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Navsari Dokhma Is Fully Functional!

On March 1, 2022, Avesta Solar's Burgis Jal Bulsara received an emergency call requesting a meeting with Dinshaw Tamboly wherein a solution was sought for the non-availability of manpower to repair and service the rapidly deteriorating solar concentrators at the Navsari Doongarwadi.

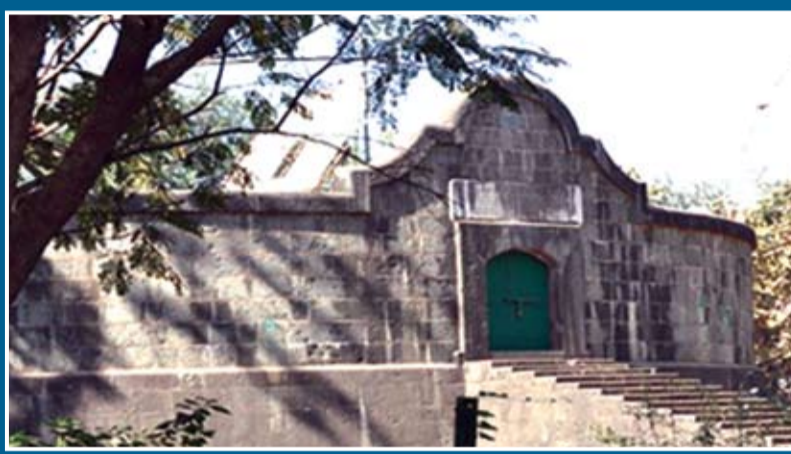
The very next day Vada Dasturji Keki Ravji Meherji Rana of Navsari, along with Dinshaw Tamboly, chaired a meeting held at Cama Baug and explained the deteriorating situation.

Burgis Bulsara (Avesta Solar's Founder and MD) and Zubin Yezdi Jasoomani (CEO at Avesta Solar) attended the meeting and a spot decision was taken to hire a person who would take care of the existing solar reflectors.

"We were successfully able to hire a person within a month on the rolls of Avesta Solar. The incumbent, Mahernosh Variyava, was immediately brought from Navsari to Mumbai and given training in the operation and maintenance of solar structures for 10 days at Mumbai Doongarwadi," explains Bulsara.

He adds: "Our work began immediately at full steam, which included daily monitoring and tracking of the system; ensuring proper reflection on the 'pavis' which have the deceased placed on them; monthly data compilation on the rate of decomposition and so forth.

"Over the span of the past two years, 111 bodies have been laid to rest inside the two Dokhmas at Navsari. There was a noticeable difference found in the rate of decomposition of the bodies from over 30 days without proper solar panels to 7 days with functioning solar panels. While the impact was significant, it was a laborious task to manually move



and focus the solar dishes on the pavis by our person, who used to sit at the towers for hours together. The logical next steps was to repair, refurbish and reinstall all the 4 solar towers at site."

But there was trouble brewing. During the storm that hit the Gujarat coast in 2023, a lot of solar panel glasses were broken or lost because

they got blown away due to the high wind speeds.

It was then decided that all the towers would be repaired and refurbished with Stainless Steel (304 grade) metal so that they can stand the test of time.

Burgis Bulsara adds, "During the period of monitoring the system for two years, we constantly sought guidance from

Rustom Sidhwa and Marzi Shastri, who were maintaining the solar dishes at Mumbai Doongarwadi and were instrumental in training Ma-

hernosh along with Cyrus Siganporia and Arzan Patel, both of who also work at the Mumbai Doongarwadi."

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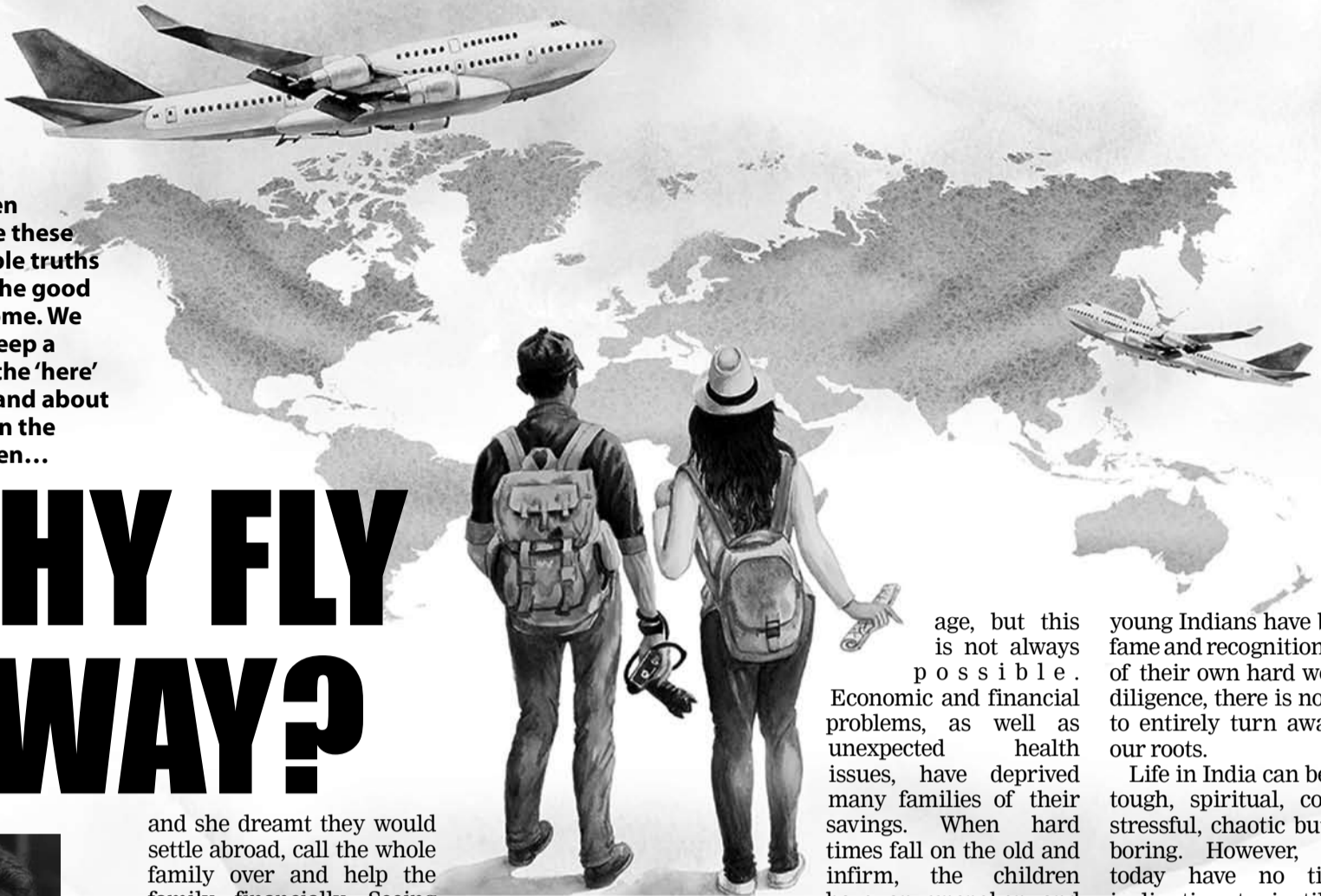


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WHY FLY AWAY?



By Dr. Roshan Chinoy

This is the true story of Thirty, a young mother of three children. She was a working parent who lived a very hard life. Her husband, crippled by an accident, was totally incapacitated and unable to work or contribute towards the home expenses.

Thirty worked as a typist in a hospital. She lacked educational qualifications but her work was neat, accurate and prompt. Being the only able-bodied adult at home, Thirty was forced to take leave frequently to care for her spouse and young children. Of course, this hindered her chances of rising in her profession. Even though her bosses understood her situation, they too needed continuity and prompt delivery. With age this became increasingly difficult for Thirty and her work slumped.

Thirty was forced to start working at home too. She started working nights, transcribing medical reports for foreign medical centres. She worked late hours and though this helped keep food on the table and paid for the children's education, it left her drained, bitter and perpetually tired.

Despite facing all these setbacks and difficulties, she succeeded in getting her two elder boys admitted to good colleges. She wanted them to go to the US, earn well

and she dreamt they would settle abroad, call the whole family over and help the family financially. Seeing their mother struggling and hearing her constantly whine about the "dreadful" situation at home and ardently praise the Western lifestyle, her children imbibed these same values. They left. The mother had succeeded in her mission.

They travelled abroad, made money, but they never returned. They did not even look back sympathetically at their aging parents and unmarried sister. Parents remained destitute and abandoned at home.

This is not an imaginary story. It is happening all the time. Of course, there are many children who do send substantial monies home or even return to India. But that is rarely the rule. Most children from middle class or poor backgrounds are so enamored by Western wealth and lifestyle that they do not want to return, even for a fleeting visit to their homeland.

Painting a very rosy, one-sided picture of the Western world is hazardous, because children begin to imbibe these views as indelible truths and fail to see the good that awaits them right here at home. We must learn to keep a balance about the 'here' and the 'there' and about what we plant in the minds of children. As parents why have we failed to teach our children about the value of the warm family ties of Indian families? The backbone of goodness within families is our cultural heritage and this is something we need to talk about to our children.

Next let's analyze the

scenario from the children's point of view. Moving abroad is viewed (by parents) and by young Indians as the best chance to gain academic qualifications, land good jobs, earn more money, spend money and generate wealth. For the first time, many young migrants will savour the pleasures of owning their own house, buying a car and the luxuries that go with the job. Many of them have seen that their own parents struggled all their lives and still never succeeded.

Our children need to recognize the richness and wealth of India and, very importantly, our cultural atmosphere, strong family life and spirituality, which has waned in the West

So, having planted the first seeds ourselves, why are parents surprised when children do not want to return to the old ways? Over the years, there has been an unprecedented increase in the number of Indian students opting to pursue higher studies abroad and then settling in foreign lands.

Now turn to the parent's point of view. Every parent wants to do his/her best for their children. It's natural. It's also a reality that one day children will fly away and spread their wings.

