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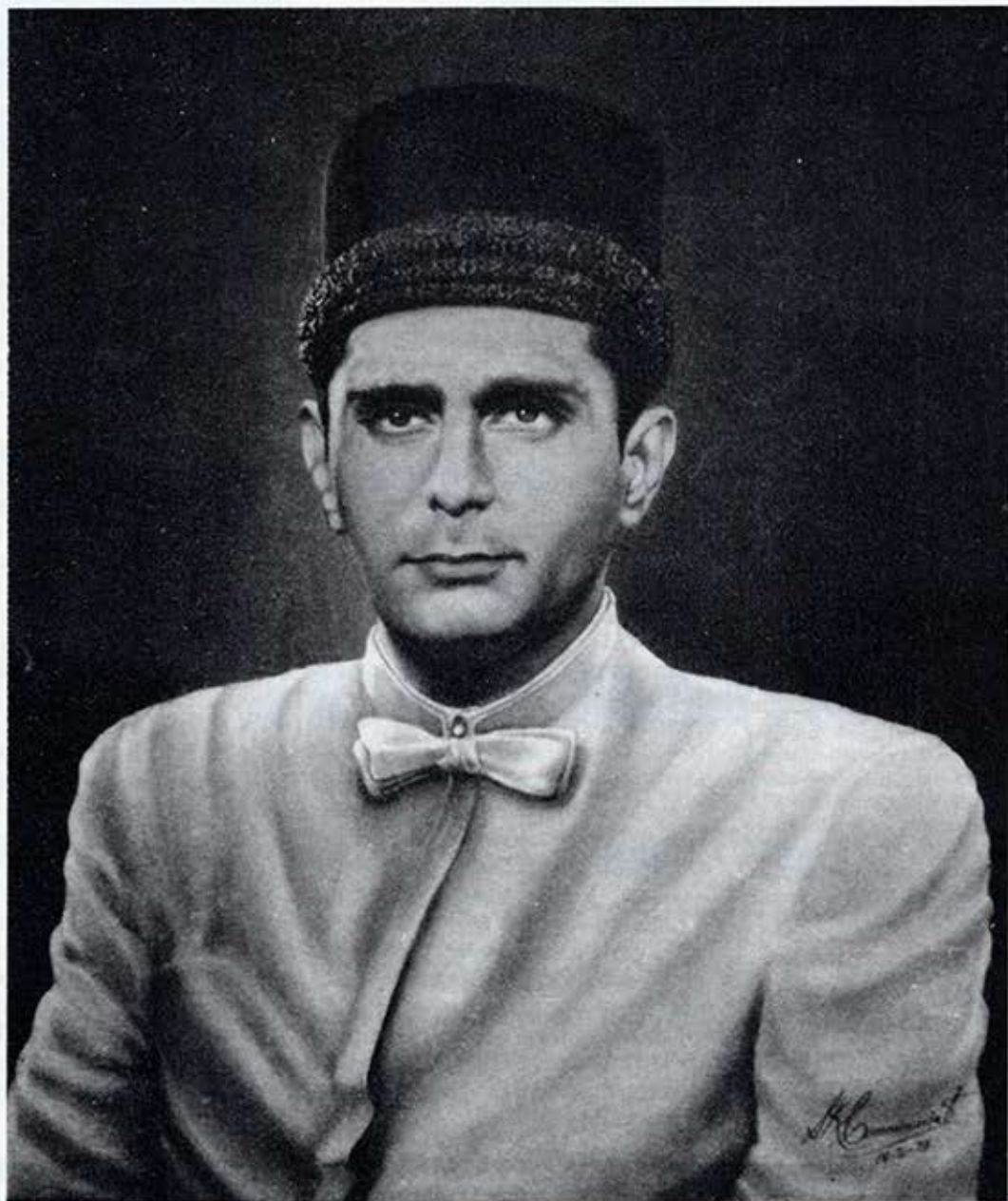
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"Projecting Udvada"

The news of a grant of about one crore rupees from the Central Government and twenty five lakhs from the Gujarat Government for the development of Udvada as a pilgrim-cum-tourist center (*pavitra yatra dham*) is most welcome ("Projecting Udvada," *Parsiana*, February 2003). A core group of seven members has been formed with Dinshaw Tamboly, trustee, Bombay Parsi Punchayet (BPP), as president. Two leading members of the community who are also BPP trustees, two eminent social workers from Bombay, Jehangir Cama of the Cama group of Hotels and P. K. Laheri, commissioner of tourism, Gandhinagar are the other members of the core group.

A glaring omission is a representative from Udvada. Vada Dastur

Khurshed Kekobad Dastoor would be a good choice.

The project has envisaged interesting programs like the establishment of a museum, a cultural center, a tourist lodge and a heritage walk; organizing an annual festival in the town and also a tourist circuit following the path of Shri Iranshah from Sanjan-Bahrot caves to Udvada. But a cultural center without a regular supply of electricity and water (as is the case now) would not be a successful venture.

The main road from the station to the town is in need of immediate repairs too.

A museum and a tourist lodge are already managed by the Youth Wing of the World Zoroastrian Organisation. A heritage walk would have little to offer to the tourists and devotees except for the ruin of the palace of the Raja of Mandvi and the site of the first fire-temple of 1742. Cleanliness leaves much to be desired as the streets and the beach are littered with garbage. The beautiful beach resort of Devka maintained in a spic and span condition should serve as an example. The Udvada shore is used by the villagers for the purpose of ablution in the absence of toilet facilities. Sanitation should be improved to attract tourists. The annual festival may be combined with Sanjan Day.

Above all, the menace of advancing sea encroaching upon the houses on the sea-front with the attendant problem of salinity intrusion rendering well-water brackish needs priority. Cities of historical, religious and cultural importance like Dwarka and Poompuhar now lying submerged under seas serve as eye-open-

ers, reminding us of the urgent need for remedial measures. Taking note of these problems, Laheri assures the Save Udvada Trust founded by the late Homi Taleyarkhan that the Ministry of Water Resources would be finalizing a suitable program in consultation with Dr Zal S. Tarapore, former director, Central Water and Power Research Station, Poona.

Udvada lacks greenery. The low-lying land extending from north of the Gymkhana up to the backyard of Shri Iranshah gets flooded by creek water at high tides and also by rain-water and remains a wasteland. The land can be planted with a suitable salt-tolerant species like *Salvadora* (*Pilu* in Gujarati). The tree has economic value too. After it is stabilized the beach can be beautified as a park with decorative species.

Unfortunately, the grant received from the Government ignores environmental aspects. Hence this appeal for funds. Your generous donation by way of a cheque in favor of the "Save Udvada Trust" may be addressed to the Co-Chairman and Treasurer B. H. Baldawala, 6/5 Spenta, B. G. Kher Marg, Malabar Hill, Bombay 400006. Donations are subject to exemption under Section 80 G of the Income-tax Act.

Dr. V. M. MEHER-HOMJI

"We need to improve..."

In my interview published in the issue of February 2003 wherein it is stated "Antia's clients include foreign and Indian banks etc..." should have read as follows:

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B. H. ANTIA

"Walkover for Antia"

Burjor Antia, the new Bombay Parsi Punchayet (BPP) trustee has implied that those who pay taxes have a right to vote (see "Walkover for Antia," *Parsiana*, January 2003). What has Universal Adult Franchise (UAF) to do with paying taxes? My maid servant doesn't pay a paisa in taxes but votes in all elections, be it state or central, just because she is an adult (over 18 years of age) and thus automatically has a right to vote under the Constitution of India. And there will be millions of such people who don't pay taxes but vote. Taxes are levied by the states and the center for the



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Antia's contention that only the donors earn the right to vote is a travesty of justice. The need of the hour is to perform and reform. This can only be done through UAF.

Dr P. D. SUNAVALA

"Zoroastrian heritage"

I enjoyed reviewing *The Legacy of Zarathushtra* ("Zoroastrian heritage," Books, *Parsiana*, January 2003), but wish to make a few clarifications:

In the section on "Parsi luminaries" there is a serious omission about Darashaw Wadia. Not only was he the first to establish geological studies throughout the country, but he was the first Indian to receive a national professorship in science created by the Government expressly for him. Some years later, the distinguished professor of chemistry, S. M. Bhatnagar, was made a

national professor. Does the award still exist? Moreover, both Darashaw Wadia and Homi Bhabha were elected Fellows of the Royal Society, London, an international honor rarely attained.

Secondly, Rustam Saklat's monajats in Gujarati were first printed in my booklet, *Fravarane* (1959 and 1964). The dates are important as Saklat felt there was no point in printing monajats in Gujarati any more as the majority of Parsis had to learn Marathi and Hindi and few of the younger generation knew Gujarati. He therefore insisted I remove the monajats from subsequent editions to my great regret. The sixth edition of the *Fravarane* is being prepared.

PILOO N. JUNGALWALLA

New Delhi

"Fund-raising luncheon"

There is a gross error in "Fund-raising luncheon," Readers' Forum, *Parsiana*, January 2003. It mentions "the late scholar Prof Eruch Munshi" and then refers to the passing away of the Munshis... Please note Eruch is alive and well and continues the long established tradition (along with Lovji and myself) of collecting money for needy families of Udvada, Surat, etc.

MEHRU L. CAMA

New Jersey

May I inform you that Prof Eruch Munshi is fortunately still with us. His good wife Perin is no more on the globe. Years back Eruch was with the Surat Parsi Panchayat working as the house master of the Surat Parsi Orphanage where he was an inmate for several years. He left the place, studied further and went to the States and became a professor there.

His grooming at the Surat Parsi Orphanage was under educationists like Ervad (later on Dastur) Khurshed Shapurji Dabu and Ervad Eruch Dossabhoy Dabu. This excellent grooming made Eruch such a good Jarthosti that in the States he became the soul of the Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York and was instrumental in founding a Darbe Mehr there. Besides he and his late wife, along with some other members, collected good amounts for the benefit of Parsi institutions and deserving Parsis of Udvada, Navsari and Surat and continue to do so every year.

Sometimes one feels Parsis staying outside India think and work more for the betterment of society than those stay-

ing in their motherland. Eruch is an excellent illustration of the same.

RATAN R. MARSHALL

Surat

Parinaz Gandhi replies

Parsiana offers its profuse apologies to Dr Eruch Munshi and his family. Dr Sam Bhacca is not to blame for the error which is entirely ours. While editing the piece, the error occurred due to an oversight.

"Celebrations guide"

In "Celebrations guide" (*Parsiana*, December 2002) in which you have referred to the various baug venues, caterers, and other services available for weddings, navjotes and other functions, you have inadvertently missed out on Malcolm Hall, situated in Malcolm Baug, Jogeshwari, Bombay 400102. The hall, with its spacious grounds set in sylvan surroundings, has all facilities including more than adequate parking and has successfully met the requirements of a guest list of approximately 1,500 in buffet arrangement. The functioning of the Hall is managed by the Malcolm Baug Zoroastrian Association and the Hall manager is available at the Hall office

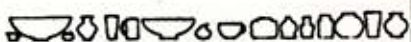


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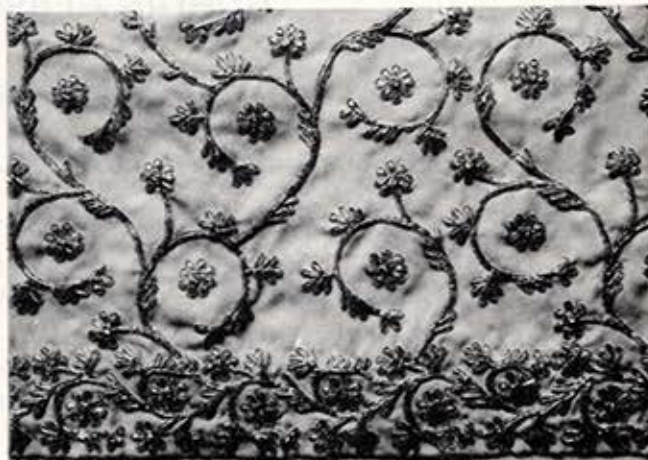
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Priests' diktat

At a meeting held in Poona on December 6, 2002 at the Sir J. J. Agiary complex, all the mobeds of Poona resolved unanimously that irrespective of what may have happened in the past: "no mobed will perform any ceremony for the first four days, or even thereafter, for those who opt for burial or cremation, or any other mode of disposal other than *dikhmemashim* (*dakhmenashini*), where a *dokhma* exists. Any mobed who breaks the above resolution would not be allowed to practice his profession in any agyari in the city." A copy of the Poona mobeds' resolution has also been sent to Dastur (Dr) K. JamaspAsa, with a request to endorse the same on behalf of the Council of High Priests.

For those who do not subscribe to *dakhmenashini*, certain enlightened mobeds have to be 'imported' from Bombay at a heavy fee, including transportation and accommodation which no poor or even middle-class Parsi can afford. In sheer desperation therefore, such people are either forced to take the bodies of their dead to the *dokhma*, or to go without a priest's prayers which a family member then chants to the best of his ability.

What a disgraceful state of affairs for an enlightened community where its priests' diktats are even worse than those of the mullahs of Taliban or Iran. The fact that the trustees of these agiaries have not the 'guts' to go against their priests for such diktats is another matter.

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Poona

99.9% common genes

According to some religious scholars the holy *Vendidad* states that *bunak pasbani* meaning preservation and purification of *bunak* — the seed of sperm *tokham* will be adversely affected by mixed marriages. It is also stated that during a man's life the *bunak* contains 40,000 *nar* seeds, while actually the adult male's semen contains 50 million sperms per dl and any quantity less than two million will most probably cause infertility in the males. It is also stated that all religions have three *khao*, whatever that means, while a Zoroastrian has four *khaos*. These teachings may have had relevance in older times when precious little knowledge, understanding and information were available in the scientific knowledge and application of one of the most complex and still less

understood subject of genetics. The present available information has thrown light on our knowledge of the role of genes in causing different diseases and the trait observed in different human beings.

A very concentrated effort was made to ascertain the location of these genes on the chromosomes and to find out how hereditary traits like color of eyes, skin, hair, etc and diseases are transmitted from one generation to another. To reach this goal, an international project, named Human Genome Project, situated at Human Genome Research Institute at Bethesda, Maryland, USA was instituted in 1990. After intensive research, for 10 years by 3,000 scientists at a cost of three billion US dollars, Celera and Sue Meyer announced successful mapping of 50,000 to 100,000 genes on the 23 pairs of chromosomes (in each cell of a human body) which regulate the hereditary traits of an individual.

The research shows that 99.9 percent of the genes are common to all in a given species and have no molecular support for race discrimination. It is therefore not correct to assume that our Parsi community has any specific *tokham*.

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What makes a Parsi a lovable Bawaji, is his love for good food, sense of humor, fair play and honesty in his dealings, etc, qualities which have been endowed by virtue of upbringing and environment. A child whose parents are well-known pianists need not become a good pianist unless a suitable environment is created by purchase of a good piano, taking music lessons and putting in long hours of practice. Of course, the inherited trait for music is there but it cannot be achieved without adequate exposure to a proper environment.

Most of us may have knowledge about our ancestry up to perhaps a great-great-grandparent but our ancestry as a human race goes beyond 60,000 years and during the creation of several generations different characteristics may have been inserted by the process of mutation or exposure to different environments.

It has been a well accepted fact that certain diseases are more common in some communities than the others. This is due to the coming together of two "recessive genes" (alleles), from each of the parent, which up to now were remaining dormant. This becomes more evident in excessive inbreeding within the same species, more particularly con-

sanguineous unions. It is an accepted fact that the incidence of certain diseases like breast cancer, diabetes, hypertension, heart diseases, etc, is relatively more in our community than in other communities.

The problem facing our community currently is the acceptance of children of mixed marriages into our Zoroastrian faith. Lest I may be misunderstood, let me make it abundantly clear that I do not advocate inter-caste marriages as a way to eugenics or to combat the frightful decline in number in our already depleted community. I, for myself have been happily married to a Parsi Zoroastrian (Dr Gool) and we recently celebrated our golden wedding anniversary. This was made possible as we both belonged to the same caste and religion viz. Parsi-Zoroastrian and had common environment exposure to our profession and the rituals and social customs of our community. Of late there is an alarming proportion (more than 30 percent) of mixed marriages in our community and surprisingly, a fair percentage of these marriages are children from the athornan (priestly) class who have been brought up in an orthodox environment.

The goal of limiting or abolishing

inter-caste marriages can never be achieved in light of the present situation of young girls and boys having higher education, independent lifestyles and migration to western countries where inter-community exposure is very much in existence. What we must earnestly try and achieve is to salvage the children of these marriages when either or both the parents have no objection to bringing up their children in the Zoroastrian faith.

It is a sorry state of affairs that even today, we deny inducting a child of a Zoroastrian mother into the Zoroastrian faith, even when the non Zoroastrian father has no objection. Worst still, certain anjumans even deny entry to the agiary and to other religious functions to a child born of a Zoroastrian father and an alien mother, till the navjote is performed. This unreasonable attitude deprives our young children from understanding and appreciating our noble religion during the most formative years of their lives.

Let us hope that in the coming years our community will move with the changed times and not deprive children of mixed marriages from their legitimate aspirations to adopt and practice our noble religion. This will, even in a

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small measure help to stall the dangerous fall in our numbers to self extinction due to reasons which are now getting beyond our control.

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The atash of victory

The eminent scholar, the late Dastur Cursetji Erachji Pavri, in his excellent book *Iranian Studies*, emphasizes that Ardeshir Babakan was the first founder of these *Kiblas*. He states that from the Pahlavi work *Karnameh-Ardeshir Babakan*, as well as from other Pahlavi works, we gather the following details:

"Firstly, to commemorate his victory over Ardvan, the king of Parthia, Ardeshir founded the city of Bukhte (Bakhte) Ardeshir and built therein 10 atash behrams.

"Secondly, he also built 10 atash behrams in the city of Valash (Valkhash) Shapur, which he also founded.

"Thirdly, after his victories over different countries when he returned to Pars, he founded the city of Khureshe Ardeshir, and built a number of atash behrams therein.

"Fourthly, according to an old manuscript, Ardeshir brought about a settle-

ment in Kobalya and established seven atash behrams therein."

It seems that Ardeshir Babakan had built these atash behrams to commemorate his victory over different countries. Even the descendants of Ardeshir are known to have founded atash behrams in conquered countries.

For the present day Zoroastrians, it may be difficult to comprehend that so many atash behrams were in existence in ancient Iran. Since Behram Yazad stands for victory, and since the intention of the rulers was to commemorate victories in battles or other political or major victories, the word atash behram seems to have been preferred over *dare-meher*, atash adarian or atash dadgah.

HORMAZDIAR J. M. DESAI

Sundays make sacred

Meeting compulsorily every Sunday will bring us together and help us in becoming more familiar with ourselves, our problems and above all our religion. We do not have to give up our holy days but we can at least do something to suit the modern industrial age in keeping us together.

The Roman Empire worshipped Mithra (our Zoroastrian Meherdata) as

their religious deity and practised Mithraism from 68 BC to 394 AD. As Judaism observed Saturday as their holy day of the week, the Romans named Sunday (after the Sun God, Mithra) as their holy day of the week. This was adopted later on by the Christians in the fourth or fifth century AD. Additionally Mithra being born on December 25, the Romans celebrated the friendly Saturnalia on that day by giving presents to each other. However the aristocratic Romans were exclusive — that means women and commoners were not permitted in their fold. This resulted in the Romans becoming overwhelmed by the Christians who permitted everyone to join in. It is said that had it not been for this exclusiveness, Mithraism may have become the religion of the European continent.

Another practice that we can modify is the celebration of the navjote ceremony. In present day Iran, navjotes are performed in a group whereas in India and the North American continent we spend a fortune on individual ceremonies. It would be better if we perform navjotes every three/four months in a group with everyone (new Zoroastrians, parents and friends) participating in their

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A call to dialog

The credibility of dialog is intimately related to the confidence that its initiators enjoy in society. Also, power relations often play a determining role in setting the agenda and defining partners. The questions of cultural identity of partners in dialog and their concern for national unity occupy an important place in dialog.

All true religions will justice, peace and harmony. Yet, as we engage here at the United Nations, Geneva, in dialog we are conscious of the fact that wars are being fought in many parts of the world in the name of religion. Our own religious communities are being divided along lines of competing doctrines or as a result of alliances between religions and national, ethnic and other secular groupings which have assumed a "holy" character. As was the case in the age of secularism, religion continues to be misused by those controlling power whose interests have little to do with religion,

faith or the spirituality of believers.

Most of the rational and pragmatic will agree that the spirit of secularism which either sought to abolish religion, or to restrict it to the sphere of personal spirituality has contributed to a breakdown in both public and private morality. But, religious and spiritual leaders need to be honest with themselves and with the world and therefore, admit that they have too often remained silent in the face of this breakdown in ethics and morality. Some of our own institutions have at times been complicit with or have even succumbed to such abuses of public trust and responsibility to God (Ahura Mazda).

The international community has failed to eradicate poverty, to provide for the general social welfare of all peoples, to resolve conflict short of the use of overwhelming military power and to rid the world of the scourge of weapons of mass destruction. We still do not have a truly democratic forum in which the rich and poor, powerful and weak nations alike can share equitably and fully in responsibility for global affairs. All of this defies the spirit of the charter of the United Nations and the lofty aims

set out in its preamble. One cannot blame the United Nations alone for these failures which have allowed the law of the most powerful to dominate over the international rule of law. Collective responsibility needs to be assured. Yet there is reason to lament the lack of civil courage and statesmanship of many government leaders who have been more concerned about the preservation of national self-interests — and often their own personal privileges — than for the collective interest of the peoples of the United Nations.

Dialog within and between religions requires not just tolerance but deep respect for the other. True dialog should enable each partner to deepen his or her own faith or belief, not to weaken or abandon it. An amalgam of spiritual truths is not to be sought, but some sort of global set of minimum religious values or a shared code behavior comprising of eternal truths drawn from our various faiths. The accent needs to be to create a global culture of mutual respect which will provide a model to those who bear responsibility for governance at all levels of society, be it in the private, communal or public spheres.

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Lessons from Palkhivala

To listen to Nani Palkhivala's post-budget speeches was both a pleasure and an education in itself. After attending his scintillating talks embellished with quotations and references, there was no further need to read the newspapers.

On many occasions, I had addressed letters to Palkhivala seeking his opinion on matters concerning the Parsi community. Notwithstanding his multifarious activities, never once did he fail to send his mature replies.

BHIKHAJI M. ADENWALLA

rose to speak), and then go on lecturing on everything connected with the word 'chip.' He would talk about fish and chips wrapped in newspaper, which he used to consume as dinner during his



Palkhivala:
profound
memory

stay as a student in the UK, then turn to *Good-bye Mr Chips* and discuss the merits of that film and the hero. Next he would jump to the chips used in the game of poker and so on. Unluckily for us 'computer chips' were not much

known at that time.

Another instance was the phrase: "A kingdom trusted to a schoolboy's care (used by some Brits when Younger Pitt became a Prime Minister). For one full period he dwelled on the various ancient and modern kingdoms of the world. From astronomy to zoology he could discuss any subject fluently for hours. His depth of knowledge was phenomenal and his ability to disseminate this wide knowledge to the students, commendable!

A profound memory and vociferous reading were his greatest assets, accumulated during his lifetime. No doubt a

Way back in 1947-48, Nani Palkhivala was our lecturer in English literature at the Government Law College at Churchgate. The text book prescribed by the then Bombay University was *Biography of Younger Pitt* — a most boring and dry subject for us Indian students used to reading fictional novels!

But Palkhivala, with his wit, depth of knowledge, and power of oratory, turned it into the most interesting lecture, a 'must' for every student.

He would select one phrase or line from the book e.g. "chip of the old block" (the phrase used by some British Parliament members when Younger Pitt

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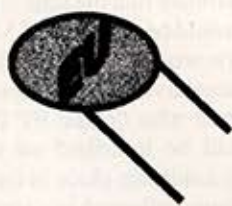
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washing and other facilities. Moreover, with the increase in the population of the Parsis in Vadodara to over 1,200 there is an urgent need to extend the existing jashan hall and the area in front of the kebala where people gather to offer prayers. In order to provide an atmosphere of peace and calm, the Agiary also needs a facelift with adequate lighting and other amenities. We have taken advice from Rustomji Bulsara and Company, architects and civil engineers from Bombay who have wide experience in construction and renovation of agiaries. With their help, we hope to create an atmosphere that is conducive for our

Umrigar Agiary: needs facelift

Since then, little or no renovation has been done. However, with the passage of time, it is evident that the Agiary needs a proper entrance (a spacious verandah with a facade),

community to come together and pray to our Lord Ahura Mazda.

We estimate that the total cost of this project would be around Rs 35 lakhs for which we would welcome donations. The trustees have decided that the names of all those who donate Rs 15,000 or above will be inscribed on a marble plaque in a suitable place in the Agiary.

Any sum collected in excess of the amount spent for renovation/facelift and extension of the Agiary shall be reserved for maintenance of the Umrigar Agiary complex. All donations will qualify for income tax exemption under Sec 80G of the Income-tax Act. Cheques/drafts may be drawn in favor of "Shree Parsi Panchayat Vadodara — A/c Umrigar Agiary Renovation Fund."

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Events and Personalities

Civics center

Construction of Sir Pheroze Shah Mehta Bhavan and Research Centre at the Bombay University's Kalina campus is proceeding apace with the plinth laid and completion expected by the end of the year, according to Dr Nawaz Mody, member secretary of Sir Pheroze Shah Mehta 150th Birth Anniversary Celebrations Committee. The Centre will house the University's department of civics and politics, says Mody who heads the department.

Of the Centre's estimated total cost of six crore rupees, the cost of construction will amount to Rs 3.32 crore. Rustom Sethna's firm Sethna Constructions is implementing the concept of noted architect I. M. Kadri who has designed the Bhavan gratis. The rest of the cost will cover the furniture and other infrastructure required for the making of a state of the art auditorium with multilingual interpretation facilities, an up-to-date library, seminar rooms with audiovisual facilities, etc. The auditorium will be named the Shirin and Jamshed Guzder Auditorium in recognition of J. Guzder's Rs 85 lakh contribution to the project while the library will commemorate the Iranian Zoroastrian philanthropists

Mehraban and the late Faridoon Zartoshty who have donated Rs 90 lakh.

The Guzder and Zartoshty portraits will grace their respective facilities. Artist Devdatta Padekar has already been commissioned to work on the Zartoshty portraits, noted committee member Homai Modi.

At the intercession of author and administrator of Sir Dorab Tata Trust Russi Lala, Narottam Seksaria, chairman of Ambuja Cement, has agreed to provide all the cement required by the project at a unit cost of Rs 120 per package irrespective of price fluctuations (versus its present commercial price of Rs 150), says N. Mody. Presently they are negotiating with the Steel Authority of India for the large quantity of steel that is required for the construction, she adds.

The ground breaking of the project had been preceded by a multifaith prayer meeting on July 24, 2002 when Hindu, Muslim, Christian, Sikh and Buddhist priests had followed Zarathushti mobed Ervad Pervaz Bajan in chanting appropriate prayers for the success of the undertaking. On that occasion the University's vice chancellor Dr B. L. Mungekar had recalled that there was "not a single aspect of the civic life of the

metropolis to which Pheroze Shah Mehta had not contributed" and had praised the role of the Parsi community in the building of the city. In the context of the prevailing "cultural decay amid material prosperity," Mungekar hoped that the politics and civics department will be able to disseminate "lessons in composite culture and tolerance."

Thereafter, on August 4, 2002, Mehta's 157th birth anniversary, a jashan presaged the burial of a time capsule under the proposed auditorium. It contained newspapers, photographs of Mehta, a copper plate inscribed with membership details of Sir P. Mehta's 150th Birth Anniversary Celebrations Committee (including those like former vice chairman Homi Taleyarkhan and Jehangir Nicholson who are no more), etc, N. Mody informed *Parsiana*.

Arnavaz S. Mama

Khatami meets Parsis

"An obviously excited Iranian President Mohammad Khatami dropped all diplomatic formalities and ignored security arrangements when he walked down from the podium at the Iranian Consulate General in Hyderabad to talk to a gathering of about 300 Iranians, Parsis

Blessing the time capsule buried under the Sir P. Mehta Bhavan and Research Centre under construction (below)



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Pestonji (left) presenting A Zoroastrian Tapestry to Khatami

and Hyderabadis," noted a news item in *The Deccan Chronicle* of January 29, 2003, reporting on the previous day's activities.

Departing from protocol and breaking the security cordon, the President stepped down from the dais and personally met the Zoroastrians of the twin cities on January 28, 2003, shortly before he returned to Iran, notes a report from the honorary secretary of the Zoroastrian Club in Secunderabad, Ervad Kerfegar Antia.

In his 30-minute address during which time he showered the Parsis — both in Iran and India — with accolades, the President singled out the community members for their nobility and achievements in trade. Barely 24 hours before the arrival of the President "we received a phone call from the Iranian Consulate at Hyderabad conveying his desire to meet a few Parsi Zoroastrians, including the priestly class, of the twin cities," states the report. Thus Ervads Antia, Aspi Patel and Jehangir Dastoor in their full ceremonial dress represented the priestly class.

"The warmth with which the President met the Parsis was absolutely touch-

astrians residing in Iran. A leading Hyderabad businessman Capt Kayarmin Pestonji spoke briefly on the activities of the community in Hyderabad-Secunderabad and presented the President with a copy of *A Zoroastrian Tapestry*.

The Zoroastrian Club enjoys a close rapport with the Iranian Consulate at Hyderabad. Every year they have a friendly cricket match which is organized by the Consulate, reports Antia.

Congratulating Guzder

The Lady Hirabai Cowasji Jehangir Health Unit (HU), the Gamadia Colony Tenants' Association (TA) and the Gamadia Colony Recreation Centre (RC) combined forces on February 9, 2003 to felicitate the Bombay Parsi Punchayet's first ever chairman emeritus Jamshed Guzder. A shawl, memento and flowers were bestowed on the philanthropist who completed 86 years on February 5, 2003.

Arni Khan, who has dedicated a large

measure of her 50 years' social service to the community in maintaining and enhancing the facilities at the HU, recalled her "happy and fruitful years" working on "equal terms" with a very supportive Guzder. Khan, together with friend and colleague Dr Nelie Noble, had been the main organizer of the event.

On behalf of the medical team at the HU, noted physician Dr Dinyar Gamadia congratulated Guzder on the signal honor bestowed on him by a grateful community. An ECG machine has been installed there with Guzder's blessings and the institution was catering to an increasing number of active patients, he told the assembled gathering. He also noted that Guzder had contributed Rs 15 lakhs to Masina Hospital for the construction of a centenary hall there to be named after his late wife Shirin. Many people have plenty of money but not the heart to give to others, added the doctor.

"Whenever we invited him to any function, he never went back without donating," declared the TA's Filly Sethna. "He not merely practices the religion but lives the religion in day-to-day life," added Sethna.

Happy that Gamadia Colony residents had achieved laurels at the state and national levels, the RC's Khushrow Elavia acknowledged that this would not have been possible without the RC and Guzder's continuing patronage to it.

The morning's emcee, social worker Homai Modi emphasized Guzder's sense of humor that turned away wrath, his concern not only for community members but for humanity at large which prompted him to donate handsomely to institutions like the University of Bombay (see "Civics center", p 22).

Guzder was quick to ascribe the honors he received as well as his deeds of benevolence to "the hand of God" and

his wise mother who had lovingly requested her only son (she had seven daughters) to use the public transport on his way home from school in his senior years so that he could witness the plight of people not equally blessed.

The genial businessman who had taken over the family concern, N. S. Guzder and Company, and had created Airfreight, said he had inherited "quite a lot of money." He had prayed for means as well



Guzder (left) being felicitated by Khan and the nursing staff. Above (from left): Elavia, Sethna and Gamadia Photos: Spectravision





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as opportunities to help others and the Hongkong Bank shares he inherited from a relative grew 15 times in value in the course of nine years — money which he maintained scrupulously for charity. "It is not my money. It's God's money. I give it to whoever God tells me to give it to,"

he declared, adding that his actions had increased his own happiness and contentment. He added that he has formed three trusts into which the money has been distributed: 40 percent for Parsis, 40 percent for non-Parsis and 20 percent for women and children. "Give to others what God gives to you, not only money but help, peace..." the octogenarian advised the audience.

After Guzder had ceremonially released Najoo Dordi's second Gujarati novel, *Anmol Khajana*, the nursing and other staff of the HU individually greeted the smiling but obviously moved octogenarian.



Hinnells:
interlinks

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Culture in migration

"Festivals are linking communities round the globe... It is no longer enough to write about Zoroastrians in one country without reference to Zoroastrians elsewhere," says Prof John Hinnells who has been studying the community over the past few decades. The professor from Cambridge who was celebrating the 30th anniversary of the first of his umpteen visits to Bombay, is currently engaged in writing a history of the Parsis of Bombay.

He finds the community now more "India focussed," its leanings towards orthodox and ritual practices, especially *Khshnoomist* teachings, stronger. However, speaking on the subject "Zoroastrian religion and culture in migration" at the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute (KRCOI) on January 30, 2003, Hinnells maintained that the "Zoroastrian diaspora is no longer peripheral to the study of Zoroastrianism." He has traveled 2,50,000 miles to collect data from the various settlements all over the world.

Zoroastrians have settled abroad as refugees, laborers or traders. The establishment of burial grounds, beginning with Karachi in 1839 and followed by Canton (1847), London (1863), Zanzibar (1883) are an indication of migration in various directions, Hinnells noted. While they went as traders to Karachi and Canton, Parsi professionals went to

Zanzibar as friends of the Sultan who had spent his years in exile in Bombay and found a berth there in various capacities. Initially the UK and later the US attracted students many of whom built a career in these areas. The first Parsis who went to London however had gone in search of justice from the British Government and the East India Company. In the recent past, while political refugees from East Africa chose to settle in the UK, religious refugees from Iran chose Canada and California.

In modern times the first Zoroastrian association in the New World was established in Toronto in 1966 followed by Quebec and Vancouver. These Zoroastrian migrants had come in search of better living conditions. Thereafter the US associations were formed, said Hinnells. The formation of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America in 1987 heralded "years of consolidation." Since then 25 adult and youth congresses have been held, religious education of the young seriously pursued, sleepovers, picnics, ski trips of Zoroastrian youths vigorously encouraged. It has been found that school

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and university contacts with host communities lapse in later years while community contacts continue, said Hinnells.

Zoroastrians from East Africa and Gujarat are generally more traditional than Bombay Parsis, says Hinnells. As a fair number of influential Zoroastrians in England are ex East Africa, the community

"believes itself emotionally and religiously closer to India" and the ZTFE is hoping to establish an atash kadeh in London. In contrast Iranian Zoroastrians who feel the loss of their homeland, are more committed to their language, customs and festivals and identify more easily with their Moslem brethren than with the Parsis.

But diaspora dollars have helped buttress local Bombay institutions, says Hinnells citing the example of Hong Kong's Jokhi family and the community there which has generously supported the B. D. Petit Parsee General Hospital. Also, the World Zoroastrian Organisation as well as North American Zoroastrian communities have helped sustain indigent Parsi patients in acute need of advanced medical intervention.

Hinnells has found that the "more highly educated practice religion less while emphasizing their social ethnicity by way of language and food. Business people practice religion more; the professionals are more interested in definitions."

Also, those who have received religious education in their childhood are more likely to preserve the social ethnic-religious pattern. Two-thirds of young people he surveyed said they



From left: (top row) Shroff Hospital, bust of S. Shroff being unveiled by Narayanan as Minoo Shroff applauds; (Middle): Shroff family (standing) Noshir, Niloufer, Rukshana and Cyrus, (sitting center) Kersi, Mehru, Minoo and Rushad, (Sitting, front) Daraius and Zubin; Mehro Shroff (left) and Usha Narayanan; (below) Noshir Shroff, Steven Roy and Cyrus Shroff

pray daily. His Zoroastrian friends have told him that they became more religious after migrating.

"Change is not the preserve of migrant Zoroastrians. It is here also," says Hinnells. Liking religion to a chameleon, Hinnells noted that Christianity in Ireland differs from Christianity in China with different groups displaying different characteristics. Unlike the US, Canada celebrates ethnic and religious differences.

KRCOI trustee-secretary Homai Modi presided over the function and introduced the well-known speaker. Honorary joint-secretary Nawaz Mody articulated the vote of thanks. A.S.M.

Visibly concerned

Since its inception in 1927 Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital (SCEH) in New



Delhi has attended to over 4.4 million patients and performed more than 2,50,000 surgeries making it one of the foremost eye institutions in North India, notes a write-up on the Hospital. To mark the 75th anniversary of the SCEH, an eight-foot-high white marble bust of the founder Dr Sorabji Shroff was unveiled at the hands of the former President of India, K. R. Narayanan.

A Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Shroff started his practice as an ophthalmic surgeon in Delhi. The increasing number of poor patients who came to him for free treatment compelled him to start a charity eye hospital which had its genesis in a single room in the Dharamshala of Lala Laxmi Narain in 1914. Philanthropist Haji Mohammad Ishaq later put one storey of his newly constructed building on Burn Bastion Road at Shroff's disposal. When this space too proved inadequate Shroff felt the need to create a trust, collect funds, secure a plot of land on lease from the government and construct the present

building in Daryaganj. With his openly expressed nationalistic views it was no easy task for Shroff to secure a lease from the British government but when he could convince them that he was "not interested in politics, and social service of the poor" was his main aim, he was granted the lease.

The same British who were initially wary of granting him the lease, once convinced of his sincerity, helped him by donating large sums of money to build and equip the Hospital. He was even granted the Kaiser-e-Hind gold medal by the British Government in 1933 and the Padma Shri by the President of India in 1963. For 12 years, from 1944-56, he served as president of the Delhi Parsi Anjuman during which time he succeeded in obtaining a plot of land from the local government for the use of the Anjuman and raised donations for the construction of an agiary, a dharamshala, a hall for social and religious functions and residential quarters for the priests, mentions the literature on the founder and the Hospital.

When Shroff retired due to advanced age, his son Minoo was appointed as the chief medical officer cum managing trustee. Minoo was instrumental in the modernization of the Hospital with better instruments and appliances. His wife Mehru was appointed honorary welfare advisor. Later the couple was joined by their two sons — Dr Noshir, an intraocular lens implant surgeon and Dr Cyrus, a vitreo-retinal surgeon — who both serve as honorary senior visiting consultants and advisors of the Hospital and retain their association as trustees of the Hospital too.

With the funding of Eicher Goodearth Limited, a well-known corporate body, since 1996 the Hospital has improved and modernized much further, helping

to fulfil the dreams of the founder. And although Minoo has retired as managing trustee, he remains chairman of the board of trustees. Their Outreach program has brought nearly 2,000 patients from the poorer areas and villages outside Delhi to the Hospital for sight restoration. In 2001 SCEH was chosen by Orbis International as a partner to establish a pediatric ophthalmology department. The same year the Hospital started a private patient wing to help fund its operations.

As stated in the vision statement, they would like to create a Hospital which is an international standard institution for eye and ENT care treating at least 50 percent patients free of cost and treating all socioeconomic classes with the same quality of care. Being self sufficient for running costs is also their endeavor whereby they accept fees from those who can afford to pay for their treatment so that those with limited means can benefit.

Master's memorial

"She helped to heal when there was a cross connection between mind, body and soul. Going into the field of psychiatry when girls were only taught to cook, Roshen Master was a path breaker, an anchor, a life line," stated *Pune Times* editor Farida Master, speaking at the Sardar Dastur School Hall in Poona on November 10, 2002. Farida's introductory remarks were a prelude to the first of the Roshen Master memorial lectures to be held annually in memory of Poona's noted psychiatrist who passed away suddenly in an accident in Poona in 2001.

"She was an amazing lady. She carried herself ramrod straight, hardly ever wore a sari, and her party dresses were

stunning!" recalled Dr Keki B. Grant who was a friend and colleague for several decades. Chairman and managing trustee of Ruby Hall Clinic (RHC), Grant touched upon the time when in 1959 Roshen, her sister Jaloo Kanga (his secretary for several years) and a ward boy assisted him in a new and unknown venture — setting up RHC — with very little money in the pocket. "Roshen stood by me. If anyone mentioned an ill word about me, it would infuriate her," he remarked. Their afternoon discussions over a cup of tea at the RHC became a ritual. "Being somewhat headstrong, the arguments were sometimes heated, but she believed as I do that every human being is a good person," asserted Grant.

Among the first batch to graduate from Poona's B. J. Medical College in the 1950s, Roshen was at first the assistant honorary psychiatrist at the Sassoon General Hospital. She retired in 1981 as professor of psychiatry and was later honored by the Government of Maharashtra with the designation of professor emeritus (see "Master honored," *Events and Personalities, Parsiana*, August 2000). Roshen was instrumental in gradually upgrading the Hospital's psychiatry department from an outpatients clinic to a 30-bed ward, with a teaching staff and library. Presenting more than 150 scientific papers, Roshen's text book in psychiatry went into two editions.

Involving herself wholeheartedly in the Kamayani Movement for the education and rehabilitation of the mentally challenged, Roshen's pioneering zeal saw the establishment of a diploma level teachers' training college. "What started

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Benefactor NarYman Dubash (third from left) gifted Rs 20 lakhs to the 100-year-old Dr K. N. Bahadurji Sanatorium of Deolali (left) towards the construction of a new boundary wall of the Sanatorium facing Lam Road. Others in the photo are trustees Dhunjishah Neterwalla, Fali Sarkari (managing trustee), Percy Daruvala, Bomi Neterwalla and chief executive Ratan Messman.





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Parsi footprints in Mombasa

Those who crossed the Indian Ocean seeking avenues of employment prospered and left their imprint in East-Africa

Arnavaz Mama

"Life in Mombasa is comfortable. When people talk about murder and theft, I don't see the difference between Kenya and India or Canada. One sees eight - 10 reports of murders every day in Mississauga (a satellite town of Toronto). And theft is common everywhere."

Dara Edalji Patel, treasurer of the Mombasa Parsi Anjuman and one of its board of three trustees, says he was amongst the first batch of non-Africans who applied for citizenship of independent Kenya. "Once we took up citizenship we had no problems. Asians with citizenship are protected by the constitution," he affirms, though being richer, they make for easier targets for criminals.

Manufacturing, banking and business are sectors where Asians lead the way. "The government knows that if they all leave the country, the economy of Kenya would collapse," says Patel adding that Asians look after their African employees fairly well — better than African bosses who tend to exploit them. Yet, he admits, the government agencies would intervene only when the employer is a non-African.

A once substantial Parsi settlement numbering nearly 250 during World War II, the Zoroastrian community has dwindled to 30 members at present with the youngest aged 25 and the majority over 55. Many Parsis migrated to the UK and the US after Kenya became independent. Many returned to their roots in India after the end of their working lives as had been happening routinely since the initial advent of the

Parsis to Mombasa in the 1870s. With a lot of property, the Anjuman pays heavy municipal rates, notes Patel. Most of the community is accommodated in anjuman flats in three buildings. In addition they have a prayer hall and a rest house, a community building and a school. With 110 graves, only 10 percent of the cemetery is occupied. Largely a group of retired people, there are no mobeds left among them. Patel recalls an anecdote before 1960 when a mobed, Ervad Chama, lived alone in the Parsi Shamba (garden in Swahili). Some natives saw him doing his kusti on the verandah and, concluding that he was a witch doctor, were going to attack him when he was saved by other Indians who came to his aid.

Originally, funerals were conducted as required, says Patel. Even after the priests left there were Zarathushtis who knew how to conduct a funeral. Now the volunteer pallbearers — Jal Avari, Rustom Bajina and Patel — prepare the body for the grave. They wear white gloves and cap, wash the body and sprinkle *taro* (bull's name) and lay the dead to rest reciting five *Yathas* and three *Ashems*. Non-Zoroastrians are allowed to attend the ceremony if the family wishes though in Nairobi there have been cases when people have said "*maaru mohunu nahi dekharwanu* (let not my face be seen after the ceremonial bath)."

When Prof John Hinnells visited

Mombasa in 1978 in the course of his worldwide research on Parsis, Patel began to document the history of the settlement. The project lapsed after a while to be taken up again in June 2002, he notes. Scanning old government records, translating the earlier minutes dating back to 1910 written in Gujarati and drawing upon his own rich experience, having served the community since 1943 when he reached the age of 18, Patel's "History of Parsi Settlement in Mombasa" portrays a community that stoutly crossed oceans in search of employment — merchants, civil and general engineers, accountants and auditors, advocates, teachers, doctors, law clerks and general clerks, revenue and immigration officers and contractors. Many retired after a lifetime in the employ of the same company. Some changed tracks to become entrepreneurs — auctioneers and estate agents, automobile service providers, organizers and inspectors of wild life safaris, building renovators and repairers, et al.

They formed "a well-knit community in social, domestic and religious matters. New arrivals were welcomed and accommodated in their homes until they found employment and living quarters." Jashans, gahambars, navjotes, weddings, funerals brought the community together in mutual support. By 1936 there existed a Parsi Dramatic Group organized by Dhanjisha Parekh whose Gujarati productions became very popular among Indians in Mombasa. The Parsis, led by Parekh and Burjorji Commereate, were said to have introduced cricket to Mombasa.

Patel, born and educated in Mombasa, had started his working career in the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited, then joined the customs and excise department for three years and went on to establish a business in radio and refrigeration.



Patel (above) and medals (alongside) earned for cultivating grapes

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eration. He also essayed the fields of dairy farming and horticulture and in 1970 was awarded the Food and Agricultural Organization's medal and won the recognition of the Agricultural Society of Kenya for successfully cultivating grapes for the table. "Europeans believe that you can't grow grapes on the east coast of Africa. But I have developed a system to grow them successfully and commercially," he notes with pride.

Politically inclined since his early youth, Patel says he was a staunch follower of Kenya's founding father, Jomo Kenyatta. In 1961 he joined active politics and was elected to the post of treasurer of the Kenya African National Union's (KANU) Mombasa branch. He also functioned as its publicity secretary during the general election prior to Kenya's independence.

At that time the Swahili People's Party was demanding the secession from Kenya of the coastal strip stretching between the small ports of Lamu in the north and Vanga in the south. This land, a part of the British Protectorate a few miles wide, was then under the domain of Zanzibar. On two occasions Patel organized and took joint delegations from KANU and the opposition Kenya African Democratic Union (KADU) to Zanzibar. There they met representatives of the Nationalist Party and the Afro Sirazi Party, as well as the Sultan of Zanzibar, the nominal ruler of the coastal strip, and informed them that the inhabitants of that land had no wish to secede from Kenya. They received the assurance of the political parties as well as the Sultan that their representation would be taken into consideration during the independence conference with the British Government. Also, when a Royal Commission came from Britain to ascertain the wishes of the indigenous people, Patel appeared before it along with a delegation from KANU and submitted a written memorandum. The efforts bore fruit: the Sultan of Zanzibar renounced his claim in deference to the majority wish of the local population and the coastal strip became part and parcel of Kenya when it attained independence, records Patel. On independence day (December 12, 1963) Patel and his wife Tehmina (née Digharia, also of Mombasa) were honored guests as Jomo Kenyatta unfurled the national flag at Nairobi Stadium and at the subsequent civic ball at the invitation of the mayor of Nairobi where the governor of Kenya and Kenyatta were also present. Patel chose to retire from active politics when KADU, the party in opposition was dissolved and merged with KANU, he writes.

Dara and Tehmina Patel's son Kersi now works for the Ford Motor Company in Toronto, daughter Mahrugh Rohin Hilloowala is vice president and director of Toronto Dominion Bank. The youngest, Roxy, is married to Rustom Jokhi of Hong Kong.

Patel's father Edalji, originally from Dumas, had followed his elder brother Jamshedji to Mombasa. He worked as a law clerk in various firms of advocates and was the author of the Anjuman constitution that was registered in 1945. Secretary, vice president and trustee of the Anjuman, Edalji helped the community in all legal matters, specifically the obtaining and renewal of passports. Dara is the only one of his four sons who has remained in Mombasa where Edalji and his wife Shirinbai are buried.

Dara Patel's brothers Noshir and Ratanshaw both joined the judicial department. After retirement both left Mombasa. Noshir, his wife Maneck and their two daughters returned to Bombay while Ratanshaw and his family migrated to England.



