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"Lightening the load..."

The article on Dr Jal Mehta, honorary president of the Poona District Leprosy Committee ("Lightening the load of leprosy," *Parsiana*, July 1993) contains only a brief account of the magnificent work done by the illustrious doctor. I congratulate *Parsiana* for bringing out this excellent article on this affable genius. Dr Mehta's work spans almost every segment of leprosy work, though surgery and rehabilitation effort may stand out in comparison to other areas.

Soft spoken and humble, Dr Mehta is a visionary and his genius may not be noticed by the average visitor to his project. Dr Mehta's film *Sweekar*, which received international recognition, tilted social attitudes favorably towards patients and the cause.

Dr Mehta could possibly overcome the crippling wound left by the loss of his only son Dr Minoo Mehta in a mountain-

ceering expedition, because of unseen blessings from a lifelong mission to cure leprosy patients and rehabilitate them.

In the contemporary world of ours where men fight over trivials, Dr Jal Mehta's life and work can provide excellent inspiration. I wish Dr Mehta greater success and glory in his monumental humanitarian work.

Prof A. R. K. PILLAI

President, Indian Leprosy Foundation

"The making and..."

This has reference to the statement made by your correspondent regarding the entry of four non-Parsis in "the Anjuman Atash Behram about a couple of years ago. ('The making and breaking of priests,' *Parsiana*, June 1993)."

I am writing this on behalf of my co-trustees and members of the managing committee of the Atash Behram to categorically deny any such incident having taken place in the past.

Sober and responsible journalism demands that a thorough inquiry should have been initiated by you from the concerned authorities instead of depending on the wild and false accusations of a renegade priest and rushing to publish such a blasphemous and sacrilegious allegation.

Ervad BURJOR H. ANTIA

As I am involved as a mobed in your article "The making and breaking of priests (*Parsiana*, June and July 1993)" I have to put the matters straight and in correct perspective.

What has been published about the performance of the navar ceremony of a boy born of a Parsi father and a non-Parsi mother is far from the truth and does great injustice to me. The father of the boy who has been made the 'Navarya' pretends that he does not know the actual date of the performance of the navjote of his son. According to him the navjote was performed one or two years back. This is a sample of the truthfulness of this man who is out to malign me. On my persistent inquiry he always said that his wife was in Surat looking after her mother who was bedridden. I made a great mistake in believing him.

So far as I remember the navjote of his and his sister's sons was performed

at Sethna Agiary when I was also one of the participants.

The worst part of your article is the statement that four non-Parsis entered the Anjuman Atash Behram two years back. I have never made such a statement and this is quite untrue and to serve some ulterior purpose. I swear on God that I have never uttered a single word about our most sacred Atash Behram. The same applies to the Mewavala Agiary. In fact nothing was discussed about the Anjuman Atash Behram or the Mewavala Agiary with your representative Ms Parinaz Gandhi.

This apart, Mr Sam Modi stated that he does not remember making a payment of Rs 5,000 to Ervad Bomi Dastoor but it is a fact that he paid Rs 5,000 to Dastoor and on the advice of Mr Dastoor he paid me Rs 1,501.

Ervad H. A. BHESANIA

Parinaz Gandhi replies:

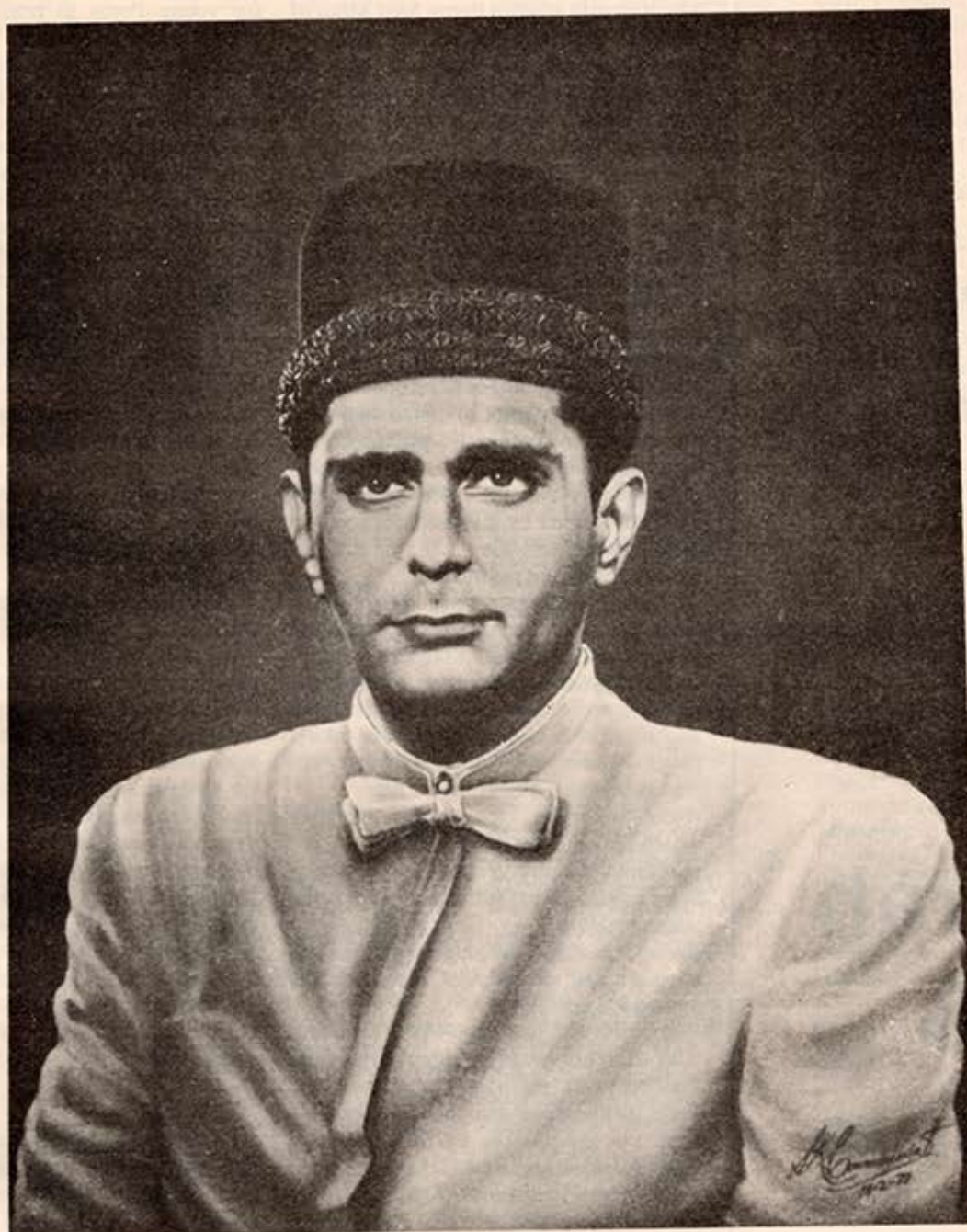
Ervad Bhesania made the statements pertaining to the Anjuman Atash Behram and the Mewavala Agiary. If he now wishes to withdraw his remarks, he is welcome to do so.

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The incident described in the article "The making and breaking of priests," (*Parsiana*, June 1993) should be viewed as a process in the evolution of our religious practice and customs. It is, however, tragic that the trustees of the H. D. Saher Agiary and the Soonaiji Hirji Agiary were prompted to seek the resignation of Ervad Bomanshah Dastoor and Ervad Hoshang Bhesania, when it seems that both had no reason to suspect that Percy had a non-Parsi mother.

The trustees should have accepted the explanation of the two mobeds involved that they were not aware of the boy's non-Parsi mother, especially at a time when our community is facing an erosion in the ranks of active, practising priests and is talking of inducting paramobeds drawn from the behdin class. The trustees' decision has isolated two priests capable of performing higher liturgy.

The trustees have erred in acting only on the opinion of the three High Priests, Dr Hormazdyar K. Mirza, Dr Kaikhusroo M. JamaspAsa and Dr Firoze M. Kotwal, whose opinion was hardly unexpected.



In Memoriam

Mr Fali Meherji Variava

Director

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The trustees should have also taken an opinion on the legal aspects of the case which clearly entitles Percy Sam Modi to partake of all religious and social Zoroastrian customs, and further, as he is of an Athornan family, is thus entitled to all rights and privileges accruing to him from that status.

The three High Priests have also erred in passing a judgement on the facts of the matter without instituting a separate enquiry into the matter, when they gave the opinion that the "perpetrators of this incident have for monetary gain knowingly tarnished the image of the priestly class in the eyes of the community." The three High Priests should not have conjectured that the two mobeds involved had "for monetary gain knowingly" performed the ceremony. They only had a right to give their opinion that the lineage of priests had been sullied by this ceremony and in their opinion was ultra vires of Zoroastrian customs and traditions.

There is definitely a need for our customs, practices, and other outward forms of our faith, to tune into the 21st century and though a revolution is not desired, evolutionary change should be welcome and this process of evolution is taking place whether our orthodox friends accept it or not, if you consider that:

- Now athornans are marrying behdins which they did not do previously.
- Children of Zoroastrian fathers and non-Parsi mothers have full Parsi Zoroastrian status legally.
- Now some forward thinking anjumans are accepting children of Parsi mothers and non-Parsi fathers.
- Parsi women with non-Parsi husbands who have not given up their religion are entitled to all rights and privileges of a Parsi Zoroastrian, and this has been accepted by the Bombay Parsi Punchayet.
- The World Zoroastrian Organisation has amended its constitution to enrol non-Zoroastrian spouses married to Zoroastrians and children of mixed marriages.
- Death rites are being performed even when cremation has been opted for.

The navar ceremony of a son of a non-Parsi mother is one more step in the process of evolution which may not be palatable to many, but is a necessity that we should all accept.

Moreover, the move of the High Priests to debar the boy is unlikely to be more than their personal opinion of what individual anjumans should do, and hence largely academic as each anjuman is autonomous and decides its own us-

ages, customs and practices as per the needs of the time. When the time comes for young Percy to practice his priesthood, I am sure there will be many anjumans and trustees willing to accept his services rather than close down their agiaries.

The present heirarchy of priests is also not conducive to an open interchange of thoughts, views and opinions, thus resulting in an orthodox stranglehold in enforcing a code of conduct for priests even though their views may not be representative. A referendum among the priestly class on religious practices for current times could give surprising results.

In conclusion, it should be noted that the winds of change cannot be stopped. As more and more anjumans out of necessity or otherwise decide to have a more practical outlook on their religious practices, this itself will evolve the base of our customs, practices and usages for the future.

It is also desirable for this evolution to shift into a higher gear. Unfortunately our youth, who have the power to create public opinion and in fact do themselves desire change in our religious practices, are largely lacking in spirit and organization to take a stand on issues in spite of the large amount of money, time and resources being invested in them by way of the youth seminars held annually. These meets always seems to end with the bottom line, "Ahme su karye, amaru koi samjtu nathi. Ahme to maja karva aya (What can we do? No one listens to us. We are here for fun and games)." Our youth of today would do well to remember the adage, "You get the Government you deserve."

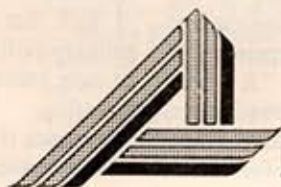
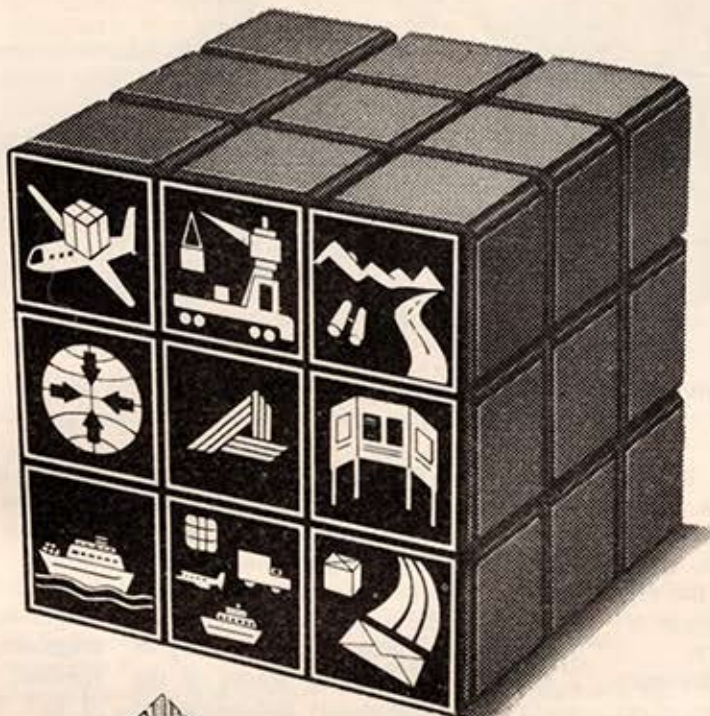
BEHRAM S. NAGARWALLA

Ahmednagar

At a time when most of our young boys shy away from becoming priests, our very 'learned' priests see fit to hit on someone who does ("The making and breaking of priests," *Parsiana*, June 1993).

The Parsi community consists mainly of small minded, bigoted people. How dare any decent human being call another a "half-breed." I can understand Dastur Kotwal saying something as demeaning as that, but I thought better of Dasturs Mirza and JamaspAsa. Some of the most prominent "Parsis" of our community are "half-breeds" by their definition. Would the three learned Dasturs call Mr J. R. D. Tata and Mr Neville Wadia "half-breeds" to their face?

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I must make it clear that I have no quarrel with what should or should not be adhered to for one to become a navar. What I most strongly resent is their terminology, which belongs in the gutter.

S. JAVERI

"A haven for..."

The excellent work done at Sir J. J. Dharamshala, the first free cosmopolitan home for the destitute aged in Asia, is thanks to the combined dedication of all the office bearers including Ms Suman Anand, honorary secretary and Ms Deanna Jejeebhoy, honorary treasurer, co-trustees Ms Khorshed Aga, Dr (Ms) Roshan Dastur, Ms Sheila Martin, Ms Dinoo Bulsara and Ms Katy F. Mehta, our medical superintendent, matron, social worker, manager and staff and the support that we receive from other social organizations and individual donors.

The Dharamshala is open to destitutes of all communities above 60 years of age (not 62 as mentioned in "A haven for the homeless," *Parsiana*, May 1993) and supplies food, shelter, clothing and all necessities absolutely free. I may mention that we have Muslims and other communities in addition to those mentioned. The caption to the photograph should have included the names of Ms Anand and Ms Jejeebhoy. It is not correct that "once a resident has left, he or she will under no circumstances be readmitted." This would depend upon the circumstances of the case.

May I take this opportunity to request our community members to send Parsi destitute senior citizens. Though there will not be non-vegetarian food every day, the food is wholesome and based on the dietician's advice. There is very often excellent vegetarian and non-vegetarian food donated by various organizations and individuals. The instance mentioned in the article is of the son of an eminent Indian businessman who, along with his wife, lost their lives in the Bangalore aircrash. So Parsis, do take advantage of this premier institution started by a great Indian and a great Parsi.



At the inauguration of the medical unit at the Sir J. J. Dharamshala (from left): Anand, Ratan Tata, Dastur, Jejeebhoy and Marazban Patrawala

the articles in *Parsiana*, May 1993 were informative and interestingly put forward. The celebrations of the Lahore Agiary centenary bring to mind the fact that the Parsis in Pakistan are as well assimilated in the mainstream as in India. The article on Parvez Damania will give a boost to the flagging spirits of the youth of the community and encourage them to put up their own enterprises and not seek a safe job in a bank. "A haven for the homeless" is very informative not only because it's a cosmopolitan home donated by Parsis, but the information may be useful to the many destitutes outside of Bombay.

The Holiday Programme for Youth should also include students out of Bombay, though there may not be many. The Field Marshal's talk, for all its humor, was a sound one not only for the youth, but for those of us who are in some way leading a few people. Notable among the words of the VIPs are Mr Taleyarkhan's "How lucky the Parsi community is in the world..." and Dr (Ms) Armaity Desai's recommendation that "the emphasis should be shifted to learning how the others live," are very wise and timely advice for us Parsis who are very fond of dismissing the other half as *mua darvan*.

Let's face it, we Parsis have "reaped a lot of benefits" and it is now time to return it. The trust that we have earned over the centuries should be utilized to start an unpublished mediation between the warring factions of the country and forge a bond. Let the VIPs of our community slowly, silently and surely go ahead.

And what of the vast properties that our anjumans hold? Let them be utilized for the benefit of all before they are appropriated by the few. In the words of Dr Desai, "We as an advanced community must come to the forefront of the nation building task."

And *Parsiana* with this issue you have come of age — no pseudo arguments on the *Gathas* or the purity of the race but human interest, community interest

reading material. *Parsiana*, "Our hopes lie in you."

Ms SOONU JAL

Neemuch

I regret to inform you that I shall no longer be subscribing to the *Parsiana* magazine, mainly due to the following reasons:

- I feel that *Parsiana* is becoming extremely political and repetitive — which in turn makes the magazine sound uninteresting.

- Parsiana* is also publishing far too many advertisements — almost every odd numbered page in your July edition contained some kind of advertisement, ranging from hair dye to fridges. Are people really that interested?

- Your articles are also becoming fewer with less emphasis on the younger community and Zoroastrians abroad. Have you really ever considered doing some feature articles on British born Zoroastrians, who are the future of our community? As a young person myself (aged 22) I feel that the younger community would have plenty to say regarding all issues within our community — intermarriage, the rights of children born of non-Zoroastrian mothers and many other issues.

- Your June and July issues have also reduced in size. Are you trying to be environmentally friendly or are you running out of interesting articles? The July '93 issue contains 32 pages, whereas the July '92 issue contained 40 pages. The magazine has thus reduced a great deal in size. Simultaneously, the price of the magazine has increased from £14 to £15. How am I getting value for money when the magazine appears to be shrinking?

Whither, *Parsiana*?

For us, who are far away from the action which takes place mostly in Bombay, all

Change in *Parsiana* Frequency

For the last 13 of *Parsiana*'s 28 years of existence we have successfully labored to bring out 12 issues in a year. Despite the financial loss incurred in publishing the magazine, we have attempted to bring the best to our readers within the limited human and financial resources at our disposal.

We are grateful to our subscribers and advertisers for bearing with our publication delays over the last several months. Unhappily, the September issue is behind schedule by nearly four months. In order to close this gap we have published this consolidated issue for four months and dated it September-December 1993. Simultaneously, we would like to assure our subscribers that the validity of their subscription period will be extended by three months to compensate for this combined issue.

To ensure that we remain on schedule in 1994, we shall henceforth bring out 10 issues in a calendar year instead of 12. The February issue will hereafter be merged with the March issue, and the July issue with the August one. Since the March and August issues are well over 100 pages, we hope to give you sufficient reading material while ensuring that these special issues reach you in time for the Fasli and Shehenshahi New Years.

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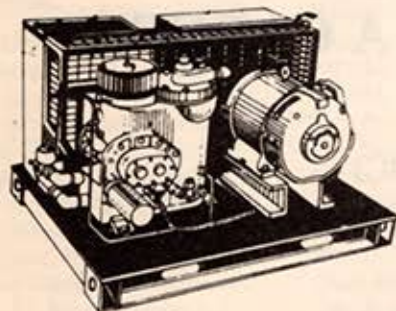
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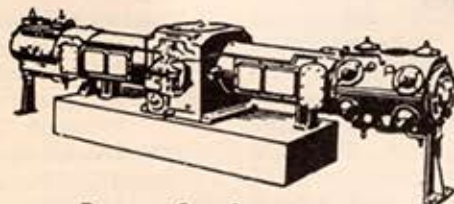
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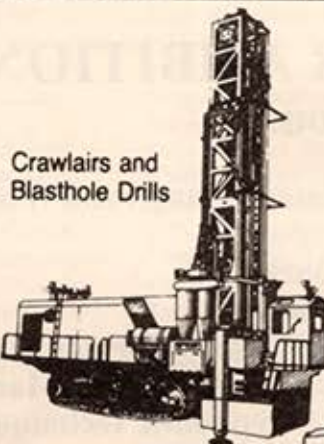
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•What's happened to your matrimonial column? They are the only laughable item within the magazine.

Ms NAOMI KANGA
London, England

"Remarkable records"

In "Remarkable Records," *Parsiana*, March 1993, you have highlighted some of the achievements of the Parsi community in various fields. In this connection, you mention Capt M. N. Mulla, who was in command of *INS Khukri*, which was sunk by enemy action in the 1971 conflict. It is a fact that Mulla refused to abandon his ship and, in true naval tradition, went down with her. Nevertheless, I wish to correct your inclusion of Mulla under the Parsi community. Mulla's full name was Mahendra Nath Mulla, a Kashmiri Hindu who hailed from Allahabad in UP. Mulla and I were colleagues in the service and he served under me in London, where I was the naval advisor to the Indian High Commission, 1967-70.

In the same article, you have mentioned about Aspi Engineer and Jal Cursetji becoming chiefs of the Indian air force and the Indian navy respectively. I wonder how you have managed to overlook the first Parsi chief of the Indian army who was none other than Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw, the very first Indian Field Marshal.

In future, before publishing any news items about Indian armed forces, I suggest please have your facts thoroughly verified lest you make a faux pax.

Commander K. K. SANJANA (Retd)
New Delhi

Only the new citations in the *Limca Book of Records 1992* have been covered under "Remarkable Records." Field Marshal Manekshaw had been included in *LBR 1991* and, hence, was featured in the *Parsiana* report, "Unmatched records" (Events and Personalities, *Parsiana*, March 1991). *Parsiana* regretted the error regarding Capt Mulla in the Readers' Forum, *Parsiana*, July 1993 — Editor.

"The case for..."

For Ms Mistry to see suicide pacts in every move towards progress ("The case for acceptance," Zoroastrians Abroad, *Parsiana*, March 1993), is a sad reflection on the pseudo-orthodox perceptions of a universalist religion.

For example, her bizarre attempts to fit the *Gathas* into the context of a cos-

mic schoolroom, with her taking over from Zarathushtra ("AIMZ: for rightful justice," Readers' Forum, *Parsiana*, March 1993), is to elicit the question as to why she has allowed entire folios of our sacred hymns to be replaced by some alien authoritarian system. Also, why is she so keen to take charge of a school whose sole function is not to teach pupils but to expel them? More directly, I would ask her whatever happened to individual responsibility and salvation, the choice, and free-will, all as so many pressing themes in the *Gathas*?

Stranger still is her inexplicable comparison of Parsi and Irani Zoroastrians, with their long and illustrious history, culture and civilization, with the Birales, an obscure African tribe! It is generally understood that for comparisons to be effective and meaningful, they have to be between likes. Will we next be likened to the orangutans who are dwindling despite not inter-marrying? I feel as much for the plight of the Birales as they must for us Parsis! Please, Ms Mistry, no red herrings!

Perhaps she will next concern herself with another curious item in the same issue of *Parsiana*: the promotion of Dahm at the expense of Asha ("The Power of Dahm," Events and Personalities column) who is peremptorily dismissed from our Zoroastrian panel of yazads. Could it be that Asha, having failed to fulfil the function of truth, order and justice, has decided to bow out from amongst righteous folk?

Make no mistake, I do believe in the power of Dahm; I do! I do! Sharp at nine a.m., as instructed, I began to commune with the cosmic forces right in the midst of Waterloo Station's concourse. Five Yathas and three Ashems later I strode forth, in full rapport with the entire cosmos and everyone else, onto my accustomed platform, only to see the nine-o-four pulling out. Beatifically I sank to my knees, wringing my hands. From my lips fervently escaped the single exclamation: "Dahm!". Fast losing my grasp on the cosmos, I slouched back to the enquiries office: "What time does the next nirang leave?"

FARROKH VAJIFDAR
London, UK

Recent issues of *Parsiana* are filled with the controversies of conversion and interreligious marriages among us. Being married to a Hindu for the past 15 years, I'd like to explain a few points.

Why do girls marry outside the com-

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munity? Not because we have no respect for our religion, but because at a young age, through the rosy hues of love, one feels that it is the person one is marrying who matters, not his religion or background. I must admit that this is not completely true — marriage does involve families and culture if it is to be a fruitful union on both sides, and a mixed marriage must definitely require more understanding and adjustments.

Since our children are not allowed to be Zoroastrians, one is not faced with the dilemma of choosing a religion for your child. They naturally follow that of the father. Most Indian communities follow a patriarchal system, and this attitude of the Parsis settles what could be a very difficult choice for many parents like us. Nevertheless, when I read so much about our community becoming near-extinct, I feel it is a pity that children like mine cannot be a part of it, to keep it alive, progressive and vital. They are imbued with the same rare qualities of honesty, integrity and charity of which I am so proud. They could have been invaluable assets to our small community.

Logically Zarathushtra could never have made this law that a Zoroastrian

man's children can become Zoroastrians but not a woman's. All my life, Zarathushtra has stood by me and guided me, and I am certain He did not forsake me on the day of my marriage. I follow all the customs and rites of my childhood in my home today — but I do not go to the agiary as some of us believe that its sanctity will be desecrated. Yet I feel as much of a Zoroastrian as anybody else.

Living at close quarters with many other communities, my pride in our basic honesty and straightforwardness is only augmented. We are a warm, generous and sheltered community. However, we are also stubborn, intolerant and too conservative on most of our issues. The same controversies are raging for years, and we seem no closer to any solutions. Surely it is time for all of us to look around, evaluate ourselves, and face a brighter, broader and happier future.

