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Mehernosh Kapadia while receiving the award from Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon. Union Minister of Corporate Affairs

Mehernosh Kapadia wins prestigious CNBC-TV CFO Award 2010

Senior Executive Director of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), Mehernosh Kapadia, was judged the Best Performing CFO in the Pharma/Healthcare Sector at a star-studded awards ceremony presided over by Mr. Salman Khurshid, Hon. Union Minister of Corporate Affairs, at Taj Lands End.

This prestigious CNBC award is given in recognition to individuals whose financial leadership has not just demonstrated excellence of vision but who have, in the process, been responsible for catapulting business on a global platform, giving it the ability to contend with the best internationally.

On winning the Best Performing CFO Award, Mehernosh, a soft-spoken, elegantly attired corporate man said that

he was delighted and honoured to receive the award. "The award is truly for our company, which has an iconic stature; its leadership team; and for the thousands of employees who contribute to give GSK its rightful place in the Sun."

GSK Managing Director Dr. Hasit Joshipura, commenting on Mehernosh's achievements and the acclaim he has brought the company, said that GSK India has always been a benchmark for talent in the Pharma industry and that this award given to Mehernosh confirms this fact.

Described as a 'robust and comprehensive judging process', the CNBC jury consisted of industrial and financial wizards such as Deepak Parekh, Chairman of HDFC and Uday Kotak, Chairman and MD Kotak Mahindra Bank, among others.

Mehernosh Kapadia has truly done his company and, indeed, the entire Parsi community proud!

A star on the rise

Little Farzin Farhad Dalal, all of nine years, and a resident of Behram Baug, Jogeshwari, is a multi-talented girl. She loves dancing and has enrolled in the Dance Academy of India where she has been a student of dance for the last three years. Trophies and awards have been presented to her for her dancing prowess.

Apart from being a graceful dancer, Farzin, a Standard IV student of Jankidevi High School, is a karate champ too. Trained through the Nippon Budo Sogo International India Institute, Farzin has won gold in all the interschool tournaments she has participated in over the past three years. We wish Farzin all the very best!



NEWS

The BPP Matrimonial Bureau celebrates one year of success with a picnic to Vasai

For most of the 71 bawa youngsters, January 23, 2011 will be unforgettable, for that was the day they set off for a picnic organised by the BPP Matrimonial Bureau.

The Bombay Parsi Punchayet revived its Matrimonial Bureau on February 5, 2010 and, after that, monthly meets have been organised, creating a platform for young Parsi Zoroastrians between the ages of 20 and 40 to meet and find their soulmates. So far, nearly 300 youngsters have availed of this opportunity to meet with prospective partners. A substantial number are reported to have succeeded in finding like-minded persons, and are reported to be seeing each other.

To celebrate the completion of a year of fruitful work, it was decided that the meet ought to be done differently this month. Seventy-one aspiring boys and girls booked themselves for a day of fun and frolic, heading



for West Palm Beach Resort at Vasai on January 23, 2011 in two buses.

The bonhomie and camaraderie among them were initiated in the bus itself, when singing, dancing and fun started in no time.

After an enjoyable bus ride, they reached the resort in high spirits. Introductions were followed by games such as cricket, football and various other innovative interactive games. Some youngsters had a rocking time, dancing to popular Bollywood music in the artificial 'rain'. Delicious, mouth-watering food was served by the resort.

The youngsters did not want their day of fun to end. Many were seen exchanging contact numbers and email IDs. Most of them

expressed immense gratitude to the BPP and to the organising team, and urged them to arrange more such picnics and outings so that they could have the opportunity to mingle in a carefree ambience.

The icing on the cake was to follow when one young couple announced that they have made up their minds to spend the rest of their lives together. A 30-plus young man commented that such an initiative has come ten years late for him.

The dedication and efforts of the BPP Trustees and their volunteers were applauded by one and all.

