

WORLD ALLIANCE OF PARSI IRANI ZARTHOSHITIS



WAPIZ

TRIENNIAL REPORT

2019 – 2022

Seth Areez P. Khambatta

The Torchbearer of protecting the Parsi/Irani
community & its Religious Traditions



**WAPIZ SALUTES
ITS FOUNDER & CHAIRMAN EMERITUS
Seth Areez P. Khambatta**

for

his religious zeal in defending and upholding the basic tenets of our religion and community at every crucial time when they are in dire danger of being destroyed by Din Dushmans within our own community.

They will be missed



Yazdi Desai

7th Oct 1959 - 2nd Nov 2021



Hoshang Wania

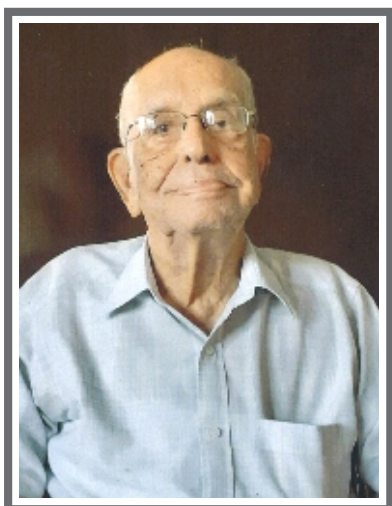
7th Nov 1944 - 16th Dec 2020

Between 2019 and 2022, WAPIZ suffered the loss of 2 of its Founder Trustees.

Our Chairman, Yazdi Desai passed away on 2nd November 2021, after having successfully helmed the organization for 5 years. Yazdi was absolutely passionate about WAPIZ and was involved in the activities right from the time WAPIZ had started. Yazdi was a man for whom his community was a priority, and one who was always ready to extend a helping hand to those in need.

Founder Trustee, Hoshang Wania passed away on 16th December 2020. A CA by profession, his vast knowledge of Trust laws, was a great asset to Wapiz and the very many Trusts of which he was a Trustee.

Wapiz misses them both tremendously. The community misses them both tremendously!



Soli Dariwalla

26th Nov 1926 - 12th May 2021

Besides our 2 founder trustees, WAPIZ faced one more loss during this difficult time. Mr. Soli Dariwalla, a staunch supporter of WAPIZ's ideals and activities, passed away on 12th May 2021. Mr. Dariwalla was WAPIZ's principal donor, whose funds helped WAPIZ to start the WAPIZ Coomie Soli Dariwalla Education Fund and WAPIZ Medical Aid Fund. Both these funds have helped countless community members with educational and medical aid for the last 12 years and continue to do so even today.

In the words of Miles Monroe 'Leadership is not about control, but service. It's not about power, but empowerment.' -

Having upheld the above standard to the highest degree, our dearly departed Yazdi Desai, Hoshang Wania and Soli Dariwalla, were community leaders in the true sense of the word.



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NOTICE

The Annual General Meeting of the members of WAPIZ will be held at the Framjee Cawasjee Institute 1st Floor, Opp. Metro Cinema, Dhobi Talao, Mumbai 400 002, on Saturday, 22nd October 2022 at 4.00 pm to transact the following business :

1. To read and confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of the members.
2. To adopt the Annual Report and the Audited Accounts.
3. To elect five Members for the Managing Committee for a term of 5 years.
4. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration, if any.
5. To transact any other business of which at least 7 days notice in writing from at least 5 members has been received by the Secretary.
6. To transact any other business permitted by the Chairman.
7. Vote of thanks.

- Notes :
1. Annual Members who have not renewed their membership are requested to renew their memberships atleast 2 days before the meeting.
 2. Members above the age of 21 years who wish to file their Nominations for the post of Member of the Managing Committee should submit their nomination in writing to the WAPIZ Office before 15th October 2022. Elections will be held by secret ballot during the AGM.
 3. One tenth of the Members on the roll, entitled to vote shall form a quorum at any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting. In the absence of any quorum, a General Meeting shall stand adjourned for 30 minutes and thereafter the meeting will be held without a quorum but no business other than that specified in the Notice shall be transacted at such meeting.