Dr (Ms) KHURSHID BHALLA
Pune

It is with much dismay that I have been reading about the 'conversion' issue and regarding this interminable controversy I would like to ask, what or who came first, Zoroastrians or Parsis? Unlike the

riddle of the chicken or the egg, we have the answer, The Zoroastrians!

Our forefathers 1,300 years ago fled to alien shores because they wanted to preserve their Zoroastrian religion against the onslaught of Islam and not because they wanted to form a sect called Parsis! Only after having fled to India did these people, our forefathers, become known as Parsis! Just as no man not born a Bengali or Kashmiri can ever become one, no person not born a Parsi can become one. But does that apply to Zoroastrianism?

Can we say that any person, regardless of caste, creed or religion who has good thoughts, good words and good deeds cannot be a Zoroastrian? Or does one have to be specifically born a Parsi to qualify to have good thoughts, good words and good deeds? Could Asho Zarathushtra have possibly said this?

And having been born a Parsi and therefore a Zoroastrian, do we not have amongst us cheats, philanderers and even murderers? Can we call these people amongst us Zoroastrians? Just because they were born of Parsi parents? Is this what our forefathers fled to alien shores to preserve?



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Surely Asho Zarathushtra meant his teachings for all mankind though some of us Parsis believe selfishly that they are meant only for us. The sooner we accept others into Zoroastrianism, the better. And all we Parsis should always remind ourselves that we are here, in India, as Parsis because first and foremost our forefathers chose to follow Zoroastrianism, to keep it a living religion. And any human who would like to obtain purity of thoughts, words and deeds through Asho Zarathushtra should be welcomed. Let not Parsi bigots destroy our *raison d'être*, Zoroastrianism. RESHAD RUSTOMJI

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Edulji Allbless RIP

A rare human being, incorruptible and honest to the core, Eduljee Bejonji Allbless was active and agile till the ripe old age of 80 plus and managed the family trusts' affairs independently till the very end.

The philanthropist who died on July 27, 1992 was committed to the cause of the welfare of the poor amongst the Parsi community and a man who took his religion very seriously.

Educated at the Bharda High School for Boys and St Xavier's College, Bombay, Allbless initially joined the Imperial Bank (now known as the State Bank of India). He left the bank to purchase Chinoy Brothers at Kalbadevi, an agency for Battersby felt hats and the Parsi *phetas*. Forced to sell the



concern in 1955 when he developed eye complications, Allbless retired from business life to seriously involve himself in the Allbless Charities, his pet one being Allbless Baug where Parsi religious functions of navjotes, weddings, ghambars, jashans, etc are held.

He was also a trustee of several other Parsi charities and together with his brother Rustomji, was responsible for donating the Allbless bungli at Doongerwadi to the Parsi Punchayet. Edulji also donated generously to the B. D. Petit Parsee General Hospital, and it was he who was responsible for building the Allbless Building at the Banaji Atash Behram in Bombay.

In Edulji's death, the Parsi community lost a selfless and dedicated person.

MR K. N. MARSHALL

The Parsi heritage

The image of a community is reflected by its inherent character. This is as true in the case of a race, a nation or a family unit.

With their distinctive character and historic past, the Parsis have always enjoyed a privileged community status wherever they lived.

Recent history shows that 50 years ago the Parsis were a healthy, thriving community and were held in good esteem amongst other communities. The Parsis distinguished themselves for their honesty, integrity, industry and thrift.

Of late, the image of the Parsi community has become blurred and suffered a setback due to complacency, petty internal squabbles and the indifference of some of its members towards the well-being of the community as a whole. A sudden decline in the Parsi character was noticed in the 1940s with the emergence of a nouveau riche class of people in the community as also a fad of neo-Zoroastrianism started by some ill-informed people of dubious character. Thus the core values of the Parsi character started to erode.

Lack of leadership, disunity and differences of opinion on religious and socioeconomic affairs are some of the problems now facing the community.

In adversity the Parsis have always stood firm and fought back. This is exactly what we have to do now to restore that Parsi image of yore. We have responsibility toward our children; we have to educate them to lead a life of high quality based on the tenets of Zoroastrianism, not allow them to drift away from the path of our culture and tradition.

Parsi, thy heritage is the richest in the world. Do not be misguided. Act well your part now for the sake of posterity, remember the memorable words of James Darmesteter:

"The poorest, the meanest Zoroastrian in the world knows that he is a born soldier (or) Saoshyant, and that Ormazd will conquer through him. No creed could give greater dignity to life, imbue him deeper with a sense that 'life is earnest' and worth living. He who is sure that he will win if he tries, will win, and that is why, after so many storms and through so many catastrophies, you are here, ahead in the race of progress, with the face, as of yore, still turned to the light... It is a great title of nobility to you to be the heirs and representatives of the religion that first, in the Aryan world,

promulgated the victory of God and gave a meaning and an object to human life."

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Humor or vulgarity?

We Parsis do like to enjoy ourselves at Gujarati *nataks*/musicals/variety shows, particularly at the time of our auspicious days. This "weakness" is being shamelessly exploited, and we are being inflicted with vulgarity in increasing doses, under the guise of comedy.

Parsis are no prudes and we do enjoy double entendre and risqué jokes; however, the fare that is now being dished out in some of such plays/shows crosses all bounds of decency. There are no subtleties in these jokes; they are so openly and crudely vulgar, that we feel embarrassed particularly when our children and ladies are with us. Such an attitude on the part of the promoters is an insult to our intelligence and our culture. If this attitude is not corrected, slowly but surely the crowds will dry up.

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Events and Personalities

Stamp on Naoroji

To mark the centenary of Dadabhai Naoroji's election to the British House of Commons, the Indian postal department brought out a stamp this year depicting the Grand Old Man of India (GOM) at work against the background of the building. The multicolored six-rupee stamp was released

at the hands of the Governor of Maharashtra Dr P. C. Alexander at a special function organized at Raj Bhavan on August 26, 1993 under the aegis of the National Committee of The Parliamentary Centenary Celebrations of Dadabhai Naoroji.

Shortly thereafter admirers of Naoroji held a function in Versova to mark his 168th birth anniversary informs *The Times of India* of September 6, 1993. Having breathed his last at his residence at Seven Bungalows, it is here that an enduring memorial for the GOM should be erected, mooted the residents of the suburb. They proposed the establishment of a college as also an institution to propagate his ideals. A garden in Versova has been named after him and efforts are also on to relocate there Naoroji's statue which is presently abutting a pavement at Hutatma Chowk, informs Kekoo Gandhi of Gallery Chemould in *The Times'* report.

Naoroji was the first Asian to be elected to the House of Commons on July 5, 1892 as a liberal from the Central Finsbury constituency. Credited for being one of the moving spirits of the Indian National Congress, he had become its president thrice. He demanded swaraj for the country in 1904 as he felt "in self-government is our hope, strength and greatness," notes *The Times*.

Bred and educated in Bombay, Naoroji worked as assistant professor of mathematics and natural philosophy at

Elphinstone College before he set sail to England in 1855 to work for the mercantile Cama family. He later set up his own Dadabhai Naoroji and Company. In order "to keep Britain informed of India's plight and to secure fair treatment for the Indian people," Naoroji helped to establish the East India Association which was

to pave the way for his political career, according to the news item.

Nadirah's navjote

"I do hereby certify that the said Nadirah Puz-Surti has been initiated into the Zoroastrian religion and her religion should be recorded as Zoroastrianism," certified Ervad Berjis Minoo Desai who performed Nadirah's navjote on the morning of August 7, 1993. This documentary evidence was required not because Nadirah's father Federico is a non-Zoroastrian but because the Zoroastrian mother

wanted documentary evidence to establish that although a resident of Switzerland, Nadirah had been admitted to the faith in Bombay by an ordained priest. Desai is not a full-time mobed but a solicitor by profession and honorary secretary of the Association of Inter-Married Zoroastrians.

Very keen to see her second child initiated as a Zoroastrian was Ms Rati Puz-Surti who had earlier faced the community's wrath when her son Darius was navjoted and consequently taken to the fire-temple at Secunderabad (see "Doors closed to Darius," *Parsiana*, August 1992). Ervad Burjor Pavri who had performed Darius' navjote was approached for Nadirah's initiation ceremony too. His ill health however did not permit him to officiate at the ceremony although he was in attendance there, relates Desai.

Rati then approached Desai. An ordained priest from Navsari, Desai undertook to perform the ceremony if it was held in Bombay. This is the fourth navjote of a child of an intercommunity marriage that he has performed, reports Desai. Not being familiar with Bombay and having few acquaintances in the city, Rati was not sure how she would manage to get Nadirah navjoted here, she confesses. When she saw the West-End Hotel advertisement in *Parsiana* she decided to approach them for the arrangements and was ultimately very happy with their cooperation.

The navjote over, Rati felt a load was off her head, reports Desai who was happy that the function went off well. In the meanwhile Rati is continuing with her efforts to get her children recognized as Zoroastrians who would be permitted entry into fire-temples within India.

Desai performs Nadirah's thread ceremony



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In Search of My God

"I am a Parsi. I seek to learn more about the Zoroastrian religion and our heritage." With these words the Ruttonshas prefaced the book *In Search of My God* 15 years ago. The family's quest for knowledge and understanding of their religion led them to publish the book which they believed in turn would assist others to better understand their religion and traditions. The sale from the proceeds of the book (the entire edition was sold out) was channelled into a trust, the Zoroastrian Foundation (India). Simultaneously, in Los Angeles, a non-profit organization was registered as the Zoroastrian Foundation.

With the passing away of Ms Mani Jal Ruttonsha on March 11 this year, the trustees of the Zoroastrian Foundation (India) altered the name to "MJR Zoroastrian Foundation (India)" to connect her name with the trust in perpetuity. The purpose for which the MJR Zoroastrian Foundation (India) is established shall be to advance, propagate, preserve, protect and support the Zoroastrian religion and its tenets.

Besides creating religious consciousness, Ms Ruttonsha also gave freely of her time and energy to extending charity to the needy and ailing. In order that this



selfless work of hers continues, there is also being registered a cosmopolitan charitable trust, MJR Zoroastrian Foundation (LA), says a trust spokesperson. The aims and objects for which the MJR Zoroastrian Foundation (LA) is established shall be for the relief of poverty, education, medical relief and the advancement of any other object of general public welfare.

The income from her estate Greenacre in the Bombay suburb of Khar will be donated to this charitable organization, mentions a trust representative. In fact, Greenacre is dedicated to the Foundation and is its headquarters.

On the terrace of Greenacre there will be a penthouse of 300 sq ft which will be serviced by an Otis lift and the entire garden and terrace will be for the use of physically retarded children as also those with other drawbacks, briefs a trust official. There will be a physiotherapist, a speech therapist, a doctor, as also a ma-

tron who will take charge of the place. All expenses on this proposed development will be met by the MJR Zoroastrian Foundation (LA).

Prayer is a song

"Do we have no way to sustain and increase kinship within our families and among our community?... We do... Something which we once enjoyed, which is intrinsically enjoyable and which we can enjoy again. And that is singing humbandagis together; within our families and at our gatherings," notes an introduction to *Praying Together*, a booklet brought out by Dr Jamshed A. Modi under the auspices of The Havrashta Foundation.

Although this Gujarati humbandagi written by the late Sir Jivanji Modi is envisaged as a muktad prayer, "If you enjoy it make it a daily routine," urges Jamshed. "God and the farohars are always there to hear!"

Humbandagis have to be sung, not recited, believes Jamshed who has included in this booklet the music notations to which the 24 couplets could be chanted. Initially, "the satisfaction and the kinship will come more from the singing than the praying... Don't sing it if after a fair number of trials you are not

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enjoying it. There is no intrinsic charm or magic in the words that can benefit you if you do not feelingly and joyfully express their message," adds Jamshed who mentions that he often finds himself humming the tune even when he is riding the scooter.

Included in the booklet is the Gujarati version of the humbandagi, the English transliteration, the English translation and a commentary on the prayer. "If you can accept the key concept that there is something eternal and godly associated with each person, and that you can invoke the affection and good feelings of your dear departed for your protection and progress through that something eternal, then you will be able to sing this humbandagi sincerely with feeling and derive benefit from it," writes Jamshed in the commentary.

A page devoted to the working of The Havrashta Foundation gives a brief outline of the activities of the 15-year-old body which endeavors to undertake social research and data collection projects, and to publish books and pamphlets on social, cultural and spiritual subjects. The Zoroastrian Community Development Institute that it started was responsible for compiling a computerized directory of Zoroastrian trusts, saving rare Zoroastrian literature on microfilm, publishing booklets on trust management and also bringing out *Zarthushtian — A Cross-section Of The Zoroastrian People In The Mid Nineteen-Eighties* profiling the lives of 400 individuals. Under its reprints project it makes available articles on cultural history, prayer science, health and personal development. The Foundation has presently started work on *Encyclopedia Zoroastriana* in which they propose to explain 700-800 concepts. Rather than restrict their activities to the community they would like to broaden out, reports Jamshed.

Their publications are made available free of cost; only the postage has to be borne by the party. Those interested may write to The Havrashta Foundation, C/o Modi Electronics and Engineering Company, Plot No 72, Chikholi MIDC, Ambarnath, Maharashtra 421505. Phone: (0251) 582031, 583633.

Dinshaw's Happy Licks

Ice-creams are something which should be enjoyed in a good atmosphere and at the right price, is the credo of the Nagpur-based Dinshaw's Frozen Foods which is planning to launch its Happy

Licks ice-creams in the Bombay suburbs, informs a press release from the company. Reportedly the leaders in the whole of Vidarbha, Khandesh, Marathwada and Madhya Pradesh (MP), only recently Dinshaw's made their presence felt in the south — particularly



Dinshaw's select outlet

Secunderabad-Hyderabad, Guntur and Visakhapatnam. Next on their marketing cards is Goa and Uttar Pradesh, as specifies the press release.

Under its young and energetic marketing manager Naushad Bhamgara, Dinshaw's Frozen Foods has a network of 300 dealers exclusively selling Dinshaw's ice-cream from their parlors besides 400 other deep freezer points. For better and timely distribution the company has additionally acquired refrigerated vans and set up cold storage depots in different corners of India.

A hundred percent growth rate during the past few years is the success claimed by the company which today produces 24,000 liters of ice-cream in more than 30 flavors, notable being Mewaking, Rock and Roll, Fun Drops, Special Sundae and Great Cake. During the peak season the company proposes to come out with new flavors every month, mentions the release. Their quality control laboratory monitors every stage of the automated process.

The company has come a long way since its foundation in 1933 by two brothers Dinshaw and Eruch Rana who bought a small shop in Nagpur and manually produced 25 liters of ice-cream per day using ice and salt for the churning. Under the dynamism of the present managing partner Jimmy Rana, Dinshaw's Frozen Foods has been expanding its production and operation activities.

"Promise" of a future

Recently inducted director of Balsara Hygiene Products Limited, Zal Balsara's first task is to revamp the management systems in the Rs 100-crore family business, reports Ms Anita Sharan in the ET Esquire column of *The Economic Times* of October 15, 1993. He is reportedly attempting to strengthen middle management to handle ongoing projects, leaving the top managers free to plan for the future. The 24-year-old director's aim is an integrated approach which will save time and needless effort.

"Speed is of the essence today," believes Zal. Commenting on Zal's functioning, father Aspi notes, "When things don't move at his pace, Zal tends to get frustrated." Zal too admitted to *The Economic Times* that he would benefit were he to adopt his father's eye for detail; overlooking just a little detail can mar the product. They jointly identify areas where Zal is to direct his energies. Though the generation gap causes differences of opinion, there is no friction. "My father and I have a common understanding. We broadly agree on the direction we want to take," says Zal.

Zal is an MBA degree holder in corporate finance from the University of Georgia, USA. While there he used his spare time to conduct an analysis of the US herbal toothpaste market. His undergraduate studies in economics and finance were at New York's Syracuse University. His summer vacations were spent in India working on projects under the company's departmental heads.

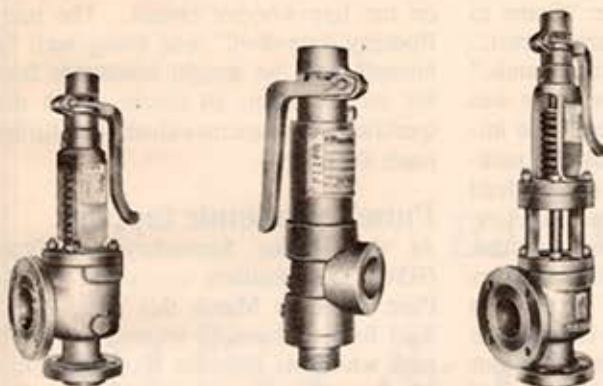
Aspi, 57, built up Balsara Hygiene to its present size by a strategy of research led growth and a concentration on herbal consumer products, notes the write-up.

"Now that Zal is in," says Aspi, "I can concentrate more on research and development and new project development." The father and son duo aim to double the turnover of Balsara Hygiene in the next three years and have decided to launch new products, mentions the article.



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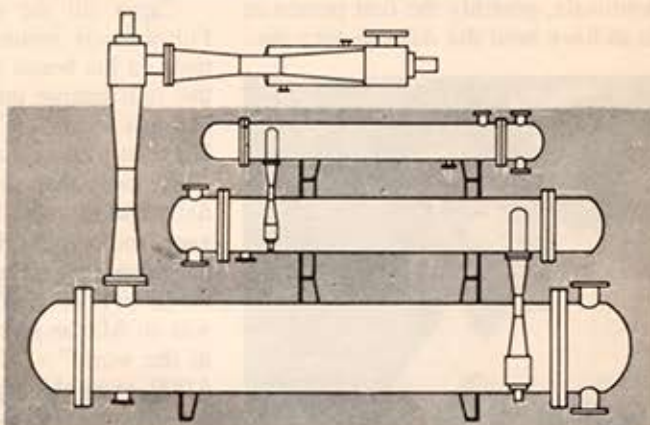
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Tryst with avians

"Keep quiet, keep quiet," he screeches from his feathered perch. The parakeet along with several other birds of different hues fill the house of Hosi Fulwadiwala, possibly the first person in India to have bred the African grey par-



Fulwadiwala tending his precious birds
Photo: The Afternoon Despatch and Courier

rot in captivity, informs an article in *The Afternoon Despatch and Courier* (ADC), of April 17, 1993.

While the grey and white nestling was nurtured in an insulated plastic box, its parents were housed in a cage with "a private little wooden box" at one end where Fulwadiwala was hoping that nature would take its own course even though he was not able to determine the sex of the birds! The birth of this bird is of special significance to Fulwadiwala for he was able to prove wrong the WWF (World Wildlife Fund) officer who maintained that it was impossible to breed African greys in captivity.

Recounting to *The ADC* reporter the events that led to this development, Fulwadiwala mentioned that in the early '80s he was charged with smuggling the birds. An officer of the Indian chapter of the WWF along with the customs personnel raided his residence and confiscated three African grey parrots, an ecclusus parrot and a lorikeet. He moved the appeal courts which passed an order to the effect that these birds did not require a customs clearance document because they were kept as pets and could be bred

in India. According to the WWF officer there was no record of any African greys born in captivity. However, after nine months the bird lover did succeed in getting back his pets from Rani Baug.

Cages fill the major portion of the Fulwadiwala residence. Actually, directions to his house are simple: "Come to the Jain temple on Bora Bazar Street... and just follow the (screeching) sounds." His tryst with avians started when he was "little more than just a toddler." He initially had to make do with bulbuls, parakeets and mynahs, before he could afford the more expensive and exotic varieties, mentions *The ADC*. His first purchase was an African parrot — "the best talkers in the world" — for which he paid Rs 4,000, reads the paper. After training the parrot to talk, Fulwadiwala bartered him for two wild African greys. He "tamed" one and exchanged it for a cockatoo. Next he worked towards gaining the knowledge to treat his pets. After years of experience, 38-year-old Fulwadiwala, an employee in the tax department of the Western India Automobile Association, now offers free medical treatment to birds, specially parrots, *The ADC* informs.

Riding in the rains

Nineteen-year-old Bombay collegian Zubin Patel astride a Kinetic Honda comfortably won the Monsoon Scooter Rally, bagging the Veedol Trophy and a cash purse of Rs 2,500, informs a press release. In the 216 km event from Bombay to Shahpur, held on June 27 this year, the "unassuming youngster... gave full reign to his penchant for high speed." His best performance was on the second sector which reportedly included the toughest stretch of the rally from Wagachiwadi to Bhaveri Dam.

Besides being the overall winner, Patel stood first in the up to 110 cc class, incurring only 5.07 minutes by way of penalty. Patel was careful to read the supplementary regulations closely, an error which cost him his title last year, notes the release.

Cousin Yezdi Patel stood second in the 110-160 cc class and fourth overall on his LML Vespa with his penalty count showing 10.07 minutes. He was conferred the Veedol Trophy plus a purse of Rs 500. Encountering mechani-

cal failure at the meet organized exclusively for stock scooters by Sportsraft and sponsored by Tide Water Oil Company (India) Ltd was Kaizad Patel, the unlucky one from the Patel family.

A surprise entrant this year was Farad Bhathena, more famous for his "exploits on the four-wheeler circuit... The burly Bombay dare-devil" was doing well for himself until he sought assistance from his service team, an action which disqualified the motocross champion, further reads the release.

Pune's academic toppers

At the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSC) examinations conducted by the Pune board in March this year, Pune's Karl Burjis Khursedji secured the fourth rank while Ms Niloofer Naval Pestonjee stood ninth in the arts stream, according to an announcement in the *Maharashtra Herald* of June 1, 1993.

A student of St Mary's Junior College, Pune, Khursedji scored 81 percent marks. The young academic topper aspires to go abroad and pursue a bachelor's degree in economics and law. He loves programming computers and listening to hard rock, according to the newspaper which



Pestonjee: remarkable performance

has given a brief introduction to the HSC toppers. Fellow collegian Pestonjee who scored 80 percent marks plans to do her bachelors in French and thereafter try for a scholarship in French or music to pursue studies abroad. An adept pianist, at this year's eighth grade pianoforte exams conducted by the Trinity College of Music, London,

Pestonjee secured 89 percent marks "being the highest in Asia. She was also adjudged third in order of merit in all countries of the world where the Trinity College of Music conducts their exams," writes Pestonjee's father to *Parsiana*.

She was adjudged Miss St Mary's at the 1993 annual get-together and beauty contest held by her college. She also conducted and directed a French song, the

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Zubin Patel (right) receiving award from R. B. Ananth



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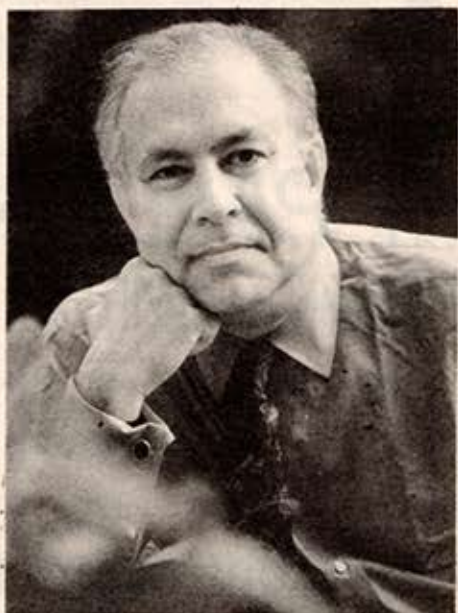
What do you call a business consultant whose speciality is to visualize, energize, motivate? In the US he is known as facilitator; in Germany as midwife. Cavas Gobhai thinks of himself as an air traffic controller, enabling the safe landing of many "baby" ideas which might otherwise collide and collapse in midair, in the aggressive atmosphere of a social or business think tank.

Early on Gobhai realized that "there's more to creativity than to give birth to unobvious ideas." As soon as one is born, it is "butchered by well-meaning people." So, if there was to be originality in management, Gobhai "had to ensure that the ground was receptive for the nourishment of seeds of creativity." This perception, says Gobhai, led him to group dynamics: how to create a climate within a group of people that is receptive to ideas.

But there was another hurdle ahead: in the process of implementation people tend to change their minds, says Gobhai. There is a need to ensure commitment to the ideas.

To eliminate the usual confrontational attitudes Gobhai believes that "facts in black and white — a data base — can demystify the organization (and) eliminate shadow boxing." The next step is to develop a consensus on what the organization should be 10 years hence. The forward focus "helps to eliminate individuals and concentrate on functions," as Gobhai has discovered. Thereafter it's easier to backtrack and establish an intermediate goal.

Gobhai believes in distilling "consensus on the essence" by distinguishing between concept and execution. He also warns against falling into the trap of differing assumptions and is most emphatic that consensus should emerge "through



Cavas Gobhai: nurturing ideas

Photo: Noshir Gobhai

creativity, not compromise." This is especially useful in situations with a political bias where normally consensus is the end result of much give and take. But a third position may give both erstwhile adversaries "more than they initially wanted," remarks Gobhai in justification of his techniques.

