

April 2016

Tandarosti Jashan for little Ariyana Quettawalla

Ariyana Quettawalla shall be undergoing Identical Haploid Stem Cell Transplant soon. The Quettawalla family has arranged a Tandarosti Jashan for her at the Gari Khata Agiari on **Sunday March 27, 2016 at 11:00 am.**

Do come in large number and pray for Ariyana's speedy recovery.

KZBM PROGRAMME

KZBM's Inter Association Quiz Competition Followed by Dinner on Saturday, 23 April 2016



It's time to exercise the grey cells and gear up to compete in KZBM's popular Quiz programme! Funny, serious, easy, difficult to challenging quizzes await your participation: Be part of a team or the audience and have a fun-filled and enlightening evening.

Teams comprising six members will be from KZBM, YMZA, KPI & PPCA and an independent team. There will be two (2) teams each from KZBM, YMZA & KPI, and one (1) team from PPCA and, an independent team in which anyone can join.

Team leaders please give your team's names to Katherina Irani by **15 April.**

Date: Saturday, 23 April 2016

Venue: KZBM Garden

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Ticket per person: Rs 600

Last Date: Tuesday, 19 April 2016 till 1 p.m.

Your Opportunity to see



MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AND MINISTRY OF CULTURE in collaboration with UNESCO PARZOR officially inaugurated THE EVERLASTING FLAME INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME on Saturday 19th March 2016, 10:00 am at The Parliament House Complex, New Delhi.

The exhibitions that were inaugurated on 19th, 20th, 21st March are **open to general public till 29th May 2016.**

- THE EVERLASTING FLAME: ZOROASTRIANISM IN HISTORY AND IMAGINATION is showing at the National Museum, Janpath, New Delhi 110011.
- PAINTED ENCOUNTERS: PARSI TRADERS AND THE COMMUNITY & NO PARSI IS AN ISLAND is being showcased at Jaipur House, New Delhi 110003.
- THREADS OF CONTINUITY: ZOROASTRIAN LIFE AND CULTURE is on display at Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Janpath, New Delhi 110001.

Besides these three fabulous exhibitions there are other programmes under the auspices of THE EVERLASTING FLAME such as films, talks and presentations, Gujrati natak, Iranian Choir's performance and much more.

It is recommended that Zoroastrians visit these exhibitions and programmes and make the most of this great opportunity of learning about our religion, customs and heritage.

Kermin S Parakh
President - KZBM

Z-Clips: 'A Star' in French Language

& "Top in Pakistan"



Nazish Sawak Talati, my French pupil, who got A Star in French Language, has been selected by University of Cambridge as qualifying for the Outstanding Cambridge Learner's Award. This is based on the result of the Cambridge International Examination held in June 2015. In her Cambridge French O Level exam, Nazish was also declared the "TOP IN PAKISTAN".

"It is indeed not only an honour for Karachi Grammar School but also for Pakistan," writes Mr Ponsford the Headmaster of the College Section of KGS, in his congratulatory letter to her parents. As a teacher, I am overjoyed with this great result. French is not offered by KGS as a regular subject. Nazish started French rather late, in Class 7, but has a natural flair and interest in the language.

She is currently studying French literature with me, enjoying the magnificent Les Miserables.

Great credit goes to both her parents as well who encouraged her and have been most co-operative in every respect.

May Nazish reach further heights in this melodious language.

Rashna Gazder

Rashna Gazder's Interview On Dawn TV Channel



In celebration of Women's Day, Dawn television channel invited Rashna Gazder as an inspirational woman in their morning programme "Ye Hai Zindagi". The host focused on Rashna rising above life's challenges with faith and courage, using her talent to fund-raise for a noble cause and making a name for herself for tutoring in piano and French language, while remaining a home-maker: It is an inspirational story and kudos to her for bringing laurels to our community.

To listen to the interview, you may copy-paste the link below in your browser:

http://youtu.be/JdINtqL_WOE

The link has the entire one hour programme, but **Rashna's segment is from 4:30 minutes onward**, on the video counter, for next 20 minutes. Do watch. **SFG**

OUR FRIEND

Mushkil Asaan Prayers

April 01, 2016 at 5:30pm

Jamshed Baugh Club House

The JB Club Committee is thankful to the community members for their presence at the Mushkil Aasaan prayers and invites all Zarthostis to attend.

MILESTONES

Janam

Nima* a boy to Afsoon and Shahram Mehri in New York, USA and grandson to Roshan and Behram Mehri on **17th February**

*This is a new name for us and therefore would like to add for the interest of our readers that Nima in Persian means 'fair and just'

Nathan, a boy to Natalia and Narius Divecha in Toronto, Canada and grandson to Gulzarin & Sohrab Irani and Villy & (late) Aspi Divecha on **12th March**

Zaraan, a boy to Pauruchisty and Varun Mody and grandson to Hutoxy & Aspy Trombaywalla and Buneste & Freddy Mody on **14th March**

Navjote

Farhad Dumasia, son of Najoo and Mehernosh on **23rd March**

Mehernosh and Najoo Dumasia sincerely thank the community for their good wishes and kind gifts on the Navjote of their son Farhad.

