

The calendar of your choice

An unexpected call, an unsolicited introduction may change the course of one's destiny. And sometimes even when no contact is established, just knowing that an address is close at hand can be reassuring. For the convenience of our readers we are carrying an amended list of Zoroastrian associations worldwide. Although *Parsiana* had featured such a list in our December 1999 calendar issue, noticing the innumerable amendments in the data in the *Zarathushtris in North America Directory* published by the Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA), we are presenting the updated information afresh from the *Directory*.

The recent political upheavals and the resultant insecurities have been of concern to Zoroastrians in all corners of the world. Yet there are many in India who aspire to go to the West, whether for higher education or improved financial prospects even whilst the recent migrants abroad are wavering on the new terra firma. Since raising funds, whether for pursuing higher education abroad or for medical reasons is always a difficult proposition, those in need could refer to the list of trusts supporting different causes. These lists were made available to us by the Bombay Parsi Punchayet.

When awaiting your turn to collect and submit forms at the different trusts you could always spend the time by trying your hand at the quiz specially prepared by *Parsiana*. By the time you raise the required amount you are sure to have all the answers right with the added bonus of having improved your community awareness!

A regular feature of our December issues for the last couple of years has been the inclusion of the Gregorian calendar for the forthcoming year. To enable the different sections of the community to follow the calendar of their

choice, the *mahs* and *rozs* of the Shahenshahi (S), Kadmi (K) and Fasli (F) calendars are accommodated herein. Readers will appreciate that we have included a 13th month for January 2003 anticipating its usage. While the abbreviated version of the *mah* for each calendar is specified at the top of the page (please refer to the list of abbreviations in case of doubt), in the case of the *roz*s (mentioned against each date) the first line bears the Shahenshahi and Kadmi *roz* and the second line, the Fasli *roz*. During the months of July and August when the Shahenshahi and Kadmi *rozs* do not tally beginning with the first Kadmi *Gatha* day (i.e. July 17) and ending with the last Shahenshahi *Gatha* day (i.e. August 20), the first line bears the Shahenshahi (Sha) *roz*, the second line, the Kadmi *roz*, and the last line, the Fasli *roz*.

Before the three calendars came into existence, the sole one used was in tune with the seasons, with the New Year being observed in spring. To ensure this harmony with nature and to synchronize it with the solar calendar of 365¼ days, the ancient Zoroastrians intercalated an extra month of 30 days, Spandarmad, every 120 years ($\frac{1}{4} \times 120 = 30$ days). As per the existing records, the last time a month was intercalated was somewhere between 1125 and 1131 AC. This correction in the religious calendar was apparently done by the community in India, without the knowledge of those in Iran. The difference of one month was realized some six centuries later when Mobed Jamasp Velayati visited Surat from Kerman.

Around the mid 18th century a group of priests from Surat decided to adopt the Iranian calendar and called themselves the Kadims — the ancient ones. The others chose to refer to themselves as the Shahenshahis — following the royal calendar. Both the groups were

insistent that theirs was the right calendar. Thereafter neither group intercalated the additional Spandarmad month with the result that the Shahenshahi New Year is now in August, and the Kadmi New Year observed by the Iranis in India is in July.

The Iranians observe March 21, the spring equinox, as their New Year for it manifests a physical resurrection after the months of harsh winter and hibernation. The Zoroastrians in India who consider Jamshedi Navroz or March 21 as their New Year are the Faslis who have their roots in the Zarhosti Fasli Sal Mandal founded by Kharshedji Cama in 1906. Following the leap year logic, they add a sixth *Gatha* day, Roz-e Wahizag, every four years to ensure that their New Year is permanently celebrated on March 21. Besides the New Year, the devotional *gahambar* days too would then be appropriately observed in the correct seasons.

Yazdegirdi 1371/72 for all three, Shahenshahi, Kadmi and Fasli calendars, dates back to the coronation of the last Zoroastrian Sassanian King Yazdegird III in 632 AC. Next to the month line atop every page, readers will notice the year according to the Yazdegirdi era (AY 1371 or 1372, where AY stands for Anno Yazdegirdi = in the year of Yazdegird).