Apart from corporations like AT&T, the Atomic Energy Commission, Coca-Cola, Disney, DuPont, Heinz, Procter and Gamble, Xerox (the bio data notes more than 100 names of international standing) with whom Gobhai has worked, he was called, in 1990, by the mayors of Berlin. The divided city, then on the verge of reunification, needed a vision. "What will it be like, the core of the new, improved Berlin? Who will dream a dream for it? Will it be a dream or a vision? And who will take that vi-

sion forward? These (were) the questions in the minds of the bipolar mayors. And when such matters preoccupy such people, it is, it seems, the right moment to call Cambridge, Massachusetts in the US and summon a man called Cavas Minocher Gobhai," C. Y. Gopinath enunciates in the "Perspectives" column of the Bombay-based *The Independent* (October 5, 1991).

Gobhai ascribes this assignment to his fortuitous presence in Berlin, the venue of an international rock concert where he was accompanying his only son Dinshaw, a compulsive rock guitarist. There were 200,000 people attending the concert in Berlin. There were also 40 assorted international professionals ranging from developers, architects and city planners to authors and historians who had responded to the mayors' invitation to Berlin, says Gobhai. Among them Gobhai says he helped "start a constructive, creative public dialogue." In return one of the participants dubbed him *hebamme* — midwife!

Gobhai sees himself advising at the intersection of four ways of thought: creative thought, collaborative thought, strategic thought and fact based thought. And his primary concern is to rein in adversarial attitudes and promote collaborative ones.

This characteristic has been even more pronounced in Gobhai's work for the citizens of Arlington, a 45,000 strong community in the neighborhood of Boston. Here an old guard — white, Irish, conservative — is confronted with a new guard comprising Vietnamese, Indian and Jewish intelligentsia who have been or continue to be connected with Boston's great centers of learning like Harvard, MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and the others. There

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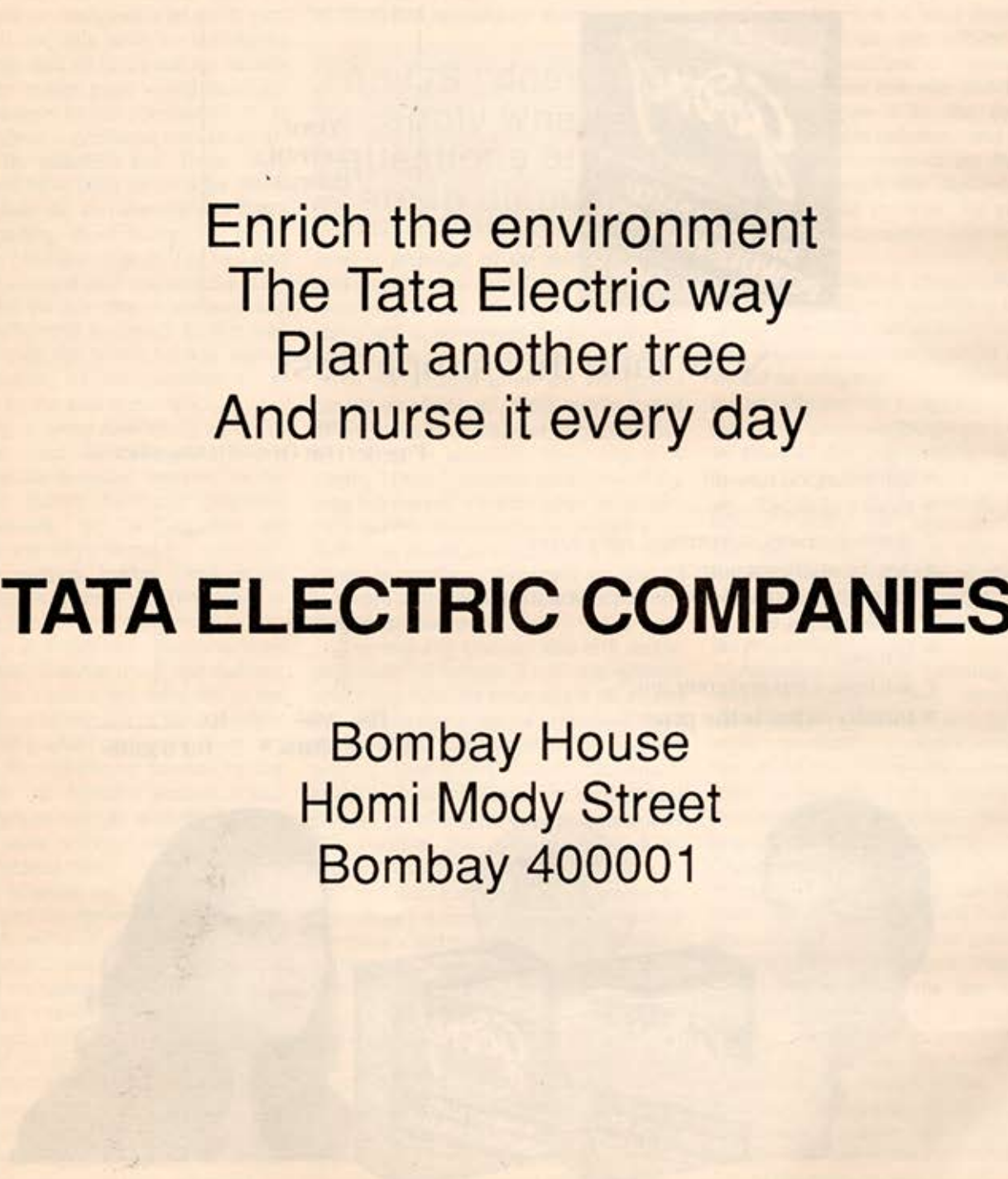
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Gobhai is enabling a core group of over 1,000 Arlingtongians to formulate what they have named Vision 2020 — a blueprint for the town over three decades.

The recipe Gobhai uses — one he has patented over the years — is to begin by composing a "statement of direction." Such a statement incorporates a "destination — where or what we want to be," identifies a "path — the major strategy or strategies" to be followed and the vehicle or means — the strengths that the organization possesses which are powerful enough to help it attain its goals.

A statement of direction needs to have a focus. It must describe the end state or goal, become a "template by which current decisions can be gauged, tell us what we are not going to be or do." As versus a comfortable validation of the current state of affairs, a statement of direction examines emerging trends: rather than clinging to past ideas and habits it addresses itself to the necessary transition. It needs to endure through changes of strategy or tactics which may be dictated by changing circumstances and has a motivational power that "energizes a corporation — a call to arms," says Gobhai.

Gobhai pays particular heed to the motivational aspect. A statement which is simple, brief, clear, compelling can be understood and be committed to by the whole organization, he says. Its accent needs to be on quality — quantity comes later. It must breed a sense of participation even though it is articulated by the people at the top. To that effect it must be 100 percent credible, be based on a relevant strength — something that the group already has to be proud of, is unique to the organization and provides a day-to-day link for action and decisions.

Can Gobhai's methods help the community in Bombay? The Bombay born facilitator (a St Xavierite who graduated with maths and physics before going to the MIT for a degree in mechanical engineering and to Delft, Holland for a diploma in business management) advises, "Form a group. Make sure that all the major constituents are included: the Punchayet, other anjuman, Parsis married to Parsis, Parsis married to non-Parsis, mobeds, the orthodox, the liberals, one or two outstanding Parsis so that the group has credibility... and someone who can ensure that the dialogue is strategic, creative, collaborative. If we can define a target with the right level of ambition, I'd be interested...It would give

me pleasure if in some way I can contribute to creating a vision for the Parsi community."

Gobhai had begun working in the research and development wing of a high-tech company in the Boston area when the management surprised him by stating that they didn't care for his MIT degree but liked his ideas. Till then his "idea generation (had been) on the sly — not as a legitimate activity. Those people gave me permission to unlock my creativity. A pleasurable pastime was put at a premium!" Gobhai, who responded by earning 12 patents in a single year, continues to preserve a high regard for his ex-employers. "The important thing is not the value of the patents (which he acquired) but the abiding interest in the process of creativity" which their attitude unleashed. That passion for creativity has lasted through 30 years.

Gobhai realized that sometimes he was thinking creatively. At other times there were no ideas. Banding together with a couple of others to form a group called Synectics, Gobhai continued with research on how people create, initially concentrating on the business sector which became the principal beneficiary of his advice. He devised his techniques empirically, by studying successful groups and peoples, by observation, trial and error.

One of Gobhai's realizations is that outstanding ideas are not born that way. A problem often gives vent to a "wish" and from there to a "big, bad idea." Edwin Land's daughter wished for instant pictures and suggested the big bad idea of putting a dark room into a camera. Backing away from that preposterous suggestion Land hit upon the concept that emerged as the polaroid camera, Gobhai illustrates the creative process.

In contrast to individual creativity, group creativity presupposes certain ground rules. Everyone cannot speak at the same time. So Gobhai sets himself up as air traffic controller, orchestrating the expression of ideas, demanding clarity, requesting articulation on paper. Budding baby ideas need to be protected from heat seeking missiles like rational criticism that zone in on them. Wishes, analogies must be fostered to promote big bad ideas.

"Thirty years ago I used to invent things," notes Gobhai reflectively. "Now my work consists in helping top management reinvent the future of their organizations."

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Rift over land gift

The Gamadia Trust and Godrej are seeking a solution to a dispute over land in Vikhroli

Homi Rogers

The fate of six acres of land for housing poor and middle class Zoroastrian families lies in the lap of the Bombay High Court. The litigation, with its attendant allegations and accusations, may besmirch the reputations of two leading Parsi institutions.

The contended land, admeasuring 28,907 sq yards, and valued at Rs 14,45,350, was gifted by Godrej and Boyce Manufacturing Company to the Behramji Nowroji Gamadia Parsi Hunnar Shala (GPHS) Trust, a 60-year-old public charitable institution, in March 1973. It is located within five minutes walking distance of the railway station and adjacent to the bus depot at Vikhroli, a not-too-distant suburb of Bombay, where the Godrejs have their manufacturing plants. The location and book value of the land renders it a prime property in an island city where housing at affordable rates can now be offered only in the distant outskirts of Nallasopara and Kalyan, approximately 60 kms away by rail, and more by road. Yet, as per the contention of the GPHS Trust the land is totally useless for the gifted purpose of building houses thereon. According to the donee it is fraught with litigations under the Urban Land Ceiling and Regulations Act (ULCRA), and sited in a no-development zone with overhead tension wires running through a portion of the property.

The tension over the land, to stretch a visual pun, reached a new high this summer when the GPHS trustees issued a public notice inviting offers for sale of the immovable property, on an "as-is-where-is" basis, subject to the sanction of the Charity Commissioner, and the No Objection Certificate of the appropriate authority under the Income Tax Act (1961). The public notice putting up the land for sale was published on April 28, 1993 in three Bombay newspapers, signed

by Mancherji Jamshedji Cama, as the "duly authorized trustee." The advertisement in *The Times of India* (April 28, 1993) reflecting the decision of the GPHS trustees to sell the land 'gifted' to them by Godrej, unconditionally and without any reference to the Trust's obligations, is said to have surprised and even shocked the Godrejs. A. S. Bhavé, Godrej and Boyce's manager (legal), contended that the land "is not open to the said (GPHS) trustees to sell, or otherwise dispose (of)," as it was gifted by Godrej for the specific purpose of housing poor Zoroastrians, and with the further 'obligation' that 50 percent of the tenements constructed would be given to Parsi Zoroastrians nominated by the donor.

To prevent the sale of land, Bhavé, on behalf of his employers, issued a lis pendens notice (a public notice laying out the facts for the general public) in *The Bombay Samachar* of June 11, 1993, cautioning "all parties or persons who may choose to deal with the said trustees (as) to have done so with notice of the aforesaid (the nature of the gift, and the legal proceedings being initiated to restrain the sale)...and at his own risk and peril as to the consequences thereof."

Interestingly, the controversial piece of land has always been in the eye of the storm. Bhavé informs that it was earlier contended for by a builder, Tanna Engineering, whose two suits were dismissed; and also by the Government of Maharashtra who, despite having 'compromised' on the issue in 1962, had reopened the suit in 1973.

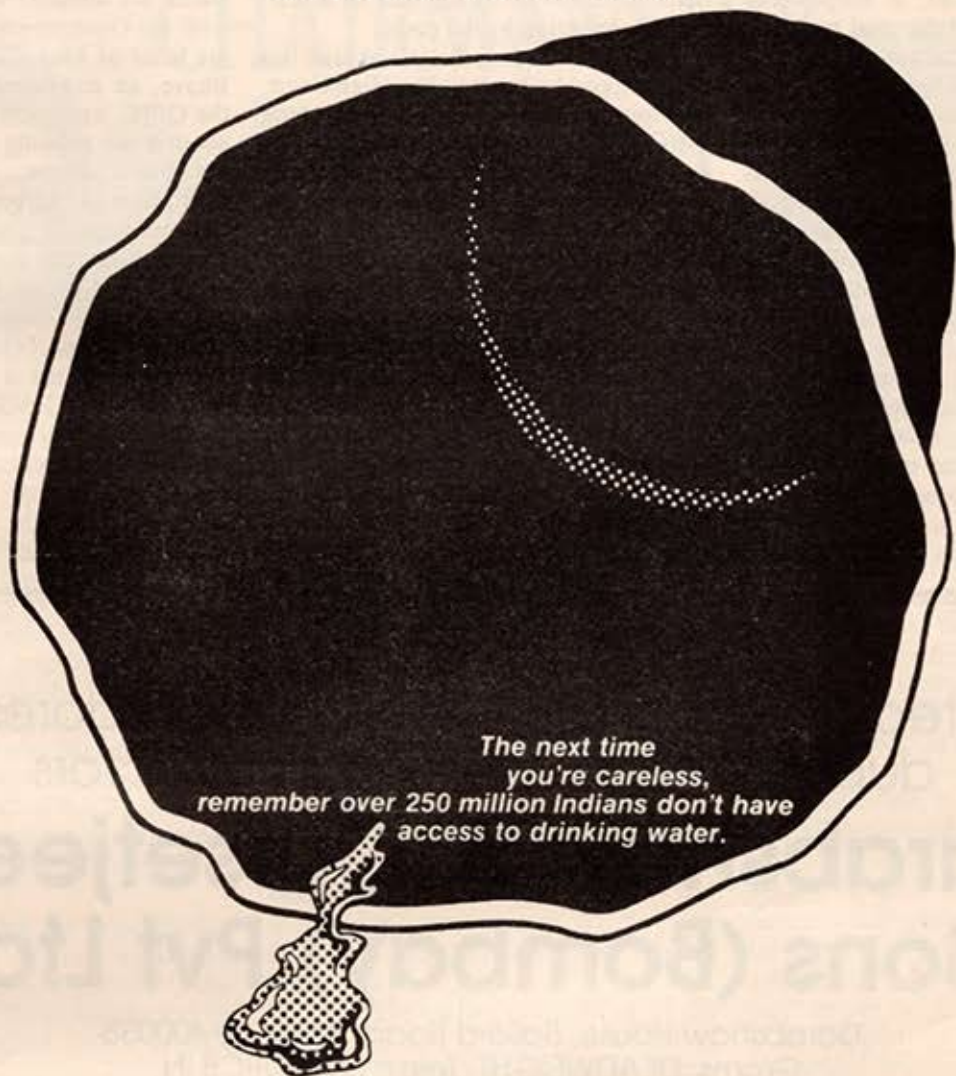
At the same time as the Maharashtra Government reopened its claim for the land, (the late) Naoroji Pirojsha Godrej decided to gift it to the GPHS Trust on being approached by their trustees. The Godrejs, in their suit filed against the

GPHS Trust, argue that the then trustees of the GPHS Trust had requested Naoroji Godrej to donate land, stating that "the Trust (has) enough funds available with it to build about one building a year" (which could have housed on a rough estimate, 20 families). In a letter addressed to the GPHS Trust, Keki Dara Mehta of Payne and Company, the solicitors for Godrej, mentions that the GPHS trustees had informed his clients that "the purpose of (their) Trust inter alia was to provide housing accommodation for poor Parsis." It was further stated in this letter, that the GPHS trustees "intended to utilize the entire income of the Trust for the purpose of constructing buildings for housing poor Parsis, and providing facilities to the persons so housed."

As per the records available at the Godrej office, a meeting was held on March 7, 1973 at the Godrej office when the proposal was discussed, and (the late) Khurshed J. Bardi, then secretary of Godrej and Boyce, owners of the land, confirmed with the trustees present that when the land would be gifted to them, they "would be in a position to start construction immediately after the building plans are prepared and sanctioned." Nowroji J. Gamadia and Mehta, two of the current GPHS trustees, were reportedly present at this momentous meeting when the decision was taken to gift the land to be used for housing Zoroastrians. Gamadia, whose family set up the Hunnar Shala to provide technical knowledge to the community's youngsters, was unavailable for comment as he was recuperating from an illness. The other trustee, Mehta, refused to speak to us on this matter, stating it was sub judice.

Mehta may hold the key to unlock many a Godrej Navtal on this matter. It was he who, on April 2, 1973, wrote on a Payne Company letterhead (KDM/1434)

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to the GPHS trustees on behalf of his client Godrej and Boyce confirming the minutes of the above mentioned meeting, and outlining the conditions of the gift. "In order to expedite matters" he also sent along a draft of conveyance (a legal term, conveyance is the act of transferring property) to the GPHS trustees. The deed of gift, however, did not delineate the conditions of the gift, as discussed in the meeting, or quoted in Mehta's letter. Instead, it empowered "To have and to hold the said premises unto and to the use of the trustees (of GPHS) absolutely and forever..."

Bhave, however, shows a letter rectifying the omission. The letter (GPHS/HS/73/2 dated September 12, 1973) is signed by the then seven trustees of GPHS wherein they confirm that "the land will be utilized by us for one of the main objects of our Trust, namely for providing housing for poor Parsis," and, in a later paragraph, "to allot half the number of residential tenements to Parsi Zoroastrians to be nominated by your Company." However, how good such a letter holds, is a matter of legal debate, according to Berjis Desai of M/s Desai, Bergis and Chinoy, solicitors, fighting the case for GPHS. The letter was written

"Who would want to buy such a contentious piece of land?"

subsequent to the gift, and the deed being signed. Desai concedes that much of the outcome of the case hinges on its acceptance or rejection by the court.

For the time being the sale of land has been stopped by the Bombay High Court. Just four days before opening of tenders, the Godrejs issued a legal notice in *The Bombay Samachar* and, on the same day, appointed Mehernosh Humranwalla to plead on their behalf in place of their usual solicitor, Mehta. Justice Rane granted an ad interim relief restraining the GPHS trustees from inter alia transferring the property though permitting them to open the offers received for the land on the scheduled date (June 15, 1993). However, as some of the tenderers "expressed their inability to attend, due to inclement weather" on that date, the opening of tenders was adjourned by a fortnight. The adjournment was agreed to

by all the trustees except Mehta, according to a public notice issued by the GPHS Trust in *The Times* of June 18, 1993.

Cama, who has been acting on behalf of the trustees, is very chary when questioned about the offers received. "Who would want to buy such a contentious piece of land?" he asks. According to Cama, a most unwilling speaker, the gifted plots (no 59, 61 and 65 in which the villages of Vikhroli and neighboring Harali are divided) were under litigation with the Government of Maharashtra. In his letter of May 20, 1993 addressed to Bhave, an anguished Cama claims that the GPHS trustees were "not inform(ed) about a suit pending final disposal" with the State. Bhave, on behalf of the Godrejs, while agreeing that plots 61 and 65 were under litigation, queries why no development was ever undertaken — or even started — on plot 59, which was never a part of any suit. Further, Bhave clarifies that on February 14, 1975, the Godrejs executed a deed of indemnity in favor of the GPHS Trust indemnifying it against all proceedings, claims, demands in the event of any decree being passed in any of the suits (that is, confirming for the construction on the land that any losses as a result of the suit

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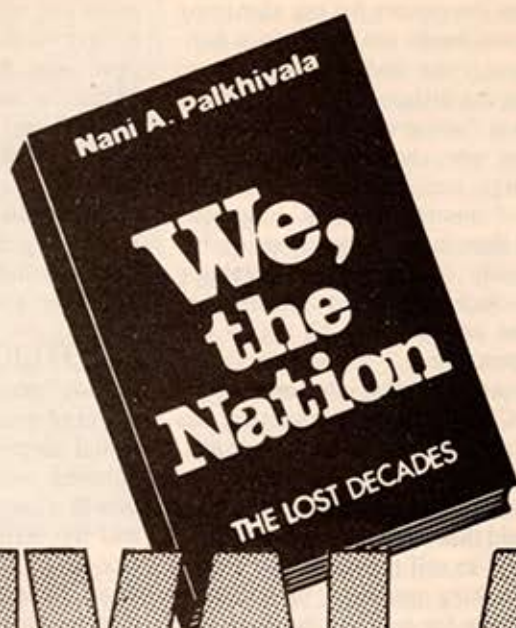
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will be made good by Godrej).

In the same letter to Bhavé, Cama further berates the donors for not clarifying that "the said lands are partly in a non-development zone and partly reserved for housing the dishoused." Desai brands the gift as a "white elephant" presented to his client who, over the years, has expended large sums of money towards payment of municipal taxes, litigations connected therein and property taxes, besides security charges for maintaining round-the-clock watch to prevent encroachment on the land. "It was a gift foisted upon them," maintains Desai. "The imminent coming into force of the ULCRA" Cama charges in his letter, was known to the Godrejs at the time of gifting the land.

Under such circumstances, the GPHS trustees hold that there was no alternative for them but to sell the land. Cama does not see anything unethical or illegal in inviting offers for sale, as the land was granted to the Trust "by way of an absolute gift" as per the deed.

At the time of writing this piece, Parsiana understands that an amicable solution is being worked out by both the sides to end this indelicate imbroglio. However, in the absence of an understanding, the matter would proceed for an interim injunction which the Godrejs have appealed for. If this injunction is granted, pending the hearing and final disposal of the suit, the GPHS Trust will be disallowed from transferring or in any way disposing of, or creating third party rights on the land. It could be a long-drawn process (Desai himself puts it at least around two years) that would culminate in the court either vacating the case, that is, allowing the sale of land, or forcing the GPHS trustees to build the tenements and fulfil their obligations.

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music for which was composed by her. It is reported that so impressed was her principal that she spontaneously appointed Pestonjee music teacher for the newly started boys' section of St Mary's School.

A natural leader, the academic top-per's other interest are dramatics, Indian classical dance and French. Presently she is studying the language at the Alliance Francaise in Pune and is very keen to visit France on a student scholarship.

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Breaking the metallic mold

From the metallic scrap that he scavenges Arzan Khambatta creates unusual works of art

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"It can't be done," the welder at a rolling shutter workshop in Bombay dismissed Arzan Khambatta's suggestion of fusing a horse head from strips of scrap metal. So the young architect student

settled instead for welding lessons and after two days felt he knew enough of the craft to set about attempting what the master welder said could not be done. A few days later, and with a few burns on

his hand to show for his efforts, Khambatta had sculpted his horse head. This was way back in 1983 and on that horse he apparently galloped away to pursue a new form of artistic expression





cycle chains, spanner heads, nuts and bolts — from which the bright-eyed and enthusiastic Khambatta gave them form.

The Jehangir Art Gallery exhibition was the first time the public got to see and assess the ingenuity of 28-year-old Khambatta's work. He graduated from the Academy of Architecture in 1991 and is already designing bungalows in Dahanu and Lonavala and decorating the interiors of houses in Bombay. In the art world he had established himself when his sculpture, *Homeward Bound Mexicans*, won the award for the second best entry of the 1986 annual exhibition of the Bombay Art Society; and in 1988 his entry, *Chess Players*, won the Pranal Bhogilal Award for the Best Sculpture Exhibit. Both these pieces Khambatta retains in his personal "sentimental" collection.

Meanwhile, Khambatta's unusual art form started winning for him commissions from architect patrons. Among them was a 7½ foot sculpture, *Moghul*, commissioned by the noted Bombay architect Noshir Talati for the Jewel of India restaurant at Nehru Centre. Presently Khambatta is contemplating a large sculpture which he plans to dedicate to Bombay and which he hopes will find a prominent location in the city.

To the Parsi community Khambatta has presented a large winged bull which stands in the compound of the Late Seth Rustomji Nusserwanji Rustomfaramna Agiary at the Dadar Parsi Colony, where he resides. "Some people just love it. They say it adds color to the Agiary. Others dismiss it as rubbish," says Khambatta who welcomes both points of view. "I like it when people react to my work. It does not matter if some do so negatively, as long as they react." And if reactions are the criteria, the recent exhibition of Khambatta's work was an unqualified success.

Of the four exhibitions running concurrently at the Gallery, public participation was most animated in his section of the hall. "Ordinary people off the roads and with no artistic background drifted in

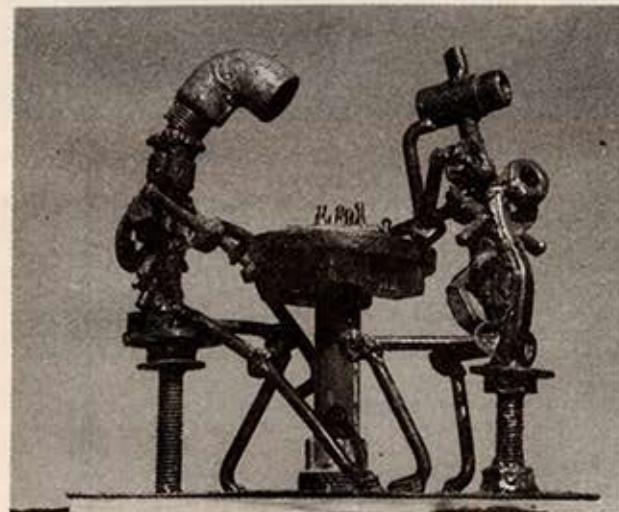
and grilled me. Some were happy with what they saw. Others refused to believe that art can come from scrap," says Khambatta.

