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ZANT Upcoming Events

- Aug. 11-14: Muktad Prayers (virtual—details TBA)
- Aug. 15: Farvardegan Jashan (virtual—details TBA)
- Aug. 22: Shahenshahi New Year Function (details TBA)
- Sept. 12: Kids / Adults Religion Classes
- Sept. 19: Carnival / T-shirt Fundraiser
- Oct. 10: AGM for Board Election and Jashn-e Mehrgan
- Oct. 11: Kids / Adults Religion Classes
- Oct. 24: Cyrus Day Celebration
- Nov. 1: New ZANT Board Commences
- Nov. 8: Kids / Adults Religion Classes

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Happy 4th of July Independence Day

We welcome and encourage feedback from our community. Please send comments or suggestions to president.zant@gmail.com or mail to ZANT, 1605 Lopo Road, Flower Mound, TX 75028-1306
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

ZANT Board wishes everyone a safe & healthy Summer Break! Let’s make the best of our time together with family!

We wish all our Kadmi Members a Very Happy New Year coming up on July 16, 2020! May the New Year bring along Peace & Good Health to one & all!

Hope everyone who joined us on ZANT’s 1st Virtual Gathering on June 20 to celebrate our Class of 2020 Graduates & our Dads (if you missed it, you can check out the pics from that social, on pages 8-11), enjoyed the short time we spent together! We plan to do some more Virtual Socials & hope more of you will join us!

We encourage everyone to consider nominating themselves or their friends/family for the Board Member’s Election coming up in October 2020. Please check out the write-up for rules & see form attached.

Take care, be safe, stay healthy!

ELECTION FOR NEW ZANT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This is a formal notice to our Members that we will have a General Body Meeting in October to elect a New Board of Directors for ZANT for Term starting Nov. 1, 2020 and ending Oct. 31, 2022.

Term of our current Board ends on Oct. 31, 2020.

We are just over 3 months away from the elections and we urge members to submit their candidacy to serve on the Board of Directors. It is indeed a privilege and honor to serve on the Board and we would encourage all those who have not previously served to step forward.

ZANT Board Nomination Form is provided on page 4 of this Newsletter

Here are pertinent Articles from our Bylaws regarding the Board of Directors and their elections:

4.01 The governing body of the Association shall be called the Board of Directors and it will consist of seven (7) Members as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Director and two (2) Board Members.

4.02 Members of the Board of Directors will be elected by the general body during the month of October of every alternate year and the term of office will be two (2) years. The newly elected Board of Directors will assume office on November 1. The outgoing Board of Directors shall serve in an advisory capacity, without voting privileges, for an additional three (3) months.

4.03 Only Zoroastrian members are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. For definition of a Zoroastrian refer to Article Three, 3.01.

4.04 Members of the Board of Directors must be 21 years of age or older and should be members of the Association in good standing for at least one (1) year.

4.05 No member may serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms on the Board of Directors.

4.07 Notwithstanding the provisions above, if insufficient nominations are received, members of the General Body shall decide by a majority vote which Directors shall be allowed to continue for another term.

7.03 The Secretary must inform the General Body of an election meeting at least three months prior to the event. A member desirous of being elected must submit his candidacy in writing to the Secretary at least six weeks prior to the election meeting. It shall be the responsibility of each candidate to confirm that his application has been received by the Secretary in a timely manner. A list of candidates for each office and an absentee ballot shall be mailed to all voting members at least 3 weeks prior to the election. Applications for candidacy from the floor can be entertained on the election day only if no member has applied for a particular office. Any question concerning the eligibility of a candidate for office shall be addressed and resolved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.
ZANT BOARD NOMINATION FORM

I, ________________________________ , wish to serve on the Board of Directors of ZANT for the position of:

Check one only

________________________ President
________________________ Vice President
________________________ Treasurer
________________________ Secretary
________________________ Social Director
________________________ Director
________________________ Director
________________________ Director

Signature:________________________ Date:___________________

Please mail this form to:

Secretary
ZANT
1605, Lopo Road
Flower Mound , Texas 75028-1306

Please submit your bio data along with your form by August 29, 2020
The election meeting will be held in October 2020. Watch for announcements in the ZANT Newsletter.

According to our bylaws:

• It is the responsibility of each candidate to confirm that his or her nomination has been received (Article 7.03).
• Only Zoroastrian members are eligible to serve on the Board of Directors (Article 4.03).
• Members of the Board of Directors must be 21 years of age or older and should be members of the Association in good standing for at least one year (Article 4.4).