But, then, is it unreasonable for parents to expect financial aid, physical or emotional support when they become old and helpless? Of course, parents need to plan and save for their own advancing old

age, but this is not always possible.

Economic and financial problems, as well as unexpected health issues, have deprived many families of their savings. When hard times fall on the old and infirm, the children have an unspoken and moral duty towards their parents. What right does the child have to forget his elders, knowing full well that it is they who nurtured them when they themselves were children, often at the cost of their own health and happiness? Children may seek greener pastures but this should not necessitate cutting off from everything that is good at home.

The question of sending our children abroad is not entirely a wrong gesture. It is done with the motive of improving everyone's

prospects. Parents often sacrifice all their savings for their children's prospects. But need we be so negative about the opportunities that are opening right here at home in our own backyard, so to speak?

India today is a land of opportunities, rich in humanities, education and economic prospects. Educational institutes and facilities have made India an attractive location for children and even for foreign students. There is light at the end of the tunnel and there is hope that at least some of our young will understand this country's strengths and seek qualifications at home and settle in their own homeland.

The brain drain has been tremendous and though we can be proud that many of our

young Indians have brought fame and recognition by dint of their own hard work and diligence, there is no reason to entirely turn away from our roots.

Life in India can be happy, tough, spiritual, colourful, stressful, chaotic but rarely boring. However, parents today have no time or inclination to instill some positive values in the child's mind. Big mistake.

India today offers many choices for your ultimate abode of settling. The sheer diversity of locations, ranging from the Himalayas to warm Rajasthan, or the IT rich cities of Hyderabad, Mumbai or Chennai leave you amazed and confused about where one should settle. There are no real language barriers, although we have 22 official languages and 1652 unofficial languages, because English unifies all of India. India is a land full of architectural exquisiteness and of natural beauty. It has a high rate of economic growth today and it can also offer educational opportunities, which could compete with the best in foreign lands.

Our children need to recognize the richness and wealth of our country and, very importantly, the cultural atmosphere of family life and spirituality, which has rapidly waned in the West.

A balance of the two worlds is the need of the hour. If we want our children to be around, or at least help when times are hard, we need to educate them about our culture, their obligations and the strengths of our own way of life. This does not mean we bind or tie our children to our apron strings. Situations change over time and if both children and parents learn to compromise and live in harmony, even if they live on different continents, it will make for a better world.



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Dr. Marolia has been using mistletoe therapy

along with homeopathy to treat cancer patients for over 30 years. This plant has tremendous healing potential and along with its anti-tumour and immune-modulatory action, it has been known to improve the quality of life of cancer patients. Dr. Marolia's eagerness to spread his knowledge made him part of the 'Truth About Cancer' Series where he speaks about his extensive work in the field of cancer.

He has been invited to deliver lectures at prestigious institutes all over the globe like Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre (New York), Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore)

and the University of Vienna. He recently spoke at the Annie Appleseed Conference and the Best Answers for Cancer Conference in Florida. He was conferred a Fellowship in Integrative Oncology by the Filderklinik, Germany.

Dr. Marolia's gusto for his work is what makes him strive to give his patients holistic and quality health care. All of his patients find a friend in him whom they trust to tread along on their healing journey.

Dr. Zubin Marolia is practicing at two clinics in Mumbai (Dadar and Andheri). You can read more about Dr. Marolia on www.enlifen.in and his email address is: zubin@enlifen.in



Dr. Zubin Marolia



UPDATE ON CENTRE FOR AVESTAN CULTURE

The Centre for Avestan Culture was inaugurated by Minister for Women & Child Development and Minority Affairs, Smriti Irani, on March 5. It's a 5-way 'Samanvay' project. For the uninitiated, 'Samanvay' in Sanskrit means harmonious co-ordination, integration or synthesis.

Setting up a unique, state of the art 'Centre For Avestan Culture' is a unique and live 'Samanvay' project that is currently underway being worked on by 5 critical stake holders: Govt. of India Ministry of Minority Affairs, Govt. of Maharashtra, University of Mumbai, Centre for Distance and Open Education (CDOE) at University of Mumbai, our Parsi/Irani Zoroastrian team comprising Dr. Adil Malia, Er. Dr. Parvez Bajan, Er. Cyrus Darbari, Meher Contractor, Shirin Contractor, Shiraz Kapadia and Dr. Kerman Daruwalla.

The project envisions building a state of the art Centre for Avestan Culture.

This group of stakeholders had its second meeting at the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Auditorium at Kalina earlier in the week and discussed several issues like: the design of the infrastructure, the planned international teaching partnerships, the course content for various programmes and the need to go beyond only teaching Avesta-Pahlavi languages at this Centre to focusing on various course designs that would make the proposed Centre an all inclusive International Centre for Development of Zoroastrian and Avestan Culture.

The Central Government was represented by Principal Secretary Ministry of Minority Affairs Srinivas Katikithala, Joint Secretary (Education) Jitendra Singh Raje, their Undersecretary and other officers from the Ministry. The State Government was represented by its Sr. Secretary. The

University of Mumbai was represented by Prof. Ravindra Kulkarni, the respected Vice Chancellor of the University of Mumbai, and Dr. Shivaji Sargar who is head of the English Department at the University and is appointed as the first Nodal Officer of the project. The Centre of Distance & Open Education was represented by Dr. Santosh Rathod - the Second Nodal Officer, and our Parsi team was led by Dr. Adil Malia (BPP trustee) and Er. Dr. Parvez Bajan along with the members.

Admissions for the relevant Avesta Pahlavi language graduation (MA) level courses will commence by June 2024. Students interested in pursuing the same should contact Er. Cyrus Darbari for all relevant details.

The Parsi group communicated wholehearted support to the Government and the various other stakeholders and further expressed keen desire to work with the

larger team of stakeholders, not only as beneficiaries of the programme but more so as a working partner right from the design stage of this project itself.

Our humdeens are critical to this project. Every member of our community is called upon to contribute their knowledge, skills and ideas to make this joint project a grand success. Do therefore write in and share your ideas and suggestions with Dr. Adil Malia (adiljmalia@gmail.com), Er. Dr. Parvez Bajan (pmbajan@gmail.com), Er. Cyrus Darbari (cyrus_darbari@ashinfo.com), Dr. Kerman Daruwalla (kerman.daruwalla@gmail.com), Shiraz Kapadia (shirazvkapadia@gmail.com) Meher Contractor (maresa@rediffmail.com), Shirin Contractor (shirindara@gmail.com).

Educating is the best way to institutionalize and sustain our language and culture for the future. Let us all collaborate and work together to make this project a success.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

202nd Salgreh of Pak Narielvala Agiary
Salgreh of the Holy Fire of N.C. Narielvala Agiary at Naigaon Cross Road, Dadar (West) today. Jashan at 11 a.m. followed by felicitations. Donations may please be sent by Crossed Cheque in favour of "N. C. Narielvala Agiary Trust", N.C. Narielvala Agiary, Naigaon Cross Road, Dadar (E), Mumbai 400014. By Direct Bank Transfer: Account No. 007200100002345, IFSC: ZCBL0000007, The Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank Ltd., 658 Khorshed Abad, Katrak Road, Dadar Parsi Colony, Dadar (E), Mumbai 400014.

144th Salgreh of Vatcha Agiary
Bai Pirojbai Dadabhoy Maneckji Vatcha Agiary, Fort, celebrates its 144th Salgreh today. Machi in Havan Geh at 6.30 a.m. and Jashan at 9.30 a.m. All Parsi/Irani Zarathushtis are requested to attend.

Y.O.U. Event

On Tuesday, April 16, Kersi Kadodwala with Ruzbeh Patel presents a musical evening: 'Film songs from the golden era' at Sir J.J. School Fort at 6.15 p.m.

Idawala Agiary Jashan

Bai Avabai Wadia (Idawala) Agiary monthly Hama Anjuman Jashan will be held on Roj Daepadar Mah Adar, Friday, April 19, at 5 p.m., followed by a Humbandagi and religious talk by Er. Darayesh Katrak. Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians are requested to attend.

Iranshah Salgreh

The 1304th anniversary of Shreeji Paak Iranshah Atash Behram falls on Roj Adar Mah Adar Y.Z. 1393, Saturday, April 20. Jashan will be performed at Iranshah at 9 a.m. Thereafter Firoze Andhyarujina, Senior Advocate, will formally introduce ex-Justice Rohinton Nariman, who will speak on 'The significance of the Kusti Prayer' at the Sir Dinshawji Manekji Petit

Compound, opp. Iranshah Apartments. Lunch courtesy Sir Dinshawji Manekji Petit Charities will be served after 11 a.m. at the same venue. All Humdeens invited.

Maneckji Sett Agiary 291st Salgreh

Seth Maneckji Nowroji Sett Agiary Bazar Gate Street, Fort, is celebrating 291st Salgerh on Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m. All humdeens are warmly invited.

127th Salgreh of Mistry Adarian, Surat

Seth Jeevanji Jamasji Mistry Adarian at Saiyedpura, Surat, is celebrating its 127th Salgreh on Friday, April 20. Haven Geh Maachi will be held at 6.30 a.m. and at 7 a.m. a Khushalinu Jashan will be performed. In the evening ghambhar between 7-10 p.m. will be held. All Parsis/Irani Zarathushtis invited.

Panchgani Agiary Salgreh

The Seth Nanabhoy Bejonji Choksi Dar-e-Meher at Panchgani will celebrate its 94th Salgreh on April 20, 2024 (Shahenshahi Roz Adar, Mah Adar) with Jashan ceremony at 10.30 a.m. and followed by Machi at 11.30 a.m. and meeting of Samast Anjuman at 12.00 noon. All Parsi Zarathushtis are invited to receive the blessings of Pak Atash Padshah Saheb.

D.E. Mithaiwala Agiary 113th Salgreh

Roj Adar Mah Adar, Saturday April 20, morning Machi in Havan Geh at 7.15 a.m., Jashan by the trustees at 9.30 am. Evening Jashan at 5 p.m. Chasni and refreshments will be served thereafter. All humdeens are welcome to attend in large numbers.

