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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW BPP TRUSTEES



Sitting: Anahita Desai, Armaity Tirandaz, Maharukh Noble Standing: Xerxes Dastur, Adil Malia, Hoshang Jal, Viraf Mehta



Kersi Deboo, Parsi Member of the National Minority Commission, with the Newly elected BPP Trustees

DINSHAW MEHTA INVITES ALL PARSIS TO KHUSHALI NU JASHAN AT 5.30PM ON SUNDAY 12TH JUNE 2022 AT ALBLESS BAUG AND TO NON-VEG GHAMBAR THEREAFTER.

PLEASE NOTE NO LIQUOR WILL BE SERVED AS PER INSTRUCTIONS OF TRUSTEES OF ALBLESS BAUG.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bombay Parsi Punchayet Trustees Election 2022 Results

The Bombay Parsi Punchayet Trustees Election 2022 was held on May 29, 2022 at the following venues:

•Cusrow Baug, Colaba, •Khareghat Memorial Hall, Khareghat Colony, •Rustom Baug, Byculla, •The J. B. Vachha High School for Parsi Girls, Dadar, •Sir Shapoorji Bharucha Baug, Andheri (W).

In all there were 15 Candidates. Candidates secured votes as follows:

Sr. No.	Candidate Name	Total Votes	Rank
1.	DR. ADIL JIJI MALIA	3611	5 th
2.	MRS. ANAHITA YAZDI DESAI	5546	1 st
3.	MRS. ARMAITY RUSTOM TIRANDAZ	3377	7 th
4.	MR. DAARA BAHADUR PATEL	3240	9 th
5.	MR. FARHAD HOSANG HOZDAR	2903	10 th
6.	MS. FARHANAZ P. IRANI	483	14 th
7.	MR. HOSHANG J. B. JAL	3993	2 nd
8.	MR. KAIKHUSHROO SAM IRANI	418	15 th
9.	MR. KERSI JAMSHED RANDERIA	2868	11 th
10.	MRS. MAHARUKH KOBAD NOBLE	3800	4 th
11.	MR. RUMY ZARIR	3295	8 th
12.	MR. TEHMTAN J. DUMASIA	1422	13 th
13.	MR. VIRAF DINSHAW MEHTA	3873	3 rd
14.	ERVARD C.A. XERXES VISPI DASTUR	3455	6 th
15.	PROF. DR. ZULEIKA FIRDOSH HOMAVAZIR	1827	12 th

In all, 7,364 voters exercised their franchise.

Accordingly, the following Candidates are declared elected as the Trustees of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet.

- MRS. ANAHITA YAZDI DESAI
- MR. HOSHANG J. B. JAL
- MR. VIRAF DINSHAW MEHTA
- MRS. MAHARUKH KOBAD NOBLE
- DR. ADIL JIJI MALIA
- ERVAD CA XERXES VISPI DASTUR
- MRS. ARMAITY RUSTOM TIRANDAZ

BY ORDER OF THE ELECTION **COMMISSIONERS**

(Appointed by the Bombay High Court) COMMODORE ASPI MARKER, NM **CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER**

Date: 03/06/2022

CENTRE WISE ELECTION RESULTS FOR 7 TRUSTEES HELD ON 29-5-22 WITH 7364 PARSIS VOTING

Rank	Name of Candidate	Bharucha	Cusrow	Khareghat	Dadar	Rustom	Total
		Baug	Baug	Colony	P.C.	Baug	Votes
1.	Anahita Desai	1111	790	1500	1141	1004	5546
2.	Hoshi Jal	648	950	847	810	788	3993
3.	Viraf Mehta	866	493	1279	748	490	3876
4.	Maharukh Noble	765	536	1196	823	480	3800
5.	Dr. Adil Malia	668	632	888	798	625	3611
6.	Xerxes Dastur	709	468	1085	683	510	3455
7.	Armaity Tirandaz	690	401	1024	838	414	3377
8.	Rumy Zarir	710	370	1106	626	483	3295
9.	Daara Patel	554	522	795	887	560	3240
10.	Farhad Hozdar	431	500	845	646	481	2903
11.	Kersi Randeria	517	434	722	709	490	2868
12.	Dr. Zuleika Homavazir						1827
13.	Tehmtan Dumasia						1422
14.	Farhanaz Irani						483
15.	Kaikhushroo Irani						418

AS PER CLAUSE 9.17 "ANY CANDIDATE THAT FAILS TO SECURE 5% OF VALID VOTES CAST AT SUCH ELECTION SHALL HAVE HIS DEPOSIT FORFEITED."

