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PJ ARTICLE OF 26-6-22 OF COVID RAVAN CONSIGNED AT DOONGERWADI

In the Parsi Junction Issue No. 139 of 26th June 2022, we had informed the community of the first Covid Ravaan consigned to the Banaji Dokhma on 18th June 2022 at Doongerwadi, Mumbai following all prescribed SOPs laid down by the Supreme Court of India in the Appeal filed by Surat Parsi Punchayet for giving Dokhmenashini rituals to Parsi Covid Ravaans.

We had congratulated the Trustees of BPP for ensuring that henceforth every Parsi/Irani Covid victim is consigned at the Towers of Silence and had expressed surprise that Orthodox groups like Parsi Voice, Wapiz, TZML, PIPZ and others have not thanked the new Board for this very first non-cremation of a Parsi Covid victim.

In this regard PIPZ has taken umbrage at our comments and sent us the below reply which we reproduce for community benefit with our explanation below the reply:

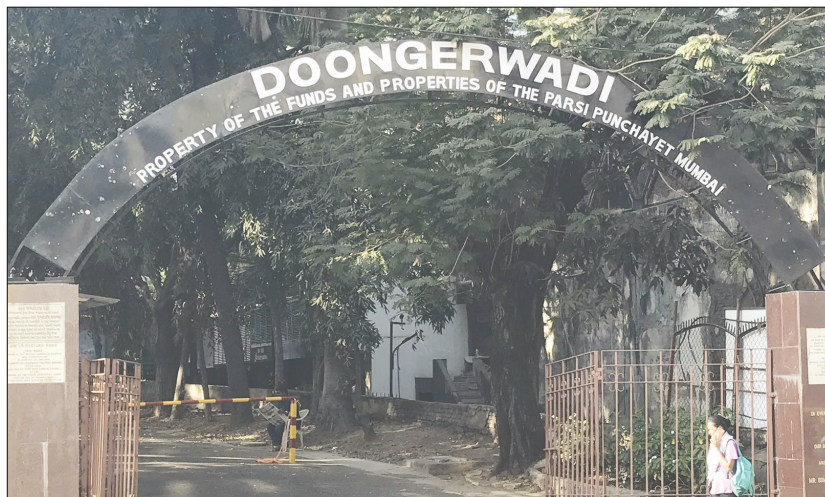
"From
Admins of PIPZ.
27th June 2022

It is indeed gratifying to note from yesterday's issue of Parsi Junction that the blessings of Dokhmenashimi were extended to the first Parsi covid ruvan in Mumbai at Doongarwadi's newly modified Banaji Dokhma (modified courtesy BPP Trustee Viraf Mehta) on June 18, 2022.

We are confident that all PIPZ Members join the Admins in congratulating and thanking the new BPP Trustee Team. We understand that since then, 2 or 3 more covid ruvals have been placed in this Dakhma.

Our only regret is that this was not spearheaded by the BPP when covid began, using its clout as the apex Parsi Irani Trusteeship body in India. It was left to the Surat Panchayet trustees to succeed in convincing the authorities. Kudos to them. Only a negligible number of humdins were apparently aware of the first covid ruvan given Dokhmenashini in Mumbai. Most of us came to know only yesterday after reading Parsi Junction. There is apparently no mention of this even in yesterday's Jame Jamshed.

This underlines the urgent need for the BPP to set up some form of communication system to



advise the community about all such matters. This communication system needs to be bi-directional, with all messages visible to everyone.

Lastly, may we request the editor of Parsi Junction to kindly not refer to our and others traditional/orthodox Parsi Irani groups by the rather derogatory term 'ultra-orthodox' as mentioned in his somewhat unsavoury statement in the 2nd paragraph of page 2 of yesterday's Parsi Junction. May we also draw Mr Dinshaw Mehta's attention to this point.

Thank you.
PIPZ ADMINS.

OUR COMMENTS: At the outset we apologize for our criticism of these groups not congratulating the Trustees as they were not aware of the first Covid Ravaan given Dokhmenashini. PIPZ Admins are right that it is time that the Trustees set up some form of communication system to advise the community about all such matters and events like webmail or a facebook page or a twitter account. With a professional like Dr. Adil Malia on board, we are sure that such an informative system will be put into operation shortly.

PIPZ Admins are also right that BPP as the apex body of the Parsi community should have moved the Supreme Court in Appeal and not

left it to Surat Parsi Punchayet. But knowing the grave financial condition of BPP, their disinclination is understandable due to the high legal costs involved.

PIPZ Admins next take umbrage at our use of the word 'ultra-orthodox' as being derogatory to describe their group. We fail to understand how it is derogatory or unsavoury. Today we have the Reformists, radical Liberals, orthodox and ultra-orthodox depending on their beliefs.