For the community to make an informed choice, if necessary, a “get to know you” meeting of all would be candidates will be part of this election process. A General Body meeting will be held so members may hear from and ask questions to the candidates. Look for details in the ZANT Newsletter.
Muktad

ZANT will keep alive the tradition of remembering the Fravashis of our dear ones with prayers during the Gatha days from Tuesday August 11 to August 15. We will set up the table of flowers in the prayer room at ZANT Center and our priests will recite the prayers as we have done in the past. However in view of the current situation, the community will only be able to participate remotely via Zoom at 7 p.m. The link for the prayer meeting will be sent everyday along with the prayers to be recited. If you would like to donate towards the flowers, please send a check for $10 to ZANT.

While these are challenging times, we also have the opportunity to give thanks for the gifts we have, pray for good judgment, and seek the blessings of Ahura Mazda and the fravashis of our dear ones. It is important that we continue our traditions and use the power of prayer to connect with each other even if we are physically distant. We look forward to your participation.

Farvardegan Jashan

Our sincere thanks to the Rakshandeh & Nozer Dhalla, Mahnaz & Cyrus Irani, Mahervan Karbhari, Dilnavaz & Kaizad Rustomjee and their families for sponsoring the Farvardegan Jashan this year.

Date: Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020
Time: 5:00pm

Due to the current situation, the Jashan will be streamed online. Closer to Aug. 15, we will send the link to join the Jashan prayers remotely. If you wish to have the names of your departed loved ones mentioned in the Jashan prayers, please e-mail the same to Poras T. Balsara at ptbalsara@gmail.com. Alternatively, fill-in the form on page 3 and email to Poras by August 12, 2020.

After the Jashan, we will distribute the "chashni" (ceremonial fruits, nuts & sweets) and dinner box(es) and request you to come by the ZANT Center to pick-up the same, in drive-thru.

Our sponsors will provide 1 free "to-go" box of dinner per family. If you wish to get any additional dinners "to-go", you can order "to-go" boxes at $10/box. (Each box will have Dhansak Dal with 2 chicken pieces (or veg. dhansak dal) and 4 ground turkey kebabs or vegetables for vegetarians, with rice).

The contribution made for the additional dinner boxes will go towards “ZANT Operation & Maintenance Fund (ZOMF) donation”.

Please RSVP for your first free to-go box per family and/or any additional to-go dinner boxes, by August 7, 2020 to Pearl P. Balsara at ppbalsara@gmail.com

ZANT Directory

Directory Corrections:
If you have any corrections to the information in the 2020 ZANT Directory please e-mail Anahita Kayani at anahita_kayani@yahoo.com ASAP.

Directory Pick-up:
In case you have not picked-up your copy of the 2020 ZANT Directory on the assigned 2 days, you can stop-by any Board Member in your neighborhood & get your copy from them. If you'd like your copy to be mailed to you, please send a check of $5 made to ZANT, to cover shipping & handling, and e-mail Anahita Kayani, so she can arrange for it to be mailed out to you.
This year our priests will perform the **Muktad Jashan on Sunday, August 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**

If you wish to submit the names of your dear departed family members and friends for inclusion in the Afringan Prayers, please complete and email the following form to Poras T. Balsara (ptbalsara@gmail.com) by **August 12, 2020**.

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*Please use additional sheets for more names.*

| ____________________ | ______________________________ |
| NAME | TEL. NO. |

The names of the deceased are always recited together with their father/husband’s name along with their status, i.e. Ervad, Osta, Osti, Behdin or Khurd, as per Zarathushti custom. No Surnames are recited in the prayers.

- **E** = Ervad (male who is/was a Navar/priest)
- **O** = Osta (male from Athornan, or priestly family but not a Navar)
- **Oi** = Osti (female from Athornan family)
- **B** = Behdin (male/female from Behdin, or non-priestly family)
- **K** = Khurd (child whose Navjote has not been performed)
ZANT T-Shirt Fundraiser

Dear ZANT Community,

Hope this note finds you and your family happy and healthy.

Because in today’s reality we cannot gather at the center, the youth thought organizing and designing a T-shirt would help the community feel more connected even at a six-foot distance.

