND WORK AS A TEAM FOR OUR COMMUNITY INSTEAD OF PULLING EACH OTHER'S LEGS.

"My message of 5/5/2021 posted on social media in verbatim is transcribed hereunder, purposely utilised by you to your advantage".

The self proclaimed Upright & Innocent Noshir Dadrawala and Kersi Randeria seem to have overlooked the figures (Crores). All documents at the BPP, why do they not move the Charity Commissioner under 41 D? Is it, that their own hands are soiled, or is it that all the monies out of the 2 major deals will have to be deposited at the BPP?

Hoshang Jal is being used as a Pawn and he unfortunately sells off his integrity towards our Community for a mere 1.2 crores. Who was the Trustee who brokered the deal with Hoshang to facilitate the easy cake walk of Bergis Desai to the Board Room of the BPP. It was the self proclaimed Righteous Dadrawala - "THE BROKER".

It was only my persistence that stopped Noshir from having his way.

All deals whether sale of our Community Properties, allowing flats out of turn to their own stooges, Kersi Randeria's mothers tenancy, Noshir Dadrawala's alleged hold of a flat at Rustom Baug, all such deals are done behind closed doors and "The BROKERS" talk about transparency, integrity and honesty.

I have been compiling lists of Tenancies allowed without any relationship with the deceased/ outgoing tenant and the Community would be surprised to know of the deals of these so called righteous Trustees.

Noshir Dadrawala, stop fooling the gullible Community. Your own Co-Trustee Kersi Randeria sponsors "Poll Khol Sacchu Bol". Here Advocate Kaikhushroo Sam Irani is used as a Pawn. Why? Is it only because Kaikhushroo Irani is married to a Christian and cannot stay in the Petit

Trust owned property at Grant Road and is allotted a flat at Contractor Baug, Mahim completely out of turn for a mere 40 lakhs which allegedly is yet to be collected by the BPP or is it something more to it ?, considering there are many deserving couples waiting in line yet to be allotted.

Noshir Dadrawalla, you are the "know it all" - STOP your show of being ethical which you are not. Giving lectures on our Religion is your Forte of portrayal as an "ORTHODOX" but look at your past failures and betrayals at the BPP as also your tattooed son who had allegedly married a Non Parsi. Are you not ashamed of yourself or should you be prodded to resign?.

You still have time to rethink and be the righteous Trustee that we voted way back when you let your voters down by resigning from the Board. You tried to repeat the same stunt to gain sympathy and succeeded in retaining your seat of futile power.

You sign documents, agreements and affidavits just because the Board collectively decides, don't you have a mind of your own?

The time has come for all Zoroastrians to unite and make all such Trustees accountable for their closed door deals.

May Ahura Mazda save us from such double faced BROKERS.

**Dr. Zuleika Homavazir
Your Partner in Progress of Our Community
(9821033786)**

**Kersi Randeria replies to
Dr. Zuleika Homavazir**

Ms Homavazir

I am proud of you

Well done

Take care

Give my Salaams to Dinshaw also

Kersi Randeria



THE HYPOCRITICAL KERSI RANDERIA PONTIFICATES ON "NEED TO IMPLEMENT 'ONE TRUST –ONE RULE FOR ALL BENEFICIARIES'"



Kersi Randeria

Yesterday's Parsi Times of 8th May 2021 carried a full page article under the title

"SERVICE CHARGES, THE PANDEMIC AND A PENDING REFUND!" 'Need to implement One Trust-One Rule For All Beneficiaries'.

As is his specialty, Kersi Randeria twists and fabricates facts to his line of thinking to fool the community into believing not what is the truth but his version of the twisted truth.

The community in general and the residents of BPP Baugs in particular will recall that in February 2017, when the Board was ruled by the De facto Chairman Kersi Randeria, the three Minority Trustees—Armaity Tirandaz, Muncherji Cama and Viraf Mehta were treated like lepers depriving them of all files, documents, Minutes, etc till they got justice from the High Court. **Besides Muncherji Cama hardly could attend any meeting because of his resignation issue pending before the Charity Commissioner.**

Chairman Yazdi Desai issued a circular to all residents of BPP Baugs requesting them to pay Extra Service Charges of Rs. 750/ pm in addition to what was being recovered from them so far.

There was general opposition from all Baug residents to this levy and meetings were held in Albless Baug and various BPP colonies opposing this increase. In meetings with the Trustees the residents were vociferous against this huge unwarranted increase in service charges. The Trustees falsely claimed that the

actual service COST incurred by them was Rs. 1150/pm per resident and they were recovering only Rs. 750/ pm. However when asked for details to justify this Rs. 1150/ pm expenses towards service charges, they were unable to provide any proof of the same. Thus exposing their malafides.

As a sop, the Trustees agreed that these charges would be waived for those community members who were unable to pay due to genuine financial constraints.

But by and large most residents were unwilling to pay such a high service charge for hardly any services actually being rendered to the residents. All three Minority Trustees—Armaity Tirandaz, Muncherji Cama and Viraf Mehta were against this increase at all and opposed it and wanted other sources to be exploited to raise resources.

Late Zarir Bhathena and Noshir Dadrawala also were not in favour of charging such a huge amount as Extra Service Charges and were in favour of increasing service charges by Rs.350/ to 400/ pm only instead of Rs. 750/pm .

Only Yazdi Desai and Kersi Randeria were insistent on this huge increase in Extra service charges and since their will prevailed, Extra service charges of Rs. 750/pm was levied on all from February 2017.

