

## SEPTEMBER 2015

### KZBM PROGRAMME



#### Fancy Dress Competition Saturday, 19 September 2015

It's time again for kids to compete in fancy dress  
Beads or feathers: straw or leather – do not stress.

Doll up in bling or in colour  
Doing your part with fervor.

Let's have a variety of entries

As we have planned fun and treats.

Join us in large number for this fun  
As there are prizes to be won!

Parents help us make it a success  
To you this rhyme we especially address.

Please give the names of the participant (with age and their costume/fancy dress) to Katherina Irani by Tuesday, 15 September 2015.

Venue: Mandal Hall

Time: 5:30 p.m. to start

Ticket per person: Rs 300

Last Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 till 1 pm

### ALSO

#### KZBM will bring to you 'Where Holly Meets Bolly'

An evening of Funtertainment where you can exhibit your prowess in the world of entertainment. Pouruchisty Sidhwa will quiz you on your ability to retain and remember infotainment pertaining to your Celluloid Stars.

A fun filled evening designed to provide entertainment to all ages.

Stay tuned....

#### Julie Hoshang Anklesaria: Kindness was Her Creed



Julie Anklesaria's name warmed up many hearts: Her kindness touched many.

As a member of Welfare Subcommittee of KZBM and later as its Chairperson (2000 - 2006) Julie showed thought and grace. She encouraged her committee members to visit beneficiaries and enquire about their welfare and needs. Every benefit was like a gift and she would encourage her committee to wrap appropriately be it large like a blanket or small like a dress, and personally present to

each beneficiary, making them aware of the value of personal contact and courtesy as basics of service.

It was always her desire to give happiness and comfort to the people she served: Navroze Treat was planned at the best place of entertainment. To this she added ad hoc family outings for young beneficiaries. For household comfort to beneficiaries she motivated her committee to find and present quality items and as per individual need.

*Julie being honoured at the Mandal's Centenary celebration in 2012*

- 1 For quite a few years she was wheel-chair bound, yet you saw her taking an active part in social life, to the credit of her loving husband who provided her the best facilities.
- 2
- 3 On her passing away her family learnt of a medical clinic she had silently set up at Manghopir which she visited often where most would not even dare to travel today and, that too despite her disability. That was the level of her love for humanity. There could be other unbeknown acts of kindness done in the true spirit: with silence.

Even in her passing away she has left a gift for the community - especially for the young generation here and abroad - a "Prayers" CD, which she often listened to, with apt addition of: (a) "The Prayer" by Celtic Woman (*the song Julie had first heard at a YMZA concert sung by Dolly Menezes accompanied by Rashna Gazder on the piano: the words moved her deeply*) and (b) our Zarthosti anthem Chaiye Hame Zarthosti. Her sons have made the CD in loving memory of their mother for free distribution. You may collect it from any of the two agiaries, and also gift it to your friends and family abroad, especially those who lived without the Zarthosti community around them.

## Z-CLIPS

### PM Nawaz Sharif, meets the Parsis of Karachi





*Byram Avari playing the National Anthem    Kaizer Irani and her son Zermesh performing a skit    Rashna Gazder playing 'Dil Dil Pakistan'*

PRIME Minister Nawaz Sharif's decision to accept Byram Avari's invitation and address the Parsi Community of Karachi on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 was a laudable gesture. Appreciative of the contribution made by the Parsi community in strengthening the national economy besides promoting social sectors with major emphasis on health and education, the Prime Minister said Parsis along with all communities of the country were national pride. As per principles of Quaid-e-Azam as well as according to the Constitution, all citizens of the country hold equal rights without any distinction on the basis of caste, colour and creed, he said.

The Chairman, Karachi Parsi Anjuman Byram Avari referred to tendency among the Parsis to get assimilated in the societies they may have been living with and ensuring optimum contribution for its progress. "We are Pakistanis and nobody can deny us of this right of ours," he said.

The news report adds that it was a heart-warming event, an important development in Karachi's calendar, which owes a lot to Parsis' philanthropy. The NED Engineering College, the remarkable Jahangir Kothari Parade at Clifton, Mama Parsi and BVS Parsi Schools, the Parsi Colony which still remains serene, quiet, peaceful and unaffected: are all historic monuments and delightful reminders of the Parsis desire to develop Karachi as a city, genuinely great and taller than Paris, London or Berlin.