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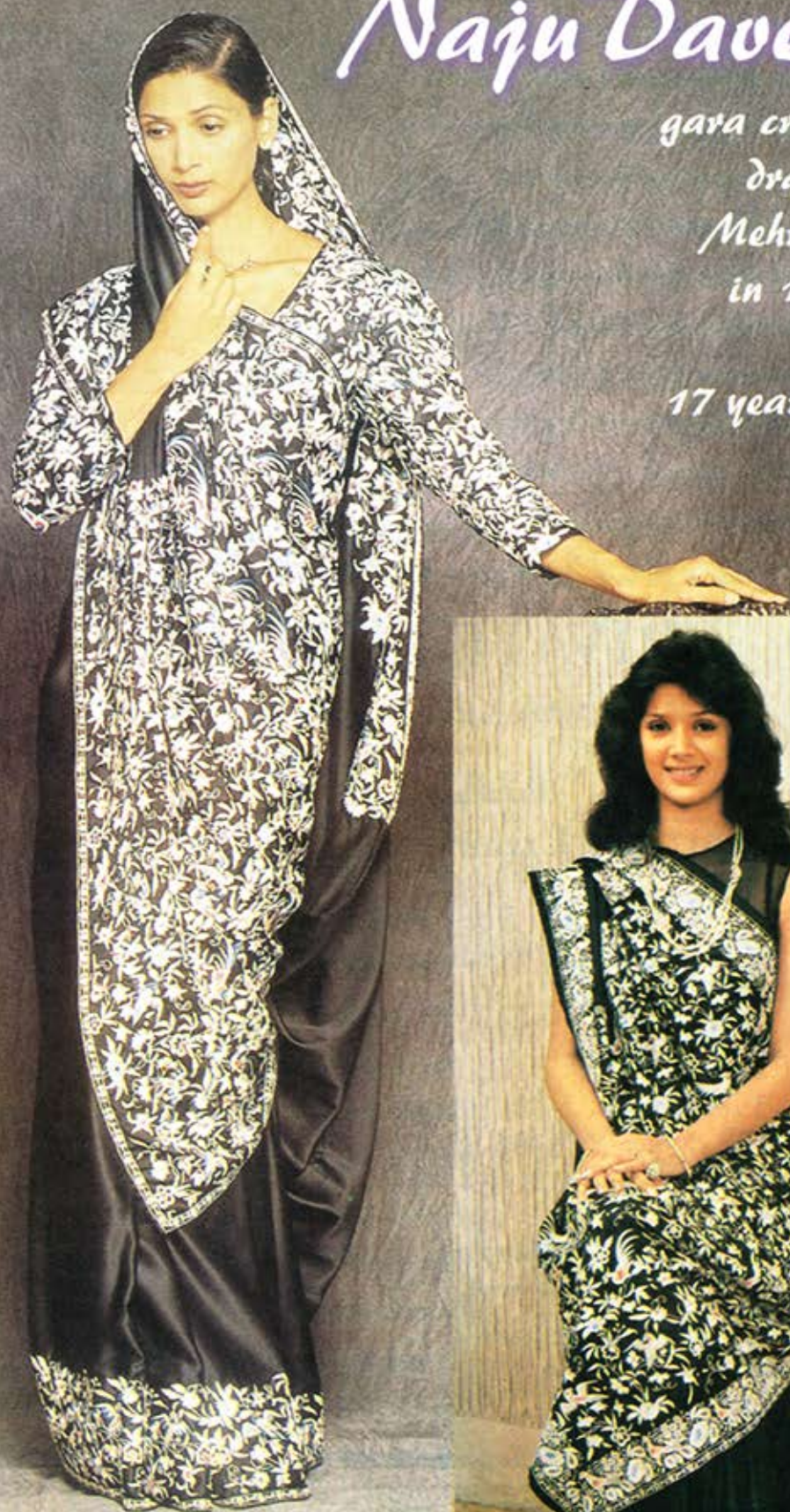
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From Patel's account it emerges that in Mombasa as in other Zoroastrian settlements, the Anjuman came into being with the establishment of a means for disposal of the dead. The first recorded death in 1896 prompted the charitable Dhunbai Botliwala, wife of landowner Rustomji D. Talati, to donate a piece of land for use as a cemetery. The trust deed records Rustomji D. Talati, merchant Rustomji N. Talati, surveyor Khurshedji Nusservanji, advocate Byramji Khajuri, Pestonji Mehta and Burjorji Kharas as trustees of the Mombasa Parsi Anjuman. In those early days meetings were held in the homes of prominent Parsis and expenses met by voluntary contributions, notes Patel's compilation. The constitution of the Anjuman was initially adopted in 1910, though a revised edition was registered under the Land Perpetual Succession Act only in 1945. The constitution conferred voting rights on women who had already assumed responsibility for religious ceremonies, social gatherings and domestic activities, he writes. Many Parsi men however maintained their wives and children in India, taking vacations to see them every few years

and returned there on retirement.

Patel's chronicle notes that in 1897 Cowasji Dinshaw of Aden bought a piece of land in the vicinity of the cemetery and donated it to the Anjuman as a source of income. Thereafter Sorabji Merwanji Mistry (later known as M. Sorabji) bought land opposite the cemetery and along with contractor Jehangir Bhedwar built a building on it and donated it to the Anjuman.



Manek Patel returned to India on Noshir's retirement

Edalji Sopariwala dug a well there in memory of his deceased wife and infant sons and all religious rites like weddings, navjotes, gahambars, jashans and funeral rites were performed by mobeds from India. Because of its surrounding garden, the whole area came to be known as Parsi Shamba.

Incidentally both plots were purchased from Rustomji D. Talati, a leading merchant who was said to have arrived from Zanzibar in 1875. Rustomji and his wife Dhunbai died in Mombasa

and are buried in the Anjuman cemetery. Though the fate of their sons Dhanjisha and Ardesher is not recorded, their daughters Soonamai and Shirinbai were married in Mombasa and spent their lives there with grandchildren of both alive and living in that city to date.

Patel traces the contribution of approximately 150 individuals, some being two and three generations of a single family. *Parsiana* selects a few highlights:

- Rustomji N. Talati was a merchant, auctioneer and contractor from Zanzibar who built the Zanzibar Fire Temple (a dadgah) in 1903. He set up a large ice plant in Mombasa but the enterprise was swamped by government and other competition. He closed his business and was feted by the Mombasa Parsis ere his return to Zanzibar in 1910.

- An advocate from India, Kawasji Dalal arrived in 1897. According to the East African Protectorate Law Register, he was a dominant member of the bar from his arrival to the end of World War I. He played a leading role in the establishment and opening of the law court building in 1902 and was politically active, representing Indian interest as member of the Kenya Legislative Council in 1920.

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He was also the Anjuman's president and one of its six trustees. Dalal returned to India on retirement.

• M. Sorabji came to Mombasa via Zanzibar. A leading building contractor, he built the English Cathedral together with prominent fellow contractor Bhedwar. The government treasury, bungalows, National Bank of India building, the old court house, the old customs house, the old railway station were constructed by him as were other business and residential premises in the old port, writes Patel. He was also a stevedore and clearing, forwarding and purchasing agent for upcountry traders.

• According to local legend Bhedwar was the contractor who built the old fort where dhows (sailing ships from India, Arabia, Persia and the Middle East) arrived and anchored as did small steamships. "On top of the main gate of the old port one can see the bust of a person with a black cap on the head which the Parsis usually wore, which is assumed to be that of contractor Bhedwar," writes Patel.

• When the seat of government was transferred from Mombasa to Nairobi, Bomanji Mistry as head clerk of the government treasury was instrumental in transferring its records and cash. For

his loyal service the British Government conferred on him the MBE (Member of the British Empire). President and trustee of the Anjuman for several years, during his tenure a building was constructed on the plot donated by Cowasji Dinshaw. Originally conceived for residential purposes, the building on completion was leased to the government for running a school for Indian children, known as the Government Indian Elementary School, which eased the Anjuman's financial position. After his death in Mombasa in 1937 the Anjuman established the Bomanji Mistry Education Fund in his memory.

• Commariate, head cashier in the National Bank of India Limited, was a leading cricketer who was so popular with European cricketers and their fans that they made him an honorary member of the European Sports Club — its only non-European member. He encouraged Parsi youths to play cricket by gifting gold souvenirs to whoever scored a century or took the maximum wickets in a match. Savak Vatcha who came and joined the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited was a live wire of the Parsi Dramatic Group.

• President of the Anjuman from 1939

to 1965 and a trustee, Edalji Bajina was head clerk of Kenya Landing and Shipping Company with 1,500 persons working under him. He used his position to call several Parsis from India, providing them employment. At that time two aged volunteer mobeds were on the road to retirement. To replace them Bajina called two navar-maratabs from India and employed them in Kenya Landing. Under his chairmanship the Anjuman erected two buildings of six flats each to house community members at a modest rent.

• 1965 onwards women members of the managing committee became a regular feature though it was only in 1980 that the Anjuman got its first lady secretary in Najoo Avari, a teacher by profession. In 1984 Dr Homai Engineer became its first chairperson.

• Ardeshtir Patel, amateur astrologer and astronomer, carpenter and builder claimed to have learnt all the professions in Bombay's Petit Boys Orphanage. To his alma mater he donated his valuable carpentry tools. After retiring from the African Mercantile Company Ardeshtir had joined the British Army as a stenographer and was sent to Abyssinia but returned to Mombasa when the war



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ended. Looked after by the Anjuman after his wife and son died, Ardeshir became the first Parsi centenarian in Mombasa — an event celebrated with a grand reception by the Anjuman. He was congratulated by Queen Elizabeth of Great Britain and presented a bottle of Scotch through the British Consul in Mombasa, writes Dara Patel.

• Bajina's son Homi, who retired as manager of Barclays Bank and later as manager of Biashara Bank of Kenya Limited, was chairman and trustee of the Anjuman between 1975 and 1989 during which time the Parsi Shamba property was sold and the proceeds used in the erection of the Suresh Prayer Hall and another block of six flats on the plot donated by Cowasji Dinshaw. Three flats were also added above the rest house to accommodate single old people who had no means of income. Homi's banking and monetary expertise greatly helped the Anjuman, writes Patel. It was also recognized by his induction on the Income Tax Panel Committee. It was Homi Bajina who urged Patel to proceed with and complete his documentation. To the latter's sorrow, Bajina died in Bombay, in 2002 before Patel's work was completed.

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"We need to run faster"

The current economic scenario in India was assessed by experts at the launch of the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce's Bombay Chapter

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"When the entire Indian economy is opening up except for the core sector... it's a shame to influence our youngsters to take a job. If they can earn as entrepreneurs, the sky is the limit." Cyrus Guzder, chairman and managing director of Airfreight and DHL, was participating in a seminar convened by Bombay Parsi Panchayet (BPP) trustee and incumbent chairman Minoo Shroff to launch the Bombay chapter of the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce (WZCC) on January 18 and 19, 2003 at the West End Hotel. The dearth of young entrepreneurs in the community (as also reflected in the audience) has been a source of grave concern to community elders.

Such had once been the Parsis' spirit of enterprise that when the Bombay Chamber of Commerce was established in 1836 its managing committee had comprised three Englishmen and three Parsis. The members included 15 English and 10 Parsi firms recounted WZCC president Rohinton Rivetna of Chicago. "Our history was that when business flourished, the community flourished," he added.

Whereas the Tatas, Wadias and Godrej had pioneered Indian industry with nationalist fervor the post Independence generations, with a few notable exceptions, had developed in the words of Shroff "a horror of failure" opting for safe 9-5 jobs, provident fund and managerial perks, content to hang up their boots at the end of the day.

A supplement on local Zarathushti businesses in the *FEZANA* (Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America) *Journal* had resulted in two conferences in Las Vegas in 1997 and 1998 where the idea of a chamber of commerce to link Zarathushti businesses throughout the globe was developed. By 1999 it had been registered and the

first business meet was held in Houston at the time of the Seventh World Zoroastrian Congress, recounted Rivetna.



Rivetna and Shroff: Pulling out all stops to revive entrepreneurship

Since then chapters have been established in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Houston, New York, Chicago, Toronto, Iran and Delhi, added Rivetna. The WZCC website (www.wzcc.net) features the list of members. The body's email address is zchamber-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

Outstanding entrepreneur, outstanding professional and young entrepreneur/professional are three annual awards by which the body hopes to recognize talent. On the cards is an economic and cultural delegation to Iran. Zarathushtis in Iran are in urgent need of capital and business opportunities because of lack of employment open to the younger generation, Rivetna noted. The WZCC will work towards providing small loans to business, establish a business advisory board and provide for exchange of educational material.

In her inaugural address Anu Aga, chairperson of the Poona based

Thermax Group, recounted how her Cambridge educated husband, the late Rohinton Aga, had traded the financial security of well paid jobs for the satisfaction of transforming a small family owned business into a Rs 650 crore multi-divisional, multi products company involved in pollution control, water and waste management, speciality chemicals, etc. Aga suggested that talented school students be selected and groomed as winners with imaginative teaching techniques and mentoring to inculcate in them a love of learning, for "knowledge is power." She described the "Incubation Park" she had visited in Israel where the best talent is selected and encouraged into entrepreneurship. During a year's break after the youth's studies the budding entrepreneur "had access to the best libraries and brains and was expected to come up with a viable project" with ensured export of 90 percent of the product. He was helped to create a project report, get bank finance and provided a small area wherein he could fructify his idea. After two or three years, when his project was successful, he moved out of the Incubation Park and was on his own.

Aga also referred to the prevailing opportunities for non-conventional businesses like cafeteria and beauty parlours and agricultural adjuncts in rural areas like food processing and refrigeration. She emphasized the value of a joy of living and a sense of humor along with such time honored virtues as integrity and charity — all of which have been traditional attributes of the Parsi community — in overcoming odds en route to fruition. She also stressed the need to learn the art of conflict resolution, "stand up by our own achievements and not by pushing someone down."

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and Karani-
Araoz



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Antia, Sethna ,
Gandhi and Dadi
Mistry
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trapped in a poor educational system, today every family aspires to send its children abroad. Whereas it had taken a long time to get the single telephone at home, now children have mobiles, clothes off the shelf at will instead of once a year.

"But how are families going to meet these aspirations as jobs disappear?... Companies are shedding jobs and becoming larger by outsourcing their requirements.. The services sector is creating jobs but not enough. Where will the income come from? There is no option but for the majority of our children to become entrepreneurs," declared Guzder. He provided the example of his own companies where housekeeping, canteen, xeroxing, etc are outsourced. Whereas DHL once had its fleet of cars and 30 drivers on the payroll with large overtime payments, since they persuaded the drivers to form a cooperative and run their own vehicles, they are paid for the deliveries they do. It has increased productivity, noted Guzder.

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high but reckoned they will come down as the central and state governments phase themselves out of economic activities.

Management consultant Sharu Rangnekar adopted the anthropological approach. "Whats happened to the Parsis has happened to others. As people become prosperous they avoid risks." The Parsis started as shipbuilders, then went into trading, then into professions, then into service, each stage marking a reduction in the acceptable level of risk. The thinking being "you may not succeed but the savings of the past will not go down the drain." Earlier complaints about corruption reminded Rangnekar of the public statement made by J. R. D. Tata and G. L. Birla in 1970 that no industry in India can really expand. "But in the same period Dhirubhai Ambani expanded despite labor productivity problems and corruption. There is no situation that hurts only one person in an industry. The entrepreneur enjoys difficult situations. There was never a complaint from Ambani...Once an industry became successful, his interest waned. He sought something else."

According to Rangnekar, autonomy and creativity are the only ideas an entrepreneur values. "What are we teaching the next generation? Money? Status? Power? They'll never be entrepreneurs. This is where you are stuck," he declared. "Parsis are a community killed by welfare because all sense of insecurity was lost." It has increased longevity at the expense of the "fire in the belly" that makes an entrepreneur tick.

"A minority which is harassed by the majority becomes stronger. If not, it vanishes. For example, Jews are harassed all over the world but not in India and they are vanishing here!" Rangnekar demonstrated the link between diminishing enterprise and diminishing population: "The average Parsi knows that he will get educated, will get a degree even if he fails a couple of times; that he will get a job though not a high-flying job. He is used to a high standard of living but has not the income to maintain it for the whole family so he will remain unmarried or marry late. Therefore if security and procreation are ranged against each other, people don't produce children. People with high economic status (practice) family planning. Hence the negative growth rate in some developed countries of the Anglo-Saxon world."

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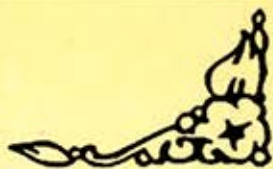
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Who are these entrepreneurs who have a way of "smelling opportunities?" It is the reasonably well educated individuals who do not belong to a high economic strata who will take advantage of the current opportunities, feels Rangnekar. Their "fire in the belly" will make them work long hours not only for money but because they want to do something. He cites the example of the Marwaris ("0.6 percent of the population who control more than 25 percent of private sector assets") who are not the most popular community in India yet have this fire, making up 30 percent of those who attend sessions organized by the Maharashtra Enterprise Development Association. However even among them an increasing number have started going into law and medicine. Generally "family concerns vanish because by the third generation they are looking at benefits to the person who runs the industry and begin to sell off the business. Pedder Road was full of Parsi bungalows. They are all sold because the latter generations do not want to stay and fight and live on Pedder Road."

The speaker urged the assembled gathering: "Go for the battle. Ask, 'Can

we create for our children?' ... (Grab) the opportunities of the new technology, software. The organizer keeps crores, the workers only manage to keep lakhs... A change in culture is required... Teach them that whatever autonomy, creativity you have must be preserved..."

ICICI Bank's joint managing director Hosi Sinor provided a few statistics: 95 percent of industrial units in India are small or medium enterprises; they account for 45 percent of output and employment, 35 percent of exports. But they also account for 50 percent of failures and 30 percent of non performing assets.

A banker of 37 years' standing, Sinor noted that the way banks do business has changed radically in the last decade. Of its three parts — marketing, servicing and transaction processing — the first and third are now outsourced, offering opportunities for young entrepreneurs to register as marketing agents or as data entry subagents.

As for starting a business, "only money will get you nowhere." Sinor provided a glimpse of the "awkward questions" any potential financier will ask: How will you manage? Who are

your customers? What is the geography of the market? What is the demand-supply position? What is the element of profit? While there is no entry barrier one must assess the external factors which would affect the profitability of the business for the next four or five years and beyond. Only after one has these answers worked out should one approach for finance. "You must be risking your own contribution before the financier will support you." Thereafter there are the statutory requirements one needs to meet, the administrative and legal hurdles where corruption pervades. One needs to learn to cope with these aspects and to remember that in all areas there are also good people.

Creation, start-up, break even, maturity and expansion mark the lifecycle of business of which the first three stages are critical, noted Sinor.

Founder of Mazdayasnie Monasterie Meher Master-Moos who has been in touch with the nascent Zoroastrians in Central Asia, spoke of entrepreneurial opportunities in Tajikistan, especially in the mining industry. The Tajiks' memory of their early Zoroastrian ancestry preju-



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diced them in favor of Parsi enterprises, she noted. Delhi Parsi Anjuman (DPA) president Lt Gen (retd) Adi Sethna agreed that Tajiks, Kazaks, Uzbeks, Afghans have a background of Zoroastrian culture and are looking for help. "We should look at ourselves as part of the Indian ethos and as part of world ethos. We need to have a wider perspective, work with others without getting swamped," he noted.

For those who may find the membership fees high (Rs 500 per individual member; Rs 1,000 per corporate) Zareen Karani Araoz suggested they link up through cyberspace for services they may need to hire or for advice or new ideas. "The Zoroastrian Chamber will succeed only if senior established members give time and reach out to aspiring youths and mentor them," she added.

Noting that candidates are not forthcoming despite the Punchayet mentoring, counseling and funding courses to enable youths to make a career in the police and civil services, Shroff wondered, "Will there be enough takers for what we can give?" He suggested a target of 1,000 members for the WZCC by end 2003 or mid 2004, 50

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When Rivetna spoke of job openings in Dubai, Homai Mehta, principal of the J. J. College of Commerce volunteered to be the Bombay contact.

Pheroze Patel, chief executive officer of the Zoroastrian Investment Corporation (ZIC), enlightened the audience on the BPP initiative to provide venture capital on softer terms to community enterprises: Structured on venture capital norms, the ZIC with an initial authorized capital of five crore rupees, will invest in the share capital of applicant companies, provide professional guidance in the gestation period and exit from them as they reach maturity. Its focus is said to be on skill oriented small scale industries such as light manufactures, software, etc. Its sister concern is the non-profit tax exempt Centre for Promotion of Entrepreneurship open to donations from charitable trusts. These monies would then be transferred to

ZIC as a gift with the stipulation to use in the share capital of Zarathushti concerns, informed Patel.

So far the ZIC has received 34 applications of which about 26 did not fulfill the venture capital norm as they were not open to equity participation. Additional information is awaited from three of the five applicants who discussed their projects with the ZIC. Only one was prepared with all the answers: The project is a tented tourist resort near the Kanha wildlife sanctuary, 280 km from Nagpur. The initial investment of Rs 19 lakh (for the first stage of four tents) may rise to 30 lakhs for the second stage of six tents. The land stands in his name and he has built a rapport with the local government, noted Patel who had visited the site last November. This applicant is determined that the venture goes through even if the BPP does not provide the finance he needs, added Patel.

Shroff added that they had worked out a list of questions which the applicant was required to answer: "We are soft bankers but we are responsible for the community's money... We warn them about the negative sides, point out vari-

ous contingencies. But we are not going to reinvent the social background of India. What happens if he runs out of funds? The Punchayet will provide an umbrella but he can't keep running back to us."

Supporting an initiative by Meher Guzder of the J. J. College of Commerce, the Punchayet is moving to establish a management college, noted Shroff. Explaining the *raison d'être* of the proposed institution Guzder noted that of the 22 management institutions in Bombay several were run by various communities, each of whom had 50 percent reservation for their own students. In 2002 there were 47,000 applicants of whom 3,700 were eligible for admission, among them 127 Zoroastrians. Of these barely four or five will find a place including paid up seats which cost between three and four lakh rupees. Diploma courses have a lower market value. Guzder reasoned that if the Zoroastrian College of Management begins with 20 students, the figure can rise in the future and an increasing number of Parsi youths can avail of the postgraduate course which is mandatory to move up the corporate ladder. Currently, fewer and fewer Zoroastrians are moving up, noted

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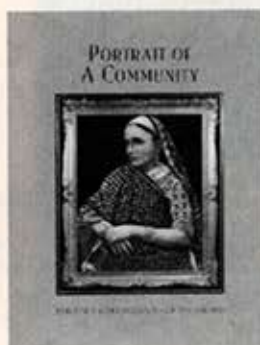
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Guzder subsequently informed *Parsiana* that while the site of the Management College remains to be finalized, Sir J. J. College of Commerce — Management Division offers Pitman's Qualification Certificate in Business Studies from London, along with a variety of other management courses.

FEZANA president Firdosh Mehta suggested that some provision be made to include Iranian Zoroastrians. Guzder noted that the University of Bombay stipulates three reserved seats for non-resident Indians. While BPP trustee Dinshaw Tamboly suggested that they be clubbed with the 50 percent open category, Shroff felt that the canvas could be enlarged if there were not enough takers from the community.

Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe president Dorab Mistry didn't share the pessimism of some of the day's speakers. Tata Consultancy and Godrej's new businesses had grown in the past two decades, he pointed out, adding "our best people are in the US, in Australia... The UK chapter of the WZCC is scheduled for launching in March and the annual general meeting of the WZCC is to be held in London in October.

Most successful business enterprises are in India, Pakistan and Hong Kong, Dorab Mistry noted, adding that the success of Karan Bilimoria's Cobra Beer made him an exception amid the largely professional community landscape in UK and US. He hoped to enfold the approximately 50 Zoroastrian entrepreneurs in the UK in the WZCC and invited the community from India and Iran to opt for business migration schemes in Britain where "the culture is based on entrepreneurship, merit and talent." He also added a fervent plea to



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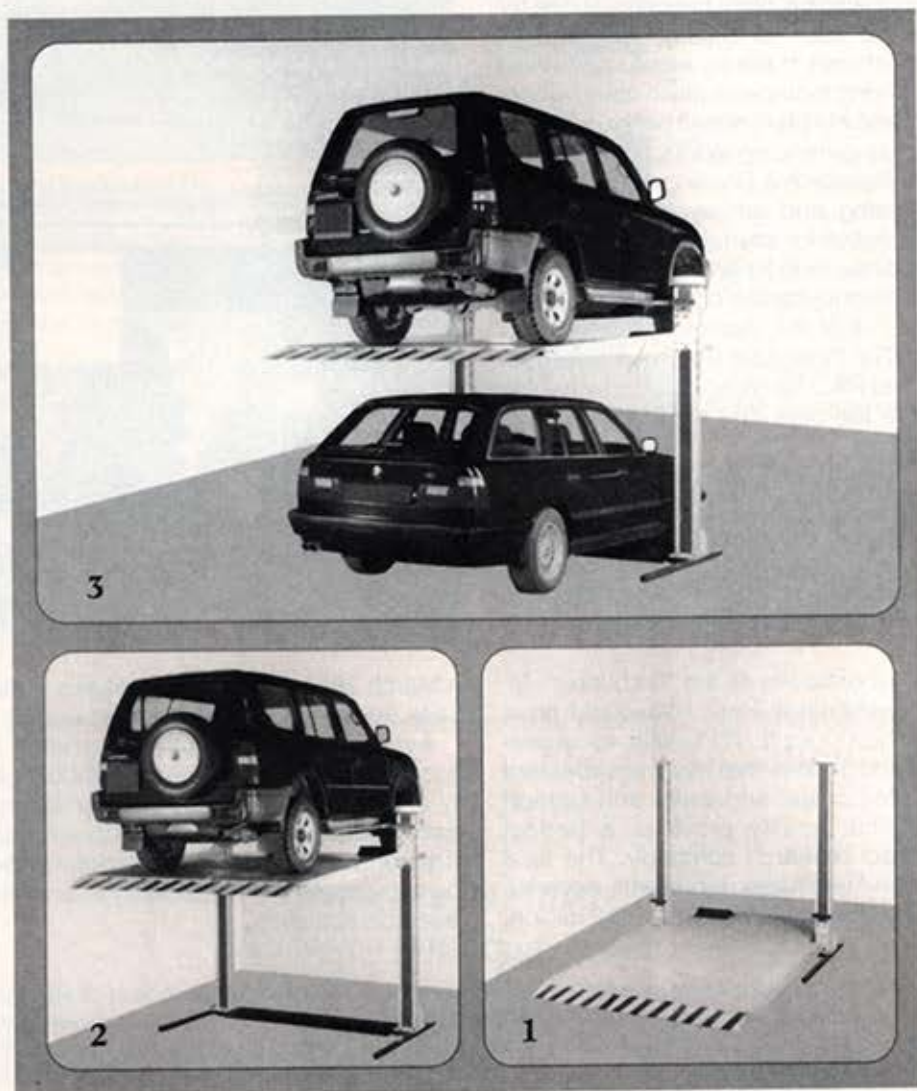
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keep the WZCC independent of the anjuman and its political hassles of power sharing.

Dadi Mistry, vice president of the DPA and convener of the WZCC's India chapter in Delhi, noted that 50 members had signed up there at the end of the one-day conference. Vera Mawalwala, Brig Pervez Cowasji, Adil Nargolwala and Farokh Rustomji constitute the WZCC core group in Delhi. Among a number of non-Zoroastrian speakers chief guest Dr L. M. Singhvi, former ambassador and currently member of the Rajya Sabha,



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had spoken about Zoroastrians here and in the diaspora and their contributions past and present. Dadi Mistry read out congratulatory messages from various dignitaries starting with the President of India Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. Others who spoke in Delhi included A. K. Bhargava of the Punjab National Bank, Karan Bilimoria, Lt Gen A. Natarajan and Air Vice Marshal Fali Major. The gathering was privy to a screening of *In War and Peace*, the life story of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw.

Dadi Mistry told the Bombay gathering that no collateral need be provided for loan of Rs 25 lakh from the Punjab National Bank if it has approved of the scheme. In Bombay, he felt that the Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank would be most suitable for a link with the WZCC.

Discussion on the nitty-gritty of setting up the Bombay chapter led to a cross ventilation of ideas. Solicitor Merzi Chenoy suggested that the WZCC constitution should be circulated only after it was complete. Shroff felt that whoever joins should be able to give his time and some of his money initially. According to Rivetna, each chapter is autonomous and retains the major portion

of its membership dues to support expenses. Rusi Gandhi, chair of the New York chapter, related his experience: four or five interested people bring in a new friend at each meet to get him/her interested. A specialized authority is also invited to speak to the members viz on the legalities of partnerships, insurance, etc. He suggested the creation of a website and e-mail address to build on the initial interest. "Activate the commercial side of the community. Stick to making this body tick," Shroff advised the evolving core group of chartered accountants Kersi Limathwalla and Kersi Commissariat, (the latter's live-wire wife Zarin has opted to be secretary), Chenoy, buildings restorer Viraf Chiniwala, builder Zarir Bhathena, author/publisher Marzban Giara and Thana Anjuman president Rustom Cursetji who offered to house the chapter in a community property in Thana. (Since then *Parsiana* has learnt that it will operate from a rent free accommodation at the BPP's polyclinic at Gamadia Colony, Tardeo.) Heavy weights Shroff, Tam-boly, BPP trustee Dinshaw Mehta and former Tata Sons director Minoo Mody have also been inducted.

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Dotivala suggested that the *All India Directory of Zoroastrian Punchayets, Anjumans, Associations and Local Bodies* be used to seek out entrepreneurs at each location. Giara suggested the tapping of various souvenirs and the Navroz and Pateti issues of the Parsi Press and noted that a Parsi business directory is already on the web. *Parsiana* volunteered to categorize the large all-India list and publish it in the magazine if there was an underwriter for the costs incurred.

Limathwalla noted that while Bombay Parsis take a lot for granted it was noteworthy that "the world body has fructified abroad though its beneficiaries will be largely in India." Information technology professional Hoshedar Mehta was enthusiastic that the WZCC website would be able to conjunct buyers and sellers, help travelers locate bed and breakfast stays. Once the web page gets going, "every browser is automatically a member," he added.

Imbibing the "latent entrepreneurship feeling," and the gist of the messages from the main speakers, Shroff noted the need for the Punchayet "to provide a helping hand, not a prop" to the community. "We have to have guts

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FEZANA Journal's editor-in-chief Roshan Rivetna from Chicago found "the enthusiasm here far beyond any other chapter formed in the US cities... Projects have developed in the diaspora because we feel the need for networking." A couple of months earlier 26 prominent Zarathushtis in Dubai including Kersey Bhesania, Oofrishi Contractor, Baji Bajan and Cyrus Magol under chairperson Meher Bhesania had celebrated the establishment of the WZCC.

Rohinton Rivetna who heads the international board of directors of the WZCC — Kobad Zarolia of Toronto, Homi Davier of Houston, Meherwan Boyce of California, Fali Shroff, Sarosh Collector of Houston, Edul Daver, Ness Lakdawala of Quebec, Dorab Mistry of London, Dadi Mistry of Delhi — said he

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was intensely gratified: "We did not dream that we'd be so successful in germinating this thought in India," and thanked Shroff and Tamboly for "pulling out all stops."

"It would not have been possible without the support and hard work of the BPP staff," Shroff conveyed his appreciation to BPP Chief Executive Officer Behram Dastur, senior executives Sheroo Master, Mehli Colah and Homi Mulla. Noting that January 9, the day Mahatma Gandhi returned to India from South Africa, has been designated annual Pravasi Day in India, Shroff ended the proceedings with the suggestion that January 11, the day the WZCC's India chapter was launched, be observed each year as Zarathushti Pravasi Divas.

Subsequent developments

Within a month of the launch, the non-funding Bombay chapter was in the process of setting up different cells to advise new entrepreneurs on the legal, taxation, business advisory and start up aspects of their work, convener Limathwalla told *Parsiana*. Aware of the worrisome crumbling of established businesses because of family feuds, they are also keen to estab-

lish an arbitration cell comprised of a few well respected individuals with commercial knowhow to help "sort out the simmering issues before they ignite, before they reach the point of no return," he added. A placement cell comprising a couple of human resource and development people along with Homai Mehta is also under active consideration so that community members can know and avail of job opportunities here and abroad, because the ultimate "intention is to make the community economically strong."

Inviting groups of 20-25 potential members with whom to interact and explain the purpose of the WZCC, the Bombay chapter will also address and incorporate groups in Thana, Dahanu, Daman, Sanjan, Silvassa, etc. Limathwalla outlines their plan. "People in the community should get used to participating in the organization and looking at it as a business chamber as distinct from political and welfare work; maintain the focus."

A simple questionnaire has been accompanying the membership application forms distributed by the Chamber. It seeks to know what the applicant expects from the WZCC, what he/she

would and would not be able to contribute, delineating the field and manner of contribution. All correspondence will be on e-mail to save time and expense. Encouraged by "forms from people I haven't heard of," Limathwalla estimates they have acquired 100 members so far. The core group is contemplating life-membership at a 10-15 multiple of ordinary membership, as also associate membership (without voting rights) for the non-Zoroastrian partners of Zoroastrian businesses as their presence will provide Zoroastrian members with a different dimension of business thinking. A coordinating committee comprising the WZCC, the Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank, now a scheduled bank, and the ZIC is on the cards "because everyone is working for the same goals."

According to an email to *Parsiana* a WZCC economic and cultural delegation has been scheduled to visit six Iranian cities — Tehran, Shiraz, Kerman, Bam, Yazd and Isfahan — between June 14-25, 2003. Also included in the itinerary are a few historical and religious sites. Those desirous of joining the group may email Rivetna (RRRivetna@aol.com) or call him in Chicago 630-325-5383/630-734-1579.

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Bombay Parsi Punchayet's first chairman emeritus Jamshed Guzder and legal eagle Fali Nariman were feted by the community at Cusrow Baug

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How do you honor a man who has everything — wealth, position, geniality — and who gives more to the community than he gets? As Jamshed Guzder's third term of office as trustee of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet (BPP) drew to a close his fellow trustees elevated their 87-year-old chairman and colleague of 27 years to become the BPP's first chairman emeritus. The Punchayet's decision was endorsed by the community in a spate of felicitations hosted by various baugs and associations and the participation of anjumans throughout India in the function at Cusrow Baug organized by the Punchayet in conjunction with the World Zoroastrian Organisation (WZO) and the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India (FPZAI) on January 25, 2003.

The other eminent Zoroastrian honored that day was renowned jurist and Rajya Sabha member Fali Nariman who had been conferred the prestigious 2002 Justice Prize of the Peter Gruber Foundation in a special ceremony on September 22, 2002 at the ancestral home of US's revered former Chief Justice John Marshall. The citation which accompanied the gold medal and cash award read, "He has over many years given exceptional leadership in a legal community whose thinkers and doers have inspired the development of a creative

jurisprudence that facilitates the binding together of a diverse nation, helps control the exercise of public power and seeks to enable the poor, minorities and the marginalized to claim their basic rights to human dignity."

The two celebrities were deluged with shawls, mementoes and flowers by approximately 28 other associations in traditional Parsi style.

"Jamshed Guzder is a household name among Zoroastrians not only in India but in the great Parsi diaspora," senior BPP trustee Minoo Shroff told the glittering audience which included members of the Guzder and Nariman families gathered to witness the community laud their respective patriarchs. Shroff, who succeeds Guzder as BPP chairman, spoke of the latter's dignity and decorum. The "social evangelist" had endeared himself with his "warm smile and hug to prince and lowly alike," noted Shroff offering his best wishes for a "long and purposeful life filled with achievements and total fulfilment."

Referring to Guzder as "the most charitable Zoroastrian ever," noted solicitor, BPP trustee and WZO India president Dadi Engineer commented on the many Parsis thronging the office of this "genial, kind-hearted gentleman to the core... every single day, asking for help." He then gently ribbed the aging bon

vivant: "The *Limca Book of Records* is carrying out a survey. In the Punchayet's 300+ years who has been the trustee who has kissed the maximum number of ladies in a gentlemanly manner?"

Describing BPP trusteeship as an "exact assignment that impinges (on the individual's) time, self-interest and family concerns, which demands a proper balance between being businesslike and humane, which requires the maintenance of the self-respect and dignity of beneficiaries as well as the courage to speak up when in the minority," BPP trustee and WZO Trust Funds managing trustee Dinshaw Tamboly marvelled at Guzder's "resilient character (and) mass appeal... Today is a rare occasion of roses, roses all the way... Normally, brickbats outweigh bouquets!" he noted.

Tamboly, who had withdrawn his own nomination for BPP trusteeship in January 1996 when Guzder revoked his decision to retire and expressed a desire to seek reelection, had then told *Parsiana*, "I respect Jimmy too much to fight him." Tamboly now told the audience how

On the dais (L to R): Burjor Antia, Dinshaw Mehta, B. Nariman, Chandrachud, Guzder, Shroff, F. Nariman, Silloo Kavarana, Tamboly, Maneck Engineer, Gandhi and D. Engineer.

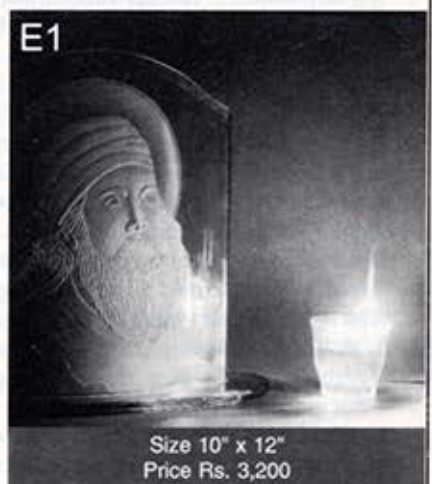
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Guzder had been a "tangible support... shaped careers and lives (of) dozens of people who have since established themselves." He recalled that he had visited Guzder, then executive director of Bombay Dyeing, in the mid 1960s when "textiles was the glamor industry," seeking a toehold in that company's marketing department. Guzder had informed him that there was no opening in Bombay Dyeing but had offered a position in his family firm N. S. Guzder and Company saying, "he would try and fit me into Bombay Dyeing when the opportunity arose." Nine months later Tamboly said he was summoned, informed of the opening in Bombay Dyeing and handed his letter of appointment. "I had forgotten my dream but Jimmy did not forget! Thirty-eight years later my association with Bombay Dyeing continues," stated Tamboly who is now that company's principal agent in Navsari.

"It is an education to observe the way (Guzder) does things with good grace



Tamboly, adding, "Classic Jimmy, like vintage wine, keeps on getting better and sweeter!"

Vice president of the Delhi Parsi Anjuman (DPA) and of the WZO India Dadi Mistry had a similar tale to tell of Guzder who had helped him start off as a liaison officer in Delhi in the 1970s. "I know that people who go to him don't come away empty-handed," he noted.

The FPZAI's enduring honorary secretary Keki Gandhi recalled his futile attempts to recover the Federation's records which rested in BPP custody. Those were the days when the Punchayet had stalked out of the Federation because Shiavax Nargolwala, then DPA president and FPZAI vice president, had publicly criticized the BPP electoral sys-

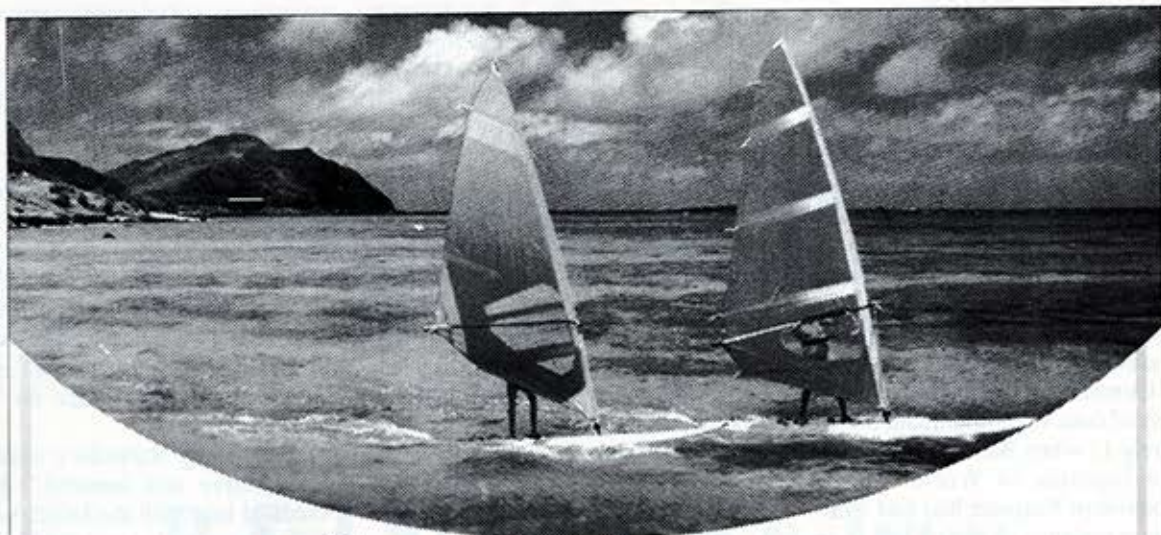
and finesse. Many have created wealth. Some distribute their wealth; some don't. Jimmy shares willingly, but with humility, dignity and refinement. He addresses the recipient in the same tone as his business colleagues," attested

L to R (1st row) Engineer and Shroff gifting Nariman and Guzder (2nd row) A bouquet from Pansy Mehta to Bapsi Nariman; Guzder with his family, Cyrus and Maneck Guzder, Stetira Wadia, Rumi Guzder, Farokh and Nawaz Guzder. Alongside: Chandrachud and Eruch Desai

tem at the Third World Zoroastrian Congress. At that time Guzder had labelled Gandhi "illegal secretary" but after the BPP rejoined the Federation in 1983 Guzder got all those anjumans who had seceded along with the BPP (with the exception of Bangalore) to return to the Federation and has "encouraged and supported whatever the Federation has done," said Gandhi.

Since its inception the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe (ZTFE) has accepted the BPP as the apex body of the Parsi community, noted its honorary secretary and librarian Malcolm Deboo, adding that Guzder was the last of the Parsi sethais, the captains of industry who created and distributed wealth to the community in India.

As management expert and vice chairman of the Raymonds Group, Shroff was well aware of Fali Nariman's popu-



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larity in commercial circles. The latter's "legal acumen and strong advocacy" led him to be the first choice of corporates seeking legal help and advice. Extolling his "unblemished record" of public service, Shroff noted that Nariman is "at his sparring best on issues of social importance," and had resigned as India's additional solicitor general (a post he held from 1972-75) as a matter of principle when Indira Gandhi declared Emergency rule which deprived the people of their democratic rights, noted Shroff. In a recent article on religious conversion in *The Indian Express* Nariman had maintained the equality of Indian citizens irrespective of caste or religion, said Shroff.

Barely 13 when Burma was overrun by the Japanese in World War II, Rangoon-born Nariman had had a harrowing experience as he trekked overland to India with his family, revealed Engineer. Alumnus of Bombay's St Xavier's College and Government Law College, Engineer traced Nariman's spiraling professional graph since his early years in the chambers of the fabled Sir Jamshedji Kanga as the devil (as juniors are called in legal parlance) of senior advocate Khurshedji Bhabha. Swiftly acquiring a large and lucrative practice

in Bombay, Nariman went to Delhi as additional solicitor general in 1972 and continued to practice in the Supreme Court thereafter. "His name figures in every important matter decided by the Supreme Court," said Engineer providing a breathless recount of Nariman's activities: He has been the president of the Bar Association of India since 1991, vice-chairman of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Paris since 1989 and a member of the Court of the London Court of International Arbitration since 1988. He is currently honorary chairman of the International Council for Commercial Arbitration after having been its president for over seven years. He is currently co-chair of the Human Rights Institute of the International Bar Association since July 2001.

A member, Advisory Council of Jurists of the Asia-Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institutions and of the Advisory Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) since November 1999, Nariman has also been engaged, as chairman of the sub-group constituted by the Prime Minister of India, in preparing the draft of a new comprehen-

sive statute to replace the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, in view of the rapid convergence of telecom, computers, television and electronics.

In the course of these activities Nariman has garnered a wealth of laurels: Padma Bhushan in 1991, named "Living Legend of the Law" by the International Bar Association, World Association of Press Councils' Global Media Laurel and, most recently the Justice Prize 2002. In 1999 the President of India nominated Nariman to a six-year term in the Rajya Sabha where he sits on a host of committees including the Standing Committee on External Affairs.

Describing Nariman's advocacy as "persuasive and forceful," Engineer credited him with the knack to quickly "spot the point that makes a dent" in any matter. A genial, charming individual with a lovely sense of humor and a hearty laugh who enjoys a good party, a good dinner and the Parsi peg, Nariman has a "deep and abiding faith in Zoroastrian prayers. His son Rohinton (also an advocate) is a navar, though Fali is not," Engineer profiled the jurist's human side.

Commenting on the number of outstanding Parsi lawyers each of whom



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has risen to "high and distinct position by dint of hard work," former chief justice of India Yeshwant Chandrachud mused how there's "nothing in common" between Homi Seervai, Nani Palkhivala, Fali Nariman and Soli Sorabji despite having grown up in Kanga's chamber — "They haven't tried to ape anyone... (they) achieved greatness by personal hardwork." Chandrachud, who had been a favorite lecturer of students at the Government Law College along with Nani Palkhivala, recalled Nariman attending class in full-sleeved shirts and a belt at the waist — quite unlike the general run of informally dressed students. "Also, while we were teaching we would find to our embarrassment and anger that Fali would be whispering in the ears of the student next to him!" recalled Chandrachud. A fellow lecturer had complained, "That fellow Nariman seems to be good but he is talking, talking, talking while I'm teaching — writing and talking in the first row!" He once got so upset, he asked Nariman to leave the class — one of the few students to be so banished! He didn't accept what we said blindly, didn't take for granted that what we said was the gospel truth!" acknowledged the erstwhile teacher.

Even as a Supreme Court judge Chandrachud said he had enjoyed the Narimans' hospitality countless times as Fali poured a "double Parsi peg, one for me and one for (Fali's wife) Bapsi" and noted that at such times the lawyer "doesn't talk law (but) is friendly, congenial... has not only the ability to learn but the willingness to learn... is a student even today, at the peak of his career." Nor were there any strings attached — "The next day Fali had lost the case." So persuasive is Nariman "without meaning to be persuasive" that when two of his fellow judges on the three-judge bench "were for Fali, I was against him. One doesn't want to be a victim of Fali's persuasiveness!" declared Chandrachud.

Tamboly wondered "how one steeped in such a dry subject as law can speak with such wit and humor." Mistry noted how the DPA taps Nariman when it needs legal advice. "When the Finance Bill two years ago demanded that all public charitable trusts with a corpus of over 10 lakh rupees had to publish accounts in newspapers, we went to Fali. He spoke to the people concerned. When the clause was withdrawn and we thanked the finance minister, he said, 'Don't thank me. Thank Fali Nariman for convincing me.'"

"Jimmy, I'm happy to be at this function felicitating you," said the balding, bespectacled legal wizard. Surveying the garden, he remarked, "from the dais we can see that the garden has perceptibly filled up. I'm not so naive to believe that they've come to see me. (I'm told) there's dinner. They're captive till then!"

Grateful for all the "kind words — too kind in fact," Nariman recommended that in future the organizers follow a J. R. D. Tata anecdote: at a function the chairman who forgot Tata's bio data introduced him saying "Regarding J. R. D. Tata, the less said the better!"

The pleasure of meeting vintage friends evoked a nostalgic memory of former Indian attorney general C. K. Daftary as he strode into and surveyed the High Court Library on a visit to Bombay. "We asked if he needed something and he said, 'No, no, I'm just seeing if all my enemies are dead!'"

Chiding Chandrachud for being "too modest about himself," Nariman recalled him as a "brilliant tutor who taught not only law but love for law, as did Nani Palkhivala and Jal Vimaladala. "Courtesy and politeness was in their genes — qualities important for a good judge."

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human justice Nariman philosophized, "It is true to say we get what we deserve, but we don't always deserve what we get." He remembered his grandmother talking of Bakhtiyar Rustomji Hakim who was married to her cousin — until he disappeared. "Next they heard that Bucks Ruston had been convicted of murder in England and hanged. He was said to have killed his second wife and the maid though the body of his wife was not found. His effigy was even put in Madame Tussaud's Museum. A few years ago," continued Nariman, "Terence Whitticker wrote in *The Times of India* asking for people who knew Bucks Ruston. It seems he was remembered in Lancashire with great affection and believed to be wrongly hanged!" Another case in point was of the Parsi matrimonial jury that awarded the restitution of conjugal rights to a man who triumphantly dragged his weeping, wailing wife out of court. Six months later she returned with a bandaged nose petitioning for divorce. With his mother's help the husband had acted out the old Parsi idiom: "*Mooi nu naak kaapi naakhyu* (cut the female's nose)." The third case Nariman cited was of the celebrated political scientist Harold Laski who, win-

ning a suit for defamation, was given £1 as damages. He said "Justice stinks."

Nonetheless Nariman said, "I can't adequately express my admiration for Jamshedji Kanga, Nani Palkhivala and two chief justices Harilal Kania and Sam Bharucha. It was said of Kania (that) his greatness was acquired by osmosis by his juniors. I count myself singularly fortunate. Jamshedji was the standing counsel of the Panchayet. I had the opportunity to draft the opinions. The trustees are always criticized for what they do and what they don't do... It is an obtuseness that we have... In Delhi every taxi driver claims to know how to govern the country. In Bombay every Parsi thinks he can run the Panchayet! It is the spirit of adventure and individuality which we must cultivate," said Nariman applauding Mistry for his work in establishing the World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce. "We Parsi Zoroastrians owe it to ourselves to do something for the community and the country."

Guzder began his brief acknowledgement of the plaudits he had received: "I never dreamt I'd be elected trustee but for the blessings of Ahura Mazda." He recalled how noted solicitor Shiavax Vakil had resigned from the Panchayet

in the wake of community criticism for entering the dakhma. Guzder had triumphed against Jimmy Shroff in the election for the trusteeship seat vacated by Vakil in 1975. In passing, Guzder touched upon the development of the fallow land adjoining Doongerwadi ("Lady Jehangir wanted it to remain undeveloped because of the fear that firecrackers would disturb vultures"), the declining population and the start of the Panchayet's third child subsidy program (largely underwritten by the Guzder trust and family) and ended with a tribute to his fellow trustees, the Panchayet's chief executive officer Behram Dastur, its executives and staff.

The evening's compère social worker Homai Modi, in her vote of thanks recalled Guzder's concern for people, thanked him for his "net of benevolence," Nariman for "making us proud to have one such as you," Engineer for "conceiving and organizing this project," Dara Marfatia, Silloo Mahava, Rusi Bhungara and Silloo Andhyarujina for their help in getting the show on the road and the Hansotia family at whose home the revelers congregated for an *apéritif* before proceeding for the dinner catered by Tanaz Godiwala.



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A gesture for Guzder

Recognizing outgoing president Jamshed Guzder's service to the community, the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India designates him president emeritus

Arnavaz S. Mama

"What can I say except that I am overwhelmed!" Jamshed Guzder, Bombay Parsi Punchayet (BPP) chairman and president of the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India, whose term as BPP trustee was drawing to a close, was responding to Poona trustee Dara Irani's proposal that he be designated president emeritus of the Federation. The suggestion made at the Federation's executive council meeting in Bombay, November 23 and 24, 2002, met with instant response as the all-India body's joint honorary secretary Keki Gandhi recalled his initial skirmishes and later total compatibility with the businessman-philanthropist. "God gives to those who give to others," Guzder shared the philosophy he had learnt from his mother, and practiced over a lifetime, with the assembled delegates.

The artwork sent by the BPP for the minting of five-rupee coins in honor of Dr Dadabhai Naoroji had been accepted by the Government of India Mint, Delhi Parsi Anjuman (DPA) president and the Federation's vice president Lt Gen (retd) Adi Sethna informed the gathering. Sethna's term as the Zoroastrian member on the National Minorities Commission (NMC) was due to end within six weeks of the meet. The Parsis' minuscule number deprived them of political clout, he noted.

This was the second occasion when the Bombay-based Iranian Zoroastrian Anjuman (IZA) had hosted a Federation meet. While the earlier one had been held at the Khareghat Hall, this time it was held in the newly air-conditioned hall in the Banaji Atash Behram compound. The venue proved convenient to delegates located all over the city. IZA vice president Sohrab Dahmubed expressed gratitude and praise for the Parsis of yore who had formed the Society for the Amelioration of Conditions of the Zoroastrians in Persia to aid their im-

poverished coreligionists in Iran. This evoked an equally stirring acknowledgement of Iranian steadfastness to the religion despite generations of privation from BPP chief executive officer Behram Dastur.