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Bringing in the New Year at F. S. Parakh Dharamshala

The year 2011 was brought in at the F.S. Parakh Dharamshala in a grand way. On January 3, 2011, a New Year's party was celebrated. A highlight of the party was crowning the 'Parakh Dharamshala Queen' and the 'Parakh Dharamshala King'.

Ladies from Inner Wheel Club of Bombay graced the occasion and judged the competition, during which the participants had to showcase their talent, in the form of a song or dance, or relating a joke or an anecdote.

During the course of judging each participant, he or she was asked the question, "Which is the happiest day of your life and why?" More than half the contestants said that it was the day they moved to the Dharamshala, because of the love, care and security provided to them at this place that they now consider their own home.

Everyone had a wonderful time with the great entertainment provided by the

residents themselves. At the end of the programme, the judges commented that they were amazed at the tremendous talent and great spirit of the young-at-heart participants, and that it was tough to select the winners. This more or less summed up the general well-being of the residents.

Finally, 91-year-old Homai Palkhiwala and 86-year-old Jal Junglewala were crowned the 'Queen' and the 'King' of the Dharamshala respectively. Homai entertained the judges with a beautiful

song, and Jal presented some humorous *shayaries*. 'Young' Homai was so thrilled with her crowning that she continued wearing it, along with her sash and floral garland, long after the party was over.

The icing on the cake was when the residents were served mouth-watering snacks, donated courtesy The Taj.

The members of the Ladies Committee expressed their gratitude to the munificent donors without whose generosity this event would not have been possible.



Members of the Inner Wheel Club of Bombay, with the members of the Ladies Committee of F. S. Parakh Dharamshala — Mrs. Arnavaz Mistry, Mrs. Zarin Havewala, Mrs. Pervin Shroff, Mrs. Zarin Chothia and Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz

Parsis shine at the 16th Asian Masters Athletic Championships

At the recently concluded 16th Asian Masters Athletic Championships held at the Bukit Jalil National Stadium in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, three Parsi athletes shone.

Khurshid Mistry (in the 45+ age group) won Gold in the 4 x 100 metre relay. Fareez Vasunia (45+), the silver medallist at the World Masters Games in 2009 at Sydney, improved upon his Triple Jump distance of 11.77m, with a 12.22m jump in the Asian Masters. This is his new personal best. In the high jump, too, he surprised a strong field to annex the second position with 1.55m.

Veteran 400-metres-hurdler, Rohinton Mehta (50 + category), nursing an injury for more than two months and a calf pull in the heats (four hours before the Finals), could not match his Gold medal performance of 64.44 seconds at the Sydney World Masters Games in 2009 and slipped to a Silver with a timing of 65.84 seconds.

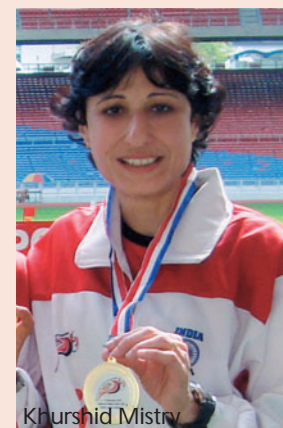
Given the stellar role they played at the Asian Masters, both Fareez and Rohinton have been selected to represent India at the 19th World Masters Athletics Championships, Sacramento, USA from July 5 to 17, 2011.



Rohinton Mehta



Fareez Vasunia



Khurshid Mistry



Tournament Committee Members: Standing (l-r) Mr. Rumi Tatary, Chief Guest Miss Shernaaz Engineer, Mr. Phiroze Mehta, Mr. Pervez Tavadia, Mr. Tehemton Bharucha, Mr. Adil Tarapore and Mr. Farokh Tatary. Chief Organiser Mr. Rusi Malegamwalla (in the wheelchair)



Mr. Yezdi Engineer receiving the Champion of Champions Trophy from Chief Guest, Miss Shernaaz Engineer

The All Parsee Open Carrom Tournament

The 44th All Parsee Open Carrom Tournament was recently held at the Sir Cusrow Wadia Pavilion under the auspices of the Cusrow Baug United Sports and Welfare League.

