

**DADAR'S MANCHERJI EDALJI JOSHI TRUST'S**

**38th FESTIVAL OF SPRING – JAMSHEDI NAVROZE GHAMBHAR !!**

**COMMUNITY AT IT'S BEST.**

The largest gathering of Zoroastrians in Mumbai resounded with “ Navroze Mubarak” greetings all around. The whiff of **Caterer Tanaz Godiwala's** traditional Parsi dishes was all across the grounds with Subash Talwar's Vegetarian fare excited the taste buds. **The 38<sup>th</sup> FESTIVAL OF SPRING, Dadar's favourite Mancherji Edalji Joshi Memorial Trust's Jamshedi Navroze Ghambhar** was surely a delight for all. **Sterling and Wilson Group, the House of Tatas, Central Bank of India, Union Bank of India, Jaypee Group, Reliance Securities, Triveni Engineering and Industries Ltd., The Zoroastrian Co-operative Bank Ltd., Bank of Baroda, Marc, Rolta and IIFL** were the Sponsors. **The WZO Trust Funds of India, Della Adventure Resorts, Rustomjee Group and B.P.P.** were the Associate Sponsors & **Durand Forms India, Settna Memorial Trust & Universal Speciality Chemicals(P) Ltd.** the Supporting Sponsors of this grand fundraiser.

The Pirojsha Godrej Foundation was thanked for their Magnanimous Donation.

The nearly **3000 guests**, was an unprecedented turn-out at any Parsi affair. The excitement started a month earlier with some interesting competitions being conducted over the week-ends from the first week of March. “ **Dhansakia Bawaji's**” sponsored by a Well Wisher, “**Creative Child Genius**” sponsored by Packwell Industries, “**Ghanti Waagi**” sponsored by Madison World, “**TreasureHunt by Car & Bikes**” sponsored by Eric Anklesaria, “**Jamva Chalo Ji**” sponsored by World Zoroastrian Organisation Trust and the Very popular Monie's “**One Man Show**” of old Hindi Film Songs and Gazals sponsored by Sanober Nanavati were the pre-contests and events. Ms. Dinoo Dosabhoy created and conceptualized contests with Mr. Navroze Sigantoria for Creative Child Genius and Trustee Daraius Zaiwala for the Treasure Hunt.

The now famous “GARA” raffle took place. The Grand Prize - a stunningly beautiful Parsi Gara in memory of late Mrs. Naju Davar presented by her daughter, Ferzeen Cyrus Boomla. Other prizes were given away by the House of Godrej and other. Proceeds from the same are used for building houses for poor Parsi farmers every year in the interior of Gujarat thru **Bachi & Dinshaw Tamboly** of the World Zoroastrian Organization Trust.

In addition, this year once again munificent donation of Rs. 5 Lakhs was given by the Motiwalla family in the loving memory of the Renowned Dental Surgeon Dr. Phiroze Dadabhoy Motiwalla for building a cottage in the interiors of Gujarat through W.Z.O. This is the third cottage donated by the family. The earlier ones being in 2010 and 2017.

#### **FELICITATIONS:**

The function began with the “Welcome” song numbers by the children of the Dharmagnyan class conducted by **Dr. Er. Ramiyar Karanjia**, sponsored by **Roshan, Piyoo and Sanober Nanavati**. Mrs. Shernaz Talati, Mrs. Hufrih Bamji and Mrs. Havovi Karanjia co-ordinated the songs.

**Mrs. Mithoo Jimi Jesia**, Trustee & Hon. Secretary of the Trust, welcomed the Chief Guest **Vada Dasturji Saheb Khurshed K. Dastoor of Pak Iranshah, Udvada & Member – Parsi Zoroastrian – National Minorities Commission** and others on the dais. Trustee **Homai Daruwala** introduced the Chief Guest who spoke thereafter.

Chairman **Dinyar Panthaki** spoke on the colony covenant. The Chief Guest was presented with the **Outstanding Contribution Award in Religious Leadership towards the community**.

