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## IS THE PUBLIC NOTICE OF 6-2-22 ON TRUSTEES ELECTION SCHEME MISLEADING AND INVALID?

The Public Notice issued by the Petitioners under Directions and authority of the Division Bench of the High Court on 6th Feb 2022 in the Parsi Press have various misleading statements and inconsistencies which is necessary to be brought out for the information of the community members as this paper believes in transparency and accountability irrespective of the consequences.

We were called by his Honor Judge Kathawalla, as Editor of Parsi Junction, to attend the Zoom hearing of the Election Scheme in progress before their Honors on Friday 4th February 2022 and **after inquiring about my educational qualification, I was directed not to publish any defamatory articles in Parsi Junction against any candidate of forthcoming BPP's Trustee election unless it was the truth with proof. We undoubtedly confirmed to the same as all of our articles have been stated with facts which substantiate our statements.**

Our article this week are our views on the Public Notice issued under Orders of the Division Bench of the High Court of the **brand new proposed Election Scheme replacing the 110 year old Existing Scheme that was thrust on the Petitioners** and the community under the guise of so called amendment.

In the very beginning, the Public Notice 6th Feb 2022 starts as under:

***"In supersession of the Public Notice dated 22nd January 2022, and pursuant to the Orders of this Hon'ble Court dated 1st February and 3rd February, 2022 all members of the Parsee/ Irani Zoroastrian Community are hereby informed that the Petitioner and Respondent Trustees of the BPP, Bombay, have proposed further amendments to the Scheme for the Election of the Trustees of BPP, in addition to amendments***

***notified in the Public Notice dated 22nd January 2022".***

This statement seems to be misleading. The Petitioners did not directly propose further amendments to the existing Election Scheme in addition to amendments published on 22nd January 2022.

The Petitioners (Armaity, Viraf and Xerxes) had proposed two amendments of term of office and number of terms of the present 110 year old existing Scheme of Election in their Misc. Petition (L) No. 29493 of 2021 filed in December 2021 before the single Chamber Judge having Jurisdiction who fixed the next date of hearing of 06 - 01-2022 as the Respondents (Dadrawala and Randeria) wanted time to file their Objections.

In the meanwhile the Respondents had filed an Interim Application (L) No. 29161 of 2021 in their Appeal (L) No. 29157 of 2021 against the Chamber Judge's Order dated 6th December 2021 rejecting their claim of enforcing Consent Terms of 20th October 2021 obtained as a result of Noshir Dadrawala's hunger strike.

The Division Bench led by His Honor Justice Kathawalla clubbed both the above proceedings and had the gist of the proposed amendments published in the Parsi Press of 16th Jan 2022 calling for suggestions/objections from community members at large by 1st February 2022.

We are informed that about 12 to 15 persons had filed various Suggestions/Objections but all of them were peremptorily kept aside as suddenly a brand new Scheme proposed by ex-Additional Advocate General Darius Khambatta and Corporate lawyer Berjis Desai was accepted by the Division Bench.

The Petitioners who initially refused to accept this new Scheme were cajoled to accept the brand new Scheme



casting aside the existing 110 year old Scheme with certain modifications as suggested by the Division Bench.

**Hence it may not be accurate to state that the Petitioners proposed further amendments to the existing Scheme in addition to amendments notified in Public Notice dated 22nd January 2022.**

What the Petitioners proposed under directions of the High Court was a new Scheme as proposed by Darius Khambatta and Berjis Desai.

1. The original amendments were those proposed in the existing 110 year old Scheme of Elections whilst what is now proposed is not further amendments to the existing Scheme but amendments to a brand new Scheme proposed by the two advocates .

**2. Whilst the further amendments to the brand new Scheme was published in the Public Notice, the brand new Scheme itself proposed by the two advocates was not published in the Public Notice thereby depriving the community members of knowledge of the clauses and provisions of the new Scheme.**

**Even the Petitioners were deprived of time to study the new scheme** and when two days time was sought by the Petitioners to study the new Scheme, only a few hours was granted to them

3. It is not understood why the great urgency with which the Election Scheme was being heard.

4. The existing Election Scheme lays down that amendments can be proposed by the Trustees or by the majority of the Anjuman Committee. Hence under this provision, since it was clear that the advocates did not have the support of the Anjuman Committee, the amendments to the Scheme were submitted as though they were amendments from the Trustees.

**However the proposed new Election Scheme has neither been proposed by the Trustees nor by majority of Anjuman Committee nor by 1000 Parsis of the Anjuman Committee as mandated under both the existing Scheme and the new proposed Scheme, it is in breach and cannot be put upto the Chamber Judge or the Division Bench for consideration and hence the new proposed Election Scheme has to be rejected.**

5. Since three Trustees form a Quorum and since there are five existing Trustees there was no urgency as such as the postponements of the election of two Trustees in March 2021 and May 2021 was ordered by the Judge in Chamber due to the Govt. SOPs and restrictions

caused by the Covid pandemic. Yet the Petitioners were blamed for the delay.

