

WAPIZ Salutes the Bombay Parsi Punchayet (BPP)

- **For starting the “Poverty Amelioration Scheme” - a Financial Assistance Programme to help poor and needy Parsis living in remote villages all over India.**

Poverty Amelioration Scheme

A Poverty Amelioration Scheme (PAS) to financially help poor Parsis living in remote areas across India, was first suggested by WAPIZ Chairman and FPZAI Vice President (West Zone-B), Areez Khambatta in a meeting of the Federation of Parsi Zoroastrian Anjumans of India in 2007. It was a worthy Scheme that would have reached out and helped the scattered and neglected groups of our community members, living a hand to mouth existence, without hope or help from the community. The PAS beginning with seed money from Areez Khambatta was also to receive funding from moneys recovered from the sale of properties of defunct and dwindling anjumans, with the active participation of all the member anjumans of the Federation. Unfortunately, although many applications were received, this Scheme never took off, depriving these neglected members of our community of much-needed help.

In a highly commendable move, the new team of BPP Trustees has decided to immediately start the PAS. The Bombay Parsi Punchayet, together with an equal contribution from Mr. Areez Khambatta, will fund this Scheme, till such time as when the Federation is able to financially support it and take it over.

WAPIZ salutes both the Bombay Parsi Punchayet and the generosity of WAPIZ Chairman, Areez Khambatta, for their compassionate vision and for putting into action a scheme to help our poor and needy Parsis and Iranis, in India.