THE POINT TO BE CONSIDERED IS WHETHER 5% IS OF TOTAL NO. OF TENDERED VOTES WHICH IS 44126 OR 7364 PARSI VOTERS. CEC WILL HAVE TO DECIDE THIS ISSUE FOR ADMINISTRATION TO REFUND OR FORFEIT THE DEPOSITS OF THE LAST FOUR CANDIDATES.

New BPP Board Already in Action: Meeting with BMC Asst. Commissioner Succesful

BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGAR PALIKA

Office of Assistant Commissioner 'D'Ward Municipal office

Jobanputra Compound Nana Chowk, Grant Road (W) Mumbai-400007

ACD / 08016 /MOH/ DT:03/ 06 /2022

To, Mrs Armaity Tirandaz Chair person Bombay Parsi Panchayat Doonger wadi, Mumbai

Subject- Disposal of death bodies of the Parsi & Irani Zoroastrians due to covid 19 at Doongerwadi Mumbai.

Reference- Your letter ACD 08016 dated. 03.06.2022 to this office

With reference to above subject as per the supreme court order & disussion held in office of the Assistante Commissioner D ward on 03/06/2022. The Medical officer of health D ward will hence onward issue the necessary permission for disposal of dead bodies of Parsi & Irani Zorostrians died of covid 19 disease, Subject to the strict adherence to the protocol & standard operating procedure for handling dead bodies of Parsi Zoroastrian covid 19 victims laid by the supreme court of Indian as in said order.

Medical officer of Health

Medical Officer of Health

Copy to All major Hospital

Dear Community members,

We have just finished our meeting with Mr. Prashant Gaikwad, BMC Asst. Commissioner D Ward. The meeting was successful.

Mr. Gaikwad patiently heard us and immediately instructed his staff to prepare an official letter from the BMC granting permission for Parsi/Irani covid victims to

be consigned to the Covid Dokhma at the Doongerwadi.

We thank Mr. Gaikwad for his swift action in this matter and also thank the BMC for their utmost cooperation.

Regards,

Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz, Chairperson Mr. Viraf Mehta. Trustee

Mrs. Anahita Desai, Trustee Mr. Hoshi Jal, Trustee

Also in attendance:

Shehnaaz Khambatta, Dy. CEO BPP

Vistaspar Mehta, Manager Doongerwadi, along with Adil Avari and Arzan Patel

Rumy Zarir, CEO Zoroastrian Colony.

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Thank You Very Much Everyone!

My dear Community Members,

First of all, I will start by congratulating all the new Trustees elected on the Board of The Bombay Parsi Panchayet.

Our community has placed their confidence in them and I am sure they will do wonders for our community.

My heartfelt thanks to one and all. You showered upon me your love and blessings. My heart is full with the love you bestowed upon me. I will always remember your never ending and selfless support, your warmth and deep affection towards me and I cannot thank you enough for that.

This was the first time that I stood for BPP election and with the plentiful love I received from you all, I stood at the 8th position falling short of a very few votes. My earnest and sincere gratitude to all the 3295 voters who placed their trust in me.

This entire journey has been an emotional roller coaster ride gaining tremendous knowledge, motivation and success and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Words cannot express how much your love and support mean to me. I am more grateful to you than you'll ever know. I'm eternally grateful to my mother, my wife and my support team for putting up their best efforts and immense faith and trust in me. You have my deepest thanks. I'll never forget your support and kindness.

I will continue to serve and love my community forever as I have always been doing. Our community is very very dear to me and will always be, come what may.

Do continue to shower your love upon me and I assure you I will continue to serve you till the end. I am just a phone call away.