6. The Division Bench probably lost sight of the fact that out of five existing Trustees by this haste, three Trustees whose term expires in October 2022 would lose 6 months of their term of office as a Trustee, one Trustee whose term expires in April 2023 would be deprived of 13 months of her term as a Trustee and one Trustee would lose effectively 40 months of his tenure as a Trustee, which is palpably unjust to them by this rush to hold elections at the earliest at any cost.

7. In the last Parsi Junction of 6th February 2022, we had published at pages 10 and 11 the corresponding clauses of the 110 year old existing Scheme and the present Scheme of the Advocates proposed by the Court, which clearly highlights the differences between the Existing Scheme and the new Scheme proposed by the advocates and accepted by the Division Bench.

Aside from the main issue of amendments to an existing Scheme and proposing a brand new Scheme there are several other lacunas in the new Scheme which need to be brought before the community and the High Court.

**In point 1 of the Public Notice dated 6th Feb 2022: Code of Conduct**

**The Petitioners had not proposed a Code of Conduct so as to obtain a peremptory approval of the Chamber Judge restricting amendment only to term of office.**

But the two advocates without due authority of signatures of 1000 Anjuman Committee members proposed this Code.

**In point 2. Election Deposit of Rs. 25000/.**

**The Petitioners had retained the Election Security Deposit at Rs. 5000/ to be refunded if candidate secures 5% of valid votes so that even a candidate of poor or moderate means could also contest the Trustee election and not just the rich.**

However the two Advocates increased the Deposit amount by five times to Rs. 25,000/ so that a candidate of moderate means cannot contest. Not only that but the criteria for Refund on receiving of 5% votes was also increased to 10% votes for Refund of Deposit which would be a dampener to a low income candidate.

**In point 3. Minimum age of candidate increased to 30 years.**

The proposed new Scheme always had minimum age of 30



years whilst the 110 year old existing Scheme had minimum age at 25 years. Hence which Scheme is being referred to by this in the proposed Public Notice is not clear

Also the new proposed Scheme has proposed maximum age limit of 75 years whilst the existing Scheme had no upper age limit for the last 110 years.

Though the Petitioners objected to this upper limit being introduced for the first time, **the Division bench has kept this issue open to be decided later by the Division Bench itself without bringing it before the community vide the Public Notice.**

**Point 4. Election Commissioners to be appointed by the High Court.**

**The Petitioners had retained the Clause of President and Scrutineers appointed by the Trustees to conduct the Elections.**

It is not understood why the High Court be burdened by this exercise every few years during mid-term elections and certainly every five years. As it is the High Court is over burdened with serious litigation at present then why this burden of a communal Trusts election process.

For the last 110 years, the Trustees would select the President and Scrutinizers for every election and whenever there were problems the Trustees would move the High Court for help/rectification.

**Hence there is no need for High Court to be involved every few years in the Parsi community's election process.**

**Point 5. Only EVM voting is allowed**

The Petitioners had retained **the existing scheme which also had provision for Paper ballot voting as well as EVM voting as an alternative.**

But the new Scheme proposed by the two Advocates had without due authority of 1000 Anjuman Committee members has removed the option of paper voting by Ballot Boxes and as a sop they have agreed to Donate Rs. 1 crore to cover the extra cost of Voting by VVPAT EVM machines.

**Item 6(i),(ii) and (iii). Definition of a Parsi**

**In the present existing Scheme of the Petitioners, the definition of a Parsi has been retained as existing since last several decades at (a) of the Existing Scheme including provision of an Affidavit of not having renounced the Zoroastrian faith and continuing to profess the Zoroastrian faith.**

In the Scheme of the advocates without due authority of 1000 Anjuman Committee members have **changed the definition of a Parsi removing Affidavit provision as well as brought in a new concept "subject to any decision of the Supreme Court of India" which is not required and needlessly creates confusion and controversy.**

**Item 7. Term of Office of a Trustee.**

The Petitioners had proposed vide their proposal of amendment of the existing Election Scheme reducing the term of office of a Trustee from 7 years to 5 years and reducing total terms from 3 to 2 so that a candidate can be a Trustee at most for 10 years against earlier 21 years.

However the Two Advocates whilst agreeing to the same term of office of maximum 10 years has without due authority of 1000 Anjuman Committee members brought in the concept of a full term applicable even for mid-term elections to fill a vacancy of 13 months to 59 months whilst the Petitioners had no such provision for mid-term elections of part term being counted as a full Term.

Since a Midterm election between 13 months and 59 months would count as a Term **and hence a serious candidate would not stand for mid-term election if two years or three years term would disqualify him for the full term of five years.**

**Item 8. Eligibility criteria**

**In the present Existing Scheme any Parsi anywhere in the world could become a member of the Anjuman Committee and also be eligible to be a Trustee of the apex Trust of the community** since it receives donations from Parsis all over the World.

However in the new Scheme proposed by the advocates without due authority of 1000 Anjuman Committee members, it is laid down that only a Parsi "citizen of India and a resident of India" can be a Trustee.