In order to reduce the substantial cost of printing and postage and to also reduce the use of paper, the Annual Report and the Audited Accounts will be accessible on the WAPIZ website – www.wapiz.in from 21st September 2022. Those members who require a hard copy of the Annual Report and the Audited Accounts can contact the WAPIZ Office on 022-22005999.

By Order of the Managing Committee

Anahita Yazdi Desai
Hon. CEO

Mumbai, 16th September 2022



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MINUTES

Minutes of the Seventh Annual General Meeting of WAPIZ held on Saturday 29th February 2020 at the Ranina Nursery, Rustom Baug.

(The Meeting was audio recorded)

The Seventh Annual General Meeting of the members of WAPIZ was held on Saturday, 29th February 2020 at 4.30 pm at Ranina Nursery, Rustom Baug

As the quorum was insufficient, the meeting was adjourned to 5 p.m.

The meeting started at 5.00 p.m. and Chairman Mr. Yazdi Desai who chaired the Meeting called the meeting to order and welcomed the members. He introduced the WAPIZ Trustees who were present – Mrs. Meher Panthaki and Mr. Khojeste Mistree. The Chairman then apologized for the absence of Trustee Mr. Homi Ranina who was delayed in reaching Mumbai from out of town and Trustee Mr. Hoshang Wania who was unable to attend as he was unwell.

Chairman Mr. Yazdi Desai commenced the meeting by stating that any member was free to ask any question but with the intention of having a discussion and not a debate.

1. To read and confirm the minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 7th January 2017

Mr. Urvax Dhanda suggested that since the Minutes of the previous AGM were distributed to the members after a long gap from the time the AGM was held, it was difficult to recall what had transpired at the AGM and therefore he suggested that the Minutes of this AGM be emailed to all the members who were attending the AGM. Chairman Yazdi Desai assured Mr. Urvax Dhanda that the Minutes of the current AGM would be published on the WAPIZ Page and also will be posted on the WAPIZ Website within 2 weeks. There was no other suggestions or clarifications by any other member. Thereafter proposed by Mr. Beruz Irani and seconded by Mr. Urvax Dhanda the Minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting held on 7th January 2017 were confirmed and adopted.

2. To adopt the Triannual Report and Audited Accounts

Chairman stated that going through the Report, the members will realize that WAPIZ is not a social service organization. It is a community organization meant to uphold, preserve and protect the religion and traditions of our Parsi Irani community. Therefore he said that when there is an issue you will hear of WAPIZ, and when there is no issue you will not hear of WAPIZ. The members were made aware of some of the activities which WAPIZ is conducting. Yazdi Desai spoke about the Cama Baug Sale which gives a platform to our community's small scale entrepreneurs. He informed the members of the Breast Cancer Detection Camps which WAPIZ is holding in various colonies. He mentioned that this year WAPIZ in partnership with KRIPA Foundation will be starting an Anti-Drug Addiction Drive in our colonies. WAPIZ CEO Anahita Desai gave a detailed presentation about the Breast Cancer Detection Camps Project and also how WAPIZ is helping to having mobeds sent to moffusil areas for short durations. She gave the example of how WAPIZ had sent a mobed for a month to Chennai in January 2020.

Trustee Mrs. Meher Panthaki gave a short synopsis of the WAPIZ Coomie Soli Dariwalla Education fund which till date has a corpus of Rs 2.01 crores donated by Mr. Soli Dariwalla in memory of his Late wife Coomie. CEO Anahita Desai elaborated on the Education Fund.



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It was suggested that there should be a Meeting every year and Chairman Mr. Yazdi Desai assured the members that it would be done. He explained to the members that holding an AGM incurs high expenses and in order to save costs, WAPIZ was holding a Triannual Meeting instead of holding meetings every year.

One member stated that the WAPIZ Emblem/ logo does not have the date WAPIZ was established and it should be incorporated in the emblem.

Thereafter, proposed by Mr. Beruz Irani and seconded by Mr. Adil Polad, the Triannual Report by the Managing Committee for the years 2016-2019 was unanimously adopted.