Ava Roj Humbandagi

175th Humbandagi on Ava Roj on Sunday, April 21, at Bhikha Behram Well. Jashan at 10.30 a.m. followed by Humbandagi at 11:30 a.m. and talk by Er. Dr Ramiyar Karanjia. Entry strictly only for Parsi/Irani Zoroastrians.



In reverence of Avan Yazad

The annual Ava Mahina-nu-Jashan was performed at the Soonawalla Agiary, Mahim, on April 7. The Jashan was led by the Panthaky Saheb Er. Kersasp Sidhwa accompanied by Er. Adil Desai. It was heartening to see large number of Behdins attending. After the Jashan a Humbundagi was performed in the hall; there after another Humbundagi was performed around the magnificent well of the Agiary laden with rose petals and floral 'jaali'. The function concluded with light refreshments and cool watermelon juice!

Like a wave...

They say that I am a nobody,
Each day and night I rise and fall,
Sometimes big and sometime small.

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They say, I'm one of too many,
My value is less than a penny,
To ride on my back there are many.

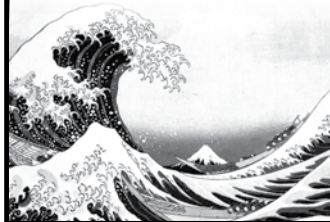
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I don't care what they say,
Give my best and prevail,
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"O ADAR YAZAD, the beneficent warrior full of glory and the power of healing"

Translation of an extract from the opening stanzas of the Atash Neyaesh-a most powerful, beautiful and beneficent prayer dedicated to Fire

By Dr. Jimmy
Nadershaw Sidhva

It is with a great deal of trepidation and self-doubt that I undertake today to describe and discuss the opening stanzas of the 'Atash Neyaesh', the prayer dedicated to the praise of the Holy Fire, one of the seven bountiful creations of our Omniscient Lord Ahura Mazda.

My feeling of hesitation in this undertaking is because it is such a beautiful and, at the same time, such a thought-provoking prayer that I feel almost incapable of doing justice to it. I feel like a man who has just happily finished climbing Antop Hill and now find myself suddenly staring up at the peak of Mount Everest! Nevertheless, in all humility, I shall endeavour to do my best to convey the meaning and flavour of this wonderful chapter of the Khordeh Avesta.

O FIRE OF AHURA MAZDA

The Atash Neyaesh starts with the customary salutation to the Omniscient Lord, "Khshnaoitra Ahurahe Mazda - May it please the Lord," and goes on (with the devotee bowing his head in reverence to "Nemase-te Atarsh Mazdao Ahurahe Hudhao Mazishta Yazata" - Ashem Vohu (1) - "I bow in Homage unto Thee, O Fire of Ahura Mazda, most beneficent and the highest of the 'Yazads!'")

"In the name of Lord God, Ahura Mazda the Beneficent...

(Before the 'Atash Behram' Fire) May the lustre and the glory of 'Atash Behram', the Fire Victorious increase!

(Before the 'Atash Adaran' or 'Agiary' Fire) May the lustre and the glory of the 'Atash Adaran' increase! (Before the household Fire) May the lustre and the glory of the 'Atash Dadgah' increase!"

This is followed by the customary small prayer of renouncement and penitence for the bad thoughts, bad words and



As a sincere offering, Zarathushtra dedicates the very breath of his life and the excellence of his good mind to Ahura Mazda - as also the power of his deeds and the obedience of his word

bad deeds of the devotee.

The Atash Neyaesh continues: "Do thou grant unto me purity O Ahura! For my gentleness and humility do thou grant me strength - the strength that comes from 'Armaiti'! Through 'Asha', bestow upon me mighty power and as a reward for my good thoughts, grant me supremacy.

O Ahura! For my happiness and for increasing my knowledge of the religion do thou bestow upon me the gifts, which are blessed by Sheherevar Ameshaspand and Bahman Ameshaspand - Asha Vahishta's commandments of the religion."

As a sincere offering, Zarathushtra dedicates the very breath of his life and the excellence of his good mind to Ahura Mazda - as also the power of his deeds and the obedience of his word.

"May it please the Lord! Bowing the head, I pay homage unto the Holy Fire of Ahura Mazda, most beneficent and the highest of the Yazads!" Ashem Vohu (3)

"I declare myself to be a Mazda-worshipping Zarathushtrian during... (the 'Geh' of the time) O Fire, the son of Ahura Mazda, the Purifier of all things created by Ahura Mazda! (I pay homage) unto the lustre and glory created by Thee; unto the glory of the Iranian and Kayanian dynasties;

unto King Khushrow of Kayanian descent, unto Khushrow's Lake, unto Mount Asnavant, created by Mazda; unto Lake Chechista, created by Mazda; unto Mount Raevant, created by Mazda; unto the Kayanian Glory created by Mazda - I pray for the propitiation of all the above!"

"O Adar Yazad, the beneficent warrior full of glory and the power of healing; O Fire of Nairyosang, residing in the navel of Kings and all other Holy Fires, let the 'Zaota' (officiating priest) recite Yatha Ahu Vairyo and the 'Raspi' (associate priest) recite Atha ratush ashat-chit hacha. I am full of praise for thy worship, thy invocation and thy gifts of friendliness and good health, O Fire, the purifier of all things created by Ahura Mazda. Mayest thou be deemed worthy of worship and invocation in the abodes of all men. May there be happiness for the man who will always worship thee ceremoniously, bringing suitable offerings!"

"O Fire, may thou always be tended with adequate amounts of sandalwood and incense! O Fire, may thou be burning in this house forever, with increasing lustre and brilliance!"

The above is just an extract from the opening stanzas of the Atash Neyaesh, a most powerful, beautiful and beneficent prayer."

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Why did Prophet Zarathushtra smile at birth?



Pic Courtesy: Amar Chitra Katha comics

• Prophet Zarathushtra is the only infant known to have smiled at birth. This unique occurrence is acknowledged and recorded by the Greek Philosopher Pliny (1 AD) in his *Natural History*.

• This incident is also mentioned in our Pahlavi book, *Denkard*, where it is further mentioned that seven nurses, who were present at the time of his birth, were confused on seeing this great miracle. They didn't know what to make of this strange happening. But they felt it was an auspicious sign as it was the smile of a person "who has joy on account of knowing his duty".

• When Zarathushtra's parents, Pourushaspa and Dogdohanu, noticed their child's smile at birth, they were assured, once again, of their child's exalted destiny.

• It is believed that children cry at birth on account of coming into a totally new environment, as they're afraid of their uncertain future. Infant Zarathushtra was aware of his future and, hence, didn't have any fear and so he didn't cry. He was aware of his divine appointment as a Prophet and his pre-destined mission of overpowering evil.

• After his birth, whenever the evil Angra Mainyu tried to get him killed through the wicked Dorasrun, he came out unscathed. When his anxious mother, Dogdohanu, came searching for him, he was found smiling - perhaps at the failure of Angra Mainyu!

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Readers are requested to send suggestions about information that they would like to see in the Tell Me Why series. Er. Dr. Karanjia will cover the topics as far as possible.

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Xerxes Dastur pays homage

COMMEMORATING THE LEGACY OF A STALWART



A gathering at the statue of Sir HC Dinshaw

The Bombay Parsee Association (BPA), as per past practice, paid homage to Sir Hormusji Cowasjee Dinshaw (Adenwalla) on his 165th birth anniversary on April 4

at 9. a.m. BPA President and BPP trustee Xerxes Vispi Dastur garlanded the statue of Sir Hormusji at Veer Nariman Road (near Bhikha Behram well) on behalf of the B.P.A. Others who garlanded the statue

were the great grandson Jehangir Patel, great great granddaughter Simin Patel, Commodore Aspi Marker, Adi Mehta.

BPA president emeritus C.A Vispi Shapur Dastur mentioned the highlights

of Hormusji's life and achievements. Hormusji was the founder patron of the Bombay Parsee Association and founder president of the Iran League. His great grandson Jehangir (Editor

of Parsiana) mentioned how the family had established and developed the business and helped the poor and needy. Others who also spoke included Commodore Aspi Marker, Adi Mehta (president FOZAWAC). Floral tributes were also paid on behalf of the BPA, BPP, Iran League, Cowasjee Dinshaw Trust, Navsari Parsee Association, Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, etc. Others present included members of the Adenwalla family, Aloo Shroff, Tehmina Peer, Rusi Bhungara, Adale Patel and others. Snack boxes were provided courtesy Saroosh Dinshaw. Around 25 persons joined in paying homage to this great son of India and the Parsi community.



Team Bheja Fry won the quiz

FUN AND GAMES AT BANDRA!



Team Blue won the Treasure Hunt

With the onset of spring, the Bandra Tata Blocks Welfare Association hosted an exciting evening, 'Spring to Fun', on March 29 comprising a well thought out and nicely executed treasure hunt and 'quizathon'.

The evening started with the treasure hunt in which five teams competed for the coveted treasure. The clues were based on immortalised Bawa nicknames and occupations of residents as well as common colony hang outs. After unearthing each clue the team had to assemble at the reporting station to perform interesting tasks like hook steps, sequencing flash cards of Parsi 'roj' na names, play a hopscotch game, solve a Zoroastrian themed jigsaw, make paper boats, face painting, etc.

After an action packed two-hour treasure hunt, Team Blue whose slogan was "True Blue, Always Through" emerged as the winners.

What followed was an equally educational and fun 'quizathon' where four teams competed across nine unique themes. The committee took up the idea of quizzing on our religion as well, which garnered intense attention

and interest from both the adults and the children. At the end of one-and-a-half hours of quizzing, Team Bheja Fry emerged as the winners.

The audience was involved in every round with audience questions to answer. Food stalls that were set up satiated hungry tummies. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening and left with happy memories!

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Witnessing the Taylor Swift Fascination Up, Close & Personal!