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Abbreviations of the *mahs*: Fravardin (Frav), Ardibehesht (Ardi), Khordad (Khor), Tir (Tir), Amardad (Amar), Shahrevar (Shah), Meher (Meh), Avan (Avan), Adar (Adar), Dae (Dae), Bahman (Bahm), Spandarmad (Span).

Need a helping hand?

Education abroad being an expensive proposition, most students keen to pursue postgraduate studies in the West have to depend on scholarships and loans. There are 40 (?) trusts (as listed below) which offer scholarships to meritorious students. While the majority of the trusts are Parsi founded, some other cosmopolitan trusts with a similar objective have been included too.

In India those needing financial aid for college studies can turn to the 30 Parsi charity funds assisting such students. In times of major illnesses, there are 20 charity funds which can be approached for medical help.

The three lists were provided to us by the Bombay Parsi Punchayet. Applicants for postgraduate studies abroad should bear in mind that certain documentary proof is a prerequisite: letters of admission and assistantship from foreign university, estimate of costs for first year of study, marksheets and degree certificates for all examinations taken, letters of reference from college, principal and professors, resume, salary certificate/Income Tax returns of parents.

List of Trusts/Organizations which support postgraduate studies abroad

A. S. F. Patel Charities
Yusuf Bldg, 1st fl, Next to Akbarally's, M. G. Rd, Fort, Bombay 400001
(Last date: May 15)

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Sarojini Hse, 6, Bhagwandas Rd, New Delhi 110001

Bai Maneckbai P. B. Jeejeebhoy Charity Foundation
C/o Scylla Vatcha, 51/D, Saher Bldg, B. Desai Rd, Bombay 400026

Bai Ratanbai and Seth Jhangir Pardiwalla Charity

Trust
C/o Capt H. J. M. Desai, Dubash Mans, Walton Rd, Near Electric Hse, Colaba, Bombay 400039

Bai Shirinbai and Seth Hormasji Mody Trust
Mody Hostel for Women, 83-A, Annie Besant Rd, Worli, Bombay 400018

Cooverji Hormasji Bhabha Foundation
C/o Amy C. H. Bhabha, 49, Sea Foam, Cuffe Parade, Bombay 400005

Dinshaw Jamshedji Bahadurji Charities
32/B, Sterling Apts, 38, Peddar Rd, Bombay 400026

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C/o Amy C. H. Bhabha, 49, Sea Foam, Cuffe Parade, Bombay 400005

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C/o Bombay University, M. G. Rd, Bombay 400023

H. M. Mehta Trust
Mehta Hse, Apollo St, Bombay 400001

Higher Education Committee
C/o Bombay Parsi Punchayet Office, 209, Dr D. N. Rd, Fort, Bombay 400001

Iranian Zoroastrian Anjuman
Kermani Bldg, 2nd fl, P. M. Rd, Fort, Bombay 400001

J. H. Tarapore Foundation
Dhun Bldg, 827, Anna Salai, Madras 600002

J. N. Tata Endowment
Bombay Hse, Homi Mody St, Fort, Bombay 400001
(Last date: January 31)

Jamshed and Shirin Guzder Trust
Neville Hse, Graham Rd, Ballard Est, Bombay 400038

K. C. Mahindra Education Trust
Cecil Court, Next to Regal Cinema, Colaba, Bombay 400001

Lotus Trust
Lotus Hse, 5th fl, 6, New Marine Lines, Bombay 400020

M. K. Tata Trust
Ewart Hse, Homi Mody St, Fort, Bombay 400001

Marazban Trust Funds
C/o Jam-e-Jamshed Charity Fund, Ador Hse, 3rd fl, 6, K. Dubash Marg (Rampart Row), Bombay 400023

Maneckji and Shirinbai Neterwala Trust
Liberty Bldg, 4th fl, New Marine Lines, Bombay 400020 (Last date: April 15)

