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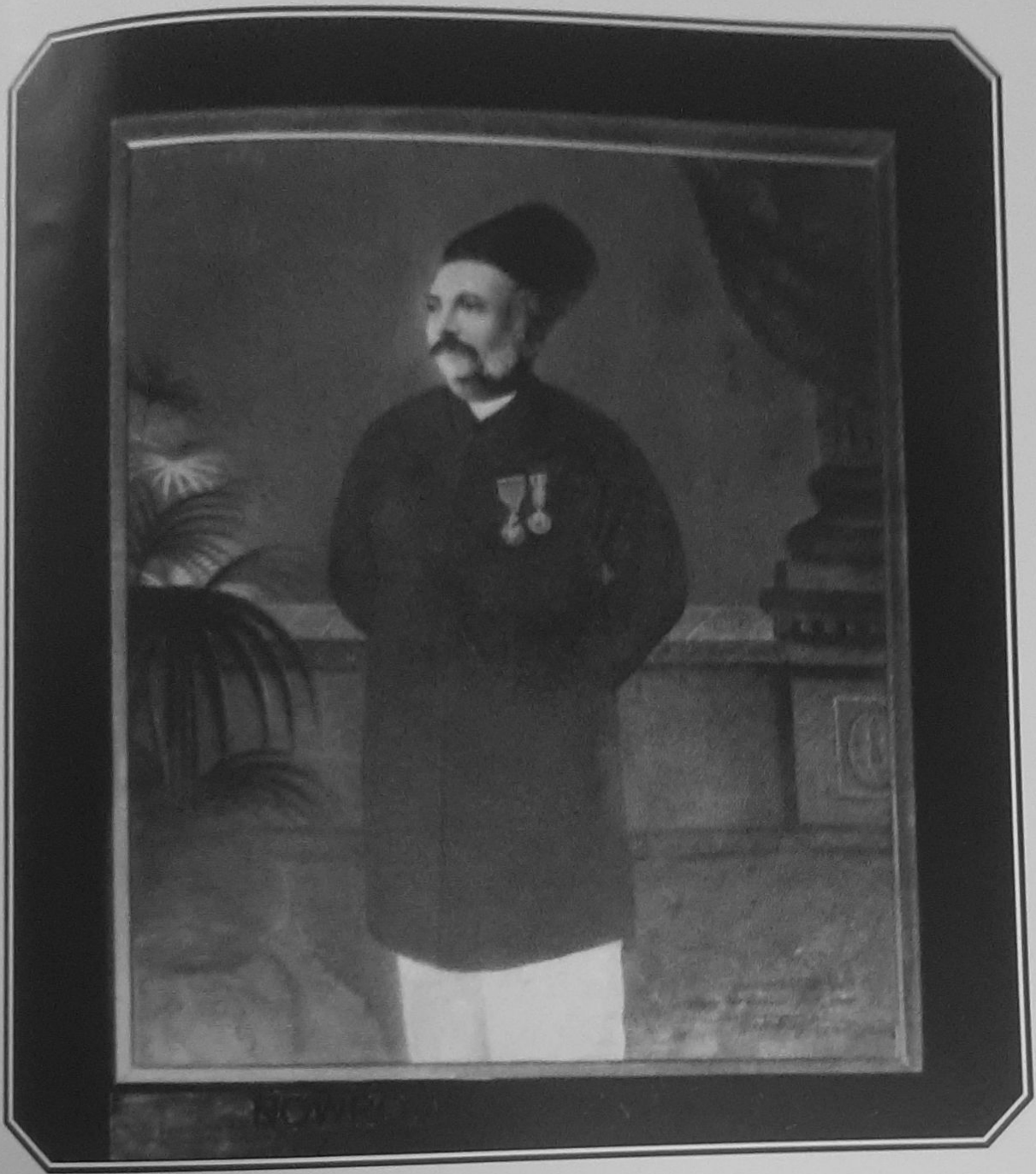
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NOWROJEE MANECKJEE WADIA, C.I.E.
(1837-1909)

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FOREWORD

On November 08, 2009, N. M. WADIA CHARITIES, a Public Charitable Trust, founded in 1909, will be completing existence of its 100 glorious years of service to humanity. To mark this occasion, a book on the history of N. M. WADIA CHARITIES was brought out by the Trustees which was released by Mr. Darius Forbes at a function held on 30th October 2009 at Mumbai.

It has been a remarkable journey for N. M. WADIA CHARITIES as very few Trusts have a track record of unbroken financial assistance to the downtrodden and economically disadvantaged members of our society.

N. M. WADIA CHARITIES was founded out of a need felt by our revered founder NOWROJEE MANECKJEE WADIA, C.I.E. to serve the weaker sections of our society irrespective of their caste, creed or sex and not only for the sake of name and fame.

Over the past 100 years, the Trust has grown from strength to strength and expanded its activities throughout the length and breadth of our country.

Over the last century, times have changed, so have the beneficiaries changed and their expectations have changed. However, what has not changed and will never change are the core values of our Trust.

Value can be summed up as "A sense of belonging" that we inculcate in our staff members and beneficiaries.

Values that our Founder had followed and that has been followed by the succeeding Trustees during the last hundred years.

This day, we at N. M. WADIA CHARITIES remember with reverence our sagacious Founder and rededicate ourselves to serve the needy and poor humanity to the best of our ability.

B. H. Antia
Chairman
N. M. WADIA CHARITIES

PREFACE

Nowrojee Maneckjee Wadia, a Parsi Zoroastrian, made an endowment whose Trustees can only be Parsis but whose benefaction is for all mankind. N. M. Wadia Charities is one of the many Parsi Trusts that have made phenomenal contributions for the moral, intellectual, physical and mental progress of humanity especially in India.

A hundred years, a centenary in the life of an individual is a landmark. It is even more a landmark for a philanthropic organization to survive for over a hundred years the vicissitudes of time. The Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities have carried on the noble work of serving humanity as a non-communal Trust without distinction of caste or creed, race or religion, colour or country.

On the occasion of the golden jubilee of his foundation, a book titled 'N. M. Wadia and his Foundation' by Sir Rustom P. Masani was published in 1961. Sir Rustom Masani was a Trustee of N. M. Wadia Charities for many years. This book has been reprinted by the Trustees of the Bombay Parsee Punchayet in 2004. As a part of the centenary celebrations, the Trustees requested me to chronicle the epochs and noble work of N. M. Wadia's foundation from 1959 to 2009.

The office records are replete with numerous scholarships, grants and aid given to individuals and institutions for medical, education, poverty relief, navjotes, weddings, funeral expenses, relief from natural calamities, handicapped and disabled and welfare activities.

Over the decades the Trustees have not only nurtured and administered judiciously as per the Founder's directives but they have also increased the corpus of the Trust. They have periodically revised the quantum of aid given monthly or annually to keep pace with inflation. This speaks of the dynamism of the Trustees who meet regularly and devote their time and efforts in the service of humanity at large.

The information has been obtained from volumes of 'Parsee Prakash' and records maintained by the Trust. I thank Mr. Naval Batiwalla, Secretary and Mr. Khushru Rudina, Chief Accountant of the N. M. Wadia Charities for the figures provided of disbursements made by the trust over the past fifty years. Vision for the future is also included.

The foundation of democracy is a dynamic civil society where citizens participate. May the N. M. Wadia Charities blaze a new trail in the next hundred years and bring joy and happiness in the lives of men and women of the world.

30th October 2009
Mumbai

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NOWROJEE MANECKJEE WADIA

Nowrojee Maneckjee Wadia was born on Roz Ashishwagh, Mah Avan, 1206 Y.Z. - 22nd May 1837 A. C. He was the eldest son of Bai Motlibai and Maneckjee Nowrojee Wadia. Nowrojee was only a year old, when his father died. So his mother Motlibai brought him up along with his younger brother Nusserwanjee, who was a posthumous child.

The late Seth Lowjee Nusserwanji Wadia was the founder of his family. He possessed smartness, thrift and wisdom due to which his wealth increased enormously. He obtained good knowledge of English. At the age of 20, he along with his brother Nusserwanjee started trading on a grand scale in the name of M/s Jehangirji Wadia & Sons. He managed very well several associations and one or two mills.

In 1863 he left on a voyage to Europe along with his brother. During this trip he had an audience in Paris in Parsi dress with Emperor Napoleon III of France, in his palace at Tulleries. In 1873 the Government appointed him a Justice of Peace. In 1893 he was conferred the title of Companion of The Indian Empire.

During the last three decades and more, Nowrojee was a signatory to practically all memorials and requisitions, submitted to Government and other public bodies and was an active member of the fund, started for ameliorating the conditions of Zoroastrians in Persia. He also took interest in the Parsee Girls' Schools Association.

