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UPCOMING DATES

Through September 2016

Persepolis: Images of an Empire.
[Oriental Institute – Univ of Chicago](#)

February 15, 2016

Application Deadline for Return
To Roots Tour 3
www.zororoots.org

February 18-19, 2016

2016 Winter Youth Assembly at
the United Nations, New York
City. Visit faf.org

March 9, 2016

Nowruz program at Oriental
Institute, Chicago. Sponsored in
part by FEZANA and ZAC-CHI.
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March 12, 2016

Children's Nowruz program at
Oriental Institute, Chicago.
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March 14-24, 2016

CSW60 (Commission on the
Status of Women) Conference.
United Nations, NYC. CSW60

March 14, 2015

FEZANA panel event at CSW60.
New York City. (See pg 2)
Contact [afreed.mistry \(@\) gmail.com](mailto:afreed.mistry@gmail.com).

March 19-May 29, 2016

International Everlasting Flame
Programme MoMA India; Parzor:
UNESCO.

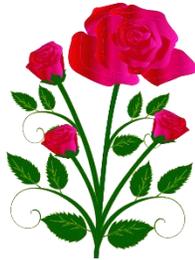
April 29-May 1, 2016

FEZANA AGM. Novi, Michigan
(see page 4 for details)
admin@fezana.org

June 30-July 4, 2016

15th Zoroastrian Games. Elmhurst,
Illinois (Chicago)
<http://www.zgames2016.com>

New Year Greeting from the FEZANA Executive



Let us all begin the New Year 2016 with love and understanding towards all humanity and live in peace & harmony for times to come. May the New Year be filled with new hope, new joy and new beginnings & may each day of the coming year be vibrant and new bringing along many reasons for celebrations.

*Wishing you and your family an Abundance of Good Health, Peace, Love, Joy, Happiness and Prosperity.
May Ahuramazda shower his choicest blessings on you and your dear ones!*

Katayun Kersi Kapadia
FEZANA - President

Registration Open for 15th Zoroastrian Games in Chicago

The [Zoroastrian Association of Chicago](#) (ZAC) in conjunction with the [Zoroastrian Sports Committee](#) (ZSC) has announced early bird registration for the [15th Zoroastrian Games](#) (Z Games 2016) which officially opened on January 25. The four-day, six-sport, intensely competitive event takes place June 30 to July 4, on the campus of Elmhurst College in Elmhurst, Illinois, approximately 25 minutes from downtown Chicago.

Promoting sportsmanship, unity and togetherness, Z Games is an iconic Zoroastrian sporting and cultural tradition. Z Games 2016 will attract amateur Zoroastrian athletes from around the world and features competitive tournament brackets in basketball, volleyball, swimming, track, tennis, table tennis, and a new surprise event: golf!

"We look forward to welcoming new and returning Z Games athletes, fans and supporters to the beautiful city of Chicago for what promises to be an unforgettable four days of camaraderie and intense competition," said Eric Elavia, who leads the Z Games 2016 operating team. "Our group has worked hard with the ZSC to put together a high-quality sporting and cultural experience for what can easily be considered one of the Zoroastrian community's marquee international events."

Opening ceremonies on July 1 will mark the official launch of the Games, and will spotlight a parade of athletes, states and nations, as well as a lighting of the torch.





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Closing ceremonies on July 4 will recognize athletes, medal winners, donors and an army of volunteer organizers. Three evening events will spotlight Chicago's diversity in food, entertainment and nightlife as a world-class destination city: *A Rendezvous @ Reza's*, *The Chicago Experience*, and an exciting red-carpet gala banquet: *Chicago's Contributions to the World*.

"For more than 28 years, ZSC has been bringing together athletes, sports fans, and other members of the Zoroastrian community from across the globe. We're proud to be working with the organizing team in Chicago and look forward to another successful event this year," said Dr. Niaz Kasravi, President of the Zoroastrian Sports Committee.

Z Games 2016 is open to any and all interested Zoroastrian athletes and their families. The first Z Games event was held in Los Angeles in 1988, and today the Games are considered to be ZSC's largest sporting event, attracting athletic and fan participation from the United States, Canada, India, Iran, European Union and other countries around the world.