Mariwala Charity Trust
411, Shah and Nahav Industrial Est, 4th fl, Dr E. Moses Rd, Worli Naka, Bombay 400018

N. M. Petit Charity Fund
UCO Bank Bldg, 4th fl, Dr D. N. Rd, Bombay 400001

Nanabhoy Jeejeebhoy Charity Trust
Ballard Hse, 2nd fl, Adi Marzban Path, Bombay 400001

Parsi Public School Society
Readymoney Mans, 4th fl, Veer Nariman Rd, Fort, Bombay 400001

Pirojsha Godrej Foundation
Godrej Bhavan, Waudby Rd, Bombay 400001
(To apply in early April)

R. A. Dubash Charity Trust
C/o Ardeshir Cursetji & Sons Pvt Ltd, Ador Hse, 3rd fl, 6, K. Dubash Marg (Rampart Row), Bombay 400023

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Esplanade Hse, 29, Waudby Rd, Bombay 400001

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C/o Bombay Parsi Punchayet Office, 209, Dr D. N. Rd, Fort, Bombay 400001

Shirinbai Sorabji Kharas Trust
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Sir Dorabji Tata Trust
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Sir Ness Wadia Foundation
Neville Hse, Ballard Est, Bombay 400038

Sir Ratan Tata Trust
Bombay Hse, Homi Mody St, Fort, Bombay 400001

Sir Vithaldas D. Thackersey Trust
Vithaldas Chmbs, 16, Apollo St, Fort, Bombay 400001

Surat Parsi Panchayat
Seth Rustomji Mancherji Parsi Punchayet Bldg, Dr J. L. Marg, Shahpore, Surat 395003

Tata Chem Golden Jubilee Foundation
Bombay Hse, Homi Mody St, Fort, Bombay 400001

The Framji Pestonji Divecha Trust
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World Zoroastrian Organisation
Shanti, 5th floor, Banaji St, Fort, Bombay 400001

List of Parsi Charity Funds giving help for college studies in India

A. B. Dubash Charity Fund
6, K. Dubash Marg, Fort,
Bombay 400023

Amateur Artistes Association
Rustom Baug, Byculla,
Bombay 400027

Bai Dinbai F. S. Patuck
Scholarship Fund
35, Hughes Rd
Bombay 400007

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51/D, Saher Bldg, Bhulabhai
Desai Rd, Bombay 400026

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Educational Trust
C/o Little & Co, Solicitors,
Central Bank Bldg, M. G. Rd,
Bombay 400023

Bai Shirinbai and Seth
Hormusji Mody Trust
C/o M/s Kapadia Damania &
Co., Chartered Accountants,
Bhupen Chmbs, Dalal St,
Fort, Bombay 400001

Centbank Financial and
Custodial Services Ltd
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M. G. Road, Bombay 400023

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C/o Bombay Parsi Punchayet
Office, 209, Dr D. N. Rd,
Fort, Bombay 400001

Daruwalla Scholarships
Committee
(For engg. studies)
C/o Parsi Engineers and
Architects Union
National Insurance Bldg,
Bastion Rd, Fort,
Bombay 400001

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Bombay 400023

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studies)
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Circle, Dadar, Bombay
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Sethna Charities
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Rd, Bombay 400038

Innominate Parsi Charities
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Bombay 400023

Iranian Zoroastrian Anjuman
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Rd, Fort, Bombay 400001

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Charities
C/o Jeejeebhoy Dadabhai
Agiary, Colaba,
Bombay 400005

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Dadabhoi Sanatorium Trust
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Co, N. M. Wadia Bldg, 123,
M. G. Rd, Bombay 400023

Kanga Charities
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Dubash Marg (Rampart Row),
Bombay 400023

N. M. Petit Charitable Trust
Mehta Hse, Nagindas Master
Rd, Fort, Bombay 400023

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Trust
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Bombay 400007