By Dr. Mazda Turel

“A y, dadda, we want see a Taylor Swift concert!” my Swift-obsessed Swiftie said in unison one day when I returned from work. They are 8 and 9.5 years old. Their bedroom walls have handmade posters of the star, they’ve painted T-shirts with her quotes on it; they weave bracelets with names of her songs and listen to her music all day long. Apart from every single song from every single album, they know where she was born in 1989, what her birth weight was, how many boyfriends she’s had, and at what temperature she soaks her almonds. I don’t remember being this bewitched by any celebrity in my childhood as these girls are. I’ve been a fan of The Beatles, Elvis and Michael Jackson all my life but with none of this madness. “Let’s see when she’s coming to India,” I told them, as I settled onto

the couch with both of them atop me, searching for concert dates. “152 shows in 54 cities... and not a single one in India,” I said, looking at their sulking faces. “But,” I added, “the closest concerts to us are in Singapore... in two weeks!” We’d been planning to holiday there for the longest time and the dates of the show coincided with their spring break in the first week of March. I clicked on the link to buy tickets and, to my surprise, everything was sold

out. She had 6 shows over 8 days in Singapore alone, in a stadium with the capacity to seat 60,000 people—and all of them were sold out. And all the tickets for all her shows for the rest of the year across the world were sold out! Either this is some sort of scam or this girl really is famous. I thought to myself. I happened to find out later that it was the latter.

“Let’s go to Singapore,” I told my girls. “Yeah!” they jumped at the thought. “We’ll stand outside the stadium and ask for extra tickets; someone might sell them in black,” I reminisced. They stuck out their tongues, knowing

that this wouldn’t happen, but I fully remember buying tickets in black for DDLJ and so many other movies. The 90s were so much fun. I later found out there were some sites selling resale Taylor Swift tickets and managed to source them out through a friend. We booked our tickets, packed our bags and got onto a plane two weeks later to the cleanest country in the world—where, a few days into the trip my elder daughter dropped an ice-cream cone on the floor but instantly picked it up and started lapping it up.

“These few miles of road can be immediately converted into an emergency landing for airplanes,” the taxi driver told us as we zipped off from the airport into the city on a runway. “Everything is booked in the city because of Taylor Swift,” he said, pointing to the National Stadium in the distance where she was performing the first of her six shows that week. I later heard – and, of course, much

of this is hearsay – that she was paid an additional 3 million dollars a show to exclusively perform in Singapore out of all the South East Asian countries.

We checked into a hotel on the bustling Orchard Road, whose lobby was filled with Asians who were a combination of over and underdressed returning from one of the concerts. “How was it?” I asked some of them. “Oh my God... it was soooo good la!” they screamed. This is going to be fun, I thought to myself.

We spent the first two days doing touristy things like visiting Sentosa Island and Universal Studios, where my younger one almost got run over by Kung Fu Panda. On the day of the show, the two of them

spent the afternoon making more bracelets with her song names beaded into them. People exchange these at the concert and it’s a big deal. To skip the madness of the lines we decided we’d miss the opening act, so just before Taylor was about to perform we sauntered into the stadium amidst the loudest roar I’ve ever heard in a sports arena – and I was present at Wankhede when India won the World Cup in 2011!

When she walked onto that stage to the beat of a countdown timer going from 10 to 0, the crowd went berserk. Not only teenage girls but grown men – uncles like me – who were adorned in bracelets from wrist to elbow, were weeping with joy on seeing this 34-year-old look in their direction from half a mile away.

And when she started to sing, it was one hell of a party. The crowd went ballistic, waving their arms, their wrist bands changing colour – every fluorescent hue – at every song. Over the next 3 hours and 15 minutes she sang 45 songs with over a dozen costume changes. I knew only four songs, but I

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was in awe.

She played the piano, strummed the guitar, sang every song live, and danced her butt off to an eclectic array of sounds and lights and a production that was stellar. The agility of the background dancers, the quality of the set design and the magnitude of the production was something only dreams are made of.

My girls were thrilled to bits dancing to every song they knew, with their idol grooving in the same room. At the end, 60,000 people exited the stadium in bliss and dispersed into oblivion amidst a sudden downpour of torrential rain.

We spent a few more days walking around the city, visiting the zoo and going on a night safari. We had lunch atop Marina Bay Sands and stimulated

Mumbai who were also there to see the concert. It turns out we weren’t the only crazy ones.

We returned to Mumbai and saw three-and-a-half hours of The Eras Tour concert film on Disney+Hotstar, which is the recording of the entire concert up close and free. The little one then had a Taylor Swift-themed birthday party at home, where the cake had all the Taylor Swift album covers on it. We’ve unofficially adopted Taylor Swift. When I was young, it was a pro Freddy. Now, it’s a pro Tehmina Swift!



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Every year the Freny Jal Wadia Foundation does charitable work in a meaningful way. This year the trust, whose trustees are Karl and Tehrat Wadia and Naheed and Dr. Aashish Contractor, undertook the initiative of installing AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machines at various Parsi housing colonies.

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a device that checks a collapsed person’s heart and delivers an electric shock if it has stopped beating normally. If a person suddenly collapses, they may be suffering from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) and SCA is serious. It means that the person’s heart has stopped pumping blood and they need help fast. An AED machine is the last line of defence for a person who has had a cardiac arrest and if help is not delivered in 15 minutes or less, the person is not likely to survive with an intact brain. You will see AED machines installed in public places, such as

5 PARSI COLONIES GET SOS HEART DEVICES

the airport.

The Freny Jal Wadia Foundation last week installed a Philips AED machine in five Parsi housing colonies, at a common location accessible to all, 24/7. Once installed, Phillips will send their personnel to demon-

strate use of the machine (as it is designed for common man usage i.e. anyone from a family member or a security guard can be trained) and ideally resident youth of these colonies can also be trained to be the “last minute champions” should the need

ever arise for the AED. April 7, which was also World Health Day, was when the AED machines were handed over to the following Parsi colonies – Cusrow Baug, Khareghat Colony, Rustom Baug, Wadia Baug, and Dadar Parsi colony. Addi-

tionally greater awareness will be created about the importance of CPR and immediate care, to ensure survival, especially as heart attacks are striking people in their young productive age ranges of below 50 years. Dr. Aashish Contractor (of

H.N. Reliance Hospital) and his family, who are trustees of the Freny Jal Wadia Foundation, need to be commended for this initiative that should be replicated across many more Parsi colonies by other trusts and philanthropists.



Adi Mehta hands over the device to Zenobia Daruwalla-Unwalla, President of Dadar Gymkhana, and her team



At Cusrow Baug: Phiroza & Dr. Aashish Contractor giving the kit to BPP trustee Hosi Jal



At Twin Towers building with chairman Suresh Dadlani




At Khareghat Colony: Dr. Shirin Contractor giving the kit to BPP trustee Armaity Tirandaz



At Rustom Baug: Rustom Jassoomoney, Karl Wadia, BPP trustee Xerxes Dastur, Dr. Aashish Contractor



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Vispy Kharadi, a name synonymous with excellence and unparalleled fitness, has been appointed Brand Ambassador of the Fit India Movement by the Government of India. This prestigious appointment comes as no surprise, considering Vispy's remarkable achievements and dedication to promoting health and fitness.

A 13-time Guinness world record holder for his daring stunts, Kharadi has left an indelible mark on the world of martial arts and fitness. His numerous black belts in various martial arts disciplines, including Krav Maga, attest to his unparalleled skill and expertise. Notably, Vispy has trained elite forces such as the Border Security Force and Gujarat Police, embodying a commitment to national security and physical fitness.

In response to his new role, Vispy expressed gratitude, stating, "I thank PM Narendra Modi for this

honour. Fit India is not just about physical health; it signifies a more progressive India. Fitness empowers individuals and contributes to the overall development of our nation."

Vispy Kharadi's journey is a testament to the transformative power of fitness. Through his remarkable achievements and unwavering dedication, Vispy continues to inspire millions to embrace a healthier lifestyle. His appointment as the Brand Ambassador of the Fit India Movement reflects a shared vision of building a stronger, fitter, and more resilient nation.

As Kharadi leads the charge towards a fitter India, he encourages everyone to prioritize fitness and wellness. His message resonates deeply: a healthier nation paves the way for a brighter future. Let's join Vispy in championing the Fit India Movement and embracing a culture of health and vitality for all.

Navsari Dokhma Is Fully Functional!

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An executive decision was taken by Burgis and Zubin not only to get all the towers completely operational but also to enhance the quality of material from Mild Steel (MS) to the Stainless Steel(SS)

It was further decided that the fabrication work of the boxes would be done by a specialist of core forte is specializing in enclosures. The fabrication work was done at Rustom Sidhwa's workshop for which all the parts were got from Navsari to Mumbai by a 14 feet truck.

The reinstallation commenced on March 23, 2024 and ended on March 31, 2024. In this timeframe all the 4 towers were restored and functional at Navsari Doongerwadi. A five-member team was present across the week to reinstall and test the system comprising Mahernosh Variyava, Neville Bhopti, Rustom Sidhwa, Marzi Shastri and Arzan Patel. Today the system across all the four towers has started as



Team Avesta Solar working on repairing the Solar system at the Navsari Doongerwadi

the dish now automatically tracks the system. The entire project was undertaken by Avesta Solar free of cost to support Dokhmenishini, which is mandated by the Zoroastrian religion. All our Doongerwadis across

India should similarly refurbish and repair their solar towers and panels to ensure that Dokhmenishini works efficiently. Kudos to Burgis Bulsara, Zubin Jasoomoni and Team Avesta Solar!

