



Dear Yazdi & All Members of the Parsi Directory,

YOUR SUPPORT
MY SINCERITY, HONESTY AND COMMITMENT
TOGETHER WE MOVE FORWARD TO PROTECT WHAT IS NOT YET LOST

VOTE FOR: DR. SYRUS DARVISH IRANI

Personal Background:

I, Dr. Syrus Darvish Irani, a General Medical Practitioner from Mahim, Mumbai, am contesting the 2008 Mumbai Parsi Punchayet Trustees' Election.

- 1) Married, with two children; residing at Mahim; and also have my medical practice at Mahim;
- 2) Have been a delegate at Parsi Matrimonial Court from 1992 to 2002;
- 3) Am a member/founder and past President of Zoroastrian Cultural Welfare Association;
- 4) Am a member/founder and President of Navazbai Contractor Baug Zoroastrian Charitable Association;
- 5) Am a committee member and past trustee of the Iranian Zoroastrian Anjuman of Mumbai;
- 6) Am a member of the Medical General Practitioners' Association;

Past History & My Convictions for Parsi/Irani Youth

I have been a leading proponent for our youth in professional colleges since 1980 and I have observed the following:

1980's

- 1) 5 reserved seats for Parsi/Irani youth in Walchand Engineering College, Satara, Pune;
- 2) Today's scenario: No reserved seats available in professional colleges! Our children are left to frustrations; in spite of gaining 90+% they are made to run from pillar to post for admissions, without success!

1990's

Mandal Commission

- 1) In the 1990s I tried my level best to impress upon our akabars at Parsi Punchayet to intervene in the Supreme Court regarding reservations for Parsees; however, none amongst them ventured into it at that point in time. Their only theme was “we Parsees do not need reservations.”
- 2) After that, I personally met the then Chairman of Minority Commission, who advised me to come through the Punchayet. I had aimed for 2% reservation for Parsi/Irani youth in professional colleges.
- 3) During that period, the Mandal Commission was the only way to intervene in the Supreme Court; but I failed to gain momentum. Nevertheless, I did not lose hope. I strongly believe that “If there is a Will, there has to be a Way!”
- 4) So I ventured into Parsi politics; but being raw, I could not sustain the unfounded and calumnious rumors to keep me out of Punchayet.
- 5) My only hope was Parsi Punchayet’s Anjuman Elections in December 1992. But, there too, I was unsuccessful.
- 6) Thereafter, I tried to gain footing through the 1993 Trustees’ Elections.. However, here too, sick minds played sick games and unfortunately, the electorate could not decipher truth from falsehood. And we all know the state of Punchayet today!
- 7) Make no mistake now! Please vote after studying the truth behind false propaganda. Groups in majority will set their personal agenda to the point of no return!

Facts:

1. According to the 2001 census (Government of India):
 - 0.0069% of total population∠a. Parsees 69,601
 - 13.4% of total population∠b. Muslims 151 million
 - 2.34% of total population∠c. Christians 24 million

The latter two communities have gained tremendously through their leaders but none of our leaders have shown any interest! Parsi Punchayet chairs are not for warming but for real work with sincerity and honesty.

2. Currently reservations for all other minorities, including Muslims and Christians, in professional colleges; but none for Parsees and Iranis!
3. Parsees are a minority and have minority status, but no minority benefit!
 - a. Sole losers are the Parsi youth
 - b.. Migration of Parsi youth to gain higher education and better opportunities

My Manifesto/Convictions:

1.(A) To support youth in gaining admission to professional colleges through gaining 2% Reservations by appealing to the government with your support and/or by creating a corpus to pay for donated seats.

(B) Letters of Recommendations to be given to all Parsi Graduates and Postgraduates for their concerned jobs.

2. Welfare of all baugs and colonies under the aegis of Parsi Punchayet:

- a. Take up work for dilapidated roads and peripheral walls;
- b. Replacement of worn out water pipelines;
- c. Maintenance of buildings needing urgent repairs;
- d. Increase in security to control trespassing and thefts in colonies and baugs;

3.(A) To impart religious knowledge to our youth every week, at all possible venues.

(B) Community gahambars will be held once a year, like in yester years, through Parsi Punchayet, to bring the community together.

4. To visit baugs and colonies every quarter, to gauge the needs and to solve the problems facing the residents.

5. To give assistance and support to welfare associations of baugs and colonies.

6. All housing hassles, including frivolous legal matters, will be sincerely and honestly looked into and resolved amicably.

The above, in brief, are my convictions and promises.

With best regards,

Dr. Syrus Darvish Irani
In Community Service