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Readymoney Mans, 4th Fl,
Veer Nariman Rd, Fort,
Bombay 400001

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Fort, Bombay 400001
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Vocational and Technical
Education Committee
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Room 11, Central Bank Bldg,
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List of Charity Funds for medical help

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Ltd, Lalji Naranji Memorial
Bldg, Near Churchgate Stn,
Bombay 400020

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Lotus Trust Bldg, Near
Liberty Cinema, New Marine
Lines, Bombay 400020

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Ness Wadia Foundation
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Bombay 400038

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Hermes Hse, M. Parmanand
Marg, Opera House,
Bombay 400004

Paragaon Charity Trust
Paragaon Textile Compd,
Pandukar Budhakar Marg,
Bombay 400013

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Fort, Bombay 400001

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Jehangir Art Gallery,
Bombay 400001

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Madame Cama Rd,
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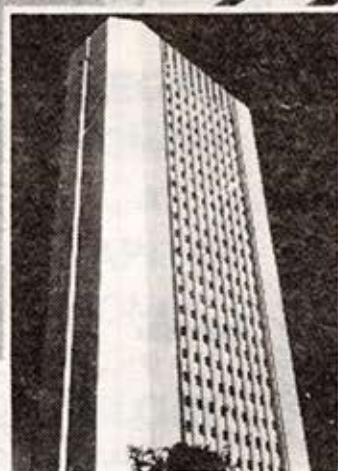
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6 Fravardin Govad	7 Bahram Dae-pa-Din	8 Ram Din	9 Govad Ashishvangh	10 Dae-pa-Din Ashtad	11 Din Asman	12 Ashishvangh Zamyad