"Art cannot be explained; it's got to be experienced. If it looks good and makes you feel good, it's good art. Art is a visual thing and you don't want to tie it up with words," observes Khambatta who believes that art schools should restrict themselves to teaching the techniques required to master the tools that an artist might expect to use. Creativity cannot be taught; it has to spring from within the artist. Khambatta considers himself fortunate in a way that he did not go to any formal art school and that his craft was largely self-taught. His exuberance and joy in his work is not diluted by profound utterances or a pretentious air.

As a kid, however, his parents Rusi (a well-known architect) and Zarine (an artist in her own right), did encourage him to develop his skills by sending him to art classes during his school vacations. "My parents were very supportive right from the start. If there was anything I wanted that was related to art, I only had to ask and I would get it without any questions. But when I wanted a cycle there were a whole lot of questions asked," says Khambatta. And, yes, he did get the cycle anyway.

Even in the art classes Khambatta found himself stifled. "I was not happy with two dimensional paintings. I had a tendency to use strong colors. It was almost like I was trying to break out of this flat surface into the third dimension. Sculpting seemed to come naturally to me," he observes. Aware of this his parents introduced him to the wife of the late Adi Davierwala, a sculptor who worked in stone, wood and metal, and whose work Khambatta acknowledges has influenced him deeply. Ms Davierwala in turn introduced him to Anand Mohan Naik, architect, sculptor and painter, who started Khambatta off with wood carvings. "But I was soon drawn to metal. It's a very powerful material; its edges, color, shine speak to me..."

Soon instead of brushes, paints and oils, his studio was equipped with a welding machine, gloves and welding glasses; and instead of canvases, with scrap scavenged from the Kurla



Khambatta with *The Pharaoh* (facing page) and other creations Nelson (top) and *Chess Players*

which he would aptly name *Scrapatures*.

The first exhibition of his work covering a span of 10 years was held from September 21 to 27, 1993, at the Jehangir Art Gallery, Bombay. The displays that included pygmies, chess players, birds, horses, pharaohs, Ravan, sprang to life with force as stark and raw as the assortment of scrap metal — car and scooter parts,

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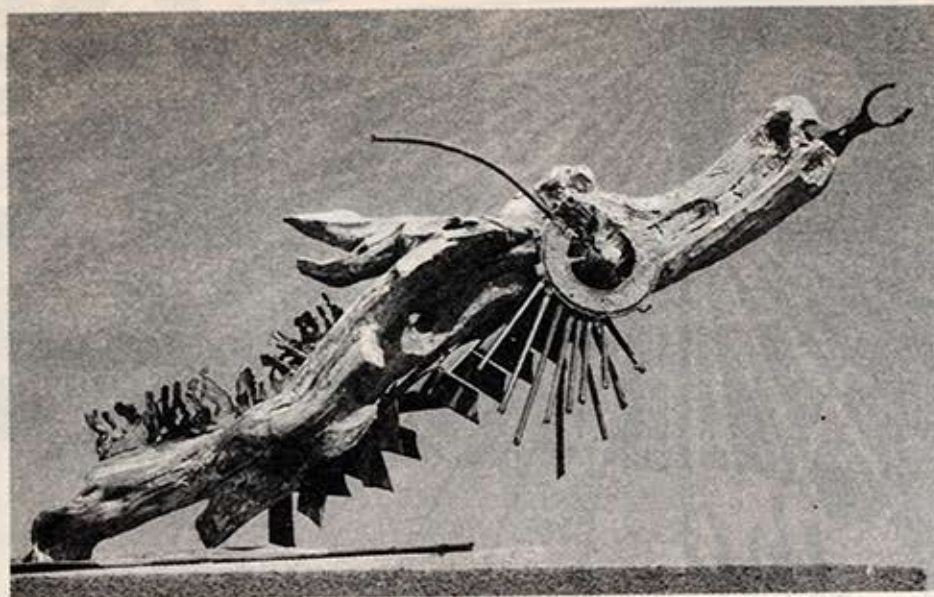
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Dragon, sculpted by Khambatta

scrapyard and various factory junk heaps.

"I believe that if there is something you love doing, nothing is going to stop you. You'll find the time to do it," says Khambatta. And he finds time for his sculpture after a full day's work at his father's architecture firm, Khambatta Associates, which he joined after his graduation. "Often I just sit on my pile of scrap and wait for inspiration to hit me. Sometimes nothing happens for weeks and even months. Then I pick up a piece that says something to me and I am working frantically," says Khambatta. For instance, he explains how *The Ugly Duckling* came into being. "As soon as I picked up this Lambretta silencer, it suggested a duck's body. All I had to do was add a spanner for the head. Often the simplest pieces, that spring spontaneously to life from the scrap heap, are the best."

Other pieces, like *Ravan of Many Heads*, are premeditated and the outline sketched before the pieces are selected and welded together. Much of Khambatta's commissioned work falls into this category but he is growing increasingly impatient with it. "They (those who commission the piece) tend to treat you as a contractor. They specify time limits and feel they have the right to suggest alterations. I can't work like that. And they talk of prices in square inches. You don't price art, be it a three-inch sculpture or a three-foot one, by size," laments Khambatta, whose commitment to his work is such that he will

not permit a piece with which he is dissatisfied to leave his studio. "I'd rather break it up and forego a sale." (Sculptures at the recent exhibition were priced from Rs 4,000 to Rs 25,000.) And yes, he has destroyed any number of pieces that have not met his high standards.

Of course, there are other occupational hazards, apart from the occasional welding burn. Khambatta has now got used to scrapyard attendants viewing him sceptically as he scavenges through their junk heaps looking for items that could be molded into works of art. But one encounter he was not prepared for was when he was loading one of his large sculptures into a truck for delivery. Two scrap metal dealers descended upon him and set about trying to outbid each other for the privilege of relieving him of what they saw as his burden. Their perception of the sculpture merely amused the artist. In fact, the only person whose opinion he values about the artistic worth of his work is his father, Khambatta confesses.

And father and son have forged a bond of understanding and respect for each other in their common field of architecture. "Though I have joined my father's firm I must confess I don't have the time to work on any of his projects," says Khambatta. The problem is that people who have bought his sculptures have commissioned him to build bungalows for them in Dahanu and Lonavala or decorate their homes in Bombay. Khambatta prefers these small projects to his father's larger ones, which include streamlined low cost housing and hospi-

tal complexes. "Eventually I will take over his projects too," says Khambatta. But till then he would rather agonize over his sketches — on the shape and position of a window and the play of light on it than slot it into his drawings routinely. And when his day at the office is over, he sits on top of the scrap heap in his studio and waits for inspiration to transport him.

Unlike many Parsis, Khambatta sees no reason to fret unduly over the fate of the young males of the community. "You get a few bad apples in all communities and the Parsis have their share of bad fruit too. On the whole, however, I think our youth is doing fairly well," he observes.

Khambatta believes that the cliché of the Parsi bank clerk is overworked and does not apply anymore. Young Parsis are breaking traditional molds just as their forefathers had to keep pace with the changing times. For instance, he points out that there are probably more Parsi musicians and singers on MTV than members of any other community in India. Khambatta apparently symbolizes the Parsis of his generation: he restructures something new and vibrant from the scrap heap of tradition.

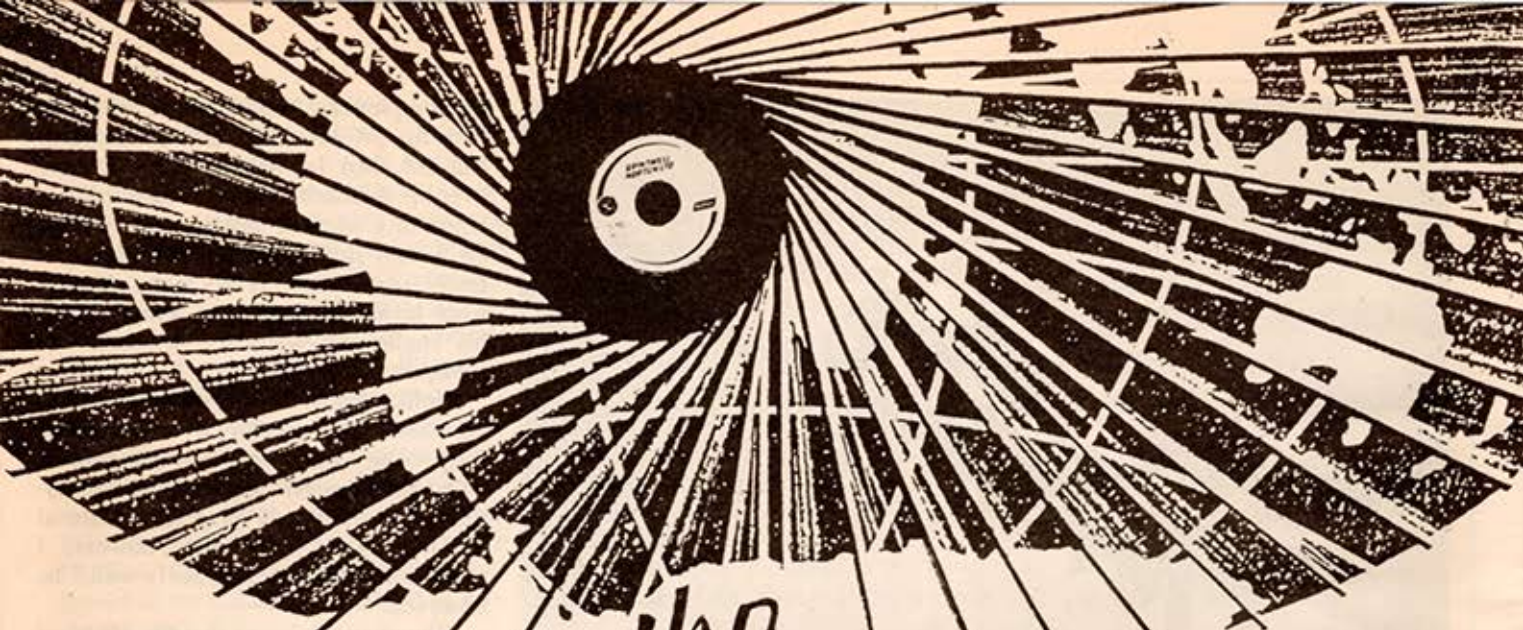
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The board of trustees of the
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CHAIRMANSHIP by election or seniority?



Arnavaz S. Mama

For the first time in the Bombay Parsi Punchayet's (BPP) long history, a battle for the presidency of the august body has reached the Bombay High Court.

The community grapevine had been humming with the rivalry between trustees Eruch Desai and Jamshed Guzder—the two incumbents who have the longest service record amongst the present trustees with Desai leading by 29 days—through the anjuman committee elections and the trusteeship elections that followed.

Desai believes that the presidency is the prerogative of the seniormost trustee according to the Punchayet's traditions. Cotrustees Homi Ranina and Dr (Ms) Mehroo Bengalee follow Desai's line of thinking.

Guzder is supported by the remaining three trustees — Jamsheed Kanga, Minoo Shroff and Ms Silloo Kavarana — who plead that the president should be the trustee considered best suited to the needs of the time.

Since the majority prevailed on March 30, 1993 and installed Guzder as president, Ranina and Bengalee along with anjuman committee members Peterasp Patel and Eruch Sethna have filed an Originating Summons (OS) in the

Bombay High Court. They wish the court to decide whether the trustees of the BPP have any power under the electoral scheme to appoint/elect the Punchayet's president.

The remaining three questions on which the court is required to rule follow from this moot point: whether a chairman can be appointed for a meeting if the president is present; whether the seniormost trustee can be prevented from assuming office of president without modification of the present scheme; and whether the appointment of Jamshed Guzder as president of the BPP is valid and proper.

The event leading to the filing of the petition on May 12, 1993 was a meeting of the BPP's board of trustees on March 30, 1993. Being the first meeting of the new board after the retirement of the preceding president Dr Aspi Golwalla, the foremost concern of the board was the appointment of Golwalla's successor as president. Noted solicitor Desai claimed the position on the basis of having been the longest serving trustee on the present board, as recorded in the minutes of the meeting appended to the petition. Desai, along with supporters Ranina and Bengalee believe that the tradition of the Punchayet has been for the seniormost trustee to automatically take over when

the president's position is vacated.

Their four colleagues — Kanga, Guzder, Shroff and Kavarana — contend that it was up to the trustees to elect the president depending on the type of person best capable of dealing with the needs of the time. Accordingly they first voted in Shroff as chairman of the meeting to put the issue of appointment of president to the vote. Thereafter Guzder was elected president by a four to three majority. The three dissenters "protested against the above and clarified that their further participation... as trustees would be without prejudice and under protest and thereafter walked out of the meeting," inform the minutes.

In support of their belief in the seniormost trustee's "right" to occupy the position of president, the plaintiffs traced the history of the Punchayet from 1831 to 1991 and quoted clause 69 of the electoral scheme which, among other things, requires the trustees to meet "at least twice a month" with the exception of the summer holidays in April and May, requires the president of the Punchayet to chair meetings and stipulates the election of a trustee to occupy the chair at meetings when the president is absent. The petition then notes, "It is significant that although the aforesaid clause refers to and recognizes the office

The rivals: Desai (left) and Guzder

"The trustees of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet have no power to appoint (or) remove the president"

of president, it is silent about the appointment/election of the president although it provides for the election of the chairman to preside at meetings of trustees in the absence of the president."

The petition states that from 1823 to 1857 "the seniormost trustee always acted as the president during his lifetime." From 1857 to 1908 the first Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy and the baronets who succeeded him functioned as Punchayet presidents. "However the trustees never had the power to appoint the president. In fact as appears from Sapur Desai's *History of the Bombay Parsi Punchayet* at p. 177 it was the Anjuman meeting which elected the president," notes the petition. When the scheme was framed by the High Court in 1910 Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy, fifth baronet, was president of the board and continued so until his death in 1931 when "Sir Cowasjee Jehangir, first baronet, who was then the seniormost trustee, automatically became the president and without any mandate in that behalf from the trustees. From 1931 onwards, the consistent practice and custom has been for the seniormost trustee to assume the office of president upon the death or retirement of the incumbent. From 1931 till 1993, 11 presidents have assumed office on the basis of their being the seniormost trustee," argue the petitioners, relying on the minutes of the various meetings which have been appended as exhibits to the petition.

"The minutes of all the meetings since February 11, 1931 expressly record that the seniormost trustee therein named occupied the president's chair except when the last president Dr Aspi Golwalla assumed the presidentship on December 8, 1981 when a resolution was passed by the trustees unanimously that 'Dr Aspi F. Golwalla be and is hereby appointed president of the Bombay Parsi Pun-

chayet.' However there was no election of the president at that meeting, and the resolution in effect merely recorded the event of the seniormost trustee Dr Golwalla taking over as the president of the BPP. It is submitted that in the circumstances, by (the) passing of such a resolution, the trustees did not and could not acquire any legal power to elect the president which they never had due to long usage, practice and tradition. The resolution dated July 23, 1974 'Welcomed and congratulated Lady Hirabai Cowasji Jehangir as the new president of the Parsi Punchayet.' The resolution dated June 15, 1976 states that 'the seniormost trustee Mr Eruch A. Nadir-



Petitioners Bengalee (left) and Ranina

shah occupied the chair.' The resolution dated August 9, 1977 states that 'after Mr Eruch A. Nadirshah had retired, the chairmanship of the board had devolved upon Mr Boman-Behram as the seniormost trustee.' The fact that the resolution of December 8, 1981 was differently worded did not tantamount to the trustees acquiring any right, legal or otherwise, to elect the president of the BPP from that time...

"In the last more than 60 years alone, 10 presidents have assumed office as president on the basis of their being the seniormost trustee for the time being. This custom which has been adopted by the trustees, of the seniormost trustee automatically being appointed the president of the board of trustees, is ancient, uni-

form and reasonable. The plaintiffs say that such devolution of office on the basis of seniority is a reasonable criterion for a post like that of the president of the board of trustees which calls for experience in the management of the affairs of the Punchayet and familiarity with its vast and varied activities and traditions. The plaintiffs say... that such an established reasonable custom and convention though unwritten, has the same effect as if it had been fully incorporated in the scheme. The plaintiffs accordingly... submit that this custom and usage is binding on the trustees and the BPP, and cannot be departed from, more particularly when there is no particular reason whatsoever to deviate therefrom.

"The plaintiffs state that on the expiry of term of office of Dr Golwalla, the office of the president automatically devolved upon the seniormost trustee Mr E. B. Desai, defendant number one herein. At the meeting held on March 30, 1993, Mr E. B. Desai as president took the chair in accordance with rule 69."

Describing the chain of events which followed, the petitioners note that as they and Desai did not accept the validity of the other trustees' decision to appoint Shroff temporary chairman of the meeting, Guzder proposed and Kanga seconded the resolution that "Mr E. B. Desai shall not continue as temporary chairman of this meeting and furthermore shall not occupy the office of the president of the BPP and Mr M. R. Shroff be and is hereby appointed as temporary chairman to conduct the meeting."

The petitioners further contend that "the trustees of the Parsi Punchayet, much less a bare majority thereof, have no power or authority to appoint, much less remove the president of the Parsi Punchayet. It is an undisputed fact that never in the history of the BPP has there been any election of the president by the trustees."

Charging that by these resolutions of March 30, 1993 the majority trustees "have purported to modify the aforesaid scheme which they cannot do at law or otherwise," the petition further argues that "it is quite conceivable that if the trustees were to elect the president, at any meeting, (a) resolution may be moved for removal and/or appointment

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The plaintiff describes the status and position of Desai, a senior partner at Mulla and Mulla and Craigie, Blunt and Caroe, director on the board of 24 public limited companies who has chaired meetings of such established corporations as Grasim Industries, Hindalco and Ficom Organics. As per the minutes of the board meeting of March 30, Ranina had argued, "Apart from this legal issue, I would also urge that in the interest of unity and harmony it will be totally wrong to supersede the seniormost trustee thereby belittling his image, his competence and caliber in the eyes of the community."

The five defendants — Desai is listed as defendant number one — have filed separate affidavits. That is Guzder and Desai have proceeded individually and Kanga, Shroff and Kavarana have filed a common response via solicitors Wadia Ghandy and Company.

Kanga's affidavit responds by questioning the scope of an OS and its applicability in this case; challenges the plaintiffs' averred reliance on a time honored custom as also their presentation of Parsi Punchayet history; analyses the minutes of the meeting when the last president, Dr Aspi Golwalla, was so chosen; enumerates the progressive democratization of the Punchayet; presents an interpretation of the events of March 30, 1993.

Almost at the outset Kanga's affidavit notes, "under the guise of an OS the plaintiffs are in fact seeking vindication of the alleged personal grievances of (Desai) and enforcement of (his) alleged rights... as a trustee of the BPP."

The defence affidavit seeks to prove that "this Hon'ble Court would hence be required to decide complicated questions beyond the scope and summary nature of an OS." It notes that an OS "does not apply where questions of fact are in dispute... where the disputed facts are of such complexity as in the present case as to involve a substantial amount of oral evidence being required... (where) the

existence of the custom and usage alleged by the plaintiffs is being disputed."

Reiterating that "the plaint and OS have been drafted in this invidious manner only in order to deceive this Hon'ble Court into deciding a question which is completely outside the scope of an OS" Kanga's affidavit accuses the petitioners of "not only indirectly seeking to obtain judicial recognition of an alleged custom



The defendants (left to right): Shroff, Kanga and Kavarana

but... also seeking enforcement of the alleged rights of an individual trustee."

Kanga's affidavit further states that the plaint and OS "disclose no cause of action inasmuch as they do not set out any violation of any alleged rights of any of the plaintiffs or beneficiaries of the said Punchayet, nor has any relief for the proper management and functioning of the said trust been sought... (Desai) having chosen not to file any proceedings for the alleged violation of his alleged rights the plaintiffs have no locus standi to maintain the suit and the OS and the same ought to be dismissed with costs."

Challenging the petitioners' version of the Punchayet's history and their reliance on a custom by which the seniormost trustee was automatically elevated to president the defence notes, "the first four trustees viz Wadia Hormusji Bomanji, Framji Cowasji Banaji, Wadia Naoroji Jamshedji and Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy were all appointed on November 28, 1823. However, Hormusji Bomanji Wadia became/was appointed as the first chairman and thereafter Framji Cowasji Banaji, Wadia Naoroji Jamshedji and Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy became chairman of the said Punchayet on different dates in the future... This clearly shows that the said alleged custom did not exist between 1823 and 1857

as the first four trustees were all appointed on the same day and the question of seniority therefore could not arise. The election of one out of the four trustees as chairman was an act performed by the said four trustees without taking into account any question of seniority. The statement made in...the plaint that during the years 1823 to 1857 the seniormost trustee always acted as the president dur-



ing his lifetime is hence demonstrably false."

Documented history accepted by the plaintiffs and the defendants has it that between the years 1857 when the first Sir Jamsetji Jejeebhoy became president and 1931, only the ruling baronet was president of the BPP irrespective of the seniority of other members on the board. "Even after 1931 the alleged custom has not been followed. The presidents of the said Punchayet appointed between 1931 and 1977 have all been selected for their abilities. The said presidents have incidentally also been the seniormost trustees at the said time... In any event such alleged custom, prevalent only for a period of 46 years, is not a custom having the force of law."

Coming to the 1981 election the minutes of which are more detailed and refuse, the defence affidavit notes, "The minutes...clearly state that there was a proposal — which was seconded — to appoint Dr Aspi Golwalla as the president. (They) also record that Dr Aspi Golwalla was then unanimously appointed president of the said Punchayet... If the plaintiffs' submissions as regards an alleged custom are true, then there was no need to propose and second the appointment of Dr Aspi Golwalla... Another clear pointer to the fact that Dr Aspi Golwalla was unanimously elected president and did not become the president by reason of his being the seniormost trustee is the manner in

which all the other trustees have expressed their reasons for electing Dr Aspi Golwalla as the president... Mr Eruch Desai stated that 'he wholeheartedly supported the fine sentiments expressed by the trustees and that in his view there was no better choice for chairmanship than Dr Aspi Golwalla with his balanced and mature judgement, who never loses his temper with anybody and who easily gets along well not only with his colleagues but with one and all (and) that his leadership of the trustee team would therefore be a great asset to the community...' If there had been a prevalent custom as alleged by the plaintiffs and (Desai) then there would have been no need for (him) to have made the abovementioned statement regarding there being 'no better choice for chairmanship...' The fact that Dr Aspi Golwalla also incidentally happened to be the seniormost trustee at the time is immaterial inasmuch as that was not the reason for which he was unanimously elected as the president as is borne out by the said minutes."

Seeking to apply democratic norms to Punchayet work the defence affidavit claims that the disputed "custom" of the seniormost trustee becoming president could amount to "a negation of merit...foisted (by) outdated...practice" and that such a leader "will never achieve the same results as (one who) is elected by his followers and peers."

Seeking a democratic mandate from the electoral scheme itself, the defence recounts the various amendments to the scheme, the phasing out of the old registers and the gradual reining in of money power in the election of trustees by the increase in the donation amount which earns a right to vote as also the mandatory time lapse before a donor can exercise his electoral right.

At the meeting on March 30, Desai had produced the opinion of retired Chief Justice of India Y. V. Chandrachud which upheld Desai's contention that the custom of the seniormost trustee becoming president existed and had the force of law. Though this fact is mentioned in the minutes of the meeting appended to the petition, the Chandrachud opinion itself has not been appended to the plaint. Referring to this document the defence affidavit notes, "His Lordship has based his opinion on incorrect facts supplied to him by (Desai). It appears that (Desai) had informed His Lordship that, prior to Sir Cowasji Jehangir becoming president of the board of trustees (in 1931), the

uniform practice observed during the long existence of the...Punchayet for more than 330 years... (was that) the seniormost trustee (became) president of the said Punchayet and that there has been no deviation ever from this custom or convention. This is...demonstrably false..."

The defence affidavit notes that none of them had any objection to Desai "be-

An OS "does not apply where questions of fact are in dispute"

coming president of the said Punchayet provided he was validly elected by the trustees. (Their) only objection... was to (his) 'self appointment.' It further recounts that the petitioners as well as Desai participated in all the voting that ensued on March 30, 1993 and "engaged in this charade of walkout only after they had failed in achieving their object of having (Desai) become president of the said Punchayet." It then goes on to add, "the election and resolutions passed were in no way meant to express lack of confidence in or show disrespect to (Desai) but were only an essential feature of the democratic process."

The majority trustees also rely on the provisions of article 70 of the scheme which provides the chairman with a casting vote in the event of a deadlock and declares that the majority decision is binding upon all the trustees: "Inasmuch as the said scheme does not contain any express provision for the appointment of the president the same is covered by clause 70 of the said scheme."

The defence affidavit refers to Guzder as currently director of 14 public limited companies and trustee of 25 public charitable trusts, chairman of Antop Hill Warehousing Company and of Airfreight, vice president of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce and Industry and chairman of the human resources committee of the Indian Merchants Chamber, etc besides tracing his past appointments on a myriad business and industrial boards and councils as proof of his qualification for the position of BPP president.