**Source:** <http://pakobserver.net/detailnews.asp?id=271234>

*The programme commenced to the bars of our National Anthem played on the piano by Byram Dinshaw Avari accompanied by Terence Joseph on the keyboard and Melvyn Clements on the mike (regrettably there being no Parsi singer!).*

*The trio then entertained the Prime Minister and his retinue with 'Tribute to Karachi' adapted by Rashna Gazder from the classical 'Palladio'; followed by a skit 'Sugar in the Milk' written for the occasion and performed by Kaizer Irani and her son Zermesh. The entertainment was aptly concluded with national songs 'Dil Dil Pakistan' and 'Sohni Dharti' played by Rashna Gazder on the piano, accompanied once again by Terence Joseph on the keyboard and Melvyn Clements on the mike. A multimedia screen complemented the music with befitting video displays, to the credit of Rashna's son Darayus.*

*The entertainment was followed by speeches by Nawaz Sharif and Byram Avari as reported in the press clipping above.*

*It must have taken strong nerves of Byram Avari to host the Prime Minister amidst intense security and must have breathed easy only when the PM safely departed.*

### **A Trip to the Land of Port Wines**

Kermin Parakh – Vice President of KZBM and the Principal of BVS Parsi Boys' School – has shared a very interesting and detailed account of the holiday in Portugal that she took with her family last month. You may click on

[www.banumandal.com/15-sep-01.pdf](http://www.banumandal.com/15-sep-01.pdf) to read the account.

## Parlez-vous français? \*

For the academic year 2014 to 2015 I am proud to announce the French Results of my pupils.



My private pupil, **Nazish Talati**, daughter of Behnaz and Sawak Talati, excelled in her French O level with grade A star: 90 % and above. A Class 11 student at Karachi Grammar School, Nazish appeared for French as an extra subject. She is also my first pupil among all my candidates to have achieved the A star. The French O level exam consists of 2 papers with difficult grammar, translations and comprehensions. Nazish joined me rather late, in class 7 but having an immense flair for the language, took to it beautifully. Nazish wishes to pursue a career in writing as she is a voracious reader. She is enjoying French Literature in my class. I wish her further success especially in this beautiful language.



**Naomi Haveliwala** daughter of Neena and Yazdyar Haveliwala appeared for her DELF A 1 exam, conducted by the Alliance Francaise. She was trained privately by me and passed the exam in flying colours. This exam not only entails a written paper, on topical life in France, but also an oral exam with dialogues and questions conducted by French examiners. Naomi enjoys playing the piano and is a sports enthusiast, enjoying cricket, swimming, football and volleyball.



**Fiona Aga** daughter of Zeena and Behram Aga is a class 9 student at Karachi American School. She started learning French and piano with me, at a young age and has received the French Award of the Year in Class 8 scoring 93% in her French final exam. She has also been awarded for being on the National Honor Society for being an exceptional student in all subjects. Fiona has also been the recipient of the President's Award in Middle School for Academic Excellence. Fiona balances her school work with long distance running and half a year in swimming for International Events.

Her brother **Kawas Aga**, a class 10 student at Karachi American School, secured 86% in his Class 9 French final exam. A fun-loving teenager, Kawas enjoys speaking French and wants to pursue higher French later. He is an