13 Ashtad Mahraspand	14 Asman Aneran	15 Zamyad Hormazd	16 Mahraspand Bahman	17 Aneran Ardibehesht	18 Hormazd Shahrevar	19 Bahman Spandarmad
20 Ardibehesht Khordad	21 Shahrevar Amardad	22 Spandarmad Dae-pa-Adar	23 Khordad Adar	24 Amardad Avan	25 Dae-pa-Adar Khorshed	26 Adar Mohor
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10 Din Asman	11 Ashishvagh Zamyad	12 Ashtad Mahraspand	13 Asman Aneran	14 Zamyad Hormazd	15 Mahraspand Bahman	16 Aneran Ardibehesht
17 Hormazd Shahrevar	18 Bahman Spandarmad	19 Ardibehesht Khordad	20 Shahrevar Amardad	21 Spandarmad Dae-pa-Adar	22 Khordad Adar	23 Amardad Avan
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10 Govad Ashishvangh	11 Dae-pa-Din Ashtad	12 Din Asman	13 Ashishvangh Zamyad	14 Ashtad Mahraspand	15 Asman Aneran	16 Zamyad Ahunavad
17 Mahraspand Ushtavad	18 Aneran Spentomad	19 Hormazd Vohu-khshathra	20 Bahman Vahishtoisht	21 Ardibehesht Hormazd	22 Shahrevar Bahman	23 Spandarmad Ardibehesht
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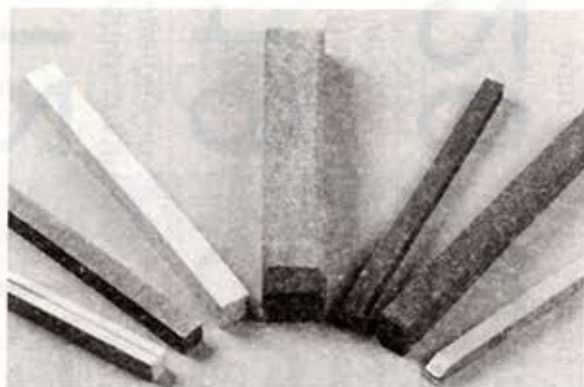
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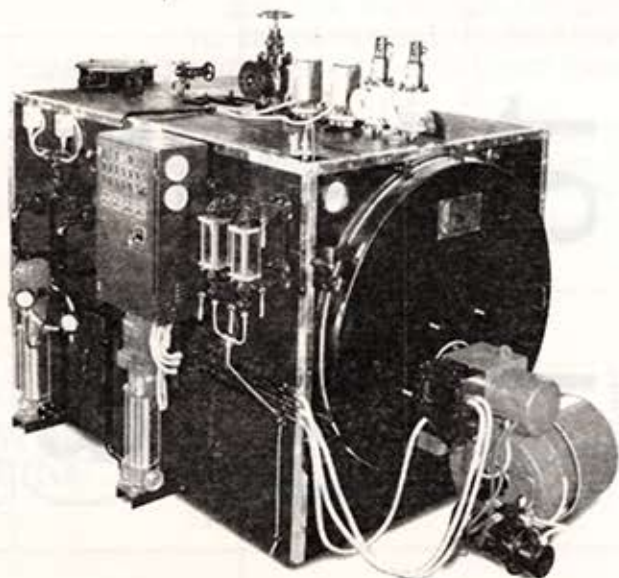
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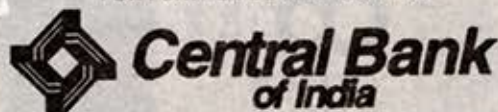
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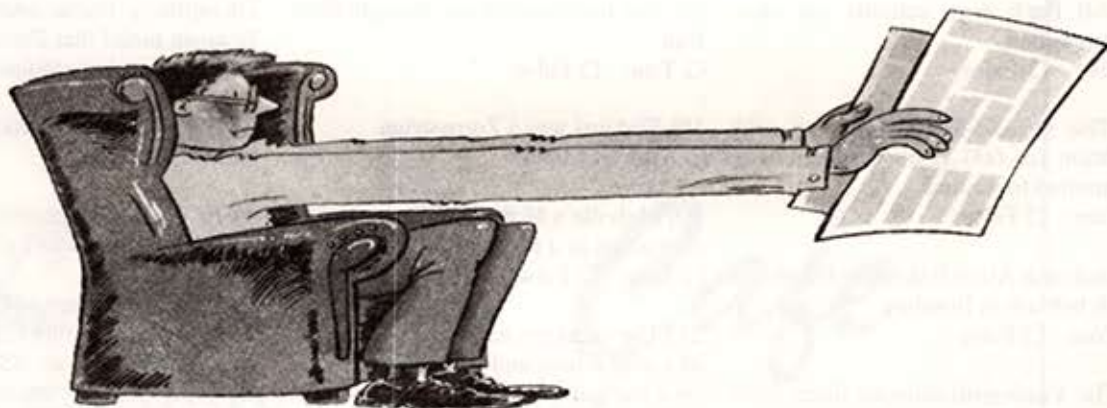
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1) The Kaikhushru Pallonji Katrak Dar-e-Meher in Delhi permits the children of Parsi mothers married to non-Parsi fathers admission in the fire-temple.