After his mother's demise, he gave Rs.4 lakhs in charity. He made a will and entrusted his wealth of over Rs.1 crore to the following 5 Trustees, the interest from which to be used for the good of the people of the world. Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, 5th. Baronet, Mr. Faramroj R Wadia, Solicitor, Mr. Jeejeebhai M Wadia, Mr. Hormusji Adershir Wadia, Barrister and Mr. Maneckjee R Vajifdar. He directed his trustees to give aid to those suffering from natural calamities such as epidemics, famine, fire, earthquake, etc. This fund has been entrusted only to be managed by Parsis in which he has directed to perform cosmopolitan charities. Not forgetting the Parsi Zarathushti

community he directed that aid be given for happy or sad occasions to preserve the interest of the community.

Nowrojee possessed many good and sterling qualities. He was a true and faithful friend, bore no malice to anyone, ignored all sources of pleasure, led strictly an honest and honourable life and a generous creditor, who never tried to take advantage of his debtors.

He passed away when he was 73 years old on Roz Mohor, Mah Bahman, 1278 Y.Z. - 21st. July 1909 A. C.

A condolence letter was sent by the Honorable Governor through Mr. Hatch, Collector to his widow Hirabai. They had no children. So his own relative Nusserwanji Dadabhai Meherwanji Wadia was designated his adopted son.

(Source: Parsee Prakash Vol. III obituary of N. M. Wadia and Scions of Lowjee Wadia)



BAI MOTLIBAI WADIA
(1811-1897)

N. M. WADIA MEDALS

The French Emperor Louis Napoleon presented a Gold Medal to Nowrojee Wadia in 1865. It was handed to him by the French Consul on 28th. October, 1865 "for services rendered to the French Merchant Services. The inscription ran as under :

"Ministère de la Marine des colonies a Nowrojee Manekjee
Wadia
Négociant à Bombay
Services à la Marine Marchande Française
1865".

On January 1, 1893 he was conferred the coveted title Companion of the Indian Empire C.I.E. by Queen Victoria.

Safe Custody of Gold Medals presented to the late N. M. Wadia by the French Government during his life time for the services rendered to the French Merchant navy and also the Companion of The Indian Empire presented to him by the British government, Trustees decided on 10th. August 1973 that they be kept in safe custody in a sealed box with the Trustees' bankers, Central Bank of India.

Award of Hall of Fame: Daughters of Mashyani awarded to late Bai Motlibai Wadia who rebuilt Udwada Atash Behram in 1894, posthumously at the Seventh World Zoroastrian Congress at Houston in December 2000. A booklet issued to commemorate the Awards and a silver book mark bearing Bai Motlibai's name was presented on the occasion. Twenty Zarthushti women of the last 200 years were inducted into the "Daughters of Mashyani" Hall of Fame.

THE PROBATE

The Probate of Nowrojee's will was granted by the High Court of Bombay on November 8, 1909. The benefaction having come into operation from that day, the Trustees of the Foundation celebrated its Golden Jubilee on the eighth day of November 1959. By clause 25 of the will the Trustees were wisely directed to apply the proceeds of the Trust property in charity generally "for the benefit of such institutions, persons, objects and purposes without distinction of place, nationality or creed, as they in their discretion may think fit," but especially for the following objects and purposes:-

- (1) Marriage of poor maids
- (2) The Navjote or investiture with the Sudra and Kusti of poor boys and girls professing the Zoroastrian religion
- (3) Maintenance and education of orphans
- (4) Institution, maintenance or support of hospitals
- (5) Relief of the poor and the distressed
- (6) Relief of any distress caused by the elements of nature such as famines, pestilence, fire, tempest, flood and earthquake
- (7) Protection and care of animals useful to mankind.

This list of activities for the physical, mental and spiritual welfare of mankind generally reflected the objects, purposes, projects and institutions which appealed the most to the donor and his mother during the earlier years when they, jointly and severally, personally gave large sums of money for charitable purposes. Nowrojee had lived long enough to realize that the objects of trusts created to endure beyond the lifetime of their founders should not be defined so narrowly and their scope circumscribed so rigidly as to tie the trustees for all time to the directions given to them. The needs of the community and country which the originators of trusts have in mind change. The ideas, policies and programmes of their governments or the people themselves change constantly. With his

unrivalled experience of the varied aspects of active benevolence Nowrojee did not need to be warned that many an endowment being local, parochial and particular, had outlived its purpose. In wisely giving his Trustees wide and unfettered discretion as to the objects on which and the methods by which his bequest was to be administered, he has left behind for future begetters of large trusts, an example worthy of emulation and a lesson never to be forgotten. That lesson is that the mission of the founder of a benefaction is best accomplished when he has defined as widely as possible the purposes to which his dedicated wealth is to be devoted, leaving it to the Trustees of the endowment chosen by him and their successors to administer it wisely, flexibly and fruitfully.

The estate was valued at Rs. 88,00,000 at the time of Nowrojee's death. In 1959 it was valued at Rs. 1,21,88,000 made up of immovable properties, (Rs. 79,71,000) and Government Securities, Shares, and other investments (Rs. 42,16,000). In 2009 it was valued at Rs.17,20,89,000/- made up of Immovable Properties Rs.4,84,36,000 and Investments Rs.12,36,53,000/-. The growth in corpus is from sale of buildings. The distribution of the income of the Trust during the past fifty years and the benefits thereof extended to numerous institutions and individuals in pursuance of the wishes of the donor. A list of institutional donations by the Trust, based mainly on figures submitted by the Trustees' Secretary, on the occasion of completion of hundred years of the existence of the Trust, is given separately, indicating the wide range and magnitude of the beneficial uses to which the income of Nowrojee's memorable bequest has been applied.

Carrying out his wishes loyally, his Trustees do not merely keep his memory green but make him, so to say, live in our midst creatively, usefully, beneficently, taking sunshine into the homes of people, sunk in poverty, ignorance, affliction and helplessness, and furthering the progress of the evolution of human society in which fullness of life may be the possession of all.

ASSOCIATED TRUSTS

The Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities are also the trustees of the four associated trusts.

1. Bai Motlibai Wadia Udwada Atash Behram Trust

This Trust was registered on 2nd. September, 1896 A. C.

The Objectives are :

- (a) In maintenance, repairs and general upkeep of the main fire temple building at Udwada or any other buildings appurtenant thereto.
- (b) In providing oil for the due lighting of the said temple and the out-houses thereto appertaining and in providing sandalwood, firewood, and incense for feeding the sacred fire.
- (c) In the performance and observance of the jashan ceremony on each anniversary day of the installation of the sacred fire Iran-Shah which falls on the seventeenth day of the second month of every Zoroastrian Shehenshahi year.
- (d) In the performance and observance of the Baj or ceremonies on each anniversary day of the death of the late Manekjee Nowrojee Wadia (The husband of Bai Motlibai) which happens on Meher the sixteenth day of Ardibehest the second month in every Zoroastrian Shehenshahi year.
- (e) And generally in making arrangements for the perpetual burning of the said fire it being the pious desire and intention of the said Motlibai that the said fire temple shall for all time to come hold the sacred fire "Iran-Shah" and remain open for worship to all Parsi Zoroastrians.

2. Bai Motlibai Wadia Baj Rojgar Trust

Bai Motlibai Wadia Baj Rojgar Trust was registered on 23rd. March 1885. Its objects are defraying expenses incidental to the maintenance of Agiary at Diu, Vadi Daremeher, Navsari, Gopipura Dadgah at Surat, and dadgah at Nani Daman.

Defraying of expenses of celebrating Baj of Manekjee Nusserwanji Wadia, Jehangirjee Nusserwanji Wadia, Bai Manekbai mother of Motlibai, Bai Motlibai, Navrojee Nusserwanji Wadia. Making donations for any charitable or religious purpose for the benefit of Parsis in India or elsewhere.

3. Bai Motlibai Wadia Charitable Trust

Bai Motlibai Wadia Charitable Trust was registered on 26th. May, 1897. Its objects are: The Trustees shall receive the net income interest and dividend of the said funds as shall from time to time come in their hands and shall apply the same in giving the following scholarships or some of them to Parsee male and female students attending one or other of the following institutions :-

- (1) Royal Science Institute Scholarships for (a) B.Sc. Students
- (2) The J. J. School of Arts Post Graduate Scholarships for (a) Architecture (b) Painting or Sculpture.
- (3) Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute Post graduate scholarships in Mechanical, Electrical, Chemical and Textile.
- (4) College of Agriculture - Post Graduate Scholarships
- (5) College of Commerce - Post Graduate Scholarships
- (6) The Grant Medical College Bombay or the Medical College for Women at Delhi - Scholarships for girl scholars only.
- (7) Institute of Science at Bangalore - Post Graduate Scholarships
- (8) Any other institutions similar to the above which now exists or may hereafter be founded or established in India.

