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HUMILITY, CHARITY,
FAITH & LABOUR
LIGHT OUR PATH

ABOUT US
BRIEF HISTORY - NINETY YEARS OF THE MAMA PARSI GIRLS' SCHOOL

The foundation of our life and the foundation of our School is well laid and cemented by the blood sacrifices and sweat of our Founders, Administrators, Principals, Teachers and the Student Community. Their loyalty, dedication and devotion has carried us through all these Eighty-five Years of storms and struggles. Our Homage to Ahuramazda and profound gratitude to all the workers of the school. May His 'Meher' ever remain on us !

The Zoroastrians came to Sindh in the middle of the last century and most of them settled in the city of Karachi. The three things they thought of doing the earliest were :-

- i) The establishment of the Tower of Silence - 1847
- ii) The establishment of the Atash Kadeh - 1848
- iii) The establishment of the 'Balak Shala' - 1858

The Zoroastrian residents of Karachi, through donations and subscriptions opened, on 23rd May 1859 'The Parsi Balak Shala'. Seth Nanabhai Framji Spencer was its Secretary for the first three years. From 1862, it was managed by two great souls Seth Shapurji Hormusji Soparivala and Seth Pestonji Byramji Kotwal. They both nurtured and watered this sapling for decades and grew it into a mighty tree which today stands on the Haji Abdullah Haroon Road as the 'Bai Virbaijee Soparivala Parsi High School'.

Parsi girls had been receiving elementary education, in the 'Balak Shala' and Bai Virbaijee Soparivala Parsi High School since 1859. Gradually more and more Parsi families felt the need of educating their daughters and the number of girl students increased. The necessity of a separate school for Parsi girls became a matter of great importance to the elders of the community.

In 1903 Mr. Eduljee Dinshaw sent the first proposal to establish a High School for Parsi girls. Unfortunately, the proposal fell through on account of the sharing of donations with the Boys' School. Again in 1911 Seth Eduljee Dinshaw sent a generous offer of Rs.50,000/- to establish a separate Girls' School and once again the project did not materialize on account of legal and practical difficulties. Finally it was Jamshed Nusserwanjee Mehta, the greatest humanitarian of this sub-continent who, through his acumen, foresight and his powers of persuasion collected three munificent donations which brought about the establishment of The Mama Parsi Girls' High School in 1918.

At first the new Parsi girls' school functioned in a portion of the Bai Virbaijee School, from where it was shifted in June 1919 to a large building which still stands today at the corner of Haji Abdullah Haroon and Inverarity Roads. This building was known as Mama Mansion.

With the princely donations of those days from :
Khan Bahadur Ardeshir H. Mama - Rs. 3,00,000/-
The Trustee of Late Seth N N Pochaji - Rs. 1,35,000/- and
The Eduljee Dinshaw Family - Rs. 75,000/-

in hand, the construction of the present magnificent edifice called The Mama Parsi Girls' High School was started on 17th January 1920 and completed on 26th January 1925. The young Mamaians had their first academic lessons in their new stately alma mater on the 1st of April 1925.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

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MANAGING COMMITTEE

The first recorded meeting of The Managing Committee of The Mama Parsi Girls' High School is dated 25th January 1923, to select, nominate and elect an Official Committee of Members. The following was our Very First Committee:

Mr. (Late Khan Bahadur) Ardeshir Hormusji Mama, Chairman
Mr. Hormusji P. Byramji, Trustee
Mr. Eruchshah Nanabhai Kharegat, Jt. Hon. Treasurer/Secretary
Mr. (Late Khan Bahadur) Shehriar Dadabhoy Contractor, Jt. Hon. Secretary/Treasurer.
Mr. Nusserwanji C. Majaina, Member
Mr. Jamshed Nussurwanji Mehta, Member
Mr. Cowashah E. Anklesaria, Ex-Officio Member, Vice Principal
(The Principal of the School always attends the Meetings as an Ex-Officio Member.)

OVER THE YEARS

Chairpersons

1. Khan Bahadur Ardeshir Hormusji Mama
2. Khan Bahadur Sheriar D. Contractor
nominated by A. H. Mama under Rule 5(e)

3. Mrs. Mehra Z. Mama
4. Mr. Noshir Z. Mama
5. Dr. (Mrs.) Banoo N. Mama
6. Dr. (Mrs.) Delara M. Mavalvala

1923 - 1938

1941 - 1949

1938 - 1941

1949 - 1972

1972 - 1998

1998 - 2019

2019 - to date

Trustees

1. Mr. Hormusji P. Byramji
2. Khan Bahadur Kavasji H. Katrak
3. Khan Bahadur Shehriarji D. Contractor (nominated)
4. Mr. Cyrus F. Minwalla
5. Mr. Sohrab H. Mehta
6. Mr. Dinshaw B. Avari
7. Mr. Dhunjishah B. Ghadially
8. Mr. Soli R. Parakh