For more information, or to register: <http://www.zgames2016.com/register.html> or email: chicago.zgames@gmail.com □

Zoroastrians to Deliver Panel Discussion at the U.N. Headquarters During CSW60

FEZANA will be participating at the 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60) Conference to be held at the UN Headquarters in New York, USA.

Tanya Bharda, Ayesha Dumasia, Homi Gandhi, Farhad Malegam, Nurelle Mehta, Adina Mistry, Behram Pastakia, Delna Weil and Shekufeh Zonji from FEZANA will be representing the Zoroastrians at the UN. The group will be presenting a panel discussion titled, "**The Role of Women in Culture, Government Activity and the Economic Market in sustainable development.**"

The rights and capabilities of half the world's population (women) cannot be ignored considering global gender inequality which leads to the lack of women in decision-making positions. The workshop will discuss solutions to these problems to ensure a sustainable future not only for women but people worldwide. The workshop will also cover the role of governments in reforming the system from within and creating an environment within which inclusive and sustainable growth is experienced for women as well as the nation state.

The panel discussion details are:

Date: Monday, March 14th, 2016

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: CUNY Graduate Centre, Room 2, 365 5th Avenue, New York, NY

For more information, contact: Afreed Mistry, FEZANA NGO Main Representative for UN DPI, ([afreed.mistry \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:afreed.mistry@gmail.com)) or Nurelle Mehta, FEZANA UN NGO Committee, ([nurellem7 \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:nurellem7@gmail.com)). □



BOOK AWARENESS

**Early Bombay Photography**

by Susan Hapgood looks at some of the earliest surviving Bombay photographs, and moves through differing eras to the end of the century, covering architectural studies and landscapes, portraits and ethnographic studies, and the documentation of trade and technological advancements that produced such spectacular pictures.

**In The Silence of The Night**

is the third book written by Dr. Ruzbeh K. Mowdawalaa. A scientist, writer and professor, this book is about her journey in life, thoughts and observations. The book is poignant in manner and is beautifully written.

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<http://www.fires-fezana.org/>

Return To Roots Program is Accepting Applications for Trip 3



The **Zoroastrian Return To Roots Program** will be continuing this March with their third trip to India. **FEZANA** has been a proud supporter and sponsor of the

program since its inception and youth from North America have formed the majority of participants in the last two programs.

If you are a Zarathushti youth between the ages of 22-40, we urge you to consider participating. If you are a parent/grandparent, do encourage your kids, grandkids, nephews, nieces and anyone else who may be eligible to participate in this fantastic program.

The Zoroastrian Return to Roots program is pleased to announce the opening of applications for Return to Roots 3 Trip scheduled to take place from March 11-23, 2016. This will be the third tour after the first two very successful tours in 2013-14 and in 2015.

The aim of Zoroastrian Return to Roots is to bring together young Zoroastrians from across the world between the ages of 22-40; to return to their roots, reconnect with their culture, and revive the community. Participants ('Fellows') will explore various significant Zoroastrian historical, religious, cultural, and archaeological sites in India over a trip of 12 days.

The itinerary will take participants to Mumbai, Gujarat and New Delhi. The tour in 2016 is unique from the previous two since it will overlap with a series of exhibitions and events being organized by PARZOR and the Government of India in New Delhi from the 19th to 23rd of March.

One of the key aims of this program is to foster a sense of community amongst Fellows and for individuals to contribute to the institutions they visit as well as the program even after they have participated. Another aim of the trip is for participants to understand and realize the influence Parsis have had on modern-day India. Fellows also understand and experience first-hand the meaning behind our long-standing religious customs and traditions.

Fellows from previous trips returned from India with a deep understanding and appreciation for our small but powerful community. They are becoming more involved with their local Zoroastrian associations, giving back to the community, and encouraging other youth to participate in Return to Roots.

Applications close on February 15, 2016.