4. Seth Jehangirjee N. Wadia Daremeher - Dharamsala Trust, Gopipura, Surat

Seth Jehangirjee N. Wadia Daremeher - Dharamsala Trust, Gopipura, Surat, was registered on 28th. March 1841. This Trust was registered separately in 1977 as Seth Jehangirjee Nusserwanji Daremeher - Dharamshala Trust.

N. M. WADIA HOSPITAL - PUNE

Sir George Clarke, Honorable Governor of Bombay inaugurated N. M. Wadia Hospital of Scotland Mission's United Free Church before a large gathering on 26th, June 1912.

This hospital received aid from 15 countries in which Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities contributed Rs.50,000/-. On this occasion the Honorable Governor lauded the broad mindedness of the said Trustees and said that the Parsis besides providing health care for their own community, have taken the lead in inspiring confidence in other communities towards Western methods.

*(Source : Jame Jamshed 27th, June 1912 -
Parsee Prakash Vol.V page 127)*

When N. M. Wadia Hospital was opened in June 1912, it was just outside the south edge of Poona City. Now it is 2 miles inside the southern extremity of the city. It is located at 263, Shukrawar Peth, Near Bajirao Telephone Exchange, Pune 411002. Tel. 24470793 / 24472463. When the hospital was founded it had 65 beds, now it has 250 beds. In addition to this they run dispensaries / Community Health Centres in three places in and around Poona.

From being a small hospital with no specialised services, the hospital has grown until they have full time or honorary consultants in almost every branch of specialised medicine. The Laboratory and X-ray facilities are also comprehensive and up-to-date. It specializes in treatment in neurology. It offers post graduate diploma and post graduate certificate courses.

The original purpose of only treating the sick has been expanded till now and a lot of emphasis is put on preventing illness, teaching about health, detecting illness early and of course, family planning.

N. M. Wadia Charities have supported this hospital from the beginning. In 1968 the ground floor of the main building was built which houses children and maternity wards, labour rooms,

x-ray, pharmacy and laboratory rooms. Staff quarters and trained nurses' hostel were also built. In 1974 a post-graduate midwifery training school was started. In 1976 a laboratory technicians training course was started.

In 1971 the Poona Christian Medical Association (P.C.M.A.) took over the management of Wadia Hospital. N. M. Wadia Charities, Pune Municipal Corporation and several other bodies have representatives on the Board.

*Source : Zoroastrian Youth Association
Directory of Pune Zoroastrians 2002 and Google search.*

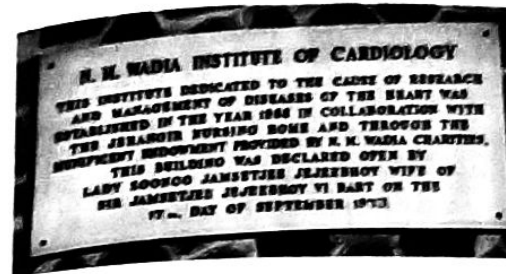
N. M. WADIA INSTITUTE OF CARDIOLOGY, PUNE



N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology, Pune

The Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities in 1965 decided to sponsor founding of the "N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology" at Poona to be established in a block of Building to be made available by the Trustees of Jehangir Nursing Home, Poona. In 1966 The Trustees approved of three documents : (1) Deed of Trust, (2) Agreement (3) Leave and License agreement between the Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities, The Trustees of Jehangir Nursing Home and the Trustees of N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology at Poona. The N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology was established as a Public Charitable Trust in 1966. The then Chairman of N. M. Wadia Charities of Bombay, - late Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy VI Bart having given encouragement and support for the purpose of starting a hospital devoted to diseases of the heart. It was also through the kindness and co-operation of late Lady Hirabai Cowasji Jehangir and late Dr. E. R. Coyaji, that the Jehangir Medical Center initially provided a place to start the activities and later in 1972, leased land on their campus, where the existing

Institute stands. The affairs of the Institute are managed by a Board of Trustees. It is located at 32, Sassoon Road, Pune 400001. Tel. 91-20-26058136/26058141. e-mail:info@nmwcardiology.org Website: www.nmwcardiology.org



The N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology was the first non-government sector hospital in Poona to start a Coronary Care Unit and Cardiac Catheterisation/Angiography Laboratory, Angioplasty/Stenting and open heart surgery which are now all routine activities. Amongst many of the international known doctors and surgeons who have visited and operated at the Institute are Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, Christopher Lincoln, Egbert Boss, Christian Barnard, Professor Phillip Alison, E. Jansen and G. Lee.

Its coronary care unit spreads over 30,000 sq. ft. with 60 beds. The present facilities include state of the art Digital Cinless Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory installed in 1997; two modern Operation Theatres solely devoted to cardiac surgery, and the very latest equipment for non invasive cardiac investigations.

The institute is recognized by the National Board of Examination, New Delhi, for the post doctoral Diploma in Cardiology (DNB Cardiology), the first institute in Poona and the third in Maharashtra State.

The institute also caters to the underprivileged and the less fortunate members of the society by subsidising hospitalization, investigation and free outpatient facilities. Its charitable activity amounts to approximately 25% of its annual income. The institute has a social worker department which screens and manages funds for the needy patients.

N. M. WADIA HOSPITAL, SOLAPUR



N. M. Wadia Charitable Hospital, Solapur

The N. M. Wadia Charitable Hospital at Solapur was founded in 1934 by Dr. V. G. Vaishampayan. This hospital received Rs.58,000/- from N. M. Wadia Charities for its establishment and maintenance upto 1959. The hospital grew to serve as a nucleus for a medical college which began admitting students for the M.B.B.S. course since 1963.

The hospital now prepares medical graduates for their various postgraduate diplomas of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Mumbai. The Department of Science and Technology has recognized the hospital as a research institution. Brick by brick, by hard work and thrift, the hospital has acquired and put to use practically all the modern diagnostic and therapeutic tools. It can now boast of, amongst others, a Dialysis facility, CT scan, MRI, Cardiac Catheterisation Laboratory, C-Arm Mobile Image Intensifier, Mammography, Orthopantomography, a well equipped Neuro Physiology Laboratory, specialised neuro and cardiac operation theatres and forty-five intensive care beds of various categories. The hospital trains nurses for their general nursing and midwifery examinations.

The hospital is already acclaimed as a tertiary medical care institute serving the needs of Solapur district and five adjoining districts of Marathwada in Maharashtra and North Karnataka.

N. M. Wadia Charitable Hospital, Dadasaheb Gaikwad Road, Solapur. Tel. (0217) 2311201 / 2311202 / 2311203

N. M. WADIA LIBRARY OF MUSIC AND ART

N. M. Wadia Library of Music at the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA) is a unique resource in Mumbai. It is the only Performing Arts Library in the city. Membership is open to the general public, giving access to a collection of almost 20,000 books and more than 5,500 records, including some extremely rare items, on cassette and 78s. These can be heard using its in-house audio equipment. Besides an extensive collection of books on music, dance and theatre it also covers film, painting, sculpture architecture, photography and even magic. The main emphasis of the Library's collection is on Indian culture. Books on classical music form the core of its collection with a particular focus on ethnomusicology which is the library's special area of research. The Library also includes sections on Indian history and geography, mythology, folklore, biography and Indian religions. It stocks files of newspaper clippings on famous personalities in the field of dance, music, theatre, film and TV along with other types of arts-related reports.

Library timings are 10 a.m. to 5.45 p.m. Monday to Friday. Tel. 91-22-66223715. Membership fee Rs.100/- per annum.



N. M. Wadia Library of Music at NCPA

IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Due to low rents and high taxes and maintenance costs it has become unremunerative to hold properties for rental.

Motlibai House

This building was the residence of Bai Motlibai Wadia. In 1977 Motlibai House, the then 165 year old building located at 22, Brelvi Syed Abdullah Street was declared unsafe for occupation. In 1981, the Motlibai House was sold to the Mehta Family Trust for Rs.24 lakhs.

The office of N. M. Wadia Charities was earlier at Motlibai House, 22D Parsee Bazar Street, Fort, Bombay – 400001. Since November 1968 the office of N. M. Wadia Charities was moved to N. M. Wadia Building, 123 Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay – 400001.

Manekjee Wadia Building and Sewree and Parel Godowns

In 1989, the Manekjee Wadia Building and the godowns at Sewree and Parel were sold for Rs.1,31,25,000/-.

Jehangir Wadia Building

In 1992, the Jehangir Wadia Building at 51, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Mumbai, was sold to M/s Mulla & Mulla and Cragie Blunt & Caroe for Rs.2 Crores.