Best Regards Rumy Zarir

Mobile: 9820737171

KSHNAOTHRA AHURAHE MAZDAO

Dear community members

A Jaher Khushali-nu-Jashan is organised on

Saturday, 11th June 2022 (Mah Dae Roj Aneran) at Dadiseth Atash Behram, Fanas Wadi, Mumbai 400002 at 5:15 pm by 21 Mobeds. Light refreshments shall be served Followed by a short talk by Advocate Firoze Andhyaryjina. All Humdeens are requested to attend in large numbers. Kindly confirm your attendance on 8850409526 or 9821165904

> May Dadaar Ahura Mazda bless our community always.



Dear All,

Standing as an independent candidate has never been easy. It was with the support of family, friends and strangers that I made it this far. Thank you for all the support, words of encouragement

and your votes. I may not have won but I am glad to know that there are those who entrusted their votes to me. I had promised that even if I don't make it to the Bpp board, I shall be available for my community at all times. Hence am sharing number anyone who needs help please do call.

My heartiest congratulations to the new board of trustees, I am looking forward to working with them for our community.

Thank you **Tehmtan Dumasia** 9820085528/9820085524



My dear members on the electoral roll of the BPP,

I sincerely thank the 1832 of you, who thought me to be worthy of your votes, and who appreciated them in my recent electioneering at heart. campaigns.

false and misleading information maliciously propagandized against me by a few, on social media, that I amin favour of cremation as opposed to "dokhmenashini", I would like to make my stand very clear that I do not hold any such heterodox views, and that I am a staunchly orthodox person, believing in the age-old value system of our religion.

to the less fortunate Zoroastrian and religious institutions. denizens of Mumbai. In fact, the Prof. Dr. Zuleika F. Homavazir.

next polls for Trusteeship will see me emerge as a stronger, even more confident contestant, committed to the cause of the poor and needy amongst our people. Over the next five years, you will find my grit and conviction increase manifold for the proposal and implementation of several new and innovative welfare schemes for the deserving and downtrodden.

and believed in my personal views I firmly believe that we should and my agenda (as an independent set aside our petty individual candidate), with regard to restoring differences and collectively throw the lost credibility of the above ourselves into the ring of sincere named premier body of our Community service, if we genuinely community, when I had expressed have the betterment of our fraternity

If any member of the Parsi-Irani Contrary to the dissemination of polity wishes to seek my help in any manner whatsoever, he/she should feel free to contact me. Let me assure one and all that I am just a phone call away.

I wish the newly elected Board of Trustees a successful five-year tenure, characterised with proper administration of the huge assets of the BPP, whose custodians tenets, customs, traditions and they are, and the vision to see the fellowship of the followers of My defeat in this year's elections will prophet Zarathustra prospering not dampen my spirits and deter me and thriving, through the equitable from indulging in selfless service governance of its prime financial

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Team Kom-ni-Unity would like to say a Big Thank You to the entire Community for their tremendous support. We are humbled by the belief shown towards us and will endeavor to live up to your expectations.

OVER TO YOU TRUSTEES

The elections are finally over!

Months of politicking and campaigning all culminated with the victory of what most consider a very balanced Board of Trustees.

There was no doubt in the victory of Anahita Desai. She came in securing the highest number of votes and she will surely be an asset to the BPP. In 2008 elections, Mrs. Arnavaz Mistry came in with over 10,000 votes which was a record, which is yet to be broken. With the sympathy wave of the demise of her husband and Chairman of BPP, Anahita secured 5546 votes out of total 7364 votes cast i.e. 75% of total votes cast which is less than what Arnavaz secured.

The newcomers, Maharukh Noble, Hoshi Jal and Aadil Malia are all distinguished persons in their own field and the electorate clearly wanted Trustees who came with no baggage or controversy and who would work for the community. Whilst many considered Malia as a surprise, it is our view that the community wants professionals like him and for that they elected Aadil Malia.

With the newcomers above, there are the constants to bring in the perfect balance.

Viraf and Xerxes, sitting Trustees, have been re-elected with a clear mandate from the people who want to see them continue their good work. The two young Trustees have been given 5 more years to change the face of the BPP. Their campaign was ferocious, and it is our honest hope that they continue to have that fire within them to serve the community for this term.

To lead the community for the next 5 years is our lady Chairperson Mrs. Tirandaz. Reelected as a Trustee, she is the first lady under the adult franchise reign to be Chairperson to the Board of Trustees for a second term. She will most certainly bring back grace to the BPP and that feeling of comfort for every person who visits the BPP.