Proposed by Beruz Irani and Seconded by Mr. Adil Polad the Audited Accounts till Financial Year ended March 31st 2019 were unanimously adopted.

3. Appointment of Auditors and to fix their remuneration, if any

Mssrs. Naik Danait & Associates were appointed as Auditors for the Financial year ended 31st March 2020 at the same remuneration. It was proposed by Mr. Rustom Cooper and Seconded by Mr. Rohinton Kasad.

4. To Transact any other business of which at least 7 days notice in writing from at least 5 members has been received by the Secretary.

No such Notice was received.

5. To Transact any other business with the permission of the Chairman

Mr. Yazdi Desai requested Trustee Mrs. Meher Panthaki to speak. She gave a synopsis on the WAPIZ Coomie Soli Dariwalla Education Fund. The Chairman expressed gratitude on behalf of the WAPIZ family to Mr. Soli Dariwalla for having constituted an Education Fund in memory of his late wife Coomie which continues to help so many students.

6) Vote of Thanks to the Chair

CEO Mrs. Anahita Desai proposed a Vote of Thanks. She acknowledged and thanked the tremendous contribution and support given by Mr. Areez Khambatta to WAPIZ and to the orthodox cause. She expressed gratitude on behalf of the WAPIZ family to Mr. Soli Dariwalla for having constituted an Education Fund in memory of his late wife Coomie which continues to help so many students. The Members were thanked for attending the AGM.

Anahita Desai
Hon. CEO



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MANAGING COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD 2019 -2021

We are pleased to present to the members of WAPIZ a report on the activities and working of WAPIZ during the period 2019 - 2022 and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended March 2020, March 2021 and March 2022.

MANAGING COMMITTEE:

The Managing Committee held 12 Meetings during the period April 2019 to March 2022. This time we had a few online meetings due to the lockdown.

WAPIZ Activities

ORGANISED CAMA BAUG SALES FOR SMALL SCALE ENTREPRENEURS

WAPIZ organizes the Cama Baug Sale twice a year – before Jamshedi Navroze in March and before Navroze in August. What makes the WAPIZ organized Cama Baug Sale special is the very nominal rates for the tables offered to the entrepreneurs and the facilities given to the entrepreneurs to make them have a comfortable 2 day sale. Mineral water bottles and tea are provided free for the entrepreneurs. Tables with umbrellas are set up in the compound for patrons to sit and enjoy the snacks. Nearly 120 entrepreneurs display and sell various items. Every year the Cama Baug Sale keeps growing. The Sale has expanded to the Small Ovla of Cama Baug to accommodate more entrepreneurs.

In this period between 2019 and 2022, we have had only 3 Sales – on 27th & 28th July 2019, on 7th and 8th March 2020 and on 26th and 27th February 2022. Due to the pandemic /lockdown we were unable to hold our regular Cama Baug Sales in July 2020, in March 2021 and in August 2021.

Our July 2019 Sale was inaugurated by the newly appointed Vada Dasturji Keki Ravji Meherjirana. It was an honour for us to have Dasturji Saheb inaugurate our Sale.

Our March 2020 Sale was inaugurated by actress Ms Nauheed Cyrusi Contractor. Her effervescent personality won the hearts of all the participants.

Our February 2022 Sale was inaugurated by our very own WAPIZ Trustee Ms. Meher Panthaki. The Tables were sponsored by WAPIZ CEO Anahita Desai in fond memory of WAPIZ Chairman Late Mr. Yazdi Desai.

WAPIZ COOMIE SOLI DARIWALLA EDUCATION FUND

The WAPIZ-Coomie Soli Dariwalla Education Fund was constituted in 2011 in fond memory of Coomie Soli Dariwalla by her loving husband Soli. It was their dream to help our youth reap the benefits of modern education. So Mr. Dariwalla through the initiative of WAPIZ trustee Ms. Meher Panthaki partnered with WAPIZ to start an Education Fund. Today the corpus of the WAPIZ Coomie Soli Dariwalla Education Fund is Rs 2.51 crores. In this period WAPIZ has helped 454 students with help amounting to Rs 74,40,000. WAPIZ understands that in today's education system, private tuitions are proving to be more of a financial strain for parents rather than school and college fees. WAPIZ tries to help students with their tuition fees which most other trusts do not pay for.

