

April 2021

COVID VACCINATION DATA

The Government of Pakistan has commenced vaccination campaign for COVID-19 virus. All *Humdins* are requested to kindly submit for community data, a scan of the Vaccination Card confirming that you have been inoculated with both the doses.

The scan can be sent to: Dr. Bakhtawar Rabadi Dr. Perinbano Virji Dr. Rashna Virji

Z-Clips

Celebrating the beautifully renovated

Wadia Dar-e-Mehr (Pakistan Chowk Agiary)



On left: Agiary before the rains



On right: newly renovated Agiary. Photo credit: Minocher Naval Vakharia

The Dar-e-Meher situated at Garikhata, Pakistan Chowk, Karachi was consecrated on Roj Adar, Mah Adar, 1239 A.Y. viz. 28 May 1869. It is now over 150 years old. The Karachi Parsi Anjum Trust is responsible for the Agyari including arranging Mobeds and its operations. It has been functional since then and the atash dadgah burning to date 24 hours with mobeds dedicated to it and performing boi for all the gehs.

In order to ensure that the Atash is kept burning, one Mobed from India has been given a 10 years Visa to stay in Pakistan and he has married a Parsi girl from Karachi with his wedding having been arranged by one of the leading community members. There is another Mobed from Quetta who like the Mobed from Bombay lives with his family in the community flats built around the Agyari. Also there is another young Mobed who comes as required as he is in college.

Owing to heavy rains in last year, the roof of the Agyari collapsed at most of the places and the atash dadgah was shifted to an adjacent building.

In order to reconstruct/renovate the Agyari, leading Muslim structural engineers and architects were requested to design the Agyari. These Consultants refused to take any remuneration as they felt that they would like to show their contribution to the Parsi community and that a Parsi Agyari is like a Muslim Mosque for which they would not have charged any consultancy.

The major structural walls remained intact with a new look of the façade which now has a stone facing installed along with an Asho Farohar.

A completely new roof of reinforced steel was installed. This took the majority of the time as the old half collapsed roof had to be removed.

The old plaster was removed and fresh plaster was installed with imported porcelain tiles on the floor and walls. A section which had the original tiles was cleaned and maintained for a touch of the original Agyari. New electrical fittings and fixtures as well as completely new wiring, cabling, light switches were installed.

The intermittent lockdowns and Covid infecting the workers resulted in unforeseen delays thereby causing extensive time in completion of the Agyari. Unfortunately, the workers also got infected and all had to be quarantined.

Basically, it may be considered that a new Agyari was really created.