Maran

CORRECTION: Dhun Sohrabji Shahookar, sister of Dina on **4th February**

Dina Sohrabji Shahookar on **5th February**

Khorshed Jehangir Malbari, w/o (Late) Dr Jehangir Malbari, sister of Villoo Godrej Motishaw, Amy (Jinnie) Jariwala and Bahadur Setna,

aunt of Katy Hoshang Khambatta and Feroza Rico Rustomji **28th February**

Furrokh Hormuzshaw Wania, s/o (late) Dr Hormuzshaw Wania, h/o (late) Zareen Wania, f/o Meher Ankelsaria, Dr Darius Wania, Spenta Khambatta and Ardeshir Wania on **1st March**

Dinshaw Darabsha Dinshaw (D.D.), f/o Feroz Dinshaw and Dinaz Engineer on **2nd March**

Ex-Karachiite: Sam Vakil, h/o (late) Daisy Vakil, f/o Sven Jehangir, Kathrine Hira and Natasha Vakil, b/o Sarosh, Dinshaw and Nari Vakil, Tehmi Patel and (late) Hutokshi Minwala on **9th March**

Cowasjee (Baboo) Minocher Cowasjee, h/o Mani and b/o Jamshed (Jemi) Cowasjee on **16th March**

Darius Minocher Dastur, h/o Silloo and f/o Fiona and Zermina Dastur on **16th March**

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Indian sandalwood, kakra, kusti, and home-made Parsi *khara-bore*.

House for Rent at Avari Colony

Genuinely interested person/s may contact on mobile numbers: 0300 8240369 or 0301 8273405.

Zarthosti Matrimonial Website:



This Web Site is a joint effort of Cyrus Engineer and Veera Mavalwala, two concerned Zarthostis from New Delhi.

Cyrus Engineer is the Director of Industrial Boilers Ltd. and IB Turbo Pvt. Ltd. These companies manufacture Steam Boilers and Turbines with manufacturing bases at Vapi and New Delhi.

Besides Engineering, Cyrus has interests in Renewable Energy Research and is advisor to several Research institutes. He is deep into Life Sciences, Vaastu and Freemasonry.

He is happily married to Kaenaz.

Veera Mavalwala is a Trustee of the Delhi Parsi Anjuman and has retired after 44 years of working with Companies like ICI India, The Oberoi Group, Electrolux, LeasePlan, Unitech and Milagrow. She does free-lance Corporate Training in Stress Management, Personality Development and Communication. She is a Grand Master in Reiki.

She is a Past Chairperson of the Indian Association of Secretaries & Administrative Professionals and is currently heading their advisory committee. She has organised many events for this organisation.

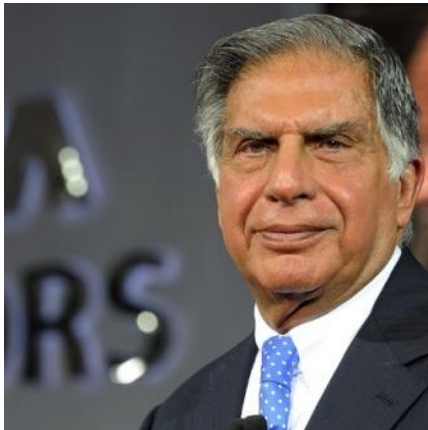
She is happily married to Farokh.



WHAT'S MORE

GOOD LIFE

Tata Rules the Heart of People



There is a blood bank inside the Tata Motors premises in Jamshedpur (there are blood banks in other plants as well). If you donate a bottle of blood, not only you are given off for that day, but you can also avail an extra leave within 7 days of donating the blood. Employees use it to extend their holidays. So, there is no shortage of leaves ever! Needless to say, Tata loses several man-hours through this policy.

Once while having a conversation with the employees of the company, Ratan Tata was asked a question by a senior officer, "Sir, people take undue advantage of the policy. We lose several man-hours due to this. The blood is replenished within 24 hours, you know. Why give that extra holiday within 7

days of donating blood."

Ratan Tata smiled - he always does – and gave a calm reply, "Encouragement is something I don't need to teach you. Only a few people donate because they want to. Talking about man-hours, we may be losing some man-hours doing that, but have you ever thought of the number of man-hours that get added to the person's life who receives that blood in the time of necessity? I am ready to sacrifice some of our man-hours for the better good of humanity."

A true gem of a person.