WE WISH THE NEWLY ELECTED TRUSTEES OF THE BPP - 'ALL THE VERY BEST'.

A big loss at this election was that of Rumy Zarir who fought a valiant campaign. Rumy started his campaign slow but surely, won over the hearts of everyone. Mind you, Rumy was placed 8th at these elections by a mere 82 votes. Rumy is a name to remember for the future as we are certain at the next election he will undoubtedly be the 'Common Man' who

will be elected to serve the community for a decade thereafter.

The newly elected Board has 1825 days to serve the community and bring about the long talked about change. This seems like a long time however the BPP is marred with issues which need collective discussion and resolving on a war footing.

The very first task the Trustees will be compelled to address is that of raising funds. We have all read and heard the ideas of the Trustees to raise funds. It is now to be seen if the BPP will be able to fulfil these commitments.

It is our view that it would be fair to give the Trustees between 45-60 days to understand the BPP and thereafter prepare an action plan to raise funds, may it be by donations or developments or sale of high value flats or encashment of Tenancy value of their flat on sharing basis.

We will report on all happenings BPP. We will praise when praises are due and we will criticise when criticism is due. But for now, we feel the Trustees have earned this position and it is for them to capitalize on this position and deliver on their promises. We wish them all the very best!

IF YOU SLEEP - YOU WILL WEE

Pre-election weepers

The BPP records show that there are over 35000 voters. Even assuming of the 35000 voters there are a few as duplicates and a few are deceased that would still leave behind atleast 30000 voters. On May 29, 2022, we saw an overall voter turnout of just 7364 voters. This is a dismal turn out considering the importance of the election. Unless the actual live voters are just around 20000 voters at 40% turnout.

This election saw more people commenting on whatsApp groups than at election meetings. The meetings had mostly elderly people attending who may not be tech-savvy and who wanted to hear the speeches in the traditional way. However, there were groups after groups created on whatsApp which posted photos and speeches of candidates and points of views were raised and argued. This allowed every candidate to campaign through a new medium and reach far more than just the people who attended the meetings at colonies. The use of technology for creating videos and snippets worked well for candidates as well.

We anticipated that with all the online campaigning along with the physical meetings at baugs, the voters turn out would have crossed 10000 or more. However, that was not the case.

On the whatsapp groups, we saw a barrage of criticism from voters on candidates and their policies and past decision making. We also saw double of those people criticizing giving free advise to the community. Everyone had their point of view. Everyone had an idea. Everyone wanted things done.

Sadly, when it came to stepping out to vote, less than 7500 people turned up! Giving advise is free. Voting was free too. However, we yet saw a limited turn out. People have the time to comment on whatsapp groups but sadly not the time to step out to vote.

Post-election weepers

Now considering the elections are done and a new Board elected, we have to see how the new Board fares. As a community, we MUST NOT wait till 60 days before the next election to comment on performance of the Trustees.

The community must be vigilant and actively participate in community affairs. They must not go back into hibernation but make the Trustees accountable and answerable to everything BPP.

The Trustees must hold Anjuman meetings every year even if it has a low attendance. The Trustees must make all the efforts to visit colony after colony and address their concerns for it is at these meetings will the Trustees truly understand the issues faced by the residents. The Trustees should make every effort to streamline systems and processes so that there are no out of turn allotments and a transparent housing system for all to see.

The above don't require funds (which the BPP does not have). It requires patience and hardwork into creating a plan. 7 minds and bodies must come together to serve the 50000 odd Parsis in the city and it is for the 50000 to in turn let the Trustees know what they expect from their leaders. For this people must become more vocal and share their concerns.

If the people do not hold the Trustees accountable year on year, then there is no one blame but himself. If there is no accountability, there will be complacency. We must not let that happen and for that, every Parsi has the responsibility to keep the Trustees in check.

The next few months will be the test to see whether the community's whatsApp Warriors continue their crusade or whether they will wither away only to reappear at the eve of elections. Be that as it may, we wish the new board of Trustees, all the very best and hope they perform to their optimum and the community and this news edition has very high hopes for the new magnificent 7.



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"AN INCOMPLETE DREAM IS FAR WORSE THAN A BROKEN DREAM"

In March 2021 i saw a dream to break the Guinness World Record for the Maximum jumping jacks in one hour which were 3,873 (Italy). I started training myself from the Month of April and prepared myself in 6 months to give my First Attempt which i was very sure that i would achieve the target record.