A lot of emphasis is given to merit and on the financial status of the parents, while scrutinising applications. Parsi/Irani students studying in school/College/Degree Course in India can apply for education aid to the WAPIZ-Coomie Soli

Dariwalla Education fund. Students can either download the Application Form from our website www.wapiz.in or collect the Application Form from the WAPIZ Office.

BREAST CANCER DETECTION CAMP

The idea to organize Breast Cancer Detection Camps for our community came from our dear friend Sherry Patel who along with her husband Karyesh Patel is a very strong supporter of WAPIZ. Sherry lost her mother to cancer and most of us have had a family member, or friend or neighbor who has been battling this disease. We lost a very dear volunteer Silloo Mehta to breast cancer a couple of years ago. What people need to understand is that if detected early, breast cancer can be effectively treated and therefore it is very important to get tested. Karyesh and Sherry approached Dr. Pauruchisti Boman Dhabhar and that is how WAPIZ with medical support from N. K. Dhabhar Foundation has organized various Free Breast Cancer Detection Camps at various Baugs and Colonies in the Year 2019-2020. Donations have been received from generous donors who believe in the cause and in WAPIZ:

1.	Kerman and Darius Khambata	Rs	1,00,000/-
2.	Bombay Bhagarsath	Rs.	20,000/-
3.	Lt. Ervad Hormusji P. Antia & Mrs. Antia	Rs.	1,00,000/-
4.	Dinamai Antia Charitable	Rs.	11,73,500/-

The various camps have been held at the following dates and venues:

1.	12.05.2019	Godrej Baug , Eco Park
2.	19.05.2019	Novroze Baug, Lalbaug
3.	26.05.2019	Bharucha Baug, Andheri
4.	30.11.2019	Rustom Baug, Byculla
5.	23.02.2020	C. J. Colony Recreation Centre, Tardeo

Unfortunately the pandemic and lockdown did not allow us to organise more such camps.

CONDOLENCE MEETING FOR JAMASPASA

A condolence meeting was organised by WAPIZ to pay tribute to late Dasturji Dr. Kaikhusroo M. JamaspAsa, who, after living a long and fulfilling life of 87 years, passed away suddenly on 19th of May on Khordad Roj, Dae Mah 1388 YZ, in London, leaving behind him a grieving family and community.

The meeting was attended by a cross section of Parsi society. Late Dasturji's wife Bakhtavar, daughter Shirin and other family members were also present.

Dasturji Dr. Firoz M. Kotwal, Dasturji Cyrus N. Dastoor, Naib Dastoor Ervad Jamasp - son of late Dasturji JamaspAsa, Ervad Aspandiar Dadachanji, Ervad Dr. Pervez M. Bajan, Ervad Keki Ravji, Ervad Dr. Ramiyar Karanjia, Ervad Burjor H. Antia and Ms Farah Dubash Khambatta (a grand niece of late Dasturji) addressed the audience and each spoke in glowing terms about their association with late Dasturji JamaspAsa, about his religious scholarship and academic brilliance, his love for his religion, his discipline in dealing with and devotion to his ecclesiastical duties – a true traditional at heart. They also spoke about his gentle demeanour and his love for children especially the young ones who came to him for learning their prayers. Late Dasturji was also a cricket enthusiast.

Mr. H. M. Mistry mentioned that while one did feel grief in Dasturji's passing away, it was equally important for all to remember, acknowledge and celebrate his scholarship, his body of work in academics, his contribution to the religious life of our community, his guidance and leadership of the mobed clan and his gallant efforts in keeping our religious institutions from harm. What the common Parsee would always remember for many decades to come, was Dasturji's unfaltering leadership and astute guidance in safeguarding our religious practices and institutions and steering the community onto the right path. Whether it was the attack on our system of Dokhmenashini or the most recent being the tunnelling under the Atash Behrams for the Metro trains, Dasturji stood his ground and like a good shepherd, did his best to keep his flock together.