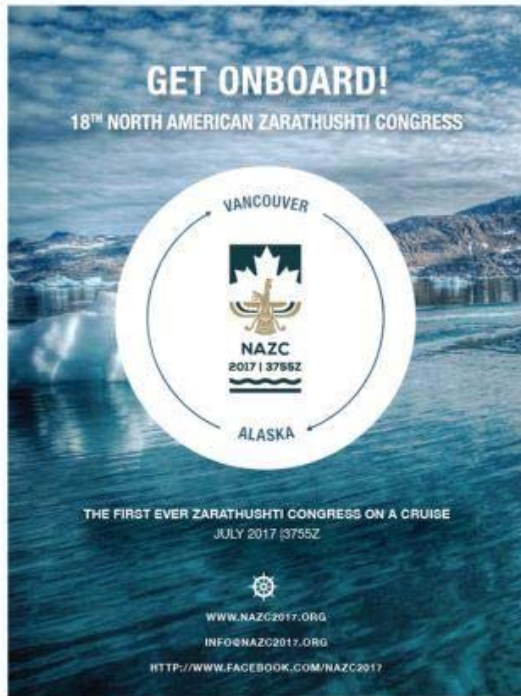
International Swimmer as well, winning 2 Gold in the Pakistan Senior Nationals in March 2015, competing against adult males in the Army. Based on this performance the Pakistan Swimming Federation selected him as one of the participants to go to Singapore for the Final Youth Games. Like his sister, he strikes a balance between his school grades and school events.

My heartiest congratulations to each of the four pupils of mine, for not only being outstanding - but loving children as well. I wish them further success.

I would also like to mention that French is being learned by so many other Parsi children just for pleasure and as a hobby. As a teacher I am proud of all my pupils and wish them good luck.

*(\*Do you speak French?)*

Rashna Gazder



### 18<sup>th</sup> North American Zarathushti Congress British Columbia, Canada in July 2017 On board a Cruise Ship

For first time in Zoroastrian history, a congress is planned on a cruise ship sailing Vancouver-Alaska-Vancouver in first week of July 2017. This will be a unique congress, an out of the box idea, from any congress organised in the past. More interactive sessions than before are also planned, with focus on the theme "Our Glorious Heritage and Enduring Legacy."

Please spread the word far and wide within our Zoroastrian community.

[www.nazc2017.org](http://www.nazc2017.org)  
[www.facebook.com/nazc2017](http://www.facebook.com/nazc2017)



### The Path of Zarathustra

[http so://YouTube.be/GJdw0nr3SNA](http://YouTube.be/GJdw0nr3SNA)

New India Theatrical Film Trailer link:  
<https://youtu.be/GJdw0nr3SNA>

Facebook: [The Path of Zarathustra](https://www.facebook.com/ThePathofZarathustra)  
Twitter  
: <https://twitter.com/TPOZtheFilm>

Film Website: [www.thepathofzarathustra.com](http://www.thepathofzarathustra.com)

## OUR FRIENDS

RESULT OF YMZA/Dastur Dr Dhalla Institute's, Hilla & Noshir Jamasji Drawing & Painting Competition held on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at the Beach Luxury Hotel

The prize winners are as under:

**(Ages 3-4 years – Drawing an ICE CREAM CONE)** 1<sup>st</sup>: Zara Ardeshir Wania, 2<sup>nd</sup> Smita Zubin Sethna, 3<sup>rd</sup> Zeeva Zermesh Golwalla

**(Ages 5, 6, and 7 years – Drawing a RAINBOW ON A RAINY DAY)** 1<sup>st</sup>: Teah Hormuzd Mana; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alena Meheryar Mavalvala; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Shane Farzain Messman

**(Ages 8, 9 and 10 years – Drawing a DAY AT A SPORTING EVENT)** 1<sup>st</sup>: Nadya Dadabhoy Mama; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Freya Ardeshir Wania; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Zara Kaizad Mavalvala

**(Ages 11, 12 and 13 years – Drawing a FACIAL MASK)** 1<sup>st</sup>: Azman Ratanshaw Makujina; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Selena Ardeshir Wania; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Farzana Darayoush Kolah

**(Ages 14, 15 and 15 years – Drawing a CULTURAL HERITAGE SITE)** 1<sup>st</sup>: Zarah Zubin Irani; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Nasha Ratanshaw Makujina; 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jamshed Darayoush Kolah