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DETAILS OF FINANCIAL HELP DISBURSED DURING FY APRIL 2023 TO MARCH 2024

Sr. No.	PURPOSE	No. of Beneficiaries	Amount (INR)
1	MEDICAL	665	69,164,423
2	EDUCATION	213	14,782,481
3	RELIEF FROM POVERTY a) Quarterly Financial Help b) Lumpsum	571 1048	34,983,000 13,713,478
4	FINANCIAL HELP TO MOBEDS a) Quarterly Financial Help i) Senior Mobeds ii) Senior Widows of Mobeds b) Lumpsum to Mobeds	117 31 96	17,550,000 4,836,000 5,693,121
5	DONATIONS TO FIRE TEMPLES For Repairs and Kathis	11	9,113,280
6	QUARTERLY FINANCIAL HELP TO a) Economically challenged Senior Citizens b) Pall Bearers c) Atashbehran & Agiyaries Helpers	192 65 147	11,520,000 5,850,000 8,820,000
7	FINANCIAL REHABILITATION of individuals in economic distress	29	3,232,391
8	A) FARMERS' WELFARE towards sustaining their livelihoods B) Converting Huts to Cottages C) Repairs to Cottages	4 6 8	885,000 1,669,000 1,203,500
9	SELF EMPLOYMENT	13	6,326,000
10	FOODGRAINS AND FOOD PACKETS DISTRIBUTION	1075	6,648,058
11	YOUTH ACTIVITIES		4,972,628
12	BOOKS & PERIODICALS		424,500
13	GENERAL EXPENSES		2,302,388
14	SENIOR CITIZENS CENTRE, NAVSARI		9,754,413
15	SANJAN SANATORIUM		1,006,913
16	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (1.95% of total disbursements / expenses)		4,671,916
	GRAND TOTAL	4291	239,122,490

Tips to Enhance Memory Retention Skills: A MUST IN TODAY'S WORLD



By Minoo Jokhi

The world renowned late Irish poet Oscar Wilde had correctly stated: "Memory is the diary that we carry about with us." That is true and what's most important is that we need to have proper memory retention skills, which are very vital in today's world.

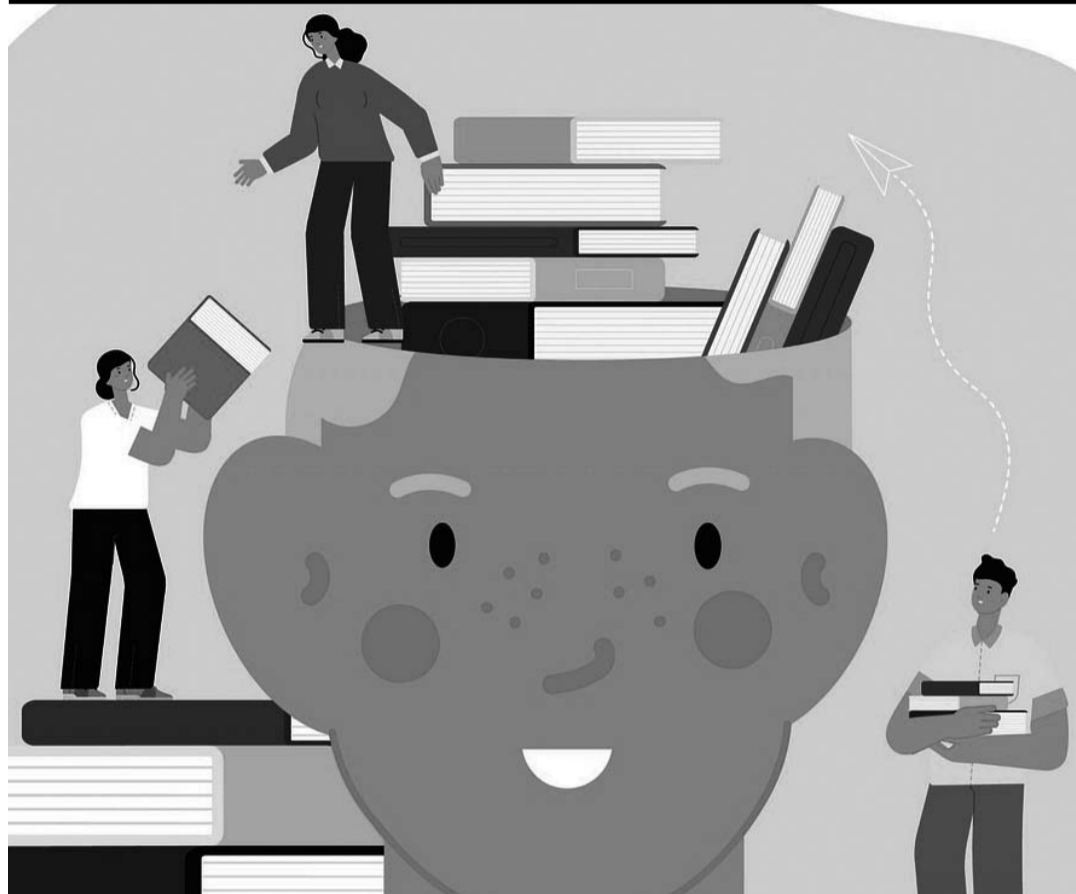
The storage capacity of the human brain is sufficient to record a thousand new bits of information every moment of our life right from birth till the end of life. There is no limit to what an individual can store in his/her memory. It is said that individuals use 10 percent or less of their memory capacity because we do not make use of our full memory capacity.

TOP TEN TIPS

Ten vital factors, which will help to improve retention ability include:

- 1) Improve visualization skills: Children must be motivated and encouraged to create a picture in their mind of whatever they read and hear. After the child improves in the visualization technique; they can describe the image instead of drawing it.
- 2) Using your whole mind to remember: The key idea is that by coding information using vivid mental images, you can reliably code both information and the structure of information. And as the images are vivid, they are easy to recall when you need them. Our brains evolved to code and interpret complex stimuli such as images, colours, structures, sounds, smells, tastes, touch, positions, emotions and language. Our memories can store all these very effectively.
- 3) Play games which use visual memory: Children should be encouraged to play visual memory concentration games like Memory Card Game, Slap Jack, What's Missing?,

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- 4) Picture Study, Total Recall etc. License plates can also be great fun. Take turns reciting the letters and numbers on a license plate and also try to say them backwards.
- 4) Paying attention helps: Pay attention first and foremost. It takes approximately 8 to 10 seconds of focus to implant information into our memory and one needs to pay attention to learn and retain something. As late legendary English writer Samuel Johnson had correctly stated: "The true art of memory is the art of attention."
- 5) Do chunking: Chunking is the process of grouping different bits of information together into more meaningful chunks. Try repeating a contact number; e.g. three, five, double six, forty-four (instead of 356644) and so on. This is chunking. It's a mnemonic device that involves grouping individual pieces of information—like long strings of numbers—into larger and more meaningful groups. Chunking isn't only limited to aiding the

TO SUM UP

It is imperative that an individual must have thorough and good observation. One nice technique to practice this is to go in a train, metro, bus or car and look at some person thoroughly and also observe from top to bottom and then close eyes and try to mentally describe minutely all details about that person's complete appearance. You must do the exercise discreetly, without offending the other person and see how much you can recollect. This is a simple but very effective way to improve your overall memory retention capacity.

For parents who want to improve their child's memory and retention skills, they must ensure that the kids study in a study area, which is a distraction free zone and where gadgets, which can disturb the child while studying, are not near the child. Make the study room a fun place; ensure that all that the child might need is within reach and ensure the focus is not broken. Also very importantly, parents must not pressurize their kids and have over-expectations but should be supportive of them. Give them moral support. And don't forget to reward the child after he/she completes the day's assignment/home-work/study as it will definitely inspire the kid to do better and this eventually leads to the memory retention capacity improving continuously.

memorization of numbers. Also a very practical application of chunking would be grouping items on your grocery list. And if you're learning some new language, grouping new vocabulary words together by category is very useful.

- 6) Make visual connections: The use of visual stimuli is a popular method used to learn and recall information. E.g. some individuals have a problem in remembering other's names; they should try to connect their names with some image. E.g. you are

meeting Rajesh; you can picture Rajesh holding a cell-phone or a flower. And don't forget to close eyes for a few seconds and link these images.

- 7) Remain organized: An organized person definitely will have an easier time remembering stuff. Checklists are one good tool for remaining organized. Manually writing down your checklist and not doing it electronically also increases the likelihood that you'll remember what you've written down.
- 8) Avoid bright screens before bedtime: The blue light emitted by any cell phone, television or laptop screen inhibits the production of melatonin, which is a hormone that controls your sleep-wake cycle. A poorly regulated sleep cycle can really affect sleep quality and spoil your health.
- 9) Spread out study sessions: Students, be it of school or college, should spread their schedules in a sensible manner so they can study effectively and do well.
- 10) Never forget your memory potential: The human mind is capable of much more than what we can imagine. In today's times individuals tend to over rely on technology but 25-30 years ago people remembered many phone numbers but today we just feed it in the mobile phone and even the very essential phone numbers are not there on the tip of our tongue. I myself never save any number; I memorize them and all of them I remember. The more the individual uses memory techniques effectively, learning and recollecting becomes easier. Also stop living a tension filled life; stay relaxed. Don't treat life very seriously all the time! As the famous German-born spiritual teacher Eckhart Tolle has correctly said: "Life isn't as serious as the mind makes it out to be." Relaxation is very essential for every human being and it releases the energy to learn better.

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ગર્લ-ફ્રેન્ડ

કોણની વાત કરો છો? ગર્લ-ફ્રેન્ડ? તે વળી કોણ?



આ આર્ટિકલ પત્નીઓ (વાઈફ)એ વાંચવા જેવીબી નથી ને પતીઓ (હન્ડબન્ડ)એ કહેવા જેવીબી નથી! તો આવો વાંચો!

ભલે કોઈબી પતીને પરણ્યાને એક વીક થયું હોય કે એક વર્ષ, કોઈબી પતીએ હુશ્યારી મારી, ને પોતાની પત્નીને કહેવું નહીં કે તારી અગાઉ મારી એક અફેર થઈ ગઈ, પછી તે અફેર જલતી આગ હોય કે નાની મીનબત્તી, ગર્લ-ફ્રેન્ડનું નામજ નહીં લેવું! પણ કોઈ પતીઓ જો ભોલા હોય તો કનફેસ કરે, પણ બીજી તરફ એજ કનફેશન ને પત્ની, મનમાં છુપાવી રાખે ને એક (squirrel) કેમ થંડીના દિવસોમાં, નટ્સ (બદામ) કે બીજા નટ્સ મોસમ બદલાયને ખાય તેમ, પતીદેવ પર તે કનફેશન ફેંકાય, પછી તે વાતને મહિનાઓ કેમ નહીં વીટ્યાં હોય!