While paying tribute to late Dasturji saheb, Ervad Burjor Antia informed the audience that, at their meeting earlier in the day, the trustees of the Zarthoshti Anjumanna Atash Behram had decided to appoint late Dasturji's son, Dr. Jamasp as the successor to the Dasturi gaadi vacated by Dasturji Kaikhusroo's demise. An approving audience received these happy tidings with joy, secure in the knowledge that the reins of religious authority were in capable hands.

Mr. Yazdi H. Desai, Chairman of WAPIZ handed over to Dr. Bakhtavar K. JamaspAsa, wife of late Dasturji JamaspAsa, a copy of the resolution passed by WAPIZ, condoling the demise of Dasturji saheb.

Ms. Anahita Desai, CEO of WAPIZ fondly recalled her association with late Dasturji saheb and how he had always been very supportive of all efforts in protecting and preserving Zoroastrian religious tenets and practices.

SEWING MACHINES PROJECT

On Monday 23rd November 2020 WAPIZ had sent out a whatsapp message asking persons in need of a Singer Hand Sewing Machine to contact WAPIZ as we had 15 new sewing machines to give which we had received through a donor Mrs Soonu Buhariwalla. Within 24 hours we have received 32 requests. We went through the requests and prioritised giving to the truly needy and deserving, especially those who stitch sadras, lenghas etc in order to augment their family income. Later we received additional funds from the same donor Mrs. Soonu Buhariwalla and another person and we were able to give the other deserving applicants too.

SPONSORED NAVJOTE

WAPIZ had received a donation from Mrs. Soonu Hoshang Buhariwalla in December to sponsor the Navjote ceremony of 2 Parsi children. WAPIZ had put out a whatsapp message asking for applications for any deserving Parsi family to avail of this opportunity. We received a couple of applications. One was through a social worker for 2 brothers who were 13 years and 17 years old whose Navjote has not been performed due to unfortunate family circumstances. They stay at Nallasopara with their mother Nauheed. In fact the elder son was working at a restaurant washing dishes. First WAPIZ asked for their birth certificates to ensure that both parents are Parsi/ Irani Zarthosthtis. The Iranian Anjuman has also certified them as Irani Zoroastrians. Then we asked Dasturji Kotwal Saheb for his opinion as to whether such a Navjote can and should be performed as the age of the 2 brothers was beyond the traditionally accepted navjote age. Dasturji opined that “it is an exceptional situation...through no fault of the two young boys” and therefore WAPIZ should in fact initiate these 2 brothers into the Zathoshti faith. WAPIZ Team met the boys with their mother Naheed a two weeks ago. The day was spent with the family to do their navjote shopping. They had learnt the Navjote prayers but were not perfect. They were strictly told to practice till they were perfect.

The Navjote of Aspandiar and Auriya Nowroze Attaie took place on Zamyad Roj, Sunday 10th January at Cama Baug, small ota. It was a joy to see the brothers pray so well. The donor, Mrs Soonu Hoshang Buhariwalla attended with her nephew and family. Keeping in mind the Covid restrictions, about 25 wellwishers were present to witness this joyous initiation and bless the brothers. WAPIZ Trustees Khojeste Mistree and Meher Panthaki, WAPIZ CEO Anahita Desai, former BPP Trustee and social worker Arnavaz Mistry, BPP Trustee Kersi Randeria, Chairperson of Zoroastrian Bank Ms. Homai Daruwalla and her sister Ketayun, Doongerwadi Manager Vistaspar Mehta and his wife Dilnavaz, social worker Spenta Umrigar were some of those who attended.

The project would not have been possible without Karyesh and Sherry Patel who are an integral part of our WAPIZ Team. Gratitude to Sarosh Daruwalla (Mazda Audio) for capturing this event for posterity without charging a single rupee.

WAPIZ is also going to look after Aspandiar and Auriya's education and future wellbeing as the family is disadvantaged and is deserving of help, support and guidance.

WAPIZ OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR PROJECT

During the lockdown and Pandemic there were many institutions and Trusts who were doing their bit to help those affected by Covid. WAPIZ was one of the organisations which had come up with a Project which helped save lives of our community members.