Since BPP is the apex Trust of the community set up over three hundred years ago when all Parsis were residents in India before they started migrating elsewhere, this limitation depriving NRI Parsis settled elsewhere from becoming a Trustee is neither fair nor equitable. If a Parsi is competent then he has a right to be a Trustee if the Anjuman Committee elects him. NRIs have contested Trustee elections earlier but lost.

Bombay Parsi Punchayet as its name indicates then it should be reserved only for residents/citizens of Mumbai and hence residents of other cities of India should also





have no right to stand as a Trustee nor should they be given a right to vote for a Trustee. No Parsi resident of Mumbai has a right to be a committee member or Trustee of say Surat, Navsari or other moffusil Anjumans unless he resides there and hence similarly residents only of Mumbai should elect their Trustees, residing in Mumbai.

**Hence it is hoped that the earlier provision is restored and every Parsi of the world has a right to stand to be a Trustee as well as elect a Trustee.**

#### Item 9. Resignation cannot be withdrawn.

The existing Scheme has a Provision for withdrawal of his resignation at any time before its acceptance by the Board of Trustees.

In the heat of moment if a Trustee resigns than an **opportunity can be given to reconsider it before it is accepted by the Board.**

Hence this proposal of the Two Advocates without due authority in the new Scheme proposed by them is certainly not acceptable.

#### Item 11. Amendments can be proposed by 1000 Anjuman Committee members.

In the present existing Scheme, amendments of the Election Scheme can be moved by the Trustees or a Petition signed by majority of the Anjuman Committee members. Even assuming that there are only 20000 members registered on the Donor and General Register of the Anjuman Committee, it would mean getting signatures of 10000 Parsis if the Court has to be moved for any amendment. **Thus it would mean that Trustees alone could effectively move the Courts for amendments.**

In the new proposed Scheme of the Two Advocates, it is proposed that aside from Trustees, 1000 Parsis of the Anjuman Committee could move for amendment of the Election Scheme.

Whilst this is a progressive step, it would still be almost impossible to get 1000 Parsis to sign such a Petition as active Parsis on the Anjuman Committee today are no more than 12,000 to 13,000 Parsis and hence the original **'sau nu tolu'** i.e. 100 Parsi members should suffice.

It is pertinent to note here that the Two Advocates did not comply with their own mandatory requirement of 1000 Parsis signing the Petition to amend the Scheme and neither did the Trustees. Since the Trustees have already filed their petition for term of office, the only way they could propose

a brand new scheme together with its amendments would be through moving the Petition signed by 1000 Parsis. **Since this has not been done it is only fair that the new Scheme proposed by the Two Advocates should be rejected and only the Petition filed by the Petitioners should be considered and accordingly the suggestions and Objections received by the Division Bench on 1st February 2022 be considered and orders passed accordingly.**

#### Item 12. Only donation of Rs. 10 lakhs would entitle the Donor to be registered on the Donor Register.

In the present existing Scheme, a Donor giving a Donation of just Rs. 25000/ would entitle him to be registered on the Donor Register. This is a large source of getting Donations for the Trust.

From 1910 till 2008, these qualifying Donation amount was constant at Rs. 5000/ only but in 2008 when adult franchise was introduced for the first time, it was raised to Rs. 25000/ to be registered on the Donor Register.

But now the Two Advocates without any authority have raised the Donation amount to an unreasonable Rs. 10 lakhs without any justification.

This is very arbitrary and unfair to the Trust which will be deprived of much needed donations. Hence now in the new proposed Scheme of 2022 to raise it to Rs.10 lakhs is unjustified and will lead to loss of donations for the Trust.

**Hence a figure of Rs. 50,000/ to Rs. 1,00,000/ would be reasonable and fair to all.**

#### Item 13. Alienation of property by simple majority.

In an election Scheme why bring in this aspect of sale of assets of the Trust. Is there some hidden agenda where earlier, sale had to be by Unanimity of all seven Trustees and thus even one Trustee could stop the sale of Parsi Lying in Hospital by moving the Supreme Court.

**Alienation has to be by all trustees unanimously approving it. Charity Commissioner is no safeguard as everyone is aware how that office functions.**

Moving Court is an expensive proposition which all might not want to undertake and **better safe guard is unanimity of decision of Trustees.**

The above is for the attention of the community to understand the defects to the proposed scheme of elections put forth to the Division Bench by two advocates.



## BPP Trustees - Please Ensure Dokhmenashini is Available to Parsi Covid Victims



R : Aneran, M: Sherevar, YZ 1391  
(11 Feb 2022)

Dear humdins.,

They say All Bad Things Must Come To An End.

And it certainly did when the Supreme Court gave permission to the Parsi community to make their covid victims avail of Dokhmenashini.

**This was largely due to the Surat Parsee Panchayat trustees' resilience and a strong faith in what is right.**

Thank you SPP trustees.

Their legal team in the Supreme Court consisting of SC Advocate Fali Nariman and Zeric Dastur did all that was needed to get a compromise from the Union Government after explaining our Dokhmenashini method and agreeing to certain safeguards.

Now what?