Applicants are encouraged to apply using the following link (<http://zoroots.org/>) before the deadline and approach one's local community members and associations for funding and sponsorship. Applications are accepted on a rolling-basis. □

Return To Roots website: www.zororoots.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ZoroastrianReturnToRootsProgram/>

2016 Trip Program: <http://zoroots.org/2016-return-to-roots-tentative-itinerary/>

To Apply: <http://zoroots.org/apply/>



ATTEND THE FEZANA AGM IN MICHIGAN

April 29 – May 1, 2016
HOSTED BY ZAOM

**Holiday Inn & Suites
Farmington Hills-Nov**
37529 Grand River Ave
Farmington Hills, MI 48335
P: 248.477.7800

When making room
reservations, mention:
Special Group Code: FRB.
Group name: FEZANA

If you will be attending the
AGM, please RSVP to
Zenobia Damania
(admin@fezana.org)

Overall Schedule:
Friday April 29, 9am-1pm
WZCC North American
Regional Meeting
(open to all – separate RSVP
requested)

Friday April 29, 2pm-5pm
Pre-AGM sessions

FEZANA AGM SESSIONS
Friday April 29, 6pm-9pm
Saturday April 30, 8am-6pm
Sunday May 1, 8am-2pm

ZAOM Gala
Saturday April 30; 7pm
(separate RSVP requested)

Detailed announcements
have been circulated for all of
the above items. Contact
admin@fezana.org for more
information or to RSVP.

Reflections from the 6th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress

FEZANA proudly supported 35 young Zoroastrians from North America to attend the recent 6th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress (6WZYC) in New Zealand from December 28, 2015 – January 2, 2016. The following are reflections from some of those youth who attended.

Diana Vania (ZSO):



Over 250 youth from around the world, representing different perspectives and experiences, gathered at the 6WZYC in Auckland, New Zealand for six days of fun, food, and festivities. Hosted on the King's College campus, the Congress was a mix of illuminating speeches and social activities, giving delegates the opportunity to meet with other youth and learn more about our culture and religion. The event kicked off with a traditional Maori welcome, followed by a traditional Zarathushti Jashan.

The organizing committee conceived the first-ever Legacy Series, comprised of 12 speaker sessions – the number 12 to reflect the spirit of Asha from the 12 words of our *Ashem Vohu* prayer. Each legacy session was meant to honor the legacy of Zoroastrians from previous generations who have made a positive contribution both to our community and to greater humanity. The sessions featured a panel of youth speakers who presented on topics including: The connection between our religion and the environment; how youth inculcate pride about being Zoroastrian; social networking; symbolism in Zoroastrianism; priesthood; and Zoroastrian youth initiatives around the globe, such as the Return to Roots program. However, many delegates wished we had the opportunity to have a thought-provoking yet respectful debate on the current issues facing our community. As we are so spread out through the diaspora, when youth are gathered together at a WZYC, many feel that this is the venue where we should be discussing some of the larger issues being brought up by older generations.

The Congress was not all speeches and presentations; delegates participated in a comprehensive, fast-paced scavenger hunt throughout Auckland, allowing them to sightsee and experience the beauty of the City of Sails. We had a long 'to-do' list of famous sights to visit in Auckland, including taking a ferry to neighbouring Waiheke Island and going up the SkyTower for panoramic views of Auckland. Nearly every evening was filled with a fun event: a pool party, a captivating hypnotist show, and a traditional night where guests were encouraged to wear daglis or saris (thankfully we had some aunties from the local community help the ladies wrap our saris!). We were among the first in the world to ring in the New Year, with a glow-in-the-dark dance party.

All delegates appreciated the commitment and time put into organizing such a successful and memorable event. All of us will foster our new and old friendships alike and will take away fond memories of picturesque New Zealand.

Hopefully attendees continue to take pride in being a Zoroastrian while remembering the values of our reputed religion. This is the generation that will maintain our religion and community, and we need to ensure that we can move forward in an inclusive and cohesive manner.



BOOK AVAILABLE

“Let’s Celebrate Zoroastrian Festivals”



The children of ZANT -- the Zoroastrian Association of North Texas -- have written and illustrated a book on Zoroastrian Festivals. Proceeds from this book will support the ZANT Center Operations and Maintenance Fund.

The book is available from ZANT directly for a donation of \$15 (or more). Please contact Pearl Balsara (ppbalsara [at] gmail.com)

The 35 youth who received a subsidy from FEZANA are grateful for the opportunity to attend the Congress. We would also like to thank our local associations who provided additional subsidies.

All Congress attendees were excited to learn that FEZANA will be hosting the next 2019 WZYC in the USA!