The Zoroastrian youth have designed a T-shirt for ZANT, and are fundraising the upfront cost of the shirts from benevolent donors such that the full price of every t-shirt purchased will be donated back to the community. The design is attached below in navy and maroon with gold ink, and each shirt will cost $15, and members who pre-order will pay on pickup. The T-shirt pick-up day is to be decided. Donations and pre-orders must be done separately, so please follow the instructions below if you are interested in either purchasing a shirt or contributing money towards the up-front cost.

- If you are interested in pre-ordering a shirt, please click on this link to fill out your contact information and sizes: https://tinyurl.com/ZANTShirts2020
- If you are interested in donating, please pay on PayPal at: https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=REEE56EV8PKK6&source=url or write a check and mail it to 1605 Lopo Rd., Flower Mound, TX 75022 with “ZANT Youth Group Donation” in the description line.

Please contact Autusa Behroozi at (214) 604-9217 if you have any questions. T-Shirt pre-orders end on July 31, 2020, so make sure to call your friends, family, aunties, and uncles all over the world to get shirts!

All the Best,
ZANT Youth
ZANT knows that our Graduates have worked hard to achieve what they have accomplished so far. ZANT is very proud & wishes them well in their future endeavors! We’d like to share a little about some of them that we have the information on, with our community….

**Arish Pardiwalla** graduated with a Master’s Degree of Accounting (with distinction) from The University of Texas at Dallas. He is currently pursuing his CPA certification. Going forward his plans are to start working at PricewaterhouseCoopers as a Tax Associate later this year.

**Jasmine DiLucci** graduated summa cum laude and fourth in her class from SMU Dedman School of Law in May of 2020. She served on the SMU Law Review, interned at the Department of Justice Tax Division, and worked as a summer associate for Baker McKenzie after her first and second year. She is looking forward to beginning her tax law career.

**Kyra Daroona** graduated from Frisco High School, Class of 2020, with Distinguished Endorsements in STEM, Arts & Humanities, and Multidisciplinary Studies. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Technical Honor Society, Women’s Varsity Choir, and Varsity Mixed Ensemble Choir. Additionally, in her Senior year Kyra held positions of FHS Academic Peer Advisor as well as Boys Varsity & JV Track/Field Manager. Outside of academics, Kyra has been very actively involved with Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. As a Girl Scout of 12 years, Kyra achieved the Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, and Gold Awards (eq. to Eagle Scout). She is a 6-time Top Girl Scout Cookie Seller for Troop 8788; Kyra was also elected and served as Vice President and President of BSA Venture Crew 2298. In addition, Kyra has attained a Black Belt in Mixed Martial Arts (Brazilian Jiu Jitsu & Muay Thai). Kyra will be continuing her education at The University of Texas at Austin, within the McCombs School of Business.

**Meherzeen Engineer** has graduated from London South Bank University with a first class honors degree. She has received a Bachelors in Science in Sports Medicine with a minor in biomechanics. During her degree Meherzeen made the deans list, while holding the number 1 ranking in her major for all 3 years. During her time at the university, Meherzeen was the lead student course representative. She currently works at St. Thomas and Guys hospital in the physiotherapy ward as an aide specializing in stroke, hydro, and respiratory therapy. This last year Meherzeen worked for the men’s England football team as a exercise physiologist aide. While earning her degree, Meherzeen took on a lead role as a researcher in a clinical trial testing the effects of foot pathologies on the general population. It was there she was able to visualize data for a new technology that would help physical therapists in rehabbing patients who have lost function of their feet. This fall Meherzeen will be attending the St. George’s University in London for her Masters in Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Sciences. Post her Masters degree, Meherzeen plans on coming back to the states to earn her Doctorate in Physical Therapy.
**2020 ZANT Graduates (contd...)**

**Niessa Samiya** graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelors of Science in Kinesiology. Throughout her undergrad years, she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority and president of Medlife, where she traveled to Ecuador and Kilimanjaro to provide healthcare to local communities. She will be continuing her education at Texas A&M to pursue her Masters degree in Public Health. We are extremely proud of her accomplishments!

**Nikita Nasta** is graduating with a BA in Psychology and a Philosophy of Law Minor from The University of Texas at Austin. She founded the Peer Mentorship Program through the Office of the Dean of Students and was the Texas Student Psychological Association Vice President. Additionally, she has worked closely with 5 research labs at UT Austin and co-authored various posters presented at international conferences. Nikita has been accepted into an accelerated Master’s program at the University of Southern California and will be pursuing a M.S. in Applied Psychology in the fall.

**Olivia Saher** graduated from University of Oklahoma, earning Bachelor of Arts degree with Distinction in Psychology. She is interested in Forensics and plans to work for non-profit organization or FBI.