## Mushkil Asaan Prayers

September 4, 2015 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

**Sophie**, a girl to Sanober and Zermesh Gati on **28<sup>th</sup> July**

**Xerxes**, a boy to Anahita and Kuraish Irani in Toronto, Canada on **5<sup>th</sup> August**

**Zoya**, a girl to Farahnaz and Neville Wadia on **8<sup>th</sup> August**

Lagan

**Zarmina Perviz Sethna and Maneckshaw Jehagir Cooper** on **31<sup>st</sup> July**

**Ratasha Darius Tampal and Asad Roshan Khan** on **22<sup>nd</sup> August**

Maran

**Pervez Kaikhusroo Birdie**, h/o Nerges, f/o Jessie, Kamal and Hormuzd on **24<sup>th</sup> July**

**Pourushasp Meherwan Umrigar**, h/o Alice, f/o Dilshad Patel and Piran Umrigar, b/o Kersi Umrigar and Mani Cooper on **31<sup>st</sup> July**

**Meherbanu Shahryar Irani**, m/o Shirin Dashtaki, Piroja Atashband, Pouruchisti Rabadi, Roshani Bastani and Dilnawaz Divecha on **7<sup>th</sup> August**

**Julie Hoshang Anklesaria**, w/o Dr Hoshang, m/o Dr Zarksis, Dinshaw, Dr Jamshed and Dr Dorab on **11<sup>th</sup> August**

**Cyrus Soli Mavalvala, ex-Karachi ite**, s/o Roshan and Soli Mavalvala, b/o Aspi and Majo Mavalvala, Yesmin and Perveen on **18<sup>th</sup> August in a car accident in LA, USA**

**Pouruchisti (Prochi) Jamshed Bharucha**, m/o Vahishta Canteenwalla and Xerxes Bharucha on **18<sup>th</sup> August**

**Russie Behram Khursigara ex-Karachi ite**, h/o (late) Cecilia Khursigara, f/o Gail Ann and Julian Khursigara and Cheryl James Sullivan, b/o Tehmurasp (Sunny) Khursigara and Shernaz Engineer (U.K.) on **23<sup>rd</sup> August in Sydney, Australia**

**Dilnavaz Feroze Meer, ex-Karachi ite**, w/o Feroze Burjor Meer, m/o Sanober Aderbad Tamboli, and Rupina Feroze Meer on **24<sup>th</sup> August in Houston, Texas, USA**

## POSTINGS

### **Burjorjee Cowasjee & Company, require:**

- A young energetic person, preferably with a motor bike, for working on the computer. Any shipping experience would be a plus.
- A middle-aged person for shipping correspondence, which he can learn on the job and assist the manager. Any shipping office experience would be a plus.

Please email full bio-data and your recent picture to [fram61@gmail.com](mailto:fram61@gmail.com)

### **For Sale**

House # B3 Dinshaw Avari Colony for sale. It is a two-storey house, having 5 bedrooms with attached bathrooms and, double insulated walls and roof. Interested persons may email at [khihousepk@gmail.com](mailto:khihousepk@gmail.com)

### **For Sale**

Household goods, furniture and kitchen items at reasonable price. [Contact Hutokshi Irani, Mobile: 0321-204 6484](mailto:ContactHutokshiIrani@gmail.com)

### **Parsi Lady Secretary**

#### **MCB Bank**

Require a young graduate with some experience in secretarial tasks, such as Handling phone calls, Filing and Setting up meetings for their RBG Head. Salary Rs 26-28,000, depending on prior experience. Interested persons may contact: Tehmina Shafi Khan, Dept: L&D, HRMG, on Mobile: 0300 8446269.

## **Career Opportunities at Oxford University Press Pakistan**

**1**

### **JUNIOR/ASSISTANT MANAGER SALES (HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMIC REFERENCE DIVISION)**

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##### **The Position**

The position involves regular visits to institutions and concerned persons to develop business in the major universities of the region, linking with potential wholesalers/retailers, organizing book launches/sessions, and ensuring that the bookshops have adequate stock available for customers.

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- A strong school education and university degree (equivalent to Master's) with relevant experience.
- Impeccable English language skills.
- Strong interpersonal, presentation, and analytical skills.

**2**

### **EDITORS/ASSISTANT EDITORS (ENGLISH, URDU, SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, COMPUTER STUDIES AND DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS)**

#### **KARACHI-BASED**

##### **The Position**

The position involves working on manuscripts from commissioning to delivery to production, dealing with content, structure, copy-editing, proofreading, liaising with authors and designers, and working to deadlines.