☐ True ☐ False

2) Anyone can convert to Zoroastrianism.

☐ True ☐ False

3) The chalk and coconut at festive occasions is a custom borrowed from the Hindus.

☐ True ☐ False

4) Bombay High Court judge Justice Dinshaw Davar likened the Parsis to a caste.

☐ True ☐ False

5) All Parsi high schools are now cosmopolitan.

☐ True ☐ False

6) The *Qissa-i-Sanjan* was an oral tradition for 600 years before it was committed to writing.

☐ True ☐ False

7) Dadyseth Atash Bahram is the oldest atash behram in Bombay.

☐ True ☐ False

8) The Yazdegirdi calendar dates from the time the Parsis landed in India.

☐ True ☐ False

9) Only a priest can perform a navjote ceremony.

☐ True ☐ False

10) Sandalwood was used in the fire-temples in Iran prior to the Zoroastrians coming to India.

☐ True ☐ False

11) Bangalore has both — a dakhma and an aramgah.

☐ True ☐ False

12) The Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India is the apex body of the community in India.

☐ True ☐ False

13) The percentage of intercommunity marriages for the year 2000 was 28 percent.

☐ True ☐ False

14) Whilst tying the kusti one always turns towards the sun/light.

☐ True ☐ False

15) The two parts of a sudreh (the front and back) are said to be symbolic of the past and future, both related to each other through the present.

☐ True ☐ False

16) ZOSTA is a parents-teachers organization.

☐ True ☐ False

17) The late cyclist Adi Havewalla represented India in the 1948 World Olympic Games in London.

☐ True ☐ False

18) The Iranshah fire was brought from Iran.

☐ True ☐ False

19) Firdausi was a Zoroastrian.

☐ True ☐ False

20) Melville's *Moby Dick* has one of its characters as a fire-worshipping Parsi.

☐ True ☐ False

21) The kumkum mark on the forehead of a man is long and vertical, and round on a woman's.

☐ True ☐ False

22) Bhandar is the central well in the Towers of Silence.

☐ True ☐ False

23) Ardeshir M. Irani gave Indian cinema its first singer and song.

☐ True ☐ False

24) During the 1944 Bombay docks explosion, when a whole section of the city became a mass of burning rubble, Godrej safes were found with their

contents uncharred, intact.

☐ True ☐ False

25) The Parsi divorce rate for the 1990s decade was 10 percent.

☐ True ☐ False

26) Every year there are approximately 600 deaths over births among Parsis in Bombay.

☐ True ☐ False

27) The solar concentrators have been fixed on one dakhma in Bombay.

☐ True ☐ False

28) Justice Sam Bharucha is the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India.

☐ True ☐ False

Answers

1) True. The Delhi Parsi Anjuman members passed a resolution permitting the children of Parsi mothers married to non-Parsi fathers admission in the fire-temple a few years ago.

2) True. According to the High Court judgement delivered in the Petit vs Jejeebhoy case of 1906 the two learned Bombay High Court judges Dinshaw Dhanjibhoy Davar and Frank C. O. Beaman noted that Zoroastrianism not only permits but enjoins conversion.

3) True. This custom was not and is not followed in Iran.

4) False. It was Justice Beaman who likened the Parsis to a caste.

5) True. The Dadar and Cama Athornan Madressas are exclusively for Parsis but they don't have an SSC curriculum. Students have to attend SSC classes elsewhere.

6) True. Assuming we arrived in India around 1000 AC, the story relating to the arrival of Zoroastrians in India was committed to writing in the year 1600 AC.

7) True. It was constructed in 1783.

8) False. The calendar dates from the coronation of the last Zoroastrian Sassanian King Yazdegird in 632 AC.

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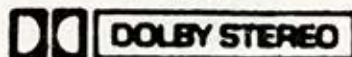
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9) False. Theoretically anyone who knows the prayers can perform though in practice priests perform it.

10) False. There were no sandalwood trees in Iran.

11) True. An aramgah was first established in 1892 and the dakhma in 1940.

12) True. Nearly all the major anjumans are members of the all-India body. Representation to the Central Government is normally made through the Federation.

13) True.

14) True.

15) True.

16) False. It is the Zoroastrian Student Teacher Association.

17) True.

18) False. The fire was consecrated in India. It is popularly believed to have been consecrated in 770 AC in Sanjan, though there is no historical evidence to substantiate the date and place.

19) False. Abul Kasim 'Firdausi' ('Paradisal') (c. 941-1020) was a Mohammedan of the Shi'ite sect, according to the Warner Brothers' edition of the *Shah Nameh*.

20) True. Fedellah is described as "a fire worshipping Parsi."

21) True.

22) True.

23) True. Ardeshir Irani gave Indian cinema its first singer, W. M. Khan and the first song *De de Khudaa-ke naam par pyaare, taaqat hai gar dene ki* in the film *Alam Ara*.

24) True.

25) True.

26) True.

27) True. The solar concentrators have been fixed on the Sethna dakhma in Bombay.

28) True.



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