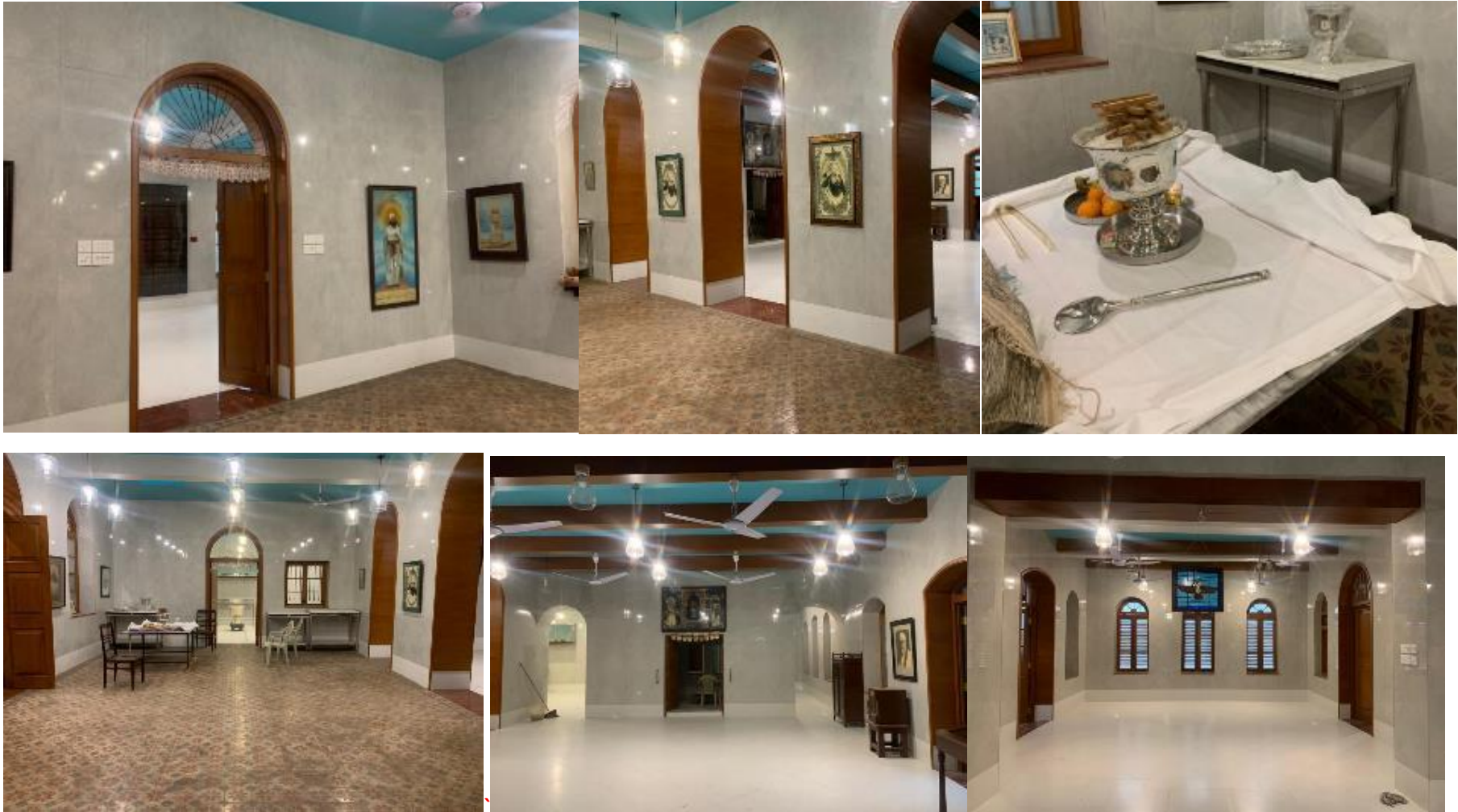
The entire direction for the development of the Agyari as it stands renovated today was carried out under the coordination, guidance and supervision of Xerxes B. Avari, the son of Anjuman's Chairman, Byram Dinshaw Avari and Shahpur Maneckji who were authorized by the Trustees of the Karachi Parsi Anjuman to undertake this work on a complimentary basis.

The total cost of renovation was approximately Pak Rs.15 million and a large portion was borne by the Anjuman with a number of donations coming from the community in Pakistan, the Parsi diaspora abroad, other Parsi Trust Funds of Karachi as well as a substantial donation of US\$30,000 by the Zoroastrian Charitable Funds of Hong Kong, Canton and Macao.

The KPATF Trust Board would like to convey their appreciation to all who helped in achieving the final goal.

**Byram D Avari
Chairman
Karachi Parsi Anjuman Trust Fund**

The old Agiary now has a new modern and beautiful look. The renovated premises were opened to the community with a celebratory *jashan* by the KPATF at 12:40 pm on 20 March 2021, tying in with Nowruz 2021 timing.



Credit for above photos: Shahpur Navroze Maneckji

Behrana Dar-e-Meher

Celebrates its 173rd Anniversary

On Roj: Adar

Mah: Adar

Sal: 1390 YZ

(21 March 2021)



As per tradition, the Trustees of the H J Behrana Parsi Fire Temple (Saddar Agiary) celebrated the anniversary with a jashan which was attended by the community observing the SOPs.

The Agiary was also lit up in a most pleasing manner and its photos were taken by Agiary's Narius Dadi Banaji. He also placed them on the social media enabling the global community to see and rejoice.