Randeria is against sale of High value flats or giving Occupants a share in the Tenancy transfer charges of their flats and hence was insistent to recover this extra Rs. 750/ pm from all which would give an extra Rs. 2.5 to 3 crores per year to BPP so that no flat need be publicly auctioned and he would continue to allot in private through his Friday Darbars which was challenged even by his panel trustee Noshir Dadrawala who was then told by Randeria to go to hell. Because of Dadrawalla supporting a reduction he was even branded a friend of the enemy by Kersi Randeria.

Since more than 50% residents were still opposed to this levy, Kersi Randeria orally instructed all Custodians/Managers of BPP Baugs not to accept rent if the Tenant did not pay Rs. 750/ pm service charge along with rent. Since most Occupants did not want to be in arrears of rent payment this extortionate method worked in favor of Kersi Randeria as the Custodians also

warned the non-paying residents that if they did not pay rent with the extra service charges than Trustees would file litigation against them to evict them from their flats.

Most Parsis being honest and law abiding did not want to take on the Trustees as they would not only have to pay their own legal costs but the inconvenience and harassment to attend Courts on every date would be a further disincentive whilst the Trustees would be enforcing this unlawful charge by paying legal costs not from their own pockets but using BPP/community funds for it and further none of the Trustees had to attend Courts personally but their legal staff would be doing so on their behalf.

Since all the cards were loaded against them, most residents were forced to unwillingly start paying the Extra service charges along with rent. **This was nothing short of Extortion from the residents through the might of the BPP and its large resources.**

Randeria writes that 85% of residents paid these extortionate charges. But even after over four years Randeria is not able to exactly quantify how many residents were actually paying, how many poor were waived from paying and how many were deliberately refusing to pay. Till today these figures are all hypothetical. Out of 2700 Occupants of the BPP Baugs, exactly how many were paying and how many refuse to pay on moral grounds and how many were exempted is not known and it is important that these figures be made known to the community.

Further Randeria writes that the already cash-strapped Trust was collecting around Rs. 2.5 crores per year which were lost to the community when these Trustees decided to stop this unholy collection of extra Rs. 750/ pm from September 2020 especially keeping in mind the Pandemic times the Residents were going through.

However Randeria is deliberately misguiding the community and the residents of BPP Baugs by not explaining the rationale of this stopping collection from all residents. Since there is a doubt about the legality or otherwise of this collection of the extra Rs. 750/pm, the present Trustees have informed the Chief Cashier and Accountant to work out the dues which these non-paying



residents had not paid for 43 months at Rs. 750 pm which comes to Rs. 32250/ for 43 months. Thus against the names of these non-paying, non-co-operating residents this sum has been allocated to be recovered against their names as and when they want to sell the Tenancy of their flats, or come for some favor from the Trustees or want to transfer Tenancy to their legal heirs at which time these arrears of Rs. 32,250/ will be recovered and hence the concept of 'One Trust- One Rule for all Beneficiaries' is followed in its entirety without having legal complications vitiate the whole deal.

Randeria, out of frustration that his pet project of levying Rs. 750/ pm extra is rejected by the present Trustees, insists purely out of spite that the Rs. 10 crores or so collected so far from the 85% paying residents should be refunded back to them, well knowing that the cash strapped BPP would be unable to do so and thereby gain brownie points for himself in an attempt to lower the prestige of the Trustees in the eyes of the community.

When other Trustees informed Kersi Randeria their No Objection to the Refund provided he could arrange the funds to refund Rs. 10 crores, he had no answer and kept quiet. When it was pointed out that instead it is better to recover the arrears of Rs. 32,250/

from each of the non paying residents as and when they come for any favor.

There are about 2700 residents/flats of BPP Baugs. The five Wadia Baugs comprising 1540 flats is outside the purview of this exercise. It is not known exactly how many poor residents have been waived from this extra levy. This only Randeria can disclose since all the Custodians are under his complete control.

Assuming such poor occupants to be at around 500, that leaves 2200 BPP occupants capable of paying the extra service charges of Rs. 750/pm. Since Randeria claims 85% of them have paid this extra Rs. 750/ pm that means 1870 to 1900 occupants have paid and only 300 residents are defaulters at most. Thus this 300 so called defaulters can be requested to pay the arrears of Rs. 32,250/ at some time in future rather than try to enforce this recovery which would be without due process of law which would lead to other major complications.

This is nothing but a devious and cunning way to get back at Phiroze Amroliwalla who has stripped Kersi Randeria naked before the community in the last one year or so and to get back at him, Randeria has weaved this brilliant web in which to try and trap Amroliwalla who has made it clear

that he will not pay this unlawful charge.

If Randeria was so sure that these increased service charges were legally enforceable, then despite having his majority for almost four years, why did he not take legal recourse against these defaulters? Because he was aware that he had no legal right to enforce this collection.

Instead Randeria privately offered to Amroliwalla to waive the service charges completely for Amroliwalla and also allow him to encash the tenancy value of all his three flats to silence his opposition to the levy of extra service charges. Further Amroliwalla was always ready and willing to pay the official rent of all three flats which under instructions of Kersi Randeria was refused to be accepted unless it was paid along with the extra service charges, which Amroliwalla refused to pay.

Since this levy was discontinued from September 2020, the Amroliwallas have paid all their rent dues without the extra service charges and in addition have voluntarily donated Rs.30,000/-to the BPP trust, which is more or less equivalent to the extra service charges due for 43 months.