**Piran Adi** is graduating with Bachelors of Science from SMU and he is going to pursue Professional Golf.

**Rohan Dorabshaw** graduated from Frisco High School. Since moving to Texas in 2010, Rohan has been fervently involved with the F.A.C.T. (Frisco Area Children’s Theater). He was in Frisco High School’s Theater Varsity Program for the entirety of his high school tenure. During his school years, Rohan has led and participated in over 40 Productions. From the age of 16, Rohan chose to stay consistently employed and has learnt valuable life skills along the way. A great attitude, work ethic, time management, prioritization, money management and the difference a positive attitude towards teamwork can bring, are some of the lessons he learnt early on. His teachers also encouraged him to freelance his skills and hired him to be the Sound Producer for various events outside of school. Rohan’s passion for Theater has led him to pursue his education in Sound Engineering and Audio Production. He will be headed to MTSU (Middle Tennessee State University) to major in Audio Production, with a minor in Music Business.
**2020 ZANT Graduates (contd...)**

*Sascha Shroff* graduated from Alcuin School through the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. Along with her high school diploma, she will also receive her International Baccalaureate Diploma in July. At Alcuin School, Sascha was elected as a Student Council Officer all four years of high school including the Student Council President her senior year. She was also a member of her schools Junior World Affairs Council in her Junior Year. Outside of school, Sascha interned with Montessori Model United Nations for 4 years as a Bureau member, being selected as the Chairman of the Human Rights Council and an opening speaker of the conference her Senior year. On the opposite side of her interests, Sascha was a member of her schools Improv Team for three years, acting as the Co-Creative Director her Junior and Senior year. She was a lead in her schools musical for three years and attended multiple ISAS (Independent Schools Association of the Southwest) Arts Festivals as both a performing and visual arts student. Sascha was selected to attend numerous education programs including a National Security Conference in Washington DC and the Student Diversity Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN. She also attended the IB Student Would Conference in Rotterdam and the Leadership in Global Change Oxford Summer Course. Sascha’s academic work throughout high school granted her an IB Scholar Award two years in a row as well as the qualifications necessary to receive her IB Diploma, conducting her Diploma Program Thesis on the Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Women and Children by United Nations Peacekeeping Troops in Lower Economically Developed Countries. Sascha will be attending American University’s School of International Service in Washington DC where she was admitted to the selective Global Scholars program to receive a BA in International Affairs. She plans on focusing her studies in Peace, Global Security, and Conflict Resolution with a regional focus of the Middle East and North Africa.

*Zain Hormuzd Birdie*, who is 18 years old, graduated from Timber Creek High School on May 23rd, 2020. His graduation ceremony will be held on June 27th, 2020 at the Globe Life Park stadium. He will be attending Tarrant County College in the fall where he will be pursuing his Associates degree in Information Technology. He loves creating YouTube videos and also has his own channel, "2 hour songs" where he has over 3K+ subscribers.

*Zayne Hoshang Patel* graduated Cum Laude from the American University in Washington, DC with his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and International Relations. His senior thesis on ‘Intractable Insurgency in Afghanistan’ will soon be published in the summer edition of his university undergraduate political science magazine. While in school, Zayne was an active member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and served on the executive board as both Academic Excellence Chair and Risk Management Chair. Zayne also gained important research work experience outside of the classroom at prestigious institutions such as National Defense University and US Agency for Global Media. A highlight of Zayne’s tenure at American University was a semester spent abroad with the German Marshall Fund in Brussels, Belgium. In his free time, Zayne enjoyed spending his time at the city library, playing intramural sports, and exploring the shops and restaurants around DC and Northern Virginia. Zayne is looking forward to continuing his studies and pursuing a Masters degree in International Relations. His family is so proud of all his accomplishments!
Dear ZANT Community,

I am contacting as a member of Texas 4000. Despite what is happening in the world, I recognize that the fight against cancer continues and I plan to continue spreading Hope, Knowledge and Charity - even if it’s virtually for now. Last fall, I made a commitment to devote my time and effort to the Texas 4000 mission over the next two years. I hope that you will join me in supporting my team’s efforts. And as I always have, I will continue to ride for everyone affected by cancer.

