

1st Salgreh Of Manijeh Pirojsha Sachinwalla Dar-e-Meher

JASHAN AND LECTURE ON 12TH NOVEMBER, 2000

Situated in the village of Valiv, five kilometers from Vasai away from the maddening crowd, lies Sachinwalla Dar-e-Meher in its peaceful surroundings. A picture of simple petit structure, constructed on the lines of Zarathushti Din 'Vastushashtra' requirements, without modern electricity, where its young Mobed Sahib, stays in its compound without going out for number of days, and performs Boi Ceremony, in all five gahs, although Atash-Padsha is of the grade of "Dadgah." (According to teaching of 'Khshnoom' if a Boi Ceremony is performed in all five Gahs on Dadgah for 12 years, then the Padshah is upgraded in nature to Adarian Status). All this and much more is the result of the toil, sweat, vision, charity, positive thinking and unflinching faith in Dadar Hormuzd of one man - Shri Bomi Sachinwalla. As done on inauguration day a year back. Mr. Sachinwalla rose again with his committee, to give a treat to the crowd of over a thousand Zarathushti, precision programme from morning — conveying them to Dar-e-Meher from Vasai station. Jashan Ceremony, Religious lecture by Ervad K. N. Dastoor, followed by musical programme of Religious songs and Parsee traditional tunes with stumptuous and tasty lunch and believe it or not with cool sweet white Toddy, all free. Drink and eat as much as you can. After the thanks giving Jashan, which was performed due to the occasion for the public present, (although the real anniversary day was falling on Monday, 13th November), the stage was taken up by Master of ceremony Mr. Naval Surti, who gave in a nutshell the working account of the Dar-e-Meher, the activities of committee and the part played in it by Mr. Bomi Sachinwalla - this received a prolonged ovation. Some persons were felicitated and then without much ado Master of ceremony introduced Ervad Kaikashroo. Dastoor, and requested him to address the gathering with his talk on the subject of "Atash and Atash-ni-Niyayesh". Ervad Dastoor with his inimitable style in no time held the vast public attention and opened one by one the deep rooted esoteric points of the exaltedness and loftiness of Atash and Atash Padshahs. Ervad Sahib stated that all things were in motion and govern by the laws of vibrations. Atash Padshah of 'Atash-Behram' differed in status than that of Adaran. Different grades of fire-energies in the Universe operate at different levels. Vandidad and Yazashni to be performed whilst consecrating Atash Behram come to 1128, in number. It is said in Iranshah apart from having an additional lightening fire direct from 9th sky the Vandidad and Yazashni performed whilst consecrating were 14,000 in number. Ervad Sahib spoke for more than an hour, which was acknowledged by thunderous applause.

At this juncture, Ervad Dastoor said that he is requested to make one special announcement and that is - A group of people, looking to the present condition of Dokhmanashini in cities, have decided to construct two Dokhma in Vasai Taluka for which Mr. Bomi Sachinwalla has donated the land (worth almost 1½ Crore) where Vultures are found. The committee, headed by Mr. Sachinwalla has at present fixed the target of one crore, for the work involved. You all and the community should come forward and give generously to this cause.

After the high profile lecture, the gathering proceeded to have toddy and lunch, while some sat down to hear the Religious songs and old Parsee tunes. The lunch and the music both lasted till late in the afternoon, afterwhich slowly the public made their way to buses specially provided to return them to Vasai station.

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