Hence Phiroze Amroliwalla has shown he is an Honorable man and it is time Kersi Randeria reciprocated on similar lines.



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FEZANA Zoroastrian Scholarship - Testimonial Request

Dear FEZANA Scholars,

We would love to hear how you're doing since winning your respective scholarships!

Kindly submit a written or video testimonial on the impact the FEZANA Scholarship had on your academic or professional career - we really want to know how it has impacted you. We will use your testimonials to promote the annual scholarships and encourage Zoroastrians around North America to apply. Please help us by devoting 5 minutes of your time!

Please submit your testimonial [here](#). Kindly submit your testimonial by Friday May 7th, 2021.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Tanya Hoshi

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I would like to clarify certain things since my comments may have been misinterpreted.

First of all, vaccine manufacturing is a specialized process, it is therefore not possible to ramp up production overnight. We also need to understand that the population of India is huge and to produce enough doses for all adults is not an easy task. Even the most advanced countries and companies are struggling in relatively smaller populations.

Secondly, We have been working closely with Government of India since April last year. We have got all kinds of support, be it scientific, regulatory and financial.

As of today, we received total orders of over 26 crore doses, of which we supplied more than 15 crore doses. We have also got 100% advance of Rs. 1732.50 Crore by Gol for the next tranche of 11 crore doses in the next few months. Another 11 crore doses would be supplied in the second channel for states & private hospitals in the next few months.

Lastly, we understand that everyone wants the vaccine to be available in the quickest possible time. That is our endeavor too and we are making every effort to achieve that. We shall work even harder and strengthen India's fight against Covid-19.

ADAR C POONAWALLA
CEO
SERUM INSTITUTE OF INDIA

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF GREATER MUMBAI****MGC/A/6484 Dtd. 06-05-2021****ORDER**

Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai started vaccination program against Covid-19 from 16.01.2021 onwards. Currently the program is implemented through 147 Covid Vaccination Centres (CVCs). Since May 1st, after launch of above 18 years vaccination program, all the CVCs are getting over crowded and it becomes difficult to maintain social distancing and Covid appropriate behaviour at the vaccination centres.

Therefore, it is hereby directed that all citizens who wish to get vaccinated against COVID-19 SHALL in advance register themselves on the Cowin portal and also book the appointment slot at the CVC of their choice on the same portal before proceeding to the Vaccination Centre.

Exceptions will be permitted in case of the following:

1. All citizens above 45 years of age who are due for the second dose of COVAXIN only subject to production of the provisional certificate of 1st dose in either soft or hard copy. CVC manager will verify the same at the entry point before permitting the entry in the CVC.
2. Health Care Workers and Front line Workers due for 2nd Dose of COVAXIN or COVISHIELD.
3. Health Care Workers and Front line Workers due for 1st Dose having authentic annexure-1 certified by the employer.

All CVC incharges shall ensure verification of such appointment/document before allowing the entry in the premises. Similarly ensure the physical distancing and Covid appropriate behaviour by arranging separate queues for all the above categories.

These directions shall come into force with immediate effect.


I. S. Chahal
Municipal Commissioner

All CVCs Incharge /
D.M.C. (P.H.) / D.M.Cs : (Z-1 / II / III / IV / V / VI / VII)
Asst. Commissioners : 'A' to 'T' Ward / E.H.O.



PHIROZE AMROLIWALLA EXPOSES THE NEXUS OF ARZAN GHADIALY AND KERSI RANDERIA



The Editor,
Parsi Junction.

OUCH! Truth hurts and at times very badly! My last week's transcript of Mr Jamshed Salamat

Phiroze Amroliwalla

Iran's WhatsApp audio was bang on target! Arzaan Ghadiali has attempted to defend Randeria and Jamshedji by floating a WhatsApp message in defence of his comrades. Unfortunately, like on the battlefield, the GENERAL is sitting and enjoying the fun while, like fools for a few crumbs, his foot-soldiers are facing the bullets. What a pity!

When will Randeria, Ghadiali and others learn that people living in glass houses should not throw stones at others!

Arzaan Ghadiali in his message says and I quote "Why did He allow Phiroze Amroliwalla to write & publish 3 pages about an old matter of 2018 in his trash weekly on an internal family matter not concerning the community?"

A sitting Trustee on the verge of bankruptcy doling out favours by allotting flats of the BPP to his chosen few, as if the BPP is his personal property and Arzaan Ghadiali calls this "an internal family matter not concerning the community?" Arzaan Ghadially, are you serious?

This is not an allegation by Phiroze Amroliwalla but by the same Jamshedji way back in July 2018. **Don't you think you and other stooges like you should be asking Kersi Randeria questions on his NEPOTISM, FAVOURITISM and all other misdeeds? He as a trustee is the person answerable to the voters and the community, not me!**

Ghadially further writes and I quote "We all know by now that Phiroze Amroliwalla is paid to write for PJ. I can understand old man no income, Canada trips etc. His job is to write articles for PJ." **Arzaan Ghadially and cronies like him judge others by their own standards.** They equate everything in terms of money and therefore feel that Dinshaw Rusi Mehta pays me to write. Similar to the Parsi Junction **I would forward my articles free of cost to Parsi Times as well but Parsi Times chooses not to print inconvenient Truths!**

Yes, money is important to all but to **some like me how one earns it is more important than how much one earns and by what means.** In our school and college days, some like me **have earned by giving tuitions and educating others; while there are a few who earned by cheating, impersonating and answering question papers for others.** And unlike you who perhaps survives on the crumbs thrown at you by your mentor Kersi Randeria, I do not depend on Dinsahw Rusi Mehta or anyone for that matter. You display your ignorance and thereby insult us both. For that matter Arzaan Ghadially what are your legal and known sources of income or are you a commission agent solely dependent on commissions passed on to you by your mentor for doing his dirty work?

