

THE PARSEE VOICE

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The Trustees
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Dear Sirs,

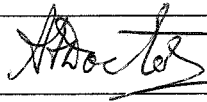
**Protest against construction of high-rise building at Godrej Baug,
in the close vicinity of the Dakhmas**

We, the Parsee/Irani Zarthoshtis of Mumbai, strongly protest against and vehemently oppose the construction of a new multi-storeyed building on Plot M in Godrej Baug, in the close vicinity of the Dakhmas. This new high-rise will result in the occupants of the 5th floor and above getting a direct view of the insides of the Dakhmas at Doongerwadi. **Predictably, they will raise a hue and cry, resulting in the closure of the Dakhmas.** This has a parallel in the closure of the Banaji Dakhma more than 30 years ago, thanks to protests by a couple of residents of Grand Paradi.

Please realise that the Dokhmenashini system of disposal of the Zarthoshti dead is imperative for the progress of a Mazdayasni Zarthoshti soul. The absence of this system results in severe disturbances in nature's scheme of things. This has been brought to your notice time and again in the recent past. The construction of this new high-rise at Godrej Baug is bound to result in the closure of the system of Dokhmenashini at Doongerwadi. **We strongly decry this move on your part and request you to limit the size of this building to not more than 4 storeys, in line with the other buildings at Godrej Baug.**

As trustees of Doongerwadi property, we earnestly urge you to uphold and work our time tested system of Dokhmenachini for the benefit of the community at large.

Yours faithfully,

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