BPP, N. M. Wadia Trust, Petit Trust, Wapiz are orthodox as they follow the Davar Beamon

judgment where children of Parsi fathers are treated as Parsis but not children of non-Parsi fathers. Whilst the so called derogatory word 'ultra-orthodox' refers to those groups who believe that children of both non-Parsi fathers as well as non-Parsi mothers cannot be treated as Parsis. If there is a better word to describe such groups please let us know.

We would like to inform the community that from 18th June 2022 till date (8th July 2022) there have been total 6 Parsis who expired due to Covid infection and yet were given Dokhmenashini at Banaji Dokhma at Doongerwadi.

To get the Khandias to carry the Covid victims into the Banaji Dokhma, the Union has agreed only on special conditions that

- 1) All khandiyas will be given necessary safety and personal protective equipments
- 2) If a khandiya doing such duty dies then his family will be compensated with Rs. 5 lakhs
- 3) A covid ailing khandia and his family will get full hospitalization at BPP cost as well as Isolation and quarantine arrangements
- 4) At present there are 8 Khandiyas who have been short listed for the Parsi Covid victims
- 5) It is requested that community must come forward to look after them and their families to ensure their welfare, including one months extra salary per annum.



THE PARSEE VOICE GRATEFUL FOR DOKHMENASHINI FOR ALL

DOKHMENASHINI FOR ALL

It was heartening to note that after the dark days when the unfortunate Zoroastrian Covid victims had to perforce be cremated and we could only watch helplessly, a silver lining has come up. Zoroastrians, who have passed away due to Covid, can now be consigned to the DAKHMA.

The 1st body was consigned on June 18, 2022 and till date 6 Zoroastrian COVID victims have received the benefit of Dokhmenashini. Our sincere thanks to the Surat Parsi Panchayat for taking the initiative, taking the case right up to the Supreme Court and achieving success. We are profusely grateful to the legal team led by Senior Advocate, Fali Nariman and Advocate Zerick Dastur for making this possible. The Banaji Dakhma, which was unused for several decades, was promptly repaired, thanks to Mr. Bomi Mistry and his dedicated team, the cost of which was nearly ₹ 6 lakh, borne by one of the Trustees of the current Board! (In recent times, one has rarely heard of a Trustee coming forward to donate for a good cause! Truly, *Happy Days Are Here Again!*) Many thanks to the volunteers who helped in the installation of the overhead net, and did a commendable job, to the ubiquitous Mr. Vistaspar Mehta and his assistant Mr. Arzan Patel, without whose help this would not have been possible, to the Union of the pall bearers together with their leader, who agreed to cooperate, and ofcourse, to

the entire Board of Trustees, who joined hands and lent their support, and even agreed to bear the extra charge of Rs.50,000 per paidust of Covid victims to be paid to the pall bearers. We earnestly request philanthropic Parsees to step forward and bear this cost to lighten the financial burden on the already beleaguered BPP.

We sincerely hope that this cordial, amicable trend continues in all matters, atleast for the next 5 years! So, LET THE MOTTO BE

No one can do everything,
But each one can do something,
And together, we can do anything!

Request to the High Priests to rescind their decision on prayers for cremated Covid victims

Earlier, when due to strict Government regulations and protocols, Covid victims were not permitted Dokhmenashini and had to perforce be cremated/buried, the High Priests had taken a sympathetic view and granted permission for the 4 days obsequies to be performed for those cremated on account of Covid. **Now that Dokhmenashini is available to all Zoroastrians including Covid victims, we request the High Priests to rescind their earlier decision and once again instruct the cessation of the 4 days obsequies for those who opt for cremation/burial in places where Dakhmas are available.**



DR. ZULEIKA HOMAVAZIR COMPLAINS TO TRUSTEES ABOUT ILLEGAL ALTERATION IN FLAT 13/11 OF RUSTOM BAUG

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

Sub: ILLEGAL INSTALLATION OF SLIDING FRENCH WINDOWS AFTER BREAKING PERIFERIAL WALLS TO GAIN ACCESS AND CORDONING OFF COMMON LEDGE WITH GRILLS FOR PERSONAL USE BY TRESPASSER MRS. FARAH DASTUR OF FLAT 13/11 RUSTOM BAUG.

Dear Ladies & Gentlemen,

The objections on illegal construction by trespassers and illegal inductees Firuzi and Farah Dastur have been filed earlier vide letter from tenants of Building 13, Rustom Baug dated 10th January 2022. (Refer Exhibit 2)

The email of 11th April of Ruzbe Karkaria of flat 13/9, addressed to you Trustees and the Management Committee of Wadia Baugs clearly emphasises on the fact that both mother and daughter Firuzi Dastur and Farah Dastur are trespassers. (Refer Exhibit 3)

The matter was put on agenda of BPP Board meeting as per email of the then Trustee Mr. Noshir Dadrawala vide his reply email of 11th April and acknowledged by Chairman Madam Mrs. Tirandaz instructing Percy Siganporia to be present with all documents. Would appreciate details of the same.