We now request the **trustees of the BPP** (and of other cities & towns like Pune, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Hyderabad-Secunderabad, Navsari, Valsad, Pardi, Udvada, Nargol, Gandevi, Billimora, etc) to implement the covid safeguard Dokhmenashini system for the humdins who pass away in their jurisdiction.

Get the spare dakhma earmarked, get the iron nettings put, get those PPE kits, prepare guidelines for the mobeds who perform the last rites, train the nasslessars and staff on handling the covid bodies, and lastly issue guidelines for the relatives of such deceased persons.

**This must be taken up URGENTLY and with full vim and vigour.**

The guidelines for SPP Doongerwadi apply to BPP Doongerwadi and other Doongerwadis too, correct?

As a small gesture, we wish to thank all those behind this achievement, and the list includes - but is not exhaustive

- Dasturji JamaspAsa, Dasturji Kotwal, Dasturji Meherjirana Keki Ravji, Er Dr. Rooyinon P. Peer, Er. Dr. Parvez Bajan, Mrs Pervin J. Mistry, the Zaiwala family of Mr Khushroo and Mr Rayomand, the Jame Weekly, the Parsi Junction, the Parsee Voice, BMs-Admins and members of TMYZ, PIPZ, PIDPZ and of course the Surat Parsee Panchayat trustees.

Thanks also goes to the BPP trustees who were supportive of the scheme and individuals like Yashan Jokhi, Kaizad Kerawala, Behram Dhabhar, Nauzer Bharucha, Hushang Vakil, Jimmy Tavadia, Rohinton B. Dadachanji, etc.

Perhaps a small self-praise to TZML and its supporters for keeping us going since the last year and a half of efforts to rally the community to support our officials in their efforts to make this possible.

Now over to our dear BPP trustees.

**Please implement a Rapid Action Team** to avail Dokhmenashini for all Parsis very very soon, in spite of the looming BPP elections.

Kindly keep the community informed of the progress..

Thank you.

Sincerely  
TZML Admins  
([tzmladmn@gmail.com](mailto:tzmladmn@gmail.com))

**OUR COMMENTS: WHILST YOU HAVE BEEN GRACIOUS IN ACKNOWLEDGING THANKS TO ALL CONCERNED, YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN TO THANK THE DONORS WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE TO MOVE THE SUPREME COURT. A TOTAL OF 35 DONORS GAVE A CUMULATIVE DONATION OF OVER RS. 17 LAKHS WHICH IN HINDSIGHT WAS A MEASLY DONATION, BUT IT SUFFICED.**

**THAT WAS BECAUSE THE TWO MAIN ARCHITECTS OF OUR VICTORY—SENIOR COUNSEL FALI NARIMANJI AND OUR VERY OWN ADVOCATE ZERICK DASTUR DID NOT CHARGE ANY FEES NOR DID THE DELHI MAGICIAN RAIN KARANJAWALA.**

**THUS THE LEGAL EXPENSES WERE LESS THAN THE DONATIONS RECEIVED AND THE BALANCE AMOUNT WILL BE USED TO FIX STEEL NET OVER THE DOKHMA NO 3 AND FOR PROVIDING SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND EQUIPMENT TO THE NASSASALARS LIKE PPE KITS, PROPER SANITIZATION, ETC.**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO MENTION HERE THAT LAST MONTH-JANUARY 2022- ABOUT 31 PARSI BODIES WERE CREMATED AND PRAYERS HELD AT THE PRAYER HALL OF WHICH 21 WERE COVID AFFECTED PARSI VICTIMS.**





## WHO REALLY WANTS TO STALL OUR ELECTIONS?



Dr. Zuleika Homavazir

My Dear Community Members,

WITH DUE RESPECT TO THE HON'BLE JUDGES OF THE DIVISION BENCH OF THE BOMBAY HIGH COURT AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE

TO THEIR ORDERS.

A very simple solution has been turned complex by the dissenting Trustees by conjugating with Solicitor Berjis Desai and Sr. Adv. Darius Khambata to formulate a new Scheme for Elections and waste precious time of the Hon'ble High Court and that of the Community. **Just two Amendments were required and sought by the Petitioners, the term of Trustees to 5 years instead of the existing 7 years and the reduction of the number of terms in office to 2 terms from 3 terms.**

The most ethical way to deal with an unethical situation would be to simply accept and say "We did Err" but the Trustees move the Courts against each other. Clearly it portrays their egoist nature which is dangerous for our Trust and our Community.

The new Scheme of Elections, mindlessly formulated by the two well known Reformists of our community and supported by the Dissenting Trustees have major flaws yet legally acceptable.

**SALE OF PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE BPP BY A MERE CONSENT OF SIMPLE MAJORITY ON THE BOARD IS AN INVITATION TO DISASTER.**

We should be thankful to the Philanthropists who amassed these assets which we reside in, the measly rent we pay compared to the facilities we enjoy. Such assets can never be created considering the inflation and the Taxation.

Yet, the learned Solicitors formulating the new scheme liberalized the sale of such assets to

the decision of just 4 Trustees on the Board as against the entire Zoroastrian Community.