The brief statement filed by Guzder himself adopts "each and every statement made in (Kanga's) affidavit as if it were incorporated herein." It also states

that Desai "has always cherished a lifetime ambition of becoming president of the BPP." It adds that Desai's professional activities as a lawyer have prevented him sparing the required time for Punchayet work such as visiting the trust's institutions and colonies or interacting with community members. The affidavit adds "as current president/chairman, I devote at least three to four hours a day to the affairs of the Punchayet in addition to regularly visiting the different colonies and having a close interaction with the committee members of such colonies, and revamping the administration of the Punchayet in order to satisfy the demands of the community and to meet the criticisms that are being constantly levelled by the public..."

Guzder's affidavit charges that Desai "has deliberately chosen not to be plaintiff as otherwise the personal nature of this dispute would be exposed and (he) would be relegated to the remedy of filing an ordinary suit to agitate his alleged rights. In other words, the present OS is an abuse of the process of law inasmuch as this OS is nothing but a camouflage for enforcing (his) alleged personal rights... being an advocate of this Hon'ble Court (Desai) is well aware of the time taken for disposal of an ordinary suit and has, therefore, tried to short-circuit the procedure by trying to disguise the proceedings as an OS."

Accusing Desai of "creating...controversial litigation and unnecessarily embroiling the harmony and peace of a small community when the need of the hour is unity to tackle the various problems facing the Parsi community in Bombay," Guzder further pillories his opponent for obtaining Justice Chandrachud's opinion on the basis of "blatantly false facts." It also notes that Desai "has repeatedly stated that if he is unsuccessful in the present proceedings, he would forthwith resign as trustee."

Desai's affidavit, the last to reach *Parsiana*, refers to his "consistent endeavor... to work in the best interests of the Parsi community. In this no gain has accrued to me, though in the process I have had to suffer the criticism of persons holding contrary views." While endorsing his receptiveness "to the demands for democratization of the process for appointing trustees to the extent possible but always consistent with the needs and interests of the community," Desai cites the example of the judiciary

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where seniority is an accepted norm in the interests of "a higher degree of permanence (and) has been accepted as essential to the independence and integrity of the office."

Shoring up the need to continue with seniority as the guiding principle in certain offices as that of the president of the BPP, Desai argues, "Many a hard decision for the ultimate benefit of the community (is) required to be taken dispassionately which may not be in line with people with vested interests... Democratization of this singular office would only lead to politicalization (entailing that) the president will have to sacrifice his independence and... placate his co-trustees to maintain his office." He further notes, "it would also lead to a piquant situation inasmuch as when every time a new trustee is appointed, a new president's choice should also automatically follow as otherwise it would be a denial of the so-called right of the new trustee to partake in the election of the president."

Initially concentrating on Kanga's affidavit Desai notes, "It is inappropriate for defendants two to four (Kanga, Guzder and Shroff) who also adhered to the previous practice of the appointment of the president, now to deviate therefrom just to suit their convenience when they have along with defendant five (Kavarana) mustered a majority on the board, or to characterize the method of the seniormost trustee becoming president as an archaic custom."

Referring to the minutes of the meeting when Dr Golwalla was appointed president where his own statements have been cited against him, Desai says that that appointment was "perfectly consistent with the said custom and usage insofar as he was then the seniormost trustee. That he was also 'the best choice' for chairmanship in view of his undeniable qualities of leadership, does not detract in the least from the custom which was adhered to even in his case... The term 'no better choice' is not used to denote that there had been any election, or that the trustees had any choice in the matter, but is merely a figure of speech to describe that Dr Golwalla was preeminently suitable for the chairmanship and even otherwise as the seniormost trustee on the board of the BPP."

Desai presents his view of the events of March 30 and denies the opponents' charge of having purposely misled retired Justice Chandrachud: "I deny that the office of the president was vacant

when the meeting commenced. I say that the office had devolved on me by virtue of the said custom/convention... Instead of proceeding to court for an injunction and with a view to avoid legal proceedings, I had sought the opinion in advance of Mr Justice Y. V. Chandrachud (Retd) on the issue with a hope that defendants two to five (Kanga, Guzder, Shroff and Kavarana) would see reason. Unfortunately (they) were not willing to even read, let alone consider, this opinion. I strongly deny the false and malicious allegation that I supplied incorrect facts on any material particulars to Mr Justice Y. V. Chandrachud (Retd) as alleged... I deny that there was any so-called 'self appointment.' I say that the resolutions purported to be put to vote at the said meeting are invalid in law and void ab initio. Without prejudice to the aforesaid, I reiterate that (Shroff) was ineligible to vote. I deny that I was ineligible to vote... It is facile to allege that we left only after we lost the vote insofar as the result of any such vote was a foregone conclusion in view of the open and well-known alliance between defendants two to five who belong to the same party, namely CER (Committee for Economic Revival)."

Charging Guzder with making "false, frivolous, baseless and unwarranted personal allegations... quite unfortunate and not becoming of a person occupying such a high office as a trustee of the BPP, leave aside the purported presidency thereof," Desai notes that Guzder "even tried his level best to become the president at the time when it was the turn of Dr Golwalla to become president as the seniormost trustee, but he had to ultimately give up the move as the majority on the board were not willing to give a go by to time honored convention." He further adds that Guzder was always aware of the fact that the seniormost trustee "automatically becomes the president" and seeks to prove the charge by quoting from the editorial viewpoint in *Parsiana* (January 1985): "Godrej was adamant on contesting Guzder's seat so as to reportedly deny him the opportunity to be chairman of the BPP, a position which traditionally has been filled by seniority."

Maintaining that the OS have been moved because "defendants two to five have with impunity, only when they have been able to muster a majority on the board, sought to give a go by to the well established and time tested tradition and

acted contrary to the provisions of the scheme" Desai further notes: "I say that the top functionaries of the said CER started opposing me by Press publications and otherwise ever since I refused to toe their party line and have always acted independently in my functions as a trustee of the BPP." (Desai's victory over Hector Mehta, earning him a second term in office, had been attributed to CER support).

"With due humility," Desai refers to "the voluminous record of the BPP extending over the last more than 18 years, during which I have been a trustee of this august institute (to) bear out eloquently the contribution that I have made in my capacity as a trustee of the BPP which is in no way inferior to the contribution made by any of my colleagues on the board and certainly more than that of (Guzder)." To attest this statement Desai quotes from *The Bombay Samachar* and the *Jam-e-Jamshed* and has added a resumé of the BPP board meetings from 1989 to March 1993 during which period, of a total of 134 meetings, Desai attended 117 versus Guzder's 125.

Denying the charge of personal ambition levelled against him Desai states, "As far as the president of the BPP is concerned, so far as effective say on any matter, he is only the first amongst equals, and he has no greater right than any of the other trustees excepting a casting vote in terms of Rule 70 of the Scheme of Election of Trustees, and if my continuance as a trustee for the last more than 18 years has not been detrimental to the interest of the community, I fail to fathom how my becoming the president thereof would be in any way detrimental to such interest... The fact that plaintiffs one and two as also the other plaintiffs have taken a view contrary to that espoused by defendant three (Guzder) and the other defendants, does not mean that there is any bid on anybody's part... to 'become' the president of the BPP. If at all there is any bid for the same, it is that of defendant number three (Guzder) who has been able to succeed in the matter perhaps temporarily with the support of (the other defendants)... If only (Guzder) and the other defendants had respected the time-tested practice, custom and tradition of the seniormost trustee becoming the president as all our predecessors have done at least admittedly for the last more than 60 years the present unfortunate proceedings would have been avoided."

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The Federation has conceived of Zotarians as a body of experienced professionals to promote community business links

The gathering of data for an all-India directory of Zoroastrian businessmen, professionals, executives, etc is proposed to be undertaken by the Federation of Zoroastrian Youth Associations (FOZYA). This was conveyed to the delegates at the executive council meeting of the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India (FPZAI) on June 5 and 6, 1993 at Bombay's Muncherji Khareghat Hall when Jamshed Guzder, the newly elected chairman of the Bombay Parsi Panchayat (BPP) officiated as president. The directory is an offshoot of Zotarians, the recently constituted wing of the FPZAI, whose object is to promote interaction among Zoroastrian businessmen and professionals.

The failure to hold a meeting of the rural welfare subcommittee of the FPZAI for two years resulted in the Federation secretary Keki Gandhi pointedly asking Surat Parsi Panchayat (SPP) president and vice president of the Federation Dr Sam Bhacca who chairs the rural welfare subcommittee: "What stops (you) from calling a meeting?" Rising to his own defence Bhacca started with "My dear secretary, it is very nice of you to ask such pertinent questions..." and then proceeded to give his reasons: riots in Surat and BPP chief executive Rustom Anklesaria's inability to be present for one meeting (which he wanted to convene at four days' notice, Anklesaria clarified). When named as being the chairman of the newly established WZO (World Zoroastrian Organisation) Trust that functions as a parallel body for the cause of ameliorating the lot of the poor farmers, Bhacca promptly disclaimed

any connection by stating, "I have not the slightest idea how the monies are collected or how the monies are spent." WZO's Dadi Mistry tried to explain that the formation of a second body was necessary so that donors could avail of tax exemption facilities but some unconvinced delegates kept persisting for more information. Added Mistry, "Whether it is the SPP or the WZO or XYZ collecting the money, there is not a single penny being spent beyond this object."

The absence of a Parsi representative on the Central Minorities Commission was also a cause for concern until it was announced that Vice Admiral Rusi Ghandhi will be representing the community on this commission.

The Bahrot Caves, defaced and neglected, are not being accorded the respect that should be their due for housing the sacred fire brought from Sanjan. The ministry of tourism, or the archeological and museums department of Maharashtra need to be approached as also the Archeological Survey of India to protect it as a national monument, it was urged by former member of the Minorities Commission Homi Taleyarkhan, BPP trustee Jamsheed Kanga and former vice president of the FPZAI Bazun Dittia.

At the Seventh All India Youth Seminar in Dahanu from November 27 to 29, 1993 an element of seriousness was to be introduced thereby necessitating screening of participants, conveyed Ms Banoogoshasp Irani, president of the Young Zoroastrian Association of Dahanu.

The next executive council meeting of the Federation will be held in Baroda on

January 8 and 9, 1993. Even though they are not sure of their funding, the Baroda Anjuman has invited representatives of all anjumans to partake of their hospitality. The Federation's excellence awards for the years 1990 and 1991 will also be distributed at Baroda. For the year 1990, eight nominations have been received, while for 1991, 18 names have been suggested. It was also decided that the receipt of an award should not disqualify a candidate from receiving it for a separate category in the same year, or in the same field in different years.

Zotarians, not sectarian

A mutual help body that can promote business contacts, share trade insights, assist those on the threshold of a new career or those who need business advice and support has been constituted by the Federation. But with membership on Zotarians restricted to Zoroastrians, apprehensions were voiced regarding it being construed as a sectarian, communal or unionized activity. Warned Taleyarkhan, if it is meant to be a Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce it might deter banks from extending aid to members of the Zoroastrian fraternity.

There is nothing "anti-national or sectarian" about this idea, believed Kanga. "This has been done informally in the past. We are only trying to institutionalize this." Supported Lt Gen Adi Sethna of Delhi, "The idea is to produce a directory of businessmen who can help each other." "Each group of professionals should work independently and also as part of the wing," recommended Anklesaria. He was in favor of a loose

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page directory but wondered how in a place like Bombay the data could be collated.

On behalf of FOZYA its then vice president Porus Karanjawalla offered, "Let FOZYA take up this project," and urged the different anjumans to enlist the help of the youth wings in their respective areas.

Only people who have time for the community should agree to get their names included on this directory, felt Ms Dolat Debara of Agra. A grievance cell should fall within the purview of this wing, noted Guzder. "This should be a one-window concept," clarified Taleyarkhan, "no running from pillar to post." "If all of us follow Jimmy (Guzder)'s example, the youth in the community wouldn't have to run from pillar to post," observed Mistry who then cited the case of the Delhi Parsi Anjuman which encouraged individuals starting an industry by granting them a 50 percent concession in the Dharamshala rentals to ease their accommodation cost burden.

Publications to guide those wanting to launch their own business were recommended by Taleyarkhan. Kanga however was apprehensive: "Starting a small scale industry is very risky. Everyone thinks you need capital and a little bit of bravado. I don't think those who read such booklets can start their own enterprise. Let's not build up their expectations. It requires expertise... the ability to get through a maze of rules and corruption," he cautioned.

Limited enjoyment for the youth

Only those genuinely interested were welcome to the Seventh All India Youth Seminar in Dahanu from November 27 to 29, 1993. "This is not meant to be a free holiday," the organizers are agreed. When doubts were expressed whether it was wrong to have enjoyment and entertainment, Pervaz Irani of Dahanu clarified, "There will be enjoyment; but with discipline. Delegates are not supposed to come and freak out."

In fact FOZYA has conducted a survey to determine the expectations of the participants at such seminars. Six hundred questionnaires were sent out by them to which 80 responses had come in. "If we get 100 responses we will tabulate the data and convey the expectations to

the Dahanu organizers," noted then FOZYA president Jehangir Bisney. (The survey findings will be featured in the January issue of *Parsiana*, 1994). While FOZYA's "Support *Parsiana*" project is an ongoing feature, members have also been requested to help out with the Zotarians' directory work.

The Poona youth are already active in collecting data for their local directory to be brought out by the Poona Parsi



From left: Sethna, Guzder, Anklesaria and Gandhi

Panchayat. They have additionally offered to circulate information regarding job openings where the preference is for Zoroastrian employees. A summer sports camp, a campfire at the Parsi gymkhana and the organization of Jamshedi Navroze celebrations were among the activities undertaken by Poona's 250 youth contingent. On festive occasions they share their joys with the boarders of the J. N. Petit Institute as also the inmates of the mental asylum.

The Dahanu youth too organized a camp when the youngsters were taught *monajats* (religious songs) and acquainted with themes from the *Shah Namah*. At their ghambars they have now introduced the practice where the Zoroastrian ladies themselves cook the meal. They also helped rebuild the house of a poor employee of their agiary.

With 162 members on their roll, Surat's youth organized a mix of entertainment and social work activities — a dinner-dance, *Ava mah* ghambhar, picnic, blood donation camp and religious talks. When Davar Kavasji Modi pointed out that there were already two associations in Surat — one for youth and the other for women (flush with funds but almost dormant) which could be reactivated, Nauzer Kasad informed him that he was not aware of the existence of these

groups. Remarked Kanga, "It's good that in Bombay at least two people from Surat have met. Now continue your dialogue in Surat." Assuring Panchayat co-operation to the Surat youth, Bhacca addressed them, "Tomorrow is yours, and we are all yours... We don't want to change the youth. We want to follow the youth." Reminded Nariman Mogrelia of Madras, "Youth has revolted against advice and guidance for ages. Let them make mistakes. Some may make more, some may not."

In response to an observation on the youth to the effect that "everyone wants to be a field marshal before being recruited as a soldier," Kanga answered, "This is precisely why youths don't like being talked down to. Try and come closer to them. Don't dictate to them."

Delhi's youth were busy preparing for the Shrivastav Nargolwala elocution competition in December. Their youth

volunteers help out at the aramgha during burials. Besides, they have also started teaching Gujarati to pre and post-navjoted children.

The BPP Youth Club with 255 members organized a cleaning of Bombay's atash behrams, entertainment for the inmates of the Parukh Dharamshala, and the navjotes of two Parsi girls. When Kanga enquired whether any matrimonial matches have resulted from this Club he was told that there may be a possibility as some of them have started pairing up.

Of Allahabad's 10 youths, one of them has undertaken to keep the fire at their agiary burning in the absence of a mobed. Mhow's Behram Masani indicated that they have funds to sponsor navjotes of needy children.

Farmers and factions

Already more than Rs 20 lakhs have been expended to aid the poor Zoroastrian farmers of Gujarat. As more funds keep trickling in so also does the realization that there are many agrarian pockets that need help. In addition to agricultural inputs and equipment to earn a supplementary income, the poor farmers also need medical facilities on a permanent basis and provisions like foodgrains and oil that need regular replenishing, volunteers have observed.

"Just like the WZO which has launched a fund-raising drive, the BPP



(From left)
Top row: Minoo Davierwala,
Bodhanwalla, Bhacca and
Darius Marshall
Second row: Sagar,
Karanjawalla, Pervez Irani,
Banooogoshasp Irani and
Bisney
Third row: Mogrelia, Masani,
Kanga and Taleyarkhan



and the SPP should also initiate a drive," recommended Modi, one of the key workers involved in this program. Kanga would have liked hosts at navjote and wedding celebrations to save on the costs of lights and floral decorations and put up a board instead announcing that the monies saved will be used for the rural Zoroastrian kinsfolk.

Not all the funds earmarked for rural welfare work reach the Federation subcommittee on rural welfare, pointed out Masani who said that one private trust had been sent a receipt for the donation, signed by Dinshaw Tamboly. "The

money has not come to us. It must have gone to the WZO Trust," stated Bhacca. "They have formed their own trust and started collecting money themselves. In the interest of the poor farmers we can't tell people to give money to one body and not to another."

Clarified Mistry, "The WZO Trust is a registered trust with an 80G tax exemption facility (an 80G certificate entitles donors to claim a 50 percent rebate in income tax). It is exclusively used for the farmers of Gujarat... Dastur Meherjirana is the chairman and Bhacca is a trustee." When Bhacca questioned this statement,

Mistry later clarified that Bhacca is the chairman.

Tracing the antecedents of WZO's involvement with this subcommittee, Anklesaria questioned the principle of an organization initially becoming a member of a subcommittee and later deciding to lead an independent existence. He then appealed to Bhacca to convene meetings of the subcommittee regularly to take stock of the situation.

But Bhacca would still not commit himself as to when the next meeting would be held until those who wanted to put an end to the day's discussion gave

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an assurance on Bhacca's behalf that a meeting would be summoned.

Gandhi also failed to understand the WZO officials' ability to successfully pursue a fresh 80G exemption for the newly formed WZO Trust while being unable to expedite the renewal of the SPP's certificate that had temporarily lapsed. Mistry felt that the questions raised indicated an exercise in "hairsplitting... This only means the work will suffer," he pointed out to the delegates present.

"This project would not have got off the ground had it not been for the WZO," conceded Modi who then tried to assuage both the sides by recalling that the WZO Trust will forward monies to the SPP when required. While no one wanted to answer whether there was an internal dissension and the reason for the split, Mistry noted, "There has been no intention of hurting anyone... We want to progress. We want to grow and see our brethren grow with us."

Congress continuity

"As an intelligent community we should do something better than what we have at earlier congresses," FPZAI vice president Homi Bodhanwalla was determined. "If we do nothing at the end of this Congress we will feel very small at the start of the next Congress," Kanga was worried that there was no coordination and no monitoring of the progress attained by different bodies on the recommendations that emanated from the Fifth World Zoroastrian Congress.

The pros and cons of constituting an Inter Regional Zoroastrian Congress Committee to serve as a liaison body between congresses were once again deliberated upon at length until it was finally agreed that the Federation secretariat would coordinate between different areas thus saving substantially on the costs.

Were a separate committee to be constituted the estimated annual cost of its functioning would be in the region of one lakh rupees. Though Guzder was willing to underwrite the cost, Gandhi was prepared to do it "FOC (free of cost) and let the Federation have the lakh for its welfare projects." As conveyed Gandhi, "The work involved is nothing but plain correspondence... It is up to each anjuman to implement the social and demographic recommendations of the Congress." Reminding the gathering about the genesis of this topic that was taken up for discussion in 1991 at the Delhi meet-

ing of the Federation, Gandhi continued, "If there is no report it means there has been no progress. What progress have other overseas associations made? The world has done nothing; and we have done nothing — for the right reasons."

While the Federation will once again approach the Indian anjumans to ascertain the progress they have made, BPP trustee Minoo Shroff pointed out that to elicit maximum cooperation the letter from the Federation should "say that we intend to do something rather than say that we have not done anything."

A federation of world bodies as mooted by Rohinton Rivetna, president of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America, was also given a passing mention. But in the absence of any written guidelines as to its formation the Indian Federation thought it premature to deliberate upon its nature. A backseat approach will not suffice, believed Guzder. "There will come a time when the Indian voice will be in the minority... We should have a federation of world bodies and close interaction," he urged.

Anjuman aspirations

Among the anjumans blessed with land like Poona, Secunderabad, Ahmedabad, some have recently constructed residential apartments for their members. Mhow is inviting community members to build houses on their land while Calicut is even willing to build houses if people are inclined to settle there. The Iranian Zoroastrian Anjuman has surplus land in Palghar and the recent Supreme Court ruling in their favor should enable them to decide on a course of action. In the case of the vacant lands in Neemuch, the five-family Zoroastrian population settled there feels they should sell off before it is encroached upon. Both the IZA and Neemuch were advised to get the Federation's name added on their land records so that the assets are not lost to the community.

The Borivli Anjuman desperately misses not having immovable assets, for they have neither an agiary nor a community hall where they can plan activities. Their problem is simple: no funds. An appeal for funds was also made by Baroda and Jhansi.

The constant demand for rooms at the Delhi Dharamshala is prompting the Anjuman to plan an extension of their facilities. Nearby Agra's dharamshala has limited takers making them constantly

wonder how they can lure visitors.

Both Calicut and Allahabad are hoping to find a dedicated paramobed. Allahabad in the meanwhile has embarked on a voluntary paramobed scheme and one of its youngsters, Pervaz Sagar, has undertaken to look after the agiary. A more pressing problem for Calicut is to find spouses for children in the marriageable age-group. While Calicut has only one Zoroastrian family permanently residing there, Visakhapatnam has four and is also on the lookout for a partner for one of their young males. Like Visakhapatnam, Vasco too has few Zoroastrian families, barely six to seven, residing in the area. Bhavnagar has a larger Zoroastrian population numbering around 50.

Land and housing problems continue to dog the BPP too. But rather than focus on it, a report was given on their counselling projects and youth development. There was also expressed a need to reactivate their newsletters. Kanga was keen to correct the impression created by the Parsi Press' "lazy journalism, which depends on people to write letters based on which the Editor writes columns." With Guzder reiterating that the trustees are there to serve the community, Shroff clarified, "And also to lead them."

Under the dynamic leadership of the Jamshedpur trustees the agiary is repaired frequently, newsletters brought out periodically, the directory updated regularly, non-Parsi spouses made welcome at religious functions and non-Parsis even being permitted to see the face of the dead members of the community on the rationale that "if they can look at the face when the person is alive, they might as well look at the face when a Parsi is dead."

Political unrest in Srinagar, and the consequent vandalism that resulted in their mansion being set ablaze, compelled the Pestonjee couple to finally leave the scenic setting, reported Sethna. The aramgah in the cantonment area, managed by a family trust, is now believed to be attended to by a Catholic priest.

Madras has built its priests' quarters and extended the Association hall but it does not plan to use its funds for new residential construction opting instead to spend on repairs and renovation.

Productivity rewarded

The Zoroastrian population in Bombay is

believed to be in the vicinity of 40,000. In the rest of India it is expected to be nearly 20,000, announced Guzder. While the official 1991 census figures have yet not been made public, the decline in community numbers is a foregone conclusion.

To reverse the graph Guzder suggested that couples should be induced to produce a third child on the assurance that the cost of its maintenance from birth to majority would be borne by the BPP. "This is most important for the survival of the community. The Panchayat should set aside Rs 20,00,000-30,00,000" for this purpose, he recommended.

An award for a large happy family instituted by the Federation at the instance of FPZAI joint honorary treasurer Peshotan Nargolwala who gifted the requisite Rs 10,000 for the purpose is meant to induce couples to increase their family size. But the norms for this particular award are difficult to outline, as pointed out Bodhanwalla, for this is not an excellence award — there is no yardstick to measure happiness — and the criterion for minimum three children would qualify many families. Thus the age of the last child and the family income could be considered such that the award benefits the family. Mogrelia recommended that instead of a cash award, the last child should be granted a scholarship and the couple's high fertility recognized with a certificate.

Marriages in several towns and cities outside Bombay are not being duly recognized as marriages under the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act due to want of requisite registration facilities. To rectify this position the BPP will approach the High Court to see if registration of

such marriages can be done centrally such that these parties could be covered under the Parsi Marriage and Divorce Act.

Those attending the Federation meeting were: Ms Dolat Debara, Dhun Khambatta and Homi Khambatta from Agra; Porus Karanjawalla from Ahmedabad; Capt Homi Dandiwalla, Ms Shireen Dandiwalla, Hanoze Sagar and Ms Parizad Ghandhi from Allahabad; Shavak Patel and Baman Cama from Baroda; Minochaheer Bharucha from Bhavnagar; Jamshed Guzder, Jamsheed Kanga, Minoo Shroff, Ms Silloo Kavarana, Rustom Anklesaria, Peshotan Nargolwala, Ms Gool Tata, Ms Sheroo Master, Adil Crawford, Ms Diana Marfatia, Ms Binaifer Bharucha, Ms Havovi Wadia, Cyrus Vaid, and Jal Postwalla from Bombay; Khurshed Pastakia from Borivli; Darius Marshall from Calicut; Cyrus Meherji from Calcutta; Mancher Mubarakai, Ms Bakhtawar Patel and Ms Banoogoshasp Irani from Dahanu; Lt Gen Adi Sethna, Dadi Mistry, Noshir Captain, Keki Gandhi, Zal Nowsherwanji and Ms Khorshed Nowsherwanji from Delhi; Aspi Irani and Pervez Irani from Iranian Zoroastrian Anjuman; Homi Bodhanwalla from Jamshedpur; Ronny Dick, Ms Zerin Dick, Ms Dinaz Bhagat, Ms Dimple Bhagat and Ms Roshni Bhagat from Jhansi; Dr (Ms) Shanaz Khodaiji and Jal Khodaiji from Lucknow; Nariman Mogrelia from Madras; Dr Behram Masani from Mhow; Noshir Jal from Neemuch; Minoo Davierwala, Dinshaw Anklesaria, Sarosh Palkhiwala, Kerman Framna, Adil Pagdiwalla, Manek Pagdiwalla, Piroze Davierwala and Zubin Motiwalla from Poona;

Jehangir Bisney from Secunderabad; Dr Sam Bhacca, Davar Kavasji Modi and Nauzer Kasad from Surat; Pervez Bhesania, Firoze Taraporewalla and Kersi Daruwalla from Thana; Sami Patel from Vesu. The permanent invitees present were Dr Aspi Golwalla, Homi Taleyarkhan and Bazun Dittia. The Press was represented by *Parsiana*.