During thowse critical times when our miniscule community was battling this deadly virus and everyday we heard tragic news of someone's loved one passing away either due to lack of timely treatment or lack of availability of beds or worst lack of Oxygen.

WAPIZ felt something concrete needed to be done. We decided to provide atleast one Oxygen concentrator to each of our Baugs / Colonies in Mumbai to give some relief to patients to breathe easy.

At that time, as most may be aware, Oxygen Concentrators were in acute short supply. At some places the concentrators were being given for Rs. 10000 a day on rental basis and to buy a concentrator worth Rs. 60000 to Rs. 80000 was near impossible for a middle class family. Also many of the Concentrators available in the market were of questionable quality. It was imperative that WAPIZ procure the best concentrator to give to the various Baugs.

A lot of research was done for days, various vendors were contacted, not only from India but also China. Reliability of the concentrators were checked by consulting a few doctors. After all this WAPIZ ordered OXY-MED Oxygen concentrator, a 5LPM which gives 90 +3 oxygen output and weighs 16.5 kgs. This is a medical grade concentrator, parts of which are made in Germany and Italy. It is assembled in China and imported to India. This was the only concentrator which came with a 3 year warranty. Because of its unique specifications, it was very difficult to procure these machines. Thanks to Karyesh and Sherry Patel who put in days of efforts on research to getting them to Mumbai, to bringing Donations and to finally delivering it to 16 colonies all over Mumbai.

WAPIZ has sent one Oxygen Concentrator to each of the below mentioned baugs/ colonies through their respective organisations.

Cusrow Baug, Khareghat Colony, Godrej Baug, Rustom Baug, Jer Baug, Nowroz Baug, Gamadia Colony, Zoroastrian Colony, C J Colony, Captain Colony, Contractor Baug, Khan Estate, Dadar Parsi Colony, Bharucha Baug, Panthaki Baug, Nirlon Colony Goregaon, Salsette, Dhunbaiwadi, A H. Wadia Baug, Malcolm Baug, Bandra Tata Blocks

WAPIZ has also kept 2 Oxygen concentrators at our office for those staying outside our Baugs and Colonies to be able to avail this facility in case of an emergency.

This project was possible due to the generous donations received from individuals, Trusts and Corporations. Senior Counsel Darius Khambatta was a major donor for this project, WAPIZ Trustee Khojeste Mistree and his wife Firoza helped in a big way to raise funds. Burges Wania also contributed to the success of this project. Without Karyesh and Sherry Patel this project would not have been possible. They were responsible for putting in days of efforts on research to identify the best concentrators, getting them to Mumbai, bringing donations for this project and finally delivering it to 16 colonies all over Mumbai.

WAPIZ ADULT DIAPER PROJECT

WAPIZ started the Adult Diaper Project when many senior citizens of our community approached us for help to purchase Adult diapers. Adult diapers are expensive and it is a recurring expense for many senior citizens and an expense which very few trusts give help to purchase. The senior citizens of our community have to bear this huge recurring expense of buying diapers from their meager savings. Hence WAPIZ CEO Anahita Desai thought of helping the senior citizens of our community by starting an Adult Diaper Project.

“WAPIZ Adult Diaper Project Serving our Seniors” was announced to the Community through Parsi Times on 26th June, 2021. After reading, about this project many community members came forward to donate for this. Applications started pouring in from families of senior citizens and even from many senior citizens themselves who were burdened by this big expense month after month.

After reading the advertisement in Parsi Times, Mr. Nasha Jassawalla approached WAPIZ CEO Mrs. Anahita Desai and recognizing the genuine need for diapers among our community's senior citizens, donated to WAPIZ 180 packets of Adult Diapers in various sizes absolutely Free of Cost.

As per the applications received, WAPIZ started distributing Diapers packets from the last week of July 2021. There were many applicants, who needed specific diapers, which were not readily available at our end. It was Anahita Desai who further co-ordinated with Gilan Farzandi of Pharmacross who kindly agreed to supply the diapers to WAPIZ at concessional rates.