Parel School Building

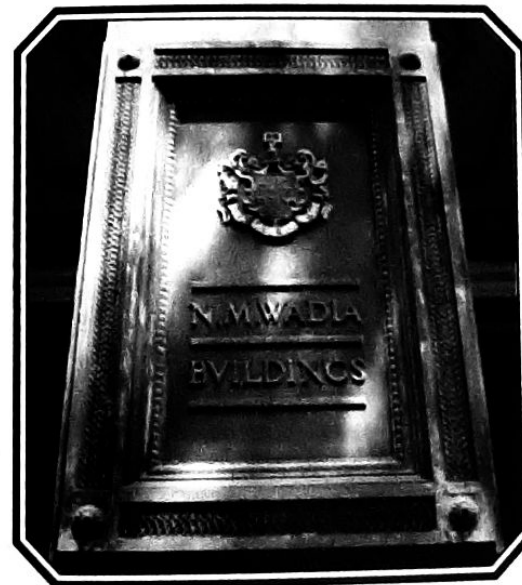
Parel School Building was sold for Rs.36,00,000/-

N. M. Wadia Building

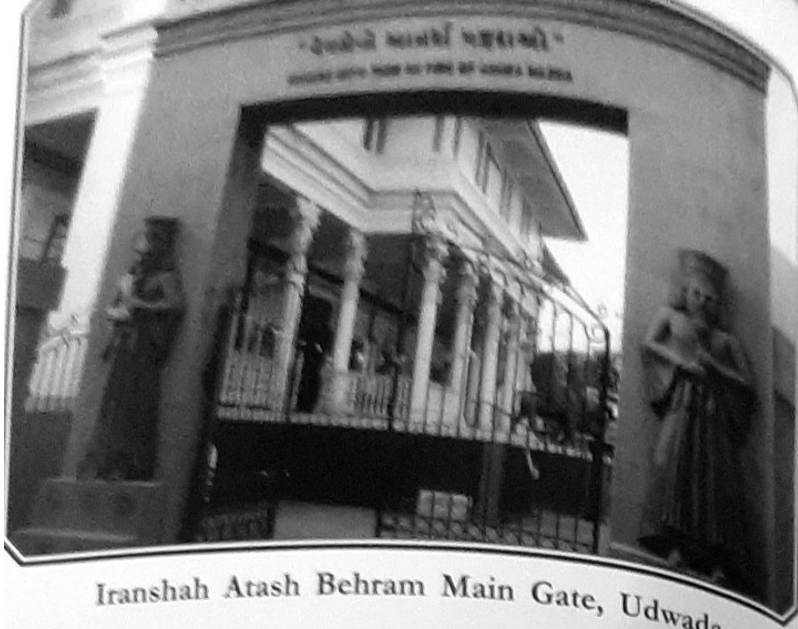
The words on the emblem are in Latin “**SOLA SALUS SERVIRE DEO**” which when translated into English means “The only salvation is by serving God”.



N. M. Wadia Building



Plaque on N. M. Wadia Building



Iranshah Atash Behram Main Gate, Udwada



Iranshah Atash Behram Building, Udwada

IRANSHAH ATASH BEHRAM AT UDWADA

The Atash Behram Building was rebuilt and largely extended on wide grounds by Motlibai Maneckjee Wadia in 1894 A.C. In 1983 Rs.2,50,000/- were spent on repairs to Udwada Atash Behram premises for construction of new gumbaj and compound wall. The Atash Behram Building was repaired and renovated at a cost of Rs.12 lakhs in 1994 by Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities who are also Trustees of Bai Motlibai Wadia Udwada Atash Behram Trust. A marble bust of Bai Motlibai Wadia adorns the entrance of the Atash Behram. It bears the following narration in Gujarati which when translated into English reads :



Bai Motlibai Maneckjee Wadia

Founder of the sacred Iranshah building

Born : 30-10-1811 Died : 24-05-1897

The Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities have dedicated this commemorative bust in her sacred memory on this auspicious occasion of the centenary of the sacred Atash Behram Building

7-10-1994

In 2008 the Trustees decided to carry out repairs to the Atash Behram building. Roof of main building, nahankhana, doors and windows, flooring and tiling, ramp work, compound wall and main gate, painting main building, nankhana and ablution area near main gate at a cost of Rs.Eighty five lakhs.

The sacred Iranshah fire which had been shifted to the adjoining Petit Dadgah was ceremoniously reenthroned at midnight of Roz Aneran, Mah Sherevar, 1378 Y.Z on Saturday 14th. February 2009 A.C. As per long standing tradition and custom only the representatives of nine athornan families in Udwada were present at the ceremony.

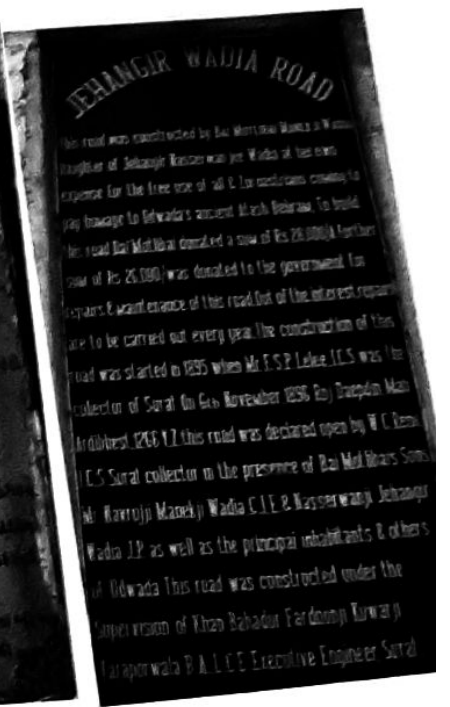
On Roz Hormuzd, Mah Meher, 1378 Y.Z., Sunday 15th. February 2009 a Khushali nu Jashan was performed and the Atash Behram

was reopened for Parsi/Irani Zarathushti devotees. A new entrance gate and winged bulls on either side of the steps at entrance to the Atash Behram building make the façade impressive. While marble tiles are affixed in the main hall the keblah room has been left untouched. Benches have been kept in the keblah room for devotees to sit comfortably and pray before Iranshah. A ramp on the right side to the main building will enable physically handicapped Parsis to have access to the Atash Behram. Bathrooms for pilgrims to bathe have also been constructed. A separate ablution area with toilets has been constructed in the compound and away from the main Atash Behram building.

This Iranshah Atash Behram has two High Priests Dasturji Dr. Peshotan Hormuzdiar Mirza and Dasturji Khurshed Kaikobad Dastoor and twelve practicing mobeds.



Arch outside Udwada Station



This Arch was damaged and broken by heavy rain on July 28, 2006 and therefore reconstructed in November 2006 by the trustees of N.M. Wadia Charitable Trust at the cost of Rs. 60,000/- in memory of Our Late Chairman & Managing Trustee Mr. Sam Framroz

Plaques inside arch outside Udwada station

ROAD FROM UDWADA STATION TO IRANSHAH ATASH BEHRAM

"Bai Motlibai, daughter of the late Seth Jehangirji Nusserwanji Wadia and widow of Seth Maneckjee Navrozji Nusserwanji Wadia gave to the government Rs.25,000/- to build a pucca road of three miles from Udwada Station to Atash Behram and Rs. 20,000/- for its regular maintenance, totalling to Rs.45,000/-" (*Jame Jamsbed* 29th. June, 1892).

*Source : Parsee Prakash Volume III
(Page 410-4 29th. June 1892)*

"Bai Motlibai, widow of late Seth Maneckjee Navrozji Wadia and daughter of late Seth Jehangirji Nusserwanji Wadia, had through the government built a pucca road from Udwada Station to Atash Behram at a cost of Rs.32,000/- and gave to the government a sum of Rs.31,000/- for its annual maintenance. Mr. W.C.Rand, Collector of Surat today performed the inaugural ceremony before a function. At first the elder son of the lady Seth Navrozji Maneckjee Wadia, C.I.E. read out a scroll of honour and requested the collector to inaugurate the road which Mr. Rand accepted and declared the road open as "Jehangirji Nusserwanji Wadia Udwada Road". Thereafter, High Priest of Udwada, Dasturji Khurshedji Minocherji rose to thank Bai Motlibai for her charities in Udwada and Seth Behramji Pestonji Bharda read out a scroll of honour from the public of Udwada and neighbouring villages to give to Bai Motlibai and her two sons. Thereafter Mr. Rand along with Seth Navrozji Wadia and Seth Fardoonji Cooverji Taraporewala, Executive Engineer of Surat district sat in a two horse carriage and travelled this road to Udwada, saw the Atash Behram Building from outside and returned to the station. In the afternoon, Bai Motlibai hosted a lunch for the Parsi Zoroastrians of Udwada."

