

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Dear Banus, Sahebji!

I warmly welcome all to our 110th Annual General Meeting.

After enduring two years of Covid-19 issues, the world is witnessing drastic climate change. Global warming is not a prediction, it is happening. We are living on the planet as if we have another one to go to!

There is no 'Plan B', because there is no 'Planet B'. It is real. It is man-made. It is an important problem! Pakistan is not only witness to it but experiencing it, and will keep on experiencing it, till sustainable and long-term measures are not taken.

I take this opportunity to thank all our *humdins* who have come forward and donated generously towards the Flood Relief Fund. Besides individual donations, a special thanks to organizations such as The Kandawalla Trust, Hommie & Jamshed Nusserwanjee Charitable Trust and PNYCC, for their generous contributions towards the Flood Relief.

Our beloved Jesmin Jamshed Chowna who retired last year from the Child Chapter Subcommittee after over 30 years of service, expired suddenly leaving her family and all who knew her and had worked with her, completely devastated. A wonderful lady and a great human being, she leaves behind a supportive husband, two lovely daughters and their families and many, many friends who mourn her departure. We also lost a stalwart of our community Dr. Hoshang Anklesaria, who along with his beloved wife Julie, were great supporters of the KZBM. He also leaves behind his four sons and their families who mourn his departure. Having said that, we do need to celebrate the lives of these two wonderful human beings in the '**Seva anay Sakhawat**' of the community. Rest in peace!

I wish to put on record that the Karachi Parsi Co-operative Housing Society (KPCHS) has taken back the case that was initiated against KZBM in 2019. Sanity prevailed!

Our new Subcommittee Chairpersons for Welfare and Programme, Zavera Z. Golwalla and Katherina Z. Irani, respectively; are doing a great job and we thank them for their initiatives. We would like to encourage the younger Banus to join us and eventually step up, as they will be taking over the Mandal and its responsibilities, the way we have done from our predecessors.

On this note I would like to welcome Natasha P. Karanjia, our young Banu for taking over as the Chairperson of the Child Chapter Subcommittee and

thank Mitra A. Irani for her hard work over the last 11 years as she steps down.

Religion classes started by the Child Chapter Subcommittee in February 2022 is a tremendous initiative. Thank you to all those who help out, especially Shahnaz Sethna who is spearheading the classes.

Besides the various endowment funds that KZBM utilizes for various projects of '**Seva anay Sakhawat**', we would like to appreciate the constant support and assistance of some of the prominent donors who endorse our cause and continue to support us:

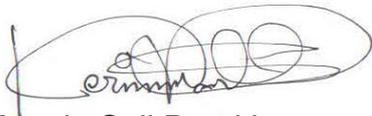
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6. Nariman Khusro Irani Medical Fund
7. Minoos & Aspi Minocher Patel Endowment Fund
8. Late Mr. Naval M. Vakharia

Mahatma Gandhi said:

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

Let us all join hands, in the service of others, because no one has ever become poor by giving their time, energy, love, care and empathy. It is never about how much one gives, but how much love one puts into giving.

Thank you!



Kermin Soli Parakh
President

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