If **Phiroze Amroliwalla was ONLY interested in money like you, he would have accepted the offer of Randeria which Randeria repeated on three occasions, one of which was in the presence of two other trustees.** However, **Dinshaw Rusi Mehta did not make any such offer surreptitiously but as per the prevalent law through a recorded board meeting duly minuted in 2 August 2013.** On the other hand, **Kersi Randeria selectively made such offers to silence dissidence and favour his chosen ones.** Why is there discrimination between Phiroze Amroliwalla and others who have been allowed to encash when Randeria himself gave these minutes to me and referred to them in all the three private meetings he had with me?

In his forwarded WhatsApp message Ghadially writes "Kercy Randeria exposed Phiroze Amroliwalla and he attacked Kercy Randeria, JSI exposed him about the 3 flats Amroliwalla attacked JSI. Anyone who exposes Phiroze's greed for hoarding flats. Phiroze attacks them in PJ. He did this to again create a rift between Kercy Randeria and JSI since they r on good terms."

The facts are quite the contrary: **Phiroze Amroliwalla first exposed Kersi Randeria on more than one occasion when Kersi Randeria attempted to buy and silence Phiroze Amroliwalla.** Having failed, Kersi Randeria then let loose his crony Arzaan Ghadially to do his dirty work. **Jamshedji's audioteape on WhatsApp in July 2018 says it all.** Where is the question of my creating a rift between Jamshedji and Kersi Randeria

when the whole tape is by Jamshedji? Of course, **it is another matter that Jamshedji by exposing Kersi Randeria through this audioteape got Kersi Randeria to give the Palmlands flat to his Kaikhushru Irani for free. Having achieved his objective has Jamshedji now become an ally of Kersi Randeria?**



Jamshed Salamat Irani

When will Arzan and Jamshedji question Randeria?

"A CHARITY BPP FLAT MEANT FOR THE POOR PARSIS IN CONTRACTOR BLDG., BYCULLA ALLOTTED TO A DIRECTOR OF A Rs. 100 CRORE COMPANY WHO HAPPENS TO BE THE MOTHER OF SITTING TRUSTEE KERSI RANDERIA.

WHY ARE THE IRANIS AND THE GHADIALLYS, THE SO CALLED CONSCIENCE KEEPERS OF THE COMMUNITY NOT SHOUTING FROM THE ROOFTOPS?"

Arzaan Ghadially, please check your facts before making allegations/accusations. **My family and I have been in use and occupation of all the flats even before you were born, and which are in our legal and lawful possession since 1954, much before Dinshaw Rusi Mehta even became a trustee. The legal notices to vacate these flats served on us by the BPP advocates also bear out these facts!**

If despite our repeated clarifications you still choose to repeat falsehood like a broken record, you are only displaying either your inability to understand facts or you display your bias in favour of Kersi Randeria for reasons which are not far to seek.

As far as your allegations against Zeree Jehangirji are concerned, all your questions would be best answered by Randeria for please remember that it was Kersi Randeria who along with Zeree Jehangirji and late Percy Patel who as activists started AZA:(Alert Zoroastrians Association). Now that he is a trustee on the very board which invited Zeree, don't you think your question should be directed at Randeria?

Phiroze Amroliwalla



POSTPONEMENT OF 14th MARCH ELECTIONS

On 3-1-2021, the Trustees of Bombay Parsi Punchayet announced the holding of Elections for the two vacant seats of its Trustees to be held on 14th March 2021. In fact immediately, Trustee aspirant Anahita Desai, with her only claim to fame being that she is the wife of Ex-Trustee/ex-Chairman, Yazdi Desai started her campaigning and even held campaign meetings in several colonies thereafter.

However by late January 2021, the second wave of the Covid Pandemic started increasing day by day. Due to the worsening situation, the Trustees were unanimously compelled to issue Orders on 6th February 2021 to forthwith stop all campaigns and campaigning to be held in all its Colonies and Baugs.

As the surge of Covid infection kept on increasing, 40 members of the Anjuman Committee sent a requisition on 17th February 2021 to all the Trustees to postpone the 14th March elections till the vaccination process of Senior Parsis has been completed.

1. The 40 members of the Anjuman Committee in their requisition also advised the Trustees that Zuleika Homavazir, a highly educated lady professor and head of management studies department of the Wilson College had filed her nomination as a candidate which the Trustees are threatening to invalidate her candidature on grounds that her Proposer had converted to Christianity. Zuleika Homavazir has contended that the name of her proposer appeared in the General register of the Anjuman Committee and therefore she was entitled to assume that he was a Parsi and she had no means of knowing that he was a Christian convert. **Thus on a technical ground, she is sought to be disqualified.**
2. The requisition further pointed out that Zuleika Homavazir's credentials are impeccable with highest educational qualifications. Thus, if the election process is postponed, she will have an opportunity to file a fresh nomination with eligible Proposer and Secoder and participate in the forthcoming elections.