*Source (Times of India, 7th. November, 1896)
Parsee Prakash Volume III Page 599 - 6th. November 1896*

The following inscription is affixed at the end of the road :
"Jehangirji Nusserwanji Wadia Road"

"This road has been built by Bai Motlibai Maneckjee Wadia daughter of Jehangirji Nusserwanji Wadia at her expense for the free use of all persons and for Parsi Zoroastrians coming to pay their respects to the eminent Atash Behram of Udwada. Bai Motlibai has given a sum of Rs.28,000/- to build this road, gave another Rs.26,000/- to government for maintenance of this road. The interest on this amount is used for maintaining this road every year. This road was started in 1895 during the tenure of Mr. F.S.P.Lee, I.C.S., Collector of Surat and inaugurated on the auspicious day of 6th. November 1896 by Mr.W.C.Rand, I.C.S., Collector of Surat in the presence of Bai Motlibai's sons, Mr. Navroji Maneckjee Wadia, C.I.E. and Nusserwanji Jehangirji Wadia, J.P. and leading residents of Udwada and others in the presence of a large gathering. This road has been built under the supervision of Khan Bahadur Faramji Cooverji Taraporewala, B.A., L.C.E., Executive Engineer, Surat."

An Archway outside Udwada railway station erected in 1895 "JEHANGIRJEE N. WADIA ROAD" collapsed on 28th. July 2006. A large tree outside the station was uprooted because of heavy rainfall. It was rebuilt by Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities and a plaque affixed in memory of the late Mr. Sam Faramroze Joshi, Trustee Chairman, N. M. Wadia Charities.

- Pucca road from Valsad to Khergam built by N. M. Wadia
- 7th. January, 1897

"Seth Nowrojee Maneckjee Wadia, C.I.E. gave a sum of Rs.15,000/- to Surat District Local Board for building a pucca road from Valsad to Khergam and made arrangements for the board to always maintain the road."

*(Jame Jamsbed, 8th. January 1897)
Parsee Prakash Page 621*

SETH N. M. WADIA DHARAMSHALA AT UDWADA



N. M. Wadia Dharamshala, Udwada

"The Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities built a Dharamshala adjacent to Udwada railway station. It was founded and inaugurated by Seth Nusserwanji Nowrojee Wadia on 3rd. April 1922."

*(Source : Jame Jamsbed 6th. April 1922.
Parsee Prakash Vol.VI page 69).*

It has seven rooms with attached bathrooms and toilets and 24 beds. It has been fully renovated in June 2006 at a cost of Rs.7,10,230/-. There is a TV in a common room.

Mr. Shahin Meher Shahi is the manager. The room charges are Rs.25/- per head, per day.

MALCOLM BAUG

The History of Malcolm Baug Estate goes back to the time of the East India Company. The land comprising the Malcolm Baug Estate is situated within the village of Ambowlee and partly within the village of Bandowli in the Mullar District of the Island of Salsette. In 1827 the land had been granted by Government under a *Sanad* to David Malcolm, brother of Sir John Malcolm, who was Governor of Bombay between 1827 and 1850. Sir John Malcolm used to come to Malcolm Baug from Government House riding on relays of horses.

Mrs. David Malcolm, the executrix of the will of David Malcolm, sold the estate to Jehangir Nusserwanji Wadia and his brother Nowrojee Nusserwanji Wadia. Ultimately the estate devolved upon Nusserwanji Jehangirji Wadia, the son of Bai Motibai Maneckjee Wadia, and brother of Nowrojee Maneckjee Wadia, the founder of the N. M. Wadia Charities. Nowrojee Maneckjee Wadia died in 1909 leaving a will. It was by virtue of his will that the foundation known as N. M. Wadia Charities came into existence. In 1914, the Trustees of the N. M. Wadia Charities decided to provide housing for Parsis at a nominal rent. They took the entire Malcolm Baug Estate, consisting of about 35 acres, under a lease from the executors of the will of Nusserwanji Jehangirji Wadia.

By 1921, the Trustees had spent considerable amounts for developing the estate by constructing roads, drainage and for digging wells. The Trustees then thought it advisable to purchase the estate outright as that would benefit not only the Trust, but a large number of Parsis who would like to settle down in a Garden Colony a considerable distance away from the city. They therefore bought the entire estate outright in 1921. By the end of 1922 they constructed the first two blocks, the rents of which were fixed at Rs. 8 and Rs. 10 respectively per month for two spacious rooms and a kitchen. In 1926 two more blocks were constructed. In 1929 three blocks were constructed. During the period intervening between the two world wars the Trustees could not put up any new blocks. During 1953-54 they put up six new blocks. In 1963

they took over the five properties in Malcolm Baug belonging to the Trustees of Lady Aimai Wadia Trust. During the year 2005 two new blocks have been constructed.

On the northern side of the estate the land was divided into Plots, which were given on long leases to private individuals who built thereon their own bungalows. In all 64 bungalows have been built on the leased plots. Under the terms of the lease, only a ground and an upper floor are allowed to be built. The bungalows have to be built on only one-fourth of the area of the plots leased. Thus Malcolm Baug is one of the few places in Bombay where no over-crowding is permitted and where practically every building is full of light and air.

About 290 families have been provided with homes in the bungalows as well as in the Blocks.

For the benefit of the residents of Malcolm Baug the Trustees have made arrangements for the lighting of the roads and for the pumping and supply of water to the various tenements from large storage tanks.

A large piece of land in the centre of the estate has been set apart for a gymkhana. A structure consisting of four rooms and a verandah was built by the Trustees as a Gymkhana Pavilion. The former country house of the Wadia family, known as "Malcolm Hall", is allowed by the Trustees to be used for performance of Jashan, Wedding and Navjote ceremonies and for other purposes by the residents of Malcolm Baug.

Originally the Malcolm Baug Estate had consisted of only the 'Malcolm House' and the surrounding land admeasuring about 35 acres must have been a wood full of trees. A very large number of trees are still existing which preserve the sylvan appearance of the estate. It is a Garden Colony in the real sense of the term.

Malcolm Baug is a colony, consisting of 64 Bungalows, 23 Buildings and a Hong Kong House (built in 2002), wherein 1200 Parsis reside.



Malcolm Hall

Malcolm Hall was constructed in 1920. It has a capacity of 100 persons. The Hall and Grounds having a full capacity of 1100 persons, are given to the Parsi - Irani Zoroastrian residents of Malcolm Baug at a concessional rate to hold their functions.

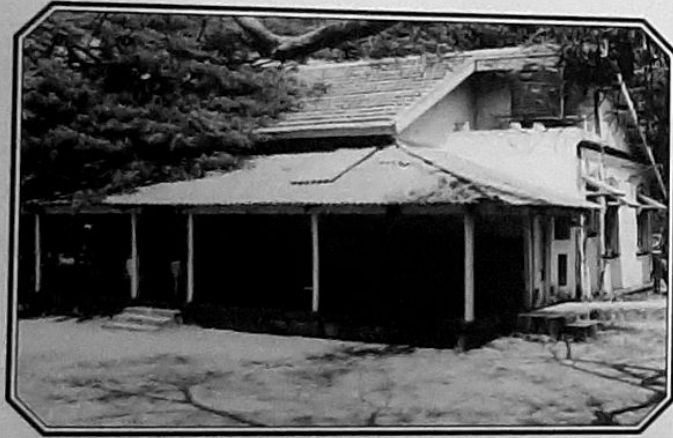


Malcolm Hall Inside View

The Malcolm Baug Parsi Gymkhana (MBPG) was established on 15th. September, 1934. It has its own pavilion and playground and conducts sporting and social activities through out the year. It conducts outdoor and indoor tournaments like Football, Cricket, Volley ball, Throw ball, Carroms, Table Tennis, Draughts, Chess,

Cards, etc. The Gymkhana has a water cooler installed to quench the thirst of the members. There is a TV set put in the Hall, for those who come to relax or to jointly watch some exciting programs. It has a fully equipped Gymnasium which was renovated in 2005.

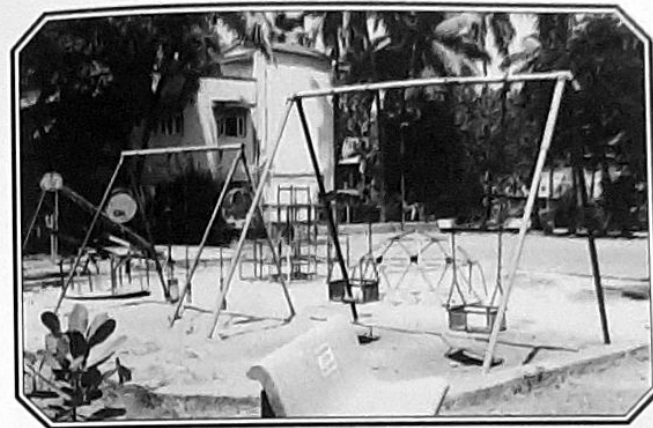
The Gymkhana is open on all days from 6 A.M. to 12 noon and from 6 P.M. to 10 P.M.