The objections raised are as follows:

- 1) Farah and Firuzi have no legal right over the flat. In fact compromises have been made with the Secretary, whereby both Mr. Behram Marazbani - Grandson of the original tenant and one Farah Dastur were each given keys of the entry door to the said flat, 13/11.
- 2) Farah Dastur an American foreign National publishes a Public Notice in the Parsi Times and Jam-e- Jamshed on 9th October 2021 and 10th October 2021 respectively calling for any objections within a month to her application to occupy the said flat / claimant to the said flat. If such a Public Notice was to be published it should have been done by the BPP as is always done. (Refer Exhibit 4)

It is pertinent to note that Mrs. Farah Dastur was born in New York, USA, on 6th May 1988, and ever since, holds an American Nationality. Her son Aryan Bogdawalla born in New York, USA on 28 Feb 2020, is of American Nationality.

- 3) The son of the legal tenant, Behram Marazbani (from Australia) vide legal notice

filed his Objection to the transfer / claim / right in respect of the said flat vide legal notice dated 25th October 2021 (within a month) and is acknowledged by Percy Siganporia, Secretary of Wadia Management Committee on 25th October 2021 (Refer Exhibit 5), yet Farah Dastur carried out renovation in the said flat for over six months.

- 4) Farah and Firuzi occupy flats E-11 and E-10 in the same colony. Farah Dastur forcefully takes into possession the entire flat and is a trespasser since she has no NOC from legal tenant Behram Marzbanani and even as on date carries out illegal renovation.
- 5) Objections to the current illegal construction by these trespassers:
 - a) Encroachment on the common ledge by installing peripheral grills. (Refer Exhibit 1 and attached video)
 - b) The illegal demolition of inner foundation walls and shaving off the peripheral walls to accommodate French windows and access to the ledge for personal use. (Refer Exhibit 1)
 - c) Cordoning of space by installing grills in the common areas of the 4th floor. (Refer Exhibit 1)

The encroachment upon the common ledge has been inspected by Mr. Panchal and Mrs. Menka on 1st July 2022, however no action has been taken.

If remedial action was immediately taken on the basis of the letter dated 10th January 2022 (signed by the tenants) and the subsequent email dated 11th April 2022 of Mr. Ruzbe Karkaria, the present situation would have been averted.

The illegal peripheral grills that have been installed must be removed without any further delay as it would set an unwarranted precedent and would force me to approach the MCGM Commissioner and Ward Office E Ward of Municipal Corporation. Allow me to further caution you that she has plans to install a roof over the encroached ledge for which measurements have already been taken by her contractor.

Secondly, walls that have been shaven off by over 28 inches to accomodate the French Windows for access to the ledge must be rebuilt as the now minimal support is causing undue stress on the common roof of the building.

She is a Trespasser as rent has been refused to be accepted for the flat, but if at all, permission of renovation and installation of illegal grills has been granted by the BPP or the Management Committee, Wadia Buildings, copy of the same be provided to us to safeguard the interest of

the BPP Trust during any legal recourse that will be taken by us.

Please note we have enough evidence (pictures, videos and audios) to substantiate our claims that the present occupants are trespassers in connivance with members of the Committee as it is reliably learnt that the BEST electricity bill has also been transferred by Farah Dastur onto her name without required documents. (Refer Exhibit 6 Electricity bill of Original tenant)

It would be prudent in the interest of the Trustees of the BPP to take immediate action to rectify this deteriorating situation whereby such trespassers clearly abuse Trust Property and create nuisance for the entire building.

Kindly note if at all these objections are overlooked vis-a-vis illegal extension of balcony, the obvious next step being the extension of the roof over the common ledge encroached upon, I will be compelled to fit grills preventing her ingress onto the common ledge for my own security, which you may please note.

Your reply and action is duly warranted to protect Trust property from further abuse.

Truly yours,

Dr. Zuleika Homavazir
13/10 Rustom Baug
9821033786.

Exhibits attached:

- 1) Photographs of original structure and the illegal renovation carried out in flat 13/11.
- 2) Letter from Tenants of Building dated 10th January 2022.
- 3) Email dated 11th April 2022 by Mr. Ruzbe Karkaria of 13/9 Rustom Baug.
- 4) Public Notices by Farah Dastur.
- 5) Objection to the transfer / claim / right in respect of the flat by the tenant Mr. Behram Marzbanani via legal notice dated 25th October 2021 and acknowledged by Percy Siganporia, Secretary of Wadia Trust Committee on 25th October 2021.
- 6) Electricity bill in the original tenant's name Mrs. Katy Irani.
- 7) Video of illegal peripheral grills being installed in heavy rains leading to abuse of Trust property.