The senior citizens who reside at Dossibai Home for Aged (Masina Hospital complex), few inmates of Parakh Dharamshala, a senior citizen residing in Gamadia Clinic, senior citizens residing in our Parsi Baugs and colonies, many staying in cosmopolitan buildings are all being given diapers monthly. WAPIZ even courier diaper packets to those who are unable to come and collect the packets personally from the WAPIZ office.

In July 2021 we started by helping 10 persons. Presently we are helping 26 persons and we keep getting applications for help. This project is an ongoing project and any donation towards this project is most welcome.

WADIA BUNGLI AT DOONGERWADI - REPAIRS & RESTORATION

We received a donation of Rs. 16 lakhs in the month of January 2022, from Mrs. Soonu Buhariwalla to do the structural repairs of the Wadia Bungli at Doongerwadi through the good offices of Karyesh and Sherry Patel. The entire work was done by contractor Mr. Khushru Sukhadia. The fully renovated Bungli was inaugurated by the donor on 8th May 2022.

BENNET BUNGLI AT DOONGERWADI - REPAIRS & RESTORATION

The restoration and repairs of the Bennet Bungli at Doongerwadi was done through the munificent donation of Rs. 50 lakhs from the Calagopi and Adajania family of The Zoroastrian Pharmacy. Sam Calagopi's daughter Dhun and son in law Porus Vakshoor who are both architects supervised the entire project. The work of restoration started in March 2021 by Contractor Mr. Khushru Sukhadia and the fully renovated Bungli was inaugurated on 26th September 2021 by the donor families.

STRUCTURAL REPAIRS OF ACCOMODATION OF NASSESALAR AT DOONGERWADI

An appeal was received by WAPIZ in the month of June 2021 from Doongerwadi Nassesalar Mehli Sutaria, requesting for repairs of this 1R+K accommodation at Doongerwadi Ruvan ni Chawl. WAPIZ Trustee, Ms. Meher Panthaki, immediately agreed to get the repairs done. The entire work was carried out by Mr. Khushru Sukhadia. A sum of Rs. 4,31,269/- was paid to Mr. Sukhadia. The donation for the repairs was received from Ms. Meher Panthaki from the estate of Late Coomie and Soli Dariwalla.

REPAIR OF HOMES OF 2 CHASNIWALLAS

Structural repairs and roof repairs to the homes of two chasniwallas from Batliwalla Agiary was done from the kind donation received thru Ms. Meher Panthaki from Mr. Soli Dariwalla

SPONSORSHIP OF EVENTS

WAPIZ tries to support various Colony Associations when they organize activities for community members. During the period of April 2019 to March 2022, WAPIZ supported the below mentioned Associations for their various activities -

1. Behram Baug Parsi Colony Hsg. Soc. Welfare Association (10.05.2019) Rs. 20,000/- for Cricket Tournament.
2. Sir C. J. Colony Recreation Centre (24.02.2020) Rs. 20,000/- for All Parsees Annual Floodlit Volleyball Tournament
3. Kayan Z. Patel (10.03.2022) Rs. 25,000/- for sponsoring his participation as member of "SPARK RACING TEAM"
4. Zoroastrian Women's Assembly of Surat (04.06.2019) Rs. 20,000/- for advertisement of WAPIZ in Surat Telephone Directory on back-side page.
5. Bandra Tata Blocks Welfare Association (14.05.2019) Rs. 12,000/- for Sponsorship of Annual Day of Bandra Tata Blocks
6. Bharucha Baug Resident Welfare Association (13.11.2019) Rs. 20,000/- for Sponsorship of an event to be held on 07.12.2019
7. The JAZ Co. (06.11.2019) Rs. 25,000/- Sponsorship of the event "WINGS"
8. Universal Theatres (12.08.2020) Rs. 12,000/- Advertisement in the Souvenirs
9. Bharucha Baug Youth Association (14.03.2022) Rs. 20,000/- for Education Awards to be held on 20.03.2022
10. Sir C. J. Recreation Centre (10.03.2022) Rs. 20,000/- towards restoration and structural repairs of the Recreation Centre

WAPIZ HOSHANG BUHARIWALLA MEDICAL FUND

We received a donation of Rs 50 lakhs in December 2020 and another Rs 50 lakhs in January 2021 from Mrs. Soonu Buhariwalla through Karyesh and Sherry Patel. She wanted to start a Medical fund in memory of her late husband Mr. Hoshang N. Buhariwalla who expired in September 2020. She wanted to help people who had ongoing, chronic medical issues and had monthly medical expenses for these ailments and who were finding it difficult to meet these expenses.