Malcolm Baug Parsi Gymkhana

A Plaque on the Gymnasium reads :

THIS GYMNASIUM
WAS RENOVATED AND EQUIPPED
FROM THE MUNIFICENT DONATION
OF Rs.12,10,000/- GIVEN BY
NARYMAN K. DUBASH,
IN SACRED MEMORY OF
HIS LATE FATHER
THE RENOWNED SURGEON,
DR. KAI KHOSROW,
MOTHER GOOLBANU,
BROTHER MANEK,
AUNT KHORSHED BANU M. SANJANA.
OCTOBER 2004.



Children's Play Centre at Malcolm Baug

A Library is run by the Malcolm Baug Zoroastrian Association which is open on Sundays from 10 A.M. to 12 noon.



N. M. Wadia Primary School

A Primary School is run by N. M. Wadia Charities since 1975. Nursery and K.G. classes are conducted on Plot I & II no.80 at Malcolm Baug donated by Mr. & Mrs. Fali Jehangirji Palia. BMC recognized the school as 'Primary School' under the Grant-in-Aid code with effect June 1976. It has about 100 children and is mainly for the under privileged children. Arnavaz Kapadia is the current Principal of the school.

Hong Kong House agreement was signed on 7th, October 1998. The Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities agreed to make available part of Plot no.CTS 137 (with available FSI of 26,855.52 sq. ft.) in Malcolm Baug free of cost. The building has been constructed from a very generous donation from Incorporated Trustees of the Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton and Macao providing interest free finance upto an amount of Rs.4 crores for construction of residential building to be let out on rental basis to middle class Parsi Families.



Hong Kong House

The plaque reads :

HONGKONG HOUSE

"This building has been constructed from a generous donation from Incorporated Trustees of the Zoroastrian Charity Fund of Hong Kong Canton and Macao on land provided free of cost by the Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities"



Plaque at Hong Kong House

The Hong Kong House comprises of 36 flats with 6 flats per floor. N. M. Wadia Charities would allot flats on 1st, 3rd, and 5th floors while the Hong Kong Trustees would allot 18 flats on the 2nd, 4th, and 6th floors.

The Hong Kong House was completed in March 2002 and possession of flats given from 1st April 2002. The cost of building it was Rs.3.70 crores. Hong Kong House has brought about a turnaround regarding finances for Malcolm Baug.

The **Malcolm Baug Zoroastrian Association (MBZA)** was formed on 21st March 1929. In 1933 it was registered as a Charitable Trust. With a membership fee of Rs.500/-, one can become its life member.

Amongst the various activities undertaken by MBZA the noteworthy are:

- Aid to the less fortunate, old and infirm
- Merit-cum-means scholarships to students
- Supply of books and other educational materials to students at subsidized rates
- Managing the Bai Motlibai Wadia Adaran
- Medical aid to the needy
- Programmes for holistic development of youth
- Public speaking, dramatics and inter-school elocution competitions
- Get-together for senior citizens
- Karate, aerobics and yoga classes
- Care of trees affected by insects and pests
- A play centre for small children (a joint activity by MBZA and MBPG)

The activities of MBZA include distribution of water, bore wells, augmenting water supply, rain water harvesting since 2003,

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maintenance and minor repairs to the internal roads, garbage collection, management of Malcolm Hall, 24 hour security service and the general upkeep and cleanliness of the entire Baug. It also gives support service to The Malcolm Baug Parsi Gymkhana and Play Centre. Further MBZA looks into the day to day activities of the Bai Motlibai Wadia Adaran, including appointment of priests, Muktd activities, major rituals such as Nirangdin, Vendidad, etc.

Due to their improved economic status the tenants have willingly contributed increased share of cost of repairs with the active involvement of Malcolm Baug Zoroastrian Association.

The Members of the Managing Committee of The Malcolm Baug Zoroastrian Association are:

Nominees of } - Dastur Dr. Firoze M. Kotwal
 N. M. Wadia Charities } - Mr. Naval Jehangir Batliwala

Earlier Ervad Dr. Minocher D. Karkhanawalla was appointed as a nominee of N. M. Wadia Charities on the Managing Committee of Malcolm Baug Zoroastrian Association in 1964.

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| President | - Mr. Bomi Sorabji Bacha |
| Hon. Secretary | - Mr. Zarir Themurasp Rao |
| Jt. Hon. Secretary | - Mr. Kayomarz Pervez Tarapore |
| Hon. Treasurer | - Mr. Neville Homi Lacca |
| Jt. Hon. Treasurer | - Mr. Burjor Darabshah Thanawalla |
| Member | - Mr. Behramshah Jal Kalianwala |
| Member | - Mr. Mehernosh Cawas Kasad |
| Member | - Mr. Farokh Fardoon Saher |
| Member | - Mr. Coover Dara Contractor |
| Manager of
MBZA office | - Mr. Phiroze Bejanji Panthaki
Telephone : 26788725
Timings : Daily from 10 A.M. to 12 Noon. |
| Manager of
N. M. Wadia Charities
at Malcolm Baug | - Mr. Homi Hilloo |

BAI MOTLIBAI WADIA ADARAN

Foundation Stone

"THROUGH THE GRACE OF AHURAMAZDA
 THE FOUNDATION STONE OF
 THE NEW BUILDING OF
 THE MOTLIBAI WADIA ADARAN
 AT MALCOLM BAUG, JOGESHWARI,
 WAS LAID BY
 SIR JAMSETJEE JEJEEBHROY, THE 6th
 BARONET
 ON ROJ AVAN ARDVISUR, MAHA AVAN
 ARDVISUR
 IN THE YEAR 1332 YAZDEZARDI
 SUNDAY, THE 7th APRIL 1963 A.C."

The Motlibai Wadia Adaran Fund with N. M. Wadia Charities to be transferred to the Malcolm Baug Zoroastrian Association by the City Civil Court's Order dated 29th. August 1962 comprises the securities of the face value of Rs. 2,81,100/- and cash amounting to Rs. 36,919.17 being accumulated interest from 1st July 1960 upto the date of the Court's Order, total Rs. 3,18,019.17. In addition to the cash and securities, the Malcolm Baug Zoroastrian Association received furniture and utensils belonging to the Old Adaran in Pitha Street in possession of N. M. Wadia Charities. The Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities have also leased to the Association a plot of land admeasuring 2,100 square yards for the purpose of erection of the Adaran Building and ancillary structures thereon at a nominal rent of Re. 1 per year for a period of 99 years, the lease being renewable for a further period of 99 years.

History of Bai Motlibai Wadia Adaran

An Adaran was consecrated on Wednesday 10th June 1863 at Pitha Moholla in Fort, Bombay on Roz Behram, Mah Adar, 1232 Y.Z. in memory of Seth Jehangirji Nusserwanji.

By the year 1941, owing to depletion of Parsi population in the Fort area, the Motlibai Wadia Adaran ceased to be of any considerable value in Pitha Street. In this year the Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities and the Trustees of the Bai Motlibai Wadia Trust filed a Suit No. 345 of 1941 as co-plaintiffs in the High Court of Judicature at Bombay with a scheme to shift the Adaran from Pitha Street to Malcolm Baug at Jogeshwari.

The property of Bai Motlibai Wadia Adaran at Pitha Street was taken over by the N. M. Wadia Charities and in the year 1945 the Adaran Building was demolished and its Sacred Fire was shifted to Seth Hormusji Bomanji Wadia Atashbehram at Dhobi Talao, Bombay. The sale proceeds of the area occupied by the Adaran Building were determined to be Rs.2,00,652/- and were set aside.



Bai Motlibai Wadia Adaran

English translation of inscription in Gujarati on the verandah of the Adaran :

“Bai Motlibai Wadia Adaran.”

“The Sacred Fire of this Adaran was consecrated on Roz Behram, Mah Adar, 1232 Yezdezardi (10th. June 1863) in memory of Seth Jehangirji Nusserwanji by his philanthropic daughter Bai Motlibai

Maneckjee Wadia originally at a building in Fort Bombay. In 1311 Y.Z. due to circumstances as this building was demolished, the fire of the Adaran was shifted to Seth Hormusji Bomanji Wadia Atashbehram.

At the desire of Malcolm Baug Zoroastrian Association and with the permission of N. M. Wadia Charities, on a plot of 2100 square yards in Malcolm Baug, Jogeshwari given at nominal rent and with an endowment fund of Rs.3.18,019.17 this new building was constructed and the Fire was brought from Wadia's Atash Behram and this Adaran Building was inaugurated for the use of Parsi Zoroastrians on Roz Ardibehest, Mah Adar, 1335 - 29th April 1966.”