Fish Meets Grill, a solo exhibition
by Veera Rustomji

We are thrilled to inform that our
dear friend Veera Rustomji will
have a solo exhibition at VM Art Gallery in
Karachi Pakistan. VM Art Gallery is pleased to
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'Fish Meets Grill', a solo exhibition

By Veera Burjor Rustomji

A writeup on the exhibition by Parsi Khabar can be read at the link below:

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OUR FRIENDS

TAMBOLA NIGHT

Sat 3 April 2021 7:30 pm onward at Cyrus Minwalla Colony Hall

YMZA/DASTUR DR DHALLA INSTITUTE

Hilla & Noshir Jamsaji Drawing and Painting Contest

Sunday 18 April 2021 at 11:00 am at Beach Luxury Hotel

Quick & Easy Recipes

By Shirrin Rumi Sarkaree

Egg and Cheese Sandwich:



Sandwich:

Boil the eggs and mash them with salt pepper, butter, grated and cream cheese with a little mustard. Spread on bread and cut into shapes as desired.

Russian Salad:

Boil diced vegetables as carrot, potato, green beans and green peas. Cool and add cut pineapple and grapes. Add some parsley. Sprinkle some salt pepper and mustard. Add mayonnaise plus cream cheese Mix and cool.

French Fries:

Used readymade fries and fried them. If they are not available Cut a large size potato in thin even slices and put in cold water. Heat oil in a frying pan. You will need 3 tablespoons oil. Add salt to the oil Fry the potatoes on kitchen towel and drop them slowly in the oil Let them cook and after 5-7 minutes turn and remove on absorbent paper

Enjoy it as a complete meal.

MILESTONES

Janam

Kayvon a boy to Parisa & Shahzad Mehri, Grandson to Sima & Farhad Bakhtiari and Roshan and late Behram Mehri in Seattle, USA on 24 February 2021

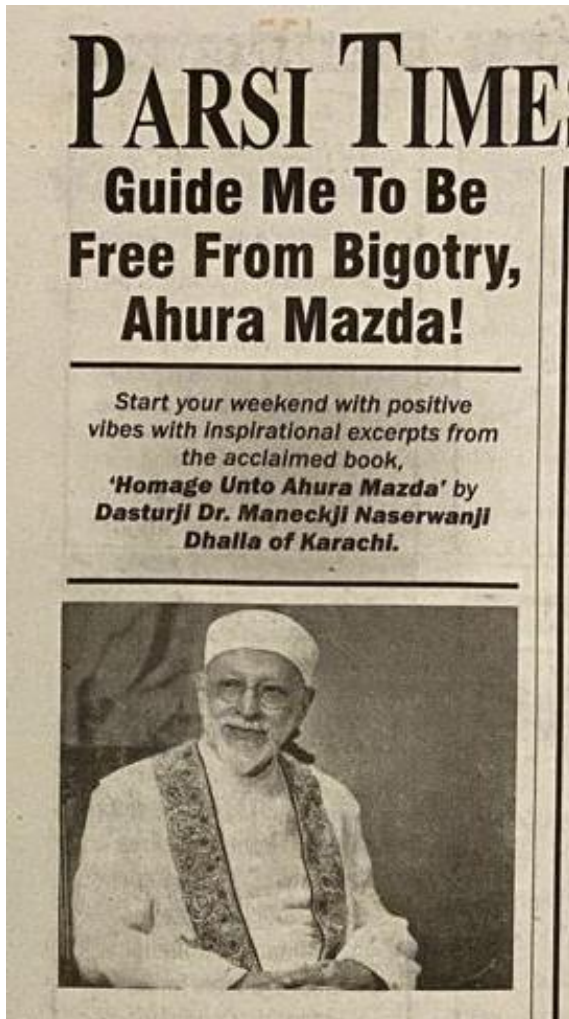
Maran

EX-KARACHIITE FERAMERZ KHURSHED MINWALLA, Husband of Carole Minwalla, Father of Julian Minwalla and Tehmina Parinchy, Father-in-law of Bahram Parinchy, Brother of late Jimmy Minwalla, Minoo Minwalla, Zarine Balsara and Farhad Minwalla on 22 February 2021 in Birmingham, England

GODREJ BEHRAM BILLIMORIA, Brother of Homi and Porus Billimoria and Goolu Baria on 4 March 2021

WHAT'S MORE

Our Faith



We Karachiites are fortunate to have had an enlightened priest like Dr Dhalla guide us.

Parsi Times of India recently published one of his 'gems' and it is placed in regular text below to enable anyone to copy/save.

You may find his thoughts inspiring.