This year, special awards were presented to **C.A. Nanu Daruwalla, renowned Tax Consultant, Police Inspector Cyrus Irani, recipient of the President's Police Medal, Dr. Parinaz Humranwala, Homeopath par excellence and Mr. Rusi Bhumgara for Sports & Social Work.**

This year's "**Jal Mistry Memorial Award for the Outstanding Colonyite**" was awarded to **Mr. Burzin Daver, CEO of Livwel Group. The Award was presented by Ms. Arnavaz Mistry, Ex-Trustee BPP and wife of Late Jal Mistry.**

**The Rohinton Chinoy Awards, instituted by Union Press for Excellence in Academics and Sports were presented to outstanding colonyites and others.**

**The Rustom Faramna Agiary Awards 2017 for Excellence in Bhantar (Mobedi) was presented to Ervad Farhad Faredon Shroff and Overall Excellence (studies and Bhantar) to Ervad Khurshed Firoz Behramkamdin, both ex-students of the Dadar Athornan Institute and The D.P.Y.A. High School and to Ervad Cyrus R. Panthaki, for 38 years of Religious Service. Managing Trustee Mr. Nasha Jassawala of the Rustom Faramna Agiary presented these awards.**

**Colonyite Jehan Daruvala was once again congratulated for his brilliance on the World Motosport scene. His father Mr. Khurshed Daruvala accepted the honours.**

**Colonyite Pearl Jimmy Mistry was honoured with an Award for her sculpture on "Women's empowerment" displayed & honoured at the British Parliament in London.**

**Dinoo Dosabhoy, the renowned Advertising Veteran was awarded a Long Service Award by the Trust for the years of support & conceptualizing contests for the Trust.**

**The Kavina K. Karkaria Award – 2018 for the most promising colony youngster was awarded Delraaz Bunshah, Youth icon for excellence in singing and winner of several awards. Renowned photographer Noshir Winemerchant was Awarded for Long Service in photography at the Festival of Spring.**

**The Trust offered their heartfelt thanks to Mr. Hosi Sinor, Homi Daruwala & Yasmin Mistry for their unstinted support always. Dadar Parsee Colony Gymkhana, J. B. Vachha School for Parsi Girls and The Dadar Parsee Youths Assembly High School were acknowledged for their supporting the Trust in all its activities by giving their premises entirely free of cost. Our Trustee, Ms. Homai Daruwalla's continued great support was highly appreciated.**

#### **"LEGENDS OF DANCE" – The Entertainment Show.**

The show kicked off with **Trustee and Master of Ceremonies, Mahiyar Dastoor**, presenting "Legends of Dance" a Dance & Music Show.

**The extremely talented singer Cyrus Dubash**, sang two super numbers. The young renowned Parsi stand-up comedian **Neville Bharucha** held the audience spellbound with his wise-cracks. An opening Bollywood dance number Swag se Swagat was performed by colony talent. The choreographers, the experienced Kainaz Master, the young and talented **Rayomand Irani & Nushad Irani** and **Sr. Choreographer, Sunil Rao**, and the **Director, Arnaaz Rustom Irani** indeed need to be saluted for doing a brilliant job, with Dances of the Kapoor Clan, the Sridevi & Madhuri Medleys, the Prabhudeva, Shahid Kapoor and Hrithik Roshan numbers enthralling finale medley. **The show & costume coordinators team did a brilliant job. Charusheela and Harsita Pant Pratinidhi were acknowledged for their support for the entire Entertainment Show.**

**Sarosh Daruwalla's Mazda Audio/Video Lab's stunning Lights, Sound, and A/V & LED Screens, photography by Rehaan Daruwalla & team, brilliant Sound Recording & Execution by popular "D. J. Aarish" Daruwalla provided support. Shernaz Dadachanji of Xanadu - The Wellness Boutique executed the hairstyles and make-up. The entire décor was by Roxana & Micky Buhariwala of Dream Designs and security support by the Della Tecnica group. Singing to tune of Chaiye Hame Zarathosti and the National Anthem brought a nostalgic end to the show.**

The Trustees, **Dinyar Panthaki, Zareen Engineer, Jimi Jesia, Mithoo Jesia, Tina Patel, Daraius Zaiwala, Mahiyar Dastoor, Homai Daruwalla and Behram Rabadi** need to be congratulated for conceptualizing this mammoth event year in and year out, which has become a landmark on the Mumbai's Parsi calendar. We appreciate their great efforts.

The back office support came from **Shazneen Mehta, Rashna & Khushru Amroliwala, Sona Daruwala, Monaz Limboowalla, Nozer Tantra, Zarine Rabadi, Rashna Bharucha, Diana & Firdosh Tolat, Er. Kaizad Karkaria, Katy Bhakka, Tanaz & Dhanjishaw Guzder** and technical support from **Navroze "Sigi" Siganporia** together with the other very committed volunteers.

Indeed an Annual Parsi Irani Zoroastrians get together to be extremely proud of !!!

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