##### **The Person**

- A strong school education and university degree.
- Editing/Teaching experience preferable.
- Impeccable English language and/or Urdu language skills.
- Strong interpersonal, communication, and project management skills.

- Proficient in MS Office.

Applicants should send their CVs to [hr.pk@oup.com](mailto:hr.pk@oup.com) by 20 September 2015. Please specify the position in the subject line. Only shortlisted candidates will be notified.



## WHAT'S MORE

### GOOD LIFE

#### WASH YOUR HANDS



Remember, you should **wash your hands thoroughly with antibacterial soap for a total of around 40 seconds. Make sure the soap reaches a rich lathery consistency before washing it off.**

If everyone washes their hands the way they should, it is predicted that over a million deaths from disease a year could be prevented. So for your good and the good of all, wash your hands responsibly!

### OUR FAITH

#### VOHU MANAH : The Good Mind



Vohu Manah is one of the Amesha Spentas, the seven archangels of Ahura Mazda, the one Wise Lord. Though there is no hierarchy among the seven archangels, Vohu Manah is often ranked first by Zoroastrian thinkers, because it is so important in the Zarathushtrian revelation. It means "Good Mind," but some translators also translate it as "good thought" or "good thinking".

In Zoroastrianism, God is a God of reason, not of arbitrary whim. The virtue of good thinking, or reason, is a Divine gift to human beings, and every time we use our reason and our intellectual abilities, we are using our Vohu Manah.

**Zarathushtra, in presenting his revelation, invites his hearers to think about what he is saying and reason it out for themselves before they accept it.** This is not like other religious revelations where ideas have to be taken only on faith.

**Zoroastrianism is almost unique among ancient faiths for its reliance on reason and the mind, rather than faith, non-rational experience, and the "heart."** It puts tremendous emphasis on reason, (called Vohu Manah, or Good Mind in the Gatha hymns of the Prophet) rather than the arbitrary and mysterious will of an all-powerful God. **Vohu Manah is one of the ways that God communicates with**

**us - through the use of our reason. Whenever we use our Vohu Manah, we are actually entering into communion with God. Through Vohu Manah come our best ideas, our inspirations, and our finer thoughts.**

Zarathushtra valued Vohu Manah so highly that in the first canto of his Gathas, Yasna 28 (song 1) he mentions it in every one of the 11 verses. In these verses one can see the many meanings of Vohu Manah that are part of Zarathushtra's religious/philosophical thinking.

There is also a political Vohu Manah. In Yasna 31, (song 4) verse 10, Zarathushtra describes how the world chooses a protector against oppression - this protector must be a lord of truth and a seeker of Good Mind. **The ideal ruler is not just one who is strong and powerful, but who abides by Truth and the virtues of Good Mind, which include compassion, tolerance, and understanding.**



Vohu gaidi manangha (Come to us, O Lord, through Good Mind)

Source: <http://www.pyracantha.com/Z/vohumana.html>

## AND...

### You Cant Beat a Gujju

A Gujju Engineer can't find a job so he opens a clinic and puts a sign outside:

'GET TREATMENT FOR \$20 - IF NOT CURED GET BACK \$100'

A lawyer thinks this is a great opportunity to earn \$100 and goes to the clinic: Lawyer: "I have lost my sense of taste"  
Gujju: "Nurse, bring medicine from box no. 22 and put 3 drops in patient's mouth" After 3 drops on his tongue  
Lawyer: "Ugh..this is kerosene" Gujju: "Congrats, your sense of taste is restored. Give me \$20."

The annoyed lawyer goes back after a few days to recover his money: Lawyer: "I have lost my memory. I cannot remember anything" Gujju: "Nurse, bring medicine from box no. 22 and put 3 drops in his mouth" Lawyer (annoyed): "This is kerosene. You gave this to me last time for restoring my taste" Gujju: "Congrats. You got your memory back. Give me \$20."

The fuming lawyer pays him, and then comes back a week later determined to get back \$100.

Lawyer: "My eyesight has become very weak" Gujju: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that, so take this \$100"  
Lawyer (staring at the note): "But this is \$20, not \$100" Gujju: "Congrats, *your eyesight is restored*. Give me \$20."

Cant beat a Gujrati grinning face with smiling eyes!

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