Just 14 days prior to my attempt I received an Email from Guinness Book World Record (GWR) that the record has been broken and the new record is 4,028 (Spain). I didn't have much time to prepare myself for the New Record and stepping back was no option for me. I gave my attempt and I failed to break my record by just 51 jumping jacks as i could do 3,977 Jumping jacks. I was really disheartened that i couldn't achieve victory although i gave my best to do so.

Beginning of 2022 I went through a really tough time with alot of demotivation,



depression and failure. During that time I got another email from GWR stating that the World Record has again been broken to 4,754 By Luis Portela (Panama).

March 2022 I decided that i will rise again and again attempt to break the world record. I trained myself thoroughly for 2 and a half months and decided to give my next attempt on 28th Of May, 2022. I managed to lose 10kgs and I leveled up my endurance and stamina and finally I did the impossible and

became the first Indian ever to break this record and get the award home.

I would like to thank my mentor Kelly Pardiwala my therapist Rohan Bokhdawala, my physiotherapist Merzad Guzdar and my entire team Tyro Transformation. They had a really big contribution in making this happen.

It feels amazing and different that i have achieved a milestone today, but at some point there is still a feeling of incomplete.

Never give up on your dreams, no matter how badly you fail, no matter badly you get criticized, no matter how demotivated you get. RISE AGAIN,

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A NEW DAWN WITH THE ELECTION COMMISSION

In March 2022, a new BPP Scheme of elections was put in place courtesy a petition filed by the earlier Board of Trustees. One of the fundamental changes in the new Scheme was the introduction of an Election Commission and a Code of Conduct.

Immediately upon the sanctioning of the Scheme, the High Court appointed an Election Commission (EC) who was thrusted upon them an election which was to be held in less than 60 days. The EC, headed by Commodore Aspi Marker, as the Chief Election Commissioner, consisted of eminent Parsis, namely:

NAME

SR.



Commodore Aspi Marker

DESIGNATION



Sq. Leader Minoo Wadia



Adv. Berjis Desai

MOBILE

Without any time to formulate a plan of action for the election, elections were announced, and we had on our hands a full-blown election campaign with 17 candidates for the election with finally 15 candidates contesting.

The EC was forced to formulate rules on the way. It had to deal with complaints and cross-complaints. It was forced to deal with sensitive issues and frivolous complaints. It had to work overtime to ensure all complaints were heard and orders released expeditiously whilst at the same time preparing all the venues and vendors for the election.

Whilst candidates campaigned, the EC ensured the candidates campaigned cleanly. The EC had a mammoth task on hand of curbing the barbs and accusations by the warring factions and their news editions supporting these respective factions.

On election day, the EC was present to unlock the sealed safe house at JB Vatcha High School at 6 AM and then were on their feet all day for the election and thereafter to announce the results at 11 PM. This task is not for the faint hearted. However, not many may know but the role of the Election Commissioners was done for free. This meant, 60 days of their lives were more or less sacrificed for service to the community. For this, we say a very big THANK YOU to the Election Commission and a bigger gratitude of thanks for Commodore Aspi Marker, the Chief Election Commissioner.

The EC have conducted the election in the manner an election should be conducted.

During the swearing in of the Trustees, the Chief Election Commissioner made a wise observation that the election through EVMs should be reconsidered as it made the election process cumbersome unnecessarily, specially considering the low voter turn out and he recommended that the future elections should be by way of secret paper ballot. We are of the view that this suggestion of the Chief Election Commissioner should be implemented with immediate effect and not wait till closer to the next election. We hope the Chief Election Commissioner will provide his recommendation to the Trustees in writing so that the Trustees in their wisdom seek to amend the Scheme of Elections to this effect.

We once again thank the Election Commission. We are certain that they must all be currently away on a well-earned holiday and break from the mayhem of the election. However, the BPP Trustees should consider a small felicitation ceremony for the EC to convey their thanks for the hard work put in by them over the last two months - free of cost!

BOMBAY PARSI PUNCHAYET TRUSTEES ELECTION ON 29TH MAY 2022 ELECTION COMMISSIONERS CONTACT DETAILS

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