(Courtesy: Arnawaz K Billia)

OUR FAITH

NowRuz on 20 March



This year the Equinox is on March 20 4:30 AM UTC (GMT) which translates to - from March 19 to early morning of March 20 throughout the world and so the First of Farvardin falls on March 20 and not on March 21, and so also Khordad saal will be on March 25.

According to timeanddate.com the (MAZDAYASNI) Iranian Solar Calendar from the second Millennium BCE is the most perfect calendar that has ever existed and needed no correction for 110,000 years.

It is an astronomical calendar introduced by our ancestors and not a mathematical one. So **first of Farvardin is determined by the Vernal Equinox.**

<u>Calendar</u>	<u>Introduced</u>	<u>Average Year Length</u>	<u>Approximate Error</u>
Iranian calendar (Solar calendar)	2nd millennium BCE	365.2421986 days	< 1 sec/year (1 day in 110,000 years)

Check the MAZDAYASNI CALENDAR at <http://zarathushticalendar.com/>

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NOW ROOZ - 3754 z

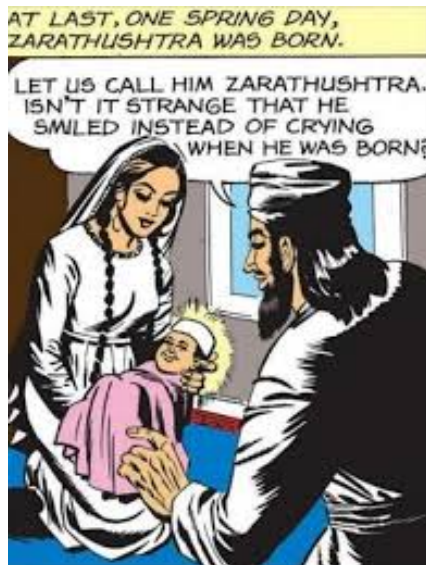
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Khordad Saal Birthday of our Prophet



Khordad Saal is the birthday of our Prophet Zarathushtra Spitamaan. As per Fasli calendar it was on 25 March 2016. In celebration of the occasion here are a couple of verses from our scriptures.

Zarathushtra's birth is celebrated in the Farvardin Yasht Verses 93 – 94, translation of which is:

“In whose birth and growth, waters and plants rejoiced;
in whose birth and growth, waters and plants increased;
and in whose birth and growth, all the creations created by Spentaa Mainyu shouted:

Hail! born to us is an Aathravan Spitamaan Zarathushtra!”

Also, Zarathushtra's own prayer to Ahura Mazda in Yasna 28 Verse 1 of the Ahunavaiti Gatha, which we may like to reflect on and adopt in our daily living. It translates to:

“With uplifted hands and deep humility, I beseech, O Mazda,

First and foremost this, the abiding joy of Spenta Mainyû, your holy mind.

Grant that I perform all actions in harmony with righteousness

And acquire the wisdom of the good mind

So that I may bring happiness to the soul of the Universe.” (Quotation from “The Teachings of Zarathustra” by T R Sethna, Second Edition, Published by T R Sethna, Karachi, 1978.) **SFG**

Source: Tele Class of Ervad Soli Dastur

AND...

Untold Story - Why Bill Gates Retired!!

Microsoft head honcho Mr Bill Gates has finally retired. Here is the untold story of what made him walk out. It was due to a letter written by Banta Singh in Bhatinda in Punjab. Gates was unable to give even a single satisfactory answer.

Dear Mr Bill Gates,

Sat Sri Akal ji!! (Greetings!!)

I am happy informing you we have bought computer for home but found some problems and missing items which I wants to inform you.

There is button 'Start' but there is no Stop button How to stop computer? We request your company to rectify shortage.

One doubt is whether any 'Re-scooter' is available in system? I find only 'Re-cycle', but I owns scooter.

There is 'Find' button but it is not working properly. My wife lost home door key and we tried trace key with this 'Find' button, but was unable to get. Please do correction of this problem.

My bigger son Lucky has learnt 'Microsoft word' now he wants to learn 'Microsoft sentence', so when you will provide that?

Windows says 'My Pictures' but there is not even single photo of mine. So when you will put my photo in that?

There is 'Microsoft Office' what about 'Microsoft Home' since I using the PC at home only. When are you selling Microsoft home computer?

You provided 'My Recent Documents'. When you will provide 'My Past Documents'?

Finally one personal question, if you doesn't minds: Sir, how your name is Gates but you are selling Windows?

Regards
Banta

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For noting in your diary:

Day/Date	Time	Venue	Event and its details
Sun 27 Mar	11 am	Gari Khata Agiyari	Tandarosti Jashan for Ariyana Quettawalla
Fri 01 Apr		JB Club	Mushkil Asaan Prayers
Sat 23 Apr	7:30 pm	KZBM Garden	KZBM's Inter-Association Quiz Ticket: Rs 600/- pp Last date for tickets: 19 April