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# BPP OBTAINS DECREE FOR PETROL PUMP EVICTION AGAINST HPCL



In the last Parsi Junction Issue No. 139 of 26th June 2022, we had informed the community of BPP winning the Eviction T.E.Suit No. 73/97 OF 2000 against HPCL Petrol Pump at Khareghat Colony at prime location of Hughes Road after 22 years of litigation.

We have now received the detailed 50 page speaking Order dated 24th June 2022 along with the Operative Order of two pages establishing why the petrol pump has to be vacated and premises admeasuring 971 sq.yds has to be handed over to the Trustees within three months of the Order. Though the first 30 year Lease expired on 31-12-1990 and BPP has refused to accept the measly Lease Rent of Rs. 1500/pm from 1-1-1991 upto 31-12-2021 but in view of the Order of second renewal of the Lease for 30 years under the Caltex Acquisition Act, the Lease rent remains the same upto 31-12-2021.

But from 1-1-2022 HPCL will have to pay the market rent as per Ready Reckoner valuation of the plot. It is our request that the Trustees should immediately appoint a knowledgeable Architect to work out the market value of the plot admeasuring 971 sq.yds. and accordingly the Court will fix the Mesne profits which HPCL will have to pay every month to BPP if it intends to file an Appeal against the Eviction Order and wants a Stay on it.

It is our estimate that HPCL will have to pay the BPP more than Rs. 20 lakhs every month from 1-1-2022 as Mesne profits till the Appeal is decided. We understand that the HPCL officials have already sought an appointment with the Trustees to work out an amicable settlement.

Since there is a Reservation of a petrol pump on the said plot, it will be difficult to develop the plot for any other use to get the full potential of the prime plot. Hence while the market value of the plot would be over Rs. 70 crore, due to the Pump reservation on the plot it is worth considering its sale at even 50% discount.

The other option available to the Trustees would be to move the Courts challenging the Petrol pump reservation on the plot and though it may take a few years we are convinced that the Courts will remove the unreasonable reservation of a Petrol Pump from the plot in which case the plot by then will be worth over Rs. 100 crore.

It is a dilemma for the Trustees but they have to be thankful that from January 2022 the BPP will earn several lakh rupees per month as Mesne profit. At this critical juncture when BPP is facing acute financial crisis the Mesne profits will be a life saver for the Trustees.

We reproduce below the two page Operative Order dated 24th June 2022 for the benefit of the community in keeping with the Transparency policy Parsi Junction:

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CNR NO. MHSCA20039852004

1. The Trustees of the Parsi Punchayet Funds and Properties Bombay & Ors. ..**Plaintiffs**  
**Versus**

1 Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd & Anr. ..**Defendants**

**Appearances :**

K. F. Bhot, Ld. Advocate for the Plaintiffs.

S. K. Vyas, Ld. Advocate for the defendants No.1.

Ranjana Parikh, Ld. Advocate for defendant No.2.

Coram : Revati M. Kante,  
Judge

Court Room No.13

Date : 24th June, 2022

## OPERATIVE ORDER

1. Suit is decreed with costs.
2. Defendants are directed to hand over vacant and peaceful possession of suit property i.e. comprising of a plot of land admeasuring approx.971 sq.yards being the portion of the property bearing Old Survey No.670, New Survey No.62/7310 and bearing Cadestral Survey No.1/434 of the Malabar and Cumbala Hill Division to the plaintiffs within the period of three months from the date of this order.
3. The defendant No.1 is directed to pay to plaintiffs rent of the suit property @ Rs.1500/per month from April 2000 till 31.12.2021.
4. Separate enquiry regarding mesne profits from 01.01.2022 till delivery of possession of suit property by defendants to the plaintiffs, be held as per Order 20 Rule 12 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.
5. Decree be drawn up accordingly.  
(Dictated and pronounced in open Court)

Sd/(

**R.M. Kante)**

Date : 24.06.2022 Judge,  
C.R.No.13

## FORECAST

Ah ! Just seeing a small wooly cloud, a forecast it made, in the azzure blue sky;

Set my heart racing with hope n joy it did; now of hope there was a ray.

Soon some other clouds will join this one, and also grey turn, covering the bay

Soon these little droplets, will come down, traveling a long long way

Then our parched Earth can her thirst quench;  
again wet will be the clay

Finally, the breeze cool will turn, our feet will now no longer burn, on a cloudy day

Come O rain ! pour upon me n my burning heart;  
help me wash my tears away.

Come, cool this blazing fire; ablaze all over are  
desert sands n the clay

Come revive vegetation, may flowers many bloom, n sing cuckoos n jay

Bathe in your showers, kids wish to; look they, so happy n gay !

Fill our rivers n lakes with your waters sweet,  
give the Earth a treat of grass n hay

Armin Dutia Motashaw





# Tehmtan Dumasia Objects to Trustees giving a hearing to the Defunct GBRWA members

To:

The Chairman & Trustees,

B. P.P.

Sub: GBRWA De-registered by Charity Commissioner.