However the Trustees whilst accepting the 40 Anjuman Committee member requisition to postpone elections and moved the Court for its postponement but they did not favor to allow Zuleika Homavazir to contest but unfortunately disqualified her on a technicality.

Dr. Zuleika being the fighter that she is, immediately moved the High Court opposing her disqualification and when the single Judge upheld her disqualification she immediately moved the Division Bench of the High Court who upheld her contention that since Rustom Jeejeebhoy's name continued to be shown on the list of voters being Anjuman members and due process of Show Cause notice was not served on Rustom Jeejeebhoy as mandated under the Election Scheme, her disqualification was set aside and she was allowed to contest the 14th March elections.

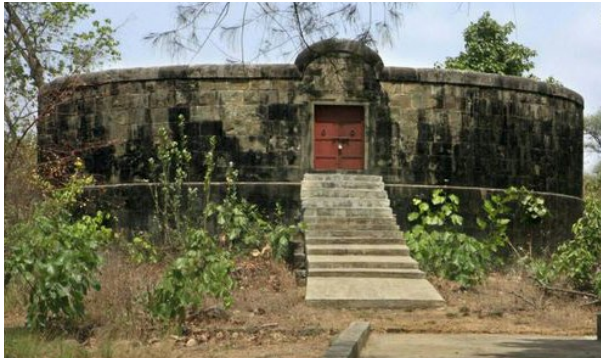
However the 14th March elections were shifted to 27th May 2021 which has again been postponed due to Govt lockdown in April 2021 till 15th May 2021 as well as world record increase in Covid infections of more than 4 lakhs a day, there is uncertainty about when the elections will be actually held.

Coming back to Zuleika's matter, the BPP is lucky that it got the services of Senior Counsel of the High Court PROBONO due to his friendship with Berjis Desai and normally his fees for conference, settling the reply, appearing in High Court and then again in Appeal would have been in the region of Rs. 15 to 20 lakhs and hence the BPP saved this legal fees but still has to pay fees of MULLA AND MULLA, which is bound to be substantial involving Appeals in two HIGH Courts only because the Trustees wanted to disqualify her on a mere technicality.

When the Division Bench of the High Court held in favor of Zuleika, Trustee Kersi Randeria was most keen to move the Supreme Court against the Order of the Division Bench but thankfully the other Trustees were not in favor of going to the Supreme Court otherwise a few more lakhs would have been squandered on a petty litigation of no consequence. Randeria loves to litigate with all and sundry and all the more when it involves BPP funds regardless that it is community charity funds which could have been better employed.



PARSI COVID VICTIMS TO AVAIL OF DOKHMENASHINI Khandiyas need to be Vaccinated First



In the last issue of Parsi Junction dated 2nd May 2021, we had requested the High Priests to come out with concrete proof that Covid infection will not spread by handling dead Covid bodies. We are still awaiting such expert opinions to be obtained by our High Priests before we can consider moving the authorities/Courts for Dokhmenashini rites to Parsi deceased due to Covid.

In the mean time since Doongerwadi staff are front line Health workers, we should ensure that all of them, with first priority to Khandiyas, are vaccinated with double jabs at the earliest. Only after they are so vaccinated can we think of making them wear PPE kits, masks, gloves and the whole paraphernalia. With vaccination, the threat to our Doongerwadi staff will substantially reduce which was not the scenario last year when the High Priests recommended Dokhmenashini to Covid deceased corpses.

Activist Viraf Chiniwalla has offered substantial sums to the Khandiyas handling Covid dead bodies but that has to be done in conjunction with vaccination, PPE kits and the rest.

We are informed that in the last few weeks, twice the Khandiyas were taken for vaccination but had to return back disappointed for lack of vaccines. Thus with the best of intentions till all the Khandiyas are vaccinated at least with the first jab it would be futile to endanger their lives even with PPE kits and the works. **Since their jobs are akin to front line health workers we cannot understand why the Khandiyas have not sought vaccination on top most priority till date.**

Only after they are vaccinated, can the Trustees consider Dokhmenashini for the Covid dead bodies. Hence it is requested to the TZML Admins as well as Team TPV to first ensure their VACCINATION before they are asked to handle Covid bodies.

We give below the mail received from Parsee Voice on the same subject of Dokhmenashini of Covid victims in response to an article published in Parsi Times by its Owner **the Reformist Kersi Randeria recommending burial in Doongerwadi lands at Kemps Corner in breach of the Doongerwadi Trust Deed.**

Response to article in Parsi Times

From The Parsee Voice on 02/05/2021 10:44 pm

Right sentiment but wrong approach!

This is in response to the article titled 'Desperate Times Call For Desperate Measures' published in Parsi Times of 1st May. Nowhere is the author's name published but since Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastur Kaikobad Dastoor's photo takes up a better part of the page, **we presume it is his write up.**

These are indeed difficult times for the world and more so for our community which has witnessed a spate of COVID-19 related deaths, where the disease has spared neither old nor young. **Our hearts go out to the unfortunate souls who have been deprived of Dokhmenashini and also to those who are left behind grieving.**

It is said that "The road to hell is paved with good intentions" which means that a good intention is meaningless unless it is followed by a good action. So while we presume that Dasturji's motives are altruistic and born out of concern for his humdeens, **the course of action sought to be advocated by him is clearly impractical, against the wishes of the settlers of the Doongerwadi lands and above all, against religious canon!**