Veteran Yezdi Engineer of Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Colony Recreation Centre was crowned Champion of Champions at the tournament, following his quadruple victory in the Mixed Doubles, Instant Singles, Open Singles and Open Doubles events. Meanwhile, his elder brother Percy won the Double Crown by bagging the title in Veteran Singles and Open Doubles.

Youngster Hormazd Bhamgara of the N. N. Wadia Welfare League gave a superlative performance by featuring in four finals and winning two of them – Instant Doubles and Team Championship Doubles with Rayomand Irani as his partner. This great effort of his earned Hormazd the Best Performance Trophy.

Xerxes Tarapore of the United Sports and Welfare League gave a fine account of himself in the Instant Singles event by defeating his uncle Bomi in the first round

and father Adil in the second round before going down in the quarter finals to the ultimate winner Yezdi Engineer.

Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Colony Recreation Centre, which had won the Team Championship for five years in succession from 2003 to 2009, failed to qualify for the finals and a new team, the N. N. Wadia Welfare League, emerged victorious by defeating the host team, Cusrow Baug United Sports and Welfare League.

It was in 1966 that the All Parsee Open

Carrom Tournament was started by Mr. Rusi Malegamwalla and Mr. Rumi Tatary. As a token of appreciation for the unstinted service rendered by the Chief Organiser of the Tournament, Mr. Rusi Malegamwalla, over a period of three decades, his friends, well-wishers and organising committee members collected a purse of ₹ 50,000, which was handed over to him by Chief Guest Ms. Shernaaz Engineer, Editor of *Jam-e-Jamshed Weekly* at this year's function.

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Gratitude personified

The Bombay Parsi Punchayet received a donation of ₹ 1,15,000 from Dr. Urvaksh Meherwan Mehta, who has earmarked it for educational purposes.

When Dr. Mehta was pursuing his studies in Medicine, this amount was awarded as a scholarship by the BPP and, as Senior Executive Mr. Cawas S. Panthaki has succinctly put it in his letter of thanks, “Rarely do students refund the entire scholarship and you are rarest of the rare to have done so. Such thoughtful gestures certainly enable us to recycle the same for other deserving students who undertake higher studies.”

Urvaksh schooled at Mount Carmel High School in the small town of Shahabad in North Karnataka. He moved to Mysore for his Pre-University education at the Ramakrishna Vidyashalla. This gave him the perfect foundation to inculcate sound values and impetus to excel in his future endeavours. Always interested in the biological sciences, he joined the Government Medical College at Mysore for his MBBS. He was a First Class student throughout.

Having a particular liking for the human behavioural sciences, he then shifted to Bangalore to join the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) for the three-year MD Degree in Psychiatry. NIMHANS is India’s leading facility for the study and treatment of Mental and Neuro disorders. His work at the Institute earned him laurels, both in India and abroad. He was declared the best outgoing student for MD Psychiatry. He received this award at the hands of the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Mr. Gulam Nabi Azad on January 20, 2011, at the 15th Convocation of NIMHANS. To quote the *Times of India* dated January 21, 2011, who interviewed him after the award presentation, “I wanted to look into the

Neuroscience behind human behaviour. I wanted to know why a certain behavioural problem happens. I am presently a Senior Resident at NIMHANS. Later, I want to do clinical care and research and study Schizophrenia.”

His MD thesis work was titled ‘Social Cognition in Patients with Schizophrenia in Remission and its Association with their Functioning’. For this work, he was given a financial award by the Indian Council of Medical Research, New Delhi (ICMR). He visited the US in 2009 to present his findings at a conference at San Diego, and his paper was published in the *Schizophrenia Bulletin*. He is also going to Seoul, South Korea, to present a paper in a similar conference. The subject will be



‘Social Cognition Correlates of Empathy in Schizophrenia’.