**Protection and Preservation of Assets have been completely set aside.**

We have experienced but never learnt from the mistakes of sale of properties at market rates, yet paltry proceeds are deposited into the accounts of the BPP. Yes, the Bench of the Hon'ble High Court allows aggrieved members of the Community to approach the Charity Commissioner in protest against such sale but do any of the Community Members who are also Beneficiaries of the BPP have the Guts, Finance and Influence to match the combined resources of the Seller - BPP Trustees and the ever resourceful Buyer, the Wily Developer?

It is also pertinent to note that the Voluntary Code of Conduct for Contestants which remained Voluntary for the past decade with none of the Trustees discussed nor finalized all these years has been suggested for compulsory implementation by the two Advocates. Never too late, though many Contestants in the past have taken liberties due to the Code of Conduct being Voluntary.

In his haste to influence the Court for approval to the use of VVPAT ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES, Berjis Desai offers to bear the relevant costs by an offer of donating Rs.1 Crore to the BPP. **HOW GENEROUS Mr. Berjis Desai?**

Why did you not feel the need to do so, when you tried by so called consensus to walk into the Board of the BPP unelected at the cost of a Tenancy granted to Mr. Hoshang Jal, which was denied to him since last twelve years at the behest of Trustee Noshir Dadrawalla? What is your new motive to be so generous?

**During the time of Tenancy granted to Mr. Hoshang Jal and my relevant unanswered letter, the Trustees had conceded and agreed to convert all Leave & Licenses to Tenancies. Promises never fructified. Elections should never be allowed until**



**the present Trustees do not fulfill their Promises made to our Community before their term ends.**

All such aggrieved parties are welcome to approach me and together we can find solutions.

Parsi Times Publication owned by Trustee Kersi Randeria is a direct example of "CONFLICT OF INTEREST".

THE NOMINATION FORM OF A CONTESTANT does not specify the educational and financial status of the Candidate. Letter has been sent to the BPP to incorporate the educational and financial status of the candidate which remains unanswered to date for reasons best known to the Trustees and the CEOs of BPP.

Attested Income Tax Returns of the Candidate

and Spouse for the last 5 years must be attached along with Attested Copies of the highest Degree attained by the Candidate for evaluation by the Anjuman Committee.

Hope common sense prevails and Objections are filed by Vigilant Community Members on 22-2-2022 to the Division Bench of the High Court as the very future of your Descendants are at stake.

**LETS SAVE OUR BOMBAY PARSI PANCHAYET AND OUR IDENTITY.**

Best wishes to all!

**DR. ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR.**

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## TRADE THE STOCK MARKET



Tiger Vispi Irani

### Expert advice by Champion Tiger Vispi Irani

Welcome to my weekly roundup of stock markets.

Last week we had stated that the NIFTY will remain in the range of 16830 on the downside and 17800 being the upper limit. The NIFTY did exactly what we had said with low of 17043 and 17639 being the high on

the nifty for the week.

My take going forward is that the NIFTY will see some selling and will test the downside support of 16830.

I dont expect the NIFTY to break past above 17800 on the upside in the coming week.

Again foreign institutions remained net sellers for the week gone by.

Chances of 16830 support breaking are high because of weak global markets on the back of geo political tensions between Ukraine and Russia and high read on the inflation levels in the U.S. markets so going forward global cues are weak so expect selling on our indices.

Now coming to my weekly call.

A buy was given on Divi's Lab at 4304 for up side tgts of 4460 and again our call was right on target with Divi's Lab touching a high of 4474 giving a good return of 4% for the week.

This week I will refrain from giving any buy calls as i expect some downside on the markets.

I will give 2 short calls for the coming week:

First sell call will be on Ashok Leyland at cmp of 133 for tgts of 128 on the downside and second sell call will be on Canara Bank at cmp 250.5 for tgts of 243 on the downside.

This weeks long term buy call will be on Mindtree at cmp 3872 for atleast 25% returns in the next 6 months.

The trend on NIFTY still remains on the downside.

Happy Investing!

Team Champion Tiger

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

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## Parsee General Hospital gets its very own Dialysis Unit

Below are pictures of the new Dialysis Unit, which was inaugurated on 10 Feb 2022, by the Donor Mr Neville Sarkari, in the memory of his late mother Mrs Homai.

The new unit with 2 Dialysis machines (& all the associated paraphernalia, like an RO Filter plant etc), will be a great boon for the Chronic Kidney failure patients of the community, especially the poor, who

can now take their repeated dialysis on an OPD basis now.

PGH has a Dialysis machine only in their ICU and that too was only used for in-patients.

The new unit will mainly be used for out-patients so now they won't have to go to other hospitals but can avail of this facility at PGH itself.







# CONGRATULATIONS TO: Mahrukh Motafram For Being Appointed As Trustee At Parliament Of World's Religions

Congratulations Mahrukh.  
Be blessed always and continue serving our community with your good work.  
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**SHARED WITH LOVE AND LIGHT FROM:  
MEHER AMALSAD, WESTMINSTER,  
CALIFORNIA, USA**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO MAHRUKH MOTAFRAM  
- TRUSTEE, PARLIAMENT OF WORLD  
RELIGIONS**

**My Dear Global Zarthushti Leaders And Members:**

Please join me in congratulating my good friend  
Mahrukh Motafram

**For Being Appointed As The Trustee On The Board Of  
The Parliament Of World's Religions.**

I have had the good fortune of knowing Mahrukh for  
the past 30+years with an incredible Zeal Of Serving  
Our Zarathushti Community In North America.