Five achievers were honored for excellence in their respective fields during the years 1987, 2000 and 2001 at the dinner following the first day's deliberations. An audiovisual on the work of the World Zarathushti Cultural Foundation (WZCF) and a talk by its president Dr Homi Dhalla on the excavations at Sanjan and Bahrot made the delegates aware of projects currently underway.

A 48-minute CD on the life of Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw has been made by the UNESCO-PARZOR project, announced Sethna. Priced at a concessional rate of Rs 250, Bombay, Poona and Surat booked 50 copies each. Sethna hoped the film will be shown on television nationally and internationally. PARZOR is also believed to be working on the filming of environment-based Zoroastrian rituals.

With senior BPP trustee and joint honorary secretary of the Federation Minoo Shroff in line to take on the chairmanship of the Punchayet and, ex officio, presidency of the Federation, Silloo Kavarana, as next in line, was appointed joint honorary secretary of the Federation. With Dr Sam Bhacca having resigned as president of the Surat Parsi Panchayat, the vice presidency of the Federation's West Zone 'B' was open for election, declared Gandhi.

Pervez Mehta of Bardoli has undertaken the production of the Gujarati edition of the *Fed Newsletter*. After the death of Piloo Bulsara who had worked on it for years, the Gujarati edition had been in the doldrums. Marazban Wadia from Davier had helped translate one issue earlier.

With quotes, humor and anecdotes

guest speaker Nadir Modi, eminent counsel and vice president of the Athornan Mandal, told the assembled delegates to eschew talk in favor of action.

The next meet of the Federation is scheduled in Bombay in June 2003.

Anjumans

The Jalejar Shapurji Gandhi Daremeher in Allahabad, served by a paramobed, has poor attendance as only 24 Parsis are left there, noted Capt Homi Dandiwalla. "Can a dar-e-meher be shut down or is it necessary to shift the atash padshah?" he enquired.

Whereas the community was once replete with professionals, today the figure is down to two homeopaths and two educationists. Senior lecturer Shehernaz Gandhi was recently awarded the Mahadevi Kiran Samman for outstanding service in the field of education from the governor of Uttar Pradesh. She was also selected for the Vocational Service Merit Award 2002-2003 by the Rotary Club of Allahabad, noted Dandiwalla. The Allahabad Anjuman president added happily that they had computerized their accounts.

Reporting 72 deaths in Poona from the beginning of 2002 (of which 18 were cremated) Dara Irani stated that their solar concentrator was working well, the bodies (about four at a time) being reduced to skeleton in four days. During the same period there were 19 births recorded by the Poona municipality and cantonment. With Rs 2.5 crore earlier and two crores in the current year from the Bai Maneckbai Jeejeebhoy Trust (BMJT) the Poona Parsi Panchayat has a community hall and 122 more flats under construction. The flats are only for people who really want to settle in Poona and the youths in the newly constructed buildings are organized and help clean choked drains, etc. They have

also received nearly six lakh rupees from the Incorporated Trustees of the Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton and Macau for education, medical relief and doles with the stipulation that the money be spent in the same year. Along with the Grant Medical Foundation, the PPP organized a camp for gynecological and ENT (ear, nose, throat) checkups which was attended by 150 people, Dara Irani informed the council members.

Sethna, who had recently visited Poona as a member of the NMC, attested to the PPP attracting young people to serve the community and said he had heard of families there opting for a third and fourth child.

The Parsi Zoroastrian Anjuman of Secunderabad and Hyderabad (PZASH) recorded two births and three deaths in six months, noted Omim Debara. They were in the process of completing their directory and had planted more than 1,000 trees at the Tower of Silence with the help of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department, he added.

The DPA's Farohar Club (of children up to the age of 14 who attend religious

classes at the Mengusi Dharamshala) has been emulated by other anjumans, noted DPA secretary Farrokh Rustomji. The six new rooms at the Dharamshala had become functional. Sethna added that the DPA is now on the internet and people were welcome to make reservations on the net. He urged Zoroastrians to ignore the touts at the railway station who seek to lure travelers away from the Dharamshala by saying it's closed or full. "When we are full we try to accommodate two to a room rather than turn Zoroastrians away. One suite comprising two bedrooms with baths and a sitting room is available to Parsi companies on long-term basis like time-share accommodation," he noted.

There had been two deaths, one birth and two marriages amid the 600-strong Delhi Parsis in the past six months, said Rustomji. The delegates learnt that three Zoroastrians in Delhi — noted counsel and Rajya Sabha member Fali Nariman, Prof Sabar Havewalla of the Jawaharlal Nehru University and Mahrukh Singh, principal of Mother's International School — had received international and national awards.

Anjuman president Rustom Cursetji re-

ported 10 births, five navjotes, 11 weddings and three deaths among the 450-member floating population of Thana. A budget of two lakh rupees provides for the anjuman's social service activities. Their major concern is the vacation of their anjuman cottage in Thana's business district which is alleged to be illegally occupied by the Shiv Sena (SS). The current market value of the property is over three crore rupees. He said a "complete dossier" had been forwarded to the Federation to seek the intervention of SS counsel Fali Nariman. So far they had sought the help of Maharashtra MLA Dinaz Patrawala but they had not succeeded in getting through to the Thackerays. Cursetji acknowledged that the Federation and BPP support had helped the Thana Anjuman recover a plot that now houses 50 Parsi families.

Sethna informed the gathering that the Thana files had been given to Nariman eight months ago and the lawyer had agreed to provide feedback. Shroff suggested that Thana leverage the influence of entrepreneur Pervez Damania who is "very close to Thackeray."

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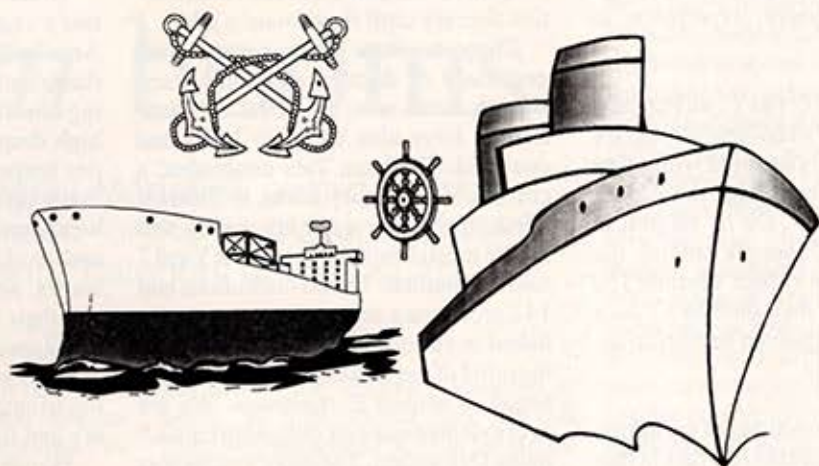
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Homi Palsetia and Ervad Yezdi Panthaki spoke of Saronda's 126-year-old agiary which was recently repaired with a five lakh rupee donation though some work remains to be done. On its salgreh in May nearly 300 people attend the gahambar. But the village's former 150 households have dwindled to 17 — a community of long-lived geriatrics, according to Palsetia.

The IZA which functions as coordinator between Zoroastrian Iranians in Iran and in India was originally called the Society for the Amelioration of the Zoroastrians in Persia, the body that sent Maneckji Limji Hataria to Iran more than a century ago to investigate the miserable plight of Iranian Zarathushtis. Hataria's perseverance led Naseeruddin Shah, the Persian ruler, to rescind the monstrous jazia — a poll tax on non Muslims — which deprived Zarathushtis there of a major portion of

their meager earnings, acknowledged Dahmubed. He recalled how Zoroastrians fleeing Iran were fed and housed by the generous members of the Amelioration Society until they found a job.

Those destitute Iranians were in urgent need of doctors and some Parsi doctors were sent to attend to them. Iranian boys also came to India and qualified. Sir Ratan Tata established a clinic and maternity home in Tehran. "Pestonji Marker gave his money and his life to establish Markerabad in Yazd," said Dahmubed. The 36 institutions and 14 Zoroastrian schools that were established in various parts of Iran "changed the mind of the Muslims of Iran and they began to respect Zoroastrians. We are ever indebted and ever obliged to Parsis," noted Dahmubed. The body's name was changed to IZA in 1918 by Khurshedji Irani.

The IZA's big tract of land at Palghar now yields 18-20 lakh rupees annually. Interest on fixed deposits yield more. All this enables them to provide for relief of poverty, education and medical help. Iranian Zoroastrians continue to migrate from Yazd to Tehran to Bombay and from here to the USA, Canada, New Zealand and Australia, said Dahmubed.

A large portion of the aged remain in Bombay, he added, though he was unable to provide statistics.

Graciously acknowledging Dahmubed's recognition of the work of the Amelioration Society, Dastur stressed the role of Iranian Zarathushtis in keeping the flag of Zoroastrianism flying high despite the suffering and indignities heaped on them in Iran. He recalled that apart from the poll tax, Zoroastrians were curtailed in their choice of shoes and clothing, were paid a pittance in wages, were referred to as *nagis* (dirty) and their beautiful daughters regularly kidnapped. Dastur urged and the Federation members responded with a standing tribute to Iranian Zoroastrian bravery and fortitude.

Homai Faramazian of the IZA recalled how any article touched by a Zoroastrian "would be put aside as contaminated." Noticing changes on a recent trip to Iran she said, "We feel as though Zoroastrianism is coming back to Iran. We were surprised at the respect we got from the Muslims. They keep asking why we don't come back... Now we no longer feel persecuted."

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built in Indore," Bomi Heerjee noted that the very old building used as a bungli near the dakhma was recently reconstructed thanks to a single donation. Repair of the wall of the dakhma is pending for want of funds. The small Indore community is invited to all local meetings and seminars, though there was no Zoroastrian representation on the State Minorities Commission. On behalf of Indore and other anjumans in Madhya Pradesh, Heerjee once again urged the creation of a Central Zone within the Federation.

Sethna responded that the chief minister of Madhya Pradesh had replied to his letter saying that the matter is under examination. "We have no votes — a fact of life which we need to remember," said Sethna urging caution vis-à-vis political reality as issues relating to religious minorities are very sensitive.

Gandhi appealed to Heerjee "not to fragment the Federation further... What will we achieve as part of the Central Zone that is not being done as North or West or East Zone?... There are 13 anjumans in the North Zone. If six anjumans are taken away what will it serve?" He noted that he had written to other concerned anjumans asking for

their views but had received "hardly any responses."

Soonu Vesuna spoke of cracks in the gumbaz of the Vesu Adarian. With 25 to 30 Parsis in the village, some of whom are well placed, the anjuman is looking for financial aid to maintain its panthaky, she added.

Representing the Deolali-Nashik Anjuman was Hoshi Patel. As the Parsi member of the Nasik District Minority Committee formed under Indira Gandhi's 15-point program for the welfare of minorities, Patel volunteered to use this Committee "to save land jeopardized anywhere in India." However he was told by Gandhi that Parsis never apply for government aid. Sethna further noted that dakhma and aramgah land encroachments have to be taken up by local people with the government at the district level.

The Parsis of Ahmedabad are more inclined towards business than service and their punchayet disburses loans for higher education in Indian institutions instead of foreign ones, said Porus Karanjawalla of the Ahmedabad Parsi

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Punchayet (APP). Plans are afoot to install solar concentrators at their dakhma. A free medical checkup camp had been organized and the APP has joined a discount scheme for medical expenses introduced by a local club so that the whole community has been provided with identification cards bearing their respective G6PD status and blood group, Karanjawalla added. Pathology and X-ray facilities are also provided under the scheme.

On behalf of 12 members of the Agra Anjuman Hosang Debara thanked chairman Guzder for the BPP's second annual donation of Rs 20,000 for the maintenance of their dharamshala.

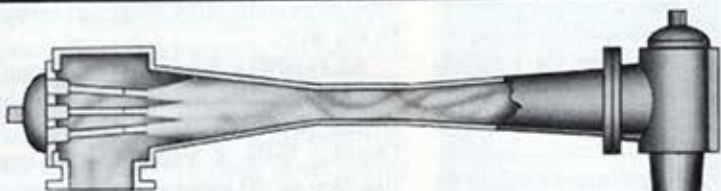
The Jhansi Anjuman has installed a framed photograph of the late Baji Mirza who had given the donation enabling them to renovate the dharamshala hall, said its president Ronny Dick. The 15-member anjuman had invited a mobed from Navsari to perform the Farvardegan jashan.

The Davier Anjuman pays its mobed Rs 8,000 per month and provides free residential accommodation and a month's salary as annual bonus, said Marazban Wadia. They had collected 15 lakh rupees towards the repair of their agiary and the mobed residence undertaken by architect Jehanbux Bilimoria. With seven new bungalows constructed, a few new Parsis have come to Davier, noted Wadia.

Though there are 223 Parsi families in Nagpur, the population ratio is one Parsi to 3,000 or 4,000 non-Parsis, according to Anjuman president Edul Bhagwagar. They are starting an economical housing scheme at Tata Baug where the agiary, dharamshala and anjuman housing coexist. The floodlit agiary grounds are available for navjotes and lagans. The Nagpur Anjuman is badly affected by the UTI debacle as they had a lot of money invested in the Unit Scheme 64.

The vice chancellor of Nagpur University wanted to change the name of its J. N. Tata Hall. When the community filed a public interest litigation the judge ruled that "Jamsetji was not just a Parsi but a son of India," Bhagwagar told the assembled delegates. He acknowledged the help of Sethna, former IAS officer and former BPP trustee Jamsheed Kanga, Dr Jamshed Irani of Tata Sons and the BPP in their representation before the

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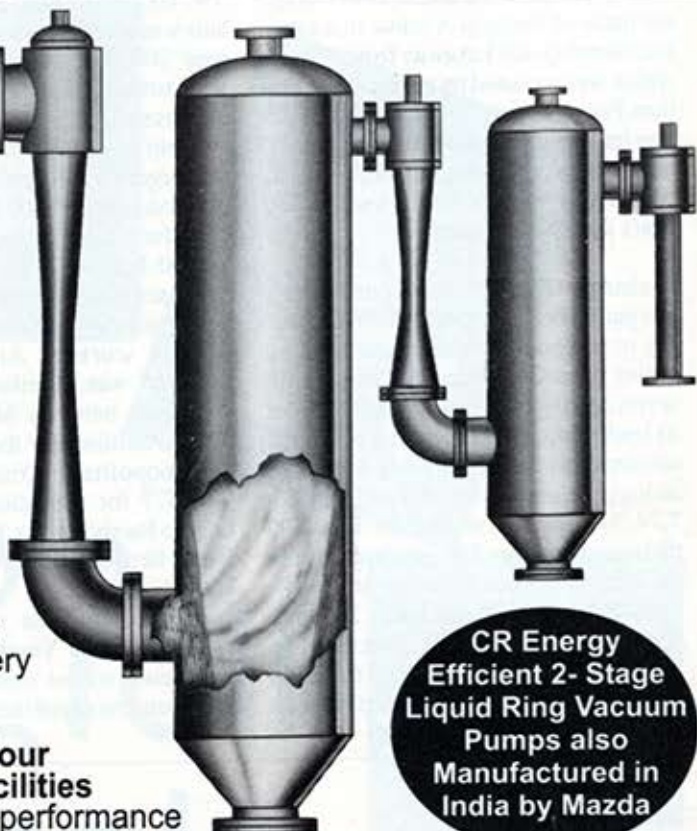
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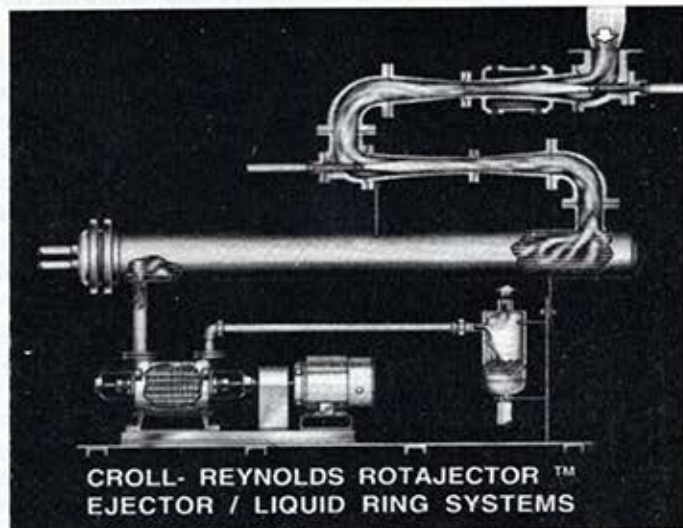


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court. As the Nagpur Anjuman celebrated 300 years of its founding, an article on Nagpur and the Parsi community by Dilnavaz Bhagwagar had been prominently featured in the Press, he added.

There were some attempts to change the name of Pestonji Avenue in a satellite township 400 km away from Nagpur which were resisted by the local population, Percy Nazir told the council. Someone had pointed out a Parsi graveyard but no one knew who Pestonji was except that he was a Parsi who had lived 50 years ago, Nazir added.

Assistance to the community under various guises flowed from the BPP according to a report circulated and read by senior executive Sheroo Master. With seven charity funds participating under its leadership, 100 students received gift scholarships for engineering and technology related studies totalling Rs 7,74,500 apart from the Rs 9,10,500 disbursed among 290 students under various college courses including medicine, dentistry and homeopathy. Six other charity funds joined the Punchayet in aiding 57 students with Rs 16,10,000 gift scholarship and Rs 15,50,000 loan

for study abroad.

An additional eight students received a total of Rs 2,60,000 as gift for post-graduate study in India. Assistance for coaching classes totalling Rs 1.4 lakh among five medical students and Rs 5.47 lakh between 21 engineering aspirants was also disbursed for the academic year 2002-03. A further Rs 1,79,564 went towards school fees and ancillary expenses.

Help toward hospitalization and major surgery to 59 applicants totalled Rs 8.14 lakh; Rs 35,500 helped eight persons for marriage expenses while Rs 75,000 helped 23 parties defray their expenses for six months (May-October 2002) on daycare centers while both parents worked. An additional Rs 6,55,725 was distributed among dole recipients between May and October 2002. Additionally the Pestonji Davar (Cosmopolitan) Trust disbursed Rs 9,64,677 for educational and medical help to Parsis and Rs 10,49,751 to non-Parsis between June 2001 and October 2002.

Apart from its stellar Holiday Programme for Youth, the Punchayet conducted school counseling services for 26 students aged three-18 years, deal-

ing with scholastic backwardness, learning disabilities, habit disorders, behavioral problems and family/marital conflicts between May and October 2002.

Seminars on dyslexia, the challenges of growing up, careers in event management were some other programs offered by the BPP.

At Panthaky Baug 104 two-rooms plus kitchen flats and 56 one room plus kitchen flats have been constructed. At Dhunbai Villa in Vile Parle the construction of 40 two-room plus kitchen flats has been stalled at the plinth level by the Municipal Corporation withholding the commencement certificate until the D.P. Road issue is sorted out, notes the BPP press release.

Master voiced concern at the dipping interest rates that will seriously affect the BPP's ability to sustain its programs. Dastur however noted that the trustees have decided that there will be no cut in grants for education. Worried about the high divorce rate, BPP trustees had constituted a committee of three doctors and social worker Perviz Dotivala to advise couples on their marital problems. Commenting on the increasing intolerance of dissenting views, Dastur urged the community to guard against

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"pseudo scholars who interpret the scriptures by convenience." He was also critical of the community's "ostrich like attitude" toward the demographical consequence of the rising rate of intercommunity marriages. Dastur further noted that a young Parsi consultant on emigration had informed him that an average four Parsi families migrate each month in search of greener pastures.

The Mhow Anjuman now has two priests to attend to its adarian and a Parsi family from Chhatarpur has settled in Mhow, its president Dr Behram Masani informed the gathering. They have begun water harvesting in the agiary complex as well as in individual properties, have been able to get their dakhma cleaned with the help of Cyrus Siganporia and his team from Bombay and undertaken large scale planting at their doongerwadi. The son of a trustee who expired recently had donated one lakh rupees and a Bajaj vehicle for use as an ambulance and hearse.

As a dwindling anjuman Mhow was the first to induct a Federation representative to its board and Masani tried to acquaint other anjumans with the fact

that "by making the Federation custodian you do not lose your independence."

Reporting on developments Masani noted that "some Mhow Parsis... propose to buy over anjuman properties in which they live." Apart from outright buyover and payment in monthly installments, their third proposal is that the anjuman gift the properties to the tenants along with some corpus to maintain it. The agitated president noted that such a procedure was not permissible, neither under the Public Trust Act nor the Income Tax Act, but even some sitting trustees were in favor of the proposal.

Terming it an "unhealthy precedent," that would adversely affect the BPP baugs, Gandhi felt that the Federation had the right to object to such transfer of property. However, the Mhow constitution permits 75 percent of the members of the anjuman to override the Federation's veto. Legal means and personal persuasion were suggested to change the attitude of the recalcitrant trustees. "Every single Parsi can object to anjuman property being sold," stated counsel Nadir Modi who assured the gathering that even if the wrong people

are in the majority, "courts are more receptive to a trustee who is complaining of breach of trust."

"The smaller a community gets, the more problems it creates," according to Sarosh Ginwalla of Bharuch where the erection of a fence to protect the grounds and prevent trespassing had landed the trustees of the Motlibai Wadia School in a court of law. Also, having undertaken internal renovation of the 230-year-old Hamawalla Agiary costing over two lakh rupees, the Bharuch Parsi Punchayet is "now stuck because of the Income Tax Act proscribing donations from one institution to another." However, other delegates had other views on this issue.

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ments, the community had ample opportunities to interact.

Central Asian Zoroastrians

Dastur raised the issue of those who claim to be Zoroastrians among the peoples of the former Soviet Union. "There are said to be nearly a million Zoroastrians among the Turkish and Iraqi Kurds who are not allowed to openly practice their faith." Whereas Pastakia wondered if these people are "really Zoroastrians or merely angling for political benefits," Dastur quoted the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as saying they are Zoroastrians who are treated as *kafirs* (infidels). "If that is so we can't turn a blind eye; we need to develop consciousness," he maintained.

Rustomji said that a group of eight professionals from Tajikistan who had visited Delhi had returned to their homeland with nine trunk loads of religious books. They had recounted the loss of religion under the USSR and the burgeoning Islamic growth after independence.

"We have espoused the poor and the needy in our catholic charities. Can we say to those who, in fear of their lives, seek Zoroastrian shelter, 'Get yourself killed?'" asked Gandhi.

Udvada

The discussion on Udvada embraced three aspects — the violent ingress of the sea with saline seepage feared in the Iranshah's foundation, the impact of Udvada being denoted a Pavitra Yatra Dham and the sale of Paradise Hotel, allegedly to a Muslim — as the delegates sought to make sense of conflicting reports.

Noting that the central ministry of tourism had made a grant of Rs 1 crore 21 lakhs to which the government of Gujarat was expected to add its own contribution, Sethna believed that the most useful deployment of the largesse would be the reconstruction of the road from the railway station to the village. He suggested that the technical members of the Save Udvada Committee (SUC) investigate reports of saline seepage in the town. Dastur countered that it was the government of Gujarat's responsibility to protect the seaface of Udvada with local people taking greater initiative.

Referring to the tremendously destructive waves rising to and demolishing the first floor of structures on the sea front, Dara Irani wondered if the SUC was intending to lengthen the barricade it had constructed. He also raised the issue of eight housebreaks in the area in a single month.

Recalling SUC member Homai Modi's contention that the battle against the sea was a continuing one, Gandhi noted that the sea wall had been largely funded by the Gujarat government while the community's contribution was "still in arrears." He termed the housebreaks and burglary "a national phenomenon" and informed the gathering that Sorab Katpitia of Surat, who had come to attend the executive council meet, had to rush back on learning that his mother-in-law and sister had been murdered. "Elderly Zoroastrians are not willing to go into old age homes. They want to live alone," he rued.

Urging the SUC to see the environmental problems at the macro level, Rustomji observed that the problem of "soil erosion can't be solved by a one kilometer wall."

The SUC consists of delegates from Bombay, observed Palsetia and suggested that the MLA from the area, the local sarpanch and other people from Udvada should be inducted on it.

Looking at the problem from a different angle, Dastur

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suggested the formulation of a contingency plan: "Can we shift the Iranshah to a safer place to secure the sacred fire from the fury of nature?" Heerjee felt that the suggestion was potentially "quite explosive." He said "It would give the impression of Parsis being uneasy and unhappy in the country." But Dastur stressed that the suggested move was to secure "the geographical safety of Iranshah and not out of any political consideration." Gandhi's concerns — who will offer to host it? And the necessary communication and transport for votaries and priests — were laid to rest by Dara Irani noting, "We have ample land... eight to 10 acres... in Poona and the second largest Parsi population in the country. The Iranshah would be well patronized."

The idea of a Pavitra Yatra Dham had its flip side. "The Muslims are banking on Udvada being declared as a tourist center," noted IZA's Behram Irani. Its geriatric Parsi population is hardly interested, noted Sethna adding "If (others) see it as a commercial proposition we're going to be left behind." With the likely development of a port at Umbergaon, the whole area was expected to develop but "If you don't have

people what can you do?" Sethna underscored the community's demographic plight.

Rustomji's latent excitement at the prospect of the village being developed into a world heritage site was not shared by Dastur who predicted a lot of interference in the maintenance of the Parsi sanctum. "Keep international agencies out," he advised the community representatives. He also anticipated a rise in crime with an increase in tourist traffic as had happened in Goa.

The projected sale of Paradise Hotel evoked more emotion. Internet rumors of it being acquired by a Muslim agency for Rs 1 crore 20 lakhs to be used as a madressa kept the adrenaline flowing. A Parsi was willing to offer Rs 1 crore 10 lakhs, noted Guzder. "Even if Parsi trusts give 10 percent of their corpus it would enable us to buy out Udvada for the community," claimed then BPP trustee Rustom Tirandaz, raising his familiar war cry: "Protect the ethos. Otherwise there's nothing left to live for!" BPP trustee Dinshaw Mehta spoke of approaching Hindutva champion Narendra Modi to stop the sale of Paradise Hotel to Muslims.

Seeking the Gujarat government's

help "to stop a Muslim takeover of Paradise Hotel could create a rift between the Parsis and Muslims. Let us not go against any other community," Gandhi cautioned Mehta. As for the suggestion to buy out Udvada, Gandhi asked, "Even if Parsi trusts had an income of Rs 600 crore (as against the present estimated corpus of like amount), how many houses can we buy?"

The charting of mohalla wise properties has in the meanwhile been accepted as a practical suggestion.

Mediclaim

The evolving of a group medical insurance policy for the community has been "eluding us" said Dastur. The BPP CEO and his deputy Mehli Colah were currently in the process of vetting a scheme from Tata AIG. Negotiations with New India Assurance broke down over administrative processes as the BPP "does not have the manpower or financial resources to follow up on claims, etc," he noted.

Gandhi suggested that the welfare associations of the various baugs be requested to ask their residents if they would be interested in subscribing Rs 1,500 annually for a Rs one lakh cover.



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The BPP need not be involved," he added. Citing the example of the Kothari Chawl (in Nagpur) Gandhi said others living on its periphery also availed of the scheme.

Zarsis Udhawala said their efforts in Thana elicited no response from the community. People who opted for family policies saw them as more beneficial than a group policy because of cumulative bonus, etc.

BASZA president Noshir Paghdwalla sought an insurance company that directly settles hospital bills. Gandhi noted that certain foreign companies pay directly to hospitals nominated by them. The nationalized companies do not have such a system.

Accepting the proposition that in a group insurance policy some will benefit more than others, Shroff recommended a balanced give and take, adding hopefully, "If a model develops in Bombay, others can emulate it."

Youth

With a youth seminar in Delhi, January 24-26, 2003 and the Third World Zoroastrian Youth Congress scheduled in December 2003, Sarosh Palkhiwala president of the Federation of Zoroas-

trian Youth Associations (FOZYA) and the Poona Youth Club, had his hands full. They had held a personality development and career guidance seminar over two days in mid July, a talk and demonstration on the jashan ceremony by Ervad Aspy Dadachanji and a counseling session. These preoccupations had delayed the distribution of their new revised directory.

The Parsi Youth League of Ahmedabad had hosted a sports event in December-January, an annual awards distribution function and athletics in April-May, informed its representative Xerxes Rao. Their matrimonial meet was a disappointment to the 70 boys who attended as only seven girls participated there.

Baroda United Zoroastrian Youth (BUZY) vice president Bomy Talati spoke of its sports, social service activities and organizing of religious lectures. The youth body had contributed Rs 13 lakh to the Baroda Punchayet as an educational fund. The gathering was informed that professionals, Baroda Parsi Punchayet trustees and the youths had combined to seek and promote talent in the area.

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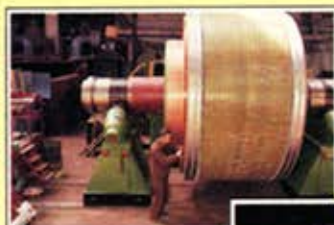
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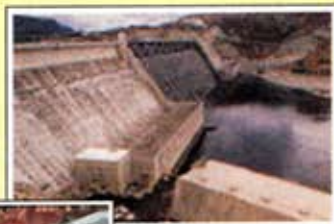


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Surat's Nozer Kasad admitted that the Zoroastrian youths of his town were not very active being somewhat bogged down by the dissent in the community. Nonetheless they continued to distribute sudreh-kustis at the Nariman Home.

"Huge floods" in the River Jamuna had inundated the Parsi aramgah in Agra, stated Hosang Debara. With a death in their small community three days ago and no priest forthcoming from Delhi, Kanpur or Lucknow, two youths conducted the funeral service, he noted. Debara said they had contacted BPP trustee Dinshaw Tamboly for an audio cassette of the relevant prayers but were yet to receive it. (Tamboly said the cassette had been posted a week ago.) Debara noted that over a span of 60 years, until 1980, when Agra had a resident priest, he always answered calls for help from the neighboring anjumans.

"(Ervad) Cawas Bagli is always available. We had no information!" countered Sethna. Rustomji and DPA youth trustee Adil Nargolwala were similarly taken aback. "Your recourse should be to the DPA trustees. Otherwise you will receive a wrong response," counseled Gandhi.

The youths' academic preoccupations and commuting hassels left little time for other activities though the BASZA youths did cooperate with their trustees to organize events like religious speeches, distribute life's necessities at the widows' homes interspersed with a few games and competitions, said Jennifer Paghdwalla. They also collect and sell old newspapers, etc to generate funds and partake in singing competitions on alternate Sundays.

Nagpur youth participated in the week-long celebrations of their agiary's salgreh with "fantastic dances." This time around it was their turn to host the J. J. Irani cricket trophy. Cleaning the agiary, collecting and distributing old clothes, taking children on picnics were some of their other activities, noted Parizad Daver.

Nargolwala provided a brief resumé of the youth conference that Delhi was to host — a melange of serious discussion and *musti mujhaa* including a trip to Agra and a view of the spectacular Republic Day parade as it winds past the DPA's dharamshala complex. In light of the underutilization of the Agra dharamshala, Nargolwala said he wanted to take the youths for an overnight stay to see the Taj by moonlight "but Porus (Debara) declined to discuss the idea because the Agra dharamshala does not have the infrastructure for 150 people."

Guzder spontaneously proffered Rs 10,000 to the youths' kitty for the event. Nargolwala also referred to their annual sports and a big fete they planned in December.

The youths of Thana are working on a directory of blood donors, noted Cursetji. He also referred to their drive to create a corpus to invest in real estate "to ensure enough capital for future generations to draw on."

Rather than build for posterity "when we know we are dwindling in numbers," Gandhi upheld the example of the WZO India's "three zero corpus trusts which generate several lakhs (of donations) each year because the donors see that their money is yielding benefits."

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Venture Capital

The BPP's Venture Capital (VC) Project, with its commercial arm the Zoroastrian Investment Corporation (ZIC) and its secretariat, is in place, Shroff informed the gathering. Though cautioned against investing in the ZIC directly, the BPP and other trusts were free to use the conduit of the non profit, tax exempt Centre for Promotion of Entrepreneurship to provide donations with the caveat that the funds were for Parsi entrepreneurs only. On his part the entrepreneur availing of ZIC assistance would have to enter into an agreement that the management of his company would remain in Parsi hands until the ZIC loan is repaid.

Though smaller banks have acquired the scheduled bank status because of greater political pull, the Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank's application has not yet been authorized by the Reserve Bank of India, noted Paghdwalla. (It has since been authorised.) However, a branch in Thana and an extension counter at Dahisar have begun to function and the Bank has been licensed to buy and sell traveler's cheques, announced Padhdwalla. (For subsequent developments see "We need to run faster," page 42).

Guest speaker Modi

Drawing on literature, philosophy and the *Yasna* as he addressed the topic "Survival of Zoroastrians and Zoroastrianism under national and international competition," guest speaker Nadir Modi hammered home the well-known adage: "Survival of the fittest." The competition the community faced was essentially an economic one as the Indian constitution safeguards our rights as a religious and racial group, the well-known lawyer and vice president of the Athornan Mandal noted. "In any field, persons of above average quality are almost always in demand," he added.

Quoting Shakespeare "To thine own self be true," as well as the *Ashem Vohu*, Modi amplified, "Only if we are true to ourselves and live up to our best potential, are our lives righteous — in the sense that they are lived rightly." To achieve this goal he focused on the four attributes — intelligence, industry, integrity and intrepidity — summarized under the banner of "ethics."

Noting how frustration results from inaction, Modi commented on the community's drawback: "We act too little; we talk too much." He also cautioned against egoistic, eccentric, ex-

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tremist and emotionally charged thinking ("We never know what is right. Only God knows what is right") and urged the leaders of the community to cultivate mature thinking based on experience, meaningful thinking which can be carried into action and manly or courageous thinking which accepts that there can be no progress without change but that change for the sake of change is unnecessary.

Modi suggested that the community identify and prioritize problems with the help of professionals and specialists, create an all-India association of Parsis so that each individual feels connected, formulate time-bound schemes to address the various group interests like matrimonial meets for youths, entrepreneurship, matrimonial counseling, geriatric support, etc which could be implemented by good, well-paid administrators. Citing the example of Field Marshal Montgomery who went from camp to camp to personally apprise his soldiers of his campaign plans during World War II, Modi advised the "marketing of ideas," because "like justice, good work must be seen to be done. The absence of projection (leads to) misunderstanding, heartbreak and disillusionment."

Reflecting the optimism of the *Gathas*

Modi concluded, "Our religion will safeguard us splendidly if we safeguard it faithfully."

In the discussion that followed Dastur observed how the US lost in Vietnam because "the American soldier was not convinced of the righteousness of the US stand." He urged a communal arbitration setup for our litigating community.

Sethna faulted Modi on the issue of the declining population: "you touched on it but like Jesting Pilate, you did not wait for the answer!" In Sethna's experience matrimonial meets for youths is a "rearguard action: 38 percent of Parsis had mixed marriages in Delhi in 1973!" Nonetheless the DPA has managed to keep the community together by allowing non-Parsi spouses to become associate members without voting rights and "we're proud of it," asserted Sethna.

Noshir Paghdwalla wondered if Parsi youths "lack the 4 'i's (of ethics)" that makes them uncompetitive. Countered Modi, "The youths are not lacking. Our generation has let them down... We have not enthused them enough, not given them requisite knowledge. They don't know what they have to be proud of."

Faced with the navjote of children of outmarried women, Karanjawalla sug-

gested the institution of certificates for legalized navjotes. He also wanted the renegade mobeds to be debarred from mobedi. Responding with a "personal opinion, not that of the Athornan Mandal," Modi cited the 1908 judgement of the division bench of the Bombay High Court which held that Zoroastrianism not only permits conversion but enjoins it.

"(It is) said to be only (an) obiter... But an obiter of the High Court enjoins every subordinate court in India. We are law abiding, in the British sense, that we are proud to obey the law. As a law-abiding community is it right to say it's not religion and I won't abide by it?... Where legal opinion and religious opinion clash, it's a personal choice... Nothing can compel me to do the navjote if I don't like it. Also, if I don't approve, no one can force me to associate with such priests." Modi also noted, "The judgement says at great length that since coming to India the Parsis have not been converting and that custom itself becomes a source of law."

"Does marriage give the right to convert? Are there any formalities for it?" asked Pervaz Irani of Dahanu and the IZA.

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Among Cama's first batch of students were several young Parsi priests, notably Ervad Tehmuras Dinshawji Anklesaria, Ervad Edulji Kersasji Antia, Ervad Sheriarji Dadabhai Bharucha, Ervad Kavasji Edulji Kanga and Ervad Kharshedji Minocherji Kateli, who not

only produced outstanding publications for the benefit of lay Zoroastrians but went on to be instructors at the above named institutions and at the University of Bombay. The imprint of the first four among them still endures.

Born in Bharuch in 1840 where he had his early education, Anklesaria had completed his priestly course of *navar* and *maratab* at Surat by the age of nine. Losing his father at an early age, the clever and determined boy was spotted studying Persian from a Moslem maulvi on the street in Deesa (where he lived as his uncle's ward) by the Hindu reformist Karsandas Moolji. Witnessing his zeal for learning Moolji is said to have prevailed upon the uncle to send the lad to Bombay's Sir J. J. Parsee Benevolent Institution where he passed his matriculation at the age of 18.

His interest in Zoroastrianism spurred him on to study Avestan and Pahlavi, joining Cama's first batch of students and was among the first 13 scholars to enter Sir J. J. Madressa in 1863 where he mastered both Persian and Sanskrit, winning substantial prize money as well as scholarships at the Madressa's prize distribution function in 1866.

Transliterating *Dadistan-i-Denik* in Gujarati together with an explanation of the text with fellow Cama student Bharucha in 1870 won him a prize of Rs 1,000 from the Zarathushti religious organization, the Rahnumae Mazdayasnan Sabha, which had been established by Dadabhai Naoroji, among others. By 1871 he was appointed professor of Sanskrit at the J. J. Madressa. He published the 225-year-old *Shiavaxnamu*, a versified account of Parsi history by Rustom Hormuzdiar of Surat, together with additional notes which was very well received by the public. He then ventured into a Gujarati translation of Dastur Tirandaz Ardeshir's Persian version of the *Khordeh Avesta* which he compared with European translations to establish its authenticity. The Gujarati transliteration and translation of the *Avan Yasht* followed in 1874. Earning the Dowager Lady Avabai Sanskrit Fellowship established by Sorabji

Cama (seated center) with his pupils (seated from left): Anklesaria, Bharucha, Kanga and Antia; (standing): Ervad Jamsetji Dadabhoy Nadirshaw (left) and Kateli



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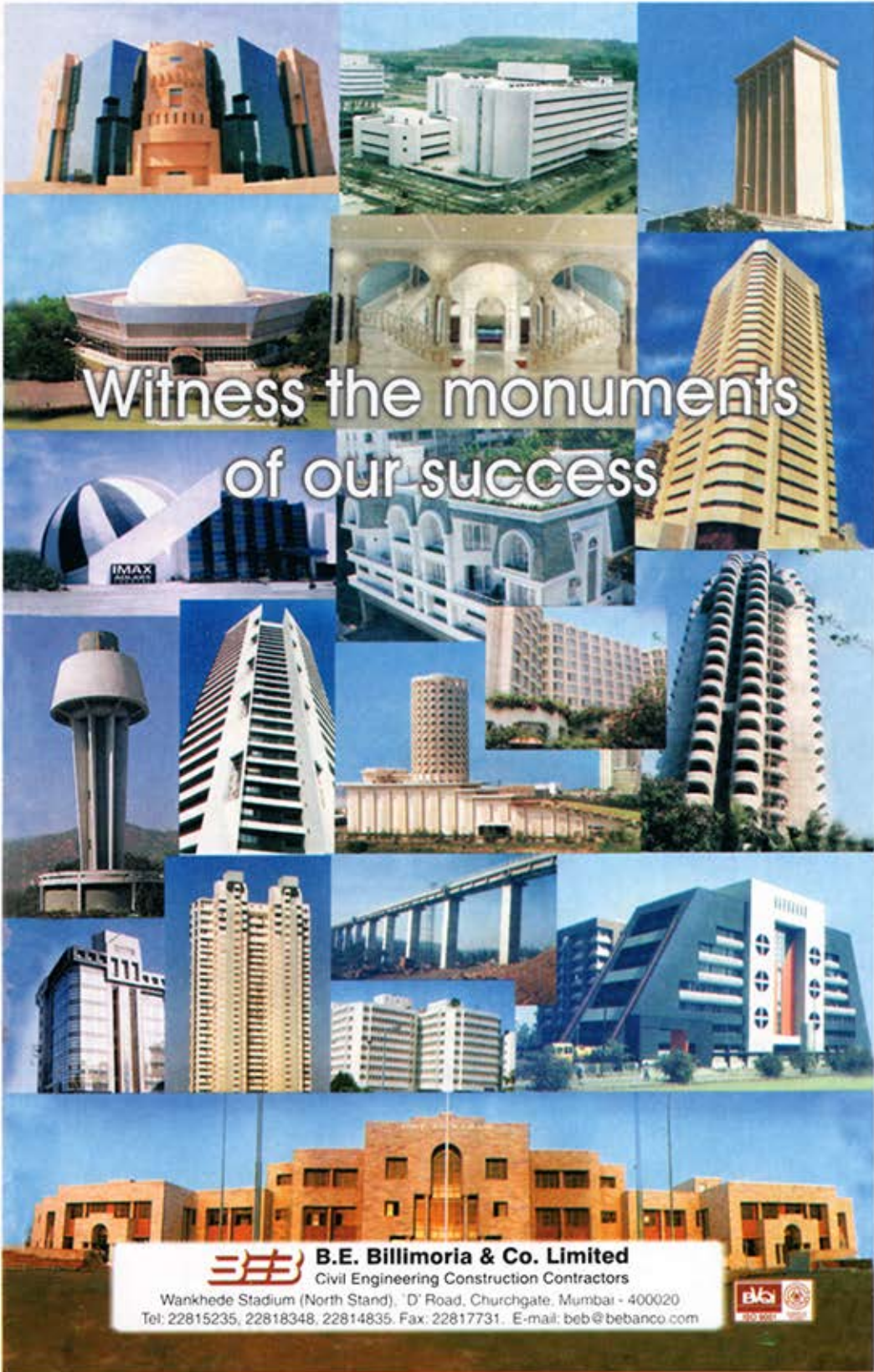
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Shapurji Bengali — a sum of Rs 75 per month — for the years 1874-79, he became professor of Avestan and Pahlavi at the Mulla Feroze Madressa.

From 1875 until his death in 1903 Anklesaria was a member of the Rahnumae Mazdayasnan Sabha and honorary secretary of many of its programs, including that of the Zarthosti Religious Research Society (1878-86), promoting lively debates on religion and religious books. In 1876 he had bought the Fort Printing Press and later acquired the Gujarati journal *Fursad* (Leisure) from Darabji Jamshedji Naigamwala and Company which he published until 1890. Its 37th edition, published in 1882, argued that Zoroastrianism accepts converts, a subject to which he returned in 1903.

The Avestan rendition of *Fravashi*, *Afrigan* and *Afrins* based on Prof N. L. Westergaard's work was published in 1883. The same year saw the *Khordeh Avesta* in Pahlavi. The Gujarati translation of *Yazashne Ba Nirang* and the *Vendidad* followed in 1888. In 1890 he published the second edition of Cama's *Zarthostnama*.

He was a member of the Jubilee Pahlavi Text Fund launched in 1887 and

worked hard to acquire old Pahlavi texts for it. His personal collection of old books and manuscripts on Zoroastrian history and scriptures constituted a substantial library of rare works accessed by European scholars who quoted therefrom, acknowledging the debt by the notation "T.D." While his correspondence with European savants like E. W. West, Karl Geldner, James Darmesteter

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and others is documented, there is no reference to his private life except that he had a family of nine sons ere he died at the age of 63.

Antia had his initial education in Navsari where he was born in 1842, being among the first batch of students

when the Cowasji Jehangir Madressa was established there in 1856. Graduating as a fully qualified athornan knowing Avestan, Pahlavi, Persian, Sanskrit and English, he bagged several prizes including the F. S. Parukh Gold Medal and was made a Fellow of the Madressa.

Appointed professor at the Sir J. J. Madressa in 1876 and named treasurer of the Zarathushti Religious Research Society in 1878, he maintained both positions until his death at the age of 70.

His publication *Dharm Shikshak* for Zarathushti children ran into 15 editions vouching for the book's usefulness. Another publication was *Kar Name Ardeshir Babakan*, a Pahlavi text with Gujarati and English translations. In 1901 he published the *Vendidad* and several other books financed by the Sir J. J. Translation Fund.

Named examiner and supervisor of Zoroastrian study classes run by the Bombay Parsi Punchayet (BPP), Sir J. J. Parsee Benevolent Institution and the Jeejeebhoy Dadabhai Religious Fund in Bombay and the mofussil, he was a member of innumerable institutions and societies including the committee chaired by Kaikhushroo Nowrojee Kabrajee to synthesize the Parsi religious year with



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the natural year. Among his students
were priests as well as lay scholars of
Avestan including Sir Jivanji Jamshedji
Modi and Dastur Darab Peshotan
Sanjana. In 1880 he became teacher and
thereafter supervisor of religion at Sir J.
J. Boys' School as also at the Nusserwanji
Petit Parsi Orphanage. Wherever he trav-
eled to examine his students, he took the
opportunity to give public lectures on
different aspects of the religion.

His priestly training of navar and
maratab complete by the age of 12,
Bharucha had learnt Persian before he
left his native Bharuch to join Cama in
Bombay in 1861. Here he learnt Avesta,
Pahlavi, English, French, German and
Sanskrit for four years before joining the
J. J. Madressa as a student and then as
teacher, fellow and gold medallist. After
matriculation he joined the Elphinstone
Institution but failed to graduate due to ill
health and a polio-afflicted right arm.
Nonetheless from 1890 onwards he was
a Bombay University examiner for
Avestan up to the MA level.

In the forefront of the research move-
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guard of the Fasli Sal Mandal which was established in 1906, Bharucha became its president during the last six years of his life. In 1908 he was an expert witness in the Parsi Punchayet Case at the Bombay High Court, testifying that conversion is permitted in the Zarathushti faith.

Bharucha's first publication was a brief Avestan grammar based on Sanskrit (1863). A translation of *Pand Nameh Adarbad Mahraspand* from Pahlavi followed in 1869. Thereafter came the Gujarati translation of *Dadistan-i-Denik* with Anklesaria in 1870; *Lessons in Avesta* in three volumes meant as texts for beginners in Pahlavi and Pazend (1908-9); *Rististan*, a Gujarati treatise on death; the *Avesta-English Dictionary* (1910); a *Pahlavi-Pazend-English Glossary* and *English-Pahlavi-Pazend Dictionary* (1912); collected Sanskrit writings in six parts (1906 onward, the last two being published after his death) and *Desatir*, a paper prepared for the Tenth International Congress of Orientalists (1894).

A reserved but humble man who quietly pursued his study without fuss, Navsari born Kanga was a scholar of Avestan, Pahlavi, Persian, Sanskrit, English and French. Starting with a jun-

ior scholarship from the Elphinstone Institution in 1860, he worked for some time in a government department. After studying the religion under Dastur Eruchji Sorabji Meherjirana and Cama he joined the staff of the Mulla Feroze Madressa in 1863, being promoted to principal the following year—a post he served with utter devotion until death in 1904, training many generations of scholars. Joining the Zoroastrian Religious Research Society which was established in 1864, Kanga was appointed its honorary treasurer until 1878.

Entering and winning competitions, Kanga completed his Gujarati translation of the *Khordeh-Avesta* with meanings in 1880, of the *Gathas* with meanings in 1895; of the *Yashts* in 1901; the *Vendidad* with a translation and dictionary in 1873; and translated the *Yasna* and *Visperad* in 1886. But his magnum opus was *A Complete Dictionary of the Avesta Language* in 1900 which comprises English and Gujarati meanings of Avestan words together with Pahlavi, Sanskrit, Persian and Latin equivalents where practicable. The 100-year-old work continues to be a great work of reference. *A Practical Grammar of the Avesta Language* compared with San-

sanskrit followed in 1891 and the *English-Avesta Dictionary* in 1909. He had also translated Anquetil Du Perron's *Zend Avesta* into English in 1876.

Kanga believed in the motto, "Patience and perseverance overcome mountains." In 1900 the past and present students demonstrated their appreciation of their shy preceptor by establishing a scholarship in his name at the Mulla Feroze Madressa. His own last will and testament bequeathed Rs 1,000 to the Mulla Feroze Madressa and Rs 1,500 to the BPP to be used for the Parsi Fever Hospital. On his uthamna Cama donated Rs 1,000 to the Mulla Feroze Madressa in his memory.

On the first month after his death Dastur Kaikhusroo Jamaspji, in a letter published in the Press, urged all mobeds to include Kanga's name in the recital of public Zarathushti religious ceremonies—a rare honor.

These names sound an echo of recognition in the proverbially short public memory even a century after their main work was accomplished.

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In a prestigious madressa in Isfahan, a youth of barely 12 years was studying Persian and Arabic. One day, a small group of Sayeds visited the Madressa for inspection. They were horrified, and even lost their tempers, on seeing a Guber (i.e. an infidel, a Zoroastrian youth) sitting ahead of the Muslim students. At the instance of the Sayeds, the boy was asked by the teacher to sit last. The teacher then gently suggested that the group should test his students. They did so and were amazed to see that the Zoroastrian youth was the best in all subjects — particularly in religious matters. Not only that, but in the discussions that followed, the youth even surpassed the Sayeds. There and then, the scholarly Sayeds very generously named the youth "Feroze (victorious)!" The name "Feroze" stuck to him for the rest of his life.

Peshotan — his given first name — was born at Broach on July 6, 1758. His father Kaus Bin Rustom Jalal was a descendant of the well-known Kamdin family of Broach. Dastur Kamdin (1579 AD) was himself a direct descendant of the illustrious Mobed Shapur Mobed Sheriyar and Mobed Hormazdyar Ervad Ramyar — reverentially remembered while paying homage to the fravashis of our outstanding departed leaders in the course of the uthamna prayers.