Ref: All Managing Committee members Charged u/s 420 and released on bail of Rs.5,000/- each by Magistrates Court\_\_\_\_\_

Dear Sir,

By my mail of 24-06-2022, I had requested the Trustees to try and not entertain the deregistered Association members for road repairs as they STILL refuse to give accounts for 2017-18 to 2019-20.

Since they are now not the lawful Managing Committee members, I had requested the Trustees not to meet them nor pay Security Charges to them as the ramifications for the same could lead back to the BPP.

I understand that Farhad Hozdar, Sharukh Billimoria, Rummy Marawalla and others, had met the Trustees

on 28-06-22 regarding collection of funds for road repairs.

I also understand that since Farhad Hozdar was on the same panel as Hoshang Jal, Adil Malia & others it is expected there might be a soft spot for him since the deregistered Managing Committee members supported them.

I would request the all respected Trustees should take an independent view in interest of residents of Godrej Baug. I am willing to step forward in the help or road repairs and I'm sure many other residents will also volunteer to get the work done along with the BPP and there is no need to entertain the defunct committee who has and continues to operate on illegal grounds.

This same defunct Mg. Committee had also opposed the Conversion of LL to Tenancy of Godrej Baug occupants.

This same defunct Managing Committee has finished serving their appointed years and haven't held elections for the same, also they are also de-registered and out of on bail. Hence to support them is a travesty of justice.

It is therefore only just and fair that fresh elections

are held for the Managing Committee after it is first re-registered and then the Trustees should negotiate with the duly elected Managing Committee, until which the manager along with voluntary residents who are not on some defunct committee. I would again like to impress upon the fact that Farhad Hozdar who leads this committee is a CA and there is gross misconduct of the above said accounts that are refused to being produced.

The same Shahrugh Billimoria has had illegal constructions made in his Godrej Baug home and blackmailed the community saying he will not tear it down and if someone complains he will go to the BMC and have everyone's homes inspected. The same Rumi Marawalla was allotted a bigger flat in Godrej Baug under the grounds of congestion (although having other family homes in Bombay) and yet there seems to be no new person/people from the said congestion that are living with him.

It is hoped that no letter is issued to the defunct Managing Committee for road repairs.

Hoping for the co-operation of all newly elected Trustees and for Justice from them.

Yours faithfully,

(Tehmtan Dumasia)

## LET US PREPARE

Prepared be; anytime, any moment, come may our Heavenly call.

Let's our work diligently do, our promises fulfil, our words keep n nothing stall

Like a sportsman, focus we must on our goal, whilst still in our hands is the ball

For just like an autumn leaf, away from the tree, lifelessly we too will, one day fall

Before comes the call, let us be completely prepared, for that final ride on the pall

Need we will, that extra bit of energy n verve; through prayers, let us these install

With our mission on Earth successfully completed, we will able be, to rise spiritually tall.

Armin Dutia Motashaw

## No matter how big you are, there's always someone bigger Be humble it costs nothing

People who are arrogant  
Who think no end of themselves  
Who feel superior & thump their  
Noses at others

Have more bran than brains  
Always full of gas

Humbleness, humility  
Kindness tolerance  
Acceptance

Treating people with  
Dignity Respect  
Without sorting

People regarding their  
Colour caste religion creed  
Or that matter be they  
Rich poor beggar or thief

Goes a long way  
Get rid of  
Negativity out of the way

Treating people in a  
demeaning way  
Or looking down upon others  
Just because they don't meet  
Our criteria

Is very insulting and rude  
"What one sows so  
Shall one reap"

If one could perform  
"miracles"  
Like raising someone from  
dead

Or eradicating hunger poverty  
Deadly variants that's plaguing  
humanity  
It would be "Miracle Quality"  
Really it would help Humanity

We are all humans  
Not anointed nor immortal  
Life isn't everlasting  
Cause when life ebbs away  
And when death shows the way  
We all are nothing but  
Mere nameless ole souls  
With No accolades titles or  
Awards to show  
Choicest Happiness  
Farida

### ખતરનાક છે અભિમાન

જોજે, તને પણ, બીજાઓની જેમ, આં ચેપી,  
સત્તાની નશી ચઢી ન જાય  
ભયલા મારા, આં વાયડો ખતરનાક બહુ છે,  
જોજે એ તારી તરફ નહીં વાય  
એ જ્યાં જ્યાં વાય છે, ત્યાં ત્યાં ત્રાસ વાર્તાવે  
છે, પછી તો ચોક્કસ છે પતન  
માનવને એ બદલી નાખે છે, એવા