**Mahrukh Also Has A Deep Passion For Supporting  
Our Future Generation.**

**May She Continue To Remain The Beacon Of Light**

**For Our Community As Well As Humanity.**

**With Love And Light From**

**Meher Amalsad**

***PS: Also Thanks To My Respected Friends Dr.  
Dolly Dastoor, Rohinton Rivetna,***

***Homi Gandhi, Katayun Kapadia, Firdosh Mehta,  
Bomi Patel, And Dr. Behram Pastakia***

***For Their Decades Of Service And Active  
Involvement With The Parliament Of World  
Religions***



**FEZANA**

FEDERATION OF ZOROASTRIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF NORTH AMERICA

**The FEZANA Executive is thrilled to inform the community about the appointment of Mahrukh Motafram as a Trustee on the Board of the Parliament of World's Religions.**



Mahrukh's term began in early January 2022. She is the only Zoroastrian on the PoWR Board.

At the end of 2021, Dolly Dastoor completed her three terms on the PoWR Board, and per their term limit rules stepped down. In the last role Dolly served as the Vice-Chair of the Board of PoWR. Dolly's dedication and involvement at PoWR resulted in a large, meaningful and powerful representation of the Zoroastrian faith at the two Parliaments in Toronto 2018 and the virtual one in 2021. FEZANA thanks Dolly for her service on the PoWR Board and being a champion of our faith on this world stage.

Mahrukh's appointment as a Trustee gives our faith a seat at the table of a very important global interfaith organization.

Mahrukh Motafram is a first generation immigrant from India who arrived in the US to pursue higher education. She graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 1984 with a Master's degree in Bio-Organic Chemistry. Further education included an Associate degree in Business and Marketing from the Waukesha County Technical College, Pewaukee, WI in 2002. She is currently pursuing a certification in Nonprofit Leadership at Seattle University, WA.

Over the past three decades she has been actively engaged with the North American Zoroastrian community, with most of her contributions being with FEZANA. She has served on the FEZANA Executive Board, Co-Chair for Strategic Planning, and is currently the Co-Chair for North American Zoroastrian Congress committee. She currently serves as a member of the Executive Steering Committee of the upcoming 12th World Zoroastrian Congress 2022 in New York City. She is currently a member, trustee and a past Board member of the Zoroastrian Society of Washington State.



Mahrukh served as a Board member as Vice President for Strategic Planning, and as a President for the Assistance League of the Eastside (2016-20), a nonprofit organization in Redmond, WA that serves local families affected by poverty, homelessness, assault, and domestic violence.

She is a member of the advisory council for the Center for Ecumenical and Interreligious Engagement at Seattle University, WA. She serves on the board of F.I.R.E.S – Fostering Interfaith Relations on the Eastside, (Seattle), WA

representing her Zoroastrian faith and engages in interfaith community dialogues.

In her spare time, Mahrukh enjoys travel and the culinary arts with Feroze, her husband of 38 years. She has two children, Freya and Jamsheed who have both built successful careers in the banking and financial services industries.

Please join us in congratulating Mahrukh on this appointment. She can be reached at [mahrukhm83@gmail.com](mailto:mahrukhm83@gmail.com)



12th World  
Zoroastrian Congress  
2022 NYC

July 1 - 4, 2022

Dear All

**The 12 WZC 2022 Earlybird Registration deadline is extended to Sunday February 13, 2022.**

We have been overwhelmed with the hundreds of you who have already registered. And we cannot thank you enough. Your support and participation makes the whole planning process so much more exciting and worthwhile.

However, we also got dozens of requests; especially from many of you overseas asking us to extend the deadline due to a variety of reasons. Many of you requested some more time as you navigate the visa issues. Others requested some leeway due to the fallout of the recent Omicron variant. We respect your requests and hear you.

We want as many folks as possible to be here on July 1, 2022 for the opening ceremony and the entire Congress.

We are hopeful that this extension will give you time to make a decision and plan your trip to the Congress and to New York City.

The Congress preparations are on in full swing. The recent Program Update that went out a couple of days ago will provide you with more information as you register.

We are also happy to inform that from all data coming in, the latest Omicron variant and infections are rapidly going down in New York City.

We take all public health and safety concerns as paramount and will follow all guidelines laid out by the local, state and federal authorities.

At the same time we also promise you an experience of a lifetime. Come give us a chance to make that happen.

**Register NOW**

**Register now.....or before the rates go up at the end of the day on Sunday February 13, 2022. Kindly be aware that there will be no further extensions of the early bird deadline.**

If you have any queries before you register, reply to this email and someone will reach out to you as soon as possible.

See you all in NYC in July !!