Recently, he was sanctioned a research grant as the ‘Principal Investigator’ by the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. The subject matter will be ‘Mirror Neurons in Schizophrenia’.

Urvaksh is also deeply interested in music and is a keen guitarist. He has performed along with his college band at college fests and the like.



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THREE EMINENT PARSİ RECIPIENTS OF REPUBLIC DAY AWARDS

Mrs. Homai Vyarawalla

In the realm of press photography, Homai Vyarawalla has made a name for herself as India's first woman photojournalist. As a matter of fact, in the formative stages of the Post-Independence era, there has not been an event of note which does not bear the stamp of her photographic genius.

Amongst the world celebrities which she has covered are Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, of England, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Lord Wavell, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, J.R.D. Tata, Indira and Feroze Gandhi, Rajiv and Sanjay Gandhi, Dr. Helen Keller, Martin Luther King, Jackie Kennedy, the Dalai Lama, Ho Chi Minh and a host of others.

In recognition of her amazing accomplishments, the Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred upon her by the Government of India, when the Information and Broadcasting Ministry recently instituted the National Photo Awards.

The crowning glory of her distinguished career has been the bestowal of the Padma Vibhushan this year by the President of India, Mrs. Pratibha Patil.



Late Dr. Keki Byramjee Grant receives the Padma Bhushan at the 2011 Republic Day Awards

After his initial education in Pune and his medical studies in Bombay at the Grant Medical College and J.J. Hospital, he proceeded to Boston, U.S.A., to imbibe the latest techniques in Diagnostic and Therapeutic Cardiology under Dr. Paul White, the father of Modern Cardiology. On his return to India, he set up the Cardiology unit at the B.J. Medical College and Sassoon General Hospital at Pune, where he was later appointed as Honorary Professor of Medicine and Cardiology.

The famous Ruby Hall Clinic in Pune was created by him in 1959. With all this came the opportunity of carrying out a lot of research work leading to several papers, which were published in various journals.

On his retirement from the Sassoon General Hospital, he was designated as Professor Emeritus in Medicine and Cardiology. Subsequently, he was awarded the Fellowship of the American College of Chest Physicians and made Founder Fellow of the Indian College of Physicians.

He was the driving force behind Ruby Hall Clinic, which took up the bulk of his time. Dr. Grant was obsessively fond of the great outdoors. Jogging was part of his daily routine and, in later years, he had been bitten by the golf bug. He was always a great believer in discipline, frugality and strict regimentation of diet.

He, along with his son Dr. Purvez and other members of his family, as well as a handful of dedicated professionals, have made Ruby Hall one of the premier medical institutions in India and amongst the first to offer sophisticated diagnostic treatment in various fields all under one roof.

Dadi Dorab Pudumjee

The Former Director of Sriram Centre for Puppet Theatre in Delhi and winner of the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award was made a Padma Shri for his sterling contribution to the Performing Arts. Founder of the Ishara Puppet Theatre, Pudumjee is currently President of the Union Internationale de la Marionnette, the only Asian to have been elected to this prestigious position.



LIST OF PEOPLE FELICITATED AT HPY'S SILVER JUBILEE FUNCTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2010, AT JEEJEEBHOY DADABHOY AGIARY