પરિવર્તનથી પતન ન થાય; રાખજે એ જતન  
ખતરનાક છે નશી આં અભિમાનનો, લોકપ્રિય  
થવાનો રાખતો નાં તું કોઈ ચસ્કો  
સત્તા અને પૈસા જ્યાં જ્યાં હોય છે,  
ત્યાં માનવીઓ કામ કઢાવવા, મારે છે  
ખોટો મસ્કો

Armin Dutia Motashaw

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The BPP N.N & R.N Wadia Baugs are in possession of a **2 Rooms + Kitchen** flat admeasuring about **698 Square Feet** Carpet area at the **"G Block", Flat No: G - 1, Ground Floor** at **Cusrow Baug, Colaba** which has reverted to the Trust. The said flat is proposed to be offered on **Leave & License** basis to prospective offerers who give the highest quantum of Refundable Deposit. (Please contact Secrteary (M: **9833964746**) for details of

### **Bid Start Value).**

Those interested are requested to contact the Custodian at Cusrow Baug (Contact No **022 2204 7521** or (M: **9322825716** or **9820662201**) to take inspection of the said flat Monday to Saturday 10 am to 1 pm.

1. Those interested are requested to attend the Auction to be held at the BPP -D.N. Road Office on **Wednesday, 20th July, 2022 at 5.00 p.m.**, and submit their proposal in a sealed envelope with a separate **Demand Draft of Rs. 1 Lakh** in the name of **"Funds & Properties of the Parsi Punchayet Bombay"** as Earnest Money Deposit which will be returned if their proposal is not accepted. Please do not put the Demand Draft in the sealed envelope but hand it over separately.
2. Interested buyers must quote value of the flat in excess of Base Value (**Reserve Security Deposit amount**), exclusive of Stamp Duty and Registration Charges, as applicable for registration of Leave & License Agreement.
3. The sealed envelopes will be opened in the presence of all the applicants on the same day (Wednesday on 20th July, 2022 at 5.00 p.m.
4. The highest offer will be taken as the Second Reserve Security Deposit amount and the applicants will be requested to make an Open offer in excess of this Second Reserve Security Deposit amount.
5. The highest Open Offer will be taken as the Third Reserve Security Deposit amount.
6. The Bid member - Buyer will be guided beforehand by the **Presiding Chairperson- BPP Trustee** for all 3 Round Bidding process. Final Round will be conducted on One-to One basis on direct Phone confirmation for bid in excess of 2nd Round final figure..
7. The flat will be allotted to the highest bidder in this Third & Final round. (If any tie it may occur, one more round will be conducted on same pattern of Third & Final round for Final Highest Figure)
8. 50% of the full Security Deposit amount of the flat must be deposited by the Buyer within **15 days** of the auction and the **balance 50% within one month** of the auction. Failure to make payments on the Due date will lead to cancellation of their offer and the forfeiture of the Earnest Money Deposit. The flat may again be re-auctioned, or offered to the second highest bidder, as decided by the Trustees.
9. The Leave & license Agreement will be registered after the full Security Deposit amount is received by the Trust.
10. The Trustees reserve the right to refuse any or all offers at their discretion without assigning any reason.

**By the ORDER of Board of BPP TRUSTEES**

for BPP N. N. &amp; R.N. Wadia Baugs

**P.N. Sigamporia  
SECRETARY**

## **Do you know what will happen after your funeral?**

In a few hours the cry sound will be completely stopped.

Family ll be busy ordering food from hotels for relatives..

Grandchildren running and playing.

A young man and a woman exchange phone numbers with a romantic smile ...

Some men would go to the tea shop to walk before going to bed.

Your neighbour will be angry, thinking that your people may have thrown the Ritual leaves far away from their gate.

A relative will talk to your daughter on the phone about not being able to come in person due to an emergency situation.

At the next day's dinner, few relatives get reduced , and few complains not having enough salt in the curry.

Foreign relations would have secretly planned tourism, as if they had never looked so far on the way there.

A relative may be complaining about funeral that he has spent a few hundred rupees more on his share.

The crowd will slowly begin to dissolve ..

In the coming days some calls may come to your phone without knowing you are dead.

Your office will be rushing to find someone to replace you.

One week later, after hearing the news of your death, some Facebook friends may search with curious sadness to know what your last post was.

In two weeks your son and daughter will return to work after their emergency leave get over.

At the end of the month,Your spouse will be watching a comedy show and laughing.

In the coming months, your close relationships will return to the cinema and the beach.

Everybody's life will go back to normal just as there is no difference between a withered leaf of a big tree and what you live and die for, it all happens so easily ,so fast, without any movement.

Started raining, the election is coming, the crowds on the buses are as usual, an actress is getting married, the festival is coming, the World Cup cricket is going as planned, the flowers are in full bloom, and your pet gave birth to next puppy.

You will be forgotten by this world at an astonishing pace.

In the meanwhile your first year death anniversary will be celebrated in a grand manner.

In the blink of an eye Years have passed and there is no one to talk about you.