Her Rs. 1 crore donation is kept in a corpus and help is extended from the interest received. A separate Bank Account has been opening in the name of WAPIZ Hoshang N Buhariwalla Medical Fund. 66 persons have been helped till date thru this Fund.

KATHI FUND

WAPIZ received Rs 5 lakhs from donor Mrs Soonu Buhariwalla thru the good offices of Karyesh and Sherry Patel in November 2020. This was given for donating kathi to various Agiaries, especially in Mofussil areas.

LAUNCH OF PRAYERS PENDRIVE

WAPIZ sponsored and organized the launch of the video of the entire Yasna Ceremony and the audio of most of our prayers on a Pendrive

On 10th May 2019, the Banaji Atash Behram Hall was filled with a few behdins and many Athornans, Ervads and Mobed sahebs. They were all there to attend the Launch of the first ever complete video of the Yasna ceremony on a pendrive. The pendrive also contains the audio of not only the Khordeh Avesta but also the non-Pav-mahal and Pav-mahal ceremony prayers including all the Aafringaans, Aaftrins, Aashirwad {pazand and sanskrit} the Yasna, Visparad and Vandidad.

This was a culmination of Ervad Sarosh Aibara's dream. He along with a couple of friends realised that sadly in a few years time there would be very few scholarly priests who would be authorities on our intricate rituals and ceremonies and prayers. There would be a shortage of mobeds to teach the right pronunciations and pauses in our prayers and very few to impart the intricacies of how a pav mahal ceremony needs to be performed. The Yasna ceremony is the basis of a vendidad and a ??? . That was why Ervad Sarosh Aibara decided to take on this project.

Ervad Keki Ravji Saheb is paired with young Ervad Kaizad Sarosh Aibara, in making the video of the Yasna ceremony as his assistant mobed / rathvi. Young Ervad Kaizad Aibara though being a commercial pilot has successfully done a lot of Pav-mahal and non-Pav-mahal ceremonies.

The audio has the voice of Er. Keki Ravji. This was zeroed in after testing many voices and his was by far the best on technical grounds. The basic reason for the audio recording of all the prayers is that the present day generation is even making Gujarati a foreign language for themselves. They want to read in English and recite in Avestan. This indeed makes a big gap in what they want to recite and what they actually recite. On the lighter note its hearing a Malyalee singing a Marathi song. The Navjote prayers are recorded with pauses for the child to repeat after hearing a couple of lines.

The whole project is not made with the intention of using any prayers as a replacement of the actual prayers. The pendrive is offered free to our community members and anyone can call Ervad Sarosh Aibara for one. Moreover want to ensure it reaches people far and wide at no cost. It will be for sure not only used to tutor somebody; but will also be used for research, solace and as an Archive.

This project would not have been possible without the donors – WZO Trust Funds, Framji H. B. Settna, WAPIZ and Neville Sarkari and others.

The whole project may not be of consequence today but time will tell its importance and value.

HELPING TO KEEP OUR HOLY FIRES BURNING

WAPIZ continues to donate Rs. 2000 per month towards the salary of the mobed in Vyara since October 2009. We also help augment the salary of a Behdin Pasban posted at Badnera Amravati Agiary by Rs 5000 per month since September 2020.

WAPIZ sent a replacement mobed for a month to Chennai in January 2020. WAPIZ augmented the salary by Rs 1000 per day and paid for the air tickets of the Mobed sahib and his wife and also paid for other miscellaneous expenses.

POVERTY-RELIEF

WAPIZ disburses Rs. 11000 per month to 22 recipients for poverty relief. CEO Anahita Desai sponsors 4 of these recipients.

Anahita Yazdi Desai
Hon. CEO

16th September 2022