હવે એ વાતને પતી તો ભૂલીબી જાય પણ પત્નીથી કાંઈ ભૂલાય? ધારો કે એક દીન પોતાની ઓફિસમાંથી ટ્રીપ કરીને આવે ત્યારે પત્ની તરફથી સવાલો પૂછાય! કે ટ્રીપ પર તારી સાથ કોણ કોણ હતું? તારી ઓફિસમાં કામ કરતી છોકરીઓબી હતી? કે તારી માનીતી ગર્લ-ફ્રેન્ડ ગુલરુખ બી હતી કે? વગેરે વગેરે...

Oh God! સવાલો તો ભરેલી બંદુક જેવા હતા, ને ફૂટે ત્યારે બિચારો પતી તો look face, don't laugh ની માફક ટ-ટ-પ-પ થઈ તો જાય, પણ જો કોઈ સ્માર્ટ પતી હોય તો કોઈ ખોટા ખરા જવાબ આપીને છટકી તો જાય ને કહે કે ટ્રીપ પર કોઈ ઘણી મજાહ નહીં આવી!

હવે કોઈબી પત્નીને પોતાનો ધની ઘણી તો શું પણ થોડીબી મજાહ, તેના વગર કહે તે તો ગમેજ નહીં ત્યારે વળતો સળગતો સવાલ પૂછે કે “પરણ્યા અગાઉ તારી ગર્લ-

ફ્રેન્ડ ગુલરુખ- અરે પેલી લાલ બાલ વાલી, ને ફની લુકીંગ હતી તે તને ટ્રીપ પર મલી કે નહીં?

હવે વાંચો ખોટો જવાબ: અરે કોણ? ગુલરુખ? તે મલી કે નહીં તે યાદ નથી? કેટલો ટાઈમ વીટી ગયો ને હવે કાંઈથી યાદ રહે?

કેમ નહીં યાદ રહે? ટ્રીપ પર, હાથમાં હાથ લઈ ડાન્સ કરતાં, જે ગીલગીલ્યાં છૂટેલાં તે કેમ યાદ નહીં રહે? એ સમજતાં પત્ની કહે કે “ચાલો, હું ખુશ છેવું કે તેં એન્જોઈ કર્યું! હું કાંઈ માઈન્ડ નથી કરતી પણ જ્યારે એ એમ કહે કે માઈન્ડ નથી કરતી ત્યારે કોઈબી પતીએ સમજવું કે તેની પત્ની ૧૦૦ ટકા માઈન્ડ કરે છે. આ એક બીજી બંદુકની ગોલી છે જેને ભવિષ્ય માટે સાચવી રખાય છે! બિચારો પતી તો એમજ માને કે ગુલરુખ સાથની મજાહ મસ્તી તો પત્નીને માલમ જ નથી, ને ખુશ થઈ પત્નીને પ્યાર કરવા જાય ત્યારે જ એ ગોળી ફૂટે કે...

“Don't touch me? મને બધું ખબર છે.”

Well, આ સમજીને પતીને લાગે કે તે એક નાનો ઉંદર છે તેને બીલાડી ખાય તેમ પત્નીની માફી માંગે પણ માફી કાંઈ થોડી જલ્દી મલે છે?

ઉફ! Game Set and Match!



સહનશીલતાનો પાઠ

શ્રી ભદ્ર નામે ગણિતના શિક્ષક હતા. તેમનો પહેરવેશ થોડો હાસ્યાસ્પદ હતો. ખમીસ ઉપર કોટ સાથે ઘોતિયું ને માથે કાળી ટોપી. વિદ્યાર્થીઓ જ્યારે અંદર અંદર વાતો કરે ત્યારે જાત-જાતના નામે એમને બોલાવે. કેટલાક વિદ્યાર્થીઓને ગણિતનો વિષય બિલકુલ ગમે નહીં. તેમાં વર્ગમાં એક ખૂબ જ તોફાની વિદ્યાર્થી હતો. તે કોઈને કોઈ બહાને ભદ્ર સરને ચીડવવાનો પ્રયત્ન કરે.

એક દિવસ એ તોફાની વિદ્યાર્થીએ સર વર્ગમાં આવે તે પહેલાં બોર્ડ પર લખ્યું, “બ્રાહ્મણ ભદ્ર લાડુ ચઢું” બધા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ આ વાંચીને હસવા લાગ્યા. કેટલાંકને થયું આ વાંચીને ભદ્ર સર કેવા લાલ, પીળા થઈ જશે અને એવા એમના મોંને જોવાની કેવી મજા પડશે.

ભદ્ર સર વર્ગમાં આવ્યા, બોર્ડ પરનું લખાણ વાંચતા તેમના મોંની રેખાઓ તંગ થઈ પરંતુ વિદ્યાર્થીઓની અજાયબી વચ્ચે તેમણે કશું પણ બોલ્યા વિના બોર્ડ સાફ કરી નાંખ્યું ને ગણિતના દાખલાઓ શીખવવા લાગ્યા.

પેલા તોફાની વિદ્યાર્થીને થયું કે સરે એ લખાણ બરાબર વાંચ્યું ન હશે. એમ માની બીજે દિવસે બોર્ડ પર ફરી એ શબ્દો લખ્યા. હવે તો વિદ્યાર્થીઓને થયું કે આજે તો સર જરૂર જ બધાની ખબર લઈ નાંખશે. સર વર્ગમાં આવ્યા ને ફરી પાછું એ લખાણ ભૂંસી નાંખ્યું ને કાંઈ જ બન્યું ન હોય તેમ પોતાનું કામ શરુ કર્યું.

આથી પેલો વિદ્યાર્થી થોડો ભોંકો પડ્યો. પણ એમ તે હાર સ્વીકારે એવો ન હતો. ત્રીજે દિવસે એણે તે જ લખાણ ખૂબ મોટા અક્ષરે બોર્ડ પર લખ્યું. વિદ્યાર્થીઓને થયું કે આજે તો એ મર્યો જ સમજો. એની સાથે અમને બધાને પણ શિક્ષા સહન કરવી પડશે. ભદ્ર સર વર્ગમાં આવ્યા જરા હસીને એમણે એ લખાણ ભૂંસી નાંખ્યું. હવે પેલા વિદ્યાર્થીના હાથ હેંકા પડ્યા. છતાં હાથો જુગારી બમણું રમે તેમ એ તો આખા અઠવાડિયા સુધી એ વાક્ય જુદા જુદા રંગના ચોક દ્વારા ફાફડા જેવા અક્ષરોએ લખતો



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પરંતુ શનિવારની સવારનો પિરિયડ એ આખા વર્ગ માટે જાણે જીવનભરનું સંભારણું બની ગયો.

તે દિવસે પેલા અટકચાળા વિદ્યાર્થીએ બોર્ડ પર કાંઈ જ ન લખ્યું. એ તો અંદરને અંદર ઘૂંઘવાતો હતો કે આ તે કેવા શિક્ષક છે કે એમના પર મારા લખાણની કોઈ જ અસર ન થઈ.

રાબેતા મુજબ વર્ગ પૂરો થવાનો ઘંટ વાગતા ભદ્ર સર બોલ્યા, “મારા પ્રિય મિત્રો, જીવનમાં સહનશીલતાનો પાઠ શીખવનારા તમે મારા વિદ્યાર્થીઓ નહીં પણ મારા ગુરુ છો. આખા અઠવાડિયા દરમિયાન મારી જાત પર કાબુ કેમ રાખ્યો છે તે હું જ જાણું છું. પ્રભુ કૃપાથી તમે મારી સહનશીલતાની લીધેલી અગ્નિ પરીક્ષામાંથી હું હેમખેમ પાર ઊતર્યો છું. મારા ગુસ્સાને હું કારી શક્યો છું.” આટલું બોલતાં તેમની આંખમાંથી કોધાગ્નિ ને બદલે આંસુઓ સરી પડ્યાં. તેમણે ગદ્ગદ અવાજે કહ્યું, “ફરીથી હું તમારો આભાર માનું છું.”

આ સાંભળી પેલો અટકચાળો વિદ્યાર્થી દોડતો આવી સરના પગમાં પડ્યો અને બોલ્યો, “મને માફ કરી દો. મારી ભૂલ થઈ. હવે પછી હું આવું વર્તન કદી કોઈ સાથે ન કરીશ.” ભદ્ર સરે તેને પ્રેમથી ઊઠાડ્યો અને ભેટી પડ્યા. ભદ્ર સરના એ આંસુ વિદ્યાર્થીઓના અંતરમાં એવો ભાવ નિર્માણ કરી ગયા કે ગમે તેવા ડસ્ટરથી પણ તે સાફ ન થઈ શકે.

એક વાત હંમેશાં યાદ રાખવા જેવી છે કે ચીડવનાર ઉપર ગુસ્સો કરી ચીડવનારને પ્રોત્સાહન આપવાને બદલે ચીડને જીવવામાં જ ચીડવનારનો પરાજય અને સહન કરનારનો વિજય રહેલો છે.