The "Kabisa" controversy

In the year 1721, an Irani mobed named Jamasp Velayati arrived in Surat. He informed the then Zoroastrian elders that there was a difference of one month in the Iranian and Parsi calendars in calculating the *roz* and *mahs*. Not wishing to get involved in the Kabisa (calendar) controversy, Velayati concentrated on training three outstanding athornans — Dastur Darab Kumana Dadadaru, Dastur Jamasp Asana of Navsari and a descendant of Dastur Kamdin of Broach in Avesta, Zand and

Pahlavi. Again in 1736, one Behdin Jamshed from Iran — an eminent astronomer — arrived in Surat. He reiterated what Velayati had said earlier —



Mulla Feroze: thirst for knowledge

further supporting it on the basis of his expertise in astronomy. The first Kadmi sect, which started in Surat in 1745, designated Dastur Kaus Munajjam (astrologer) as the first Kadmi Dastur of Surat.

At about this time, a leading businessman, leader and akabar of Surat, Dhunjisha Manjisha, a shipping magnate who had extensive trade with China, became a leader of the Kadmis in Surat. In 1780, he came to Bombay and started the Kadmi sect there. Manjisha had sponsored Kaus Bin Rustom to undertake a trip to Iran to consult the learned dasturs of Iran about Kabisa. He also sent some 79 questions pertaining to the Zoroastrian religion, seeking clarifications from the learned dasturs, scholars and elders of Iran. It was thus that Kaus Bin Rustom, with his young son Peshotan then barely 10 years old, set out via Muscat for Bunder Abbas in Iran. They were accompanied by another leading athornan, Ervad Hormazdyar Chandaru Bharucha.

Training in Iran

Soon after their arrival in Yazd — some three and half months after leaving Surat — Kaus Bin Rustom placed young Peshotan under a reputed mobed to learn Zand, Avesta, Pahlavi and all matters religious in depth. He also handed over to the Yazd Zoroastrian Anjuman the two letters and the questionnaire from Manjisha. For some four years, Peshotan studied the scriptures and the ritual ceremonies under the guidance of the head dastur of Yazd, Dastur Marzban and successfully completed his navar initiation in 1771.

During this period, Kaus Bin Rustom studied astronomy and astrology in Kerman. On his return, following the then prevailing practice, he prepared a *tacqim* (panchang). On going to Isfahan, Kaus Bin Rustom consulted learned Islamic *ulemas* (scholars) regarding the Kabisa problem and obtained from them, in writing, clarifications clearly explaining the one month's difference in the calendars. The father and son were in Isfahan for some three years and then went to Shiraz. Mulla Kaus was very well received in the court of the then governor of Shiraz Karim Khan. From Shiraz, they went to Bushire and thence to Baghdad where Peshotan studied the Turkish language.

Honorary degree of Mulla

The caliph of Baghdad — some say the governor of Baghdad — used to confer on learned Muslim *ulemas* and religious leaders well versed in religion and the holy *Koran*, the honorary title of 'Mulla.' Having convinced himself of the outstanding brilliant careers of young Peshotan and his revered father, the caliph conferred on them the honorific "Mulla" — a rare honor never before given to non-Muslims. The said caliph also bestowed a special honor of allowing the father and the son to wrap a red shawl on their pugrees. Ever since, the

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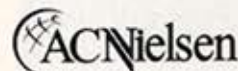


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name "Mulla Feroze" continued to be associated with young Peshotan and his descendants had the rare privilege of putting on the pugree with a red shawl wrapped round it, then a mark of great respect and distinction. After some 12 years in Iran, both returned to Surat.

First Kadmi Atash Behram in Bombay
From Surat, Mulla Kaus went to Bombay and reported to his mentor Manjisha who was very pleased with the progress of the investigations. He introduced him to Dadybhai Noshervanji — a wealthy and illustrious businessman of Bombay — known as Motta Dadyseth. Mulla Kaus fully convinced him that the Iranian view in the Kabisa controversy was correct. After being so convinced, Dadyseth felt that facilities should exist for those who would like to follow the Kadmi calendar for performing various religious ceremonies and rituals. He opined that an atash behram for Kadmis in Bombay was a must and he sought the assistance of the experienced Mulla Kaus to develop the idea.

Mulla Kaus took up this challenge in right earnest and enthusiastically laid the foundation stone of the atash behram following all the ancient Kadmi

rituals and traditions, and undertook the most difficult and onerous task of preparing the various essential fires. Thus the Dadyseth Atash Behram was consecrated on September 29, 1783. Mulla Kaus was appointed the first dastur of the Atash Behram, as also the first dastur of the entire Kadmi Anjuman of Bombay. This was the very first of the present four

Like his revered
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atash behrams in Bombay. The Iranshah at Udvada was the first in India, having been consecrated in 1742. Thereafter, the Navsari Atash Behram was consecrated in 1765 by Khurshedji Tehmurji Desai. (The author of this article is the

seventh direct lineal descendant of the revered Khurshedji.)

The Dadyseth Agiary in the Fort area was started in 1803. Dastur Mulla Kaus Rustom Jalal relinquished the post of Dastur in 1794 and migrated to Hyderabad Deccan. He was held in high esteem and respect in the court of the then Nizam of Hyderabad.

Mulla Feroze Kitab Khana

Mulla Feroze's first love was books. His thirst for acquiring more and more knowledge was insatiable. He believed in in-depth study of any subject in which he was deeply involved. In Iran, as well as in India, he used to pick up rare books on subjects which interested him. He had built up a very large and valuable collection of books on various subjects such as religion, astronomy, history, literature, culture, etc. The compiler of the *Catalogue Raisonné of the Arabic, Hindostani, Persian and Turkish manuscripts in the Mulla Feroze Library*, Prof Edward Rehatsek, Fellow of the University of Bombay and examiner in Arabic, Persian, French and Latin, states in the preface, that "On his death, this large collection of valuable manuscripts was left in the charge of the elders of the



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Rustom Burjorji Paymaster, who has written an excellent life sketch of Mulla Feroze in Gujarati, opines that this was the first free library in India — perhaps in the world — which was available to scholars belonging to any community, caste or creed. Rehatsek states that the Library possessed 1,896 works in 1,729 volumes. These included manuscripts and rare and valuable books in English, French, German, Latin, Greek, Persian, Arabic, Avestan, Pahlavi, Turkish, Hindi, Punjabi, Gujarati and Sanskrit. This treasure house of knowledge is, since 1916, located in the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute (KRCOI). Some of the manuscripts are original and some in the beautiful Persian handwriting of Mulla Feroze himself. Nationally and internationally reputed scholars avail of this Library. In his last will and testament made in his own handwriting, Mulla Feroze stated, "None of my heirs and successors would have any claim whatsoever on this Kitab Khana. The Kitab Khana be made a public library for the use of scholars of all communities." This speaks volumes for the broad and catholic approach of Mulla Feroze. Rehatsek writes, "It (the Library) will continue to exist as the first and the only gratuitous Library in Bombay where students of oriental languages will find a quiet retreat for pursuing their investigations." In his Gujarati book, Paymaster lists some 21 books written by Mulla Feroze in his own beautiful handwriting. Most of them can be perused in the Library at the KRCOI.

Mulla Feroze Madressa

On August 27, 1854, the Mulla Feroze Madressa was established to teach Persian, Avesta and Pahlavi to both boys and girls. Amongst its distinguished pupils was one who later became Shams-ul-Ulema Dr Sir Jivanji Jamshedji Modi. The Madressa had, as its principals, such distinguished scholars as Dastur Arde-shir Rustomji Mulla Feroze, Ervad Kavasji Edulji Kanga, Behramgore Tehmuras Anklesaria, and teachers of the eminence of Ervad Bomanji Nusserwanji Dhabhar and Sohrab Jamshedji Balsara. Kharshedji R. Cama had helped develop this Madressa with liberal donations and for some years the Madressa was located at the KRCOI. The Madressa is now merged with the Sir J. J. Madressa

at Princess Street and managed by the Parsi Punchayet of Bombay.

George Namah

The handwritten magnum opus of Mulla Feroze — the *George Namah* in three large volumes, compiled in Persian verse at the instance of the then governor of Bombay Presidency Jonathan Duncan, is available in the Kitab Khana. It contains 40,000 couplets in Farsi. The eminent scholar R. P. Karkaria, in a letter to *The Times of India* of June 3, 1901 describes the *George Namah* as "the Persian epic of British rule in India" and refers to Mulla Feroze as "the great Parsi poet and theologian." He further adds, "The *George Namah* comes up in the opinion of competent critics — including a Muslim *ulema* — almost to the level of the great epic of Firdausi, the *Shahnameh*" which contains 60,000 couplets. Mulla Rustomji Bin Kaikobad, the nephew and executor of the last will and testament of Mulla Feroze, respectfully dedicated the *George Namah* to "Her Most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria." Karkaria adds, "It is the very first book that has been dedicated in this country to her late Majesty." Karkaria further opines, "This great work is a grand epic of the British conquest and rule in India, glorifying in choice classical Persian the rise and progress of English dominion in the East." The *George Namah* contains the history of the British since their arrival in India up to 1830. The *Bombay Gazette* records, "By it (*George Namah*), the name of Mulla Feroze is enrolled amongst the select number of Persian poets, and his fame will be rendered immortal by being associated with the memory of British glory."

Apart from the *George Namah* he wrote the *Pand Nameh-e-Mulla Feroze*, *Deen-e-Khered-e-Mauzume* — giving the 79 questions and their answers obtained from Iran at the instance of his mentor Manjisha; a brief autobiography, *Kuliyat-e-Farsi*, *Dabestan* giving the condition of the Iranian Zoroastrians and their religious practices translated in English by David Shea and Anthony Troyer and published in Paris in 1843; *Kisseh-e-Dasturan-va-Mobedan* and many other books.

Dastur Mulla Feroze Bin Mulla Kaus

Like his revered father, he too was appointed the Head Priest of the Dadyseth Atash Behram as also the entire Kadmi anjuman in Bombay. He held these pres-

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tigious posts with great distinction from 1794 to 1830. He taught Farsi to high ranking British officers including Duncan. In addition to his major involvement in scholarly studies, he engaged in trade and business with Iran, China, Bushire and Baghdad. This he did through his trusted agents. Sir John Malcolm, author of the world renowned *History of Persia* said of him, "He is a man of considerable learning; and he is not only a good scholar in Pahlavi and Persian but also in Arabic. His proficiency in the latter language has obtained him the title of Mulla."

Mulla Feroze was very much interested in the education of children and greatly assisted the Mandali, set up in Bombay in 1819, for promoting the education of poor children.

Following a brief illness of about a week this eminent orientalist breathed his last on October 8, 1830 at the age of 73. The very next day, Judge James Sutherland wrote the following condolence letter to his friend Dadabhai Pestonji Wadia: "I am much grieved to hear of the death of the learned and venerable Mulla Feroze, and many will be sorry on the occasion, for he was held most deservedly in high estimation by

the literary community. To the Parsis, of whom he was so bright an ornament, his loss must be severe, for I fear he has left darkness behind as he had not his equal as an oriental scholar, and there is no one so well qualified to throw light on any difficulties on your ancient religion and literature as he was.

"For my own part, I never met a more gentlemanly person, possessed of so much amiable feelings as he had, among any of the natives of India."

According to Dossabhai Karaka, Mulla Feroze "had acquired a great reputation as a scholar besides being distinguished for his piety and irreproachable character."

Fardunji Marazbanji, the then erudite editor of *Mumbai Samachar*, called Mulla Feroze "an eminent Pandit and a well known Acharya of the Persian language," and ranked him as "one of the greatest scholars of the world." The *Mumbai-no-Bahar* wrote that the Duncan loved Mulla Feroze as his own brother and by his guidance successfully completed all useful projects concerning the common man.

Praising "the great Persian epic, *George Namah*" in a poem printed in the *Bombay Chronicle* of October 8, 1930,

Mulla Feroze's biographer Paymaster concluded:

"Thy name no less as Persian poet famed/
Than as a high souled eremite, who lived/
A life of noble true simplicity/
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As an akabar of the Parsi Punchayet and leader of the Kadmis; as a civic worker of repute especially during the water famine and the vaccination controversy; and as an educationist, especially for the poor, he had few equals. This many splendored personality needs to be better known to scholars of national and international repute as not many of them are well versed in Persian. His Farsi poems and other books need to be translated into English or French for the benefit of foreign scholars and posterity. In India, we still have many reputed scholars and professors of Persian teaching at well-known universities. To them, I would humbly appeal to study the catalog of the Mulla Feroze Kitab Khana, translate the manuscripts of Mulla Feroze, with commentaries, where necessary. This would be a splendid way of perpetuating the memory of this great poet and scholar.

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The real triumph for any religion comes from an ardent commitment to faith and education. What our faith needs today is fiery enthusiasm: the flame of our afargan will fade if our youth do not rekindle it.

Zarathushti philosophy implies that all Zarathushtis must participate in humanitarianism at some level. The core of our religion emphasizes humanism, which is concerned with the interests, values and potential of all human beings, and hence requires our societal involvement in putting our beliefs into practice. Our religion expects the conversion of Zarathushti theory into practice, e.g. the metamorphosis of humanist thought into humanitarian action. Our highly individualistic religion renders us successful, yet also sets us apart from others. As successful individuals we must be participative members of a community for we are part of a religion that teaches Asha and Vohu Mana which lead us in a lifelong quest for the love and acceptance of all people. As individualists, our personal or private views often conflict with other members of our community. We need to coalesce this individualism as a collective society, speaking with one voice (not many) that can

The future of the faith hinges on the youths' commitment to human betterment, says the author

answer other religious communities in the world. Our ancient monotheistic yet practical and succinct philosophy is an essential model for some of the most widely practised western religions in the world.

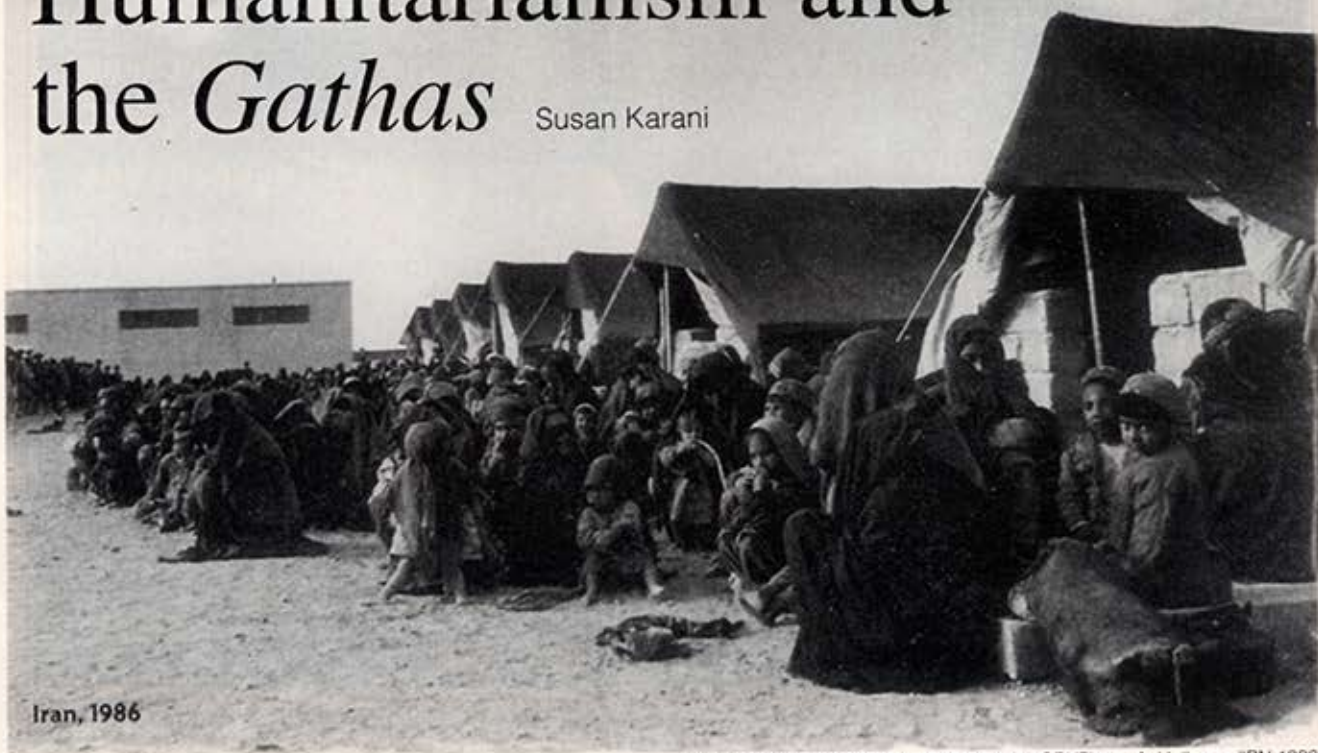
Because we are a small, very old religion, we must strive and struggle more vigorously than other religious communities to impress ourselves with the importance of our own ancient beliefs. Our understanding of Zarathushti's teachings should enable us to fit into the context of international society as an open community. To do so we need to re-examine the *Gathas*, for they are our tenets, our essential creed: they define us as Zarathushtis. Translations of our core religious texts in our native languages should be available within arm's reach to all Zarathushtis. In an effort to reeducate ourselves about our religion, I feel this is the most vital of our concerns and must be taken up as an urgent project.

Within the Zoroastrian community there is a great concern for youth, and there is already some Zarathushti involvement in human rights issues in India. FEZANA (Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America) youth has teamed up with Dr Roda Patel (of Northbrook, Illinois) at the Children's Program at the Gram Seva Trust Hospital in Kharel, Gujarat to send a couple of youth interns to that organization for a humanitarian-focused internship. This program will in time branch out to other organizations in India, focusing on humanitarian and human rights issues. At the core of this idea is to promote Zarathushti humanitarianism on a wider scale. This program will enable North American and other Zoroastrian youth to participate in humanitarian efforts and aid victims in India of their own age group. The program is also integrative in nature: as Zoroastrians living amongst other peoples in many different parts of the world we must be concerned not only for members of our own faith and culture, but also for others who share our mother countries and sense of community.

The very issues associated with these programs and the already active

Humanitarianism and the *Gathas*

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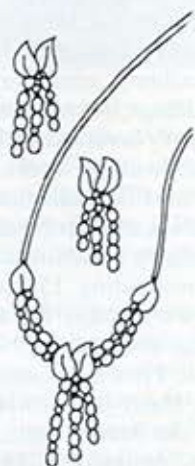
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Angola

Our faith is as important in the current era as it was in ancient times, if not more so. The world needs the benefits that Zoroastrians can provide; we are resourceful through our various successes; we are often philanthropic towards members of our community, and we are courageous. But we need to be more as spiritualists and activists. As spiritualists, we need to put truth to power. Our philosophy needs to speak within ourselves, and we need to feel impressed by the power of Ahura Mazda and our beliefs. In short, we need to feel motivated enough to let our religious beliefs seep into our identities and our daily lives. As activists, we need to allow our individual spiritualism to speak through self-motivated behavior.

We need now, more than ever, to help our neighbors — the neighbors that Zarathushtra once distinguished as our friends, those of different creeds and cultures, those that live amongst us with whom we share common histories. Zoroastrian philosophy is integrative; and so must we be as Zarathushtis. As elders and especially as youth, we must increasingly integrate our religious philosophy into our daily lives and our prayers; ritual and custom must remain secondary only to that. Our humanism must shine to ourselves, to each other, and to the world, or we are not Zarathushtis of the type intended by our Prophet and by Ahura Mazda. Asha is righteousness, Vohu Mana is the benevolent mentality and Spenta Armaiti is beneficence incarnate — the source of our humanism. May we have the wisdom and energy to give fire and life to Zarathushtra's teachings and our own beliefs in the form of humanitarian action.



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Benchmarks of achievement

Five high achievers of the community were felicitated by the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India

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Intrepid field commander Col Jahangir Anklesaria, artist-entrepreneur Jehangir Vazifdar, architect and town planner Percy Nazir, sportsman and social worker Zubin Amaria and body builder Jimmy Muglai received the Federation's shield of excellence and a citation at the awards distribution ceremony at Bombay's Banaji Atash Behram Hall on November 23, 2002. These "tokens of excellence" were bestowed on them "in recognition of their dedication, commitment and sacrifice over decades," noted Bombay Parsi Punchayet former trustee Rustom Tirandaz. Their achievements were "benchmarks for future generations," he added.

Commanding the sixth battalion of the fifth Gorkha Rifles on the line of control during the turbulent months between March 1998 and October 2000, Anklesaria maintained exceptionally high morale despite intense engagements on difficult terrain. Operation Vijay and Operation Rakshak tested his devotion to duty, "his resolute personal example... rallied the battalion to give of its best... preventing enemy infiltration and inflicting heavy casualties on the militants in his area of operations," notes the citation.

Anklesaria's civic actions — reviving water supply schemes, establishing vocational training centers for men and women — were successfully completed with the expertise of his troops and the cooperation of the public. His high professionalism, missionary zeal and dynamic leadership earned Anklesaria the Government of India's Vishisht Seva Medal in January 2001.

After receiving the Lt Col Adi B. Tarapore Memorial Award for 2000 at the hands of Lt Gen (retd) Adi Sethna, the Ahmedabad born Anklesaria told *Parsiana* he would like to "groom the community youth in various facets of life." With wife Anita and daughters Tanaz and Freyan he has been posted all

over India but can "see hardly anybody (coming up) in the defence and administrative services. Unless parents inculcate the idea at a very young age, it doesn't happen," he notes.

Artist, architect, builder, entrepreneur Vazifdar received the Jamshed and Shirin Guzder Award for the performing and fine arts for the year 1987. Vazifdar was the first to introduce the concept of ownership flats in India in 1945; started the first college of building industries; first to introduce a color alphabet and dictionary in 1965; the first to create three dimensional portraits ("his technique is so difficult and intricate that no artist in the world can copy his paintings"), notes the citation. Among his many notable buildings are Washington House for the American government, the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and Ashoka Hotel in Delhi. He has painted the portraits of Indira Gandhi and Cardinal Gracias and exhibited his paintings at the Taj Art Gallery in 1981 and 1987. The owner of Studio Windsor where 15 Maharashtrian artists recreate old masters' paintings, the citation notes that over 1,000 such paintings have been exported to five star hotels, clubs and mansions. Vazifdar told *Parsiana* that Studio Windsor which receives orders from hotels and museums in Europe, was one of only three such establishments in the world. The artists who work there are specially trained in the style and technique of the classical painters for two years after they graduate from the J. J. School of Art.

Vazifdar, a navar-maratab, is a Renaissance man whose several interests include a string of trophy winning race horses, two hotels and creative modern art ("You create what you can't see in nature").

The Nargis Adi Gandhi Memorial Award for professional competence in 2001 was presented to Nazir. Setting up over 70 model townships in remote lo-

cations of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Orissa and Maharashtra as senior executive engineer (architect) of Coal India Limited, Nazir's standardized drawings included hospitals, schools, stadiums, administrative and welfare buildings, notes the citation. He was also deeply involved in city beautification, public utility works, etc. As a member of the Coal India Special Task Force for the Latur earthquake, Nazir had successfully rehabilitated the village by constructing 150 permanent houses in six months, the speed and quality of his work earning him special appreciation. Prior to his deputation to Coal India Nazir had worked for 12 years with the Border Security Force, planning and designing its four training institutes in Gwalior, Indore, Hazaribag and Bangalore.

Nazir's papers on low cost housing, building collapses and inadequate specification, his sincerity and commitment has been recognized by non-political organizations, earning him the Rashtriya Nirman Ratan Award 2000, the National Gold Star Award 2000, the Hind Gaurav Award 2001 and the Rashtriya Shiromani Award 2001.

Amaria won the Jamshed and Shirin Guzder Award for best youth in 2000. Representing Maharashtra State and Shivaji University in swimming and water polo, Amaria earned a diploma from the Swimming Federation of India and also qualified with the Federation Internationale de Natation Amateur. He also officiated as international referee at the First South Asia Swimming Championship at Calcutta and at the Asian Games in Delhi. The youngest vice president of the Maharashtra State Amateur Aquatic Association, Amaria is chairman of the selection committee for diving and a member of the selection committee for swimming, notes the citation.

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L to R (top): Irani felicitating Guzder, Minoo Shroff awarding Nazir; Vazifdar (alongside): Anklesaria and Muglai. Professionalism and zeal became their own reward



Above: Amaria — a love for aquatics and automobiles

charter secretary, was twice its president and is currently a director on its managing committee. He has passed the technical officials' examination for stewards conducted by the Federation of Motorsports Club of India and has served as steward in several competitions.

Bachelor of law and master of commerce, Amaria works as a development officer with the Life Insurance Corporation of India. The citation records that he was awarded a gold medal in 1999-2000 for procuring the maximum business in the shortest possible time. Judged Best Rotary President 2000-2001, Amaria also received the Best International Activity Rotary Trophy, was named Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International, Master Mason of the Lodge Royal Jubilee 742 S.C. and Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of India, Mumbai, Scottish Constitution. Amaria was instrumental in building a Rotary Fish Aquarium and a community welfare hall on land acquired from the Solapur Municipal Corporation.

Body builder Muglai was awarded the Jiji D. Irani Memorial Award for Sports in 2000. An employee of the Central Bank of India, commerce graduate Muglai started on body building

guided solely by the diet and program charts in an American body building magazine. Within a year he was acclaimed Mr Lion in a competition sponsored by the Lions Club of Ahmedabad. Between 1971 and 1984 Vesu-born Muglai received the title Mr Gujarat seven times, notes the citation. For two successive years 2000 and 2001 he won the Gujarat State Body Building Championship in the 60 kg/50 plus age group.

On behalf of the Iranian Zoroastrian Anjuman Behram Irani presented BPP chairman emeritus Jamshed Guzder with a shawl, flowers and a coconut.

The emphasis on religious controversies surrounding dakhmenashini, conversion, intermarriage, over the past 100 years had sidetracked the community's cultural aspect, noted Dr Homi Dhalla, president of the World Zarathushti Cultural Foundation (WZCF). In the subcontinental "crucible of cultures," Zarathushti culture has been able to flower without interference, he added. With our community divided into various groups from orthodox to radical, with no single leader, common country, common scripture or common rituals, "culture is the agent of

redemption from conflict."

Dhalla spoke about the excavations being carried out in Sanjan and Bahrot with an initial grant of six lakh rupees from the Government of India. The excavations have revealed Sanjan as a once thriving urban port with close trade connections with Iran and the Persian Gulf area. At Bahrot plans are underway to preserve the ancient caves where the Iranshah took refuge for 12 years, create a proper pathway for devotees to access the caves.

Total cost including a proposal to establish an archeological museum in Sanjan, the erection and maintenance of a six-kilometer pathway to the caves and their conservation as well as further excavations at Sanjan would amount to 54 lakh rupees, according to a flyer published by the WZCF. Local donations are exempt under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act. Cheques favoring "WZCF—Bahrot Project" may be mailed to its Tardeo office.

An audiovisual presented some of the other activities and projects of the WZCF like the preservation of Avesta-Pahlavi manuscripts, the reprinting of valuable books, classes in Gujarati, kusti weaving, the revival of calligraphy, monajats and prayers sung to music, etc. Dhalla thanked Guzder for the donation that enabled the WZCF to create the impressive documentary.



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Body Art sees the prospective member's body type, where the weight is concentrated, the age of the person, his/

her current fitness levels, whether there is any pain in any part of the body, the family background, which program would suit the person: "The best for each person is very different." The fitness center largely deals with people wanting to lose excess weight for which it offers Pilates (which works on the principle of healthy mind-healthy body), Swiss Mall Classes, Tae-bo (a form of martial arts), Body Sculpt, Stress Management, Pent Classes, etc. It also has diet programs and exercises for people who wish to gain weight, programs for people with physical ailments, for pregnant women, etc. Body Art gives a lot of significance to cross training.

Body Art has a fully equipped gymnasium with state-of-the-art imported machines such as treadmills, cycles, pecdecks, leg extension machines, leg curl machines, ab machines, free weights, bench press, bicep/tricep machines, seated rows, etc as also a room/studio for theory classes and freehand exercises.

But what about the common man who neither has the time nor the finance to join a gym? According to Nawaz: "Circuit training can be experienced in our own homes as well. With a little bit of imagination and modification, one can create one's own equipment and a fabulous workout. Running up and down one or more floors of one's building, and/or wall-to-wall touches can give one a great cardiovascular workout. Using a bathroom stool or a thick book, one can get into calf raises to target calf muscles... The stool can also be used for triceps dips and, if the stool isn't too small, back hyperextensions."

Body Art faces stiff competition from several fitness centers that have sprung up in the city, but Nawaz remains confident: "If you are good, even if there are 10 people surrounding you, people will want to come to you. Competition then makes zero difference. Your standards and your work counts." Nawaz continues to take personal interest in physical training, training new and existing instructors, choreography, music, one-to-one training, marketing, etc: "Marketing entails product designing, event designing, making presentations, conducting workshops by inviting skin specialists, dieticians, medical professionals..."

"Today I have 14 staff members and 4,000 members, most of whom are satisfied and return to Body Art whenever the need arises." Body Art is open throughout the year from 6.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m. On Sundays it closes at 1.00 p.m. (tel nos: 23805929/23802602). The fees range from Rs 1,000 per month to 18,000 per annum, depending on the program undertaken.

Recalling her formative years, 33-year-old Nawaz relates how she was quiet and shy as a child. Although not studious, she always managed to get a first class in her exams. After the separation of her parents Homai and Nadir when she was 11, she has been brought up by Nadir. With her father, her elder brother Pesi and younger brother Nosh all being advocates, after her schooling from the Cathedral and John Connon, and graduation in Arts from St Xavier's College, she too passed her LLB from the Government Law College. Realizing that "law was a male-dominated and saturated field," she wanted to do something new, something different, some-

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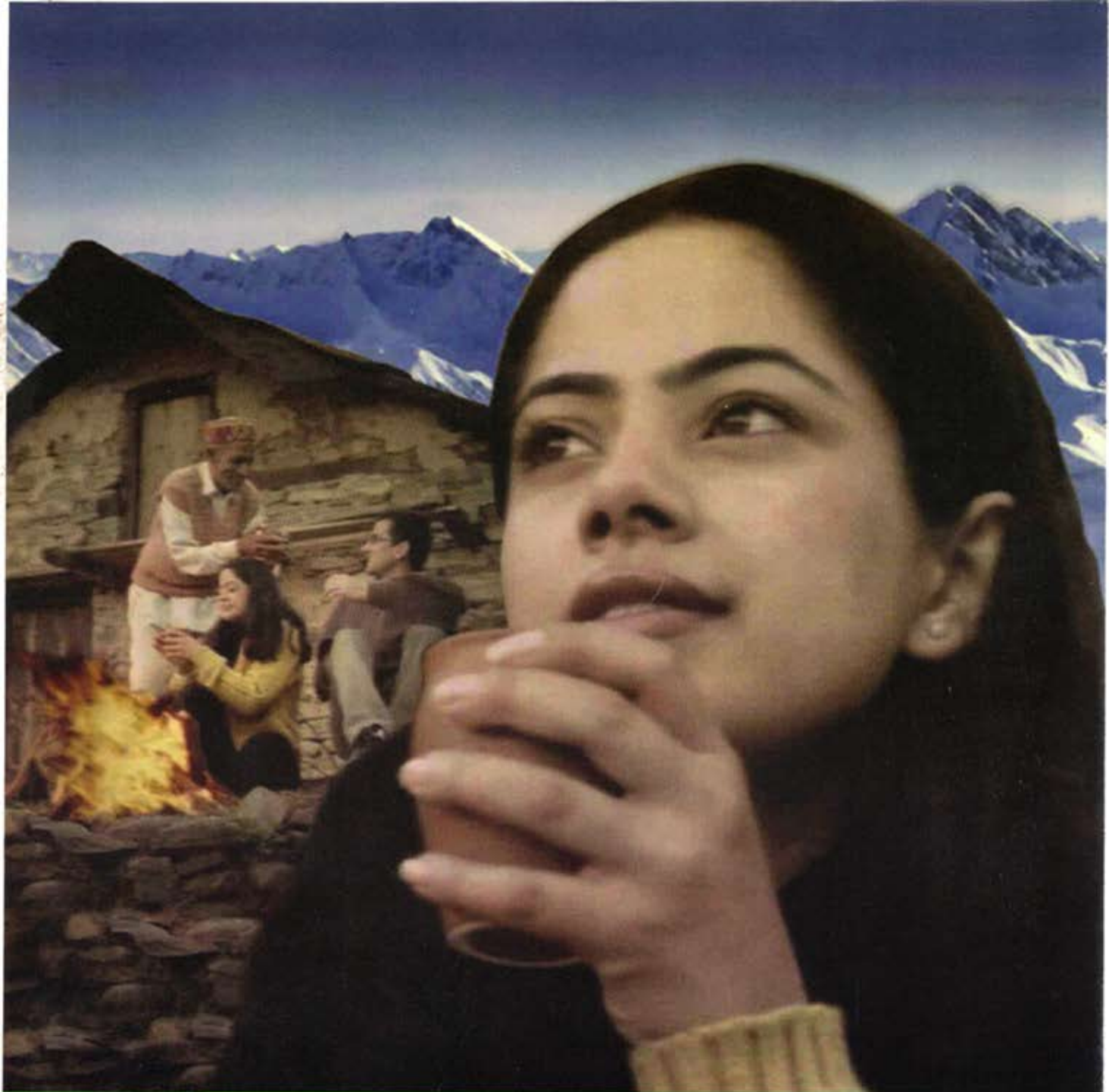
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thing artistic. The active and energetic Nawaz decided to make a career in physical fitness "to offer much more than what was available. There were only two institutes in Bombay, Rama Bans and Talwalkars, training people in physical fitness."

Convincing Nadir was quite a daunting task. He initially thought that it was "a passing fancy" and tried to talk Nawaz out of it, but seeing her determination, he relented. Once convinced, Nadir sent Nawaz for training at the International Dance Exercise Association and the American Council on Exercise, USA, in 1990. "Physical fitness, except yoga, is completely aped from the West," she points out. During her six months of practical and theoretical training in the US "they covered everything to do with the field and a whole lot more — the science of movement, biology, injuries, instructing, different forms of exercises, what is suitable to different populations and why, dealing with people having different health problems..."

Fully trained, Nawaz returned to India to fulfil her dream. There was a lot of space vacant at Modi Lodge, the building owned by Nadir in Bombay's Gamdevi area. She started Body Art at Modi Lodge in 1991, with Nadir providing the initial capital of "a little less than a lakh" to design the interiors: "We initially started with a studio (an empty room) with minimal equipment. I was the owner, the instructor, the secretary, the choreographer, the public relations officer and the marketing person. Gradually, I started hiring people to do these jobs."

The Indian market is filled with crash diets viz protein diets, herbal diets... to lose weight. Warns Nawaz: "The word



Clockwise from top left: Modi Singhania (right) at an exercise session; (second from right) with few of her trainers on Body Art's 10th anniversary; with husband Gautam on their wedding day

'herbal' does not mean that the diet is completely safe. Herbal diet can also have snake venom! Crash diets do a lot of harm in the long run — permanent damage to the liver or the kidney, hair loss, fatigue... These diets propagate that you reduce your calorie intake, whereas Body Art suggests that you reduce your calorie intake by being sensible, not at the cost of your health. Include all the food groups but have the right compositions."

Writes Nawaz in an article entitled "Fight the flab!" in the *Sunday Mid-Day* dated April 9, 2000: "In order to gain constant results, it is important to continuously challenge the body differently by engaging in a wide variety of activities. This is commonly known as cross training and is the key to long-term success. These activities may include walking, jogging, swimming, cycling, yoga, racket games, rope-skipping and roller-skating. In a formal class setting these may include circuit training, step boxercise, hilo fusions, calisthenics, callanetics, slide training, body sculpt, new body format, Pilate weight training and more."

Nawaz has discontinued writing for *Mid-Day*. She now addresses various health and fitness issues in *Femina*, a bi-monthly and *Marwar*, a quarterly.

Nawaz has known husband Gautam Singhania, managing director, Raymond Limited, since the age of 20: "It was my first time at a discotheque called RGs at

Hotel Natraj. I met Gautam through a common friend. Even before I got introduced to him, he pointed out to me saying — 'That girl in the navy blue blazer and white skirt, I want to marry her!' He then came up to me and we got friendly." Friendship turned into wedlock

after a decade in 1999. Once again it was a challenge for Nawaz to convince Nadir: "My father is a staunch Zoroastrian. But, ultimately, his daughter was more important than his faith. The Singhania family is a Marwari family. They didn't object to our marriage."

Unlike her father, Nawaz is not a religious person: "I haven't given up my religion to go into the Hindu faith. This is because I do not believe in religion. I'm more of a spiritual person. I go by my conscience of what is right and what is wrong. I'm an avid reader of hypnotism, psychology, etc, all of which leads to spirituality." It's not a "big issue" for Nawaz to sit worrying and gossiping about the dakhnashini controversy. She is quite clear in her mind that the "electric crematorium is more hygienic and clean considering today's day and age with the diminishing vulture population."



"The fact that I've retained my maiden surname, Modi, and also have my husband's surname, Singhania, shows a large degree of independence. I think it's symbolic of not giving up my 'soul' to another person," declares the fiercely frank and independent woman who maintains, "I have my own thinking. I do not poke my nose in somebody else's business, even if it's my husband's. In fact I've always wanted to be my own master." She is one businesswoman who does not "believe in giving discounts" and "devaluing" her products.

Nawaz exercises a maximum of six hours a week, has a balanced diet and always tells herself: "Nawaz, believe in what you can do. Don't worry about what you can't."

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Original...old...antiquarian... These value enhancing terms which evoke appreciation or awe from some quarters and indifference from others assume a new meaning at the Rare Finds exhibitions periodically organized by Dilnavaz Mehta at Bombay's Cymroza Art Gallery. After holding two successful exhibitions in 1999 and 2000 Mehta says she had accomplished her objective of increasing awareness about these unusual works of art and history — prints, maps and books; of bringing these genuine 'antiques on paper' at affordable rates to a large number of individuals.

A collector turned dealer, Mehta was not planning to promote her work through exhibitions anymore. But goaded by the public, she held her third exhibition from November 27-30, 2002 when there were over 2,000 prints, nearly 300 maps and almost 40 books that were up for sale. The visitors to her exhibition were not her regular clients, specifies Mehta. Originally she had envisaged that she would put up select books, published between 1775 to 1940, for sale. Dealing with literature, history, religion, travel, art, architecture, archeology, biographies, nature, all of which were sold out at the preview, she had to hastily arrange for another replacement, she states. "Apart from being interesting material for reading, research ... they are increasingly being used as decor. These books with their unique presentation, intricately decorated covers, add a touch of class as well as impart exclusivity," explains a press handout.

The maps on view covering British, other European power territories, inde-



pendent kingdoms of the Indian empire, the Asian continent, marine areas, town plans and geographical features date between 1700-1900. "Old maps were usually produced by the master craftsmen who drew, engraved, printed and colored the maps... Not many such maps are available as compared to prints since they were never produced in large numbers...(as) they were only needed by traders or travelers. Moreover with the improvement of accuracy in measurements and map making, the earlier versions were periodically discarded," conveys the handout.

Natural history, *shikar* (game) or hunting and sport, topography, portraits of gods, goddesses, mythological and historical figures, events, landscapes, urban views, costumes, native life, monuments, the Indian mutiny and a series of colored plates on fairy tale

An engraving showing the J. J. Hospital and Grant Medical College (Published 1859)

stories were among the prints of the 19th and 20th centuries displayed at the exhibition. "Prints are an interesting blend of art and history... Many were published to commemorate or publicize a particular event while others would have a political or satirical theme... They are pictorial records of the times gone by... Each print produced by these early print making techniques is now considered to be an original limited edition pictorial image. As only a limited number of copies of each visual on paper could be made, out of which only a few have survived, it adds to their exclusivity," clarifies the handout.

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Top: A hand-colored engraving showing a view of Bombay (published 1833); middle: a view of Surat (left) and a hand-colored engraving of the Nabob of Cambay (published 1856); below: a chromolithograph of a chalice (published 1857), Mehta and Pheroza Godrej

captioned Mehta believes in selling only those pieces which are in a good condition and would last the buyer for a long time. While those who know the true worth of such antiques are willing to spend money to increase their collection there are many others who don't know what priceless artefacts they have in their possession and how best to take care of them. When they see the lavish care and attention bestowed on such works they realize that instead of relegating pieces "to the *pétaraa* or *maariu* (trunk or attic)" or worse still, the *jaripuraanwala* (scrap dealer) they need to be more respectful towards their legacies. "This happens not only among the Parsis but in all communities," attests 31-year-old Mehta whose regular clientele would include around five percent of Parsis. Occasionally there are overseas Parsis who stop by to scan her stock when they wish to carry with them some significant memento. At the last exhibition there were nearly 35 displays to particularly interest Parsis: of sites in Persepolis, the Persian columns, cities in Iran, portraits...

Each of her exhibitions has a totally new stock of visuals, mentions Mehta. "I travel a lot to source these materials,"

says Mehta who attended courses and workshops before her connoisseur's eye could identify the genuine and the duplicate, the valuable and the trivia. Besides searching for books and setting up heritage libraries Mehta's venture Rare Finds also offers services like evaluation and restoration. What started out as a pastime has now become a profession. Initially her interest in old books was tapped by her college friends who would seek her help to locate tomes they could not find elsewhere. And when her husband Minoo found an antiquarian Gujarati book abandoned on a wall by the side of a garbage dump she decided that she would spend her time in salvaging such works instead of pursuing a career in science for which she was qualified. After her early education at Bombay's J. B. Petit High School for Girls she studied science at the Ruia College and K. C. College and completed her postgraduation from the Bombay University.

Having found her vocation Mehta is keen that the youth in the community take it upon themselves to start a new enterprise which "requires a lot of effort" instead of whiling away their time, content that their parents are providing

for all their needs. She refers to the two elderly individuals in her employment "who may fall short of energy, who may not be computer savvy but who want to be productive. They value their self worth. You can see their pleasure when they make a sale." They are oftentimes entrusted with her precious exhibits for as part of her perusal service for south Bombay, she sends articles for approval to the homes and offices of prospective buyers. Otherwise she operates from her residence at Dadar Parsi Colony (Tel: 2412134, e-mail: dmmehta@vsnl.com).

"Being so small in numbers, we should agree to disagree rather than indulge in petty squabbling," opines Mehta adding, "Why can't we be more productive?" Not in favor of mindless change and reforms, she expresses her rationale, "We should make an effort to educate ourselves, get acquainted with facts before passing comments or judgments... Once we join a school, we can't say we will observe certain rules and not the others. The same applies to religion. Our religion has survived because it had the power to survive; because of what we stood for...what the religion stood for." The articulate collector truly values all legacies, whether material or spiritual.



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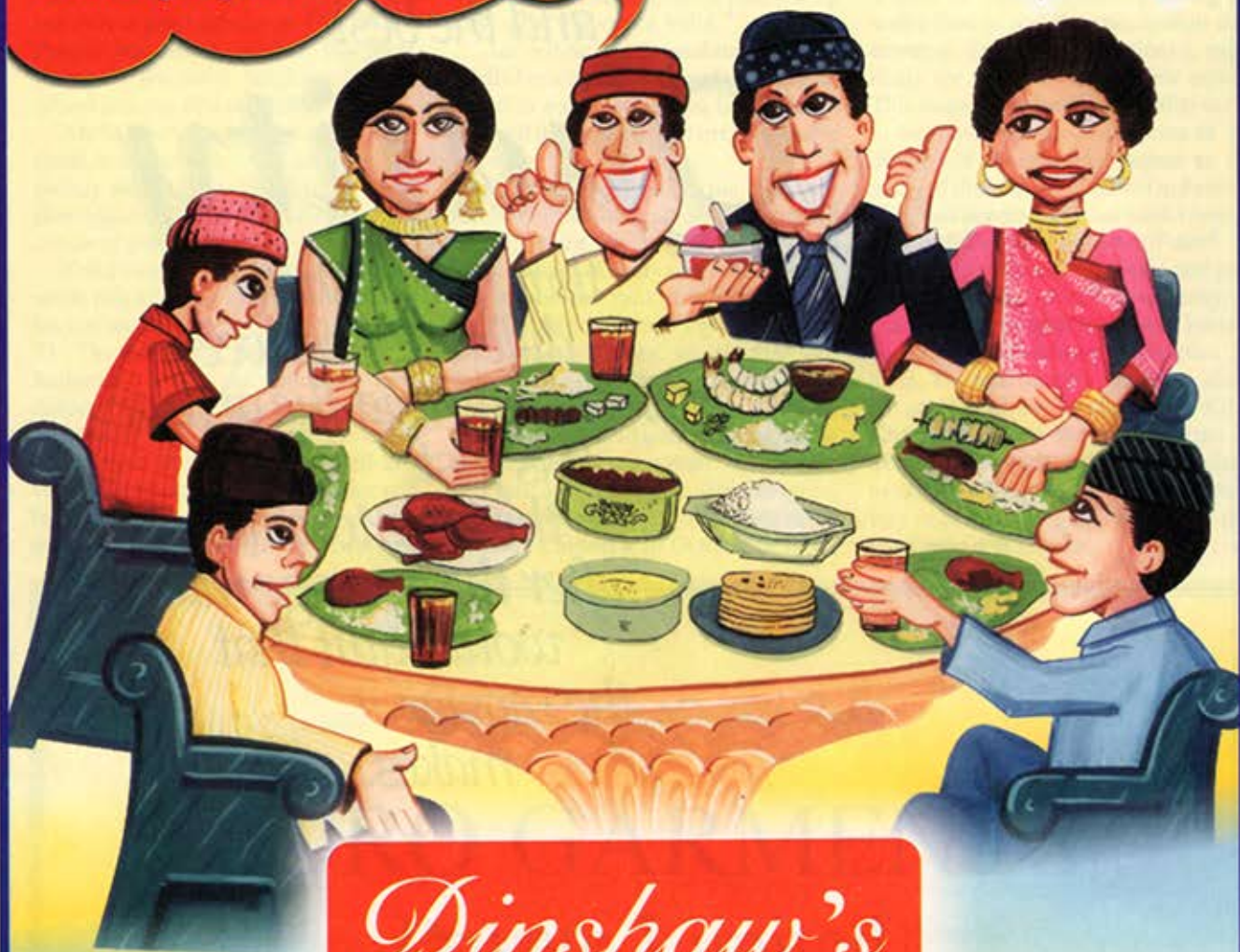
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Dilshad's designs

Starting out designing children's clothes, Dilshad Doongaji is today a name to reckon with in embroidered draperies

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With the two older boys Khurzan and Dorab, aged seven and six, left in the care of her husband Jehangir, Dilshad Doongaji would board the train from Ujjain to Bombay via Baroda. She carried with her a large bale of quilts, coverlets and cushions. She would also have pressed close to her, a smaller bundle, her youngest son Rohaan, less than a year old. In the near darkness of 5 a.m. her mother Gool Patel would meet the train in Baroda and take the still sleeping child home, while Dilshad traveled to Bombay to sell her creations. It was not easy for the shy and reticent young woman from small town Ujjain. There were endless waits, promises and disappointments and a few orders. The return journey was equally long and weary as she picked up little Rohaan from Baroda and returned to Ujjain, with thoughts of children, husband and home tugging at her heartstrings.

That was in 1991. By 2001 Doongaji was a confident jet setter flying from Nagpur, her new base, to different parts of the country with ease and élan, building up frequent flyer miles! She was an established and sought after name in the business of creating soft furnishings for plush interiors. Her clients were film stars, corporate heads, elite homes and five star hotels. A measure of her rise up the stair-

way of success was the change in the product mix. The satin baby ribbon trimmed quilts and coverlets of the early days, had given way to gold curtains in crushed silk and crystal-encrusted cushions!

Orchidesigns, the name under which Doongaji markets her creations, does the draperies and soft furnishings for complete homes. If that is unaffordable, the client may want just one room or even one piece of embroidered elegance. Door and window treatments include the main curtains, sheers, valances and ties. Cushions, tapestries and throws can be coordinated. Embroidered and quilted bedspreads, with matching sheets and pillow-covers, are made to go with bedroom curtains. "Clients often ask me to pick up color schemes and designs from a carpet, framed picture or piece of furniture," says Doongaji who designs and executes the order to perfection. "I know I am expensive," she says candidly, "but I deliver!"

She is reluctant to name the rich and famous among her clients but we did manage to squeeze out the names of Jaya Bachchan, Ritu Nanda, the Soaltee in Kathmandu, Le Meridian in Poona, Sun 'n Sand in Juhu, Hotel Centre Point and Tuli International in Nagpur and many up-market corporate offices and homes. The

The designer framed in elegance

Photo: Ajit Singh Bhalla

(political) plum on the pudding was being asked to furnish the chief minister's and deputy chief minister's bungalows in Nagpur!

The Inside Outside Trade Fair at the Nehru Centre in Bombay in 1992 was her launching pad. "I was very raw and nervous," recalls Doongaji. "Though I knew my work was good, I lacked self-confidence. The first serious enquiry I got from a big buyer was hotel Cidade de Goa. I was so scared I would not be able to fulfill their requirements that I did not get back to them!" she confesses.

In no time, her confidence and clientele both grew. "After more than two years of continuously knocking at his door, I got my first order from Hafeez Contractor. Since then, we have worked on many projects together," says Doongaji. "Sunita Pitamber, the well-known interior decorator is my guru. She is a hard taskmaster but that has helped me learn well. In a very large measure I owe my present success to Sunita."

The main inputs that go into Doongaji's business are creativity, skilled workers and fabric. Creativity is Doongaji's second name. The nimble fingered embroidery workers, originally from Bangladesh, bent in concentration over their embroidery frames, are reluctant to talk. It is fascinating to watch them at work. "The zardozi and other hand embroidery is so intricate and time consuming that workers are paid by the square inch," says Doongaji. "The men doing machine embroidery and tailoring are paid time wages." She looks after her workers like family and has never had any labor trouble. Bombay is the "prime market for new and high quality fabrics," opines Doongaji. "Accessories like rosettes, fringes, tassels and braid are best sourced from Calcutta."

A postgraduate in Home Science from the Maharaja Sayaji Rao Gaikwad University, Baroda, Doongaji specialized in the traditional embroidery of the different states of India. For her dissertation she chose to study the 'Silk and Rural Embroidery of China.' "I completed my MSc in 1980 and got married in the January of 1981 to my long-time sweetheart, Jehangir, after a seven-year courtship," she added, smiling at the happy memory.