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION RATE  
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**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

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## Please Contribute Whole Heartedly for Our Dadare Ahura Mazda

### THE PARSI AGIARY AT NARGOL needs you help and contribution TO REPAIR & RENOVATE THEIR PARSI FIRE TEMPLE



#### Nargol Parsi Jarathosti Anjuman

(Charity Commissioner Surat Registration No. CG/120/Bulsar)

**Nargol, District Valsad, Gujarat 396135**

[nargolanjuman@gmail.com](mailto:nargolanjuman@gmail.com)

#### An Appeal for Donations

Nargol is one of the oldest Parsi Zoroastrian settlements in India.

It is believed to have been settled by a group of Parsis when they were forced to flee the sanctuary of Sanjan due to an Islamic threat, around the same time as our revered Iranshah was moved to Baharot hills.

This would date this settlement around 800 years ago.

We all know our people established a Holy fire wherever they lived.

This would make our old Nargol Daadagah Saheb at least 800 years old.

A consecrated Adaran Saheb was later established in 1946, the building for which was very generously financed by Punjiaji Brothers (Hence the name).

This historic institution is in danger today due to lack of funds.

Our corpus would have been a princely sum some years ago but not so any more.

Inflation has eaten into the value of the Rupee to such an extent that the interest earned is not enough to pay for the recurring expenses at the Agiari, leave alone pay for repairs and maintenance of the premises.

Today, our Punjiaji Agiari building and associated structures are badly in need of repairs and would cost Rs 4,000,000

(four million), at a conservative estimate, to restore.

Our old Mabed Saheb is well past his retirement age but is still bravely soldiering on as we are unable to attract a young Mobed Saheb to replace him due to our inability to pay the salary at the going rate. So is the case with our Chasniwala. He is also way past his retirement age and is too frail to carry out even simple tasks of keeping our Agiari premises clean but we are unable to employ a young man due to our inability to pay the going rate.

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

This is an appeal to munificent individuals and institutions to come forward and donate generously to help us restore a historic institution to its past glory.

We would be more than happy if individuals or institutions come forward to sponsor any project fully or partly.

Cheques may please be drawn in the name of the trust and mailed to our treasurer Mr. Rohinton Dadachanji at Lady Dorab Tata Building No.3, Flat No. 4, Tata Blocks, S. V Road, Bandra West,

Mumbai, Maharashtra 400050 or on-line transfers may please be sent to any one of the following bank accounts and information sent to us at the above email address:

1. Bank of Baroda, Nargol, account no. 92930100000085, IFSC Code: BARB0DBNARG
2. Bank of India, Nana Chowk Branch, account no. 003610100035884, IFSC Code: BKID0000036

We remain your ever grateful Trustees,

(Hoshang Havewala)

Chairperson

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Nargol Parsi Jarathosti Anjuman

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Lakhpat Fort (the word is derived from lakhpati) in Kutch used to be the biggest and richest settlements in all of Gujarat. It was once an important port city but has been virtually abandoned for almost 200 years after the 1819 Gujarat earthquake. The 7 km fort walls, erected in 1801 are still almost intact, and offer tremendous views out over the Rann. Lakhpat houses a temple, a gurudwara and a dargah inside its walls. One can see the endless white salt desert, after which is a part of wetland, and beyond that is the BSF as this Fort is not far away from the international border between India and Pakistan.



Ruby B. Aderbad

**Ruby B. Aderbad** works with an **MNC** in Mumbai and is an avid traveler who likes to digitally capture memories. She quotes that traveling is her drug of choice and is happily addicted to it. The mountains and jungles are her go-to places to detoxify, anything that connects her with nature.

Life is a long journey between a human being and a Human

What is our purpose  
Here on Earth?  
Not to proclaim  
We are of "noble birth"  
Whether one is a Christian  
Muslim Sikh Hindu Ba'hai  
Or a Zoroastrian  
  
We are supposed to  
Live & work together  
Side by side  
Accept and tolerate  
Each other's faults  
Mistakes as well  
As misgivings  
As it's said:

"To err is human  
To forgive divine"  
  
No human is superior  
Or for that matter inferior  
Each one can bring It's  
Own uniqueness  
Mix together like  
A toss salad  
Voila! Brings about  
Peace and happiness!  
  
Diversity Inclusion  
Should be the spice of life  
Like mixing spices  
To spice up one's meal

Learning from one another  
Should be the norm  
If our lives are going  
To be serene & calm  
  
Knowledge is so vast  
Like an ocean  
No matter what genre  
Arts Science Archeology  
Or religion  
Time is ticking  
Life is too short  
Embrace knowledge &  
Make life worth living  
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**BIKES : Rs 300 [ Upto 2 Participants]**

**CARS : Rs 700 [ Upto 5 Participants]**

**Registration for limited participants**

**No gatherings or crowding at start or end points as  
this is designed in a unique way keeping all safety  
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**TEAM ADVENTURE**





**LOVE**

It's said:

"Love ❤️ is a  
Many splendored thing"  
If humanity could  
For one day (14 the Feb)  
Pause & think  
Be inclusive & live in  
Peace & harmony  
What a wonderful  
World it would be