કહેવાતો

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જહાંગીર માખન્યા

- (૧) આપણા હાથમાંની વસ્તુ કોઈ છીનવી લેશે, પણ આપણા નસીબમાં જે લખાયલું છે, તે કોઈ ઝૂંટવી શકતું નથી. તે ચીજ છેવટે આપણને જ મળે છે.
- (૨) જીવનમાં લીલીસુકી પડવી (આપણી હૈયાતી દરમિયાન પુષ્કળ સંકટો ખમવા, બેહદ મુસીબતો વેઠવી, ચીકાર તકલીફ ભોગવવી)
- (૩) હાથો જુગારી બમણું રમે.
- (૪) કોલસાની દલાલીમાં, હંમેશા હાથો કાળા થાય છે.
- (૫) તેજીને ટકોર, અને ગધેડાને ડીકાં.
- (૬) માનવ લાખ વિચારે, પણ ધાર્યું ઘણીનું જ થાય છે.
- (૭) જગતમાં સંપૂર્ણ એક ઈશ્વર, માનવ માત્ર અધૂરું છે.
- (૮) મનુષ્યો સેંકડો પ્રયાસો કરશે, પ્રયોગો કરશે, પ્રયત્નો કરશે, પણ કદી તે સંજોગ બદલી નહીં શકશે. જે થવાનું છે તે થઈનેજ રહેશે, જે બનવાનું હોય તે બનીને જ રહેશે.
- (૯) ઈન્સાનો ગમે તેટલા અખતરા કરશે, શોધખોળ કરશે, પણ કુદરતના અમુક ભરમો, કદી ઉકેલી નહીં શકશે. તેને છેવટે પોતાની હાર કબૂલવી પડશે અને અંતમાં, કુદરતના શરણે જવું પડશે, કારણ કે માનવજીવન કુદરતને આધીન છે. કુદરત સામે તેની લાયકાત નથી, કાયનાત નથી, ઓકાત નથી.
- (૧૦) લખ્યાં લેખ કોઈ વાંચી શકતું નથી અને ભાગ્યનો ભેદ કોઈ પામી શકતું નથી.
- (૧૧) ખુદાવંદે દાંતો આપ્યા છે, તો પછી આપણને ચવેણું પણ તેજ આપશે. તે કીરનારે મોઢું બક્ષ્યું છે, તો પછી આપણા ખોરાકની વ્યવસ્થા તે જ કરશે.
- (૧૨) તે પરવર સૌને ભૂખ્યા જગાડે છે, પણ કોઈને ભૂખ્યા સુવાડતો નથી.
- (૧૩) ઘાયલ કી પીડા, ઘાયલ જ જાણે.
- (૧૪) કિસ્મત કી હવા, કભી નરમ, ઔર કભી ગરમ.
- (૧૫) છાશ લેવા જવું અને દોણી સંતાડવી.
- (૧૬) દુઝણી ગાયની લાત ખમી લેવી.
- (૧૭) કદી સંઝરેલો સાપબી, કામ આવે છે.
- (૧૮) ભાંગેલા કાય અને વીંધાયલું મોતી કદી સંઘાતા નથી, તે જ પ્રમાણે એક વાર તૂટેલા મનનું કદી સમાધાન થતું નથી.
- (૧૯) ખુશામત તો, પ્રભુને પ્યારી હોય છે.

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મેષ રાશિ (અ.લ.ઈ.)

અઠવાડિક ગ્રહોની ચાલમાં મંગળ ગ્રહ શુભ સ્થિતિમાં હોવાથી તમારા મિત્રો, તમારા ધંધાકીય, અંગત, આર્થિક, સામાજિક તેમજ અન્ય કામોમાં મદદરૂપ થશે. તમારી કેટલી મનની ઈચ્છાઓ પૂરી કરીને રહેશે. તમે નવા વિચારો અને નવી ઈચ્છાઓને ધ્યાનમાં રાખીને ચાલશો. તમને આર્થિક રીતે સામાન્ય સ્થિતિ રહેશે. બહુ લાભ નહીં કે બહુ નુકસાન નહીં. તમે તમારા સારા સ્વાસ્થ્યના કારણે, શ્રમયુક્ત કામની જવાબદારી લેવા માટે સક્ષમ રહેશો.
(ગ્રહ યોગોનું વધુ શુભ ફળ મેળવવા માટે ૧૦૧ના નામોમાં ૨૦મું નામ "ચા સફના બેરેસાદ" ૧૦૧ વખત ભણાજો)
શુકનવંતી તા. ૧૪, ૧૫, ૧૭ અને ૨૦ છે.



વૃષભ રાશિ (બ.વ.ઉ.)

અઠવાડિક ગ્રહોની ચાલમાં શુક્ર ગ્રહ શુભ સ્થિતિમાં હોવાથી આર્થિક સ્થિતિમાં ઘણા બધા અંતરાયો પાર પાડી સફળતા મેળવી શકશો. તમારી શરીર સુખાકારી એકંદરે સારી રહેશે. તમે કોઈ જરૂરિયાત વ્યક્તિને મદદ કરી શકશો, જેથી તમને મનની શાંતિ મળશે. તમારા આત્મવિશ્વાસના સ્તરમાં અને વાતચીતની કુશળતામાં વધારો થઈ શકશે. જેમાં તમને ફાયદો મળતો હશે તે બાબતની અંદર તમે વધારે ધ્યાન આપશો.
(શુક્ર ગ્રહનું વધુ શુભ ફળ મેળવવા માટે ૧૦૧ના નામોમાં ૪૮મું નામ "ચા કામેરદ બેરેસાદ" ૧૦૧ વખત ભણાજો)
શુકનવંતી તા. ૧૪, ૧૬, ૧૮ અને ૧૯ છે.



મિથુન રાશિ (ક.ઇ.ધ.)

અઠવાડિક ગ્રહોની ચાલમાં બુધ ગ્રહ અશુભ સ્થિતિમાં હોવાથી શેરસ-સટ્ટામાં કોઈપણ ખોટી ઉતાવળ કે ખોટા નિર્ણય લેવાથી આર્થિક પરિસ્થિતિ ગંભીર બની શકશે માટે વિચારીને રોકાણ કરવું પડશે. તમારી સ્ટેમીના બહુ સારી નહીં રહેશે. તમારે એકદીવ રહેવા માટે થોડો આરામ અને ન્યૂટ્રીશનની જરૂર પડશે. ખાવાપીવામાં ખૂબ જ ધ્યાન આપજો નહીં તો પેટમાં ઈન્ફેક્શન થશે. જ્યાં કામ કરતા હશે ત્યાં કામનો બોજો વધતો જશે. કામની કદર થશે નહીં.
(બુધ ગ્રહની અશુભ અસરને દૂર કરવા માટે ૧૦૧ના નામોમાં ૪૭મું નામ "ચા અદુઈ બેરેસાદ" ૩૦૩ વખત ભણાજો)
શુકનવંતી તા. ૧૪, ૧૫, ૧૭ અને ૧૯ છે.



કર્ક રાશિ (ડ. હ.)

અઠવાડિક ગ્રહોની ચાલમાં ચંદ્ર ગ્રહ શુભ સ્થિતિમાં હોવાથી તમારામાં એક જાતની નવી મહત્વાકાંક્ષા મેળવવાનો ઉત્સાહ જાગશે. તમારી આ મહત્વાકાંક્ષાઓ માટેની મહેનત જરૂર રંગ લાવશે. તમને નાની-મોટી મુસાફરીઓ થશે જેના કારણે મન બીજી પ્રવૃત્તિમાં દોરાવાથી આનંદ અનુભવશો. દરેક મુદ્દા વિશે તમારા જીવનસાથી અને બાળકો સાથે ખુલ્લા દિલથી વાત કરી શકશો. તમને સારા સંજોગો ઊભા થશે તેમજ તમારો પ્રોગ્રેસ સાથે નવી તકો મળશે.
(ચંદ્ર ગ્રહનું વધુ શુભ ફળ મેળવવા માટે ૧૦૧ના નામોમાં ૭મું નામ "ચા બુને-સ્તીહ બેરેસાદ" ૧૦૧ વખત ભણાજો)
શુકનવંતી તા. ૧૫, ૧૬, ૧૮ અને ૨૦ છે.



સિંહ રાશિ (મ.ટ.)

અઠવાડિક ગ્રહોની ચાલમાં સૂર્ય ગ્રહ અશુભ સ્થિતિમાં હોવાથી તમારી આગળ પાછળ તમારા વિરોધીઓનાં પડયંત્રોથી થોડા સાવચેત રહેવું પડશે. તમારા દરેક કામોમાં ડિલેય થયા કરશે. કૌટુંબીક ક્ષેત્રે થોડી ઘણી અડચણો ઊભી થશે માટે સંયમ જાળવીને વાત-ચીત કરશો તો ઓછી મુશ્કેલી પડશે નહીં તો દુશ્મનાવટ ઊભી થશે. બહારનાં ખાન-પાનથી દૂર રહેવું પડશે. આજ સમયમાં વેહિકલ ચલાવતી વખતે ખૂબ જ સંભાળીને ચલાવવું પડશે.
(સૂર્ય ગ્રહની અશુભ અસરને દૂર કરવા માટે ૧૦૧ના નામોમાં ૯મું નામ "ચા જમગ બેરેસાદ" ૩૦૩ વખત ભણાજો)
શુકનવંતી તા. ૧૫, ૧૭, ૧૯ અને ૨૦ છે.



કન્યા રાશિ (પ.ઠ.ણ.)

અઠવાડિક ગ્રહોની ચાલમાં બુધ ગ્રહ અશુભ સ્થિતિમાં હોવાથી નવા સાહસો જોઈ વિચારીને સાહસ કરવું. કોઈ મોટી આર્થિક તકલીફ ન આવી પડે તે માટે ખૂબજ સંભાળવું પડશે. કૌટુંબિક બાબતો ઉપર પૂરતું ધ્યાન આપજો નહીં તો બહારની વ્યક્તિ ઝઘડાનું કારણ બની જશે. તમારા કાર્યસ્થળે, તમારા પર અમુક પ્રકારનું દબાણ રહી શકશે. તમારા ફેંડ સરકલના વ્યવહારના કારણે મન પર નેગેટીવ અસર ન પડે તેની ખાસ કાળજી રાખવી પડશે.
(બુધ ગ્રહની અશુભ અસરને દૂર કરવા માટે ૧૦૧ના નામોમાં ૨૩મું નામ "ચા પરવરા બેરેસાદ" ૩૦૩ વખત ભણાજો)
શુકનવંતી તા. ૧૪, ૧૬, ૧૭ અને ૨૦ છે.



ધન રાશિ (ભ.ધ.ક.ઢ.)