Doongaji moved to Ujjain, where her husband had a successful Godrej dealer-



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A living room and bedroom bearing the Doongaji touch Photos: Prolab of Nagpur



Bedroom decor (Photo: Prolab of Nagpur); nimble fingers working on a curtain and a display of exquisitely worked curtains, cushions and throws (Photos: Ajit Singh Bhalla)



ship. Wanting to put her education and creativity to good use, the recently married young woman lost no time in finding, what seemed a perfect placement — designer of children's garments with Rekha Fashions, an export house owned by mill owner — millionaire Manmohan Sethi. "I started on the princely salary of Rs 500," says Dilshad, "and left after 10 years at Rs 1,500."

The Sethis were an old, established and orthodox family. Doongaji built a warm relationship with them. Most of her expertise and time began to be spent on creating and embroidering for the ladies of the Sethi *khaandaan* (family). At the same time she trained over a hundred workers in the art of fine embroidery. "It was traumatic leaving the Sethis," says Doongaji "but after 10 years I felt I had not achieved anything worth my while. I knew I needed to strike out on my own."

While she was still undecided about what to do next, Doongaji got pregnant with Rohaan. "Destiny works in strange ways," she says. "Soon after he was born, a friend from Dubai sent a pretty baby



quilt as a gift. I called Ganesh, a tailor I had trained at Rekha Fashions and asked him if we could replicate the fiber-filled quilt." They were successful! One quilt led to another and then to a whole variety of attractive comforters and bed linen. Thus was born Orchidesigns. A line of embroidered clothing for which there appears to be an insatiable market did not interest Doongaji. "I wanted to be focused on one thing and retain my exclusivity as a creator of soft furnishings," she maintains.

Did family life take a back seat to a demanding and successful career? Did her husband and children resent her preoccupation with work? "Not at all," is her emphatic reply. "Jehangir has been most supportive of my work and has encouraged me and built up my confidence whenever it ebbed. He is a solid

rock whom I can depend upon. The children have never resented my work or frequent absences because they have grown up seeing me do this."

Not surprisingly, the Doongaji home is beautiful. Muted beige and gold are the dominant colors. Old Parsi furniture from the family homes in Bharuch and Baroda have been scraped off their layers of dark polish and painted a dull gold, taking on a totally new and regal look. A large and

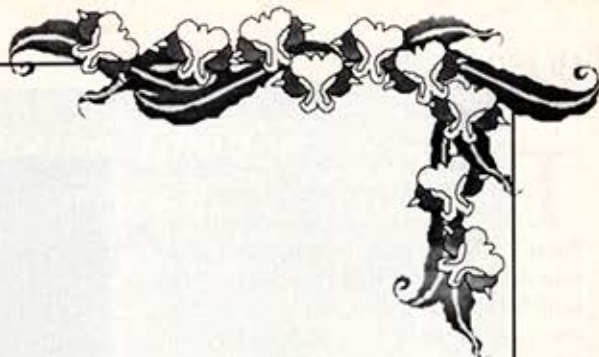
imposing picture of Zarathushtra in an oval frame dominates the entrance. Near it is an old, round, marble-topped table, typical of many Parsi homes. The carved, wooden portion of the table is interestingly treated with a "cracked-wood effect" thereby enhancing its age. Another special Parsi touch is found in an attractive grouping of utensils of daily use in olden Zoroastrian homes. It includes *khumchas*, *langris*, *lotas* and silver bowls used for the ceremonial *pagdhovanu* (washing of the groom's feet) during weddings.

With her deeply rooted religious beliefs Doongaji's home is never without *chalk-chandan* or *divo-lohan* (adornments of a Parsi home). Old customs like *dudh-fulthi nahavanu* (ceremonial bath with milk and flowers), *umbar-vadhavanu* are still followed on birthdays. She remains deeply indebted to her mother for her education and the strong values she grew up with. "My father Rusi died when I was less than a year old. My mother was the greatest influence on my young life. Without her, I would be nothing," she says.

The enthusiastic entrepreneur's home and work is an exquisite harmony of color, fabric and design. She could be contacted by e-mail (doongaji@vsnl.com) or tel: 554562/548131.



The Doongajis (from left): Dorab, Jehangir, Rohaan Dilshad and Khurzan



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The urban landscape in central

Alongside: The new tower and Bhathena (inset); below: earlier constructions at Malad and Grant Road



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At the jashan: Udvada's Khurshed Dastoor flanked by Ervad Dinyar Vajifdar, Bhathena, Limathwalla and devotees; the agiary (below)

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Bombay is witnessing a construction boom, asserts Zarir Bhathena, director of Hilla Builders Private Limited who is the developer for the project. The turning wheel of history over three-and-a-half centuries has seen Parel metamorphose from a sleepy hamlet of mudflats, which passed into the hands of the British Crown in the 1660s, to an affluent area where British governors and guests wined, dined and waltzed in the stately ballroom of Government House (now the Haffkine Institute) and rich sethias built their villas to escape the confines of the Fort. The industrial revolution and the cotton boom of the 1860s saw the development and then decay of the area with the mushrooming of migrant workers' chawls, mill chimneys spewing smoke, narrow streets and gullies unable to cope with the stress of a burgeoning population.

The labor unrest of the 1970s brought silent looms and shut-down mills — and the subsequent corollary in the recent past of opening up mill lands for residential and commercial development. The construction of numerous flyovers has facilitated the smoother flow of traffic. "The Stamp Duty Ready Reckoner 2003 notes that prices in Parel/Lalbaug are rising and are currently quoted at around Rs 4,340 per square foot (sq ft)," says Bhathena who is a chartered accountant by profession and a builder by choice. "No, I do not find the construction line stressful," he smiles in response to Parsiana's query. "I find it challenging!"

The project has finally got off the ground after a protracted legal tussle



which went all the way to the Supreme Court which dismissed the Special Leave Petition filed against the trustees of the Muncherji Jamshetji Wadia Fire Temple Trust and Hilla Builders by a few individuals who sought to block the development of the property. "I can only term this 'vexatious litigation,'" says Kersi Limathwalla, of Kersi Jamshedji and Company, chartered accountants who is chairman of the Trust. "Ours is a religious trust. My first concern is to have adequate funds to sustain the agiary and keep the surroundings in a manner befitting a place of worship. We have put in so much effort to make the whole complex look nice. As part of the contract, the builder has already repaired the agiary roof last year on a war footing. Several more improvements are planned. The Trust did not have the funds, but we had the space. The chawl in the complex (where a few Zoroastrian families reside) is old and dilapidated and will go in setback in any case due to BMC (Bombay Municipal Corporation) road widening." Elaborates Bhathena, "These tenants will be given similar accommodation (on ownership basis) on the lower floors of the new building. Up to now, they used

to have a common latrine. They will now have the added advantage of an attached bathroom." The existing shops run mostly by non-Parsis will also be relocated on the ground and first floor of the new building. The panthaky Maneksha Vajifdar, his son Dinyar and family residing on the premises will also be rehoused. "The project is a good step forward," opines Nariman Mehta, president of the Navroze Baug Play Centre. "Rather than a narrow or fanatical ap-

proach, an overwhelming majority in Nowroz Baug (situated nearby) appreciate the new construction which will benefit a large number of people."

Situated close to Currey Road and Lower Parel railway stations, Hilla Towers has one and two BHK (bedroom, hall, kitchen) flats of 740 sq ft and 1,150 sq ft respectively. Designed by architect Rusi Khambatta and Associates Vijay J.

Kabre, the structure is of corrosive resistant steel. "Steel with a green coating (which does corrode if left open) is usually utilized in construction but we are paying almost 40 percent more for non-corrosive steel from the TISCO (Tata Iron and Steel Company Limited) factory," explains the builder, adding that the design is earthquake resistant up to the required specification as well. A double basement car park will have two car elevators. There are to be five passenger lifts, and the 'A' and 'B' Wings will also be linked by an interconnecting passage on several floors. The building will accommodate over 100 families.

The flats in 'B' Wing above the seventh floor are reserved for NRIs (non-resident Indians) and incorporate special features like security with video system and panic button. "Though people usually wait to see the building come up before they buy, almost 60 percent of the flats, including 30 in the NRI wing, have been booked," declares Bhathena, with Zoroastrians from the Gulf, Canada, USA and UK evincing interest in the project. Flats on the top floors command a good sea view, he adds.

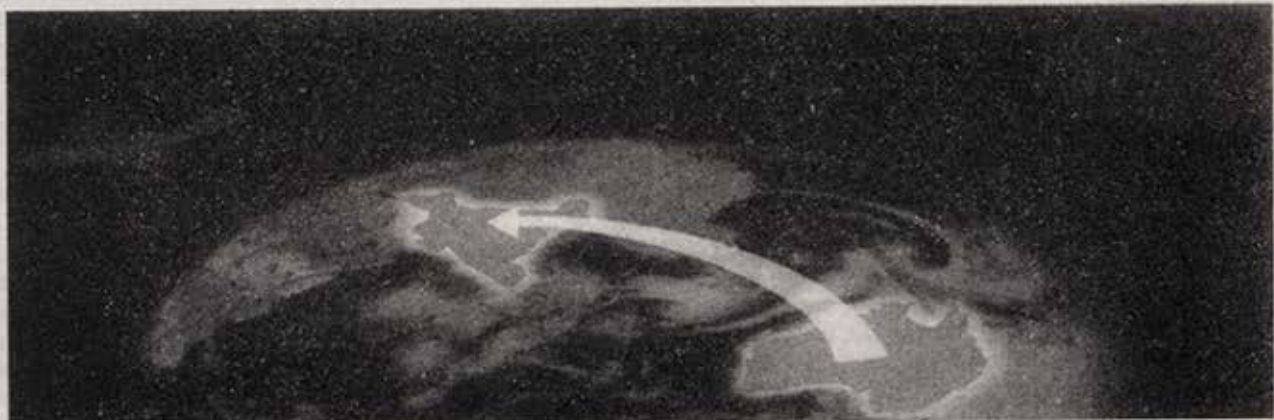
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The geometry of the building seeks to explore to the maximum the limitations of the plot. The adarian is but 10 ft away. "No, it is not possible to look into the fire-temple from the building. The entrance is from S. S. Rao Road and the part of the building that overlooks the fire-temple is so designed that residences start from the third floor level. Below that, a *jaali* (trellis) design blocks out the view," Bhathena



Trustees Limathwalla, Shirin N. Wadia, Shyam A. Wadia

explains. In return for the development rights, the builders have contributed substantially to the agiary Trust and will undertake repairs/renovations including a new hall with air-conditioning and improvements to the surroundings.

Soon after the agreement was signed in 2000, a few Parsis, some of them residents of the nearby Nowroz Baug, objected to the construction. Approaching the charity commissioner, they took the stand that the residential complex violates the objectives of the agiary Trust and the sanctity of the fire-temple. The original petitioners were four in number and the last hearing before the charity commissioner was held on July 27,

2001, Bhathena narrates. Two days before the date (August 6, 2001) fixed for the final order, a junior advocate unexpectedly appeared on the scene without notice to the trustees or signature on the vakalat-nama, he continues. The

31-page charity commissioner's order came in favor of the builders. The objectors went in appeal to the Bombay High Court with a writ petition filed by Bomi J. Mistry, Bahadur B. Sanjana, Noshir Vajifdar and Vispi B. Baria. In December 2001, Justices P. S. Patankar and A. M. Khanvilkar directed the parties to sit and settle the matter.

Despite the best of Bombay's legal luminaries lending their expertise to sorting out the differences, the matter went back to the High Court. In a 65-page order, the judges ruled in favor of the trustees and builder: "...The grievances made on behalf of the petitioners as well as the intervenor do not impress us for they are devoid of merits... The offer now made before this Court is obviously impertinent and has been made

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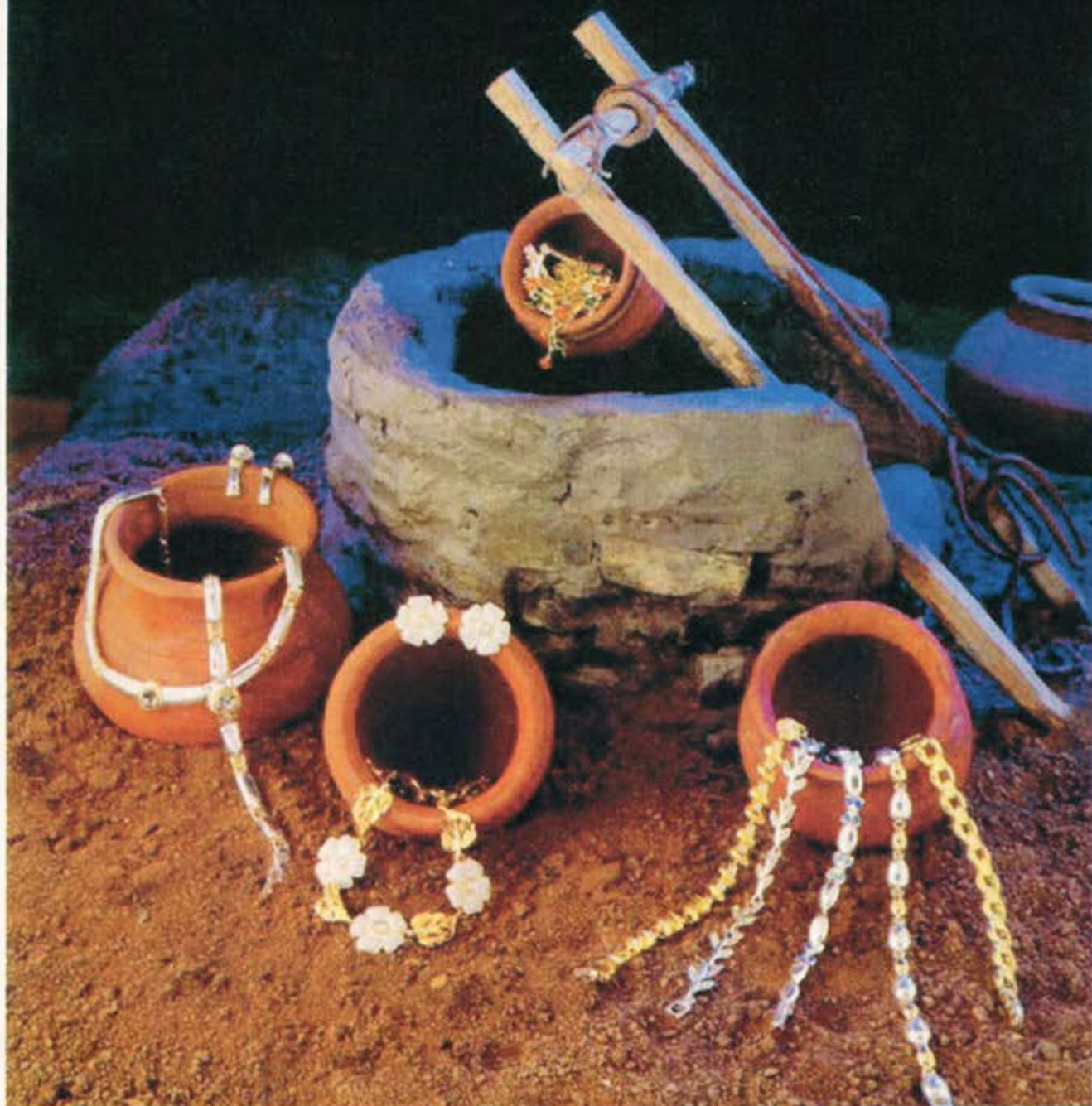
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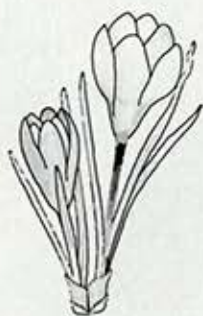
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The petitioners then went to the Supreme Court. At a hearing on May 9, 2002, the Court dismissed the special leave petition. In the interim, the builder had reportedly received several threatening phone calls as well as a letter in Marathi which was handed over to the Crime Branch of the Bombay police. Explains Bhathena: "As I climbed the steps of the Supreme Court, I told Dadar Ahura Mazda that if I am doing anything wrong, please let me be defeated. If I win, I will see to it that nothing comes in the way of this project. I will overcome any obstacle to see this through."

"Every time the objectors lost at one level, they would put other names as petitioners and advocates. We have always been open to any sensible and practical solution. But we cannot accept when they say 'do not develop' or 'develop only in the way we say.' We cannot go by whims and fancy or the ego or idiosyncracies of individuals," asserts Limathwalla. Coming onto the board of trustees around 10

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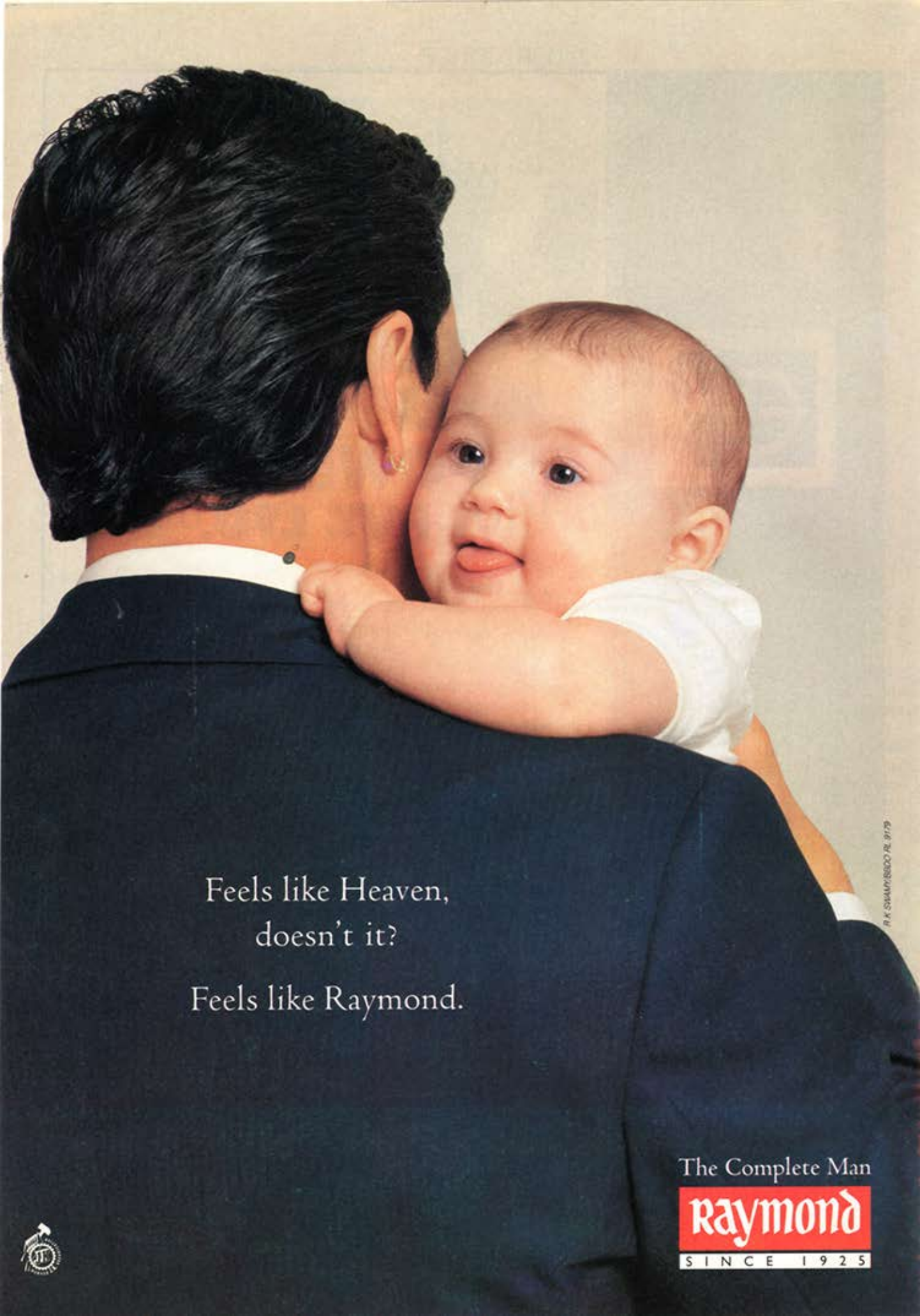
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"The agiary has had a chequered history," Limathwalla had told a large crowd of devotees at the Dae mah jashan and dinner organized by the trustees and the directors of Hilla Builders on June 2, 2002. Built in 1834 by Dadabhai and Muncherjee Pestonji Wadia, the fire was shifted to the Wadia Atas Bahram from 1852-62 on account of various difficulties, notes the agiary's history. The founders' paternal uncle Muncherji Jamshedji Wadia and his sons Nusserwanji and Burjorji constructed the present structure and the fire was shifted back in 1863. The Trust corpus at that time was Rs 20,000. Inadequate funds for repairs and maintenance have always been a problem. "We have faced every difficulty, but everything has been surmounted by the blessings of Ahura Mazda," Limathwalla told the devotees assembled for the jashan. Leading the priests at the thanksgiving was Udvada's Dastur Khurshed Kaikobad Dastoor. "When we are fighting among ourselves,

my message is that the most important thing is happiness. Let us seek a world where each man is another's brother and each woman the other's sister. The burden is lighter if it is shared. My best wishes to the trustees and developer for this project," said Dastoor in his post jashan remarks. Added Bhathena: "In my 12 years as developer I have faced many problems. I had showed the plans to Dastur Kaikobad and he said I should increase the distance between the agiary and the building to at least 10 ft. We have done so."

Stepping on to the construction ladder with a four-storeyed building at Bandra in 1989, Hilla Builders has so far completed six projects all over Bombay, from Fountain to Malad. "It was my dream to build a tower," Bhathena gives a small smile. An alumnus of Don Bosco High School, Mithibai and Podar Colleges, Bhathena did his articles for his chartered accountancy with Dara Sorabji and Company. For the past 21 years he has been running his firm Z. M. Bhathena and Company, chartered accountants, as well as Dara Sorabji. Bhathena stood for election as a trustee of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet in the year 2000, losing narrowly to sitting octogenarian trustee

Silloo Kavarana (see "Never touch any institution," *Parsiana*, April 2000). Joint honorary secretary of the B. D. Petit Parsee General Hospital, Bhathena is also on the board of The Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank and assists organizations like ZOSTA (Zoroastrian Student Teacher Association) further their activities. "My social service work impinges a lot on my family time," he says, commending his wife Jasmine for holding the family fort. Teenage son Berges is doing his final BCom at H. R. College. "Youngsters of today are very intelligent but they need to study as well as work hard. They need to be given the right push to be the leaders of tomorrow. But we Parsis are so occupied with the 'ifs' and 'buts' of things that we have little time left for positive action!" Zarir opines. Assisting him in the construction line is his brother Jimmy who is the coordinator on site. The firm is named after their mother Hilla who raised them after the early demise of their father Manchershaw when Zarir was but three years old.

Leader of the first Zoroastrian youth group to the US and Canada way back in 1982, Limathwalla's multifarious activities include being a founder member



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of the CER (now Committee for Economic Revival), publisher of the *Blood Donors Directory*, chairman of the Godrej Baug Mobed Building and vice president of the Society for Education of the Crippled. Among the organizers of the *Avan roz*, *Avan mah* prayers at the Radio Club attended every year by a huge crowd, as well as the *Fravardigan* at *Doongerwadi* on *Fravardin roz*, *Fravardin mah*, *Limathwalla* says the recently started *humbandagi* at different *atash behrams* also attracts a good attendance.

Terming his new construction a community project, Zarir states that he has long been associated with the *Lalbaug* *agiary*. "My parents' prayer ceremonies are held here. Improvements to the fire-temple are of benefit to all *behdins* equally. The litigation was for harassment only. With the objectors losing in the Supreme Court, God has shown us his signal."

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according to family traditions, the first qualified Indian surveyor and hence our surname," states Ratan Surveyor, civil engineer and contractor who set up his own civil engineering and construction company, Ratan Surveyor and Company, more than 50 years ago. "My son Darius, the fifth generation, is an electronics engineer who did his BE from Poona University and his MS (Master of Science) from the University of Missouri-Rolla, USA. He is currently working in America," Ratan continues. Not to be left out, new daughter-in-law Niloufer is a mechanical engineer from Lamar University in the US.

Ratan's civil work over many decades has encompassed a variety of structures — St John the Evangelist Church at Ballard Estate, St Anthony's Church at Vakola, Church of the Poor Shepherd at Versova, Don Bosco's Church at Lonavla. "I have constructed buildings for a number of educational institutions and Parsi schools — D. Cawasji School at Khandala, the Panday and Girton Schools in Bombay, the IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) at Powai, etc," asserts Ratan. In a recommendatory letter dated April 7, 2002, Silla Ardeshir, the former principal of Girton School,

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The International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England, is to feature a

life sketch of Ratan in their upcoming 2000 *Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century*, states their letter of January 17, 2003 to Ratan. He has also been a subject of biographical record in *The Marquis Who's Who in the World* since the year 2000 and in *500 Founders of the 21st Century*. The American Biographical Institute has invited him to become a member of their Research Association's board of governors and offered him The American Medal of Honor and other recognitions, states Ratan's bio data. Among his other accolades are the Vikas Ratna Award, the Udyog Excellence Gold Medal for excellence in civil engineering, the Hind Rattan Award, International Gold Star Award, etc. A life fellow of the Institution of Engineers (India), Ratan is a life member of the Indian Council of Arbitration and is on the All India Panel of Arbitrators.

Tracing his family tree, Ratan shows *Parsiana* a copy of a certificate dated 1892 received by his grandfather Maneckji when he became an associate member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, incorporated by Royal Charter in 1828. When Maneckji (Maneckjee Ruttonjee) retired as executive engineer after 36 years of service with the Bombay

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Port Trust (BPT), he was given a commendation by BPT chairman P. R. Cadell: "In the course of your career from the year 1888, (you)... have by zealous and conscientious work risen to the high and responsible position of an executive engineer... your readiness to help and courtesy to all who came in contact with you, both colleagues and subordinates, made it a pleasure to work with you."

Maneckji's elder brother Framji also rose to be BPT executive engineer while younger brother Mancherji was one of the first Indian executive engineers of the Calcutta Port Trust. Upholding family tradition, Mancherji's son Pheroze become the first Indian chief engineer of the BPT. Ratan informs *Parsiana*. Despite the plethora of engineering antecedents, Ratan's father Dinshaw drilled his own road — constructing not buildings, but teeth! After becoming a doctor (LM&S) from Grant Medical College in Bombay, Dinshaw went to London as there were no dental colleges at that time in India. Qualifying as a dental surgeon in 1912, Dinshaw was one of the pioneers in dentistry, practicing in Bombay right up to his death in 1955.

The Dr Dinshaw Maneckji Surveyor Memorial Merit Award and certificate are presented each year in his memory by the Zoroastrian Dentists' Organisation to the Zoroastrian student who stands first in the final examination of the Bachelor of Dental Surgery of the Bombay University.

Dinshaw's younger siblings, Shiavaxshaw and Ardeshir, however continued the family tradition by qualifying as civil engineers. "In the famous Harvey-Nariman land case in the 1930s, it was my uncle Shiavaxshaw who lent Veer Nariman his knowledge and engineering expertise in Nariman's fight against the government," says Ratan, showing *Parsiana* an extract on the case from a booklet published by the Bombay Parsi Punchayet: "The intention was to muzzle an inconvenient critic. But Nariman fought against the corrupt machinery, courageously. S. M. Surveyor, a civil engineer was the only samaritan to help him with expert technical advice throughout the trial... Witnesses would not come forward willingly..." Though "the dice was heavily loaded against him," Nariman finally won the case which lasted a year.

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Presenting his productions in auditoriums and also through what is known as "supper theater," actor/producer/director Dadachanji has staged several one act plays at venues like Athena, ITC Grand Maratha Sheraton, Golden Swan Country Club, etc. Combining culture with cuisine, the meal is served after the play and the audience is informally seated. The trappings of conventional theater are dispensed with. There is no stage or spotlight, curtain or wings into which the actors disappear, no elaborate costumes. "I design and make my own sets which are generally very flexible and can be adapted for different venues. Supper theatre is a good way of tapping a different market audience. Corporates often round off their conferences or seminars with entertainment followed by dinner. Their employees may be the



kind who go for films but not perhaps for plays in an auditorium. By introducing them to theater we are tapping a different niche," Dadachanji explains. The stylish ambience of a hotel or restaurant enhances the appeal.

Dadachanji's production *Swinging Singles* features a series of solo acts — all by women, tracing a gamut of contemporary issues and problems besetting women in modern day society. *A Harmless Girl* is an ironical reflection of how the average girl is brought up with an endless list of 'dos' and 'don'ts' — in the eternal endeavor to live harmlessly

Dadachanji (right) and a scene from *Swinging Singles*

girls often grow to be nonentities. *Marm* portrays the love hate relationship between a young collegian and her new, young stepmother. Dadachanji speaks proudly of his presentation *An Evening to Remember* where Femina Miss India 2001 finalist Suvarchala Narayanan performed alongside TV artiste Romi Jaswal and others in an adaptation of a Vincent Geoffrey play. "No, I don't do readings," asserts Dadachanji. "They take the same time to prepare, so why not do

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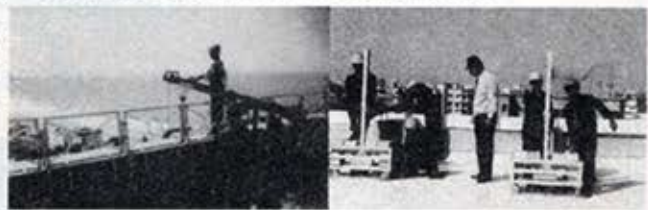
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A graduate of H. R. College, Dadachanji's creative yearnings saw him participate in Adi Marzban reviews and plays by Burjor Patel and Hosi Vasunia while still in college. Five years of giving "intense tuitions" to ninth and tenth standard students served to augment finances. Dadachanji is also a freelancer in the travel line, working for well-known tour operators and taking groups of Indians on tours to Europe. "I am a very positive person. I don't believe in anything negative. If I see a small ray of light, I follow it," he says, adding laughingly that he is also a "restless person" always on the lookout for something new!

With sister Bakhtawar Dadachanji,

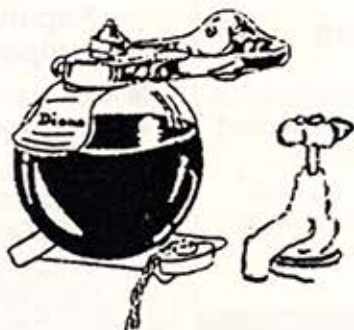


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Terming theater his first love, Neville's forthcoming calendar includes shows in March and April for organizations such as Cancer Patients' Aid Association in Poona, at the National Gallery of Modern Art in Bombay for the multicultural group Udayan, etc. Dadachanji can be contacted on e-mail Neville_s_d@hotmail.com Website: www.thespacetheatre.com

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The Forbes Marshall group in Poona believes profit and social welfare go hand in hand

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"Industrial growth brings in its wake various social problems and it is the moral and social duty of the corporate sector to address them," said Darius M. Forbes, the patriarch of the group Forbes Marshall which has been involved with steam engineering and control instrumentation solutions that work for process industry. But the group is proud of much more than just the products they have been making for over half a century. They are committed to creating a progressive work culture that uniquely puts people first. They are concerned with the community beyond their factory's gate.



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to society what it takes from it for its development and growth, opines Forbes. While industry provides employment opportunities and thus brings socio-economic progress, it also displaces people and the onus is on industry to provide proper infrastructural facilities.

Taking his thoughts over half a century ago, he said, "When we purchased about 10 acres of land from various farmers in (Poona) (@ Rs 2,500 per acre) for our factory, we realized that they would be 'cash rich' for only a short period of time. What would become of them after the money was over? So we decided to create employment opportunities for them through vocational training, especially for their children.

"Since our factory was situated outside the city limits, the first need we recognized for our employees — who commuted long distances — was proper transport. The next requirement was electricity, water supply and sewage facilities, not just for the factory but the entire village of Kasarwadi," he said.

"Gradually, the village with a then population of 800 began to transform into a township. Today we run a hospital and several other welfare and development programs. We are not doing any-

one a favor. And it is not charity either. It is our social obligation. We are simply giving back to society what we gained from them. It is a process of harmonious living with our neighbors," he said philosophically.

Over the years various community development programs have been implemented to improve the quality of life of people living in the neighboring area. These include adult literacy classes, vocational training and income generation programs for women, initiated by his daughter-in-law Rati. Creative recreation classes have been run to help children unlock their potential and learn skills through social interaction.

An accident, which Forbes witnessed while driving on a rainy day to the factory, moved him to create a medical facility on the company's spacious complex at Kasarwadi. The Shehernaz Medicare Centre (named after Forbes' departed sister-in-law) has grown from a one-physician clinic to a fully equipped 35-bed hospital with four full-time doc-

Left: Dr Parviz Irani checking a patient at the Shehernaz Medicare Centre and (right) the company's school intervention study hall



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tors, a modern operation theater, x-ray machines, dental care facilities and a laboratory for clinical analysis. Set up in 1966, at a time when there was no medical facility available for miles along the Bombay-Poona Road, the hospital provides free medical treatment to the staff and their families and to all the residents of the neighboring towns of Kasarwadi and Bopkhel. The company contributes handsomely toward running this medical facility.

What is the motivating force behind the group's philanthropic programs? "We recognize that government has its limitations. Companies with their professional experience and expertise can contribute significantly to the nation's development," he says while sounding a word of caution:

The company should not stretch its program (beyond its reach). A socioeconomic change in its immediate neighborhood should be the company's aim, he pointed out, stressing the need for "personal involvement" and "commitment beyond writing out a cheque to a NGO (non-governmental organization). He expressed consternation in



partnering with NGOs with high overheads: "What is the point in partnering with a NGO that takes away a large percentage of my company's hard earned money for its own overheads and passes on only a small fraction to the community?"

The company partners with a number of NGOs to implement programs for education, health, micro-credit, etc.

What are the ways in which a profit-making company can benefit by adopting a social agenda? "When corporate taxes were as high as 70 percent, tax deductions for charitable donations made a lot of business

sense," explains Forbes. "However today with corporate taxes in the range of 30 percent, the tax deductions offered under section 80G are hardly attractive," he felt. While dismissing tax benefits as only a marginal motivating force, Forbes felt that "satisfaction" — that expression one sees on the face of the person whose life one may have touched — is the true benefit one derives." By caring for its neighborhood a company earns respect, confidence, goodwill and support of the local community.

When undertaking welfare programs, companies often concentrate only on issues like education and health but ignore culture, opined Forbes. He felt that the government should adopt policies to encourage industries to generate more wealth which in turn could be channeled for welfare and development. Some of the biggest trusts and endowments are a result of the wealth generated during the industrial revolution.

He was also of the opinion that philanthropy covered a wider human interest than just working for or among the 'poor and needy.' He recalled that when he had met the trustees of a Japanese foundation about a decade ago, he had asked them what they were doing with their millions in wealth. He was informed that they were funding research to develop fuel efficient and environmentally friendly automobile engines. "Here is a classic case of prudent use of wealth where all (rich and poor) can benefit. After all, 'environment' is an issue that affects all classes and groups of people globally," he notes.

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"Why did you shoot a photo of the tree and not of us?" the elders in the family wanted to know. "I don't know. I'm sorry. I won't do that again," replied the young lad. "But I grew up and did that over and over again," confesses Boman Irani, the non-conformist photographer cum model cum stage actor cum film star for whom life's many doors started opening when he was in his thirties. Until then he was busy with the family business, Golden Wafers although even then "I was subconsciously observing people, their quirks, their nuances" which helped to convincingly emote the many characters he played in later life.

"I got my first audience at the age of 35," announces Irani who is now 43. Cast in the lead role of a septuagenarian Dhunjishaw Batliwalla in the stage production *I am not Bajirao* in 1995, Irani won rave reviews. "I was nervous about *Bajirao*; whether my portrayal would come across as a caricature." But once he knew that a character like Batliwalla really exists, the rest flowed easily, he relates. Today the play enjoys the distinction of being "India's longest running English play." "To me, acting is like telling a lie," notes Irani who can play an old man on Thursday, Mahatma Gandhi on Friday (Irani played the father of the nation in *Mahatma vs Gandhi*) and sing in a musical the next day (he was King Herod in *Jesus Christ Superstar*).

Acting also gives one an opportunity to "give vent to the feelings," points out Irani. It could be through shrieking, shouting, shaking up another person, banging the table... Irani got a chance to do all this and much more in the English film *Let's talk* where he plays the role of a husband, Nikhil, confronted with his wife's infidelity. The film is woven in such a way that while the wife summons the courage to confront her husband with the truth, she fantasizes about his varied responses: escapist, sympathetic, dismissive, aggressive.

Though he refuses to share all the positive feedback he earned for this role, insisting it would be too pompous on his part to do so, he takes pride in reporting that the film won the Screen Jury Award recently, that it was premiered at the Locarno International Film Festival and was the official selection for the Mill Valley International Film Festival. More



From to roll role

A spontaneous actor and self-taught photographer Boman Irani's talents have come into the limelight in the last decade

Parinaz M. Gandhi

than his own accomplishment he sees this "as victory or recognition for English films made in India." A trifle disappointed that *Let's talk* did not open in India he is happy with the subsequent attention. That so many have seen it, that the media makes reference to films like *Let's talk* he considers a major development. "Ten years ago *Let's talk* would never have been screened, talked about or written about," he is sanguine adding, "It did much better than anyone expected."

"At last an Indian film that makes you laugh and think at the same time," was the reaction of veteran film actress

Shabana Azmi. Director Shyam Benegal acclaimed it as "a wildly funny black comedy...a real triumph." Aamir Khan of *Lagaan* fame commented, "Boman's performance is one of the most inspired I have seen in a long time. It was a huge learning experience."

For co-star Maia Katrak who played the role of an anxious wife Radhika faced with the dilemma of baring her innermost thoughts to her husband, writing the script for the film was "quite

Irani (top) playing the character of Batliwalla (center) and Mahatma Gandhi

joyful," but acting in it was "not comfortable although very challenging." Facing "a phenomenal actor like Boman who is so talented, I felt very insecure," she confesses. "Both of us having the same *bawa* (Parsi) background we were able to laugh at the same corny jokes, but Boman could have forged a bond with any actress," she maintains, insisting that the film needed a stronger heroine. "Boman dominates almost every scene. That was not how it was originally meant to be." They had tested nearly 40 females but finally director Ram Madhvani convinced her that being instrumental in scripting the film along with Sanjay Sippy, she would have the best insights into projecting Radhika. And although a copywriter by profession (she and her father Kersy Katrak run their advertising agency, The Republic) Maia felt that with her limited background as a model for advertising films and participating in theatrical performances in Bombay and in London she could accept the challenge "as a lark." Post release, "it was lovely to see the positive response. It was a great experience," she admits.

Let's talk is not a production heavy film. There are no great sets. It was shot

"If something comes spontaneously, it means you should pursue it"

on a digital video and then converted to 35 mm film, Irani provides the insights. "In fact the film was shot twice over," says Irani who was part of the creative team too. After studying the first rough version they retained the scenes that were effective and restructured pieces that needed to be improved upon. After eight to nine months they reshot the film. "Most things I do are unusual," he smiles.

"Almost every day I consider making a film. I have a lot of script ideas but I would require a little more free time before it clicks. It is a different medium altogether," says the prospective director whose current time is evenly distributed between his acting and shooting assignments. "In films, Parsis are a very misrepresented community," admits Irani although he is not offended by the Parsi stereotype, realizing that other communities like the Sardarjis or the

South Indians have one too. "I enjoy the Parsi character... their uniqueness, generosity, perkiness. We are a very interesting people," he continues, keen to "explore the reason for certain behaviors, the logic behind certain thought processes..."

A self-taught actor and photographer who towers over others at 6'2", Irani proclaims, "I have figured out methods that suit me. I've got my own little style. I'd get bogged down if taught how to be spontaneous. If something comes spontaneously, it means you should pursue it." His understanding of spontaneity though is interlinked with preparation, contradictory as it may sound. "You can't go on the set and say 'I'm a spontaneous actor.'" Before he assumes any new role, he likes to take time off, "learning all the dialogs, reflecting on all the possibilities." During those five days of "character preparation" he is able to "discover the character." As much as he enjoys the actual shooting he relishes the prospect of "putting meat on the character!"

In *everybody says I'm fine* he played a cameo role of a wealthy lecherous Punjabi businessman. *Let's talk* gave him ample opportunity to display his

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Irani and Katrak showing the different sides of Nikhil and Radhika in Let's talk

histrionics. After his two successful films in English, waiting in the wings are *Munnabhai MBBS* where he depicts the dean of a medical institute and *Darna mana hai* where he plays a psychotic. These two films in Hindi required greater inputs from his side but as he says, "In every character you play you perform with a different diction and dialect, depending on the character."

"When I'm a photographer, I never play actor, and when I am an actor, I never talk direction," Irani has his dividing lines clearly marked out. "The cap that I wear has to be nice and firm; fitting well," he elaborates, understanding that each individual should have the freedom to express his own vision. Having taken up photography at the age of 32, Irani explains his fascination: "It is like magic...I enjoy talk-

ing to people. When you shoot a person it is not just to make him good looking but to capture the essence by making an effort to know and understand him... What makes him/her tick? What is his/her *mantra* (keynote)? Once you know which buttons to press and the person's eyes light up, that's when you come in as a photographer."

Just as he models for advertising agen-

cies so too does Irani shoot for advertising agencies as also for his own Highlight Films banner which creates advertisements on request. Designers, models, celebrities...the range of his subjects is ceaseless. This was the seventh year in succession when he shot photographs of all the contestants for the Femina Miss India beauty pageant. He works with the contestants before the elimination and competition rounds start.

The credit for his acting talent and wizardry with the camera go entirely to Irani although for his voice training he appreciates the efforts of Aloo Heerjeebehdin in correcting his lisp and Hetty Fernandes who taught the budding boy soprano the techniques of breathing which have remained with him over the years.

"The people you are working with should be interesting and good enough to work with," believes the all-rounder



Images captured on the lens by Irani



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who may occasionally turn down offers when it does not go with his line of thinking, or he is not happy doing it, or due to constraints of time and resources. "I keep myself as occupied as I can be...Time is meant to be consumed." Such effective one-liners punctuated the interview at his studio on Bhulabhai Desai Road on February 25, 2003. Equally noticeable was his insistence to find the most befitting words to describe an action or emotion.

During summer holidays he invariably takes two workshops — in drama and photography — for the students attending the Bombay Parsi Punchayet's popular Holiday Programme for Youth. Last year he went a step further and guided the students to put up *Black Comedy* which was well received by the audience and which Irani thought was "a fantastic performance for a group of amateurs." He was keen that they put up more shows for Navroz too.

His involvement with the community institutions comes to light at other times too: When the World Zoroastrian Organisation (India) was keen to promote Udvada as a heritage site they commissioned Irani to shoot every nook

and corner of Udvada. "Call it a bird's eye view or a worm's eye view," he notes.

"I'm all for change," says the dramatist, adding after a significant pause, "while at the same time I'm all for tradition, but tradition which is feasible. My views are: 'Times change, man changes.' It's all about growing, moving ahead. Otherwise we might as well go back and live in the mountains and retain those practices. I don't like any argument which ends up rabid. Make progress and argue with a cool head," he advises. According to him, "Religion is meant to keep me in touch with my roots, to keep me healthy and at peace with myself and others. Religion is not meant to be preached." He visits the fire-temple regularly and wears the sudreh-kusti too saying, "I may not know its significance but it is supposed to be a humble vest and I treat it so. It gives us an identity of who we are."

Irani's grandfather Bomanji hailed from Nasarabad in Iran and when his wife was expecting, they had to travel across the land on a donkey until they set sail for India, he has been told. The family's wafer business was started by

Bomanji and after him, Boman's father Khodadad took charge of the reins. When Khodadad passed away, his wife Jeroo was the mainstay until an accident forced Boman to get involved in the business. After his schooling from St Mary's and two years of science studies at Wadia College in Poona, Irani did a course in catering and worked for a while at the Taj, he reports. The time that Boman used to give to the business is now given by his wife Zenobia who being stage shy prefers to remain "my guide and critic," reveals the husband. Of their two sons, Danesh is studying HSC science at Ruia College, and younger son Kayoze is in Std IX at the Activity High School. "I urge parents not to push their children," he counsels. "Some kids do so well in academics, some don't, some can't. Our system is very unforgiving for the youngsters. The kids know what is out for them. It is a matter of time before they realize their zone of spontaneity. I hate to be imposing."

Willing to "accept criticism from anyone who is concerned about me," Irani professes an undying love for: "entertaining people...the sound of applause...the spotlight."

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Birju booms

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A *jalebi* in hand, little Birju flees from the scene with all the power at the command of his four-year-old physique. One stride too long and he lies sprawled on the road, his favorite *jalebi* beyond his reach. He does not move an inch. With just a turn of his eyeballs he sees an ant scampering for the same sweet but before the creature can reach its destination an old pilgrim has stamped on it. In this short film of 14 minutes and 30 seconds, written, produced and directed by Heeraz Marfatia, the viewer gets to see the world, or rather the small town of Pushkar in Rajasthan, through the eyes of the little boy Birju. "The story is told visually through images and sounds. There is hardly any dialog," says 26-year-old Marfatia of his directorial debut.

A student at the San Francisco State University (SFSU), this was Marfatia's first film when pursuing a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in cinema. The shooting was done during his Christmas holidays in 2000-01, the editing when he was back in San Francisco for his next semester, and the post-production in India during the summer holidays of 2001. In 2002 he was fortunate to have *Birju* premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, to have been selected among the five finalists for the Oscar Academy Awards in the student category, to win the Jury Award at the New York Film Expo for Short Film and Video, and the Audience Award at the

Big Bear Film Festival. Screened at nearly 30 international film festivals *Birju* won the second prize at the Berlin International Film Festival 2003 and was selected for competition at the Clermont Ferrand International Short Film Festival in February 2003, Marfatia happily announces.

The prestigious Sundance Festival is considered "one of the country's most prominent cinema catwalks," according to *The Independent* of January 15, 2002. "It's very competitive. It's an honor for the school. I think it's inspirational to the other students," the chair of the cinema department at SFSU, Stephen Ujlaki, was quoted by a US newspaper. Ujlaki considered Marfatia "a very gifted filmmaker with a great eye."

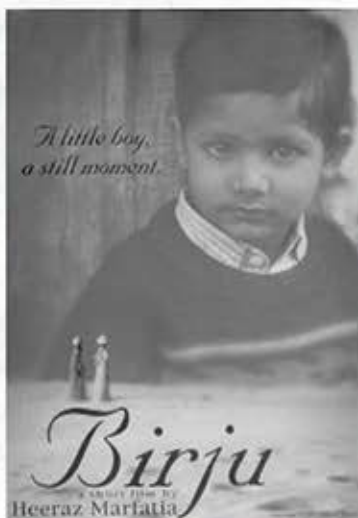
The SFSU nominated Marfatia's film for the Oscars in the same year as Aamir Khan's *Lagaan* got a nomination in the best foreign film category. Following this recommendation, *Birju* had to qualify at the zonal and regional level competitions to earn a nomination in the students' category for best alternative film. "Of the 10 Indians nominated for the Oscars in the history of this festival, none of the nominees to my knowledge have been Parsis," claims Marfatia.

Such enviable recognition has been consistently earning him acclaim though no monetary compensation, smiles the "financially challenged" Marfatia, valuing the generosity of his family, peers

and seniors in the industry. "Seventeen of us (involved in the shooting) stayed in my house in Ajmer (half an hour's drive from Pushkar) as I could not afford hotel accommodation for them. The crew comprising mainly college friends rendered honorary services. Helping out with cans of 35 mm film rolls were well-known directors like Shyam Benegal, Tinnu Anand, Subhash Ghai and Kodak India," states Marfatia, adding that the lights and photography equipment were also courtesy friends. All his benefactors find a mention in his credits, including his parents Gulnar and Maj Noshir Marfatia for whom Heeraz has especially inscribed, "Thank you mum and dad for being my strength and inspiration."

Only non actors would be used in the film, Marfatia had decided. To play the lead role of Birju, assistant director Vidura Jung Bahadur and casting director Sanjay Singh Badnor had scouted around and video tested about 100 children for the part, all of whom were found unsuitable. Marfatia hoped, and succeeded, in finding "Birju" (played by Vijju Parasher) in Pushkar when the lad was hiding in a marketplace! After obtaining his family's consent Marfatia started readying him for the film. "Working with the star actor was a challenge," acknowledges Marfatia, as "everyday of the (seven-day) shoot a new strategy had to be developed to sustain his interest in acting." A lot of the accompanying sounds, although recorded, could not be used in the film as Marfatia had to constantly instruct Vijju even while the shooting was in progress. The entire film thus has only two dialogs — in Marwari.

The short narrative does though have its own rhythm, whether it is the call of the tea vendor, the spinning of a top, the grinding of condiments or the foot-tapping music of the folk dancers which even little Birju finds infectious, unable to resist gyrating his body. With his expressive eyes and impish smile, Birju endears himself to his audience even when he is up to his pranks. One of the scenes which remains with the viewer, long after the film is over, shows him sharing nuts with a monkey. When Birju gets up to finish the remnants on the plate, the monkey pulls his arm to ensure that the little boy remains seated



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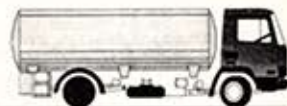
next to him until the last crumbs are equally shared.

The narrow, winding alleys and life-style of Pushkar "with its interesting mix of attitudes, people, worlds" had captivated the Ajmer born Marfatia as a young boy. "Pushkar is not only vibrant visually but also has the tangles of a touristy place around it...where traditional Hindus live with marijuana worshipping foreigners," he explains. Writing the script for *Birju* with the support of his executive producer Shubhra Swarup hence took him only a few days.

The story ends with a scene of Birju reuniting with his mother. The same shot of Birju clasping his mother's hand is finally shown as one of the many exhibits on view at a gallery. "To me the core of my film was the last shot... I was committed to what I thought would complicate the experience of my film," asserts Marfatia. "Behind every photograph there are untold stories that slip through the confines of the frame," believes Marfatia who has grown up in the environs of a cinema house. Atash Arts is the banner he created for the launch of his own film.

With his maternal grandfather Eruch Sukhia owning the New Majestic Talkies in Ajmer, and his grand uncle Dara Sukhia owning the Apollo and Victory theaters in Poona, young Heeraz's life was akin to the hero of the Italian film *Cinema Paradiso* who grows up on a regular diet of films and ultimately becomes a director, he admits. Despite being a dyslexic, Marfatia completed his schooling from Ajmer's Mayo College, his BA from Bombay's St Xavier's College and diploma courses in advertising and marketing as also film and television production from the Xavier Institute of Communications. Before proceeding to the USA he worked for 14 months with Whitelight Moving Picture Company.