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This combined issue of *Parsiana* for the months September to December 1993 presents Milestones data for the months of August, September and October.

This issue also carries intercommunity marriages registered both at the MHADA office as well as at the Old Customs House for the nine month period January to September 1993 as also civil marriages between Zoroastrians. However, names which could not be identified as Zoroastrian have been omitted from the list.

There are seven intercommunity marriages plus one civil marriage between Zoroastrians registered at the MHADA office in Bandra (East). The figures registered at the Old Customs House are 34 and three respectively.

The age of Zoroastrian brides (as listed in this issue) ranged between 20 and 41 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 25 and 39 years, averaging at 33 years.

A scanning of the Chandanwadi crematorium registers revealed the names of six Zoroastrians cremated over the seven month period of April to October 1993.

As compared to 69 births in Bombay for the three month period of August to October there

were 318 Zoroastrians consigned to the Towers of Silence. Eighty-four Zoroastrians fell prey to heart disease whereas pneumonia and lung disease claimed 43 patients. The other major killers were old age and general debility (34), cancer (26) and brain disease (19). Thirteen victims succumbed to malaria, 12 to kidney failure and 11 to hypertension. Septicemia took the lives of nine Zoroastrians while seven fell prey to anemia and five to bronchitis. Parkinson's disease and diabetes claimed four victims each and head injuries, liver disease and fractures claimed three each. There were two deaths ascribed to each of the following: paralysis, asthma, atherosclerosis (deposition of fatty substances in the arteries), hypoproteinemia (deficient protein in the blood plasma), tuberculosis and multi organ failure. Twenty-three isolated cases registered for the three month period were: asphyxia due to accidental drowning, oesophageal stricture (a narrowing of the oesophagus), street accident, tumor, dementia, cerebral palsy, suffocation, malnutrition, bleeding from the oesophageal veins, dehydration, high blood pressure, osteoporosis (loss of bone density), gastroenteritis, peritonitis (inflammation of the delicate serous membrane which lines the abdominal and pelvic cavities), osteoarthritis, haematemesis (vomiting of blood), hepatitis B,

meconium (the discharge from the bowels of a new born baby) aspiration syndrome, hernia, hypothyroidism, fever, asphyxia due to hanging and epilepsy. The coroner's report was still pending in the case of two deaths. A stillborn child, two babies aged six days and seven months, a seven-year-old girl and six youths between the ages of 20 to 38 were lost to the community. The youngest to die however was a four-day-old baby boy as compared to a 98-year-old woman.

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. For example, the birth figures for Bombay are supplied by four 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. 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.

A boy to *Kashmira* and *Pesi Mistry*; August 31
A girl to *Roda* and *Farrokh Patel*; September 1
A girl to *Collen* and *Merzi Chinoy*; September 2
A girl to *Anahita* and *Hormuzdar Engineer*, sister to *Maaziyar*; September 3
A girl to *Farida* and *Parvez Umrigar*; September 4
A girl to *Hutokhshi* and *Kurush Elavia*; September 7
A girl to *Niloufer* and *Jimmy Daruwalla*; September 9
A boy, *Zaran*, to *Asha* and *Cyrus Desai*; September 10
A boy to *Kashmira* and *Viraf Avari*; September 11
A boy to *Ruby* and *Mehernosh Bhesania*; September 11
A boy to *Kiran* and *Zarir Daruwalla*; September 11
A girl to *Zareen* and *Darius Kotwal*; September 13
A boy to *Meher* and *Pheroze Dhanbhora*; September 15
A boy to *Sharon* and *Homi Khajotia*; September 18
A girl to *Nilufer* and *Darayus Irani*; September 20
A girl to *Firozi* and *Gev Italia*; September 22
A boy to *Kamal* and *Navroz Panthaki*; September 23
A girl, *Zara*, to *Yasmin* and *Jehangir Damania*, sister to *Nergish*; September 25
A boy to *Pinaz* and *Faiyaz Gadiwalla*; September 28
A girl to *Shirin* and *Sam Jijina*; September 28
A boy to *Farzana* and *Rustom Irani*; September 29
A girl to *Navaz* and *Sarosh Irani*; September 30
A girl, *Atyaan*, to *Shireen* and *Kurush Jungalwalla*; October 2
A girl to *Anjali* and *Fali Forbes*; October 3
A girl, *Anahita*, to *Nilufer* and *Behram Munshi*; October 4
A boy to *Firoozeh* and *Behram Khambatta*; October 5
A girl to *Rani* and *Percy Kerawalla*; October 6
A girl to *Kashmira* and *Kaizad Merchant*; October 6
A boy to *Farida* and *Burzin Bharucha*; October 8
A girl to *Maharukh* and *Cyrus Kotwal*; October 8
A girl, *Hufriya*, to *Navaz* and *Nowzer Dudhmal*; October 9
A girl to *Naheed* and *Homi*

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BORN
A boy, *Kaivan*, to *Naveena* and *Kaizad Kermani*; August 12

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BORN
A boy to *Farida* and *Keki Palkhivala*; August 7
A girl to *Anaita* and *Flavian Paris*; August 7
A girl to *Farah* and *Rohinton Surty*; August 7
A boy to *Kerbi* and *Arish Patel*;

August 9
A girl to *Daizy* and *Homi Kotwal*; August 10
A boy to *Amy* and *Yazdi Avari*; August 11
A girl to *Arnavaz* and *Rohinton Rostami*; August 14
A girl to *Farida* and *Khushru Sukhadia*; August 14
A boy, *Delzad*, to *Pervin* and *Kaizad Inspector*, brother to *Taronish*; August 15
A boy to *Shiraz* and *Hormuz Engineer*; August 16
A boy to *Roshan* and *Sharukh Irani*; August 16
A girl to *Shernaz* and *Homi Khadiwala*; August 17
A girl to *Sabrina* and *Kurush*

Bilimoria; August 19
A boy to *Shiraz* and *Hosheder Tampal*; August 23
A girl to *Rashna* and *Naozer Baldawala*; August 24
A girl to *Pervin* and *Viraf Fataki*; August 25
A girl to *Sheetal* and *Cyrus Sahukar*; August 25
A boy to *Kamal* and *Ravi Shahaney*; August 25
A girl to *Sanobar* and *Viraf Katgara*; August 28
A boy to *Dinaz* and *Ramesh Padmanabhan*; August 28
A boy to *Katty* and *Homi Wadia*; August 28
A girl to *Mona* and *Tehmuras Sakloth*; August 30

Irani; October 9
A boy to Zarine and Soli
Damania; October 10
A boy to Jinobia and Rohinton
Driver; October 11
A girl to Avan and Kerman
Dastur; October 14
A boy to Daisy and Percy
Naterwalla; October 16
A boy to Hetal and Bankim
Dalal; October 19
A boy to Jennifer and Firdaus
Irani; October 19
A girl to Kashmira and Kersi
Khambatta; October 21
A boy to Cheryl and Jal
Daruwalla; October 22
A boy to Naina and Pesi
Daruwalla; October 23
A boy to Naaznin and Farhad
Dhanbhoora; October 24
A girl to Aban and Homi
Billimoria; October 26
A girl to Khurshid and Dinshaw
Mistry; October 29
A boy to Nawaz and Dinyar
Medhora; October 29
A boy to Viloo and Khusru
Mistry; October 30
A boy to Rashna and Pervez
Mehta; October 31

MARRIED

Farida Minoo Engineer and
Alok Chauthmal Churiwala;
January 28
Nilufar Framroz Bathena and
Hiren Vinodray Popat;
January 30
Persis Rumi Oomrigar and
Surendra Banwarilal Sharma;
February 2
Delna Shapur Daruwala and
Arvinder Singh Bubber;
February 6
Sonali Subhash Gupte and Yazdi
Maneck Goiporia; February 9
Mahtab Jimmy Bagwalla and
Rahul Narsimhan; February 14
Minoo Nader Bhesania and
Chhaya Vinodbhai Chandiwalla;
February 15
Cecilia Jude Martin and Sam
Homi Bulsara; February 20
Anita Radhakishin Sukharani
and Kersasp Sohrabji Avari;
February 26
Nivedita Dahyalal Tank and
Kurush Pesi Pagdiwalla;
February 28
Freny Soli Bhagat and Samy
Sorabji Engineer; March 11
Shamaine Farrokh Ghandhy
and Shyam Anil Mehta;
March 12
Sreekala Balakrishnan Nair and
Khurshed N. Majra; March 29
Meenu Singhal and Boorzin
Hodiwalla; April 3

Hufrish Bomi Vania and Ajay
M. Jani; April 10
Helen Homi Sunawala and
Karakattayil Syed Mohamad
Abdul Aziz; April 27
Manju Devi and Dara D.
Mistry; April 27
Alice Antony Menezes and
Farrokh Khodabax Irani; May 3
Shernaz Aspy Fanibanda and
Samir Rameshchandra Parmar;
May 11
Sonali Bhalchandra Deshpande
and Shyarsh Xerxes Desai;
May 15
Niloufer Keki Dick and Ivor
Lawrence Patcheco; May 15
Nergish Hoshang Tampal
and Vishwanath Raju Shetty;
May 16
Jasmeen Dubash and Ravi
Bhirani; May 19
Pallavi Ghatnekar and Rohinton
Homi Deshmukh; May 20
Tannaz Maheli Amalsadvala
and Shreekumar Ramchandran
Pillai; May 23
Crystal Maria Lily Miranda and
Feroze Eruch Devitre; May 29
Sandra Creed and Rustom
Bejonji Dastoor; June 2
Rupa Anil Joshi and Rohinton
Rustom Mehta; June 6
Homai Nariman Madon and
Ravindra Chintaman Prabhu;
June 8
Ferina Homi Duggan and
Alexandre Sergeevich
Polichtchouk; June 13
Khurshid Noshir Italia and
Kunal Shyam Aurangabadkar;
June 20
Jasmine Pesi Bulsara and
M. Ramdev Rao; June 21
Anu M. Patel and Jungoo C.
Fitter; June 29
Kashmira Phiroze Wadia and
Kaushik Arawind Parasnis;
July 2
Mercedita E. Cartina and
Mehernosh Minoo Manekshaw;
July 11
Khushnuma Rusi Postwalla and
Hoshang Home Behram; July 15
Ayshoda Ombahadur Pandit
and Sam Rohinton Mistry;
July 19
Anahita Phiroze Choksey and
Hormuz Minocher Bhagwagar;
July 29
Gulnar S. Khanian and Hemant
Sharma; August 19
Simone Darius Cama and
Sameer M. Anmol Chagle;
August 21
Bandhana Vohra and Firdaus V.
Dodhi; August 21
Shahnaz Ratan Mehta and
Shiamak Edul Soonawalla;

September 3
Yasmin Ardeshir Mistry and
Percy Framroze Cooper;
September 5
Dainaz Homi Raghina and
Sohrab Phiroze Illava;
September 6
Hufrish Dali Bharucha and
Rajesh Sanjiv Vartak;
September 6
Parvana Rustom Shokri
and Yazdi Parvez Katrak;
September 8
Caryn F. Pereira and Jahangir
A. Dastur; September 14
Manaz Keki Khan and
Cyrus Noshirwan Dastur;
September 26
Dilshad Shavaksha Palsetia
of Dahanu and Kerman
Kaikhushroo Marfatia;
September 26
Jayshree V. Karkera and
Homiar J. Kalwachwala;
September 27
Nilofer Merwan Namdarian
of Palghar and Jamasp Phiroz
Irani; October 1
Ruby Jamshed Engineer
and Rohin Feroze Bomanjee;
October 2
Yasmin Homi Gazdar and
Burzin Murzban Dubash;
October 21
Pouruchisti Hoshang Gandhi
of Poona and Mahyar Adi
Navalmaneck; October 22
Dolly Behram Irani and Mehelli
Eruch Sutaria; October 22
Arnaz Pervez Patel and Firoze
Minoo Mirza; October 24
Katy Dhunjishaw Karkaria and
Nowzer Keki Mehta; October 25
Kamalrukh Behram Govewalla
and Adil Firokh Gotlaseth;
October 30
Gulrukh Sorab Irani and Behruz
Nariman Irani; October 31
Percis Dinshaw Sanjana and
Neville Adi Mehta; October 31

DIED

Mani Jehangir Fraser (68),
T-4, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd,
400039; April 29 (cremated)
Dady Sorabji Batliwalla (88),
5, A/B, Silver Oak Est, B.
Desai Rd, 400026; August 1
Nergash Framroze Gheewalla
(77), B/9, Anand Vihar, St
Martins Cross Rd, Bandra,
400050; August 1
Gool Framroze Mistry (76),
C, Botawala Bldg, Tardeo,
400007; August 1
Banoobai Dossabhai Sidhva
(66), Hendre Mans, Wadia St,
Tardeo, 400034; August 1
Meherji Ardeshir Vazifdar (83),

B-20, Rustom Baug, Victoria
Rd, Byculla, 400027; August 1
Dosabhoy Cooverji
Kudianawala (68), 127, Desai
Chmbs, Old Mody St, Fort,
400001; August 2
Shirin Jal Vachagandhi (85),
6, Babulnath Rd, Wadia Bldg,
400007; August 2
Pervez Jehangir Deboo (24),
Nusserwanji Hse, 13/15,
Dhuswadi, Dhobitalao, 400002;
August 3
Goolbai Behramshah Engineer
(92), F. S. Parukh Dharam-
shalla, 34, Hughes Rd, 400007;
August 3
Rustom Phirozsha Master (91),
Hormuzd Mans, Opp Bhatia
Hosp, Tardeo, 400007;
August 3
Pervin Hoshang Pardivala (46),
Chaman Chmbs, 1st Marine St,
400020; August 3
Nozir Ardeshir Tavaria (79), 7,
Khareghat Clny, Hughes Rd,
400007; August 3
Jaloo Eruch Desai (61), 46-I,
New Kanga Bldg, Gowalia
Tank, 400036; August 4
Farhad Burjor Keeka (38), 785,
Khareghat Rd, Parsi Clny,
Dadar, 400014; August 4
Homi Jehangir Pajniagar (65), 9,
Doctor Bldg, Panthaki Baug,
Andheri (E), 400069; August 4
Homi Dorabji Patel (86), 7,
Cuffe Parade, Colaba, 400005;
August 5
Behram Furdoonjee Vasaigara
(78), Moonlight, 158, M. Karve
Rd, 400020; August 5
Homi Burjorji Karapatel (78),
Shri Sitaram Sadan, 276,
Princess St, 400002; August 6
Mani Behramji Mirza (98), A,
Aidun Bldg, Dhobitalao, 1st
Lane, 400002; August 6
Dhurnmai Hormusji Velati (93),
811/12, Jame Jamshed Bldg,
Tilak Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar,
400014; August 6
Aloo Mehli Mahava (65),
Rehem Mans, 42, Colaba
Causeway, 400039; August 7
Freny Kaikhushroo
Pochkhanawalla (66), 787,
Bhagat Manor, Jame Jamshed
Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014;
August 7
Mani Nariman Baliwalla (88),
2, Tata Bldg, Dhunbai Wadi,
Vile Parle (W), 400056;
August 8
Dina Sam Dastoor (84), C/4,
Malinee Apts, Mahakali Caves
Rd, Andheri (E), 400093;
August 8
Mani Faredoonji Guzder (71),

- F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, 34, Hughes Rd, 400007; August 8
Jehangir Noshirwan Jassawala (90), 795, Dosai Mans, Jame Jamshed Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; August 8
Daulat Nariman Colsavala (71), B/9, Marzban Co-op Soc, B. Shahji Raje Marg, Vile Parle (E), 400057; August 9
Gool Cooverji Kudianiwalla (66), 127, Desai Chmbs, Old Modi St, Fort, 400001; August 9
Cooverbai Ratanji Malaowala (92), 204/6, Waterfield Rd, Bandra, 400050; August 9
Gover Rashid Gourabian (83), 621, Khush Villa, Khareghat Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; August 10
Najamai Navroji Mistry (75), Yusuf Mans, Khetwadi Back Rd, 400004; August 10
Sorabji Dossabhai Mistry (88), 16, Contractor Chawl, Sussex Rd, 400027; August 10
Parvis Shavaksha Solina (64), 451, Dindoshilla, 15th Rd, Khar, 400052; August 10
Homi Jamshedji Vachha (84), 5/W, Navroze Apts, B. Desai Rd, 400026; August 10
Gool Furdoon Contractor (64), Rabro Hse, Opp Colaba Police Stn, S. B. Rd, 400039; August 11
Rati Jal Makidalal (84), 23/B, Bandstand Bldg, Cane Rd, Bandstand, Bandra, 400050; August 11
Alanmai Jamshedji Commesariat (90), 291, Bawla Bldg, Tardeo Rd, 400007; August 12
Shernaz Adi Hazari (26), 19, Patel Hse, Nawab Tank Rd, Mazgaon, 400010; August 12
Bacha Ratan Pochkhanawala (83), 31, Mama Parmanand Marg, 400004; August 12
Khanoumjan Allahyar Hassani Zeinabadi (84), 787, Bhagat Manor, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; August 12
Sharen Shazad Irani (7 mths), B/32, Shakti Sadan, Lamington Rd, 400007; August 13
Shera Behram Randeria (82), 21, Khareghat Clny, Hughes Rd, 400007; August 13
Soona Meherwanji Billimoria (81), Sai Sadan, Near Pratap Cinema, Khopat, Thane (W), 400601; August 14
Aloo Bapuji Gazder (70), B, The Reward, Tardeo, 400007; August 14
Jehangir Behram Sumondy (58), 13/11, Rustom Baug, Victoria Rd, 400027; August 14
Jemi Sorab Boyce (76), G/6, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd, 400039; August 15
Jerbanu Pirozshaw Marfatia (84), Malegamwalla Bldg no 2, M. M. C. Rd, Mahim, 400016; August 15
Maneck Pestonji Bharucha (76), 27, Raghavji Bldg, Raghavji Rd, 400036; August 16
Mota Framroz Hodiwalla (87), Kwaliti Hse, Hughes Rd, Cumballa Hill, 400026; August 16
Keki Ardeshtar Master (88), New Cama Bldg, Chikalwadi, Tardeo Rd, 400007; August 16
Gool Tehemtan Pavri (90), Raghavji Bldg, Cumballa Hill, 400036; August 16
Sohrab Hormusji Pavri (70), Mangal Disha, 6th Rd, Khar (W), 400052; August 16
Malcolm Bhadr Bhathena (42), B/2, Tardeo Chmbs, Kashinath St, Tardeo, 400034; August 17
Behram Hormusji Batiwalla (75), Wadiaji Atash Behram, Girgaum Rd, 400002; August 18
Sheroo Noshir Bhesania (63), E/4, Jer Baug, Dr Ambedkar Rd, Byculla, 400027; August 18
Mithoo Adi Dick (65), Kokan Hsg Clny, MIG 2, 56/992, Kalyan (W), 421301; August 18
Roda Bahmanshah Fitter (67), 1/11 Sir C. J. Clny, Tardeo, 400034; August 18
Nari Dossabhai Gandhi (59), 671, Boyce Bldg, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; August 18
Tehmina Tehmurasp Parakh (90), Mody Mans, Mereweather Rd, 400039; August 18
Dhun Bamanji Taraporewalla (89), F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, 34, Hughes Rd, 400007; August 19
Rati Darab Daruwalla (78), Karanjia Bldg, Grant Rd, 400007; August 20
Hilla Sorabji Khambatta (81), 7/6, Gamadia Clny, Tardeo, 400007; August 20
Minoo Ratansha Master (64), 53/A, Bandstand Bldg, A-197-C, Kane Rd, Bandstand, Bandra, 400050; August 20
Spitaman Framroze Nariatwalla (82), F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, 34, Hughes Rd, 400007; August 20
Dara Hormasji Sodawaterwalla (72), Dadyseth Atash Bahram Compd, 102, Dadyseth Agiary Lane, Fanaswadi, 400002; August 20
Bapu Faramji Daruwalla (74), 7, Ketty Ter, Sleater Rd, 400007; August 21
Homi Jamshed Kermani (67), 665, Band View, Lady Jehangir Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; August 21
Phiroze Sorabji Parekh (68), San-Hedley, 33rd Rd, Khar, 400052; August 21
Hushag Diniyar Sheryari (41), Piroja Mans, Shayed Abdul Brevri Rd, Fort, 400001; August 21
Tehmina Ardeshtar Shroff (86), 598/B, Wadia Bldg, J. S. S. Rd, 400002; August 21
Najamai Manekji Chinoy (83), Mahalaxmiwalla Bldg, 17, Sleater Rd, 400007; August 22
Ardeshtar Manekji Dadachanji (79), 275/B, Captain Bldg, Zoroastrian Clny, Tardeo Rd, 400007; August 22
Shiavux Jehangir Lallee (79), G/32, Shapur Baug, V. P. Rd, 400004; August 22
Jal Sorabji Todiwalla (65), 8, Banaji Chawl, Forjett St, Gowalia Tank, 400036; August 22
Nadirshaw Dorabji Balsara (80), B, Bhiwandiwalla Ter, Dhobitalao, 400002; August 23 (cremated)
Alloo Manecksha Bhathena (63), 4/1, A. H. Wadia Baug, Parel, 400033; August 23
Nergish Dhunibhoy Mody (86), Abbas Bldg, Jalbhoy St, Opp Railway Hotel, Grant Rd, 400004; August 23
Rattanshaw Burjorji Randeria (80), 15/A, Contractor Bldg, Gamadia Clny, Tardeo, 400007; August 23
Banoo Boman Irani (85), F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, 34, Hughes Rd, 400007; August 24
Piroja Nusserwanji Minocherhomji (85), C/o Ms P. E. Dastur, 23, Nepean Sea Rd, 400006; August 24
Bhikha Jhangirji Patel (70), Shanti Ngr, Sector no 9, C-68/002, Mira Rd (E), Dist Thane, 400601; August 24
Katy Behram Rana (55), F-84, Dastoor Block, Naigaum Cross Rd, Dadar, 400014; August 24
Sarosh Jimmy Chinwala (20), 1, Mody Bldg, Gollanji Hill, Parel Village, 400012; August 25
Rusi Navroji Daroowalla (69), 7/A, Robert's Ark, Chinchpokli Rd, Bandra, 400050; August 25
Kersas Rustomji Kanga (77), 2-6/C, Petit Bldg, Baram St, Grant Rd, 400007; August 25
Mamai Sorabji Mirza (93), D/604, Poonam Apts, Dr A. B. Rd, Worli, 400018; August 25
Mithoo Adi Sukhadwalla (61), 524, Commesariat Bldg, Adenwalla Rd, Matunga, 400019; August 25
Mani Behramshaw Udawadia (65), 21, Modi Hse, 9, Padamji Rd, Near Dreamland Cinema, 400004; August 25
Baby of Avan Cyrus Mistry (stillborn), 22, Sneh Sadan, 163, Colaba Rd, 400005; August 26
Dhunmai Jamshedji Mistry (80), C/o Mr D. R. Baria, Brooklyn, 603, Lokhandwalla Complex, Andheri (W), 400058; August 26
Dhun Fali Bhagwagar (82), 604/D, Khurshed Hse, Lady Jehangir Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; August 27
Savak Manchershaw Panthaki (67), 279/104, Sonal Apts, Sher-e-Punjab Soc, Mahakali Rd, Andheri (E), 400093; August 27
Bacha Homi Bilimoria (71), Wadia Block no 10, Malcolm Baug, Jogeshwari (W), 400102; August 28
Savak Kavasji Bilimoria (82), K/1, Palm Springs, 104, Cuffe Parade, Colaba, 400005; August 28
Bhimji Bomanshaw Bhagat (72), 28, Bapuji Daruwala Hse, 1st Dhobitalao Lane, 400002; August 28
Sanaya Vispi Buhariwala (7), Vispi Villa, 85, Hill Rd, Bandra (W), 400050; August 28
Homai Behram Damri (83), Sea Breeze, 3, Bullock Rd, Bandstand, Bandra, 400050; August 28
Jerbai Sorabji Enty (89), 2nd Jalbhai St, 400004; August 28
Dinamai Hormusji Jogina (80), Pitru Chhaya, Sleater Rd, 1st Cross Lane, Grant Rd, 400007; August 28
Noshir Pirozshah Mehta (76), D/3, Amarchand Mans, M. Cama Rd, 400039; August 28
Dinshaw Framroze Desai (79), 406, Kavita, Yari Rd, Versova, 400061; August 29
Nariman Meherwanji Dubash (90), 640/A, Philomena, Khareghat Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; August 29
Mani Rutnonsa Pestonji (84), E-9/6, Godrej Staff Qrs, Pirojsha Ngr, Vikhroli (W), 400079; August 29
Morwari Ardeshtar Demeri (97),