The Vendidad, the only extant Nask in our possession, clearly rejects any other form of disposal except Dokhmenashini. In Pargard (Chapter) VIII para 50 Ahura Mazda instructs Paigambarasheb thus: "O Spitaman Zarthosht! Thou shouldst guide the people to destroy all such tombs and dig up the graves!" **Consequently, discussing cremation or burial as options, is an exercise in futility and a suggestion definitely not worthy of a Zarthoshti High Priest, especially one who professes to believe solely in Dokhmenashini.**

Secondly, as per the wishes of the settlers of those properties, the facilities at Doongerwadi in Mumbai are solely for Dokhmenashini and allied ceremonies and not for any alternate source of disposal. **Hence, cremation or burial on Doongerwadi lands is out of the question.** This covenant would also be applicable to Dakhma properties and lands owned by other Anjumans in India. Those who propagate burial should, like the proponents of cremation, organise their own facility at their own expense but definitely not on Doongerwadi lands anywhere.

However, we are cognisant of the fact that a viable solution needs to be considered to save unfortunate Covid infected Zarthoshtis from the incinerator or decaying in the ground. And

the best solution is Dokhmenashini itself.

The BPP using the support of other influential people should petition the MCGM to permit Covid infected bodies to be interred in our Dakhmas. All along, we were worried about the safety of our Doongerwadi staff. However, with vaccination, the risks to them are also reasonably reduced and that tips the balance in favour of letting Covid affected corpses avail Dokhmenashini. A practical and safe protocol should be strictly followed by all concerned. Such corpses must be consigned to a separate, currently unused Dakhma. This Dakhma may be covered with a net to prevent birds entering therein and spreading the infection. The Khandiyas and Nassessalars handling the corpse must be covered in full PPE.

This would prevent Zarthoshti corpses from being cremated/buried and their souls suffering the aftermath. The grieving relatives would also have a modicum of solace that their beloved have departed from the tranquil environs of our hallowed ground.

Previously, a benevolent Parsee had agreed to incentivise the Khandiyas and Nassessalars for handling a Covid infected corpse. He could be approached again to revive this incentive, thereby reducing the financial burden on the BPP/relatives.

We appreciate that there are no easy solutions but with a little will and lots of empathy for the deceased and their relatives, we are confident that we can forge together a workable solution. We solicit the support of our High Priests, mobeds, BPP trustees and health care workers to make this a workable solution by convincing both, the MCGM authorities as also the Khandiyas and Nassessalars to support the system.

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After a very long time a Parsi - Arzan Nagwaswala has been kept as a stand by for the Cricket Test Championship to be held in England in June.

Wish him all the best.



India's squad: Rohit Sharma, Shubman Gill, Mayank Agarwal, Cheteshwar Pujara, Virat Kohli (Captain), Ajinkya Rahane (vice-captain), Hanuma Vihari, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Jasprit Bumrah, Ishant Sharma, Mohd. Shami, Md. Siraj, Shardul Thakur, Umesh Yadav, KL Rahul (subject to fitness clearance), Wriddhiman Saha (wicket-keeper; subject to fitness clearance).

Standby players: Abhimanyu Easwaran, Prasidh Krishna, Avesh Khan, Arzan Nagwaswalla

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Pervez Dinshawji Shroff

Age 68, Date of Death 03/05/2021

Address: Soona Building No 21, 2nd Floor, Zoroastrian Colony, Tardeo, Mumbai 400007.

Husband of Banoo, Father of Yasmin, Naazneen & Hanoz, Son of Late Dinshawji and Daulat Shroff, Son-in-Law of Late Dhunjishaw and Sheroo Chawda, Brother-in-Law of Yazdi Bengali, Late Hoshedar Anklesaria, Late Coomy Chawda and Late Zarin Mistry, Brother of Dilnavaz Bengali and Jasmine Anklesaria.

Pervez Shroff, Owner of Dinshaw & Homi Opticians located at Tardeo, Mumbai dedicated his life serving people as a well known Optometrist & gave them a Better Vision to Life, passed away on 3rd May 2021 due to Covid.

Garothman Behest Hojoji

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Armin Dutia Motashaw



TRYST WITH A SILENT KILLER

I just wanted to start this by qualifying that by no means is this an attempt to dramatize or undermine any individual's personal experiences. Everybody has their own worries, their own reactions and their own perceptions. My humble attempt to pen this is to singularly create awareness for what is an invisible killer – **Multi-system Inflammatory syndrome in children (MIS-C)**, an incredibly serious condition directly related to COVID-19 and one that affects children post COVID.

As a wife of a doctor who has been in the thick of this pandemic, the word 'Coronavirus' has almost become part of normal parlance in our lives. Last year emotions gravitated from shock, confusion, depression, sense of horror to slowly moving into a quiet acceptance. This year however started with hope! When I used to be alone with my thoughts, it used to cross my head '*gosh thank god we got saved from this*' or '*really how did we get so lucky*'. And whilst my husband continued to cure afflicted patients with a steely resolve, I moved into a sort of normal way of living. I'm going to admit I almost thought people with excessive paranoia were being really 'silly'!