Whilst he was awaiting responses from the overseas institutes for his post-graduate studies came the news that an inferno at the New Majestic Talkies in Ajmer, caused by a short circuit, had levelled the family's business and finances to the ground. "The family had to mortgage property and personal belongings to obtain loans to rebuild the cinema house. My studies abroad no longer seemed financially feasible. That is when I approached about 100 educational trusts, 80 percent of which must be Parsi



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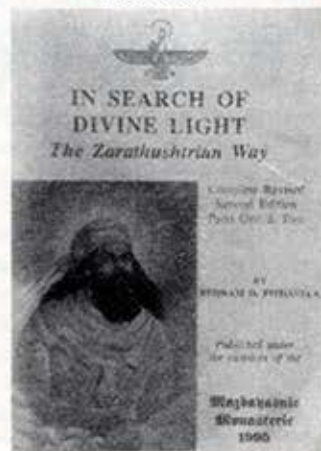
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controlled. Of these 100 trusts, around 30 were defunct. From the remaining 70 trusts, nearly 50 sanctioned sums in varying amounts enabling him to raise the requisite \$45,000 for his MFA studies which he considers his "biggest achievement" surpassing his elation at being shortlisted for the Sundance and the Oscars. It was almost "like a miracle," says Marfatia.

Once the J. N. Tata Endowment sanctioned Rs 1,25,000, within two weeks the other trusts too had opened up their purses, the major donors being Godrej, Bai Maneckbai P. B. Jeejeebhoy Charity Foundation, R. D. Sethna Trust, the Bombay Parsi Punchayet, recalls Marfatia. "It takes a hell of a lot of courage. You learn to appreciate, to be patient. I wrote a script incorporating all the anecdotes. Although some incidents were funny it was very emotional at the same time..." he adds. The success of *Birju* Marfatia would therefore like to share with all these people to whom he



Marfatia: inspiration to other students

feels "very indebted for helping me with the money when I needed it. I want to give back as much as I can to the community."

Considering himself "fairly religious," the bachelor believes in wearing his sudreh and kusti and visiting the agiary regularly. He is not though in favor of

the community's "double standards," accepting the children of men married out of the community whilst denying the same rights to women who have married out which he believes is "dissemination of patriarchy. The point is the community is shrinking and if we don't do anything about it we may be in a museum." He fails to understand how a community "known for its pragmatism and rationality, ceases to have that approach when it comes to marriage."

Marfatia's is one of the five Parsi families remaining in Ajmer. The youngest of three children, his elder sister Kainaz Dev is settled in Poona

while his brother Riyaz heads the Centurion Bank's capital market branch. "We have a different upbringing. We speak Hindi very well," he informs us. When he had to carry a body inside the Ajmer dakhma there were no other corpses lying there so he does not know how to react to the dakhmenashini controversy which is brewing in Bombay following the absence of vultures.

A man's struggle with life and death is the subject of Marfatia's next project, his thesis film which he has to submit for his master's degree. The script being a finalist in the Sundance Institute's Feature Film Development Program, the funding for this venture will come from Hollywood, says Marfatia who has already won two scholarships from the SFSU. Working as graduate assistant and instructor at the University's Cinema Department his tuition fees for the next semester have been waived although he has to provide for his board and lodging.

Neither willing to forego India where he learnt film appreciation nor the USA which brought him international recognition, Marfatia says, "I want to have one foot in both places."

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Before the song and dance sequence is over, the heroine may have changed dresses umpteen number of times. The audience finds it entertaining, the costume gets to be identified with the name of the song or the film or the actress but the designer's contribution often goes unsung. Her name is relegated to the list of acknowledgements and credits, often at the end of the film.

One such designer of yesteryears, Mani Rabadi must have designed costumes for generations of heroines, starting with Mala Sinha, Sharmila Tagore, Vyjantimala, Sadhana, Waheeda Rehman, Hema Malini, Zeenat Aman, Parveen Babi, Helen, Poonam Dhillon, Mandakini, Meenakshi Seshadhri, Madhuri Dixit... "Parveen Babi was rated the sexiest and best Indian actress of her time. She appeared on the *Time* magazine cover in my dress," mentions Rabadi. Designing Helen's costumes was tough, especially the ones in which she performed cabaret dances, confesses Rabadi: "Every day I had to go to her place at 6 p.m. and discuss her dresses, work schedules, etc. At times her costumes would get loose or she would suddenly find them too tight! One of my

tailors always accompanied me to the sets to alter clothes. I had to constantly be on my toes" since clothes required to be designed and stitched overnight!

Tailoring so many costumes with a different design every time was difficult: "I saw the actress' personality, the way she behaved and talked on screen. Most importantly, I had to keep in mind the scene. Film producers would tell me the whole story and I'd make it a point to remember all the scenes according to their sequences. There has to be a connecting link even in the costumes, keeping in mind the coordination of colors, etc." Rabadi's costumes, whether they were bell-bottoms or saris or lungi kurtas or sharara kurtas, became an instant hit. Jaggi Tailors, who once ruled the roost, were soon considered outdated. Rabadi was the upcoming costume designer. "I remember a man who sold a whole lot of Hema style saris (designed by Rabadi for actress Hema Malini) sent me a carton of mangoes all the way from Lucknow thanking me for designing the saris!" notes Rabadi.

However, the biggest challenge of her career was designing all costumes for the film *On Wings of*

Fire, an English film based on the life of Prophet Zarathushtra. "Bhanu Athaiya, who was supposed to be the costume designer for that film... suddenly left the project that she had originally accepted. The artistes were arriving from London. The dates were fixed. The entire cast approached me to design their costumes. I said that I could design modern Indian costumes, but since I did not know the history of Persia I could not design costumes for *On Wings of Fire*. They simply refused to leave my house till such time I agreed. They sat the whole night till the wee hours of the morning. The unit brought me the Pahlavi and some other dynasty books. For 15 days I barely slept — sitting on the floor, engrossed in studies, designing their costumes. The film was shot within a month at Rajkamal Studio," relates the designer. Rabadi's work was greatly appreciated not only by Indian and foreign artistes and technicians connected with the film, but she also "received a letter of thanks from Bhanu Athaiya!" *Blood Stone of India* is yet another English movie for which she has designed costumes.

Rabadi's greatest achievement is that she is

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The first Indian to receive the National Award in costume designing, Mani Rabadi has clothed generations of heroines

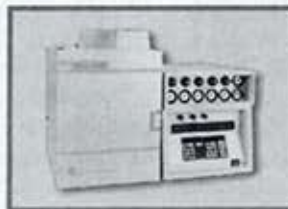
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Rabadi then (top) and now (alongside) Actress Helen sporting Rabadi's costume



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the first Indian (and the first Parsi) to receive the National Award in costume designing in 1988: "There was no garment award before 1988. I got this award from the Government of India and was felicitated by President R. Venkataraman at New Delhi for designing costumes for the movie *Pestonjee*. Ironically, I won an award for a picture in which I hardly put in any effort!"

Today, at 77, Rabadi finds the costumes of the Hindi film industry quite repetitive: "People purchase costumes from abroad. There is no designing in



that. In other cases, they copy my designs from old pictures."

Not being status conscious Rabadi did not get herself photographed with film stars. She received several offers for membership of clubs which she politely refused. She never purchased a car for herself. She would hire a taxi every day from Goregaon to Colaba and pay the driver at the end of the day. "People say that I'm a fool, that I could've minted money. Well, I lost a lot of money in the film line. The producers would never pay the full amount due!" After her

Yesteryear heroines donning costumes designed by Rabadi; her work was greatly appreciated not only by Indian but foreign artists and technicians also.

retirement four years ago, she continues to lead a simple life: "I still eat my simple *dal chawal* and *bhaji*."

She has not forgotten the difficult times she experienced following the demise of her father Jehangir Framji Rabadi, a priest at Bombay's H. B. Wadia Atas Bahram, when she was barely six years old (see "A switch of screens," *Parsiana*, February 2003). When Jehangir expired of a burst appendix in 1931 the family faced a financial crisis. Rabadi was left with no option but to start working at the tender age of eight. She found a job for herself with the All India Radio in a children's program in which she did some child talk and drama. Reminisces Rabadi: "I also worked with Radio Ceylon. Radio plays in those days were very popular and I remember working with the young Sunil Dutt." After passing her matriculation from Grant Road High School, she studied stenography at an institute at Tardeo and joined J. L. Morrison and Sons as a stenographer. However, the talented young Rabadi found taking dictation extremely stereotyped and ventured into the field of theater and acting.

Her long and arduous journey to fame commenced: "I started working as a stage artiste with the Indian People's Theatre Association. My first drama was *Kissa Kursi Ka*, a satire on politicians, for which I received rave reviews. On stage I was known as Seema. I worked with Dev Anand, Shaukat Kaifi Azmi (Shabana Azmi's mother) and Balraj Sahani in Hindi dramas. Acting came naturally to me. I never followed any method acting. In 1948 I started working in Gujarati pictures such as *Akhand Saubhagyawati*, *Chudi Chandlo*, *Kayagaro Kanth* and *Lagna Mandap*. My stage name continued to be my screen name."

As Rabadi's innate talent in acting blossomed so did her interest in reading. She enjoys reading books on literature, spirituality, etc. Rabadi laments: "Isn't it a shame that today's generation doesn't like to read anything and prefers to sit in front of the idiot box?" A regular reader of the popular *Eve's Weekly*, she came up with the idea of starting a similar women's magazine in Hindi, especially for ladies who could not read, write and

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understand English. She became editor of *Gori* in 1957, with sister Nergish as publisher. Although the sisters have two common characteristics — an appetite for languages and strong will power to overcome odds — *Gori* had to close down in three years' time in the face of stiff competition from *Femina*.

Those were difficult times for Rabadi: "After I left *Gori*, I underwent a fibroid operation. While in hospital, Shammiji's (Nergish's screen name) friend, Nadira, seeing me constantly worrying about my future, suggested that I join a tailoring course." After completing a three-month tailoring course at Singer, Nadira provided financial assistance to buy Rabadi a sewing machine. She had to go door-to-door to get business, she remembers. "For two years all I ate was one *mutthi* (fistful) *khichdi* in the morning and one in the evening." Nadira took Rabadi to her own residence and helped her to recuperate.

In the meantime, Nergish suggested that Rabadi enter the world of fashion designing. Recalls Rabadi: "I was good at drawing and, generally interested in clothes. Shammiji suggested that since she was in films, I could perhaps try my hand at designing clothes for film stars.

"I saw the actress' personality, the way she behaved and talked on screen. Most importantly, I had to keep in mind the scene"

At that time we were staying near Bandra Talkies, Building Number 291, which belonged to Tony Walker, brother of the popular Hindi film comedian, Johnny Walker. Tony advised me that in the film world every actor or actress has his or her own ideas of design. That I would have to really be good at whatever design I suggest." The first actress that Rabadi approached along with Tony was Mala Sinha, "a very fashionable lady." A hard taskmaster, she always demanded a perfect fit of her chudidaars and short kurtas, which were then in vogue. Mala Sinha agreed to give the new designer a chance. She liked Rabadi's costumes and used her clothes in a song with Sanjay Khan. Rabadi's second client was Sharmila Tagore for

whom she made a dance costume for the film *Evening in Paris*.

As word about Rabadi's costumes gradually spread in the Hindi film world, she succeeded in making a niche for herself and employed tailors whom she refers to as "technical people." There was no looking back. Xerxes Bhatena, who joined the film industry as costume designer years later, said, "Give the credit to Mani Rabadi."

Spiritual books like the works of Ramanna Maharishi and Ramesh Balsekar Rabadi enjoys although she does not recite any prayers. Believes the spinster: "In an inter-caste marriage, the couple has to be like-minded, else life becomes very difficult." Indifferent to the method deployed to dispose a dead body, she maintains, "It doesn't matter. The body is only a carcass; consciousness has already left!" As Rabadi confesses, "I used to be very God-fearing and timid as a child. But now I understand what true religion means. It means to be honest. To be a good human being. I don't ask for anything from God and thank Him for everything. After all, He has a plan for all of us, as in a film script. Every breath we take is a gift from God. What's important is to have faith in Him."

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Hilla P. Guzder

True to their promise given in March 2002, the committee members of the Sir Ness Wadia Club (SNWC) organized the Second All India Zoroastrian Body Building Championship for men on the Club lawns at Rustom Baug on February 1, 2003. Whereas last year's competition had seen only 11 participants (with some unable to travel to Bombay because of the post-Godhra situation in Gujarat), this year 22 body builders from Bombay, Poona, Dahanu, Surat and Ahmedabad displayed their sinew. Philanthropist NarYman Dubash sponsored the event.

Standing first in the under 65 kg weight category, Karl Katrak of Bombay won the overall title of Mr Zoroastrian 2003. Runner up in the under 65 kg slot was Kaivan Panthaki of Surat, with Bombay's Khurshedcheher Lawyer standing third. In the up to 80 kg class, Bombay's Yohan Wadia, Shahzad Daver and Neville Bodhanwala stood first, second and third respectively. Bombay's Afshad Mistry, Poona's Adi Engineer and Surat's Ruzan Bastawala were the winners in the above 80 kg weight group. Wadia's body beautiful also won him the Prof Tehmuras Sarkari Trophy for

the Best Poser — an award donated by Viraf Chiniwala who also gave on-the-spot prizes to 13-year-old Jimmy Italia of Surat, the youngest participant to flex his budding muscles, and to Ervad Yezdi Panthaki who was at 66 the oldest competitor. The events were conducted by members of the Indian Bodybuilding Federation under their president Madhav Poojari and secretary Sudesh Kadam.

Also honored by the organizers were five Zoroastrians who had done the community proud in earlier years by winning the Chhatrapati Shivaji Award (the highest sports award in the state of Maharashtra) — Tehemton Gowadia (body building), the Daroga brothers Neville and Vispi (also an Arjuna Award winner), Jazeel Mehta and Viraf Panthaki, all for weightlifting. Each received a cash award of Rs 30,000 and a plaque.



Octogenarian Edul Palamkote, Rusi Daroga, Pesi Patrawala, Gev Katrak and Sam Darukhanawala were presented a memento and cash purse, with all cash awards also being sponsored by Dubash.

While a preliminary round was held the previous day, the final was preceded by a jashan conducted by the Baug's Ervad Jal Kutar and Mehernosh Unwala. Gracing the competition as chief guest was Bombay's municipal commissioner K. C. Srivastava who commended the Parsi community's contribution to the state and country and promised the administration's support to the efforts of Rustom Baug residents to beautify the environment around the Baug.



Deputy municipal commissioner S. Shinde, Corporator Janardhan Yadav, newly elected Bombay Parsi Punchayet trustee Maneck Engineer, managing committee member of the R. N. and N. N. Wadia Trust Dhun Gagrut, eminent theater personality Gerson Da Cunha and others were among the luminaries present.



From left, top row: Strongmen all, Yezdi Panthaki with Chiniwala; Srivastava and Viraf Panthaki (alongside)

Entertaining the exuberant crowd was the display of strength by a strongman lifting 260 kg and strongwoman who hoisted 220 kg, as well as an exhibition of muscularity by national and international level body builders, according to a press release from SNWC. Under the leadership of Dr Porus Turner, committee members Rustom Jasoomoney, Hutoxi Doodhwala, Aashdin Billimoria and Homiar Shroff strained every sinew to ensure the success of the competition, aided by the energetic efforts of Viraf Panthaki.

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Preparing the pitch

Playing with handkerchiefs tied on their heads, and bats and stumps crafted by a local carpenter, Parsis were the pioneers of cricket in India



The Scoring Table

Going in



A Parsi Cricketer



Coming out

These old pictures, supplied by J. R. B. Jeejeebhoy, are taken from the *London Graphic* of August 10, 1878. The handkerchiefs seen on the heads of Parsi cricketers are tied to keep off the burning heat of the sun, sun-hats having been forbidden by strict orthodoxy. The Parsi players of those days did not mind taking the field with bandis (half shirt/badian) and pyjamas which stand in strong contrast to their present-day fashionable cricket accoutrements

Text and photos courtesy: Parsis and Sports by H. D. Darukhanawala

As in the fields of politics and social reform so in those of games and sports the Parsis have well played their part and come off with flying colors. The sporting instinct is inborn in the members of the Zoroastrian community, and one of the noblest prospects which a Parsi ever sees after a hard day's work is the high road that leads him to the maidans (playgrounds), gymkhanas and clubs for oiling the wheels of his mundane existence. That inordinate partiality for sports endures him through life and it only abates when age or ailment incapacitates him from fully enjoying the amenities of the sporting life.

Take, for instance, the game of cricket. Amongst all the Indian communities the Parsis were the first to take to it so far back as 1848 and they made themselves masters of it within 50 years, so much so that they defeated two English teams that had arrived from England, in 1890 under the captainship of G. F. Vernon and in 1892 under that of Lord Hawke, these being the only reverses the teams had experienced during their tour in this country. J. M. Patel writes in his *Stray Thoughts on Indian Cricket* that he was once told by Prince Ranjitsinhji, the Prince of Cricketers, that it was a Parsi who had first taught him cricket in India, and also Maharaja Sir Sayaji Rao, Gaikwad of Baroda, in a letter to Patel, said that he had the game taught to all his sons by professional Parsi cricketers. With years rolling on, the Parsis made themselves more efficient in this manly pastime, but latterly with the game of bridge coming into vogue they exchanged the willow for the cards with the result that their play has now in large measure deteriorated. It is, however, gratifying to take note, under these depressed circumstances, of the highly creditable performance of D. R. Havewalla who, playing for the B. B. and C. I. Railway in December 1933, made 515 runs against St Xavier's College, a record and an achievement hitherto unsurpassed in the annals of Indian cricket...

J. R. B. Jeejeebhoy

The *Graphic* describes them as follows: "It is not everywhere, however, that John Bull finds any of the natives inclined to join in the sport; they are generally content to 'assist,' in the French sense of the word, by simply looking on. There are, nevertheless, exceptions to the rule, and in the Bombay Presidency the Parsis, who have for long shown themselves superior to the prejudices with which other Indian races are more or less fettered, have come out quite strong as cricketers. Before long, it is rumored a Parsi eleven will visit our shores for the purpose of contending with us on our native turf. We have already received several severe drubbings in the cricket field from our Australian cousins, perhaps next we are destined to be knocked (cricketically) into a cocked hat by the descendants of the fire worshippers of Persia."

Early Parsi cricket was graphically described by Sir Pherozeshah Mehta who presided, on April 17, 1886, at the dinner given in honor of the Parsi team that was proceeding to England to measure its strength with English cricketers on their own soil. Said Mehta: "I, gentlemen, remember the time, about a quarter of a century ago, when our co-religionists first took to cricketing. Those days

are quite fresh in my mind from the fact of my being one of the very first who was engaged in this game. This fact was unknown to fame, and I am particularly glad to make a public announcement this evening that it was in the *maidan* outside the ramparts

that the pioneers of cricket, proud of their bats and stumps, which were made by a native carpenter, had begun to play. Since then the game has flourished among us and here I may mention, it has received a very great impetus from one who was anxious to introduce physical training among the natives of the soil,

the late Sir Alexander Grant. The days of my exploits on the cricket field have long since passed away, but to this day there is no more agreeable sight to me in Bombay, while passing down Esplanade Road, than that of the whole *maidan* overspread by a lot of enthusiastic Parsi and Hindu cricketers, keenly and eagerly engaged in this manly game."

Speaking about their tour, the president remarked: "I may say that the object of the team in going to England is a very modest one. Cricket, as you know, is the national game of England. It has taken root among the Parsi community, and as artists go to Italy to do

homage to the great Masters, as pilgrims go to Jerusalem to worship at a shrine, or as students in the Middle Ages went to the chief seats of learning in places where science and philosophy had made their home, so now the Parsis are going to England to do homage to the English cricketers, to learn something of that

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Citing the opinion of Jamshedji Kanga and Noshirwan Engineer, Modi noted that when a person of one caste marries into another caste, the lady acquires the connotation of the caste in which she marries. "Does that make her Zoroastrian? It's an open question." He also added that the High Court judgment of 1908 sets out the ceremonies required for conversion.

Those attending the Federation meeting were: Dolat Debara and Hosang Debara from Agra; Porus Karanjawalla, Jimmy Muglai and Xerxes Rao from Ahmedabad; Shirin and Capt Homi Dandiwalla from Allahabad; Bomy Talati from Baroda; Noshir and Jennifer Paghdwalla, Khurshed Pastakia, Marazban Mehta, Mehernosh Mehta and Minoo Khan from Borivli; Sarosh and Pilloo Ginwalla from Bharuch; Jamshed Guzder, Minoo Shroff, Dinshaw Mehta, Rustom Tirandaz, Dinshaw Tamboly, Behram Dastur, Sheroo Master, Mehli Colah, Gool Kias, Godrej Dotivala, Homi Mullan, P. B. Aibara, Hoshaang Gotla and Pearl Mistry from Bombay; Darius Marshall from Calicut; Pervez Irani from Dahanu; Marazban Wadia from Davier; Lt Gen Adi Sethna, Dadi Mistry, Keki Gandhi, Farrokh Rustomji and Adil Nargolwala from Delhi; Hoshi Patel from Deolali-Nashik; Sarosh Palkhiwala, Shovir Irani, Nauzer Kasad, Shahpoor Irani and Kainaz Unwalla from FOZYA; Bomi Heerjee from Indore; Aflatoon Shokri, Sohrab Dahmubed, Behram Irani, Homai Faramazian, S. N. Elavia, Darayush Irani, Kayzad Eghlim, Jimmy Vasaigara, Gaiv Irani, Paricher Bastani, Sheriar Khosravi and Nariman Avan from Iranian Zoroastrian Anjuman; Ronny and Zerin Dick from Jhansi; Nariman Mogrelia from Madras; Behram and Dolly Masani from Mhow; Edul and Dilnavaz Bhagwagar, Dinshaw Mistry, Parizad Daver and Percy Nazir from Nagpur; Hoshi Patel from Nashik; Dara Irani from Poona; Homi Palsetia, Sarosh Poonawala and Yezdi Panthaki from Saronda; Omim Debara and Aspi Debara from Secunderabad and Hyderabad; Dr Sam Bhacca and Nozer Kasad from Surat; Rustom Cursetji, Zarsis Udhawala, Simone Patel, Dilaara Mehta and Kersi Daruwalla from Thana; Shahnaz Mehta and Soonnoo Vesuna from Vesu; Sarosh and Ketayun Bana from WZO; Nadir Modi and Aspi Acharia from YCZA. The press was represented by *Parsiana*.

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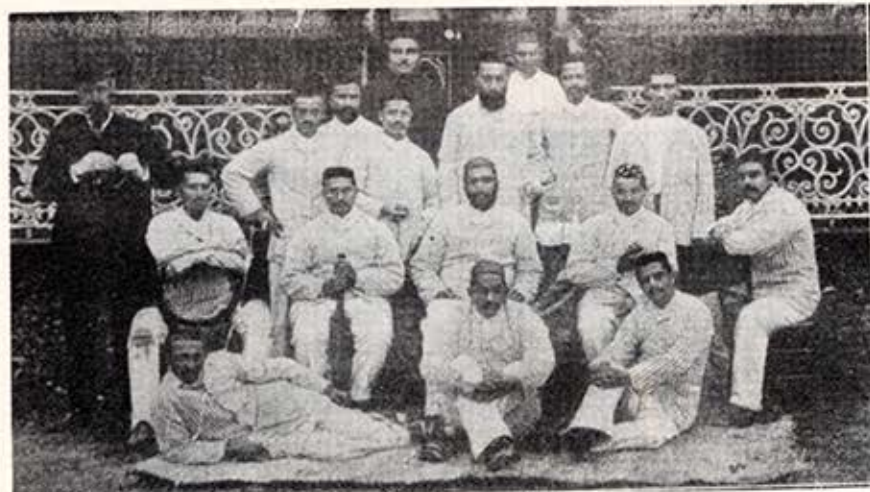
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The first Parsi cricket team that went to England in 1886

noble and manly pastime in the very country which is its chosen home."

In the words of Mehta, the Parsi cricketers "have gone over many parts of India and have played a number of matches with representatives of other nationalities, but whether they are balling or batting, gaining or losing, they have always distinguished themselves by their pluck, courage and perseverance"...

...

This (first Parsi cricket) team (that went to England in 1886) was in no

way a picked one, being composed of a number of Parsi gentlemen who could afford to pay their own expenses, and it speaks well of the enthusiasm and the sporting spirit of these pioneer Parsi cricketers. The brunt of the work of getting up the team fell upon the willing shoulders of B. B. Baria, ably assisted by A. B. Patel (secretary) and Dr D. H. Patel (captain). As can be imagined, great things were not expected from this venture; it was, in fact, more in the nature of an educational tour. Of the 28 matches

played, only one resulted in victory, 19 being lost and eight drawn. During the course of the tour, however, they had the honor of playing, at the special request of Queen Victoria, against Prince Christian Victor's Eleven at Windsor Great Park. The ill success of the tourists on the cricket field was nevertheless amply compensated for by the very favorable impression which they made on the English sporting public, the result being that they forged strong ties between lovers of cricket in both countries.

The team consisted of A. R. Limboovala, Dr Dhunjishaw H. Patel (captain), M. Framji (bowler), M. P. Banaji, Shapurji N. Bhedwar, Ardeshir C. Major, Phirojshah Major, S. H. Harver, B. B. Baria (organizer), J. M. Morenas, Jamsaji Pochkhanavala, Sorabji Bejonji (left-hand), Burjorji Bala, P. D. Dastur and Dadabhoy D. Khambatta. Of these, Bala, Dastur and Khambatta were from Karachi, the others being from Bombay.

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Swami Vivekananda

Swami Vivekananda was Jamsetji Tata's companion aboard the ship 'Empress of India' on their voyage to America in 1893. Mr. Tata was deeply influenced by Swami's ideal of self-reliance. Later Swami helped the Founder to set up the Indian Institute of Science in Bangalore.



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Far Eastern cuisine - II

The famous fish sauce is a commonly used ingredient in the recipes of Vietnam, Korea, Philippines, Cambodia and Laos

Bhicoo J. Manekshaw

The cuisines of China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, the Philippines and Indonesia have been clubbed together as Far Eastern cuisine. This could well be because they have certain ingredients in common, like Hoisin sauce, oyster sauce, light and dark soy sauce (the light one is used mainly in Japan), fish sauce — called *nam pla* in Thailand, *prohok* in Cambodia, *nuoc mam* in Vietnam and *myol-chichor* in Korea. As food tastes in the world are getting more adventurous, each individual cuisine is now getting its due importance.

The first instalment in this series of Far Eastern cuisine (see "Far Eastern cuisine - I," *Parsiana*, August 2002) carried recipes from China, Japan and Thailand while this one carries recipes from Korea, Vietnam, Malaysia, Cambodia and Laos, Philippines and Indonesia.

Vietnam

Vietnamese cuisine is rapidly becoming recognized as one of the unique cuisines of this region. Rice and noodles are the pillars of Vietnamese food and each plays a role in daily meals. Rice noodles are more popular than wheat ones and are thick and round or flat. Unlike the dry wheat noodles, those made of rice flour only require blanching in boiling water for a few minutes to cook.

Rice is also converted into flour and made into gossamer rice paper sheets called *barqtrahg*. Difficult to manage by an amateur, but one can use the conventional spring roll sheets instead.

The northern part of the country has Chinese influence. The central part has the cuisine of Hue — the imperial seat from 1802-1945, and the cultural and religious center of the region — where once the most inspired creations and sophisticated Vietnamese cuisine were created by the imperial chefs. In the south, the cuisine shows the Indian influence with its coconuts and spices.

Then there is also the French influence, with some French restaurants and street sellers selling different *pbtis*, *barguettes*, etc.

The Vietnamese use plenty of fresh fish, fruits and vegetables, but at the heart of their food is their famous fish sauce which they claim is the most pungent of all the fish sauces of the region.

DO THUA (PICKLED VEGETABLES)

White radish (1 — medium, finely sliced)
Shallots (Madras onions) (10 — finely sliced)
Carrot (1 — finely sliced)
Raw papaya (1 cup — finely sliced)
Fish sauce (500 ml)
Palm sugar (½ cup — you may use ordinary sugar if necessary)
Fresh red chillies (2-3 — seeded, if desired, and finely chopped)
Salt (1 tsp)
Pepper powder (2 tsp)
Garlic (2 cloves — finely chopped)
Sprinkle radish with a little extra salt and set aside for 30 minutes. Drain and dry



with a towel. Wash and dry shallots with a towel. Place all vegetables in the sun for one day, or in a slow oven for about 3 hours to dry. Put into a sterilized glass jar. Place remaining ingredients in a pan and simmer until reduced by ½. Cool and pour into the jar, over the vegetables. Close jar and allow to marinate for a week before use.

CHAO TOM (SHRIMP MOUSSE ON SUGARCANE)

Serves 4

This is a recipe from the Imperial city of Hue.

Sugarcane (4" piece)
Shelled shrimps (300 g)
Salt (½ tsp)
Pepper (a pinch)
Sugar (1 tsp)
Oil (2 tbsp)
Coriander leaves (½ cup — chopped)
Fresh red chilli (1 — seeded and sliced)
Sweet and sour sauce (1 cup)
Peel sugarcane and cut into 8 round sticks about ½-inch in diameter. Grind or pound shrimps with salt, pepper and sugar to a paste. Oil your hands and divide shrimp paste into 8 equal parts. Form each portion into a kabab in the center of the sugarcane sticks as you would for seekh kababs, except that these should be rounder in shape, more like rissoles. Press tightly and grill over medium charcoal heat until crisp and brown. Garnish with coriander leaves and chillies and serve with sweet and sour sauce (see below).

SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE

Garlic (3 cloves — finely chopped)
Oil (1 tbsp)
Shallots (2 tbsp — sliced)
Pickled shallots (2 — sliced)
Green capsicum (1 — diced)
Fresh red chilli (1 medium — diced)
Sugar (2 tbsp)
Salt and pepper to taste
Tomato sauce (1 tsp)
Brown vinegar (¼ cup)
Cornflour (1 tbsp — mixed with a little water to make a thick paste)
Sauté garlic in oil until slightly colored. Add remaining ingredients except tomato sauce, vinegar and cornflour paste and continue to sauté for a few minutes. Add tomato sauce and vinegar and bring to boil. Add cornflour paste and cook, stirring constantly, until thick. Use as required.

GOI BUOI (POMELO SALAD)

Pomelo (1 — peeled and segmented)

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Crabmeat (½ cup)
Cooked chicken breast (½ cup — cubed)
Carrots (½ cup — julienned strips)
Cucumber (¼ cup — sliced)
Fish sauce dip (¼ cup) see below
Mint leaves (1 tbsp — finely chopped)
Coriander leaves (2 tbsp — finely chopped)
Shallots (1 tbsp — chopped, crisp-fried)
Peanuts (2 tbsp — coarsely ground)
Combine all ingredients except coriander, shallots and peanuts in a bowl. Toss lightly and serve slightly chilled, garnished with the coriander, shallots and peanuts.

NUOC MAM CHAM (FISH SAUCE DIP)

Fresh coconut water (¼ cup — or plain water)
Rice vinegar (1 tsp)
Sugar (1 tsp)
Red chilli (1 — seeded, finely chopped)
Lime juice (1 tbsp)
Fish sauce (2 tbsp)
Boil coconut water with vinegar and sugar. Cool. Combine chilli and lime juice, and add to coconut water. Stir in fish sauce. Use as required.

CANH BI HAM DUA (BRAISED PUMPKIN WITH COCONUT MILK)

Serves 4
A traditional Buddhist vegetarian dish.
Pumpkin (2 cups — peeled and cubed)
Sweet potato (2 cups — peeled and cubed)
Dried mushrooms (½ cup — soaked in water for 10 minutes, drained and chopped)
Thin coconut milk (2 cups)
Thick coconut cream or puréed fresh coconut (¼ cup)
Raw peanuts (½ cup — soaked in warm water for 1 hour)
Zucchini (½ — peeled and finely sliced)
Salt and pepper to taste
Sugar (1 tsp)
Coriander leaves for garnish
Place pumpkin, sweet potatoes, mushrooms and thin coconut milk in a sauté pan and bring to boil. Simmer until vegetables are nearly done. Add thick coconut cream, peanuts and zucchini and bring to boil. Remove from heat and add seasoning and sugar to taste. Serve garnished with coriander leaves.

BUN HO (BEEF WITH FINE RICE NOODLES)

Serves 4

This recipe from Saigon was sent to me by my nephew Hormuz Mehta.
Fine rice noodles (170 g)
Garlic (1 clove — crushed)
Onion (1 medium — sliced)
Lemon grass root (2" — finely sliced)
Salt (1 tsp)
Black pepper powder (1 tsp)
Sugar (a pinch)
Fish sauce (4 tbsp)
Beef fillet (½ kg — finely sliced)
Bean sprouts (90 g)
Fresh salad greens (100 — shredded)
Cucumber (3 tbsp — shredded)
Mint leaves (1 bunch — separated)
Oil (2 tbsp)
Peanuts (4 tbsp — chopped)
Blanch noodles in boiling water for 5 minutes. Drain and set aside. Combine garlic, onion, lemon grass, salt, pepper, sugar and half the fish sauce and marinate the beef slices in it for 30 minutes. Combine bean sprouts, salad greens, cucumber and mint leaves and divide into 4 deep bowls. Top with noodles. Heat oil and stir-fry beef to your taste. Divide into 4 portions and add a portion to each bowl. Sprinkle peanuts and remaining fish sauce, and serve.

Korea

The Korean peninsula is separated by the sea from its giant neighbor, China in the north and south and in the east from Japan. The seas surrounding Korea have a wealth of seafood, while a large variety of fruits and vegetables are grown in the plains.

Their basic cuisine is similar to the other Far Eastern cuisines, but with their own nuances. Chinese and Japanese influences are perhaps the strongest, but it has kept its own delicate character. Seasoning and spices are positive, but subtle.

One of their more famous dishes is kimchi, a fermented pickle, made of various vegetables, with fish and shellfish being included in them at

times.

MIYOK OINAENGUK (COLD SEAWEED AND CUCUMBER SOUP)

Serves 4-6

Seaweed (½ strip — about 5½"x4½")
Cucumber (100 g — unpeeled, sliced then julienned)
Water (1½ cups)
Sugar (1 tsp)
Vinegar (1 tsp)
Soy sauce (1 tsp)
Salt (2 tsp)

Spring onion (1 — finely sliced)
Fresh red chilli (1 — finely sliced in rounds)

Ajinomoto (a pinch, optional)

Wash seaweed and soak in water. Scald slightly and rinse in cold water, retaining the scalding water. Cool the water by adding ice cubes. Roll seaweed and cut into ½" slices. Pour scalding water into a bowl, add remaining ingredients with a little more ice and serve.

SUKCHUNAMAL (MOONG BEAN SPROUTS)

Serves 4-6

Moong bean sprouts (250 g)
Garlic (1 tbsp — chopped)
Sesame salt (1 tbsp)
Salt (2 tsp)
Sesame oil (2 tsp)
Ajinomoto (a pinch, optional)
Sesame seeds (2 tbsp — dry roasted)
Fresh red chilli (1 — finely chopped)
Scald bean sprouts and plunge into ice-cold water. Mix garlic, sesame salt, salt, oil and ajinomoto together, sprinkle over the bean sprouts and mix well. Chill and sprinkle sesame seeds and red chilli just before serving.

Note: To make sesame salt, crush 2 tsp dry roasted sesame seeds with ½ tsp salt and mix together.

CABBAGE KIMCHI

There are many versions of kimchi. This is one of them and it has been given to me by my nephew-in-law, Adam Trissel from San Francisco.

Chinese cabbage (3 kg)
Coarse salt (3 cups — use coarsely

crushed sea or rock salt)
 Chilli powder (1 cup)
 Garlic (1 tbsp — chopped)
 Ginger (1 tbsp — chopped)
 Spring onions (3 tbsp — cut into ½" lengths)
 Salted shrimps (1 cup — finely diced)
 Sugar (3 tbsp)
 Fish sauce (4 tbsp)
 Cut cabbage into 2 sections, lengthwise. Mix 2 cups salt in 12 cups water and soak cabbage for about 15 minutes. Remove cabbage from water, drain and sprinkle remaining salt, in between the leaves, at the stem end. Allow to stand for 4-5 hours. From time to time, bring the top of the leaves down to the base, and rub in to spread the salt well over the leaves. If the cabbages are very big, you may have to let them marinate for 8 hours, until they are limp. Rinse thoroughly 3-4 times and drain thoroughly. Cut into ½-1" squares. Place cabbage in a large bowl and sprinkle in chilli powder to tint the cabbage. Then add remaining ingredients except fish sauce. Mix well and taste. If more salt is needed, add enough fish sauce according to your taste. Press down with a heavy weight until it fer-



Dim Sum, Hong Kong's favorite breakfast or lunch

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ments, then store in the refrigerator. Use as required.

Note: Vegetarians need not use the shrimps and fish sauce.

Philippines

The food of these islands has been influenced by Indonesia, China, Malaysia, Arabia, and especially Spain and America. In spite of this and the fact that they were ruled by Spain for three centuries and then by America until the end of World War II, they have retained their

traditional food, while adding ingredients from the other cuisines.

The favored meats are chicken and pork, with fish being part of the staple diet. Most of the Filipino dishes have beef or pork. In fact, lamb is hardly used in the Far East. Pork can, however, always be substituted with lamb — the taste, of course, will not be the same. There are also hardly any pure vegetarian dishes, as most of the dishes use fish sauce and most of the vegetarian dishes have pork or fish added to them. Those who do not want to use fish sauce may add extra salt to their dishes.

CHICKEN TINOLA

Serves 2-3

Fat (½ tbsp — oil, dalda or lard)

Ginger (1" piece — ground)

Garlic (2 cloves — crushed)

Onion (1 — sliced)

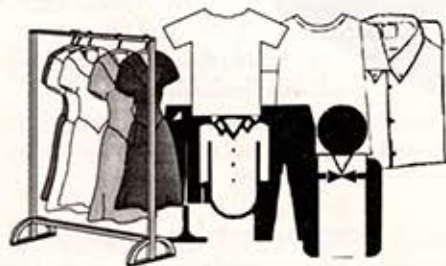
Chicken (1 — jointed)

Raw papaya (2 cups — cubed)

Fish sauce to taste

A few leaves of the capsicum or chilli plant (optional)

Heat fat in a pan and fry ginger, garlic and onion until onion is soft. Add chicken



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and sauté until brown. Add 1½ cups water and simmer until chicken is done. Add papaya and simmer until soft, but not mushy. Season with fish sauce and capsicum or chilli leaves and serve.

CHICKEN WITH RICE NOODLES

Serves 4-6

Chicken (1 — about 1 kg)

Fat (2 tbsp — dalda, lard or oil)

Onion (1 — sliced)

Garlic (2 cloves — crushed)

Fish sauce (1 tbsp)

Dried mushrooms (½ cup — diced and soaked in water for 15 minutes)

Rice noodles (250 g — soaked in water for 5 minutes)

Spring onions (4-5 — minced)

Salt and pepper to taste

Boil chicken until tender. Cool, debone and cut into small dice. Heat fat in a pan and sauté onion and garlic until brown. Add chicken, fish sauce and mushrooms and simmer for 2-3 minutes. Add noodles and continue to simmer for 2-3 minutes further, until mushrooms and noodles are cooked. Remove from heat, add spring onions, salt

and pepper and serve.

CRABS IN COCONUT MILK

Serves 6

Crabs (6 medium-sized, ask the fishmonger to clean them and cut into halves)

Light coconut milk (4 cups)

Salt and pepper to taste

Leaves of the capsicum or chilli plant (¼ cup, optional)

Wash crabs and cook in coconut milk until done. Add seasoning and capsicum or chilli leaves. Cook for about 5-8 minutes more. Serve with rice.



PUMPKIN WITH COCONUT MILK

Serves 4

Oil (2-3 tbsp)

Garlic (6 cloves — crushed)

Shelled prawns (1½ cups)

Pumpkin (1 kg — peeled and cubed)

Prawn juice (1½ cups — crush prawn heads with water and strain)

Coconut milk (1½ cups)

Salt and pepper to taste

Heat oil in a large pan and brown garlic.

Add prawns and sauté for 5-6 minutes.

Add pumpkin and cook until almost

done. Add prawn juice and coconut milk, mix well and simmer for 2-3 minutes. Season and remove from heat.

PASTILLES DE MANI

Peanuts (1 cup — ground)

Milk (¾ cup)

Sugar (¾ cup)

Extra sugar for rolling

Mix all ingredients together, except the extra sugar. Cook on medium heat until thick. Sprinkle extra sugar on a flat surface and roll out the mixture using a greased wooden rolling pin. Cut into pieces and bottle.

Indonesia

Consisting of about 15,000 islands, the cuisine here has been influenced by the Indians, Arabs and even the Dutch. While rice is a staple in a few islands, most of the people depend on sago and cassava. Because of the Muslim influence, pork is not eaten here, and while fish is part of the staple diet, chicken, duck and beef are popular.

DEBU DABU KENARI (PICKLED CUCUMBER AND BEAN SPROUTS)

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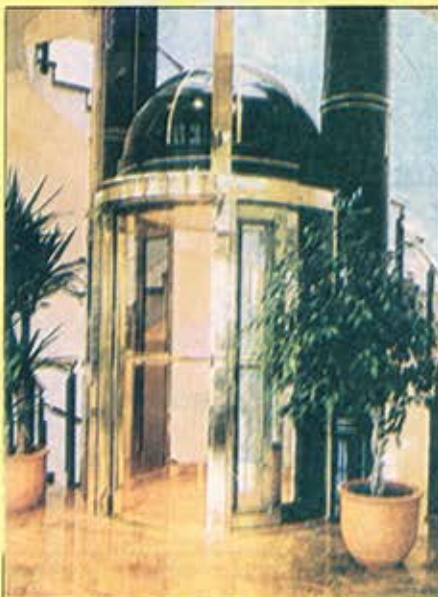
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Cucumbers (250 g — peeled and sliced)
Bean sprouts (1 cup — blanched)
Spring onions (6 — finely sliced)
Fresh red chillies (3 — seeded and finely sliced)

Very small bird's eye chillies or Chinese chillies (4-5)

Basil sprigs (4-5 — chopped)

Almonds (50 g — coarsely grated or ground)

Lime juice (3 tbsp)

Sugar (½-1 tsp)

Dried shrimp paste (1 tsp — dry-roasted)

Salt to taste

Arrange the cucumbers on a platter and sprinkle bean sprouts. Scatter spring onions, chillies and basil on top. Make a paste of the remaining ingredients with a little warm water and mix well. Cool and sprinkle it over the vegetables and serve immediately.

SAMBAL KECAP (SWEET SOY SAUCE SAMBAL)

Fresh red chillies (10 — seeded and sliced)

Shallots (20 — peeled and sliced)

Sweet soy sauce (10-12 tbsp)

Mix all ingredients together and serve in a small bowl.

Note: If you can't get sweet soy sauce,

add a pinch of powdered sugar to the regular soy sauce.

GADO GADO (VERY FAMOUS COOKED VEGETABLE SALAD)

Serves 4-6

Cabbage (125 g — shredded)

French beans or long thin beans (250 g — trimmed and cut into ½" pieces)

Flowered carrots (125 g — make deep lengthwise scratches with a fork all around the carrot and then slice finely to get flowers)

Cauliflower (125 g — cut into florets)

Bean sprouts (125 g — rinsed)

Salt and pepper to taste

Garnish

Watercress (1 bunch — cut into sprigs)

Hard-boiled eggs (2-3 — peeled and quartered)

Cucumber (1 small — finely sliced and cut each slice into ½)

Potato (1 — boiled, peeled, cut into quarters, then sliced medium thick)

Onion slices (3-4 tbsp — crisp-fried, well drained)

Prawn wafers (4-6 — crisp-fried)

Blanch all vegetables individually. Drain well and season lightly with salt and pepper. Arrange vegetables on a flat platter and arrange the watercress around

them, along the rim of the platter. Arrange remaining garnish ingredients artistically on top of vegetables and serve with peanut sauce (see below).

SAMBAL KACANG (PEANUT SAUCE)

Peanuts (375 g — fried, ground to a paste)

Soy sauce (2-3 tbsp)

Lime juice (1 tbsp)

Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Paste

Onion (1 small) or shallots (4 — chopped)

Garlic (4 cloves — chopped)

Fresh red chillies (4 large — seeded)

Ginger (1" piece — chopped)

Coriander powder (2 tsp)

Almonds (6 — blanched and chopped)

Chilli powder (½ tsp) or paprika powder (1 tsp)

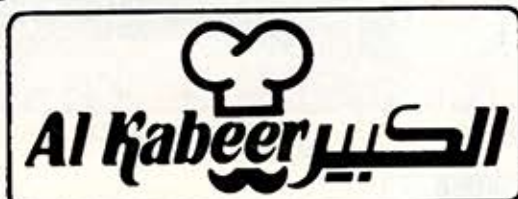
Tamarind water (2 tbsp)

Oil (2 tbsp)

Lemon grass (2" piece — from the center of the stalk, chopped)

Put all ingredients for paste in a blender and blend until completely smooth. Place in a pan and bring to boil. Mix well and boil for 2-3 minutes without stirring. Add 1 litre water, bring to boil again,

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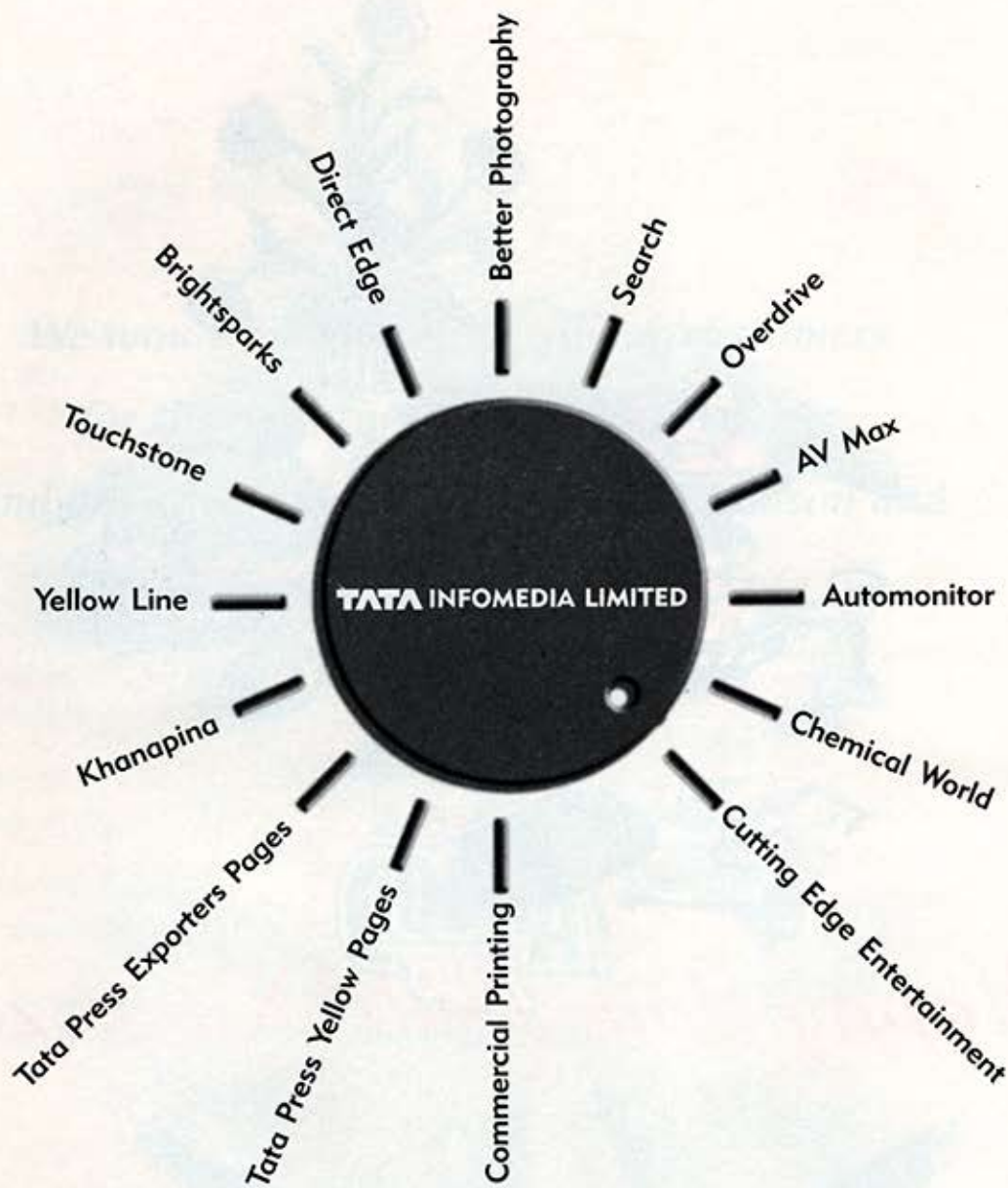
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lower heat and simmer for about 10 minutes. Add ground peanuts, mix well and add remaining ingredients. Mix well and adjust seasoning. Pour into a bowl and serve with vegetables.

Note: The sauce should be thick yet have a pourable consistency.

REMPERER KACANG (CRISP PEANUT WAFERS)

Raw peanuts (200 g — peeled)

Fine rice flour (150 g)

Plain flour (100 g)

A pinch of salt

Coconut milk (1 cup)

Oil for deep frying

Paste

Coriander powder (1 tsp)

Almonds (2 — blanched and peeled)

Garlic (2-3 cloves)

Turmeric powder (¼ tsp)

Salt (1 tsp)

Lime peel (1 tsp — grated)

Dry roast peanuts in a frying pan. Blend together all ingredients for paste and add rice and plain flour and salt. Mix well and add coconut milk to make a paste which is not too thin or too thick. Stir in the peanuts. Heat oil in a deep frying pan and drop in 1 tbsp of mixture at a time. Cook until golden brown,

remove and drain well. Store in an airtight container.