Rohan K. Shroff (ZAPANJ):

The 6WZYC is the first Zoroastrian Congress that I have attended and so going in, I was not sure what to expect. However, from the moment I arrived until when I departed, I was pleasantly surprised by the overwhelming friendliness, enthusiasm, and maturity from both the organizing committee and the other Congress delegates. Overall, I felt that every person had tremendous pride and passion for their Zoroastrian

heritage, culture, and community. I realized that the Youth Congress was a great way for young Zoroastrians to interact with each other and share their ideas, feelings, and concerns about their community, as well as to see if Zoroastrian youth from other countries were dealing with similar issues. The Congress was an excellent forum for us to network and build connections on a global scale with the goal of continuing to strengthen these relationships in order to foster ways to support and bolster the community throughout the globe. I came away from the Congress having made many new friends that I look forward to keeping in touch with.



As a panel speaker myself, and having attended the other panel discussions, I was extremely impressed with the efforts made by each of the speakers to share their opinions on various topics that related to being a Zoroastrian. The speakers voiced their thoughts candidly, including their satisfactions and challenges. The audience participation was equally impressive, as audience members asked thought provoking questions and openly shared their own feelings and experiences. It deeply touched me that there were so many other young members of the Zoroastrian community who like me, cared profoundly about the traditions and culture in which they were raised, and their determination and caring to find a way to keep these things alive in a meaningful way.

Although I came away with a better understanding of our culture and feeling more connected to our religion, in a way I also feel a sense of incomplete fulfillment. After all the discussions and opinions which were shared, no conclusions were drawn and no plans of action were put in place in order to resolve issues which we youth feel exist in the Zoroastrian community. Furthermore, I realize that I was very fortunate to be able to attend this Congress and that there were many others whose voices were not heard. The 6WZYC provided a great starting point, but I hope that those who attended the Congress will use it as motivation when they return to their respective communities; to build upon what took place and endeavor to address the concerns and issues which were brought up by their fellow Zoroastrians.



FEZANA Youth, Diana Vania and Poruz Khambatta accepting the Torch on behalf of the Youth of North America to host the next WZYC



YOUTH SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Everyday Young Hero Award Program

Do you know a kid or teen who is making extraordinary contributions to help their community through service?

YSA is seeking nominations for our [expanded Everyday Young Hero program!](#)

Everyday Young Heroes are young people, ages 5-25, who are improving their communities through service to others and making significant progress in achieving the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Each week, the YSA Team selects one young person to receive this honor.

Each selected Hero receives a congratulatory letter, a certificate of recognition, and is highlighted in YSA's newsletter and on social media, raising the profile of his or her good work.

Also, With generous support from [Newman's Own Foundation](#), YSA will select 12 winners - one per month - to receive \$250 grants to continue and expand their project. If you know an Everyday Young Hero, submit your nomination www.YSA.org/eyh_nomination

I would like to thank my parents, the FEZANA organization, and the ZAPANJ family for their encouragement and financial support that enabled me to attend this superb event. It was an incredible experience to see the raw natural beauty of one of the most beautiful countries in the world, to meet young Zoroastrians from all over the globe, and to hear more about their thoughts on our religion and culture.

Last but not the least, I would like to express my gratitude to all the 6WZYC sponsors for their generosity and the organizers for their incredible planning and execution of the Congress that has provided me and my fellow Zoroastrians several cherished memories.

Sherry Bapasola (ZAPANJ):

The 6WZYC was a fantastic event which brought many young Zoroastrians to the beautiful country of New Zealand. From the moment we landed at the Auckland airport, we were greeted by local Zoroastrian host families and welcomed into their homes for the Sunday night before the official start of Congress events. Onward into the week, the gracious hospitality of the New Zealand "Kiwis" was evident. The organizing committee did a fantastic job of making sure that everything ran smoothly throughout the week, from the educative and well-planned Congress sessions to the enjoyable social events, such as the "Amazing Race" in Auckland City and New Year's Eve "Glo" party. The Congress took place at the historic King's College, where we were able to meet and make many friends in a fun and collaborative environment.



I was especially interested in the "Green Initiative" Congress theme, which was unique to New Zealand. The country has a distinct sense of purity, greenery, and cleanliness, and because of the informative speakers, we were able to see the various ties to our religion, which also places a strong emphasis on preserving and protecting the environment. It was inspiring and motivating to see so many fellow Zoroastrian youth enjoying the discussions, voicing our opinions, and hearing about others' experiences being involved in various community projects across the globe.