"Let me have the will to believe and let me tolerate others' right to believe what they believe. Let me have sympathy with the beliefs of others and let me be charitable to them. **Let me not scoff at what others hold holy. Let me not trifle with their feelings.**

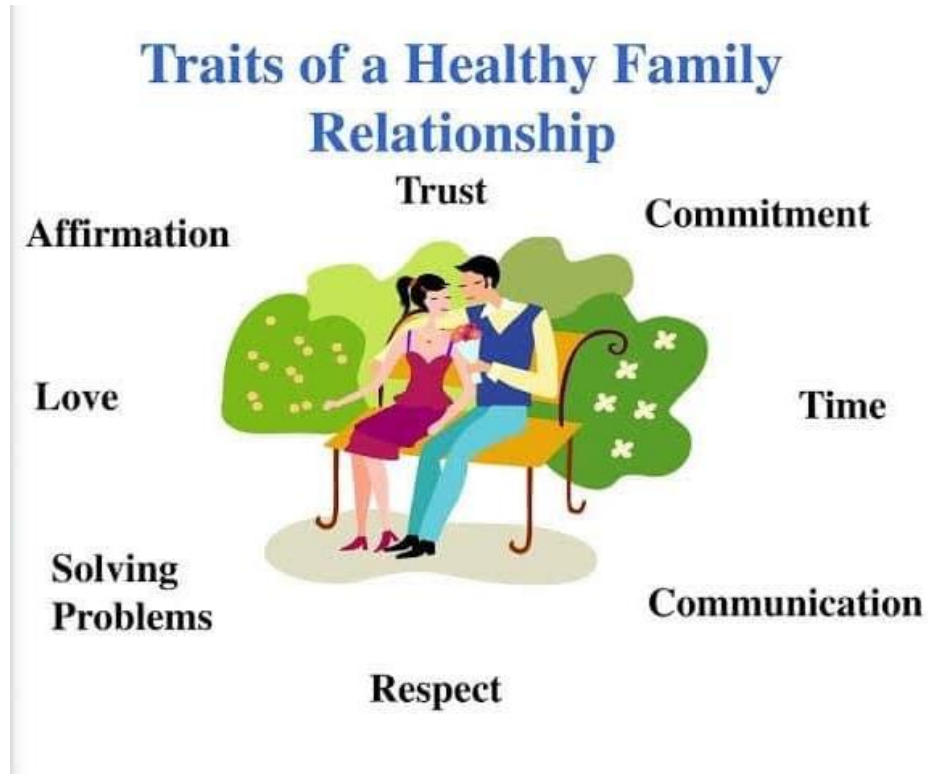
Let me patiently hear the arguments of the opposite side. Let me even go beyond my own point of view. Let me put myself in the place of him, with whose views I do not agree. Let me weigh his arguments. Let me understand his case. Let me find the truth and help my opponent to find his truth. It is the truth that matters. **If I find the truth, let me not endeavor to force my truth upon others. Let me patiently and persuasively try to explain and convince him. Let time be the judge, when the right shall shine out as right and wrong shall come out as wrong.**

Let it be an instinct with me to think and to reason before I act. Let me thoroughly incline my ears and listen to the words of wisdom from whatever source they come. Let me not like the cynic doubt everything and believe nothing. Let me always look to the bright and best side of things. Let me be free from the prejudice of caste, colour and creed. **Let my sympathy extend to all mankind and embrace all.**

Let me pierce the fog that may fill my mind. Let me not forget the debt I owe to the past. Yet let me discern the signs of the age I live in. Let me be in harmony with it. Let me remember that the world is surging with new life.

Let not the unthinking and blind traditionalism retard and arrest my progress. Let me remember that socio-religious customs, outward forms of religion, formalism make not for godliness. When oppressive becomes the conflict between reason and faith, let me broad-mindedly see my way clear to accomplish what I seek. Guide me to be catholic in spirit, Ahura Mazda."

Good Life



AND...

KILLER ENGLISH by TEACHERS

PT Teacher: You three of you, stand together separately

Geography Teacher: Will you hang that map or else I'll hang myself

Principal: Tomorrow call your parents, especially Mother and Father

And the terrific one:

English Teacher: Why are you looking at the monkeys outside when I'm in the class!



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