NASI KEBULI (CHICKEN WITH RICE AND PINEAPPLE)

Serves 6-8

Oil (2 tbsp)

Chicken (500 g — skinned and deboned, cut into ½" dices)

Strong chicken stock (3 cups)

Salt (1 tsp)

Old basmati rice (2 cups — washed, soaked for 20 minutes and drained for 20 minutes)

Pineapple (3 cups — peeled and diced)

Onion (1) or shallots (4 — finely chopped, fried crisp, drained and set aside)

Seasoning

Garlic (8 cloves — finely chopped)

Ginger (1" piece — chopped)

Coriander seeds (1 tsp)

Cumin seeds (1 tsp)

White peppercorns (1 tsp)

Nutmeg (¼ tsp — coarsely crushed)

Cinnamon (1" stick)

Green cardamoms (4 — gently braised)

Cloves (2)

Bay leaves (2)

Star anise (1-2)

Salt to taste

Heat oil, add all seasoning ingredients and sauté lightly in a large, deep frying pan. Add chicken and sauté for 2-3 minutes. Add stock and salt and simmer until chicken is cooked. Strain stock, remove chicken and keep aside. Reheat stock in a large pan, add rice and cook until almost done and the liquid is absorbed. Add chicken and cook until rice is done. Spoon onto a flat platter, garnish with pineapples and sprinkle with fried onion or shallots.

Malaysia

Malaysia is home to people from many countries, and as these people merged their lives, so too did their cuisines. Today Malaysian cuisine has the flavors of Chinese, Indian, Sri Lankan, Indonesian and Thai cuisines that makes it unique in its own right.

When Chinese merchants and craftsmen settled along the Malay Peninsula, they married the local women who were then given the title of nonya or lady. The food produced by their combined tastes soon got to be known as Nonya cuisine, and today, it is famous all over the world.

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Serves 4

Mackerels (4 — about ½ kg each)

Salt (1 tsp)

Pepper (½ tsp)

Lime juice (2 tbsp)

Oil for shallow frying

Grind to a paste

Red chillies (3 — dried) or chilli powder (1 tsp)

Onion (1 — chopped)

Ginger (1" piece — chopped)

Garlic (3 — cloves)

Balchu (100 g)

Lemon grass (2 stalks — chopped)

Tomato (1 — chopped)

Soy sauce (1 tbsp)

Wash and clean fish, slit lengthwise and remove backbone. Make a few light slits on either side of the fish. Rub with salt, pepper and lime juice and set aside for 30 minutes. Fill fish with the ground spices and rub any leftover spices over them. Heat oil in a large frying pan and fry fish on both sides till cooked.

Note: This dish is very similar to the ones our Goan cooks used to make, without the lemon grass and using tamarind instead of tomato.

ICAN MASAK MOLEK (STEAMED RED SNAPPER WITH COCONUT SAUCE)

Serves 3-4

Red snappers (1 kg)

Salt and pepper as required

Lemon grass (2 stalks — cut into 1½" pieces)

Shallots (8-10) or onion (1 large — chopped)

Ginger (1" piece — chopped)

Fresh red chillies (2-3)

Dried lime rind (1 tsp — grated)

Coconut milk (250 ml)

Coriander or parsley (1 tsp — chopped)

Wash and clean red snappers. Rub with salt and pepper and lay them on a steamer.

Place lemon grass on top of the fish and steam for 25 minutes. Grind together

shallots or onion, ginger, chillies and lime rind. Mix in coconut milk and add

salt and pepper to taste. Place in a pan and bring to a boil. Lower heat and

simmer for 15 minutes. Discard lemon grass and place the fish on a flat platter.

Spoon over coconut sauce and serve garnished with coriander or parsley.

SAYUR GORENG (MIXED SPICED VEGETABLES)

Serves 3-4

Oil (3 tbsp)

Cauliflower (½ kg — cut into florets)

Carrots (6 — peeled and sliced)

Green capsicum (1 — cubed)

Small baby corn (12 — kept whole)

French beans (50 g — trimmed and cut into 1" pieces)

Tomato ketchup (½ cup)

Chilli sauce (4 tbsp — or to taste)

Salt and pepper to taste

Ajinomoto (a pinch, optional)

Grind together

Onion (1) or shallots (4)

Garlic (3 cloves)

Heat oil in a pan and fry ground paste until golden. Add vegetables and stir-

fry for 4-5 minutes. Add tomato ketchup, chilli sauce, salt, pepper and ajinomoto

and stir-fry for 2-3 minutes longer, until the vegetables are cooked yet crunchy.

RENDANG HATI LAMBU (LIVER)

Serves 3-4

Oil (3 tbsp)

Chilli powder (50 g) or to taste

Thick coconut milk (400 ml)

Salt and pepper to taste

Liver (400 g — membranes removed and thinly sliced)

Grind together

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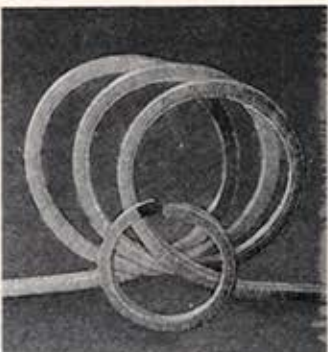
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Ginger (3/4" piece)

Garlic (4 cloves)

Heat oil and fry ground paste for 2-3 minutes. Add chilli powder and fry for 1-2 minutes, taking care not to let it burn. Stir in coconut milk. Bring to a boil, season with salt and pepper and add liver. Lower heat and cook for 5 minutes.

LAKSA LEMAK (CHICKEN AND PRAWN SOUP)

Serves 8-10

Chicken (1 1/2 kg)

Water (1 1/2 litres)

Salt to taste

Prawns (500 g — shelled and deveined — reserve shells)

Oil (2 tbsp)

Rice vermicelli (250 g — use rice noodles, rice sticks or Chinese egg noodles if not available)

Thick coconut milk (600 ml)

Black pepper (freshly ground)

Grind to a paste

Fresh red chillies (3 large — seeded and chopped)

Almonds (5 — blanched and chopped)

Ginger (1" piece — chopped)

Shallots (3 — chopped)

Garlic (3 cloves — chopped)

Coriander powder (1 tbsp)

Tamarind water (2 tbsp)

Garnish

Bean sprouts (125 g)

Spring onions (3-4 tbsp — sliced finely, diagonally)

Red chilli (1 — seeded and finely chopped)

Place chicken in a pan with water and salt. Bring to boil and simmer for 20 minutes.

Remove scum as it forms. Rub a little salt onto the prawns and refrigerate. Remove chicken from the stock. Cool, remove skin and debone. Cut the flesh into small pieces and refrigerate. Return skin and bones to the stock and simmer for 20 minutes. Add prawn shells and simmer for 10 minutes further. Strain stock and keep aside. Heat oil in a large pan and fry the ground paste for about 3-4 minutes. Stir in stock and keep aside. Add rice noodles to boiling water and cover for 3-4 minutes. If using egg noodles, cook in boiling water for 3-4 minutes. Transfer noodles to a colander, drain and rinse under running water until



cool. Drain and keep aside. Bring strained stock to a boil, add coconut milk and simmer for 5 minutes. Add prawns and chicken, and simmer for 3-4 minutes. Remove from heat and season with salt and pepper. Place the noodles into bowls, sprinkle garnishes, pour in the soup with the chicken and prawns on top and serve.

Note: You may sprinkle crisp-fried onions over the soup, if you desire.

Cambodia and Laos

Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam were at one time combined together and called Indo China — typical superior western attitude! How different is the Indian culture from that of the Chinese, including the cuisine! Even as a child, I wondered why it was called so.

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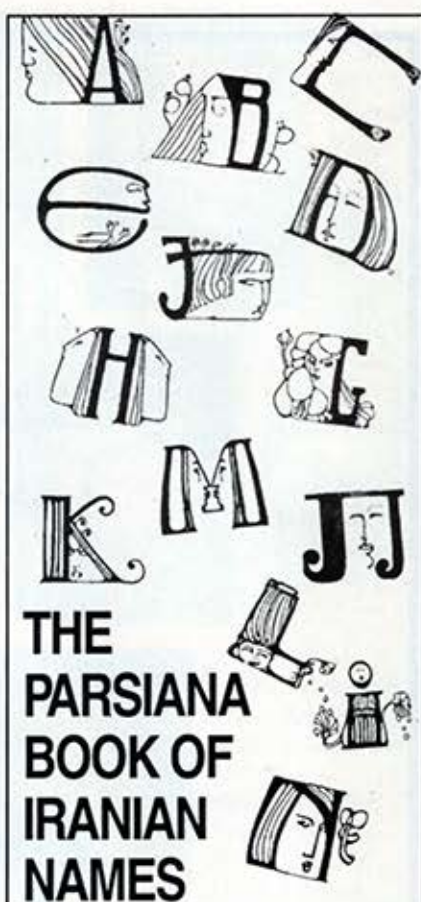
Pork chops (8 large — boneless. You may use lamb chops, but increase the quantity, as they are smaller than pork chops.)
Fat from chops (1" piece — cubed. Use kidney fat if using lamb chops)
Garlic (12 cloves — chopped)
White pepper powder (2 tsp)
Salt (2 tsp)
Thick coconut milk (120 ml)
Baby onions (½ kg — peeled)
Limes (3 — juiced)
Sugar (2 tbsp)
Water (8-10 tbsp)
Fish sauce (2 tbsp)
Spring onions (4 tbsp — chopped green part)
Coriander leaves (8 tbsp — chopped)
Cut meat into ½" cubes. Heat a large frying pan and add fat pieces. Lower heat and allow the fat to melt a little. Add meat and garlic and stir-fry for about 5 minutes. Remove fat and add pepper and half the salt. Mix well. Add coconut milk, bring to boil, lower heat and simmer for about 30-40 minutes, until the coconut milk is thick. Add remaining ingredients except spring onions and coriander leaves and cook until the onions are brown. Add spring onions and coriander leaves and serve.

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Fish sauce (8 tbsp)
Lime juice (4 tbsp)
Sugar (4 tsp)
Fresh red chillies (4-5 — finely chopped)
Garlic (2-4 cloves — crushed)
Carrot (1 — finely grated)
Coriander leaves (4 tsp — chopped)
Combine all ingredients except carrots and coriander leaves and refrigerate. Stir in carrots and coriander leaves 2-3 hours before serving and keep refrigerated.

Note: This sauce can be adjusted to your taste for sweetness, sourness and salt.

Bhicoo J. Manekshaw, a graduate of the prestigious Cordon Bleu School of Cookery, London and author of *Traditional Recipes of India and Parsi Food and Customs*, has been associated with many haute cuisine organizations in the country.

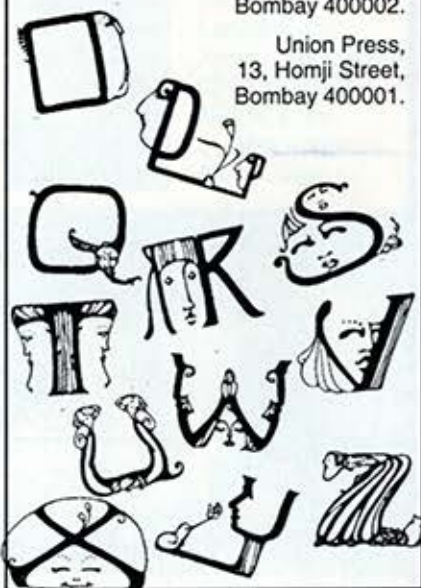


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Family affairs

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Family Matters by Rohinton Mistry. Published in 2002 by Faber and Faber Limited, 3, Queen Square, London WC1N 3AU. Pp: 487. Price: UK £ 10.99 (in India UK £ 5.50).

In his latest novel, *Family Matters*, Rohinton Mistry returns once again to the world he knows so well, the world of middle-class Parsi families. They struggle, often desperately between trying to make both ends meet in decaying Bombay apartment blocks on the one hand and to contend with their loss of status on the other hand in a city in which they are being marginalized. The title is ambiguous: the word "Matters" could either be a noun denoting "affairs" or it could also be a verb in the sense of "being important."



Mistry: steadfast gaze

The protagonist of *Family Matters*, Mistry's third novel, is Nariman Vakeel, a retired professor of English, close to 80, suffering from severe osteoporosis as well as Parkinson's disease. He lives with his middle-aged stepchildren, Jal and Coomy, in a large apartment in a building facetiously called Chateau Felicity. An accident on the uneven roads of Bombay where a road has been dug up for the laying of a telephone cable renders Vakeel immobile as he fractures his ankle and is confined to his bed.

Coomy deviously conspires to shift her bedridden stepfather from their spacious apartment to a cramped one bedroom flat in Pleasant Villa where Roxana Chenoy, Nariman's daughter, lives with her husband, Yezad, and their two sons, Murad and Jehangir. On Roxana's shoulders falls the onus of coping with the daily routine of bedpans and urinals, sponge baths and eventually bedsores. Mistry describes the "excretions and secretions" of Vakeel's body in vivid and compelling detail, from the offensive

odors of his bowel movements which permeate the living quarters to "little gobs of mucus" floating in his wash-bowl.

Though Yezad refuses to touch either the urinal or the bedpan and strictly admonishes the boys from doing so, Roxana manages her filial duties without a single word of complaint or impatience. Mistry seems to suggest: "Can care and concern be made compulsory? Either it resides in the heart, or nowhere." Even Yezad finally realizes that all human beings become "candidates for compassion, all of us, without exception."

Coupled with attending to Vakeel's bodily needs is the question of meeting additional expenses of medicines which at best are only partially subsidized by the pension he earns. The family is forced to economize: first sugar is reduced in tea, then butter vanishes from the table, later meat disappears from the meals and finally there is a shortage of bread. The monetary concerns plague not only the parents but the children as well. The elder boy, Murad, walks home to save his bus fare and give his brother, Jehangir, a Christmas gift. In a touching scene Mistry depicts the shame and the disgrace which are cast on nine-year-old Jehangir, the homework monitor, who is forced to accept bribes from his fellow students in return for his giving them good grades. His ill-gotten gains have merely gone into the various envelopes which Roxana maintains to run her household in an economical and efficient manner.

While Vakeel lies in bed his thoughts move between the past and the present and he dwells on his unhappy love affair with a Catholic girl, Lucy and the tremendous parental objections which are raised when

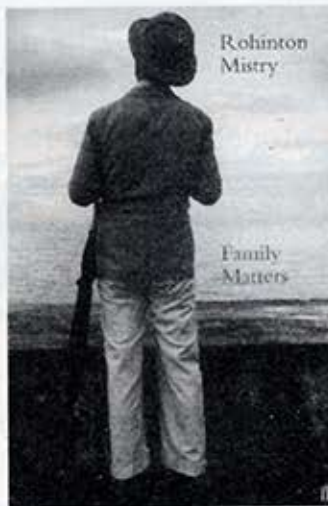
he wants to marry her. In his treatment of this theme of religious bigotry and rigid traditionalism, Mistry poignantly captures the unhappiness and the ensuing disaster which follows when Vakeel is forced to abandon Lucy and instead marry Yasmin Contractor, a widow with two children, Jal and Coomy. He succumbs to the belief that "No happiness is more lasting than the happiness that you get from fulfilling your parents' wishes," and his subsequent loveless marriage blights not only his own happiness but that of Coomy and Jal as well.

At the center of the family is Jehangir, and Mistry portrays the development of this boy who sensitively responds to every situation whether it is the tension between the parents, their financial condition or the tender and devoted care of his grandfather. As Roxana watches her nine-year-old son feeding Vakeel and wiping a stray grain of rice from his lips, "she felt she was witnessing something almost sacred."

Whereas the description of several Parsi customs are skillfully and seamlessly embedded into the plot of the novel, Mistry's concerns on the dwindling population which takes place in the form of a discussion between Inspector Masalavala and Dr Fitter seems a bit out of place and contrived. Though the reader notices the parallels between Yezad's insistence on Murad marrying a Parsi and Vakeel's happiness which was destroyed by the same religious bigotry, the transformation of the sceptic Yezad into a religious fanatic is too sudden and lacks conviction. Where the novel fails is in its sub-

plot which centers on Yezad's outlandish plan to convince his temperamental boss to run for political office. Political analysis has never been Mistry's forte and the entire episode of the Shiv Sena's insistence to alter the names of establishments from Bombay to Mumbai is clumsy and almost puerile.

At a time when the contemporary novel is in the throes of verbal ingenuity and magical realism, one cannot



help but notice how carefully and studiously Mistry avoids subscribing to recent fads and fashions. Mistry hearkens back to the great 19th century novelists and with his steadfast gaze and his keen powers of observation creates a world with which we can easily identify, and characters who are realistically conceived and compassionately presented. The reader is also struck by the extreme economy of his prose style which captures and powerfully conveys emotion in a few words as is seen in the scene where Roxana watches Jehangir feed Vakeel spoonful by spoonful and comments: "My son, my father, and the food I cooked."

The novel is populated by a host of minor characters who briefly flit through the pages. Whether it is the inept Edul Munshi with his passion for repair, or the concert violinist Daisy Ichhaporia, or Villie Cardmaster, the spinster with her erotic dreams who entices Yezad to play *matka* (gamble), or Soli Bamboat, who continuously interchanges his vowel sounds or Mr Burdy, with his never ending store of proverbs — all remain with us and continue to populate the reader's imagination long after we have completed the novel.

A Zoroastrian odyssey

In Search of Zarathustra: The first Prophet and the ideas that changed the world by Paul Kriwaczek. Published in 2002 by Orion Publishing Group Limited, Orion House, 5 Upper Street, Martin's Lane, London WC 2B 9EA. Pp: 244. Price: £ 20.

"Aspi, here's a book for you to read in your Bhimtal retreat," said my good friend, Pesi Choksey. It looked inviting, but I had no idea it would be such a Hemingwayish "moveable feast" in the search for Zarathustra: beginning in Aquitaine, France, reaching to the Danube and the Balkans, stretching to the steppes and deserts of Asia to Babylon, Yezd and Bactria, the original home of Zarathustra over three millennia ago. It was a double moving feast: of the "Voyage of personal discovery" of Paul Kriwaczek, BBC's travelling filmmaker and writer, from the European intellectual centers of Vienna and London; and of the amazing story of the spread and interfusion of religious ideas across almost the entire far-Eastern lands to China, permeating Judaism, Christianity and Islam and producing the kindred faith of Manichaeism. It is a panoramic education of Zarathustra's global influence, especially when the gaze of

most Zoroastrians does not stretch beyond Iran and recently, to neo-Zoroastrians in the Islamic Caucasian republics freed from the former USSR.

As a travelogue alone, it is a more fascinating flying carpet than any travel agent's tour plan. It would be a unique addition to the bookshelves of educated Zoroastrians and their institutions of learning. It would widen the minds of both priests and laity. For a historian, it is a joy to read beyond the usual archaic, starched-shirt literature on Zarathustra and Zoroastrianism.

Working backward to the fountain-head of Zarathustra, Kriwaczek's story begins with the German writer Friedrich Wilhelm Nietzsche's famous, *Thus Spake Zarathustra*, followed by Richard Strauss' tone poem *Also Sprach Zarathustra*. No Westerner or non-Zoroastrian has so popularized the name of Zarathustra as Nietzsche. As a child, he himself was smitten by the problem of good and evil. But in his *Thus Spake Zarathustra*, he and his Superman belied Zarathustra's message. Nietzsche claimed to undo the damage of morality caused to humanity by Zarathustra's original teaching. So, his Superman turned into a 'blond beast' with the will to power,

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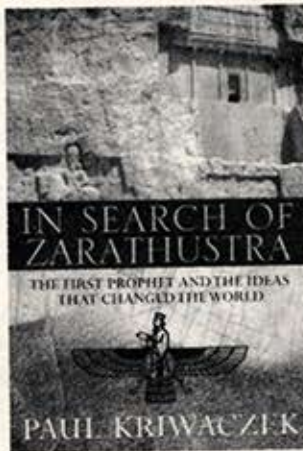
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and became the inspiration of Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and distant Mao, the Fascist dictatorial curse of the 20th century — so contrary to Zarathushtra's democratic 'Vohuman' for each person in the choice of good and evil.

Then to Aquitaine in Roman Catholic France, which nursed the Manichaean "Great Heresy" of the two forces in the world of good and evil. Like a painter who saw light and darkness vividly Mani spread his mission east and west, coming "closest to turning Zarathushtra's mission into a world faith," notes Kriwaczek. That central idea of the two forces of good and evil spread on the horseback of the rushing flood of Goths, Visigoths and Orthogoths from Central Asia who devastated the old Roman Empire.

Earlier, the Roman legions had transported the cult of Mithra as far north as Hadrian's Wall in Scotland. Remnants of a Mithraic temple by the Walbrook were unearthed in London after World War II



power from the fourth century. The author believes Christianity prevailed over this Zarathushtra-derived faith, because Christ was a comparatively more believable historical figure.

Next we come to Daniel, "the one who first united the prophetic traditions of Moses and Zarathushtra," a Jewish prophet whose tomb was in Susa. Daniel's prophecy of the end of time when God will overcome evil is a remarkable Jewish approximation of Zarathushtra's teaching. Another amazing conjuncture was in the Dead Sea Scrolls, with "two spirits in which to walk, the spirits of truth and

bombings, and of the Carranburgh Mithraeum at New Castle. How many Zoroastrians have known and seen these amazing remnants related to their faith, so far from Iran? Kriwaczek indicates important features of Mithras, the Mediator, "patron of contracts, of friendships, of courage, probity, honesty, justice, and fair dealings." Mithraism declined with the decline of Roman

falsehood," as also the End of Time marked by a 'War of the Sons of Light' against the 'Sons of Darkness' and, as in Zoroastrianism, the good will be victorious. Moreover, the Dead Sea Scrolls speak of the adoption of the sun-based calendar used in Persia under the Achaemenian rule, when the moon-based one was an ancient inheritance of the Jews. Kriwaczek finds Zarathushtra's teaching, having made a mark on the world in the millennium before Christ, "gave shape to the whole of the next two millennia, — and, of course, is still with us."

In the long search for Zarathushtra, the author's magic carpet now descends on the greatness of the house of Cyrus, his liberal example of rulership after the conquest of Babylon, outdoing even the latter day Akbar; his restoration of the Jerusalem Temple to the Jews, a generous contrast to Alexander's destruction of Persepolis and the Zoroastrian scriptures. "Cyrus the Great had gone down in Greek history as the paragon of everything a good ruler should be," Kriwaczek significantly points out that there is no historical evidence of Cyrus himself being a Zoroastrian. That was left to Darius and the later Achaemenids. Yet Herodotus confirms that the Persians worshipped no

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idols then. The Hebrew prophet Isaiah calls Cyrus his 'Messiah,' (the first so called in the *Old Testament*); and the prophet Ezra recognizes his building of the temple in Jerusalem. At Pasargadae, the tomb of Cyrus where "the sun comes over brown hills and washes the white tomb's roof with the color of pink Persian roses," the author pours over the verses of unmatched beauty of these *Old Testament* prophets.

Then he visits the rock cliff in Behistun where Rawlinson, breaking the code of the script, revealed the record of the art and greatness of Darius and Xerxes, and the first clear imperial recognition of Zarathushtra's Ahura Mazda. This Zoroastrian vision, says the author, was "transmitted first through Jewish, then Christian theology — part of the patrimony of both, the Western and Islamic worlds." It was only after Cyrus' release of the Jews



Achaemenid soldiers as seen on the walls of Persepolis

from Babylonian captivity that the Jews began to recognize the Zoroastrian belief in the force of evil, and a being named Satan appeared in the books of Job and Zachariah. He finds the notion of heaven in the Persian concept of Paradise, a garden in the holy *Quran*, revealed to Prophet Mohammad. And now, in the last lap, he seeks a time before Islam, Christianity, Judaism, and even the Achae-

menids, a time before recorded Iranian history to find Zarathushtra himself in Bactria, between the Amu Daria and the Hindu Kush. Here, he finds the remarkable closeness of language between Zarathushtra's *Gathas* and the Sanskrit of the *Vedas*. This philological clue makes him conclude "the Prophet must have lived sometime around 1200 BC," the time of Moses. He recognizes however that some place him earlier — 1700 to 1500 BC, the time of Abraham. It was the

heroic Bronze Age, the age when Moses found God in the burning bush and people saw the divine in fire. The author finds the oldest lingering fireplace in Yazd dates back to 470 AD. He also finds an old social pre-Islamic link, the spring festival, of the Persian 'Noruz' observed down to our time. When he heard the story of 'Kerbala,' of the good and evil in that context, the author thought he was listening to a Zoroastrian, not a Muslim.

And so, the writer of this remarkable book listens to "the reverberations of a spiritual explosion that happened more than 3,000 years ago, the most ancient revolution of all. The words were of the man who can truly be called the first Prophet." Prof Mary Boyce referred to this long presence as "a shadowy but powerful presence," through Hellenism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Not surprisingly. It contained the fundamental moral theme of good and evil, and man's hard choices.

The Search of Kriwaczek makes a remarkable contemporary odyssey of a modern seeker of the spirit in the ancient world. We can follow his footsteps by reading his book, and share an imaginative exploration of inter-religious history.

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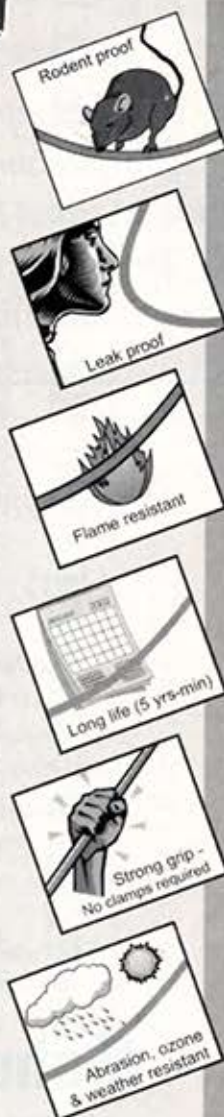
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This issue of *Parsiana* carries the Bombay births, marriages and deaths (as well as other data) for the month of January 2003 and also the names of those who passed away in Bombay in February. Births and marriages taken place in February (and other February data) will be published in the April issue.

The age of Zoroastrian brides (as listed in this issue) ranged between 21 and 45 years, the arithmetic mean (the total number of individual ages divided by the total number of brides) being 27 years. The corresponding figures for the grooms were 23 and 40 years, averaging at 30 years.

The first month of 2003 saw 11 babies being born. The deaths totalled 125 for the two months. Heart disease took a toll of 24 victims (13 of them 80 years and above). Lung disease/pneumonia, cancer and diabetes were the other major killers claiming 20, 15 and 12 patients each. Eight patients succumbed to liver disease, seven to septicemia and six each to old age/general debility and brain disease. Three lives each were lost to anemia and hypertension and two Zoroastrians each fell prey to kidney failure, urinary tract infection and Parkinson's disease. Also reported were accidents of two different kinds: one involved a fall from height and the other a vehicular collision wherein both the victims suffered ruptures of various body organs. The isolated cases registered were: uremia, Alzheimer's disease, atherosclerosis (deposition of fatty substances in the arteries), asthma, gangrene, arthritis, malaria, hematoma (a swelling filled with blood), blood disease, hemiplegia (paralysis of one side of the body), appendicitis and gastrointestinal haemorrhage. Two centenarians at 100 and 103 years were the eldest to die as versus a one-day-old, the youngest age at death. Two youths (aged 15 and 39 years respectively) were also lost to the community. The Zoroastrian life expectancy at birth for January and February, in Bombay, was 75 years.

The data on births, marriages and deaths has been compiled from information supplied by various newsletters and anjuman in India and abroad, courts and hospitals. This information is not always complete or consistent: we are unable to carry data from areas where the anjuman do not furnish the particulars; the birth figures for Bombay are supplied by two hospitals — births in suburban hospitals and private nursing homes are not included unless individuals send us information together with a copy of the birth certificate. There may be an inadvertent repetition of names in the marriage list when a civil marriage precedes a religious ceremony. In the breakup of deaths according to illnesses, especially of the elderly, death is often due to a combination of several diseases.

If readers have any births/marriages/deaths they would like published, some proof to ensure the veracity of the report would be required. We are sure our readers would appreciate this requirement and cooperate with us.

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DIED
Savak Phiroze Antia (90), brother of Yezdi and Framroze on January 19, 2003

BOMBAY
BORN
A girl, Roshni, to Siminda and Firdosh Bhesania, sister to Rustom; August 31, 2002
A girl, Yaanaisha, to Ruhanghiz and Behram Sethna; October 10
A boy to Hufriah and Percy Birdy; January 4, 2003
A girl to Shernaz and Freddie Elavia; January 8
A boy to Lamiya and Eric Antia; January 9
A girl to Parizad and Hushedar Divwala; January 10
A boy, Xerxes, to Jinaz and Adil Mistry; January 10
A girl to Banoo and Maneck Udwadia; January 10
A girl to Yuriko and Malcolm Mehta; January 11
A boy to Beroze and Vizak Badhniwalla; January 17
A boy to Mani and Zubin Vazifdar; January 18
A girl to Farzana and Nauzer Irani; January 27

A girl to Anjalee and Savak Tarapore; January 29

MARRIED
Dilkhush Jal Mehta and Cherag Framroze Bhandara; December 29, 2002
Anahita Minoo Daruwala and Cyrus Bomi Jamula; January 1, 2003
Ayesha Rusi Jassawalla and Ruzbeh Pesi Engineer; January 4
Kainaz Cyrus Bharucha and Eric Khushroo Wadia; January 6
Meher Sohrab Framjee and Percy Dossabhai Balsara; January 7
Benaifer Jimmy Dadabhoy of Dhule and Nevil Noshir Bilimoria; January 9
Binafsha Sheriar Irani and Oraef Addi Kasmabadi of Deolali; January 9
Ferzine Ratan Balaporia and Viraf Bahadur Pithawalla; January 9
Shahnaz Hoshang Malaowalla and Percy Nozer Jijina; January 10
Khurshed Jehangir Raghebi and Rohinton Firoz Patel; January 10
Delnaz Noshir Engineer and Farzan Tehmul Umrigar; January 11
Zenobia Dara Mistry and Jamshed Hormuzd Daruwalla; January 12
Sherry Keki Malegamwala of Jamshedpur and Rohinton Kavaz Mistry; January 12
Parivaz Homi Roshni and Faramroze Burjor Sarkari of Miami, Florida; January 12
Meher Rohinton Guzder and Nozer Sarosh Amalsadiwala; January 16
Jasmine Rohinton Irani and Afrish Gustad Irani; January 16
Farida Darabsha Bhagat and Kersi Shavak Italia; January 16
Zenobia Rohinton Karaka and Firdosh Noshir Kotwal of Thana; January 16
Pervin Soli Daruwalla and Daraius Tehmtan Karanjia; January 17
Monaz Keki Darji and Farzad Rohinton Patel; January 18
Farah Jamshed Khambatta and Zarir Marzban Bode; January 19

Daisy Dorab Nazar and Dara Sorabji Jijicawna; January 19
Arnawaz Rusi Dumasia and Viraf Kersi Bodhanwala; January 20
Jennifer Pourusasp Khajautia and Rustam Gustad Irani; January 20
Peenaz Jimmy Canteenwalla and Farhad Adi Umrigar; January 21
Penaz Hoshi Bardoliwalla and Cyrus Nariman Virji; January 21
Jasmine Maneck Patel of Poona and Zubin Eruch Patel; January 23
Parizad Dinyar Mistry and Zerkex Jehangir Bhatena; January 24
Anahita Viraf Sachinwala and Jehanbux Sharuckh Wadia; January 24
Monaz Dhunjisha Variava and Tehmtan Keki Zaveri; January 25
Kainaz Bakhtyar Saklatwala and Firdosh Rohinton Irani (Sheriffabadi); January 27
Ashish Dinshaw Master and Dorab Sorab Davar; January 31
Persis Noshir Mehta and Farokh Phiroze Thanewalla; January 31

DIED
Dina Daras Contractor (88), residing at A-16, Rustom Baug, Victoria Rd, Byculla, 400027; January 1
Roda Jehangir Cooper (68), 16/8, Rustom Baug, Victoria Rd, Byculla, 400027; January 1
Behram Dinshaw Irani (82), 4/7, Petit Bldg, Balaram St, Grant Rd, 400007; January 1
Noshir Ardesheer Rabadi (97), Dubash Bldg, 22, Wadia St, Tardeo, 400034; January 1
Dara Dinshawji Rana (82), 8/5, Malcolm Baug, Jogeshwari (W); 400102; January 1
Savak Nariman Gandhi (77), A-17, Anand Ngr, Forjett St, 400036; January 2
Rusi Ardesheer Panthaki (57), C/o Rustom Parekwala, Jasumani Bldg, 15, Wadia St, Tardeo, 400034; January 2
Aloo Faramji China (87), 13, China Hse, 2nd Koliwada Lane, Mazgaon, 400010; January 3

Bhikhu (Bhikoo) Maneckji Wadia (73), B-5, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd, 400039; January 3
Jamshed Shavaksha Dastur (80), 10-B, Mody Bldg, Marzban Clny, Gilder Lane, 400008; January 4
Dhunjishaw Jamshedji Dubash (91), 3/6, Wadia Block, Malcolm Baug, Jogeshwari (W), 400102; January 4
Jehangir Pohchaji Munsiff (78), C, Bhiwandiwala Ter, Dhobitalao, 400002; January 4
Pirojshaw Jamshedji Chargeman (94), 4/25, Tata Mills Co-op Hsg Soc, Elphinstone Rd, Parel, 400012; January 5
Jal Jehangir Sethna (78), 40, Chapel Rd, Bandra (W), 400050; January 5
Fali Nowrojee Gyara (90), B, Karanjia Bldg, Grant Rd, 400007; January 6
Gool Nowroji Vazifdar (95), Tirupati Apts, Bhulabhai Desai Rd, 400026; January 6
Bacha Jamshed Daruwala (63), G/10, Nowroz Baug, Lalbaug, 400012; January 7
Minocher Dinshawji Dumasia (78), A/26, Godrej Baug, Nepean Sea Rd, 400036;

January 7
Katie Dossabhoy Parakh (90), Satur Sea-View, 115, Chowpatty Sea Face, 400007; January 7
Meenu Hormas Sumariwala (70), 3, Merabai Wadia Bldg, Wadia St, Tardeo, 400034; January 7
Perin Nariman Taraporevala (94), 3, Sion Mans, 31, Sion Rd, 400022; January 7
Dina Rusi Contractor (Dina J. Shroff) (79), A/183, Maker Towers, Cuffe Parade, 400005; January 8
Piloo Darabsha Dinshaw (87), F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, Hughes Rd, 400007; January 8
Piroja Fardoon Irani (72), Irani Bldg, 286/C, Sopari Baug Rd, Parel, 400012; January 8
Mota Pirojsha Kapadia (90), 3/37, Tata Mills Co-op Hsg Soc, Elphinstone Rd, Parel, 400012; January 8
Dina Bomansha Khambatta (90), 787, Bhagat Manor, Jame Jamshed Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; January 10
Keiki Erashaw Mody (90), 3, Jamasp Tata Blocks, 38th Rd, Bandra (W), 400050; January 10
Adi Behramji Navelmanek

(76), 1/16, Sir Ratan Tata Block, C. J. Clny, Tardeo, 400034; January 10
Mehroo Dinshaw Anklesaria (78), 515/B, Ratan Mans, R. P. Masani Rd, Matunga (E), 400019; January 11
Shavak Dinshawji Bharucha (87), J/23, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd, 400039; January 11
Rusi Dhanjishaw Lakdawala (75), 601, Coste Belle, Perry Cross Rd, Bandra, 400050; January 11
Shirin Kavasji Santoke (90), 2A/1, Tata Mills Co-op Hsg Soc, Elphinstone Rd, Parel, 400012; January 11
Silloo Fredoon Rabady (82), 788, Avabai Mans, Jame Jamshed Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; January 12
Bachamai Darabsha Bharucha (67), C/2-4, Petit Chawl, Avabai Petit St, Balamam St, Grant Rd, 400007; January 13
Eirene Murzban Mowji (71), 35, Sunita, Opp Colaba Post Office, 400005; January 14
Perviz Minocher Sanjana (89), Sethna Bldg, Princees St, 400002; January 14
Phiroze Jehangirji Sethna (82), 4-A/15, New Dubash Bldg, Gamadia Clny, Tardeo,

400007; January 14
Thirity Cawas Titina (64), 44/ A, Batliwalla Villa, Sleater Rd, Opp Grant Rd Stn, 400007; January 14
Pesi Perojsha Boocha (75), 8, Daruwalla Bldg, Tata Blocks, Bandra, 400050; January 15
Homi Cawasji Mistry (87), 21, Khareghat Clny, Hughes Rd, 400007; January 15
Perin Shiavax Patel (75), 4/21, A. H. Wadia Baug, Parel Tank Rd, 400033; January 15
Banoo Shapur Irani (67), F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, Hughes Rd, 400007; January 16
Freny Dara Surti (91), 285, Chaturbhuj Bldg, Princess St, 400002; January 17
Sarosh Framroze Amalsadiwalla (73), 22, Bait E-Zainab, Dadoji Kondeo Marg, Byculia, 400027; January 18
Framroze Rustomjee Bhagwager (72), Ashiana, Paragoan Co-op Hsg Soc Ltd, 31st Rd, Bandra, 400050; January 18
Mahyar Dorab Engineer (39), Hillan, 3, Prof Almeida Rd, Bandra (W), 400050; January 18
Meherwan Phirozshah Irani (66), 598/C, Wadia Bldg, J. S. S. Rd, 400002; January 19

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Soli Eruchsha Kolha (48), 11, Raju Ngr Soc, Near Lala Lajpat Rai College, Worli, 400034; January 19
Kety Keki Mistry (75), 1103, Mazgaon Towers, Matar Pakadi Rd, Mazgaon, 400010; January 19
Sherinbai Minocher Mody (98), 29, Sethna Bldg, N. Seth St, Thakurdwar, 400002; January 19
Ratan Nadirsha Karani (72), Jaiji Mans, 41, Mereweather Rd, Colaba, 400005; January 20
Phiroza Dinshaw Rustom (Irani) (78), A/8, Ness Baug, Nana Chowk, 400007; January 20
Kharman Behmard Tirandazi (68), 29, Ahmed Bldg, Gunpowder Rd, Mazgaon, 400010; January 20
Dina Dhanjisha Daruwalla (80), B/43, S. B. I. Meghdot Co-op Hsg Soc, Rajeshahaji Marg, Andheri (E), 400069; January 21
Shehra Boman Mistry (85), G/6, Nowroz Baug, Lalbaug, 400012; January 21
Silloo Sam Parekh (67), D/2, Bhiwandiwalla Ter, Dhobi-

FIGURES AT A GLANCE*									
	Bombay			India			World		
	This issue	2002*	2003 [○]	This issue	2002*	2003 [○]	This issue	2002*	2003 [○]
BIRTHS									
Boys	5	77	5	2	5	1	—	36	—
Girls	8	103	6	4	6	1	1	23	1
MARRIAGES									
Parsi	33	200	32	3	17	—	—	20	—
INTERCOMMUNAL									
Males married out	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	—
Females married out	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	7	—
DEATHS									
CONSIGNED									
Males	62	451	62	15	79	9	2	30	2
Females	63	441	63	12	80	7	2	30	2
CREMATED									
Males	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Females	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Homi Bomanji Variava (77), H/39, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd, 400039; January 21

Ratanbai Darabsha Patel (80), A/2, 105, Sheetal Palace, Sheetal Ngr, Mira Rd (E), Dist Thana, 401107; January 22

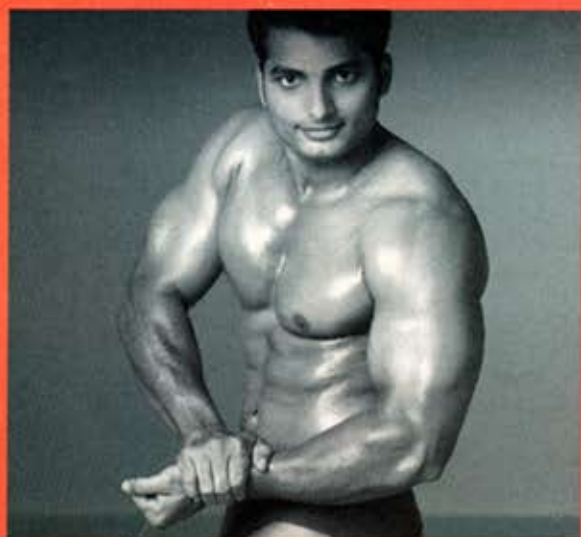
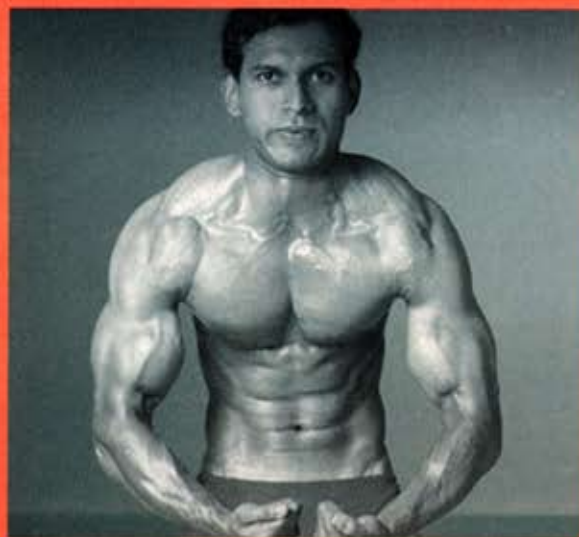
Minoo Jehangir Rana (78), B/23, Jer Baug, Dr Ambedkar Rd, Byculia, 400027; January 23



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Khorshed Homi Siganporia (87), 18, Ahura Apts, Gunpowder Rd, Mazgaon, 400010; January 24
Tehmuras Naoroji Tavadia (90), E, Bhiwandiwalla Ter, Dhobitalao, 400002; January 25
Framji Dhanjishaw Patel (42), 6, Piroja Hse, 45/47, A. K. Marg, 400036; January 26
Behram Sohrab Irani (69), Ambico Ice Factory Bldg, 10/12, Cochin St, Ballard Est, 400001; January 27
Adi Jalejar Laher (78), 28, Raghunath Dadaji St, Fort, 400001; January 27
Homi Faramroz Palsetia (68), 9, Citizen Apts, 30th Rd, TPS-III, Bandra, 400050; January 27
Povru Bomi Writer (61), 626, Adenwalla Bldg, 8, Homavazir Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; January 28
Hootoxi Nariman Daver (68), 3/26, Tata Mills Co-op Hsg Soc, Elphinstone Rd, Parel, 400012; January 30
Feroze Dinshawji Engineer (64), 12/1, Coover Mans,

Gamdevi, 400007; January 30
Ratanbai Dhanjishaw General (103), C/o Perin R. Hakim, Sleater Hse No 1, Sleater Rd, 400007; January 30
Shermaz Merwanji Dick (81), 243, Venus Apts, Cuffe Parade, 400005; February 1
Piroj Burjorji Dandiwalla (83), 134, Aderbad, Hughes Rd, 400007; February 2
Banoo Sorab Virji (97), H-37, New Ambivali Co-op Hsg Soc, Veera Desai Rd, Andheri (W), 400053; February 2
Sawak Hormusji Bhamgara (74), 6/7, P. C. Shroff Bldg, Gamadia Clny, Tardeo, 400007; February 3
Gulcher Peroz Munchy (84), Sunny View, 25, Malcolm Baug, Jogeshwari (W), 400102; February 3
Ratan Nanabhai Sanjana (76), E-20, Nowroz Baug, Lalbaug, 400012; February 4
Khudabakh Rustum Irani (90), Patel Pada, Dahanu Rd, Dist Thana, 401602; February 5
Gool Keki Khareghat (70), 3/6, Panthaki Baug, Andheri (E), 400069; February 5
Jeroo Phiroze Bhesania (87), 679, Kudiaba Bldg., Katrak

Rd, Wadala, 400031; February 6
Baji Bomansha Mistry (83), 5/6, Tata Clny, Tardeo, 400034; February 6
Baby of Behram H. Patel (1 day), A-16, Bilky's Apts, Mahakali Caves Rd, Andheri (W) 400093; February 6
Tehmina Maneckji Bhomishaw (95), 73, M. Karve Rd, 400002; February 7
Kersi Rustomji Desai (55), 401 Royal Gate, Yari Rd, Versova, Andheri (W), 400061; February 7
Freny Behramji Sukhadwala (78), 9, Kanga Bldg, Dr Ambedkar Rd, Dadar, 400014; February 7
Nariman Kaikhushru Ghadiali (85), 202, Ramnath Sadan, 3/4, Shivaji Park Rd no 5, 400016; February 8
Siloo Padamji Ayrton (65), 489, Chunawalla Bldg, Opp Sonapur Lane, Chira Bazar, 400002; February 9
Piloo Dinshawji Baria (78), 8/6, Rustom Baug, Victoria Rd, Byculla, 400027; February 9
Aloo Byramji Daruwalla (81), 315, Pehelvi Bldg, Lamington Rd, 400007; February 9

Soli Dhanjisha Gamadia (66), 17/D/33, Rustom Baug, Victoria Rd, Byculla, 400027; February 9
Anosh Dinyar Meherhomji (15), B/24, Deep Sagar, Opp Regency Hotel, Andheri (E), 400069; February 9
Banoo Mondegar Irani (79), Mishra Bhavan, Wadia St, Tardeo, 400034; February 10
Pesi Cawasji Photographer (83), 600, Bachan Manor, Jame Jamshed Rd, Matunga, 400009; February 10
Gev Bapuji Sepoy (53), B, Central Bank of India Co-op Hsg Soc, Irla, Vile Parle (W), 400056; February 10
Jaloo Parvez Fitter (69), 10/23, Sir Ratan Tata Clny, Tardeo, 400034; February 11
Roshan Eruch Irani (73), F/54, Gilder Baug, J. B. Ngr, Andheri (E), 400059; February 11
Jehangir Farsos Mehta (79), J/8, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd, 400039; February 11
Nergish Noshirwan Nicholson (84), Tafti Bldg, 17, South Frere Bridge, Nana Chowk, 400007; February 11
Shavak Phirozshah Thanavala (81), 5/8, Rustom Baug,

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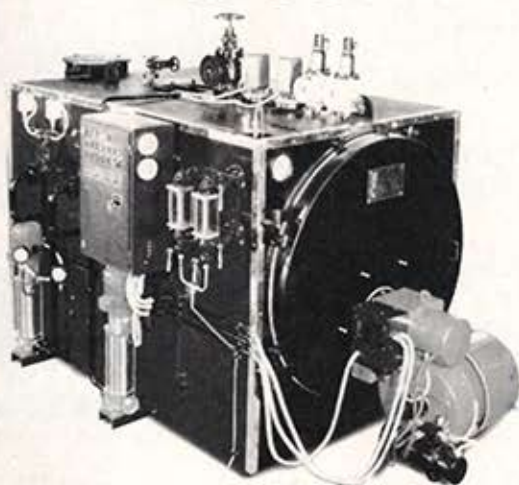
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Kersi Eruch Mistry (48), Batliwala Bldg, 26, Old Khareghat Clny, 400007; February 12
Mani Cavasji Shroff (91), 158, Moonlight, M. Karve Rd, 400020; February 12
Perviz Phiroze Elavia (72), Kotwal Hse, 1st Cross Lane, Sleater Rd, 400007; February 14
Freni Jamshedji Ashburner (100), B-21, Meherina, Next to Simla Hse, Nepean Sea Rd, 400036; February 15
Sarosh Framroz Lala (94), 511-C, Amrut Bldg, Adenwalla Rd, Matunga, 400019; February 15
Noshir Minoo Patel (68), 618, Jame Lodge, Jame Jamshed Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; February 15
Hera Jal Tavarja (78), 7/8, Rustom Baug, Victoria Rd, Byculla, 400027; February 16
Mehra Lovji Bharucha (89), E/5, Nowroz Baug, Lalbaug, 400012; February 18
Sakar Savak Cooper (85),

B-29, Gool Mhl, Sleater Rd, 400007; February 19
Dolly Tehmuras Fulwadiwala (71), 1/26, A. H. Wadia Baug, Parel Tank Rd, 400033; February 20
Shera Merwanji Bhesania (65), Sister Bglws, B. J. Rd, Bandra Bandstand, 400050; February 21
Rati Farrokh Kateli (54), 7, Jehangir Baug, Juhu Rd, 400049; February 21
Perin Ardeshir Mistry (77), 627, Dubash Bldg, 8, Homavazir Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; February 21
Manecksha Hormusji Jalnawala (89), 610, Hill Side, Raheja Vihar, Powai, 400072; February 22
Sarosh Yazdi Karai (54), Kavarana Bldg, Dadar Cross Rd, 400014; February 22
Homi Nariman Bhiwandiwalla (72), F/1, Bhiwandiwalla Ter, Dhobitalao, 400002; February 23
Hoshang Ardeshir Havaladar (65), Gamadia Bldg, Wadia St, Tardeo, 400034; February 23
Ruttamai Ardeshir Langrana (90), Rushnav, 654/8, Firdoshi Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; February 23

Phiroze Dinshaw Dumasia (82), Sethna Bldg, Khan Est, M. M. C. Rd, Mahim, 400016; February 24
Bomi Navroji Ichhaporia (52), Umargaum Bldg, Dr Ambedkar Rd, Parel, 400012; February 24
Jijibhoy Hormusji Mistry (75), 275/A, Hirji Sethna Bldg, Chikalwadi, Tardeo Rd, 400007; February 24
Jamshed Rustom Irani (76), F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, Khareghat Clny, 34, Hughes Road, 400007; February 25
Parvez Rattanshaw Chavda (44), Hongkongwalla Bldg, Cooper Chwl, Khetwadi Back Rd, 400004; February 26
Rustom Edalji Panthaki (71), Petit Bldg, Chandanwadi, 400002; February 26
Edujee Faramroze Bulsara (80), Chapsey Ter, Altamount Rd, 400026; February 27
Homai Rusi Elavia (83), 644, Dinabad, Rd no 10, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; February 27

CALCUTTA

BORN
 A boy, *Anuraag*, to *Liza* and *Varun Shukla*;

December 29, 2002
 A boy, *Danesh*, to *Khushmand* and *Nari Buchia*;
 January 20, 2003

DIED

Homi Dhanjisha Khambatta, husband of *Dhun* and father of *Khushro* and *Yezdi*; January 4
Khurshed Hormusji Vatcha, father of *Jamsheed*, *Phiroza Masani* and *Jehangir*;
 January 12

HYDERABAD

DIED

Ardeshir Hirjibhoy Hormusjee (88), husband of *Manijé* and father of *Dolly Kersi Nariman*, *Pervin Roomie Vakil*, *Jimmy* and *Dara*; August 3, 2002

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BORN

A girl, *Khushnama*, to *Ferzin* and *Vispi Karbhari*;
 December 9

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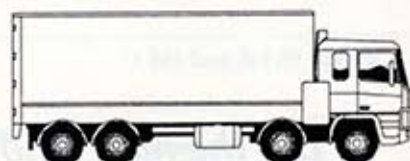
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December 18
Pervez Faramroz Byramshaw
 (87); January 26, 2003

NAGPUR

DIED

Jerbanu Pestonji Variava
 (90), sister of Burjorji
 Hansotia; December 25, 2002
Jer Jal Gimi (84), mother of
 Shiraz, Farzad and Firoze;
 January 25, 2003

NASHIK

DIED

Dhun Savaksha Bardy
 (59), sister of Pestonji;
 December 23, 2002

NAVSARI

DIED

Firdos Noshir Pastakia (47),
 brother of Khurshed;
 January 3, 2003

POONA

MARRIED

Shaznin Irani, daughter of
 Katy and Piran, and **Rayomand**
Munshi, son of Shernaz and
 Aspi; December 9, 2002

SECUNDERABAD

BORN

A girl, **Kaira**, to **Tanaz** and
Khushru Sidhwa;
 November 23

A girl, **Arshan**, to **Maha-**
rakh and Percy Tangri;
 December 15
 A girl, **Jennifer**, to **Hira** and
Vispi Saher; January 5, 2003

MARRIED

Hutokshy Elavia, daughter of
 Goolcher and Rohinton, and
Jehangir Panthaky, son of Freny
 and Homi; December 15, 2002

DIED

H'vovi Chinoy (53), wife of
 Nadir and mother of Hera,
 Farah and Faredun;
 December 9
Tehmina Gustadji Hathikhana-
wala (83); December 30
Katie Taraporewala (72), wife
 of Jahangir; January 14, 2003

SURAT

DIED

Gulbanu Navroji Mir (85),
 Rupali Highrise Apt, Bhatar
 Rd, 395003; December 6, 2002
Jamshedji Shavaksha Gati
 (70), Sahkar Apt, Adajan;
 December 7
Faramroj Firozsha Darbari
 (92), Nariman Home and
 Infirmary, Shahpore, 395003;
 December 8
Navalshah Dhanjishaw
Medhora (92), Devji Pura,
 Junagam, Songadh, 364250;

December 30
Jarbanu Bamansha Ichaporla
 (75), Parsiwad, Ichhapore,
 Dist Surat; January 2, 2003
Banumay Shavaksha Daru-
wala (66), Nanavati Block,
 Parsi Dharamshala Compd,
 Relief Rd, Ahmedabad,
 380001; January 3
Rustamji (Rusi) Dinshaji
Daruwala (85), Dina Villa,
 Por Mohalo, Nanpura, 395001;
 January 9
Jalu Kekhashru Mistry (75),
 802/B, Chancelar Apt, Athwa-
 lines, 395001; January 11
Jaloo Roni Variava (59),
 B/808, Krishna Complex,
 Adajan Circle; January 18
Nargesh Jahangirji Ghamat
 (75), Main Bazar, Ilav, Taluka
 Hansot, 394810; January 28
Soli Parvez Bariya (44),
 Athugar St, Nanpura, 395001;
 January 29
Baheramsha Dinshahji Daru-
wala (92), Aaga's Wad, Sayed-
 pura, 395003; January 29
Nevil Faramroj Contractor
 (70), Nariman Home and
 Infirmary, Shahpore, 395003;
 January 31

UDVADA

MARRIED

Parizad Behram Pagdiwalla
 and **Kaizad Rustom Irani**;

December 27, 2002

DIED

Behram Khodad Irani;
 December 1

CANADA

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A girl, **Fiona**, to **Tina** and
Nareeman Patel in Missi-
 ssauga; January 26, 2003

PAKISTAN

Quetta

DIED

Temton Nowrosji Hodiwalla
 (90), father of Aban Rustomji;
 January 4

USA

New York

DIED

Diana Minocher Patel, sister
 of Maneck Khushroo Sanjana;
 January 26

Texas

DIED

Jeroo Sanjana, mother of
 Rusty and Rhoda Warris
 Mahmud in Houston;
 January 1
Nadir Saffari, father of Cryus
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*But the man who does not desire
 to come to him for enlightenment
 will surely fall among the companions of the Lie.
 For he is holy
 to whom the Follower of the Truth is a friend.
 It has ever been thus
 since You first created consciences in men, O Mazda.*

(Zarathushtra's Trials, Yasna 46, verse 6
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as a hobby became a mission," stated Roshen's husband Soli himself a clinical psychologist who worked with her "from the beginning to the end." Kamayani is akin to manashni (good thoughts), he explained, adding that the diploma course has been gradually converted into a degree course awaiting government recognition.