In June of 2021, I along with the rest of the riders from Texas 4000 will embark on the eighteenth annual 4,500-mile cycling journey across North America in hopes of inspiring communities throughout the country to join us in the fight against cancer. We will ride our bikes from the University of Texas at Austin to Anchorage, Alaska. This ride is the longest annual charity bike ride in the world—more than twice the distance of the Tour de France—and will take 70 days to complete. Our goal is to inspire hope in the lives of those personally affected by cancer and action in the lives of others to help prevent the disease by sharing our stories and enthusiasm.

Recently, I went to a new doctor where I had to fill-out all the preliminary forms for family history. One of the questions was, “do you have a family history of cancer?” I wrote “yes,” and began to list 5 people, all direct family and ran out of room. Out of those five, my aunt in Iran, was the only one who died because she was the only one without access to the most modern medicine and the best medical treatment. With a better educated staff, she may have also survived. Each generation has had to get more extreme treatments to live. Because of the progression of cancer research, my other family members have survived. This is why I have actively joined in the fight against cancer. I want to give someone else’s mother or father the same chance to fight that my family had. As riders, we are responsible for planning the routes, finding host families, preparing the cancer awareness programs, and raising at least $4,500—a dollar per mile ridden. I know none of this is possible without the support of people like you, and that’s why today I am asking you to make a tax-deductible donation to help in the fight against cancer. You can send checks made payable to Texas 4000 for Cancer with my name, Autusa Behroozi on the “payment for” line, or make your donation online via my Texas 4000 profile at http://bit.ly/AB_T4K.

We are biking for those who cannot, and for those who live daily with the possibility that they may not be able to do so tomorrow. With your support, we can make a difference in the fight against cancer. Any amount you can donate will be greatly appreciated—no donation is too small. You can learn more at texas4000.org, and please feel free to contact me if you have anyone you would like me to ride for! I am grateful for your help and look forward to hearing from you!

Yours in the Fight Against Cancer,

Autusa Behroozi
PAST EVENTS: ZANT ONLINE GRADUATION CEREMONY—2020

ZANT Graduation Ceremony
June 20, 2020

GUEST SPEAKERS
PAST EVENTS: ZANT ONLINE GRADUATION & FATHER’S DAY
Past Events: ZANT Online Graduation & Father’s Day
CONGRESS POSTPONED TO 2024

Due to the current global COVID-19 global pandemic, we are saddened to announce that the 18th North American Zoroastrian Congress has been postponed to 2024.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has currently upended our lives inconceivably. As you can imagine, we have been working extremely hard on how to make the NAZC happen in 2020. After multiple discussions/surveys with our Zoroastrian Association of Houston Executive Board as well as the NAZC2020 Committee (75+ members), we all believe that it would be foolhardy as well as insensitive for us to go ahead and host the NAZC2020 as planned in December 2020.

Although it would put us back by some months and also suffer some losses financially, our priority is the health, safety and well-being of the Congress attendees and their family and friends. It is paramount for us to look after the welfare of our friends locally and particularly our out-of-towner speakers, panelists and other Zarathushtis who will also need to make air travel as part of their plans.

Keeping all the above in mind and with vaccine availability, etc. unknown, and other FEZANA Events and Congresses in the years ahead, we discussed with the FEZANA Congress Committee and collectively decided to postpone the Congress to 2024.

We thank all our volunteers, donors, supporters and well-wishers for their unflinching support during these tough times.

We will reconvene in 2022 after the completion of the 12th World Zoroastrian Congress in New York.

Till then, thank you and be safe and stay healthy.
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World Zoroastrian Congress

2022

For details: https://wzc2022.nyc/
34th Annual B.D. Petit Parsee General Hospital Fundraiser

Dear friends,

COVID-19 has turned our lives upside down. People all over the world are suffering medically, physically, emotionally and financially. The need is greater than ever before.

These past months, the B. D. Petit Parsee General Hospital (PGH) has helped many patients but experienced great hardships. On March 26, one patient was diagnosed COVID positive at PGH and transferred the patient to Kasturba Hospital. Bombay Municipal Corporation (BMC) stopped all admissions and shut down the hospital until April 20th. When the shutdown started half the staff went home and did not return. PGH now keeps 160 employees at the hospital covering their boarding and lodging. Staff are working in two shifts, double the normal rate for the second shift, and overtime. Like other hospitals, PGH pays gratia to all nurses and doctors on payroll, as well as RMOs, maintenance crew, security staff, and electricians. The additional expenditure for past two months is around Rs. 2 Crores ($267,000 approx.) All staff require Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Cost of one PPE is Rs 1,200 ($16 approx.) which is a one-time use. The PPEs and other equipment has cost the hospital Rs. 1 crore ($133,000 approx) thus far. **PGH’s financial needs during the global pandemic are greater than ever!**

PGH reopened on April 20th, but it is not back to normal. They have managed to take care of all emergencies and performed few surgeries. Two caesarean section deliveries were performed after a long time at the hospital and, happily, both the mothers and infants went home in good health.

