

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Good evening and very warm greetings to all our members.

On behalf of the Managing Committee of the Karachi Zarhosti Banu Mandal, I have the privilege of welcoming you all to our Annual General Body Meeting. Our wonderful organization has completed 104 years and in the true spirit of "Service" and "Charity" we surge forward every year with our work and are blessed that our community has always supported us.

My focus today would be to draw the attention of our community on the ARMAN HOME for the Elderly that has come up with sheer grit, love and dedication. The inspiration came decades ago and now materialized two years ago. However, we feel that "our labour of love" has not been acknowledged in the same spirit that it was created for. We all know that young people are migrating in great numbers now and will do so in the years to come. We would want all to pass on our message viz ***We will look after all those who have no one to do so.*** Our members Roshan Mehri and Meher Cawasji have left no stone unturned to make those who are presently residing in the Arman Home, comfortable. Their love, compassion and generosity has truly humbled me. Meher Doctor takes meticulous care in organizing meals and outings for all. We invite you to come and visit the home and see for yourself what wonderful facilities we have. Thank you!

Our Welfare Subcommittee, ably handled by Spenta Khambatta has provided assistance to a lot of our community members and continue to do so with great zeal.

Dr. Bakhtaver Rabadi and her team in the Medical Subcommittee have looked after the health related issues of the community and here I would like to thank all of you present and other members of our wonderful community who stepped up when one of our own fell seriously ill and needed us to support the medical treatment. We are happy to learn that with the Mandal's support and from various Trusts and individuals locally and abroad our little angel has recovered and is back with us. We are so blessed to belong to such a philanthropic and caring community.

Nilofer Noshirwani who heads the Rehabilitation Subcommittee lost an able worker. Mrs. Dilshad Tirandazi left us at a very young age and the Mandal Rehabilitation has lost a willing worker. May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

The education sub Committee handled very sagaciously by Meher Cawasji has seen that our youngsters get the opportunity to study in good institutions here and abroad and she and her committee have provided all the necessary help to further the cause of education.

Mitra Irani and her Child Chapter have kept our youngsters busy and happy and educated in the process. Our Child Chapter lost dearest Arnavaz Subedar. We bow our heads in gratitude to have known such a wonderful lady.

Dilshad Irani has the most fun as heading the Entertainment Subcommittee, she makes sure that all our community members are kept occupied and amused with *funtertainment*.

Roshan Mehri has kept our finances in meticulous order and Feroze Cawasji has helped us audit them. The Mandal's secretaries Farahnaz Marker and Alla Rustomjee have kept all our records in perfect order.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Members of the Managing Committee past and present, towards their selfless commitment and dedication extended to the Mandal. I also thank the volunteers and honorary helpers, who have from time to time assisted the Mandal and keep on doing so thus made smooth sailing for us.

I salute you all and once again thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kermin Soli Parakh', enclosed within a large, loopy oval scribble.

Kermin Soli Parakh
President

25th October 2016