Overall this was an extraordinary Congress where we reconnected with old friends, made new lasting friendships, and learned more about our history and how to preserve and practice our religion.

Natasha Singh (ZAPANJ):

The 6th World Zoroastrian Youth Congress far exceeded my expectations. When I attended the previous congress 4 years ago in Vancouver, I thought it was executed well, but I felt this year's congress was even better. I think this is due to a few key factors.

The Vancouver congress was pretty large with an attendee population totaling about 800 compared to this year's where the number of attendees was a little over 250. I personally really like smaller groups better because it is much easier to get to know people. Even 250 people is an overwhelming amount, but with that size it is at least possible to form lasting bonds with people. The most important effect of the smaller population is that it lends itself





well to intimate discussions about important topics such as how our generation plans to preserve the Zoroastrian religion while growing our community. The smaller audience size for lectures made it possible to have these kinds of discussions with people sitting next to you during or after the lecture. However, I do wish that the organizers took better advantage of the small audience size and had more breakout sessions during lectures for discussion and feedback.

The second factor that I feel really contributed to the success of this congress is the residence that was chosen to house the delegates. This year it took place in Auckland, New Zealand on King's College Campus. Housing the delegates on a beautiful, somewhat confined, but large college campus was an excellent idea. It was far enough away from the city that delegates wouldn't be tempted to skip all of the lectures and spend every day in the city. It was fun and nostalgic because it brought back a lot of college memories. Most importantly, the closed quarters actually forced us to spend more time with each other. My only wish was that the rules on entering and exiting the campus were a bit more lenient. They were extremely strict about the hours in which you could enter and exit the campus and made it very difficult to explore Auckland at evening/night.

The last contributing factor to my enjoyable experience at the congress is not really one related to the execution of the congress, but absolutely worth mentioning. I was so happy that a good number of our ZAPANJ youth made it to this congress. I felt like this was really good quality time where we all bonded with each other. It was especially exciting that one of our own was a lecture speaker! I think we can all agree that we've become closer after this experience!

Kyra Singh (ZAPANJ):

The 6thWZYC in Auckland, New Zealand was my first youth congress experience, and I can't say enough good things about it. Getting the opportunity to visit New Zealand and make friends with Zoroastrian youth from across the globe was fun, exciting, and educational. In addition to the inspiring lectures we heard from Zoroastrian legacies (such as Zerbanoo Gifford) as well as my own Zoroastrian peers, it was really special to sit down and hear others speak about our religion with such pride. Although we may have a small population of Zoroastrians in the world, we have a strong presence. Attending the youth congress reminded me of that, and why it is so important to pass down and preserve our religion. Thank you to ZAPANJ, FEZANA, and the 6WZYC organizing committee for the incredible experience! □



Kyra Singh, Sherry Bapasola, Natasha Singh, and Ninoshka Singh with our local Zoroastrian host family mom (Daliah Kermani) and sister (Hufriya Kermani). The Kermani's were so hospitable to allow us to stay with them in Auckland for an evening and help us prepare for the Congress!



Sherry Bapasola, Natasha Singh, and Ninoshka Singh taking in the scenery of the Coromandel, New Zealand coast!



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WZCC Glitters in Goa

From December 18-20, 2015, World Zoroastrian Chamber of Commerce (WZCC) held a glittering Event -- the WZCC Global Meet -- at the International Centre, Goa, India, wherein almost 150 delegates interacted with each other.



Some WZCC International Board Directors [From L-R] Rustom Engineer - Regional Director USA; Katayun Kapadia - Hon. Treasurer; Outgoing Global President - Mr Minoo R. Shroff; Incoming Global President - Mr Edul Daver; Adi B. Siganporia - Corporate Secretary; Yazdi Tantra -Incoming Global Vice President; Phili Kharas - Regional Director India; Mr Parviz Varjavand -Regional Director Iran.

The two main and reputed organizations in Goa – Goa Chamber of Commerce & Industry and The International Centre-Goa - joined hands with WZCC which resulted in more constructive dialogue for the benefit of all delegates.

The three-day event was dotted with interesting presentations, WZCC board meetings, panel discussions. One of the highlights was a very constructive Panel discussion, “Opportunities of Investment in Goa,” where successful entrepreneurs from Goa shared their views on their respective professions and businesses.