There is a tremendous pressure on the hospital from BMC to hand over the hospital partially or fully and discharge all the existing patients so it can be converted into a quarantine center for COVID-19 patients. Many of the patients are old, fragile, single and in financial hardship and the hospital is trying its best to stall. PGH has created its own Isolation ward and a step-down ICU to accommodate Zoroastrian patients who have not been tested for COVID-19.

In honor of PGH, we will hold our annual jashan virtually on **Saturday, June 27th, from New York Dar-e-Mehr!** Those who wish to tune-in, kindly send an email to yjghad@gmail.com.

**What can you do?**

You can also make the payments on ZAGNY website at the link below. Or you can mail in your checks to the ZAGNY Treasurer.

This appeal is sent once a year but the fundraiser is open throughout the year. Given the tremendous need, we want to send the funds out ASAP - no later than Parsee New Year. Every donation irrespective of the amount is very much appreciated by the hospital.

**We hope you will reach deeper into your pockets and give more to assist PGH’s health care in this global crisis.**

Last year we collected and sent $ 36,000/- to the hospital. Thank you very much for your generous donations. We thank our friends from USA and Canada for your tremendous support, encouragement and generous donations for a very worthy cause - taking care of our sick and needy. Please do visit their revamped website [http://bdpetitparseegeneralhospital.org](http://bdpetitparseegeneralhospital.org)— some of the recent testimonials from patients and relatives will warm your hearts

*Ushta te,*
Yasmin & Jamshed Ghadiali
2686 Belcher Street, Baldwin, NY 11510-3937. (516) 378-4516. ghad@optonline.net

Checks can be mailed to: **Cyrus Pavri, ZAGNY Treasurer, 961 Franklin Turnpike, Allendale, NY 07401** or Donate online at: [zagny.org/contribute-to-zagny](http://zagny.org/contribute-to-zagny)
The Iranshah Initiative

What is the Iranshah Initiative?

The vision is to provide a continuous stream of global financial support to perpetuate the legacy & time-less heritage of Iranshah, Udvada.

Goals: The 5 five goals for this project include:

TO PRESERVE the Sanctity of Iranshah by honoring, helping and supporting all those who take care of this great spiritual power-house with utmost dedication and selfless commitment – In particular our senior and respected Mobed sahibs who have dedicated their entire lives towards serving our Sacred Iranshah with impeccable sincerity, devotion, dignity and integrity.

TO CREATE a monetary incentive for the present Mobed Sahibs and to inspire our future Mobeds to pursue the noble profession of Mobedi as a career. This is of vital importance for the survival and revival of Sacred Iranshah. An institution like Iranshah needs to be kept alive to keep our religion alive, we need to keep the Mobeds or Priests alive.

TO KEEP the flame alive we need to provide firewood or Kathi. The current Kathi Fund needs to be increased substantially to meet the rising cost of Kathi.

TO PROVIDE round the clock (24/7/365) Security Service for the premises of Iranshah. In addition to this, we also need the voluntary services of devoted and sincere Parsi helpers to keep the premises clean, tidy and presentable for the local, national and global devotees/pilgrims who visit Udvada to pay their homage to OUR Sacred Iranshah.

At the 7th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress in Los Angeles in July 2019, Tinaz Karbhari presented a beautiful sensory experience and an interactive talk on the Iranshah Initiative she has been spearheading. Here is a video link to refresh your memory.

We encourage you to kindly assist with presenting it to your Zoroastrian associations, and local communities and associations back home, as well as with your friends and family. Make it your goal to spread the word about this initiative so that it can well and truly take flight, creating a thorough awareness of the project encouraging global involvement.

At this time, we also encourage each and everyone of you to personally get involved in a financial capacity. A project like this can only succeed if we collectively come together. You cannot put a price on the survival of our religion. This is something we need to do, and we need to do now. Let the voice of the youth be heard over a worthy cause like this.

You can donate online. Donations made in the USA are tax-exempt as the online payments are processed through FEZANA.

Tinaz Karbhari

TheIranShahInitiative.com