The late Mrs. Jerbanoo Ruttonsha Ragi donated a sum of Rs.32,000/- to construct a hall to be known as the R.H.Ragi Memorial Prayer Hall in memory of her late husband, Mr. Ruttansha Hormasji Ragi. The hall was declared open on 1st January 1969.

Mr. Sharukh Jimmy Kathawala, a resident of Malcolm Baug donated Rupees twelve lakhs in memory of his young sister Nawaz and major repairs and renovations were carried out in 1998. Mr. Kathawala further donated very generously Rs.one crore to this Adaran in 2007.

The priests of the Motlibai Wadia Adaran are :

Ervad Faramroze Dadiba Vachha is the Head priest since 2007. His father Dadiba Framroze Vachha was the head Priest since 1977. His ancestors tended to the sacred fire since the time Motlibai Wadia Adaran was consecrated in the year 1863 at Bazar Gate Street next to Bombay Samachar office(now Brelvi Syed Abdullah Road).

Priests serving the Adaran are Ervad Keki D. Panthaki, Ervad Eruchshaw Fatakia, Ervad Dara Balaporia, Ervad Keki Daruwala.

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Trustees of the N. M. Wadia Charities from 1959 to date 2009:

Name	From	Died/ Resigned	No of Years Served
Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy 6 th Baronet (Chairman for 37 years)	1931	24-09-1968	37
Sir Rustom Pestonjee Masani	1926	14-11-1966	40
Cursetjee Pestonjee Wadia	1930	25-10-1968	38
Kai Khushroo Jijibhai Khambatta	1958	08-11-1968 (resigned)	10
Lady Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy (Chairman from 22-11-1968)	13-12-1966	07-10-1982	16
Cooverji Hormusji Bhabha (Chairman from 04-11-1982)	13-12-1966	29-06-1986	20
Shiavax Ardshir Lal	08-11-1968	26-02-1987	19
Ratanji Navroji Bhavnagari (Chairman from 08-07-1986)	08-11-1968	04-08-1998	30
Sorabji Hormusji Comissariat (Chairman from 02-09-1998)	19-01-1983	20-04-2000 (resigned)	17
Sam Faramroze Joshi (Managing Trustee from 07-07-1999) (Chairman from 17-05-2000)	19-01-1983	01-10-2006	23
Burjor Hormusji Antia (Chairman from 05-10-2006)	01-04-1987		
Jamshed Khurshed Setna	01-04-1987		
Savak Sohrab Tarapore	07-10-1998		
Yezdi Hirji Malegam	19-07-2000	05-02-2002 (resigned)	02
Homi Sorabji Talati (Managing Trustee from 05-10-2006)	03-06-2002		
Khushroo B. Panthaky	24-01-2007		

According to Clause 16 of the first codicil to Will dated 8th October 1902, the minimum number of Trustees shall not be less than 3.

Secretaries of N. M. Wadia Charities :

Name	From	To
Dinshaw Behramji Morris	15-05-1954	01-01-1976
J.P. Kharas	1975	
Erach Maneckjee Kapadia	01-02-1978	31-01-1988
Naval Jehangir Batliwala	31-01-1988	

INSTITUTIONAL DONATIONS

Institutional Donations of over Rs.50,000/- made by the N. M. Wadia Charities are listed below under the following categories :

The extracts are from the office records of the N. M. Wadia Charities.

Date	Institute	Purpose	Amount (Rs.)
HOSPITALS			
12 th June, 1967	Scheme for a Nursing Home in Masina Hospital.	Towards the scheme for construction of a Nursing Home, provided, one wing / floor of the Nursing Home was named after the founder of N. M. Wadia Charities..	1,00,000
1967	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology		30,000
1968	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology	For the purchase of Intensive Cardiac Care Unit Equipment.	1,00,000
1968	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology		50,000
1969	N. M. Wadia Hospital at Shukravar Peth, Poona	Towards development scheme of N. M. Wadia Hospital in instalments.	65,000
1969	Wanless Hospital, Miraj	Laboratory Equipment for 'Artificial Kidney unit. Equipment will be marked with a plaque "Donated by Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities, Bombay".	24,000

Date	Institute	Purpose	Amount (Rs.)
1971	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology	Donation to endowment fund of the institute	1,00,000
1971	Sir J. J. Hospital Department of Neurology	For Cycloencephaloscope	60,000
1971	Women Graduates' Union	For making a wing after N. M. Wadia	50,000
1971	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology	Towards construction and equipment cost of the new institute block	3,76,000
1971	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology	For endowment fund of the institute	1,00,000
1973	Poona Medical Foundation		50,000
1974	B.D.Petit Parsi General Hospital	For image intensifier	50,000
1974	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology	Dr. S.M.S. Mody F.R.C.P. Medical Director of the Institute	75,000
March 1976	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology		25,000
1976	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology	Per annum for next 5 years. Two patients recommended by the Trust to be treated free of charge in a year as confirmed by Dr.S.M.Mody in his letter dated 25-09-1976.	25,000
1977	Masina Hospital	For an OPD in the name of N. M. Wadia	50,000
1980	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology		1,75,000

Date	Institute	Purpose	Amount (Rs.)
1981	N. M. Wadia Hospital, Poona		25,000
1983	B.D.Petit Parsee General Hospital		1,00,000
1986	B.D.Petit Parsee General Hospital		1,00,000
1986	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology	For cost of angioscope	2,00,000
1986	Masina Hospital		50,000
1988	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology		1,00,000
1988	Masina Hospital		65,000
1988	B.D.Petit Parsee General Hospital		1,00,000
1989	B.D.Petit Parsee General Hospital		2,00,000
1990	B.D.Petit Parsee General Hospital		2,00,000
1990	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology		1,00,000
1992	B.D.Petit Parsee General Hospital	For purchase of generator set	1,00,000
1992	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology		1,00,000
1994	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology	For purchase of equipment	1,50,000
1994	B.D.Petit Parsee General Hospital		15,00,000
1994	B.D.Petit Parsee General Hospital		1,50,000
1996	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology	Cost of Digital Imaging System	2,00,000
1996	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology	For purchase of Digital Angiography System	2,00,000
1998	B.D.Petit Parsee General Hospital		1,50,000

Date	Institute	Purpose	Amount (Rs.)
1999	B.D.Petit Parsec General Hospital		1,50,000
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2002	B.D.Petit Parsec General Hospital		10,00,000
2002	B.D.Petit Parsec General Hospital		1,00,000
2002	Masina Hospital	For their proposed Blood Bank	5,00,000
2003	Indian Cancer Society		2,00,000
2003	Multiple Sclerosis Society of India		50,000
2003	B.D.Petit Parsec General Hospital		10,00,000
2003	Bel-Air Hospital, Panchgani		1,50,000
2003	Masina Hospital		5,00,000
2004	B.D.Petit Parsec General Hospital		15,00,000
2004	Indian Cancer Society		2,00,000
2005	Multiple Sclerosis Society of India		50,000
2006	N. M. Wadia Institute of Cardiology	For angioscope	2,00,000
2006	B.D.Petit Parsec General Hospital		10,00,000
2007	B.D.Petit Parsec General Hospital		5,00,000
2008	Masina Hospital		5,00,000

RELIEF FUNDS

1962	National Defence Fund		25,000
1965	Prime Minister's National Relief Fund		25,000
1972	Indian Red Cross Society	For flood relief in Bihar & Orissa	50,000

Date	Institute	Purpose	Amount (Rs.)
1975	Indian Red Cross Society	For Earthquake relief in Himachal Pradesh	50,000
1993-1994	Relief of Poverty		1,00,000
1996	Maharashtra Red Cross Platinum Jubilee Committee		50,000
2000	Bombay City Red Cross Funds		60,000
2001	Bombay City Red Cross Funds		75,000
2001	Maharashtra State Branch of India Red Cross Society	Gujarat Earthquake Relief a/e donation for purchases of emergency supplies	1,00,000
2003	Bombay City Red Cross Funds		1,50,000
2004	Indian Red Cross Society	Grant	1,50,000
2004-2005	Bombay City Red Cross	For "Operation Tsunami"	1,00,000
2006	Indian Red Cross Society		1,00,000
2007	Bombay City Red Cross		1,00,000
2008	Indian Red Cross Society		1,25,000

WELFARE

1970	Sanatorium	Towards Rural Health Center to be established at Auroville, Pondicherry.	1,00,000
1980	National Association for the Blind	For Talking Book Project	1,00,000
1984	Society for Rehabilitation of Paraplegics		79,500