One day, just looking at old photos, one of your close friend may remember you, In your hometown, of the thousands of people you've become acquainted with, only one person, as you have ever been, can rarely talk to anyone about you.

You maybe living elsewhere, as someone else, if reincarnation is true. Otherwise, you will be nothing and will be plunged into darkness for decades.

Tell me now...

People are waiting to forget you easily. Then who are you running around for? And who are you worried for?

For most part of your life, say 80%, you think about what your relatives and neighbors think about you.. Are you living a life to satisfy them? NO USE

Life is once, just live it...





## A Tribute to Field Marshal Sam Maneckshaw, an epitome of Leadership and Compassion



On the occasion of the death anniversary of Field Marshal Sam Maneckshaw, MC a combined tribute by the Defence Forces and Civilians was paid on 27/ Jun/2022 at Shaheed Smarak, Colaba Military Station, Mumbai.



Field Marshal Sam Maneckshaw, MC fondly known as Sam Bahadur, was the Chief of the Army Staff of the Indian Army during the Indo-Pakistan War of 1971, and the first Indian Army officer to be promoted to the rank of Field Marshal.



The Defence personnel and Civilians jointly paid homage to the Field Marshal and a wreath laying ceremony was also conducted.



The event was graced by Lt Gen HS Kahlon SM GOC. It was attended by high ranking Zoroastrian Veteran Officers, Mr Jehan Maneckshaw - grandson of Sam Maneckshaw, Trustees of the BPP, Scouts and Guides of Zoroastrian Society and members of the Parsi Community.

This event which was conceptualized by social workers Ms. Pervin Daruwalla & Mr. Hoshedar Elavia was truly a memorable one and would not be possible without the consent, support and phenomenal arrangements by the Defence Personnel.



While organizing the event, the minutest details were taken into consideration by the Indian Defence Personnel - Maharashtra, Gujarat and Goa which was truly commendable. The respect shown and showered by them speaks volumes about the brave, honest and true soldier that S.H.F.J. Maneckshaw was. The event was concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Burjis Zaveri





# THE EXALTED POSITION THAT ZOROASTRIAN FEMALES HOLD IN FAMILY LIFE

Womenfolk, in Zoroastrian doctrine, are entrusted with playing a well-defined role in their families and in society, at large. While the man of the house ventures out to work; ideally speaking, the woman remains indoors, at home, to smoothly run the household, multitasking her duties of looking after the many needs of her husband and their young children, and the day to day management of the house-life, with the unruffled performance of domestic activities.

Apart from that, she shoulders the added grave responsibility of inculcating high moral values and religious uprightness in her children.

In the holy G th s, the Prophet grants equal status to both men and women. Males as well as females undergo the "navjote" ceremony, and are enjoined to don the sudreh-kusti. There is no discrimination made between the two genders. Both are looked upon with equal esteem and deference. In fact, the mothers are expected to play a pivotal role in building the characters of their progeny, and, thereby, shaping the destiny of the entire nation, in general.

A successful woman, in Zoroastrianism, is not one who has climbed the corporate ladder and achieved laurels and distinction in her field of expertise, but one who is adept at instilling and sustaining righteous attributes in her children, which later result in forming the basis of a rectitudinous society.

In today's times, we see more and more women who are career-oriented, and who are willing to go to any lengths to achieve their job-related ambitions. This may make them materially wealthy, but at the same time, incorporeally impoverished. It is too high a price to pay (at the cost of spiritual insolvency) for being a part of the so-called prosperous corporatism.

Rather than giving their daughters a formal academic training, which merely helps them generate smart money, and the gross, superficial affluence that accompanies it, parents would do well to guide their girls to learn the skills of home-making, and be 'refined' instructors to their children, in the fine art of ethical upbringing, which will lay the foundation of a strong edifice of virtuosity, integrity, good conduct and decency in humankind.

Life and religion are two facets of the same coin. Without religious education, life becomes a meaningless void, due to spiritual depravation. In ancient times, right from her adolescent years the girl child, in Iran, was taught the importance of morality and truthfulness in daily life, along with the technique of spinning of the wool and interlacing it to produce the "kusti", and the laws of personal hygiene and sanitation; in addition to cooking, weaving of rugs and carpets, tending to milch animals, and other domestic chores.

In modern times, girls are being groomed for scholastic aptitudes from a tender age. They imbibe a spirit of competitiveness from their over-zealous mothers, who make them go through the rut of formal education, beginning from when they are just four or five years old. Academic freedom and proficiency never has and never will be able to substitute the high level of incorruptible, conscientious conditioning of a community, or the entire mankind, which can only be achieved through the imparting of religious

education and values.