So what if one is  
Different in  
Colour caste  
Religion or creed  
Or is a poor labourer  
Scientist beggar or a thief  
(they can be rehabilitated)  
Does it make a difference?  
I should think not  
Au contraire makes  
Life more worth living  
If each one can do  
His/her part &  
Make this world  
A better place

Love is better than hate  
War violence murder rape  
Cause it can  
Create lots of sunshine as  
Well create lots of smiles  
As well Happiness

Let's not trade love  
For hate  
As one can create  
Happiness for humanity  
in many different ways  
So when life begins to  
Drain away we can  
Proudly say:  
We steered humanity with  
Love not hate on  
the Right Path.  
Choicest Happiness  
Farida  
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**Freedom of Thought Word Deed**

Every human has a right  
To their thoughts words deeds  
No matter what religion  
Colour caste or creed

No one cannot lock  
Them with the padlock  
And throw away the key

As long as Thoughts  
Words Deeds are used  
For well being as well for  
The advancement of humanity  
By getting rid of  
Hatred Discrimination  
Racism Bigotry

Diversity & inclusion  
Is a very healthy dose  
That brings about

Peace Harmony Happiness  
Which brings humanity close

So if one doesn't want  
To live in a peaceful world  
Then be like :

"There once were  
2 cats of Kilkenny  
Each thought there  
One cat too many  
So they fought and they fit  
And they scratched and  
they bit  
Till.excepting their nails  
And the tips of their tail,  
Instead of two cats  
There weren't any"  
(Anonymous)  
Choicest Happiness  
Farida

**SHOOTING IN THE DARK****SHOOTING IN THE DARK**

Guesses I keep making about all  
of you; but without any reply from  
your end

Good morning n good night  
messages hundreds; and many  
others too, I send

Do my prayers reach you all, do  
these prayers happy make you or  
help you ?

Exasperating it is, these one

way messages; and frankly  
speaking frustrating too

There's no one to help n guide  
me, no one to understand my  
feelings too

These days, keep s hooting in  
the dark my questions I do

O Ahura, Your help I  
desperately seek; help me  
please; will You?

Armin Dutia Motashaw



## You Bring Out The Parsi In Me

You Bring Out the Parsi in Me  
You bring out the Parsi in me.  
The choy-foodna-ni-choy and  
dhandar patio in me.  
The smell of lobaan, eau-de-cologne  
and all things from the sea in me.

~

You're the one who  
draws out my Gujarati, the  
dhus-pus bolni and O mora khodae in me.  
The tori sasoo kanda khai and  
insistence on preservation in me.  
Cling to the garas,  
dry-clean those kors,  
lovingly wipe Granny's pearls in me.

~

You bring out the Parsi in me.  
The Sunday kavaabs and aapro Zubin  
in me.  
The Bachi Karkaria and Sam Bahadur in me.  
The  
scarves and frocks and  
gout no dukhavo,  
the refugee from Iran in me.

~

Take me to Udwada,  
Where food and worship blend.  
The doodh-na-puff and din no kalmo and  
orgasm-worthy kharia in me.  
The nasal chants of the dastoorjis in me,  
The love of antiques, heritage anything and spiffy vintage  
cars in me.  
And half a dozen boomlas for breakfast,  
jara limboo aapjo ji.

~

Only you, only yours.  
Love me the way lagan-nu-bhonu does,  
all four glorious courses of sit-down perfection,  
post fox-trots and cha-chas with Dinsa and Dorab.  
Caress me like the kusti skims my waist,  
the sadra white from Ala bleach  
and an obsessive mother's scrubbing.

~

You bring out the Parsi in me.  
The saaf-safai and chappal pehro in me.

The love of pegs and bawdy jokes  
and koyla nataks on Navroze in me.  
Whip out your fingers  
Play tuj-khalloo-peejun-savak  
Speak esmem-tesmem to me  
Marere mua, what will the ghatas know?  
Aapri rani su sojji majheni!

~

You bring out the Parsi in me.  
The BPP politics, orthodox-reformist wars, the  
silently dying breed in me.  
The visits to Doongerwadi get frequenter.  
A community is passing on.  
The parjaats are eyeing our land.  
Aapri colonies, aapri ketli jameen,  
pun aapra Hindoos are always docile in me.

~

Run to Sai Baba  
and Mahim Church  
and whoever listens to the  
South Bombay bred-missionary schooled-elocution-trained-  
haw, you don't read Chaucer-English accent  
in me.  
Life membership at the NCPA is mandatory.  
They give you a free form with your birth certificate at  
The Parsee General.

~

You bring out the Parsi in me.  
The pale skin, green-veined thighs and khar-khar laughter in  
me.  
The majha masti, the salaamati, the  
khushali na jashan in me.  
(Only if malido follows).

~

Love me, hold me, say  
I'm special.  
Call your friendly neighborhood Parsi now.  
Soon to be extinct but  
never down-and-out,  
grab your slice of history  
before she walks off  
for another helping of  
saaria.

~

Jamva chalo ji!





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Please Feel Free to Contact our Volunteers below who shall help obtain your BPP Voter ID.

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