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1984	Dr. Dosibai and Jehangirji Ratanshaw Charity Trust		1,00,000
1986	Young Men's Christian Association, Bombay		50,000
1986	Women's India Trust		50,000
2003	National Association for the Blind		50,000
2004	David Sasoon Library and Reading Room		50,000
2004	Association of Parents of Mentally Retarded		50,000
2005	Bombay Natural History Society		50,000
2005	Nirmala Charity Trust		60,000
2006	Research Society for children in need of special care		50,000
2006	Bombay Chamber Orchestra Society		50,000
2006	Bombay Natural History Society		50,000
RELIGION			
1966	H. B. Wadia Atash Behram		50,000
1983	Udwada Atash Behram	Spent on repairs and for construction of new gumbaj and compound wall.	2,50,000
1996	N. M. Wadia Dharamshala, Udwada	For renovation	2,29,000
1998	Iranshah Atash Behram	Major repairs / renovation to be financed primarily from Bai Motlibai Wadia Udwada Atash Behram Trust.	12,00,000

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2008	Iranshah Atash Behram	Repairs to the Atash Behram building. Roof of main building, nahankhana, doors and windows, flooring & tiling, ramp work, compound wall and main gate, painting main building, nankhana and ablution area near main gate.	85,00,000
EDUCATION			
1960	B.N.Gamadia Technical Institute		40,000
1970	Sir J. J. College of Commerce	For training boys and girls in computer courses. Unit to be designated "N. M. Wadia Computer Wing".	28,500
1971	Sophia College	Towards endowment fund, The new department will be named as "N. M. Wadia Communication Media Department" and diplomas to be awarded as "N. M. Wadia Diploma in Communication Media"	1,00,000

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1971	Servants of India Society	For construction of a Lecture Hall to be named "N. M. Wadia Charities Lecture Hall" in proposed college of commerce to be opened in Karwar and with the right of Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities to nominate two students for awards of half freeships.	10,000
1972	National Centre for Performing Arts	For a section of Library to be named after N. M. Wadia	2,50,000
20-05-1973 and 20-09-1973	Government Law College, Mumbai	For award of a gold medal in the name of "N. M. Wadia" to a student securing highest number of marks in Final LLB exams held by the University of Bombay.	10,000
1973	Old Girtonians' Association	The new wing of the new building of the Girton School for K.G. to be named "N. M. Wadia Kinder Garten"	50,000
1976	Leelabai Thackersey College of Nursing conducted by SNTD Women's University	For a hostel at Palghar to be named "N. M. Wadia Hostel"	1,25,000
1977	S.P.J.Sadhana School (Sophia College)	For free education of one brain damaged child	25,000
1981	S.P.Jain Sadhana School		50,000

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1984	SNTD College Women's University hostel at Palghar		62,500
1988	J. N. Petit Technical School Centenary Fund		1,00,000
1992	Higher Education Committee	For Gift cum Loan Scholarships to Parsis	1,00,000
1995	Sir Ratan Tata Computer Centre		1,00,000
2003	Sophia Polytechnic		1,00,000
2003	Surat Parsi Panchayet	For Education	1,50,000
2003	Bombay Adult Education Association		75,000
2003	K. R. Cama Oriental Institute		1,00,000
2003	Mancherji Joshi Memorial Education Fund		50,000
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2004	Parsi Panchayet	For Education fund	50,000
2004	K. R. Cama Oriental Institute		2,00,000
2005	University of Mumbai	A/c Sir P.Mehta 150 th . Anniversary Celebrations	2,00,000
2005	Parsi Panchayet	For Education fund	50,000
2006	Parsi Panchayet	For Education fund	50,000
2006	Bombay Adult Education Society		50,000
2006	Vachha & Cowasjee Jehangir School		50,000
2006	Jai Vakil School	Vocational Training	1,00,000
2007	Parsi Panchayet	For Education fund	50,000

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2007	Bombay Adult Education Society		60,000
2007	Jai Vakil Vocational Training		1,00,000
2008	Parsi Punchayet	For Education fund	75,000
2008	Bombay Adult Education Society		60,000
2008	Jai Vakil Vocational Training & Aditya Birla Workshop		1,00,000
MALCOLM BAUG			
1961	Malcolm Baug	Purchase of five buildings on Plot nos. 1, 2 and 44 at Malcolm Baug Jogeshwari belonging to the Trustees of late Lady Aimai H. Wadia Charity Trust	64,000
1984	Malcolm Hall	Renovation	1,00,000
1984	Parsi Gymkhana	Repairs to roof	16,156
1961-62, 1962-63 and 1963-64	Malcolm Baug	Projected construction of new charity block / building at Malcolm Baug for construction of charity blocks for poor and lower middle class families.	To set aside Rs. 1,00,000/- every year
1988	Malcolm Baug	Construction of Building 'B'	29,25,200
1988	Parsi Gymkhana at Malcolm Baug		30,000
1990	Malcolm Baug	Building 'A' and 'B' - 30 flats allotted in 1994.	41,96,000

Date	Institute	Purpose	Amount (Rs.)
2002	Hong Kong House	Donation from The Incorporated Trustees of Zoroastrian Charity Funds of Hong Kong, Canton and Macao	3,70,00,000

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VISION FOR THE FUTURE

The Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities have diligently, judiciously and regularly disbursed for the past hundred years income from rentals of properties and interest on investments towards objects of the Trust such as poverty relief, aid for performing religious ceremonies such as navjotes, marriages, funeral expenses, relief of distress, animal welfare, education and medical aid.

The Trust intends to promote activities that would enrich the environment and ecology. It would be worth recalling the words of another great Indian pioneer and philanthropist Jamsetjee Nusserwanji Tata - "It is not enough to feed the poor, clothe them and care for the sick. Charity must be such that it lifts up a man to a level where he can stand on his own feet".

Ardeshir Godrej has said "Everyone will admit this antiquated and pernicious method of charity (giving doles) has only tended to increase the number of paupers every year"

Source : Vijnatma Ardeshir Godrej by B.K.Karanjia, 2004, page 97-98

Confucius said: "Give a man a fish and you give him but one meal. Teach him how to fish and you give him a meal for a life time".

It is the fervent aim of the Trustees to augment the corpus of the Trust so that they can serve the poor and needy members of the society better and on a wider scale.

CHANGING THE MINDSET

Rather than crying about the problems such as reduction in numbers, high rate of divorce, housing, lethargy, a sincere and conscious effort is required to change the community's mindset. A positive attitude, a will and focus on solving the problems rather than merely exaggerating them is the need of the hour.

Man is a hundred cylinder engine running only on one cylinder. He needs to develop the vision of great potential of his activities.

EDUCATION

In olden days in school, we were most fortunate to have religious and moral education. Now with extra emphasis on academic and secular education, religious and moral education is neglected. "Educate men without religion and you make them but clever devils." We send our children to schools and colleges for 20 to 25 years and spend lakhs of Rupees on tuition fees, books etc. Does the average student spend 20 months, 20 days or even 20 hours of his life on religious and moral education?

Religious instruction classes need to be conducted in every Parsi Colony and Baug for children between the ages of 6 to 12 years. They will learn the fun way - devotional songs, stories from the Shah Nameh and our history, prayers, games based on stories. There are volunteers to help the Trust in this activity.

We are witness to the results of a rat race, a scramble for securing higher marks, for earning more money and rushing through life, not living and enjoying life. Today's youth are not trained to face the challenges in life. As a result when problems arise, they break down.

INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTRE

An information resource centre needs to be setup. It will provide information about opportunities-Opportunities for education, career guidance, jobs, marriage, health and hobbies. It will have a website and a monthly news letter.

A DIRECTORY of Parsi charitable organizations/institutions can be compiled. The late Dr. Sir Jivanji Modi in 1910 compiled and published a book in Gujarati on the various Parsi institutions existing in Bombay at that time. There has been no such publication in the last hundred years. We have many organizations / associations providing various services. The community is not aware of these services. Our community newspapers devote more space to controversies and problems rather than to find solutions to these problems. Remember success comes not from cutting

costs but from exploiting opportunities. The Trustees of N. M. Wadia Charities have decided to bring out such a book in this centenary year.

HEALTH CARE

Crores of Rupees are spent on building hospitals, training doctors, buying sophisticated equipment, medical aid for hospital expenses etc. Very little or negligible attention is paid to preventive health care and educating people about the benefits of diet, exercise and changing one's lifestyle. By allocating even a small percentage of the funds for preventive health care, big benefits can be reaped.

Empowering people to lead an honest and upright life and make a contribution to society and humanity, group singing of devotional songs will promote peace and harmony in the community, in the country and in the world at large.



About the Author



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Over the past twenty five years he has compiled, translated from Gujarati into English and published various books including "The Zoroastrian Pilgrim's Guide" and "Parsi Statues" an illustrated biography of Parsi Statues around the world.

He has been working zealously for the spread of religious education by taking books to the people at various community public functions. A keen student of Parsi history and the Zoroastrian religion, he is an independent thinker, writer, public speaker and researcher.