- Dr. Mehroo Bengalee, Former Trustee of the BPP; HPY is her brainchild
- Mr. Dinshaw Mehta, Chairman of the BPP and a great benefactor of HPY
- Mr. Khojeste Mistree, Trustee of the BPP; Mr. Mistree has been lecturing on Zoroastrianism at HPY for more than 20 years
- Mrs. Arnavaz Mistry, Trustee of the BPP; Mrs. Mistry gives talks on 'Peer Pressure'
- Mr. Jimmy Mistry, Trustee of the BPP; lectures at HPY and has been on the Young Achievers' panel
- Mr. Yazdi Desai, Trustee of the BPP and has given motivational talks at HPY
- Mr. Noshir Dadrawala, Trustee of the BPP; Mr. Dadrawala has spoken on aspects of religion for more than a decade
- Mrs. Armaity Tirandaz, Trustee of the BPP; has given motivational talks
- Mr. Mehli Colah, CEO of the BPP and a great supporter of HPY
- Mr. Godrej Dotivala, PRO of the BPP; Mr. Dotivala gives very good coverage to HPY in *The BPP Review*
- Mr. Cawas Panthaki, Senior Executive of the BPP; supports and assists organisers in all aspects of the planning of HPY
- Mr. Homi P. Ranina, Former Trustee of the BPP, has been involved with HPY since its inception and has lectured and supported HPY over the years.
- Mr. Minoo Shroff; Former Chairman of the BPP; Mr. Shroff has given several motivational talks and is a great supporter of HPY
- Mr. Dinshaw Tamboly, Former Trustee of the BPP; Mr. Tamboly has given several motivational talks and is a great HPY supporter
- Mr. Dadi Engineer, Former Trustee of the BPP; Mr. Engineer has given talks on good communication
- Mr. Burjor Antia, Former Trustee of the BPP; Mr. Antia has given talks on 'Being proud to be a Zoroastrian'
- All six Trustees of the BJPC Institution who have been very kind and generous in allowing us to house HPY in their school:
 - ✦ Mr. Rustomjee Jeejeebhoy ✦ Mr. Rustom Jeejeebhoy ✦ Mrs. Ketu Mehta
 - ✦ Mrs. Khorshed Daboo ✦ Mr. Byram Jeejeebhoy ✦ Mr. Rohinton Padder
- Mr. Eruch Desai, Former Chairman of the BPP; Mr. Desai had given many motivational talks
- Ms. Sheroo Master, Former Senior Executive of the BPP; has helped a great deal in organising and looking into details with the organisers for over a decade
- Mrs. Bakhtavar Dastur, Office Assistant of the BPP; does all the paperwork and background work for HPY from the BPP office
- Mr. Persi Mistry, Former Office Assistant; has helped in doing paperwork for HPY for several years
- Convener and Counsellors of BPP's Vocational Guidance Bureau who have been conducting the aptitude tests and vocational counselling of almost 100 participants every year for more than two decades:
 - ✦ Ms. Celine Martins ✦ Ms. Perin Adrianvala ✦ Mrs. Jaloo Behramkamdin
 - ✦ Mrs. Vasanti Ganjawalla ✦ Ms. Amy Billimoria
- Ervad Ramiar Karanjia, who has given talks on religion and recited the invocation and thanksgiving prayers at the Inauguration and Valedictory functions for almost two decades
- Mr. Rustom Jasoomaney, who has helped in getting us the Rustom Baug grounds for our football matches
- Mrs. Kumi Daruwalla, who has helped in getting us the Rustom Baug grounds for our football matches for more than 20 years and is a true well-wisher of HPY
- Dr. Porus Turner, who has helped in getting Rustom Baug grounds when he was President; Dr. Turner has been giving talks on Dentistry and distributing toothbrushes and toothpastes to all participants for more than 20 years
- Shihan Vispy Kapadia, who has given demos and talks on karate for 10 years
- Sensei Cawas Billimoria, who has given talks and demos on judo for 20 years
- Mr. Rusi Bhungara, who has helped in giving the Parsi Gymkhana pitch to HPY for cricket matches
- Mrs. Anahita Katiyar, who has been conducting Speech and Drama workshops at HPY for 20 years
- Ms. Khushcher Dallas, who has been conducting workshops in Latin American dancing for 15 years