Suleman Manzil, Dr B. A. Rd, Dadar, 400014; August 30
Jehangir Phirozeshaw Lentin (81), 201, Vijay Apts, B. Desai Rd, 400036; August 30
Jer Phiroze Mistry (70), M/22, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd, 400039; August 30
Aloo Eruch Billimoria (68), Kashinath Bldg, Kashinath St, Tardeo, 400034; August 31
Kety Sorab Kanga (69), B/34, Meherzin, Colaba Bus Stn, 400005; August 31
Pilloo Framroze Nagporewala (77), Wilson Bldg, Gokuldas Pasta Rd, Dadar, 400014; August 31
Noshir Bomanji Shroff (82), Jer Baug, Dr Ambedkar Rd, Byculla, 400027; August 31
Perin Dinshaw Shroff (74), 94/4, Engineer Bldg, Ardeshir Dady St, Khetwadi, 400004; August 31
Rusi Sam Irani (54), 2nd Kashinath Bldg, Kashinath St, Tardeo, 400034; September 1
Dina Soli Mistry (70), Centenary Church Bldg, 368, Grant Rd, 400007; September 1
Nargis Jivanji Taraporewala (98), B/3, Amalphi, L. D. Ruparel Marg, 400006; September 1
Gool Nariman Desai (87), C/6, Ness Baug, Nana Chowk, 400007; September 2
Jena Jamshedji Duggan (96), Lawn Side, Opp Elizabeth Nursing Home, Harkness Rd, Malabar Hill, 400006; September 2 (cremated)
Freny Minoo (Minoche) (72), Aimagi Manzil, 808, Ambedkar Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; September 2
Rattansha Cooversha Karbhari (86), F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, 34, Hughes Rd, 400007; September 3
Putlamai Shavaksha Wadiwalla (72), 26, Jame Jamshed Bldg, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; September 3
Khoreshod Khodabanda Bamerdi (70), Neelkanth Apts, Hemendrapada, Badlapur, Dist Thane, 421504; September 4
Bejanji Dinshawji Karanjia (73), Parsi Punchayet Staff Qrs, Kemps Corner, 400036; September 4
Aloo Dosabhai Spencer (84), D. Khalakdina Ter, Gowalia Tank, 400036; September 4
Ratan Hiraji Wania (85), B/33, Shakti Sadan, Lamington Rd,

400007; September 4
Burjor Maneckji Taraporewala (75), F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, 34, Hughes Rd, 400007; September 5
Pallanji Pestanji Zaiwala (91), 747, Rd no 6, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; September 5
Piroja Pestonji Katrak (92), Hormaz Baug Bldg, Kashinath St, Tardeo, 400034; September 6
Faredun Kaikobad Madan (71), M-3/12, Merwanji Cama Park, Cama Rd, Andheri (W), 400058; September 6
Burjorji Pestonji Suvaliwala (83), N/5, Dalal Est, Opp Bombay Central Stn, 400008; September 6
Alu Kersasp Vajifdar (82), 678, Divine Grace, Khar, 400052; September 6
Rustom Hirjibhoy Batliwala (84), East and West Court, Colaba Causeway, 400039; September 7
Soonabai Dossabhoy Kalyaniwala (78), 11, Kashinath Bldg no 9, Kashinath St, Tardeo, 400034; September 7
Baimai Darabsha Mistry (83), 17, Mistry Bldg, Wadia St, Tardeo Rd, 400034; September 7
Dinshaw Behramshaw Pitha-wala (51), Shirin Mans, 60, Sleater Rd, Grant Rd, 400007; September 7
Manijeh Savaksha Subedar (85), 19/4, Malcolm Baug, Jogeshwari (W), 400102; September 7
Tehmi Cowasji Surty (80), F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, 34, Hughes Rd, 400007; September 7
Darayus Kaikhushroo Mithaiwala (48), 688, P. A. Hormusji Bldg, Dinshaw Master Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; September 8
Banoo Dinshawji Patel (85), 9/11, Tata Clny, Tardeo, 400034; September 8
Piloo Darab Amra (78), Wadia Bldg, Marzban Clny, Nair Rd, 400011; September 9
Rusi Jehangir Anklesaria (87), 2/A, Indu Park, Four Bglws, Andheri (W), 400058; September 9
Jini Phiroze Chinoy (78), 14/B, Pemino, Altamount Rd, 400026; September 9
Dady Jehangir Damania (76), 13, Kharaghat Clny, Hughes Rd, 400007; September 9

Hilla Naval Gobhai (72), The Scholar, 13, Henry Rd, Opp Electric Hse, 400039; September 9
Goolbanu Khodabux Irani (70), 280/A, Jawalkar Mans, Supari Baug Rd, Parel, 400012; September 9
Dosanmai Dhunjisha Siganporia (85), Jer Mans, A. K. Marg, 400026; September 9
Viloo Pirozshah Dubash (73), Royal Vasudhara Bldg, Dr Avatsingh Clny, Kurla Rd, Andheri (W), 400093; September 10
Merwanji Pestonji Katrak (89), 643, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; September 10
Keki Framroze Master (66), 18, Crystal Clny, Mahim (W), 400016; September 10
Nadirshaw Kaikhoshru Thanawalla (88), 14/B, Aidun Bldg, 1st Dhobitalao Lane, 400002; September 10
Bomanshaw Manchershaw Buchia (89), B/7, Jer Baug, Ambedkar Rd, Byculla, 400027; September 11
Sohrab Meherwanji Chaphkanawalla (97), 604/A, Nagardas Niwas, Ambedkar Rd, Dadar, 400014; September 11
Jemi Nusserwanji Langarana (86), Desai Pura, Nandubur, Dist Dhule, 425412; September 11
Hoshang Nowroji Machliwala (69), C/1, Avabai Petit St, Balam St, Grant Rd, 400007; September 11
Merwanji Khurshedji Saklatwala (84), F/52, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd, 400039; September 11
Jehangirji Nusserwanji Bilimoria (84), Hirjibhoy Sethna Bldg, Chikalwadi, 275/A, Tardeo Rd, 400007; September 12
Homi Fakirji Darbari (70), 206/B, Gold Coin, Opp Roche, Tardeo, 400034; September 12
Allanmae Jalejar Mehta (83), C/o Ms K. C. Dolly, 12/A, Sakerbai Petit Block, Marzban Clny, Gilder Lane, Tardeo, 400008; September 12
Tehmina Jamshedji Bengali (92), Nusserwanji Hse, Dhushwadi, Dhobitalao, 400002; September 13
Homi Navroji Bharucha (86), Hanif Mans, 4, Maratha Mandir Lane, 400008; September 13
Shirin Jal Driver (71), B/4, Taiyabi Manzil, Forjett St Cross Lane, 400036; September 13

Tehmina Dossabhai Hansotia (83), 9, Nariawalla Bldg, M. M. C. Rd, Mahim, 400016; September 13
Dhunjishaw Ardeshir Mistry (90), M/35, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd, 400039; September 13
Jal Bomanshaw Nagarwala (71), 764/C, Baliwala Bldg, M. Joshi Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; September 13
Noshir Navroji Patel (71), C/8, Sunanda Sadan, Daftari Rd, Kuvav Village, Malad (E), 400097; September 13
Jehangir Dorabji Seervai (81), 6, Chotani Bldg, Proctor Lane, Grant Rd, 400007; September 13
Shirin Jemi Langrana (79), Desai Pura, Nandubur, Dist Dhule, 425412; September 14
Gool Homi Wadia (82), Jer Mans, Gowalia Tank Rd, 400036; September 14
Meherji Jamaspji Divwala (80), 18, Khareghat Clny, Hughes Rd, 400007; September 15
Gool Naval Jamadar (59), Ratanbai Wadia Block no 1, Malcolm Baug, Jogeshwari (W), 400102; September 15
Najamai Kaikhasru Mistry (86), New Khan Bldg, Chikalwadi, Tardeo Rd, 400007; September 15
Shapur Kekobad Mody (87), 8, St Anthony Rd, Bandra, 400050; September 15
Pilu Kaikhushroo Plumber (75), 48/50, Walkeshwar Rd, 400006; September 15
Cawasha Nusserwanji Gandevia (89), 15, Marker Bldg, 15th Khetwadi Lane, Girgaon, 400004; September 17
Piroja Fakirji Gandhi (92), 11, Mody Bldg, Gamadia Clny, Tardeo, 400007; September 17
Alamai Darab Ghadiali (67), 7/7, Rustom Baug, Victoria Rd, Byculla, 400027; September 17
Viloo Minoo Karadia (57), B/5, Rosary Hse, Gunpowder Rd, Mazgaon, 400010; September 18
Tehmuras Bapuji Bharucha (78), Karanjia Bldg, Charni Rd Jn, 400007; September 19
Naju Nariman Boatwala (78), C/8, Satguru Apts, Old Agra Rd, Near Hotel Golden Palace, Thane, 400601; September 19
Jal Phirozshaw Contractor (75), 506, Jiten Co-op Soc, J. P. Rd, Andheri (W), 400058; September 19
Noshir Kaikhosrow Irani (71), F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, 34,

- Hughes Rd, 400007; September 19
Meherji Erachshah Kapadia (58), New Doctor Sethna Bldg, Zoroastrian Clny, Tardeo, 400007; September 19
Pesi Dinshaw Karkaria (63), 598, Wadia Bldg, J. S. S. Rd, 400002; September 19
Gev Cawasji Karanjia (63), 10/9, Sir Ratan Tata Bldg, Sir C. J. Clny, 400034; September 20
Perin Jamshedjee Khambatta (81), B. Habib Hse, Grant Rd Corner, 400007; September 20
Ardeshtir Shapurji Hodiwalla (87), 350/352, Josephine Apts, Chimbai Rd, Bandra 400050; September 21
Dorab Pheroze Patel (78), 15, Indian Mercantile Mans, 400039; September 21 (cremated)
Tehmi Nariman Billimoria (82), 629, A. Homavazir Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; September 22
Jal Peshotan Dalal (80), 1/B, Amrita, Foreshore Rd, 400021; September 22
Banoobai Jehangir Irani (86), 66/D, Soonaiji Ter, Gowalia Tank, 400036; September 22
Thrity Framroze Nasikwala (70), C/o Bhiku B. Moos, 409, Cumballa Crest, 42, Peddar Rd, 400026; September 22
Pirozshah Rustomji Arya (85), Motiwalla Mans, August Kranti Marg, 400036; September 23
Shirin Kakshru Paghdwala (82), Dhuna Patel Bldg, Opp Talmakiwadi, Tardeo Rd, 400007; September 24
Kharshed Hormusji Parvez (74), 6, Babulnath Rd, 400007; September 24
Shirin Kaikhushru Bharucha (86), Dunhill, 20, Ambedkar Rd, Bandra (W), 400050; September 25
Goola Framroz Billimoria (83), J/19, Cusrow Bag, S. B. Rd, 400039; September 25
Shirin Burjor Doctor (64), 113, Bohra Bazar St, Fort, 400001; September 25
Dosabhoy Pirojsha Kanga (77), 24, Bencover Mans, Wadia St, Tardeo, 400034; September 25
Nariman Ardeshtir Mistry (79), 23/1, Baitha Chawl, Kendra Side Clny, Godrej Qrs, Vikhroli, 400079; September 25
Motaji Dorabji Tampal (81), Suntok Hse, Dadi Suntok Lane, Dhobitalao, 400002; September 25
Shavakshaw Cooverji Lam (79), B/222/E, Rustom Palace, Tardeo, 400007; September 26
Jal Jamshedji Bahadurji (74), 811, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; September 27
Kerbanoo Sorabji Daruwalla (90), 16/18, Jer Bldg, 6, Khetwadi, 400004; September 27
Soli Dadiba Guzder (71), 4, Marine Chmbs, New Marine Lines, 400020; September 27
Najamai Hormasji Mistry (74), 2B/18, Tata Mills Co-op Hsg Soc, Elphinstone Rd, Parel, 400012; September 27
Rusi Dinshaw Mistry (63), 3&4, Harbour View, Mathar Pakhadi Cross Lane, Mazgaon, 400010; September 27
Rustomji Dorabji Poonawalla (75), A/53, Tranquil Treat, Yari Rd, Versova, Andheri; 400061; September 27
Najamai Meherji Gai (87), Sheri Hse, Cawasji Patel St, Fort, 400001; September 28
Farookh Ardeshtir Irani (50), 12, Shanti Villa Co-op Hsg Soc, Telli Galli, Andheri (E), 400069; September 28
Rustom Sorabji Sidhwa (94), A, Rustom Palace, 222, Tardeo Rd, 400007; September 28
Sheroo Ardeshtir Choksey (72), 79/81, Meher Mans, Chandanwadi, 400002; September 29
Tehmina Pesi Karkaria (87), N/9, Dalal Est, Bombay Central, 400008; September 29
Khorshed Shavak Patel (75), Lyndewode Hse, B. Petit Rd, 400026; September 29
Zubin Jal Irani (25), 2, Lovelita, Juhu Church Rd, Santacruz (W), 400049; September 30
Soona (Soltoon) Tehmuras Mistry (78), 2-D/28, Malegamwalla Bldg, M. M. C. Rd, Mahim, 400016; September 30
Bakhtiar Nariman Jassawalla (49), 808, Boman Lodge, Dr Ambedkar Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; October 1
Dossabhoy Maneckji Kalyaniwala (82), Kashinath Bldg no 3, Kashinath St, 400034; October 2
Piloo Rusi Kapadia (58), 534, Marker Hse, Chira Bazar, 400002; October 2
Faridoon Cooverji Taraporewala (89), Taj Bldg, August Kranti Marg, 400036; October 2
Jehangir Jamshedji Vatcha (87), Ava Cottage, Malcolm Bag, Jogeshwari, 400102; October 2
Bapuji Manchershah Charna (85), Jer Mans, 19, Gazdar St, Thakurdwar, 400002; October 3
Keikhushroo Bapuji Doctor (97), New India Centre, Cooperage Rd, 400039; October 3
Bhikajee Framroze Engineer (83), 1G-8, Blue Arch Soc, Convent Avenue, Four Bglws, Andheri (W), 400058; October 3
Baby of Zubin Jamshed Jassawala (6 days), 11, Sangeeta, 27/28, Arthur Bunder Rd, Colaba, 400039; October 3
Kersasp Dossabhay Kanga (65), 5, Jami Lodge, 618, Jame Jamshed Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; October 3
Adi Gustadij Karangia (51), Hilla Hse, Via Kim, Illav, Dist Bharuch, Gujarat, 394810; October 3
Mehra Sorab Panthaki (86), 4/37, A. H. Wadia Bag, Parel Tank Rd, 400033; October 3
Temurasp Cawasji Patel (68), P/34, Cusrow Bag, S. B. Rd, 400039; October 3
Shirinbai Kuverji Bhathena (83), 146-B, Patel Bldg, N. M. Joshi Marg, Lower Parel, 400013; October 4
Kekasru Ardeshtir Dalal (85), 12, Dalal Est, Bombay Central, 400008; October 4
Gowher Khodadad Irani (93), Marine Chmbs, 20, New Marine Lines, 400020; October 4
Alamai Darabshaw Anklesaria (86), M/1, Nowroz Bag, Lalbaug, 400012; October 5
Khorshed Ratanji Balsara (81), 75, Jehangir Mans, Hughes Rd, 400007; October 5
Manekbai Fardunji Kolah (81), A/6, Shapur Bag, V. P. Rd, 400004; October 5
Nariman Navroji Mistry (93), C, Durlabh Bhavan, Jalbhai St, Charni Rd Jn, 400007; October 5
Noshir Cawasji Shroff (62), Ness Bag Annexe 3, Nana Chowk, 400007; October 5
Banumai Homi Amalsadiwalla (68), T/35, Ava Bag, Opp S. T. Depot, Navsari, Dist Valsad, 396445; October 6
Darabshaw Hiraji Gandhi (90), Q-1, Bharucha Bag, S. V. Rd, Andheri (W), 400058; October 6
Daulat Behramshah Ghazi (65), Umrigar Bldg, Chikalwadi, Grant Rd, 400007; October 6
Minoo Ardeshtir Manekshaw (78), F. S. Parukh Dharamshalla, 34, Hughes Rd, 400007; October 6
Gool Behram Sethna (72), Bilimoria Bldg, Proctor St, Grant Rd, 400007; October 6
Sehra Behramji Bharucha (83), 85/189, Hiraji Petit Bldg, Opp Grant Rd Stn, 400007; October 7
Framji Burjorji Bhathena (93), 3, Motibai Bhuvan, Proctor St, Grant Rd, 400007; October 7
Minoo Merwan Irani (69), A, Mohmadi Minar Bldg, Khetwadi 14th Lane, 400004; October 7
Daulat Jamshed Minocheri (76), Nanabhai Chmbs, Gunbow St, Fort, 400001; October 7
Khorshed Kali Wadia (77), 803-B, Adajania Hse, Dr B. Ambedkar Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; October 7
Shirinbai Dadi Dastoor (76), Golwalla Bldg, Khetwadi 8th Lane, 400004; October 8
Baby boy of Anahita Homi Kaka (4 days), Avabai Mans, Henry Rd, 400039; October 8
Manijeh Cooverji Patel (81), D/18, Godrej Bag, Off Nepean Sea Rd, 400006; October 8
Dolly Eruch Rajkotwalla (60), P/25, Nowroz Bag, Lalbaug, 400012; October 9
Khurshed Tehmuras Desai (72), Shiv Sadan, 131, N. Subhash Rd, 400020; October 10
Minoo Rustomji Khasusa (68), B/14, Ellava Bldg, Mori Rd, Mahim, 400016; October 10
Jamshed Sorabji Patel (68), 34/811, Jame Jamshed Bldg, Jame Jamshed Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; October 10
Parveen Tehmool Bulsara (59), 42/16, Venus State Bank of India Co-op Soc, T. P. S. VI, Rd no 1, Santacruz (W), 400054; October 11
Nergis Phiroze Daruwalla (68), 29/33, Shiv Sagar, Worli Hill Rd, Worli, 400018; October 11
Thrity Pirojshaw Ghadiali (63), Ripon Bldg, Balaram St, Grant Rd, 400007; October 11
Freny Adi Reporter (72), Ness Bag Annexe 1, Nana Chowk, 400007; October 11
Phiroze Eruch Dastur (70), 22, Venus, Altamount Rd, 400006; October 12
Jal Barjorji Gimi (67), 66, Amin Villa, Malcolm Bag, Jogeshwari (W), 400102;

October 12
Feroze Kaikhushroo Mukadam (73), E/15, Rustom Baug, Victoria Rd, Byculla, 400027; October 12
Goolbai Sheriarji Tavadia (94), 8, Jer Bldg, Khetwadi 6th Lane, 400004; October 12
Jaloo Viccaji Bhabha (72), Meher Mans, Tardeo Bridge, Off Lamington Rd, 400008; October 13
Maneck Manchershah Bharucha (75), P/8, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd, 400039; October 13
Keki Jalejar Khan (78), 17/3, Mehta Bldg, Panthaki Baug, Andheri (W), 400069; October 13
Erach Jehangirji Mistry (70), 1, Albless Bldg, 264, Thakurdwar, 400002; October 13
Aloo (Dolly) Framroze Engineer (82), 2, The Ridings, London, W5 3BU; October 15
Jehangir Gustadiji Engineer (80), Fiona, Juhu Tara Rd, 400049; October 15
Banoo Pestonji Fitter (79), Dr Sethna Bldg, Zoroastrian Clny, Chikalwadi, Tardeo, 400007; October 15
Goolbanoo Rashid Irani (84), F/6, Nowroz Baug, Lalbaug, 400012; October 15
Katie Jamshed Master (64), G/219, Shapur Baug, V. P. Rd, 400004; October 15 (cremated)
Dolly Khurshedji Panthaki (70), 595, J. S. S. Rd, Chira Bazar, 400002; October 15
Jamshedji Framji Panthaky (79), F. S. Parukh Dharam-shalla, 34, Hughes Rd, 400007; October 15
Roshan Ardershir Spencer (80), Orient Club, Chowpatty, 400007; October 15 (cremated)
Minoo Jehangirji Engineer (85), Baj Bldg, Khetwadi Back Rd, 400004; October 16
Rustomji Jalejar Khan (83), R-31, Nowroz Baug, Lalbaug, 400012; October 16
Tehmina Dhunjishaw Bharucha (72), D/3-21, S. Bharucha Baug, Andheri (W), 400058; October 17
Khurshedcher Shapursha Dalal (70), Convent Avenue, 27, S. V. Rd, Santacruz (W), 400054; October 17
Kersi Burjorji Jijicowna (65), 11, Vishwadharm, Prabhat Clny, Rd no 9, Santacruz (W), 400055; October 17
Daulat Sorabji Kharas (72), 39, Ahmed Bldg, Gunpowder Rd, Mazgaon, 400010; October 17

Sheroo Nadarsha Madon (71), Empire Mhl, Tilak Rd, Khodadad Circle, Dadar, 400014; October 17
Banoo Eruch Pavri (80), 1, Lady Jeevanbai Tata Bldg, Tata Clny, Bandra (W), 400050; October 17
Bomansha Jehangirji Karai (62), C/14, Navajbai Contractor Baug, Mori Rd, Mahim, 400016; October 18
Naju Shawak Mehta (93), Ratan Villa, 1st Rd, Khar, 400052; October 18
Perin Meherji Tarapore (84), 722, Dr Dinshaw Master Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; October 18
Vira Ardesir Tavadia (85), 385/A, Wasiamul Bldg, Grant Rd, 400007; October 18
Khoshed Maneckshaw Cabinet-maker (92), 10, Dadi Santok Lane, Dhobitalao, 400002; October 19
Jerbai Eruchshaw Khajotia (82), Chhatrivala Bldg, 20, Wadia St, 400034; October 19
Rusi Sorabji Khambata (72), 3, Ness Baug Annexe 2, Nana Chowk, 400007; October 19
Jerbanoo Nariman Nadirshaw (82), 14/A, Nishar Bhavan, Sleater Rd, 400007; October 19
Dhun Phirojsha Talati (70), Shrudha Co-op Hsg Soc, 205, Patel Pakhadi Rd, Versova, 400061; October 19
Tehmina Manecksha Karanjia (Todiwala) (87), Meher Behram Bldg no 14, Khetwadi 7th Lane, 400004; October 20
Darabshaw Hormusji Patel (84), 42, Golden Palace, Turner Rd, Bandra (W), 400050; October 20
Aimai Jehangirji Bhoot (91), B-41, Gool Mhl, Sleater Rd, 400007; October 21
Tehmurasp Sorabji Bharda (81), 9, Kashinath Rd, Tardeo Rd, 400034; October 22
Najamai Ardesir Dadachanji (95), B/41, Ocean Gold, Twin Tower lane, Prabhadevi, 400025; October 22
Roshan Khooshroo Satarawala (66), P/32, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd, 400039; October 22
(Jeena) Pirojsha Bamanji Taraporwala (70), Tarapore, Taluka Palghar, Dist Thane, 400601; October 22
Gool Jamshed Amalsad (87), 511-C, Amrut, Adenwalla Rd, Matunga, 400019; October 23
Soli Navroji Marolia (72), 4, Parsi Punchayet Qrs, Doonger-

wadi, Kemps Corner, 400036; October 23
Daulat Faredoon Mahava (62), 694, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; October 24
Minoo Jehangir Patel (65), C, Shapur Baug, V. P. Rd, 400004; October 24
Parvaz Jalejar Bhesania (59), 18, Surti Chmbs, 2nd Dhobitalao Lane, 400002; October 25
Dadabhoi Sorabji Boyce (76), Boyce Hse, 15, Vachagandhi Rd, Gamdevi, 400007; October 25
Adi (Ardesir) Edulji Dastoor (74), 204, Old Sitaram Bldg, Princess St, Dhobitalao, 400002; October 25
Murzbani Rustomji Pajniagar (73), 6, Jerbai Hse, 5, McNeil Rd, Karachi 4; October 25
Hilla Ardesir Govadia (92), Nariman Lodge, Malcolm Baug, Jogeshwari (W), 400102; October 26
Dossabhoi Kaikhushroo Shroff (88), 15, Jaiji Ter, 9, Sleater Rd, 400007; October 27
Dosamai Darasha Deboo (90), 6, Sion Mans, Sion Rd, Sion, 400022; October 28
Pestonji Rustomji Digaria (80), F-3, Fariyas Bldg, Kemps Corner, 400036; October 28
Banoobai Gustadiji Katki (88), A/9, Rustom Baug, Victoria Rd, Byculla, 400027; October 28
Zubin Mehermash Mistry (22), 165, Manibai Bhuvan, Khetwadi Back Rd, 400004; October 28
Mani Jehangir Surti (79), 51, Valentina, N. Gamadia Rd, 400026; October 28
Parvez Munchersha Tantra (67), Ramesh Bldg, Powwala St, Charni Rd, 400020; October 28
Hirabai Rustomji Chowkidar (98), 48-A, Motiwala Bldg, E. S. Patanwala Rd, Byculla, 400027; October 29
Deena Cawasji Khambata (80), Botawalla Bldg, 239, Tardeo Rd, 400007; October 29
Jerbanoo Meherjibhoi Mistry (80), 1/8, C. J. Clny, Ratan Tata Rd, Tardeo, 400034; October 29
Khoshedbai Jehangirji Mistry (83), 22, Petit Widows' Chawl, Thakurdwar, 400002; October 29
Dali Eruchshaw Unwalla (72), 731, Polson Bldg, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; October 29
Adi Dinshawji Bhathena (83), 11/16, Mody Bldg, Gamadia

