

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Good evening dear ladies and a very warm welcome to you on our Annual General Meeting.

Before I commence with my address, on behalf of my Managing Committee and myself, I take this opportunity to thank you all for your confidence in our team as we step into a second term on our elective posts. Thank you for entrusting in us the pressing matters of our community.

Ladies, KZBM has over many decades strived towards making sure that every person in our community has the opportunity to achieve his/her fullest potential and participate in and contribute to all aspects of life. We therefore, envisage and work towards a community that inspire people not only in our country but throughout the world, wherever they go and settle. We strive towards making a community that is empowered, empathetic and assimilates while accepting and including people of all walks of life, yet maintaining its own identity, culturally and religiously, as a unique and outstanding one in the present world.

And recently, the mission of KZBM has been to attend to the elderly of our community and make sure that their physical, social and emotional well-being is catered to, by being attentive towards their needs.

Therefore, when I say that all of us who are on the Managing Committee and the Sub committees believe in the KZBM motto of “**Seva anay Sakhavat**”, I assure you these are not just words. These words are proven over and over again with actions that are heartening, diligent and at times very difficult for everyone to emulate.

A special thank you to Dr. Aresh Homi Virji, and when he is away, Dr. Naozer Homi Virji for visiting the Armaan House on a regular basis and Benafshey Virji for helping our Armaan House Committee. They give their time, energy and sincere efforts in the day to day matters, which at times are not easy but they surge forth with zeal and fervor.

Feroze Cawasji for doing our audit with such care, year in and year out.

Sarfraz Golwalla and Roshan Khursigara for assisting us in the miscellaneous administrative matters of the Mandal.

I say to you my dear friends and colleagues; *good people are like candles: you burn yourself up to give others light.* Thank you.

Dear ladies, today with a very heavy heart we bid farewell to two of our team mates, namely **Sunnu Golwala** and **Zarin Mobed** as they retire from being active members of the KZBM.

Sunnu in her own words is a “**History Fiend**”, and she has meticulously chronicled the history of the KZBM in her book “**The Sands of Time**” for which we can’t thank her enough. She is the editor of What’s On since 2001 and has generously consented to continue with this work even after her tenure is over with KZBM. Sunnu has been on three Subcommittees at a time namely Education Subcommittee, Welfare Subcommittee and the Managing Subcommittee. Sunnu has served as the Vice President of the Managing Committee also. Twenty four years of dedicated service to the KZBM for which we are not only blessed, but grateful. Thank you Sunnu and we wish you **Happy Retirement!**

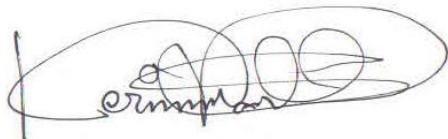
Zarin joined KZBM’s Rehabilitation Subcommittee under the Chairperson, Dinaz Polad in 1998 and become treasurer in 2000. Taking over from Amy Golwala. She has been in charge of the monies KZBM spends and collects on different *melas* and has been very fastidious about her responsibilities. She retires as an Extra Member of the Managing Committee of the Mandal where she has been since 2001 and we pray for Zarin’s good health and a happy retired life. Thank you Zarin.

Martin Luther King, Jr said “*Somewhere along the way, we must learn that there is nothing greater than to do something for others.*”

I request the young ladies of the Mandal to join us in our endeavors and assist in our various Subcommittees. These shoes will become vacant some day and who better to slip into these with ease but all you young persons.

Remember, as we grow older, we will discover that we have two hands, one for helping ourselves, the other for helping others.

Thank you!

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

Kermin Soli Parakh
President
02 October 2018