- Mrs. Gool Ghadially, who has given lectures on Body Language and moderated the Parent-Child Relationship sessions for more than 15 years
- Mrs. Homai Mehta, Principal of the J.J. College of Commerce; Mrs. Mehta has been giving lectures on 'Careers after Commerce' for the past 10 years
- Mr. and Mrs. Shahrulkh Shroff, who have conducted Icebreaker sessions and sessions in First-Aid and Adventure games for 15 years
- Ms. Ruby Pavri, who has lectured on 'Careers after Arts'
- Ms. Armaity Desai (Yoga Institute); has been sending instructors from her institute to conduct workshops on Yoga for the last 15 years
- Ms. Shailaja Mulay, who has been lecturing on 'Careers after Commerce and Science' for the past five year
- Dr. Prof. Hosi Bhiwandiwalla, who has been lecturing one Event Management for the past 10 years
- Mr. Cyrus Gonda, who has been lecturing on Hospitality Management for the last 10 years
- Dr. Behram Bunsha, who has been lecturing on careers in Medicine for the last 10 years
- Dr. Nozer Sheriar, who has lectured on medicine, has been on the panel of Young Achievers, has been the Guest of Honour at HPY functions and has been associated with HPY for 15 years; Dr. Sheriar is also a true well-wisher of HPY
- Dr. Keki Mistry, has been lecturing on Good Values for the last 10 years
- Dr. Rushad Udadia, who has been on the panel of Young Achievers and has been a Chief Guest at several functions; Dr. Udadia has been associated with HPY for more than 10 years and has been a great ambassador for the programme
- Mr. Kersi Limathwalla, who has given lectures on Entrepreneurship for 10 years
- Mr. Boman Irani, who has been giving lectures on photography, acting and theatre. Mr. Irani has been a true well-wisher of HPY for 15 years; he has also been a Chief Guest at several functions
- Mr. and Mrs. Perizaad and Boman Irani; true ambassadors of HPY; they have been giving lectures, have judged several competitions and have been associated with HPY for 15 years
- Mr. and Mrs. Pervin and Sharukh Irani, who have judged several competitions at HPY over the years
- Captain Kersi Deboo, who has given lectures on careers in the Merchant Navy for 10 years
- Mrs. Shiraz Gotla, who has given lectures on Travel and Tourism for 10 years
- Mrs. Zarine Commissariat, who has given lectures on Leadership training, effective communication and grooming for many years
- Mrs. Darshana Sheth, who has been lecturing on the ill-effects of tobacco consumption for 10 years
- Comm. Mediomma Bhadha (Retd.), who gave lectures on how to join the Defence Services for a few years
- Comm. Aspi Marker (Retd.), who has been giving and arranging lectures on how to join the Defence services for 10 years
- Mrs. Tehmina Damanwalla, a true well-wisher of HPY who helped with a lot of planning and details in the initial years of HPY
- Mrs. Yasmin Charna, a true well-wisher who has been providing a Navjote child to HPY for many years
- Mr. Nadir Bhesania (Parakh Dharamshala), Former Manager of Parakh Dharamshala; Mr. Bhesania has helped HPY a lot in the past and hosted outstation children in the Dharamshala; he also looked after the lunch of the participants when HPY was held in the Khareghat Colony hall
- Mr. Kersy Mistry, who has given the Colaba Agiary grounds totally free of cost in the 20th and 25th year celebrations of HPY
- Ms. Diana D. Marfatia, who has been Coordinator of HPY for 20 years, Facilitator for two years and Mentor for three years. Ms. Marfatia has been associated with HPY closely for all of its 25 years

People felicitated for the 25th anniversary celebrations:

- Mr. Hanosh Dubash, who provided the sound and light at a concessional price for the 25th anniversary celebration held on November 17, 2010
- Ms. Tanaz Godiwalla, who provided dinner at a very reasonable rate for the above mentioned function
- Ms. Roxana Buhariwalla, who did the flowers and decoration at a reasonable rate for the 25th anniversary function
- Mr. Arish Patel, who did the photography and video for the above function at a reasonable rate
- Mr. Nariman Khambata recorded the HPY song professionally at his studio free of cost
- The choreographers who directed the dances at the 25th anniversary function free of cost:
 - ✦ Mrs. Pearl Tirandaz
 - ✦ Ms. Zinobia Mistry
 - ✦ Ms. Khushnuma Daruvalla