Until it laid its foot on my doorstep! I have two children – a 16 year-old daughter and an 11 year old son studying in JB Petit High School and Bombay International school respectively. As a family we have been very vigilant with my daughter. Scheduled to give her ICSE board exams, we were excessively careful about not exposing her. Hence no going out, no touching parcels, no interacting with anyone. Her exams were due to commence in May and since the format was to physically appear for them, we took extra care. As far as my 11-year old son, a boy like most boys – hard to entirely confine, I was ready to relax the rules a bit. Play dates within 2-3 boys was ok, a soccer game was ok, going down in the garden to cycle was ok, playing with 2-3 of his close friends in the colony was ok. Today when I look back, I wonder were exams such a driving factor that I almost got draconian with one but with the other I was ready to let my guard down. Humans are strange, in the middle of a colossal crisis you start exhibiting vulnerability by focusing

on the wrong things (but we'll leave that for another discussion).

April 14th was just a normal day in our lives. Normally chaos begins at 9 am with everyone switching on their '*windows to the world*' - their gadgets ready to start what clearly is the only real connection to anything outside. My daughter continued her day with her exams looming like an invisible cloud. My husband was as usual attending to a ton of very frantic patients since things in the country had begun spiraling out of control. My son was as busy with his school and I was as usual oscillating between work calls, kids and housework. We finished dinner and almost as a ritual since the lockdown started indulged in '*Fam time*' which is always a potpourri of laughs, games, my son with his antics trying to make us laugh or my daughter discussing some ridiculous teenage stories. And that's the way our day ended. Around 3am, my daughter comes into our room saying she was feeling very unwell. We checked her temperature and realized she had fever so we give her a paracetamol. She had already started feeling cold and shivery. At around 8 am she had lost her sense of smell and taste. It was inevitable, the test was just a formality. We knew she had tested positive. We isolated her and quarantined ourselves. Luckily by the second/third day she had started feeling better. Though I might add the cancellations of exams might have accelerated the exit pace of the symptoms.

At around 2 am on April 23rd (around 8-9 days later after my daughter was isolated), my son woke us up saying he was feeling extremely uneasy. There was no fever or any other symptoms; just an uneasy feeling. We assumed he might have been exhausted and put him back to bed. He is a child who has an incredible abundance of energy and tends to use every ounce of it. Something was off the next day morning but nothing really alarming or worrying. The fever started creeping by around 10 am and it continued to rise. Within the next hour, he had fever bordering on 102- 103 F. Our initial reaction was that he had had also probably tested positive. The current viral strain was affecting entire families and this was probably no exception. On Saturday he continued with the high fever.

We were administering paracetamols round the clock, cold compressions, all night monitoring, force feeding, trying multiple ways of distraction but he continued to remain listless and completed depleted of any energy. Sunday also passed in a similar fashion. COVID fever has a cycle break after 3-4 days so we presumed that it would eventually start ebbing. Nevertheless on Monday, we decided to do a battery of blood tests and the RTPCR just so we rule out all possibilities. The fever was continuing to rage. His reports showed that whilst his vitals were not normal, they were not abnormally high either and do note **he tested negative for Covid**. Which was baffling, because then we were maneuvering in a territory that needed a re-evaluation. On Tuesday he woke up with no fever, but a huge swelling on his neck. We were pretty sure that since the fever cycle had broken, he was on the mend. However he had blood shot eyes and a rash all over his body. He was throwing up persistently and could just not retain anything that he was consuming. He was then suspected of having a bad viral infection with a secondary bacterial infection. It was a relief to know that this was 'nothing to worry about', but he would just not wake up, engage or interact with anyone. He continued to remain completely unresponsive. On Wednesday afternoon he developed severe diarrhea and vomiting. We got one more blood report to determine his IGG levels. This was a precautionary blood report to rule out a few assumptions. The report was a shocker. His counts were 20 times higher than what was the acceptable range. That's when everything took a volcanic turn. The doctors asked us to admit him to the hospital immediately or his condition would turn extremely serious.

What was the Diagnosis - He had developed MIS-C. If you look it up, Google describes it as rare but dangerous. For a layman like me, it's a post Covid complication that affects children and their organs. But really stunned us is he had never had COVID...or so we thought! All reports were consistently showing him to be negative. However much to our utter shock, he had been affected by COVID 4 weeks back. **Completely asymptomatic. No symptoms at all, no signs, absolutely zero change physically or in behaviour.**

We had no clue and hence was undetected, unnoticed and untreated.

Children in certain cases slip into MIS-C 3-4 weeks after COVID. My son was well into it, his body developed a multi-organ inflammation that could affect his vital organs including the heart and the kidneys.

He was admitted in the hospital immediately. Since then he has been on Intravenous Immunoglobulin, a series of injections, blood thinners, steroids, IV drips, has had to do a 2D ECHO not to mention the complete emotional trauma that a child has gone through. The singular objective was to bring his vitals under control. It took 3 whole days to bring his counts down. A child of 11 can only take so much. We were told that if he would not have been admitted when we did, we would have *'missed the boat'*. And we shall not go to what that 'boat' would have been. As a mother, it is hard for me to comprehend let alone articulate.

He's home today. Frail and weak with an almost non-existent immunity. But atleast he is HOME and he is SAFE. We do have

an army of medical care stalwarts we can not only be eternally grateful to but to who we owe our life – Dr Mahesh Balsekar, Dr Soonu Udani, Dr Gaurav Porwal, Dr Vijaya Kowshik, Dr Cyrus Contractor. If it hadn't been for their sense of urgency and foresight, things would have gone horribly wrong. And not to mention the incredible nursing staff at SRCC hospital. The outpouring of prayers, support, love and warmth from colleagues, teachers, the school, friends and family is another story which I will leave for my personal connection with each and every one of them.