"Roshen was an exceptionally humane lady. Only I know how anxious she was when a depressed patient was threatening suicide or a delinquent child was in danger of being picked up by the police," Soli recalled. She set up child guidance clinics in the boys' remand home to treat children in conflict with the law — young boys arrested for boot-legging or for gathering coal from the railway yards at the behest of their elders. She would sit with the boys for hours, not across a table but on the floor with the boy standing in front of her. A child is not happy looking up at the doctor, she believed.

Her special empathy was for the retarded. "All my degrees are useless if I cannot cure a child of retardation," she would say. Under her guidance and assistance, alumni of the teachers' training college have set up 29 schools all over Maharashtra, teaching the mentally challenged in the local language Marathi, using methods of sound, sight, touch and taste to get their message across. "Sheltered workshops have provided gainful employment to at least 500 mentally challenged people. Engaged in stitching bedsheets for hospitals or weaving on handlooms or making exercise books or envelopes, the

income generated ensures that the retarded individual is no longer a burden to his family," noted Soli.

Pioneering psychological testing in aviation medicine, Roshen also taught at Poona's prestigious Armed Forces Medical College, holding lectures at nine at night after her day's duties were over. Roshen's students, who were majors or colonels then, are brigadiers or air commodores now, said Soli.

In brief recollections of their association with Roshen, friends and colleagues etched word pictures of her personality — her nurturing, challenging and mentoring her psychiatry students, her encouragement to the principal and staff of the Sardar Dastur Girls School, her adventurousness which saw her in her young days astride a red 500 cc bike, out racing many a young man all the way to Katraj and back!

"As the first to start this series of memorial lectures, I feel this a homecoming. My parents and grandparents were from Poona," stated Dr Meher Master-Moos, founder president of Mazdayasnie Monasterie and the Zoroastrian College at Sanjan, narrating how she had once approached Roshen to help an Iranian doctor with his research thesis on psychiatry. "It was very courageous of her — teaching long distance through e-mail a doctor practising in Tehran. But then she was always ready to do something new, something different." Gracing the stage was *Zoroastrians Worldwide at the Millennium*, Master-Moos' book co-authored with Ruby Lilaowala, which incorporates a picture and life-sketch of Roshen.

In a detailed discourse, Master-Moos traced the history of Aryana Vajya (the Aryan abode of the ancient Persians and the homeland of the Zoroastrian religion). She touched upon the historical highlights of dynasties, Kayanian,

Achaemenian, Parthian, Sasanian; the spread of the Iranian empire; of foot soldiers of the religion who traversed the forbidding Hindu Kush mountains from India to Khorasan to bring back the *alaat* from the atash behram at Nishapur and the long three-year journey back; of Yazdegird establishing Zoroastrian kingdoms in the provinces of China, bordering central Asia; of the revival of the faith particularly in Tajikistan and the efforts to translate the *Avesta* into Cyrillic Tajik script.

Illustrating her talk with a video presentation of her trips to Tajikistan Master-Moos made a passionate plea for Zoroastrians in India to "help revive the religion in our own original homeland."

Hilla P. Guzder

Medal for Marker

His excellent performance, dedication and devotion to service beyond the call of duty earned Commodore Aspi Dhunjishaw Marker the Nau Sena Medal at the hands of the President of India on January 26, 2003. Currently serving as commanding officer of *INS Angre* and *Marker: devotion to duty* commodore at Bombay's Naval Barracks, Marker had played a leading role in organizing relief work for the earthquake victims of Gujarat in January 2001.

Shifting his headquarters from Porbandar to Kandla for better coordination and control of naval resources, within 12 hours he was able to convert two survey ships of the Indian Navy into hospital ships and organize the distribution of 250 tonnes of relief material. His ability to get Kandla Port operational in a record time of 72 hours was considered a rare feat (see "Marker's Maritime aid," Events and Personalities, *Parsiana*, May 2001).

After being commissioned into the executive branch of the Indian Navy in 1971 during his three decades of service he has commanded *INS Nipat*, *Nirghat*, *Khukri*, *Agnibahu* and *Shakti* with distinction, notes his life profile. Over the years he has been appointed on the faculty as directing staff of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, the Defence Service Staff College, Wellington and the College of Defence Manage-



From left: Farida Master, Grant, Master-Moos, Roshen and Soli Master

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Using the barest minimum color in her acrylics on canvas she shows that "even color is not so necessary to paint a glorious spring." Generally she prefers to alternate color and black and white exhibitions. The black and white paintings are done during the period of seeking solutions. When realization dawns, so does color, explains the artist who prefers to paint through the night when there is least disturbance.

In 1994 her exhibition 'Feelings Felt' at the Jehangir Art Gallery showed only black and white paintings and 10 years prior to that 'Flowings' revealed only her pastel works at the JAG.

Having studied at the Sir J. J. School of Art, Irani's first exhibits were on view at a group show at the Sir J. J. School of Art in Bombay in 1969. Over

the years she has held many solo exhibitions in Bombay, taken her works to Bangalore, Delhi and Calcutta as also overseas to London, Brussels and Paris, notes an introduction to the artist. Irani also featured in the "50 years of Art in Mumbai 1947-1997" at the National Gallery of Modern Art in Bombay. Having graduated as a history honors student from Bombay's Elphinstone College in 1964 Irani, who earned her Diplome de Langue de Paris from the Alliance Francaise, chose to pursue art.

Her latest crop of paintings "promise of a surge that is indulgently organic and fertile (as)...flora and fauna wing across ecological worlds."

Hospitality honors

Winning three of the five coveted prizes at the graduation ceremony of Les Roches the Swiss hotel management school in December 2002, Anahita Darius Dastur proceeded to Macau in January 2003 for her third internship at the Mandarin Oriental Macau (near Hongkong), notes a press release. Pursuing higher education in hospitality management in Switzerland since July 2000 Dastur has been consistently attaining a distinction over the three academic semesters securing a gold medal for her performance where her average showed 92 percent.

She was appointed president of the Summer 2002 "Les Roches" chapter of the Eta Sigma Delta International Hospitality and Tourism Management Honor Society, an honor conferred on



Anahita Dastur (Center) was conferred the gold medal by Jean-Claude Bailly (left) and Carpenter

her by the dean of her School Ronald Carpenter, adds the release. Her internationally acclaimed School is located in the quaint village of Bluche in the Swiss Alps. Accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc, USA, the course offers six months of academic and operational training at the School followed by a six-month internship in the industry.

Dastur's internships at the Langham Hilton in London (February-July 2001) and at the Taj Mahal Hotel in Bombay (January-June 2002) helped her gain "valuable knowledge and experience required in this profession."

"Anahita proved herself very worthy of the financial support extended to her," mentions Behram Dastur, chief executive of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet which was one of the institutions which supported her foreign education. Other trusts like the J. N. Tata Endowment, R. D. Sethna Charities, M. K. Tata Trust



Irani's acrylics on paper and canvas display a new vigor





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and the World Zoroastrian Organisation too financed Anahita after she graduated with a first class in commerce from Bombay's H. R. College of Commerce and Economics, states the release.

Enterprising matchmaker

"Matchmaker, matchmaker find me a match." Yes, the catchy song from the film *Fiddler on the Roof*, and the vision it conjures is of a cackling, old hag in black. Quite the opposite of the slim, svelte, attractive and articulate 35-year-old Firoza Dalal who runs the matchmaking bureau, Rose Matrimonials, from her home in the posh Breach Candy area of Bombay.



"I had a successful job as officer, corporate affairs with Essar but after my third baby was born, I found it difficult to cope with the demands on my time. My husband also preferred that I do something from the house. Friends jokingly said I would make a good *kaaj-vali* (matchmaker) and the idea just clicked," laughed Dalal. "I know from my own experience that all marriages are not made in heaven. Most need a little down-to-earth help to get started!"

One-year-old Rose Matrimonials was launched on February 17, 2002. Justifying the name, Dalal philosophized: "A rose is delicate, it's fragrant, it is beautiful. But it is not without thorns. A marriage is the same. It is something beautiful and precious but it needs nurturing. No marriage is without its thorny problems. One needs to work out the differences and problems and get to the essence of the rose."

Since its inception Rose Matrimonials has built up a data base of over 500 names. Many matches have been fixed, three of which have already resulted in marriage, said Dalal with proprietary pride. Her clients range in age from 25 to 65 and their requirements range from the ridiculous to the sublime.

"The expectations of the girls are much higher," said Dalal. "They seem to want the moon. The

Dalal (above), and Dinaz and Rohinton Homavazir who met through Rose Matrimonials

man must be highly educated, he must be earning well, have a nice home, come from a good family, but no nagging mother, simpering sister or other interfering in-laws should live with them! The older and more educated the girls are, the more choosy they become," commented Dalal. "Generally the boys are more flexible and accommodating. Comely looks and compatibility are their main requirements." One surprising observation Dalal came up with was that a large number of boys are very orthodox. In this day and age they want girls to follow *tarikat*.

One of the main qualities of a successful matchmaker, according to Dalal, is discretion. "No one is over keen to have it known that they have come to a matchmaker. Very often, anxious mothers come to me surreptitiously, not wanting to let their offspring know, till a few suitable choices have been identified. As far as I am concerned, 'mum' is the word," she said.

Dalal charges Rs 500 as registration. This has to be submitted along with two photographs and the client's bio data. They can then go through the files to find like-minded spouses. Dalal makes her suggestions but leaves the ultimate decision to the client. Bouquets and brickbats have both come her way in this profession but she takes it all in her stride. The one thing that annoys her is people who are outraged that she charges for her services. "They say, this should be done as a social service. While I am always ready to forego the fee for a client who cannot afford it, I see no reason why those who will spend lakhs on the wedding festivities, expect free social service for setting the ball rolling!"

She does not find her age a hindrance to her career. "On the contrary, younger men and women find me less intimidating and more approachable. They feel they are talking to a friend and that their problems and aspirations will be better understood."

Rose Matrimonials has so far confined itself to matchmaking within the community but spurred by the popularity of the project, Dalal is toying with the idea of taking on non-Parsi clients too. "I would definitely not encourage Parsi boys or girls to marry out of the religion. I



believe strongly that the best marriages are within compatible community groups. If I do start with people from other communities, I would keep the data base and files separate," she said.

Dilnavaz E. Bhagwagar

Suspects held

Three suspects belonging to the Phase Pardhi nomadic tribe were nabbed by the police in connection with the triple murder of Dolly, Rusi and Roshan Avari at their Hughes Road flat in December 2000, notes a report in *The Indian Express' Mumbai Newslane* of January 15, 2003. Initially undecided on whether property dispute or robbery was the motive behind the murders, the investigators spent "almost six months before they stumbled on their first clue," reported the newspaper. Missing jewelry and cash from the flat led the investigators to conclude that robbery was the motive behind the murders of the two septuagenarians and one nonagenarian each of whom had been struck on the head with an iron rod (see "More murders," Events and Personalities, *Parsiana*, March 2001).

"The investigating team spent a few hundred hours tracking the group outside the city," deputy commissioner of police (crime) Pradip Sawant was quoted in the *Mumbai Newslane*. Making one police constable pose as a Pardhi while the other members of the squad tracked the group which had slipped out of the city, the police narrowed in on the suspects Rangi Pawar (32), Bhima Kale (21) and Sukhdeo Kale (23).

"I've been praying for the culprits to be caught. All we hope now is that they've got the right people," one of the Avari neighbors was quoted in the *Mumbai Newslane*.

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The Parsis' contribution to the Gujarati language is best exemplified in the founding and running of the *Mumbai Samachar*

Dr Ratan R. Marshall

The Parsi contribution to the Gujarati language, journalism and printing is legendary. The first Gujarati types were cut by a Parsi, the first Gujarati newspaper and the first Gujarati almanac were published by a Parsi.

Dr Ratan R. Marshall of Surat, a giant in the field of Gujarati literature, over 55 years ago submitted a dissertation on the "History of Gujarati Journalism." He notes this was the first dissertation accepted for a PhD in the Gujarati department of Bombay University.

Two years ago Marshall prepared a paper on the contribution of Parsis to Gujarati journalism for a seminar on Irani-Parsi culture. The paper was translated into English by Prof Ashok N. Desai, head of the English department, Z. F. Wadia Women's College and N. K. Jhota College of Commerce.

An edited and abridged version of Marshall's paper is being serialized in four parts in *Parsiana*.

The first section deals with the founding of the first Gujarati printing press in India and the launch of the *Mumbai Samachar*, the oldest newspaper in India and Asia.

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There has been a very significant initial contribution of the Parsis to the well-established present-day Gujarati language, literature and journalism. Jeejibhai Behramji Chhapgar was the first to have made printing types in the Gujarati language. In those days, scattered advertisements in Gujarati could be seen in an English newspaper named *The Bombay Courier* published in Bombay. Perhaps, lack of adequate knowledge of English among the average readers was the reason why advertisements were published in Gujarati. Such advertisements were proportionately very marginal and therefore, the types set by compositors were limited in number.

Fardunji Marazban, born in Surat, went to Bombay for career advancement. He used to go to the Courier press to meet Chhapgar. The humming sound of the printing machine excited him. "If a handful of Britishers who had come to India for trade and commerce ventured to start a printing press and published a newspaper in their own language, why can we not?" he thought. The penniless Fardunji plunged headlong into printing. It was difficult for him to make two ends meet. In such circumstances, it was a Herculean task to set types of the intricate Gujarati letters such as long and short vowels, conjunct consonants of every letter, *maatra* (the oblique stroke written above the horizontal line of Devanagari characters), etc. But, somebody had to initiate the process. With the help of the female members of his family, the penniless Fardunji started a small printing press. It being the only Gujarati press, no name was given to it in the beginning. The press was established in the year 1812 and in 1822 the first Gujarati newspaper *Mumbai Samachar* began its publication. Since then, the press has been known as Mumbai Samachar Press. During the decade from 1812 through 1822 Marazban published the first almanac and a few books in Gujarati. The majority of the books that Fardunji Marazban published were translations of Persian books into Gujarati, the Gujarati version of *Erbadistan* being the chief, since he himself was well versed in the Persian language. In the year 1818 he published the *Khordeh Avesta*. For the first time Fardunji presented in a book form in Gujarati the Parsi religious literature preserved either in oral or written translations. It was the first book published with a Gujarati translation of the religious *Khordeh Avesta*. Later on, he published Gujarati translations of Shaikh Saadi's *Karima*

and of the *Bundahishn*, a religious scripture of the Parsis. The 52nd edition of Murray's *English Grammar*, was translated into Gujarati by Ardesar Behramji Laskari and was printed in Marazban's press.

Before that, a couple of Christian missionaries had already started the publication of *Samachar Darpan* in the Bengali language in the year 1818. Besides, *Sangbad Kaumudi*, advocating Ram Mohan Roy's ideology of social reformation, was one more journal that was published in the native Indian language prior to *Mumbai Samachar*. It is indeed a matter of pride for Gujarat and the Gujarati language that the first news bulletin in Gujarati still continues its march whereas the Bengali newspapers we talked about have already disappeared.

It was a time when the concept of a news agency was unknown. There were no means of getting news from a cross-section of society. There was hardly any academic atmosphere in the contemporary society and people had little interest in the issues related to politics or social welfare. Nor did people have adequate knowledge of the language. Therefore, the present journal was not a 'newspaper' in the true sense of the term. The focus in it was chiefly on the oft-discussed socioreligious issues with an aggressive defense of tradition. Therefore, *Mumbai Samachar* was more a critical journal than a newspaper in the initial stages — a 'views paper' rather than a 'newspaper.' Because of its wide circulation in the business community, considerable news items relating to trade and commerce were carried. This tradition has continued till the present times and has been of immense help to the business community.

Fardunji was the helmsman of *Mumbai Samachar* for 10 years. During

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that period he had to pass through a grave financial crisis and was compelled to put an end to his attachment with the newspaper he had started against all odds.

On August 13, 1832, he broke his ties with the journal and in the issue of the same day he released his statement in which he refrained from stating the reasons for severing his relations with the journal but gave an account of his contribution to the journal for a decade. The statement proved to be an invaluable guide for novice editors. He advised new editors to remain aloof from prejudices and religious intolerance. Filthy language was frequently used in the journals published by other Parsi owners. Abusive language was frequently used to criticize and look down upon the opponents. Ruthless assaults were made on those who held contradictory views. One wonders how Fardunji could have managed to remain detached from such pitfalls. His published views on journalism bear testimony to the fact that he must have moved heaven and earth to maintain the high standard of journalism. According to him, a journalist should never write anything with a malafide intention that might mar somebody's reputation. He should nei-

ther react sharply to contradictory views nor should he indulge in unnecessary controversy with others. Nor should he ever entertain quarrelsome letters from

Filthy language was frequently used in the journals published by other Parsi owners

the readers. As far as possible, he should never indulge in religious controversies and if need be, he should consult the religious head of the respective religion with a view to ascertaining the facts regarding the root of discord. He should develop a sense of discretion and should avoid using Arabic and Persian words with Gujarati so that the non-Parsi readers, especially Hindus, could comprehend the report in a true perspective. By and large, Fardunji's approach to journalism is highly commendable. The caravan of editors of the journal comprised persons of a high morale. They made an in-depth study of the issues relating to Bombay and proved to be the lighthouse for society at large. It may be said that the history of *Mumbai Samachar* is in

turn a history of Bombay.

Navroji Belgamwala took over the said journal during the period when Gandhiji's influence was deeply felt in the political arena. The journal, then, supported the policy of Gandhiji and of the Hindu Rashtriya Mahasabha (Congress) that was functioning under the leadership of Gandhiji. The strong support that the *Mumbai Samachar* gave to the Congress years ago proved to be of immense help to the party. During the Satyagrah movement of 1930, the British imprisoned the then editor Sorabji Kapadia.

The *Samachar's* readership comprises chiefly the Hindus in general and the business class in particular. But when it comes to evaluating the contribution of Parsis to the development of Gujarati journalism, it becomes pertinent to elaborate the characteristic features of *Mumbai Samachar* at length. Its owners have always been Parsis. After the retirement of Jehan Daruwala, a Hindu lady has so far been in charge of the daily. The breeze of reformation and keen competition has influenced this old newspaper and its layout has been changed to suit the taste not only of the business community but also of the younger generation.



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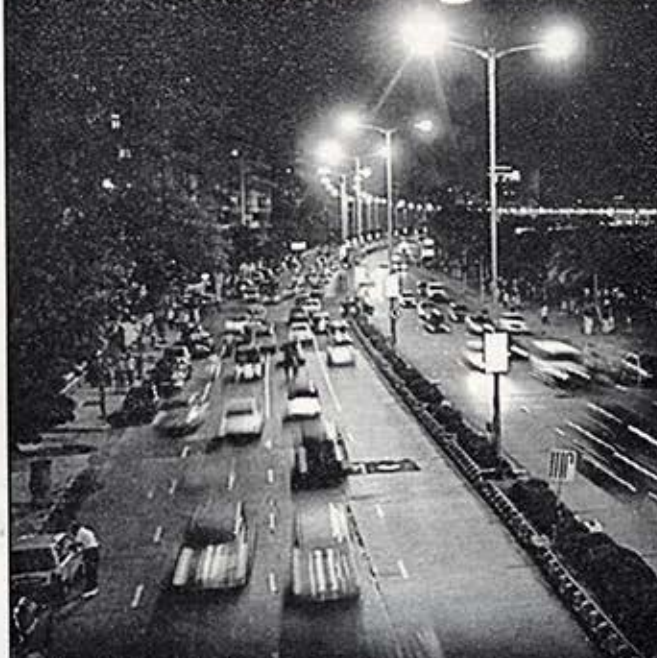
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Byramjee's buoyancy

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The turnout of mourners who had come to pay their respects to Khushroo Pheroz Byramjee at Bombay's Doongerwadi on Christmas day, 2002 was unprecedented in recent times. The entire complex being blocked with cars, some vehicles were even permitted to be parked on the one-way road leading from Hanging Gardens to Kemp's Corner despite the considerable traffic build-up. The day earlier a similar traffic congestion had dogged the Byramjee family which had met with a car accident on the Western Express Highway when surrounded by automobiles immediate medical help could not be reached.



Returning in their Mercedes van from Gholvad, the impact of a burst tyre had flung several members of the Byramjee family onto the road. Although different members of the family sustained varying injuries, for the 55-year-old patriarch, head of the Cassinath Group, and a director of several public limited companies and financial institutions, the tragic accident proved fatal.

"The Parsi community has lost a great future leader... he departed too soon but with honor," commented Minoo Shroff, chairman of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet (BPP) at a condolence meeting convened on January 28, 2003 under the joint auspices of the different institutions where Byramjee had left his indelible imprint: Indian Merchants' Chamber, BPP, The Bombay

Stevedores Association Limited, Bombay Customs House Clearing Agents Association Limited, The Great Eastern Shipping Company Limited, Centrum Finance Limited, Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal Limited, The Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank Limited, The B. D. Petit Parsee General Hospital (PGH), Zoroastrian Investment Corporation Private Limited, The Rotary Club of Mumbai, Childline, Mel Jol and other organizations.

Among all the virtues, "his humility shone the brightest" commented leading solicitor Rusi Sethna who chaired the condolence meeting. During their three decades of friendship Sethna could not recall a single instance of the genial Byramjee ever referring to "an enemy."

For more than a decade he served as treasurer of The Bombay Stevedores Association Limited which acknowledged in a condolence message, "He had been guiding the members in the Association's meetings in taking unanimous decisions which benefited not only the Association but also the members in general."

Describing him as "one of the most enlightened employers," S. R. Kulkarni, president of the Transport and Dock Workers Union as also the All India Port and Dock Workers Federation, gave him credit for being "a man of conciliation (referring to) the manner in which he

tried to settle disputes." A trustee of the Mumbai Port Trust "he thoroughly knew the industry." The historical all-India wage settlement signed in 2000 was thanks to his efforts, acknowledged Kulkarni, mentioning how Byramjee came to "stevedoring by accident... from Bori Bunder to Carnac Bunder..."

When Byramjee joined his ancestral business, he was the seventh generation from his family to deal with Benner Coleman and Company (at Bori Bunder), initially taking care of their binding work and subsequently distributing all the publications of *The Times of India* group, states his curriculum vitae. In 1979 he took over the stevedoring firm of M. B. Eduljee Cassinath Sons which has since mushroomed into a multi-million enterprise under the banner of Casby Logistics Private Limited including in its sphere Centrum Finance Private Limited and Ferrari Express (I) Private Limited. The Cassinath Group specializes in diverse activities like shipping, stevedoring, container freight station management, transport, air cargo, information technology, couriering of precious and general cargo, newspaper distribution and financial services, notes an introduction to the businessman and his manifold interests.

"His vision, his experience, his quick and innovative mind, his results oriented drive and above all his good and

Byramjee (top) and (alongside) with family (from left): Kainaz, Jahaneen, Mahakshurshid, Shaun and Rishad



compassionate nature ensured the success and expansion" of Centrum Finance, acknowledged managing director Chandir Gidwani referring to founder chairman Byramjee's "invaluable guidance and support...right from inception."

Among the leading limited companies where Byramjee served on the board of directors were Great Eastern Shipping

Company Limited, Credit Suisse First Boston (India) Securities Private Limited, Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal Private Limited and Chennai Container Terminal Private Limited, Jolly Board Limited, Praj Industries Limited and The Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank Limited. "His active participation and invaluable contribution in the activities of the Company was highly appreciated," noted K. M. Sheth, executive chairman of The Great Eastern Shipping Company Limited, remembering Byramjee's "ever smiling presence..." when he "attended every single board meeting punctually unless he was traveling or on holiday... His understanding of the problems was exceedingly good and he came up with brilliant solutions."

There were times when he may not have been able to solve problems, "but his willingness to help everybody, to open his heart to all, to offer solace when the person most needed it was sufficient to endear him to all," explains his wife Mahakhurshid. Quiet and lonely as a child, following the demise of his mother Rati when he was a little over two years old, he was in the care of different relatives until his father's second marriage to Tehmi. Attending monthly prayers for Rati at the fire-temple was a regular routine for Khushrooh and Phero, as was the visit to the Farvardin on every Farvardin *roz* and daily prayers at the Bhikha Behram Well. His life's mission was to love others and to earn others' love. "Always full of joy and humor, he remained calm and collected; very little annoyed him," attests the wife. He enjoyed good food and was fond of collecting, whether cars, watches or club memberships.

Recently when the Bombay Port Trust put a halt to all private stevedoring enterprises, Byramjee was on the lookout for some other venture in his field of specialization to substitute for his lucrative stevedoring business. Otherwise, whatever he had planned he had already put into action, relates Mahakhurshid.

In addition to the Byramjee Foundation, a multi-million charitable trust co-founded by him by setting aside nearly 10 percent of his profits, he devoted time and resources to different community institutions and welfare projects. He was for a long time an active committee member of the PGH and was associated with the Fort Gratiotous Dispensary. Referring to "his capacity for

hard work," PGH chairman Homa Petit commended Byramjee's "quick grasp of any problem...with his deep insight. Known for his honesty and integrity with him there was no right way to do a wrong thing." As a trustee of the Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy Charity Fund for four years his colleagues remembered him for his "astute advice so willingly rendered and the active role taken by him in the affairs of the Fund."

"After the formation of Childline India Foundation he became Childline's main lobbying face with the ministry and facilitated our partnership with the government. An active member of the governing board, no meeting was complete without his valuable inputs and quiet remarks which often proved to be the impetus for reaching major decisions," notes their newsletter *Hello Childline* which brought out a special issue in January 2003. "I expanded the Childline service knowing that he was there to back me — my big brother, my anchor for Childline. He had a knack of downplaying even larger-than-life problems," acknowledged Childline founder Jerroo Billimoria. Byramjee's vision for Childline was that of "an NGO run on management principles with deadlines and deliverables...To him actual intervention and the number of children reached out by Childline was what mattered most," added the newsletter stating, "For him philanthropy was not a fad; it was the very essence of his spiritual being."

A scout since his early days at Campion School, he rose to become the youngest president of The East Bombay Bharat Scouts and Guides District Association and was chairman of the Hut Committee of the East, West and Central Bombay Bharat Scouts and Guides District Associations which maintained the Pirojsha Godrej Pavilion. As recalled the honorary district secretary Rati Amrolia, "There has not been a single occasion we can recall when he raised his voice or showed his authority; he preferred to get the job done as amicably and efficiently as possible...his was the voice of reason, and when he spoke, people listened."

This Rotarian "could walk with kings yet not lose the common touch," his friend Hormazdiyaar Vakil commented in *The Gateway*, the newsletter of the Rotary Club of Mumbai. President Sandeep Agarwala gave him credit for bringing the highest accounting stan-

dards to the Club. He also referred to one occasion when Byramjee had dressed the entire H. R. College of Commerce with flowers as his obligation to his alma mater.

Byramjee had qualified as a chartered accountant (England and Wales) from the leading London firm of Coopers and Lybrand before he joined his ancestral business. Over the years this "gentle giant" had acquired considerable knowledge of company law and labor laws, remarked Capt Jimmy Sarbh, director of P & O Ports, Australia.

Describing his demise as "a great loss to the community," the trustees and staff of the BPP expressed in a press release, "Despite his many accomplishments in the field of business and finance he was most unassuming and easily approachable." Chairman of the Zoroastrian Investment Corporation Private Limited Byramjee was also a director of The Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank Limited and as noted their resolution, "His vast experience and knowledge played an important role in the progress of the organization." He assisted *Parsiana* too when it was relaunched in 1973 by arranging for the distribution of the magazine around Bombay purely for the sake of helping a small community publication.

"Although he was secular in the true sense of the term, he had a huge soft corner for the Parsis," mentioned Berjis Desai in his "Parsi *tari arsi*" column in *The Bombay Samachar* of January 1, 2003 giving insights into Byramjee's life, being among the close circle of friends who spent countless Saturday afternoons together. "Even though a member of the Disposal of the Dead with Dignity — Action Group, he was a cherisher of traditions," wrote Desai. "He taught me about intelligent compassion and a very scientific manner of running a charity," acknowledged Desai.

"A pillar of our community (who has left) behind a legacy of philanthropy, entrepreneurship and unparalleled ambition," Byramjee was, according to Xerxes Master, director of Prudential Shipping, "a legend in his own right and was a source of inspiration to us youngsters who wanted to achieve something in life..."

To capture the essence of Byramjee who dared to nurture his dreams, publisher Maneck Davar read a poem by Kahlil Gibran: "In the depth of your hopes and desires lies your silent knowl-

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The self effacing businessman is survived by his mother Tehmi, wife Mahakhurshid, daughters Jahaneen Byramjee Johnsen and Kainaz, and son Rishad.

Rustomji's many lessons

Died: Behram Sohrab H. J. Rustomji, 90, the popular "Behli Master," a visionary educationist who motivated countless youths to realize their potential and serve their community, on December 14, 2002 at Bombay's B. D. Petit Parsee General Hospital following aspiratory pneumonia.

"Let me say with pride that I am what I am because he made me so," wrote Dinoo Mistri, the present principal of Karachi's Bai Virbaiji Soparivala (BVS) Parsi High School where Rustomji had served as principal for 19 years during which time he updated the science laboratories and library, introduced a special Montessori section for boys and girls, and a technical training workshop for students from grade six onwards. Among the last five surviving and serving teachers to have worked under Rustomji, Mistri acknowledged, "He literally forced me to become a part-time teacher, then to do my BEd with first class and even goaded me to go for Teachers' Fulbright Exchange Program... It is indeed heartbreaking to know he is no more there to go on with his advice and requests to do one thing or another for our School or the community."

In fact, shortly before his demise he dictated a message for his alma mater which was read on the uthamna day at the BVS assembly when the flag was lowered at half-mast and Zoroastrian, Muslim and Hindu prayers were offered. "Life is full of joy and wonder. His hands have created much beauty and every day is a miracle... May each of you — the students, the staff and the parents — proceed always 'Towards that Best Light (the motto of the School),' " urged Rustomji. "As a school principal he always made his presence felt in a strong but passive way. He commanded and got 100 percent discipline in the halls and classrooms of the School..." observed one of his ex-students Firoz Sidhwa.

"Behli Master promoted, encouraged and motivated all his students to be good citizens. He helped me a lot and I shall always be grateful to him," recalled an-

other ex-student Minoo Randeria, now settled in the UK. "The utmost respect" that Randeria had for his former teacher convinced him to gift Rustomji a com-



Rustomji: "universal daddy"

puter barely two years ago, observing in him the same zest and zeal to communicate. From a typewriter Rustomji thus progressed to a computer at the age of 88!

His dress projected his humbleness. It was usually a white pant and a white bush shirt and he always had his head covered with a black cap. The Friday prayers in the School assembly hall would invariably end with the singing of *Chhaiyé Hamé Zarathushtri* and the Pakistan national anthem with "Behli master on the piano, playing and singing with full gusto," wrote Sidhwa.

He was one of those who felt compelled to compose a national anthem for the new nation of Pakistan in 1947. His friend M. Chagla however approached him with his own score, requesting Rustomji to play it on his piano. This composition of Chagla which was later accepted as the national anthem of Pakistan was thus first played by Rustomji on his mother Tehmina's piano, a fact which the historian considered of immense honor, mentions his life profile.

During the six years he resided on the campus of The Yoga Institute at Santa Cruz, Bombay where his daughter Armaiti Desai is an instructor, he endeared himself to both the young and the old. "He is almost a universal daddy because of his age and affection to all who automatically gravitate towards him," wrote Tek Mirchandani in their house journal *Yoga and Total Health* (August 1998). "When I see Daddy on his table engrossed in a serious search, deep study, pounding away on an ancient typewriter, he is an ideal image, that of concentration and involvement," added Mirchandani referring to his focussed mind full of optimism despite the physical travails he faced following a paralytic stroke and cardiac arrests. "Reading the *Gita*, *Quran*, *Bible*, teachings of Zarathushtra, Tagore or writing a competitive essay on literature, art and culture of Persia, he never fails to give me a book to take home, read a para or

a portion of an article and comment on its significance. In short, it's always a learning process being with him."

Despite his advancing age, Rustomji enjoyed participating in the competitions conducted by the K. R. Cama Oriental Institute (KRCOI), mentions Desai. "He was one of those rare good souls I have come across and we at the Institute will greatly miss his ready smile, courage and of course his presentations," noted Homai Modi, trustee and joint honorary secretary of the KRCOI. "So many thousands of lives were touched by his loving and sharing. He had a knack to make your day so beautiful," acknowledged Shirin Choksey, former principal of Udayachal Pre-Primary and Primary Schools in Bombay.

"As a life-long teacher he was always in the forefront of innovation and deeply interested in inspiring and getting people involved with community projects, sometimes against their will! A person with an unorthodox mind, but deep faith in the Creator, he was deeply inspired by the thoughts of Jamshed Nusserwanjee Mehta, a Karachi icon," wrote his niece Nazneen Splieth remembering how "mentally super-active until the very end he was constantly full of ideas making all around him run to do his bidding. He was always interested in keeping historical records — (of the) family, community and the city — his beloved Karachi..."

In 1952 he had written a historical book, *Karachi: 1839-1947*. Along with his wife Gool, he had labored on the English translation of *Aek Atmakatha* [Dastur (Dr) Maneck Dhalla's autobiography] which had been serialized in *Parsiana* from 1979-1982. Letters to *Parsiana* too came regularly from the octogenarian commenting on issues vexing the community and the policies adopted by the decision makers. He was convinced that the dakhmenashini mode of disposing the dead had outlived its time in view of the rapid urbanization and absence of vultures.

On the subject of conversion, Rustomji believed that if the message of Zarathushtra appealed to a member of another faith, instead of debarring him, he should be given the liberty to exercise his free choice, reports Desai. He could not therefore empathize with the illwill extended to Ali Jafarey by certain orthodox sections of the community. "I cherish the talks we had on the Good Religion," wrote Jafarey, recalling how he



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had worked as the Persian teacher at the BVS School when Rustomji was its principal.

On the occasion of his 70th birthday different organizations in Karachi felicitated Rustomji to honor "the services rendered by him in the educational, social and humanitarian fields..." Among the organizations with which he was associated were the Young Men's Zoroastrian Association, Dastur Dr Dhalla Memorial Institute, Pakistan Parsi Collegiate Union, Karachi Theosophical Society, Pakistan Institute of International Affairs, Karachi Parsi Central Education Fund, Sind Secondary Teaching Association, Pakistan Iran Cultural Association, Pakistan-United Nations Association, the Sind Historical Society, Association for the Physically Handicapped Adults and the Z. V. M. G. Rangoonwalla Community Centre of which he remained the guiding and inspiring spirit.

"He believed very sincerely that he had a duty to care for and help anyone who needed his care, his help or his advice," reveals another daughter Roshni Rustomji-Kerns, adding, "And if following his duty meant a struggle with others, he was willing to do so. With

courage, with a good perception of the problem and often with his wry sense of humor. I also noticed that his battles were — on his part — startlingly free of bitterness or hatred...An exuberant man (he had) boundless energy, joy and courage." Patience though was one virtue which he needed to cultivate, opined Rustomji-Kerns narrating one instance when he pleaded with his wife and daughter to iron his wrinkled sleeve while he was still wearing the coat to save time. When they could not be persuaded, he went off saying, "Clothes aren't important, people are."

One of seven children brought up by his mother single-handedly after the early demise of his father Sohrab, Behram's early education was at the B.V.S. School after which he graduated in arts from Karachi's D. J. Sind College. For some years thereafter he was in England, earning a diploma in teaching and taking courses at Cambridge and the Royal College of Music, notes his life profile. "Not only did he go abroad and avail of every opportunity to broaden his horizons, but he sent his assistants and many younger teachers abroad also," states his niece Anahita Sidhwa. Often, it fell to his lot to raise funds for the different

causes he supported. One of his 'tactics' was: "Now everyone who would like to contribute, please stand up." Then he would walk to the piano and play the national anthem so everyone would have to rise!

Equally conscious was he of other organizations which needed funds and Anahita relates how when visiting her 10 years ago he gave her a 10-dollar bill for the relatively new Zoroastrian Association of North Texas. In every letter of his would be the phrase "*hazaro shukrana*," ever grateful to God for his infinite mercies. Innumerable were the prayers he had put to music and one of his messages read: "*Ashem Vohu* tells us to be good, *Yatha Ahu Vairyo* tells us to do good and *Yenghe Hatam* says we must honor the good deeds of all people."

Rustomji is survived by his daughters Roshni Rustomji-Kerns, Armaiti Neriosang Desai and Soonamai Jamsheed Dessai, and brother Rustom.

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Cowasjee's credo

Died: Noshirwan Cowasjee, 88, businessman and philanthropist, in London on May 22, 2002.

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Cowasjee with great grandchildren (from left): Nina Anklesaria, Sohrab Anklesaria and Cyrus Cowasjee

ticular soft spot for those who suffered ill-health, (requiring) expensive specialist medical or surgical treatment available only in western countries. He made it his life goal to raise a substantial corpus for the WZO (World Zoroastrian Organisation) Medical Benevolent Fund... to enable (innumerable needy) Zarathushtris to receive such treatment and have a fighting chance to live," noted Shahpur Captain, founder president and currently a member of the board of the WZO, in its quarterly journal *Hamazor* (2002 # 3). In his single-minded drive to achieve the constantly increasing targets he set himself he printed and sold a book on the life of Dadabhai Naoroji at his own expense and added his own munificent amounts — always anonymously — to donations from other like-minded people. By his "sole and singular efforts" Cowasjee had created a corpus of £ 223,230 ere he passed away.

"A very shy and private man", as his daughter Toxy Cowasjee, social worker and *Hamazor* editor, described him, Cowasjee stubbornly opposed any recognition for his services. So when the WZO's International Board decided to honor him at the Organisation's 20th anniversary celebrations at St. James Court Hotel on September 13, 2000 along with 12 other Zoroastrians from around the world, they had to go to "extraordinary lengths" to keep the information confidential as "the slightest whiff of it would have resulted in his not attending the function," wrote Captain.

Though small and frail of body, the then septuagenarian's tenacity and determination were deployed to telling effect when he opposed the Zoroastrian Trust Funds of Europe's decision in 1985 to exclude non-Zoroastrian spouses from the muktad prayers and Fravardigan jashan. Ever since these prayers were

had been welcome to attend. When the ZTFE committee refused Cowasjee's repeated and reasoned requests, he instituted a separate ceremony at Brookwood Cemetery in 1986 to ensure these individuals' "right of worship" for their deceased family members. The annual event continued over the years with Cowasjee not only organizing the prayers at his own cost, but providing and serving refreshments to over 200 Zarathushtris and their spouses who attended, related Captain.

The youngest of Karachi based Fakirjee and Aimai Cowasjee's two daughters and three sons, he schooled at the B.V.S. Parsi High School and St. Patrick's. For the major part of his life Cowasjee's day started with a bath at 5 a.m. Then he would be fully dressed with a tie — except in summer — until he was ready for bed. He loved his work and he "worked relentlessly," remembers Toxy.

Well known on the Indian subcontinent for his exploits in the field of marine salvage, Cowasjee had featured until recently in the *Guinness Book of Records* and had won a high award for saving the *m. v. Toledo* which had grounded on Karachi's Clifton Beach, noted Captain. Noshirwan and his elder brother Russi had inherited their father's stevedoring business in 1939. They supported the British Navy during World War II, converting merchant ships into troop carriers, wrote WZO chairman Rumi Sethna in *Hamazor* (2002 # 2). After the war they branched into selling and servicing American cars. Their showroom sported the first car turntable on the Indian subcontinent, related Captain.

Migrating to the UK in 1957, Cowasjee set up salvaging ships and a few years later took over the management of two passenger ferries in Jersey — *The Duchess of Normandy* and *The*

Duchess of Bretagne that plied between the Channel Islands, Southampton and France. He started the first passenger car drive-on drive-off ferry service between the Channel Islands and France with *The Duchess of Normandy* in 1964. Whilst docked in Jersey harbor, the ship was used for dancing sessions, recalled Captain. Two years later he expanded the service by buying *The Duchess of Bretagne*, getting her refurbished to his specifications in Antwerp and deploying her between the Channel Islands, St Malo and Cherbourg in France, Weymouth and Torquay — the first time Torquay had ever been used as a ferry port. *The Duchess of Bretagne* boasted a casino, a bureau de change and a duty-free shop, Captain described the entrepreneurs' initiative and vision.

When competition became too severe the workaholic started a small business in 1969 and retired voluntarily in 1975, "dedicating his life wholly" to his beloved wife Villie whose illness required him by her side. "A man who only knew how to make tea and toast, taught himself to cook when my mother no longer could. Let alone cook for two, he used to invite 30 to 40 people at least four times a year for dinner, making everything himself and washing up after everyone left," noted Toxy. "His two daughters, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren were his other loves. To him the family came first, and that meant the full family, his siblings, their children, cousins, etc. Nothing gave him more pleasure than to do something for all of us."

"Loving and generous beyond bounds," as Toxy remembers him, he was "a real sucker for any sop-story." His love for children in general led him to carry around and offer chocolates to all the little passers-by. In later years his friends and family tried to stop him for fear of this gentle soul being implicated for child abuse in an increasingly paranoid world.

Excursions to Holland to enjoy oysters, to Paris for bouillabaisse, to Monte Carlo for a bash at the casino, ("If he lost, that was it; if he won, he gave all the money away including what he started off with") football in the park with his great-grandchildren... created archives of happy memories for his family.

When Villie died and was buried in Brookwood beside his father and grandfather, it became a ritual and an anchor

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for him to visit her and "talk to her" every month. "(He went) by train, irrespective of the weather. The walk from the station to the Zoroastrian cemetery is quite a distance even for a young person let alone an octogenarian, but this never deterred him," noted Toxy. And he wrote Villie's name along with his own in all his personal mail.

The man who had "thrived in adverse conditions" all his life, transmuted his great personal loss into an opportunity to work for others with major medical problems and the WZO Medical Benevolent Fund, now renamed the Noshirwan F. Cowasjee Medical Benevolent Fund, became the focus of his time, energy and determination. As did other non-sectarian charities that he also served, with gracious humility and self deprecating humor.

Cowasjee is survived by his daughters Toxy Cowasjee and Khurshid Bamboat.

Arnavaz S. Mama

Clubwala's commitments

Died: Jehangir Kaikhushru Clubwala, 84, former chairman of the Madras Chamber of Commerce and hereditary trustee of the Jal Phiroj Clubwala Dar-e-Meher in Madras, on October 26, 2002.

"Jehangir's integrity, devotion to duty, attention to detail and gracious and unassuming manners endeared him to each and every member of the community. His passing away has left a void in our midst which will be difficult, if not impossible to fill," noted a resolution passed at the condolence meeting convened on November 5, 2002 at the Phiroj Clubwala Memorial Hall.

For close to three decades he was the hereditary trustee of the Clubwala Dar-e-Meher during which time he showed "unrelenting dedication... in building up the corpus of the Dar-e-Meher to an extent whereby upkeep and maintenance will not pose a problem for at least the next 50 years," noted a write-up forwarded by the president of the Madras Parsi Zarhosti Anjuman Nariman Mogrelia. Whenever a renovation project was underway, Clubwala would be at the site, supervising the minutest detail to ensure that funds were properly utilized and the quality of work did not suffer. The Dar-e-Meher being recognized as a place of public worship and benefiting from income-tax exemption was also thanks to his perseverance, it was noted.

Income tax consultant R. Visweswaran who has been assisting the com-

munity for over two decades regretted that he had lost a good leader and a guide. Warmth, gentleness and simplicity characterized Clubwala, stated the



Clubwala:
gentle guide

president of the Madras Parsi Association Darius Bahadurji.

Having served on the board of E.I.D. Parry and Parrys Confectionery, on his retirement he was presented a citation by all the divisions which commended him: "Keen on building up a tradition of goodwill, cooperation, service and efficiency, you...are a towering success and a source of inspiration to others to emulate your example. Character...and perseverance... are the two truths in life which we have learnt due to our association with you."

Born in Hyderabad, Sind, Clubwala's early years were spent in Karachi and his professional life as an engineer began at the Bombay branch of Mirlees Bickerton and Day, Stockport, UK. His main responsibility during those days was to install electric power stations all over India, notes his life profile. During World War II he was assigned the task of erecting a special underground power station in Aden when regular cave-ins enveloped many lives. This gallant and dedicated service earned him the designation of assistant manager of E.I.D. Parry and he subsequently rose to be among the first Indian managers of the Company and later its director when he was requested to shift to the head office in Madras in 1967. At various times he headed the engineering, general service, fertilizers, ceramics and industrial engineering departments and was eventually appointed deputy managing director.

He has been given credit for forming two new companies in collaboration with multinational corporations in the US and UK — Amphetronix Limited in Poona and Herdillia Chemicals in Thana. He played a crucial role in establishing a unit for the manufacture of defence electronic equipment. He had the vision to bring modern machinery from overseas for the manufacture of electronic relays, capacitors and conductors to cater to the needs of the Indian defence force, states the write-up. At Herdillia Chemicals he shouldered the responsibility of planning and development, construction and final production. With his foresight he established

a modern Machine Tool Room in Bangalore in the 1980s to manufacture complicated precision tools used for defence and other engineering industries. Clubwala had graced the boards of both Amphetronix and Herdillia.

Known for his rectitude, Clubwala's elder son Astad remembered with amusement an occasion in his youth when his father had given him his first lesson in honesty with a sound spanking! Younger son Kaikhushru felt that this somber occasion need not be sorrowful because as a husband and father he had given so much love and happiness that it was rather a time to reflect upon a glorious past and rejoice in the memory of a life well lived with dignity and integrity.

Clubwala is survived by his wife Mani and sons Astad and Kaikhushru.

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Traditions not grounded in righteousness/And not promoting/Human dignity/Would be like a human/Without a heart/So, why don't we/Stick to traditions/Emanating from Him/Without altering/Or tearing them apart?

Don't tailor your/Religion according/To your needs/All I know about tradition/Follow the path of Asha/Company it with/Humata hukta, huvar-sha.

Have respect and tolerance/For all fellow beings/As well as all religions/Use your judgement/(vohu mano)/By giving your hands to many/But your heart to one.

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