1923 - 1932

1932 - 1946

1947 - 1953

1954 - 1967

1967 - 1982

1984 - 1988

1989 - 2010

2010 - to date

Joint Honorary Treasurers

1. Mr. (Late Khan Bahadur) Shehriar D. Contractor

2. Mr. Eruchshah Nanabhai Kharegat

3. Mr. Piroshah Jamshed Wania

4. Mr. D. P. Kotwall

5. Mr. Rustomji N. Mavalvala

6. Mr. Darab H. Sachinwalla

7. Mr. Ruttanshaw M. Bilimoria

8. Mr. Jalu V. Divecha

9. Mr. Nusserwan M. Rustomjee

10. Mr. Shahveer Byramji

1923 - 1962

1923 - 1927

1927 - 1928

1928 - 1947

1948 - 1950

1950 - 1954

1954 - 1993

1992 - 1997

1997 - to date

2002 - to date

Joint Honorary Secretaries

1. Mr. Eruchshah Nanabhai Kharegat

2. Mr. (Late Khan Bahadur) Shehriar D. Contractor
3. Mr. Piroshah Jamshed Wania
4. Mr. D. P. Kotwall
5. Mrs. Mehera Z. Mama
6. Mrs. Goolcher F. Dadachanji
7. Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla
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8. Mrs. Mani C. Cowasjee
9. Mrs. Meher J. Patel
10. Mrs. Nergish S. Jamasji
11. Dr.(Mrs.) Shernaz D.Ferozepurwalla
12. Mrs. Roshan B. Mehri

1923 - 1927

1923 - 1962

1927 - 1928

1928 - 1950

1928 - 1950

1954 -

1963 - 1968

1976 - 2002

1968 -

1968 - 1975

1994 - 2019

2014 - to date

2019 - to date

Honorary Members

1. Mr. Nusserwanji C. Majaina

2. Mr. Hormusji P. Byramji
3. Mr. Jamshed Nusserwanji Mehta
4. Mr. Minocher K. Spencer
5. Mr. Hoshang N. E. Dinshaw
6. Mr. Dinshaw N. E. Dinshaw
7. Dr. Hormusji Jamshed Wania
8. Mr. Jehangir F. Panthaky
9. Mrs. Khorshedbanu Hoshang Dinshaw
10. Mr. (Late Khan Bahadur) Sorab K. Katrak
11. Mr. Pirozshah D. Bhote
12. Mrs. Mehera Z. Mama
13. Mrs. Gool P. Thanewalla
14. Mrs. Alla R. Bilimoria
15. Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla
16. Mr. Noshir Z. Mama
17. Mrs. D. A. Colah
18. Mrs. Perin J. Dinshaw
19. Mrs. Soonoo M. Malbari
20. Mrs. Zareen F. Wania
21. Mrs. Dino D. Behrana
22. Mrs. Deena V. Daroga
23. Mrs. Nina R Wania
24. Mrs. Zarin J. Kakalia
25. Mrs. Homai J. Boga
26. Mrs. Nergis S. Jamasji
27. Mrs. Gooli J. Gati
28. Mrs. Shiraz J. Engineer

- 29. Dr. (Mrs.) Behroze K. Mistry
- 30. Dr. (Mrs.) Delara M. Mavalvala
- 31. Mr. Shahveer J. Byramji

1923 -1932 - 1941

25th January 1923 - 6th Feb. 1923

1923 - 1956

1925 - 1926

1926 -

1932 - 1935

1935 - 1938

1937 -

1939 -

1941 -

January 1947 - March 1947

1950 - 1969

1954 -

1956 - 1963

1963 - 1972

1963 - 1966

1966 - 2002

1967 - 1969

1969 - 1983

1969 - 1973

1973 - 1976

1976 - 1981

1982 - 1989

1984 - 1989

1989 - 1994

1989 - 1991

1992 -

1994 -

1997 -

2002 - 2019

Principals

1. Miss J. Kelly first official Principal

2. Miss Mary G. Boardman

3. Mr. Cowashah Anklesaria

4. Miss Iris Henrietta Thompson

5. Miss Goola Bapuji Shroff

6. Miss Mani Shehriar Contractor

7. Miss Zarine Tehmurasp Mavalvala

8. Mrs. Furengeez D. Tampal

December 1918

1919 - 1932

1918 - 1941

1941 - 1969

1969 - 1974

1974 - 1991

1991 - 2010

2010 - to date

OUR PRESENT MANAGING COMMITTEE (2019 - 2020)

Name

1. Dr. (Mrs) Delara M. Mavalvala

2. Mr. S.R. Parakh

3. Mrs. Roshan B. Mehri

4. Dr. (Mrs.) S.D. Ferozepurwalla
5. Mr. Shahveer J. Byramji
6. Mr. K.N. Kabraji
7. Mrs. Nergish S. Jamasji
8. Mrs. Shernaz R. Darrah
9. Mrs. Kermin M. Talati
10. Mrs. Armeen A. Vakil
11. Mrs. F. D. Tampal

Designation

Chairperson

Trustee / Member

Jt. Hon. Secretary

Jt. Hon. Secretary

Hon. Treasurer

Legal Adviser

Member

Member

Member

Member

Ex. Officio Member

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