The attempt is to bring to light the havoc that MIS-C can create in children. Because much of the focus in the media is on adult related symptoms of COVID, this is something that has gone completely unnoticed with no information or knowledge. MIS-C is a syndrome. There is very little research that has been conducted to ascertain the cause and risk factors associated with it. It is rare and with the correct medical attention it can come under control. But since the knowledge is not widespread its almost next to

impossible to identify the symptoms. And by the time you do and start taking action, things could become serious. Whilst not all children have the same symptoms, below are the red flags:

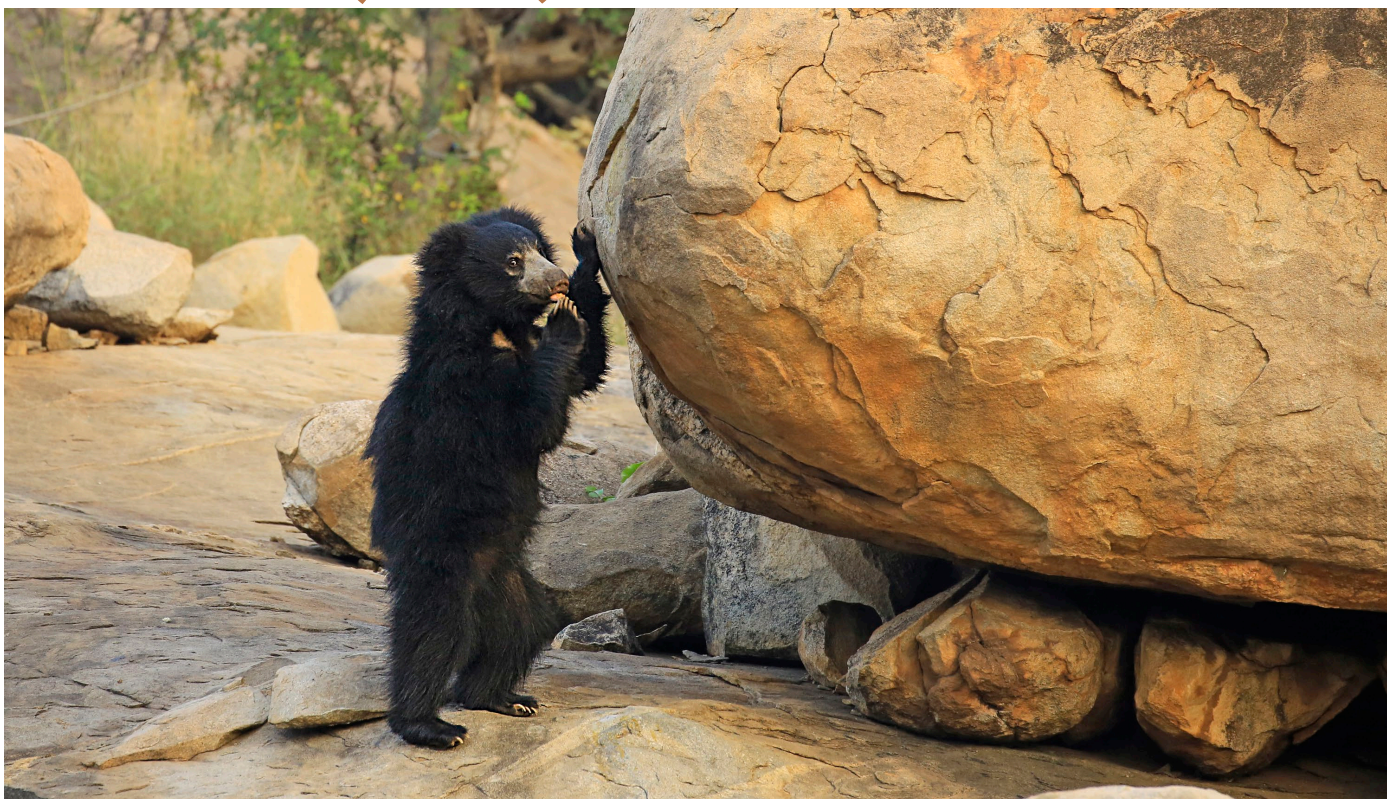
- Fever that lasts for more than a day
 - Rash on the skin
 - Vomiting
 - Diarrhea
 - Feeling unusually drowsy – inability to stay awake
 - Red eyes
 - Enlarged lymph nodes
 - Fast heartbeat
 - Rapid breathing
 - Redness or swelling of the lips, tongue, hands and feet
- My son had 8 out 10 symptoms

I am no doctor. And this is not intended to be a paper in a medical journal. Im just a mother who got lucky and if knowledge and awareness can save even one child then I will consider it a pay forward.

With lots of love
Khushnooma Kapadia

Photography

The Bare (Bear) Necessities



“Look for the bare necessities, the simple bare necessities. Wherever I wander, wherever I roam, I couldn't be fonder of my big home. When you look under the rocks and plants and take a glance at the fancy ants.” Just like this song from “The Jungle Book”, this young bear was looking for honey under the rocks at Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary near Hampi in Karnataka.



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performing arts the world over. What started off with seven students now reaches out to five countries, what seemed like a childhood dream of being a legend in his own living room is today a legendary figure in his field. A supporter of Parzor since 2003, when he performed at the UNESCO 3000th Anniversary Of Zoroastrian Culture Programme at the NCPA & interacted with Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, MC we are delighted to have him with us again.

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