અઠવાડિક ગ્રહોની ચાલમાં ગુરુ ગ્રહ શુભ સ્થિતિમાં હોવાથી તમારી કરેલી મૂડી રોકાણ દ્વારા ધાર્યો લાભ મેળવી શકશો. તમારા મનમાં રહેલી ઘણી ઈચ્છાઓ પૂરી થતી જોઈ શકશે. બચ્ચાઓ માટેની ચિંતા હશે તે દૂર થઈને રહેશે. નવા મિત્રોમાંથી એક પ્રભાવશાળી વ્યક્તિ મળશે. બાપદાદાની કે વારસાઈ મિલકતને લઈ જે ગૂંચવાડા હશે તેનો નિકાલ આવે એવા યોગ છે. લાંબા સમયથી ચાલતા ઝઘડાનો અંત આવી શકશે.
(ગુરુ ગ્રહનું વધુ શુભ ફળ મેળવવા માટે ૧૦૧ના નામોમાં ૪૧મું નામ "ચા અબરગા બેરેસાદ" ૧૦૧ વખત ભણાજો)
શુકનવંતી તા. ૧૪, ૧૬, ૧૮ અને ૧૯ છે.



મકર રાશિ (ખ.જ.)

અઠવાડિક ગ્રહોની ચાલમાં શનિ ગ્રહ શુભ સ્થિતિમાં હોવાથી કુટુંબ કલેશ રહેશે છતાં સંયમ તથા ધીરજપૂર્વક આ સ્થિતિમાંથી બહાર આવી શકશો. તમારે તમારુ મન ખુલ્લું રાખવું પડશે તો જ તમારા અંગત કામોમાં અને શુભ-અશુભ પ્રસંગોમાં મદદરૂપ થશે. તમારી બૌદ્ધિક કૌશલ્યને કારણે નોકરીમાં તમારો પ્રભાવ સારો રહેશે. તમે તમારું જ્ઞાન વધારવામાં અને એવાં અનુભવો કરવામાં કે જે તમને કંઈ નવું શીખવશે, તેમાં તમે બહુ આનંદ મેળવી શકશો.
(ગ્રહ યોગોનું વધુ શુભ ફળ મેળવવા માટે ૧૦૧ના નામોમાં ૯૧મું નામ "ચા વસ્પાર બેરેસાદ" ૧૦૧ વખત ભણાજો)
શુકનવંતી તા. ૧૪, ૧૫, ૧૭ અને ૨૦ છે.



કુંભ રાશિ (ગ.શ.પ.સ.જા.)

અઠવાડિક ગ્રહોની ચાલમાં શનિ ગ્રહ શુભ સ્થિતિમાં હોવાથી તમારા ચાલુ કામોમાં તમારા સુપરિચર તરફથી સાથ-સહકાર મળી રહેશે. તમારા અનેક કાર્યો-મહત્વાકાંક્ષાઓને પૂર્ણ કરવા તમારો માર્ગ સરળ રહેશે. કોઈક ખરાબ થયેલા કામને સુધારવામાં સફળ થશો. તમને નવા મિત્રો સાથે મુલાકાત થશે જે તમને સાચી દિશા તરફ લઈ જવા માટે મદદ કરશે. ચેરીટી, અચાનક તમને જીવનનો એક મહત્વનો ભાગ લાગવા લાગશે.
(ગ્રહ યોગોનું વધુ શુભ ફળ મેળવવા માટે ૧૦૧ના નામોમાં ૫૬મું નામ "ચા અફરાઝદુમ બેરેસાદ" ૧૦૧ વખત ભણાજો)
શુકનવંતી તા. ૧૫, ૧૬, ૧૯ અને ૨૦ છે.



મીન રાશિ (દ.ચ.ઝ.થ.)

અઠવાડિક ગ્રહોની ચાલમાં ગુરુ ગ્રહ અશુભ સ્થિતિમાં હોવાથી સાહસ કરવા જેવું લાગે તો આગળ-પાછળની દરેક પરિસ્થિતિને ધ્યાનમાં લઈ કરવા નહીં તો મોટું નુકસાન સહન કરવું પડશે. તમારી કારકિર્દીને લગતી બાબતોમાં તમારે વિરોધનો સામનો કરવો પડશે. જ્યાં કામ કરતા હશે ત્યાં સાથે કામ કરનારા તમને ડગો આપશે. તમને લોકો લાલચ આપીને ફસાવી શકે છે ને તમે ફસાઈ શકશો માટે આ સમયે તમે જાગૃત રહેશો તોજ બચી શકશો.
(ગુરુ ગ્રહની અશુભ અસરને દૂર કરવા માટે ૧૦૧ના નામોમાં ૧૬મું નામ "ચા આદરો બેરેસાદ" ૩૦૩ વખત ભણાજો)
શુકનવંતી તા. ૧૪, ૧૮, ૧૯ અને ૨૦ છે.

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Age: 87

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રોજ ગોવાદ માહ આવાં

ય. ઝ. ૧૩૯૩, તા. ૦૩-૦૪-૨૦૨૪

Mehra Pesi Buhariwala

મેહેરા પેસી બુહારીવાલા તે મરહુમ પેસી ફરામજી બુહારીવાલા ના ઘણીયાણી. તે મ. સુનામાય તથા એદલજી ચીખલીવાલા ના દીકરી. તે મ. દીનબઈ તથા ફરામજી બુહારીવાલા ના વડુ. તે એદલ, મરહુમ દારાયસ તથા જમશેદ ના મમ્મા. તે યાસ્મીન, જેસમીન તથા યાસ્મીનના સાસુજી. તે ફરશીદ, શાહવીર, ડાયના, રયોમંદ, પરીનાઝ ના બપઈજી. તે મ. ડાલી, પેસી, પેરીન, પરવીઝ ના બહેન. (ઉં.વ. ૯૨). રે. ઠે.: ૩/બી કેડની પાર્ક, પુનાવાલા લેન્ડ, સસબરી પાર્ક, પૂના - ૪૧૧૦૩૭.

રોજ દીન માહ આવાં

ય. ઝ. ૧૩૯૩, તા. ૦૫-૦૪-૨૦૨૪

Jahanbax Marzban Motiwala

જહાંબક્ષ મરઝબાન મોતીવાલા તે મરહુમ પીરોજબઈ તથા મરઝબાન હોરમસજી મોતીવાલાના દીકરા. તે રોશન જહાંબક્ષ મોતીવાલાના ઘણી. તે મરહુમ ફરહાદ, એરિક તથા નવાઝ મહેરનોઝ ખંભાતાનાં પિતાજી. તે પિરઝાદના મમાવાજી. તે મહેરનોસ સામ ખંભાતાના સસરાજી.

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Saher Nevil Hansotia

શહેર નેવિલ હાંસોટિયા તે નેવિલ કેકી હાંસોટિયાના ઘણીયાણી. તે માણેકશા જહાંગીરજી ગોલેના દીકરી. તે રશના, પરવીઝ, મહેરુ, ફરહુન, દીનશા તથા હોમીના બહેન. તે યઝદ અને માફરીનના માતાજી. તે ગુલશન, હુતોક્ષી, મરઝબાન, નરગીસના ભાભી. તે પૌરુષ, યાસ્નાના કાકી. (ઉં. વ. ૪૩). રે. ઠે.: મુ. પો. ઝખવાવ, તા. માંગરોલ, જી-સુરત.

કુબઈ

તા. ૨૫-૦૩-૨૦૨૪
દારા કુંવરજી રજવાડેવાલા તે મરહુમ શેરામાય તથા મરહુમ કુંવરજી રજવાડેવાલાના દીકરા. તે અફરોસ અને પરસીના બાવાજી. તે વિરા, ગુલશન, શિરાઝ અને મરહુમ ઝરીનના ભાઈ. તે ફરનાઝ તથા નતાશાના સસરાજી. તે રેહાનના બપાવાજી. (ઉં. વ. ૭૦). રે. ઠે.: દુબઈમાં ગુજરી ગયા છે.

બનાજી લીમજી અગીઆરી શુભ સાલગ્રેહ

ફોર્ટ મધ્યે આવેલી બનાજી અગીઆરીની ૩૧૬ માં વર્ષની શુભ સાલગ્રેહ શનિવાર, તા. ૨૦-૪-૨૦૨૪, રોજ આદર માહ આદર ને દીને છે જી. એ દિવસે ટ્રસ્ટ તરફથી ગેહ હાવનમાં માચી દુઃઝપ કલાકે તથા ૧૦:૦૦ વાગે સવારે જશન થશે જી. એ ઉપરાંત ગેહ ઉજરન માં ૪:૦૦ વાગે ઉદ્યાનનું જશન તથા ગેહ અઈવીશ્યૂથ્રેમ માં સાંજે ૭:૨૦ કલાકે આદર યઝદ પરભનું હર સાલ મુજબ જશન કરવામાં આવશે જી. સર્વો હમદીનોને હમશરીક થઈ હાજરી આપવા વિનંતી છે જી.

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WHERE THERE'S THE WILL...



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Today's Jame carries an inspiring story on how the Navsari Doongerwadi has been made fully functional again, with refurbished and repaired solar power apparatus, which needs

constant maintenance and attention or else it starts operating sub-optimally.

The Navsari Anjuman has shown exemplary initiative and sagacity in acting with utmost responsibility, which is what the community expects from all its august bodies. Discreet inquiries have revealed that in other cities the solar towers/panels need attention and it is hoped that the governing bodies will act fast because with the monsoon approaching, an inefficient and tardy

solar power system cannot serve the community well.

The good thing about global warming (if there is any such thing!) is that the monsoon pattern has changed and you now get gaps of no rain, which gives a chance for the solar panels to work, provided they are up to speed.

To sustain Dokhmenishini in our cities we will have to use solar panels in the absence of vultures. And enough attention will need to be

paid to the maintenance and upkeep of the solars to ensure that the rate of decomposition is efficient and time-bound.



It is not the cheeriest of topics to dwell on and, yet, it is important. Whilst the maintenance of Agiaries is almost always in the news, are we taking adequate notice of the condition of our Dokhmas? We can ill afford to neglect them although their conservation and preservation is now a Herculean task given the sheer size of these properties.


No wonder then that in

some of the smaller towns across India our Dokhmas have tragically gone to rack and ruin, their lands encroached upon and plundered.

All the more reason then that the few functioning Dokhmas we have left are preserved and maintained properly. Let us fortify the system of Dokhmenishini as best as we can since our Scriptures mandate it as the prescribed manner in which a deceased Zoroastrian must be consigned.

If Navsari can do it, Doongerwadis in other cities across India also can.



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