Another panel discussion, “Overcoming Challenges for Growth in Competitive Business Environment,” captured much attention from the attendees. All the Panelists were members of WZCC and successful entrepreneurs in their own fields of activity. The theme revolved around the practical ways of crossing the barriers in the growing competitive environment.

The main evening dinner function was attended by the Parsi community from within Goa and from various parts of the world, along with two eminent personalities – Lord Meghnad Desai, Member of the British Parliament and well known Global Economist coupled with Brig. Behram Panthaki, ex-ADC to Late Field Marshal Sam Manekshaw.

Glowing tributes were paid to Mr. Minoo R. Shroff, the Outgoing President, for his splendid work on all fronts and the Incoming President, Mr. Edul Daver, presented his views on the future plans of WZCC.

Over its past 15 years, WZCC presents Awards to Zarathushti Entrepreneurs and Professionals, and accordingly, this year too, three Awards were presented to:

Outstanding Zarathushti Entrepreneur of the Year 2015

Dr. Zarir Hector Sholapurwalla,

Founder of Systech Defence and Aerospace Engineers Pvt. Ltd.

Outstanding Zarathushti Professional of the Year 2015

Ms Jasmin J. Sohrabji, Media Planning, Founder of OMD India

Outstanding Young Zarathushti Professional of the Year 2015

Dr. Urvakhsh M. Mehta,

Clinician Scientist – Mental Health and Neurosciences.

This year, a very special Award was presented to Ms Tanya Sam Balsara for her outstanding contribution in assisting visually impaired persons with training in Computers and helping them find appropriate job placements in her new venture – Tanya Computer Centre. □



Iranshah Udvada Utsav (IUU) Recap

December 25th 2015 will forever be remembered as the first day of a long cherished festival in Udvada, Gujarat, India to celebrate the Zoroastrian faith. Born out of an idea proposed by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, a few years ago; Vada Dasturji Khurshed Dastur had promised to host this monumental event and he stood by his word. He was the ever gracious host and the face of the IUU 2015.

The first evening saw droves of attendees gather at the Gymkhana grounds for the official opening. Vada Dasturji welcomed one and all to Udvada and detailed out the steps that went into the organizing of this the first ever IUU. The opening was graced by the Chief Guest, Mr. Saurabh Pant, the finance minister of Gujarat who welcomed the Parsi community and urged them to meet every two years and also to increase their population.

After the formal inaugurations, on the first evening, entertainment segments included multiple dance performances and a dinner laid out “panth” style.



FEZANA and ZTFE delegates with Ratan Tata

The second day of the IUU started with two fun filled participatory activities. The Heritage Walks and The Treasure Hunt had droves of people walking or running through the small lanes of Udvada which gave the town the kind of buzz and foot activities seen only once or twice a year during the *Iranshah Salgrehs*. Groups of attendees were escorted by architects well versed in Udvada’s history and shown around the various different historical and heritage landmarks. The Iranshah itself was abuzz with devotees filing to worship in a steady stream all day.

The formal lectures and events in the main Gymkhana grounds started in the morning. A series of lectures and audio visual presentations were interspersed with some entertainment breaks.

Notable among the speakers were BPP Trustee and community leader Noshir Dadrewala who spoke about Ancient Iran. His mastery and command of the topic and the lucid presentation brought alive some of the glories of the “MadreVatan” as we refer to Iran today.

Day 2’s evening entertainment was packed with skits by young children ...the Farohars of New Delhi. The girls of Avabai Petit Girls High School sang monajats and the MEJMT Trust performed a fantastic theatrical experience called *Tapo Re Iranshah*. The day ended with a sit down dinner.

The third and final day began on Sunday December 27th with a sense of expectation and euphoria to welcome Ratan Tata, Arun Jaitley and Cyrus Poonawalla. Decked out in Dagleis and Gara Sarees thousands of folks filled up the Gymkhana grounds and waited patiently for all the dignitaries to arrive. Boman Irani, introduced all the three dignitaries before each one of them addressed the crowd. All the three dignitaries were also felicitated by the local officials of the town, district and state.

The next Iranshah Udvada Utsav is slated for December 23-25, 2017. □

Read more about the recent IUU at parsikhabar.net