Clny, Tardeo, 400007; October 29
Dhun Rohinton Cama (70), Sea Breeze, Abdul Gaffar Khan Rd, Worli Sea Face, 400018; October 30
Jehangir Eruchsha Kapadia (72), 648, Kaka Bldg, Firdoshi Rd, Parsi Clny, Dadar, 400014; October 30
Shera Byramshah Engineer (92), Mini Apts, 55, Bazar Rd, Bandra (W), 400050; October 31
Dina Ardesir Irani (76), Q/3, S. Bharucha Baug, S. V. Rd, Andheri (W), 400058; October 31
Goolbanoo Darab Lelinwalla (81), A/33, Bharat Ngr, Grant Rd, 400007; October 31
Behramji Ferdoonji Panthaky (95), H/36, Cusrow Baug, S. B. Rd, 400039; October 31

CALCUTTA

DIED
Vera Shapurji Gazdar, sister of Banoo, late Hilla, Jehangir and Roshan Soli Nazir; August 1
Jamshed Framroze Tangree (74), father of Tehmina Hosi Bilimoria, Beroze Diniar Bilimoria and Shenaz Sujoy Das; September 10
Dhunjisha Munshi, husband of Roshan and father of Malcolm; September 23
Eruchshaw Maneckjee Wadia, father of Navaz and Dinaz Howe; September 25
Jer Jehangir Antia, mother of Daraius, Sam and Thrity; October 13

DELHI

MARRIED
Behroze K. Shroff and Navdeep T. Jaikaria; March 13

JAMSHEDPUR

BORN
A boy, Jason, to Yasmin and Urvax Dhanda; May 12

MARRIED

Mahrugh Engineer, daughter of Manijeh and Sohrab, and **Mediomah Patel**, son of Nargis and Homi; March 30
Roshan Jassawalla, daughter of Piroja and Bhimjibhai, and **Jal Debu**, son of late Putlamai and Pirojsha; May 20

POONA

DIED
Najamai Ratanji Fitter (75), 880, Boottee St, 411001; August 10

Homi Ardeshir Bhujwala (59), 985, Pudumjee Park, Nanapeth, 411002; August 12
Nergish Ferize Cawasjee (70), Abhanga Apts, 44, Sassoon Rd, 411001; August 17
Sorab Cooverji Dosabhai (88), 3, Napier Rd, 411040; August 24
Banoo Kaikhushroo Irani (84), 3/2, Ardeshir Irani Baugh, Nanapeth, 411002; August 28
Jehangir Dadabhoy Pesuna (88), 895, Synagogue St, 411001; August 31
Khudabux Merwan Irani (65), 1153, Saifee St, 411001; September 1
Godrej Merwan Irani (66), 2/3, Ardeshir Irani Baugh, Nanapeth, 411002; September 3
Dinshaw Minoo Fardoon (72), Ma Perviz Rd, Somwar Peth, 411002; September 8
Roshan Jamshed Keravala (77), Shirin Villa, Ma Perviz Rd, 411002; September 10
Rashid Shariyar Irani (84), 1965, Dr Saladana St; September 18
Mani Kaikhushroo Elavia (63), 412, Nalini Apts, Sholapur Rd; September 26

SECUNDERABAD

DIED
Tehmina Rustomji Irani (83); August 14
Jeroo Dara Jairol (55); August 14
Nargis Dinshaw Toorkey (81); August 20

SURAT

DIED
Najamai Ruttonji Narawala (81), Fort Sangath, Junagam; August 8
Jalabhai Hormusji Udawadia (84), 31, Jilla Panchayet Soc, Rander Rd, 395005; August 8
Dinamai Jehangir Petigara (70), Athugar St, Nanpura, 395001; August 14
Kumi Adarji Daruwalla (87), Nariman Home and Infirmary, Shahpore, 395003; August 19
Baby of Cyrus Noshir Jabbar (newborn), Gam Bhatha, Dist Surat, 394510; August 20
Darabshaw Cooverji Tayla (87), Gam Suwali, Taluka Choryasi; August 25
Najuben Navroji Variava (60), Mohti Kanbi Wad, Gam Kathor, Taluka Kamrej, 394180; September 1
Shirinbai Nusserwanji Mahuvawalla (71), Palia St, Nanpura, 395001; September 2
Fakirji Rustomji Mistry (62), Agiary Mohallo, Gam Bhatha, 394510; September 2
Thrity Framroze Kaikobad (78), Par Mohallo, Nanpura, 395001; September 6
Ratanshaw Cawasji Umrigar (80), Bhaya Mohallo, Main Rd, Nanpura, 395001; September 24
Perin Nadarshaw Cooper (72), Anjuman Bldg, Bilimora, 396321; September 30
Jerbai D. Vaid (85), Nariman

Home and Infirmary, Shahpore, 395003; October 2
Cyrus Tehmurasp Jangalwalla (40), Maachlipith, Shahpore, 395003; October 12
Meher Nowzer Mehenty (20), Dadabhai Park, Shahpore, 395003; October 23

AUSTRALIA

New South Wales
BORN
 A girl, **Kiah**, to **Michelle** and **Faramarz Ostowari**; September 20

CANADA

British Columbia
MARRIED
Anahita Afarin, daughter of **Golbanoo** and **Khodarahm of Indiana** and **Iranpour Khormaie**, son of **Sarver** and **Dinyar**; August 21

Calgary

BORN
 A boy, **Xarius**, to **Nargis** and **Jehangir Austin**; July 15

HONG KONG

BORN
 A girl, **Helena**, to **Shehrnaz** and **Keki Wadia**, sister to **Zenia**; July 5

IRAN

Tehran
DIED
Khorshidbanoo Farhangi (94), August 12

PAKISTAN

Karachi
BORN
 A boy, **Kaizad**, to **Faranak** and **Navroze Kabraji**; September 15

DIED
Dorab Byramji Kolah (74); July 7
Tehmi Byramji Collector (73); July 15
Jal H. P. Byramji (78); August 12
Peri Gool Khani (70); August 14
Mani Ardeshir Bharucha (84); August 19

Lahore

DIED
Piruze Gustasp Irani (59); August 8

SAUDI ARABIA

Jeddha (Jiddah)
BORN
 Twins (girls), **Natasha** and **Naomi**, to **Anahita** and **Behram Farooq**; March 10

UK

London
DIED
Kaekhushro Jehangir Kabraji (98), September 29
Rutty Homi Kanga (71), 14, Orchard Gate, Collindale, London, NW9; September 29

USA

Chicago
BORN
 A boy, **Scott Allen**, to **Farida** and **Rick Tinker**; September 7
 A boy, **Darius**, to **Kashmira** and **Rumi Jamsetjee**, brother to **Roshni** and **Tanaz**; October 9

MARRIED

Hila Pouladian and **Hormoz Mazdiasni**; August 14

Lawrenceville, New Jersey

BORN
 A boy, **Viraf**, to **Manek** and **Khushrav Nariman**; September 8

Syracuse

MARRIED
Parastu Mehta, daughter of **Gool** and **Shahrookh**, and **Jamshed Dubash**, son of **Aloo** and late **Hoshi**; July 24

TOTALS FOR 1993

	Bombay		India		World	
	A	B	A	B	A	B
BORN						
Boys	33	108	2	4	5	19
Girls	36	102	--	2	4	24
MARRIED						
Parsi	20	230	2	8	3	10
Intercommunal	40	54	1	2	--	2
DIED						
CONSIGNED						
Male	149	460	16	76	3	33*
Female	169	448	20	60	6	24*
CREMATED						
Male	2	2	--	--	--	--
Female	4	5	--	--	--	--

A: Total numbers in this issue

B: Running totals for 1993 (February-August 1993 issues)

* Overseas deaths are listed in the consigned column as *Parsiana* does not have a breakup of those cremated. These figures pertain to information provided to or collected by *Parsiana*. They do not represent the total number of births, marriages and deaths in the Zoroastrian community in India and abroad.

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Sarfeh: devotion to a cause

Arnavaz S. Mama

"We believe that in North America the flame has been kindled to preserve and protect our ancient Zarathushtrian faith, and our rich heritage... Twenty years ago no one thought this to be possible... Undaunted, you pursued your dream and Arbab's (Rustam Guiv) vision, and proceeded to establish eight Darbe Mehrs in North America and made us all believers in our own powers and resources... We acknowledge with gratitude your contribution to the establishment of the Zarathushtrian faith in North America and resolve that your contributions be recorded and preserved in the annals of our history on this continent."

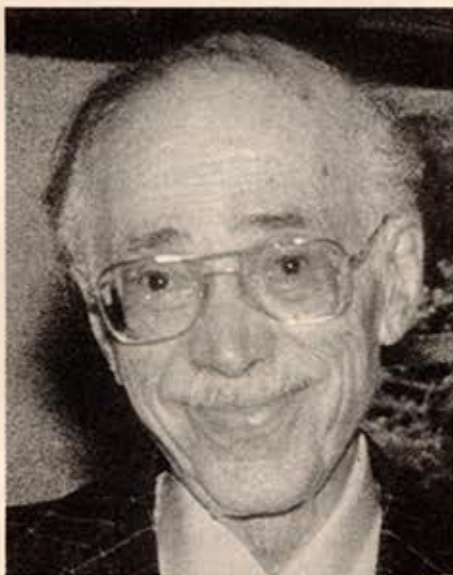
This tribute, as presented by Rohinton Rivetna, president of the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA) to Dr Rostam Sarfeh (in absentia) in Vancouver in September 1992 on behalf of "a grateful Zoroastrian community of North America" had marked the culmination of a long and occasionally turbulent relationship.

It was a fitting tribute to the man who had carried the appeal of New York Zoroastrians to the foremost Zoroastrian philanthropist of the late 20th century, Arbab Rustam Guiv, thereby affecting the course of Zoroastrian settlements in North America and, perhaps, the history of Zoroastrians in the years to come. Sarfeh (85), who passed away on May 2, 1993 at his home in La Jolla near San Diego in California was "the force behind all the Rustam Guiv Darbe Mehrs in the major cities of North America and one in Sydney, Australia," notes the *FEZANA Journal*, August 1993.

As chairman of the Guiv Foundation — a trust established by Guiv during his own lifetime as a watchdog over his charities — until his retirement in 1992 due to failing health, Sarfeh had faithfully pursued the founder's dream of establishing darbe mehrs and cemeteries for Zoroastrians in North America to enable the community to survive the fabled American melting pot syndrome. In his

line of duty there were occasions when he became suspicious of the intentions of his coreligionists, often falling prey to the Parsi/Irani divide that bedevilled Zoroastrian associations in the mid and late 1980s, notably in New York and Sydney.

Sarfeh's own fond hope had been to establish a Zoroastrian center in Wash-



ington DC, one that would make other communities aware of the Zoroastrian faith, a center comparable to the beautiful Islamic Center and those of other faiths like the Christians, Jews, Buddhists, Bahais and others. It was not a project enshrined in the objectives of the Guiv Foundation whose funds had by then been steadily utilized. Although the seeds of this dream had been planted in Sarfeh's mind almost 20 years ago, it was only in 1991 that he persuaded his co-trustees to allocate funds for a beautiful piece of land in Virginia, 10 miles out of Washington. "This land was purchased in the name of all Zarthushtis, not just for the Washington Association," informs the *FEZANA Journal*.

In the course of his long life Sarfeh had witnessed a gamut of social changes from the devastating anti Zoroastrian at-

titudes of small town government officials and society in Kerman where he had been born on June 3, 1907 and Yazd where he migrated with his parents in a camel litter at the age of three, to the uninhibited lifestyles of California in the 1990s. In Yazd, where he was forced to help his trader father, he was required to wear a special colored turban and carry a large kerchief on which to kneel when addressing a Moslem official. After primary schooling in the Khosravy school in Yazd Sarfeh had yearned to continue with study — he wanted to be a doctor — but his father would have none of it.

Sarfeh's nephew, Dr Daryoush Jahanian of Kansas — an obstetrician who has succeeded Sarfeh to the chairmanship of the Guiv Foundation — relates how Sarfeh persuaded his father to permit him to return to Kerman where he could learn the business of selling cloth, an activity proscribed to Zoroastrians in Yazd. Busy selling cloth in Kerman's Chahar Soogh Bazar Sarfeh was discovered by Arbab Shahriyar Ravary who "believed that the key to the success of our community was to encourage the Zoroastrian youth to study and acquire knowledge and techniques instead of going into business." Ravary encouraged Sarfeh to pursue his studies.

Thus heartened, Sarfeh drew up a plan: he would ostensibly set out on a pilgrimage. His intention was to reach Zahedan, sell there the donkey he was riding (borrowed from his uncle Mehraban Sarfeh) and use the money to travel to India. He expected to find an American ship in one of the Indian ports and he was ready to work his way to America on it. Once in the US he would finance his education by working part-time. This plan had been inspired by the achievements of Dr Bakhtiyar, the famous surgeon, notes Jahanian. A dreamy Sarfeh was overtaken that night by his uncle and Ravary. The two gentlemen made Sarfeh return with them to Kerman in return for an assurance to convince his

father to allow him to go abroad to study.

Karimdad Sarfeh insisted his son complete the course offered by the American College in Tehran and only thereafter permitted him to continue his education in Beirut, sustained there by the sale proceeds of part of his mother's dowry. The five-year medical course completed, Sarfeh returned to Yazd to serve his countrymen. His desire to be a surgeon hadn't made much headway when a well-known missionary surgeon Dr Packard invited him to be his assistant in Kermanshah and learn surgery on the job. It was five years later when Sarfeh had completed three years' service with the Anglo Iranian Oil Company, that the management noticed young Sarfeh's interest in surgery and seconded him to London to get the education he sought.

Returning to Iran as assistant surgeon in the oil field on the eve of World War II, Sarfeh soon became chief surgeon when his superior, fearing enemy bombs, left the region. Within two years Sarfeh was president of the public health department of the oil company in Tehran.

Until his advent to Tehran Sarfeh had been unaware of Zoroastrian community activities. When he arrived in the capital Arbab Rustam Guiv was the Zoroastrian representative in the Iranian parliament but there was no progress in social affairs. Since Guiv was not keen on the office Sarfeh sought popular support for his own candidature in the next elections. Though the Tehran Zoroastrian youth supported Sarfeh the Zoroastrians of Kerman and Yazd were not interested and Sarfeh's performance at the polls was embarrassingly low.

However, Ravary had advised him to publish books and magazines and Sarfeh established the *Hukht* magazine with the help of friends and relatives which continued to serve the Iranian Zoroastrian community for 30 years, notes Jahanian. He also established the Havaresht library in Yazd. After 12 years in Tehran as chief of the public health department of the national oil company Sarfeh left Iran for the USA.

At the end of a two-year stint as surgeon in a hospital on New York's Long Island, a homesick Sarfeh encountered the Zoroastrians of New York on the eve of a visit to Iran. The board of directors of the Zoroastrian Association of Greater New York (ZAGNY) had heard of Sarfeh's intended travel and had invited him to attend a jashan held in one of the halls of New York University. ZAGNY

president Erach Munshi then urged Sarfeh to encourage wealthy Iranian Zoroastrians to contribute towards the establishment of a darbe mehr in New York.

Returning with instructions from Guiv "to look for a suitable place for a darbe-mehr in New York as soon as he got there and to inform (Guiv) of the price so that he would send a cheque for it," Sarfeh, his late wife Valentine and a few members of the ZAGNY board of directors searched and found the New Rochelle property where the Darbe Mehr is now located. After the purchase the property was converted to accommodate a prayer room, library, social hall, parking lot and caretaker's quarters. "After everything was completed, the late Arbab Guiv was invited to the USA for the inauguration of the Darbe Mehr," notes Jahanian.

Labelling it "a fact that every Zoroastrian (both Irani and Parsi) should know," Jahanian writes, "On the inauguration day Sarfeh made a proposal to the late Arbab Guiv to grant the property to ZAGNY in order to avoid difficulties in the administration of the property in future. Arbab Guiv got angry... and said... 'I have donated money for the welfare of the Zoroastrian community in Iran and abroad. One of the conditions of my donation is that as long as I live I have the authority of supervising over my donations or properties and also I shall choose some persons to supervise everything as the board of trustees after my death.' After the inauguration celebration was over, Guiv leased the property to ZAGNY for 100 years under the existing laws and regulations... As events proved later (several years after Guiv's death), the Guiv Foundation lost the suit filed by ZAGNY against it in the Court of Justice in three stages due to lapse of time. In this situation nobody knows to whom the Darbe Mehr belongs or whether ZAGNY is going to sell it or not."

In the aftermath of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, Rustam and his wife Morvarid Guiv had taken up permanent residence in North America. Much concerned about the future of the Zoroastrian community scattered everywhere in North America Guiv concluded "that the best way to prevent our community from dissolving in other religions and culture is to establish dar-e-mehrs in the main cities of North America and I would like to establish a foundation called Rustam Guiv Foundation Trust in the USA as I have in Iran. I would like to donate all

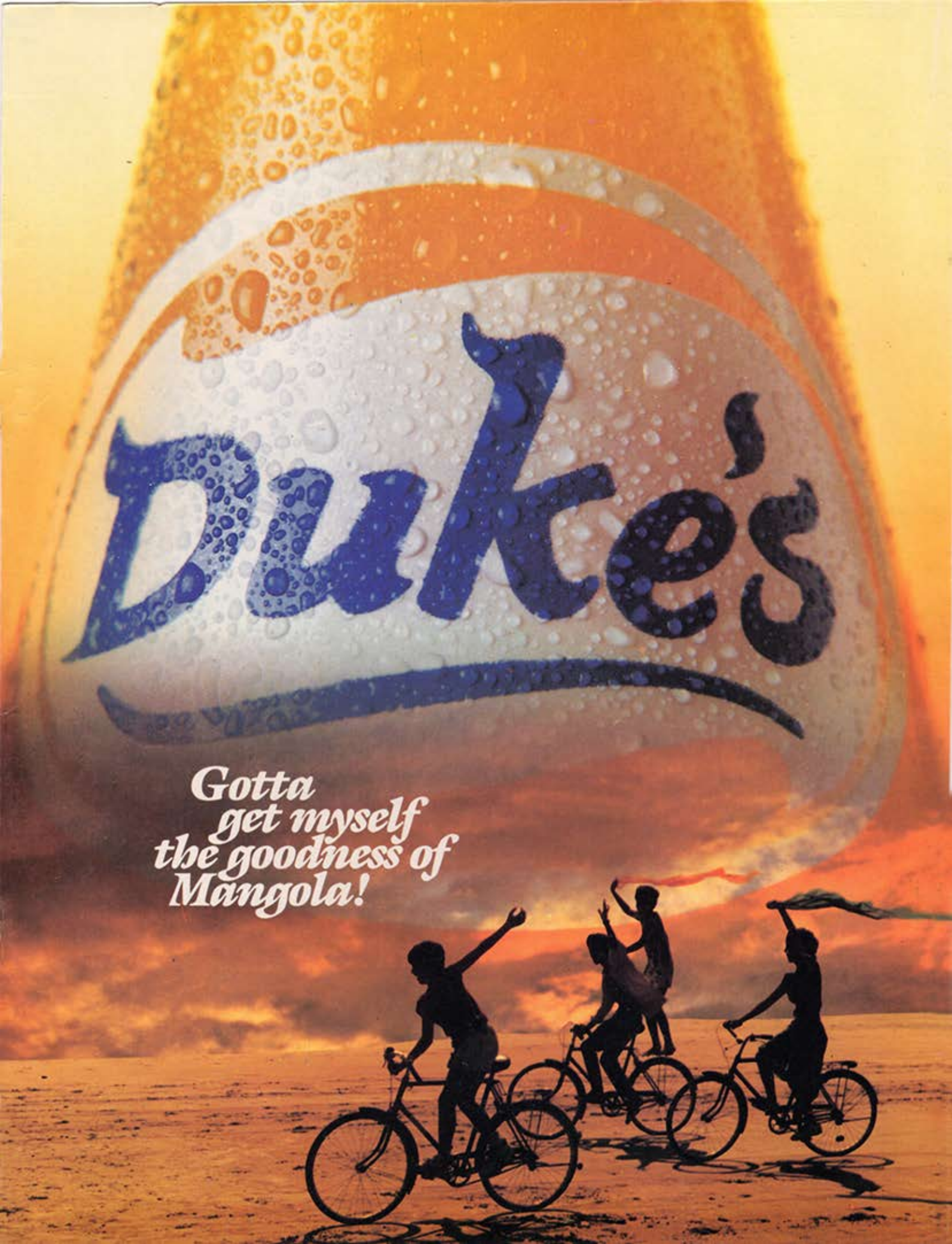
my wealth for the establishment of dar-e-mehrs in the USA." When Guiv's family members, still in Iran, declined the responsibility of being trustees, Guiv chose Sarfeh to shoulder the burden, relates Jahanian.

Sarfeh's own dream of a Zoroastrian center in Washington had been forgotten until Adi Davar, encountering him at a North American Zoroastrian Congress, asked if the Guiv Foundation would provide such a center for Zoroastrians in Washington and its suburbs. There was no mention of a Washington dar-e-mehr in Guiv's will, informs Jahanian. Moreover, Ms Morvarid Guiv who had met Davar had herself fallen ill and died within a few months.

A few years elapsed before Col Khodarahm Shahryari wrote to Sarfeh about the formation of a committee in Washington to cooperate with other Zoroastrians in the area to found a dar-e-mehr and social center. Sarfeh and his co-trustees took a trip to Washington to visit Shahryari and the other Zoroastrians and Jahanian was assigned the task of locating a suitable place. Eventually he found a seven-acre plot in a forest on Washington's outskirts with a dilapidated building suitable for conversion. By a majority of three to two the Guiv Foundation bought the plot for \$4,50,000 in the name of the late Arbab Rustam Guiv, says Jahanian.

The current estimate for the project which will include a large hall, a library, a class room, a prayer room, a kitchen and an apartment for a full-time mobed, with a columnal facade crowned by a fravahar reminiscent of Persepolis, is one million dollars. Sarfeh has donated \$20,000 towards the library in memory of his eldest son Parviz. The committee of 11 (five local residents, three representatives of the Guiv Foundation and three members of the Zoroastrian Association of Washington) is seeking help from Zoroastrians in all parts of the world. Sarfeh "had worked tirelessly to encourage the community to work together to complete the project," notes an obituary write-up in the *FEZANA Journal*. "It would be a fitting memorial to the vision of Dr Rostam Sarfeh and the munificence of Arbab Rustam Guiv now for the Zarthushti community all over the world to come forward to help complete this project and thereby help ourselves by establishing a worthy symbol of our presence in the western world."

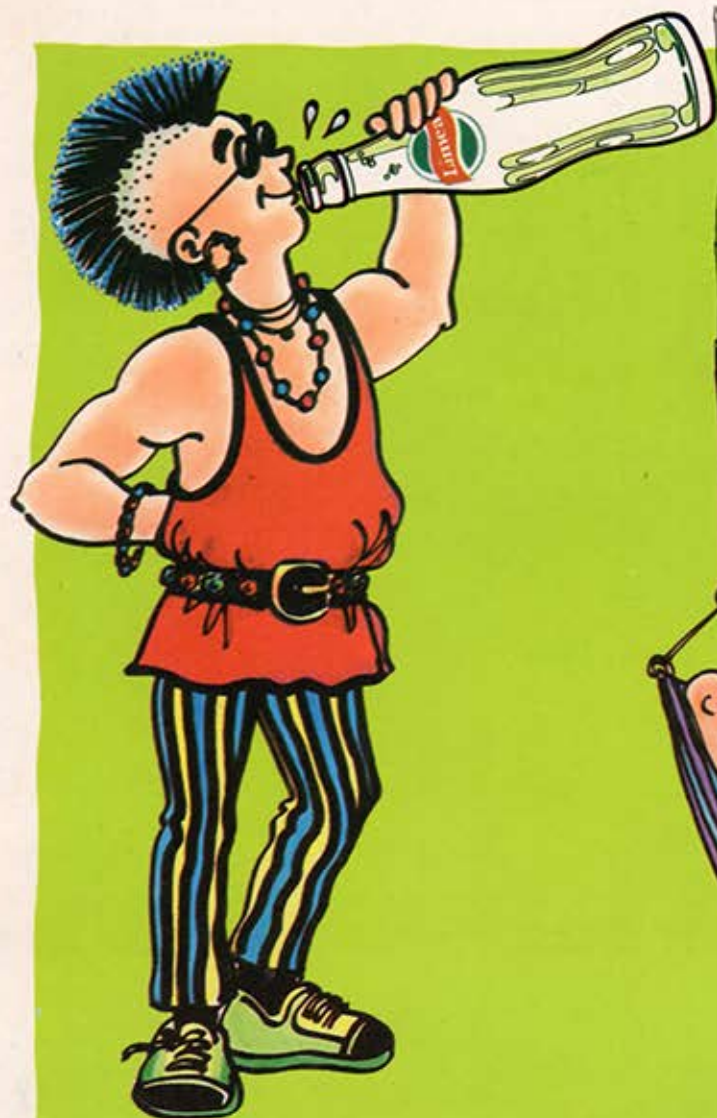
Sarfeh is survived by his second wife Fernan, sons Jamshid and Iraj.



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