Of course, modern women need to be literate, sometimes even economically independent, but the pursuing of their respective vocations should not be a hindrance to the performance of their primeval duties and responsibilities, as the caretakers of their households. In their quest for attaining newer heights of professionalism, they ought not to neglect the welfare of their families and the prominent roles Nature has ordained them to play therein. They should not treat their positions at the office as a status symbol, and consider them more gratifying than their dedication to their husbands and their offspring.

As stated earlier, men and women enjoy equal rights in the Zoroastrian religion. But, while it is incumbent upon the former to act as bread-earners for the family, no such obligation is assigned to the latter. Therefore, those women who choose to spend long, tedious hours at work, do so out of some bad karma of previous lives, that makes them slog hard at the office, when actually Creation has not designed them to undertake such a prolixly wearisome, unfulfilling routine.

Women, from time immemorial, were expected to divert their energies towards the spiritual elevation of their children. The importance of a woman in her family is not to be judged by the weight of the pay packet that she carries home every month, but by her capacity to stand as a solid pillar of sublime, numinous progress of her kids, in particular, and of society, in general. If the rot of spiritual decay is allowed to set into this supporting 'column', that is supposed to hold the family together; however materially prosperous a ménage may be, it is, sooner or later, bound to crash like a pack of cards, and disintegrate.

It has been observed in the present times that religion has been side-tracked, and academics has gained precedence over everything else. Scriptures are being twisted and turned to interpret them in a way that best suits the shallow thinking of the laity. Formerly, Zoroastrian parents (especially the mothers), who were devoted souls, used to make themselves free to teach their children the important aspects of the religion they were born into, and the significance of all its traditions, beliefs and practices. Unfortunately, today, very few seniors in the family have the inclination to impart religious knowledge to the juniors, due to their various materialistic commitments, which leaves them with hardly any time to observe the tenets themselves and also enlighten the youngsters. As a result of this neglect, such ill-tutored youth sadly remain blithely unaware of the basic principles of their religion, the contents of the various scriptures, and the meaningful teachings of the holy Prophet. They then try to transform the prescribed laws and set injunctions in a way that best suits their convenience, and allow their ignorance to determine their thinking, which is bound to be unprofound and temporal, and detrimental to the cause of the Religion.

Zoroastrian women were never considered weak or helpless. They have always displayed valour and bravery. History has placed on record several instances where our females have, when the need arose, fought shoulder to shoulder with

their male counterparts, in battle. The Shahn meh narrates many such instances of the mettlesome spirit of our dauntless damsels, the most famous being that of the intrepid God frid, whose courage and prowess on the battle ground left the legendary warrior hero, Sohr b, awe-struck. In a relatively recent era, we have heard of the story of the Jung-e-Variav, where a handful of our plucky women, camouflaging themselves as male fighters, with swords and daggers in hand, valiantly took upon the mighty Muslim marauders, and roared like ferocious lionesses, to nearly defeat and annihilate them, until the disguise of one of them was accidentally revealed. This clearly portrays the determination, splendour and magnificence of our gallant womenfolk.

Our towering prophet Zarathushta has nowhere preached that women are subservient to men, or that they should be treated as slaves. In fact, he has sought equal rights for both, while defining distinct sociocultural roles for either of them. He has, however, advised that the wife should submit herself to the will of the husband. By this, he did not mean that the former should adopt a servile attitude, or that the latter should exercise his power to make his spouse a victim of forced labour. What is indicated here is that the wife should exercise her volition in complying with her pro-family duties with the utmost demureness, self-sacrifice, love and attachment. Women's rights activists may misconstrue this elevated concept, and frown upon it, as an assault on feminism. But, it is to be considered in the right perspective, as a salubrious virtue, rather than looking at it as a portrayal of the meekness and subjugation of womankind.

To be dedicated to one's husband and the family does not mean that the wife is, in any way, a subordinate being. Obeisance is the quality of being amenable. It is not to be misunderstood for being passively acquiescent and inertly resigning to the will of the husband. An amiable wife is one who brings joy and peace in the family. Due to her humble, malleable nature she is able to make adjustments and sacrifices in the greater interest of all members.

Even the angels and archangels display loyalty to Ahura Mazda by totally submitting to His will. Our revered prophet, too, had declared the dedication of his entire life to the Wise Lord. The classic example of devotional resignedness, in Hindu culture, is that of the godly Mirabai, who relinquished everything for the sake of her selfless love and adoration for the God she lifelong propitiated. 'Obedience' to the husband, therefore, is not akin to being submissive to his dominant or overbearing attitude, nor is it to be mistaken for the docile wife's tolerance of male chauvinism. Being a duteous wife, therefore, does not convey that she is vulnerable, vincible and powerless, but reflects a praiseworthy meritorious characteristic of capitulation and appeasement, for the well-being of the family.

It is the woman who is at the core of every family, the one who breeds piety, honesty and spirituality in her children, and moulds them to lead noble, high-principled, humane, equitable, honourable lives.

~Y.H.