

## **WAPIZ Salutes the Bombay Parsi Panchayet (BPP)**

- **For BANNING renegade Priests from performing any religious ceremonies at Doongerwadi.**

### **Strict action taken against renegade Priests**

Some years ago, our High Priest, Dasturji Dr. Kaikhusroo JamaspAsa saheb had circulated to all the agiaries in Bombay, a letter against renegade priests. These priests in defiance of the religious traditions, have been contributing to the weakening of our religion, by encouraging irreligious practices such as cremation, by performing religious ceremonies for those cremated, in Mumbai.

Dasturji JamaspAsa saheb had asked trustees, panthaky sahebs and mobeds of all the agiaries not to encourage in any way renegade priests. In response to this guideline, renegade priests were not allowed by the trustees of several agiaries to perform any ceremonies in agiaries. The previous BPP Board of Trustees too had taken cognizance of Dasturji's letter and had passed a Resolution in the BPP to support the same. **However, although the Resolution was passed, the implementation was lacking.** There was little attempt to exercise control on the renegade priests, who continued to work within the system even as they defied it, going to the extent of even advertising in the Parsi press for performing ceremonies for irreligious practices, for huge monetary gain.

The new Board of trustees of the BPP has now not only unanimously ratified the Resolution passed by the earlier Trustees, but has also begun to implement it. **Renegade priests, Khushroo Madon, Framroze Mirza and others who are of the same mould have been banned from performing any religious ceremonies at Doongerwadi.**

This will send out a loud and clear message to the coterie of rogue priests that tradition and custom are to be upheld as are the directives of the High Priests and that this ethos has finally found its rightful place in the BPP Boardroom. The BPP election of 2008 has given a mandate to Trustees to uphold the traditions and practices of the faith and desist from supporting misplaced liberal causes.

**WAPIZ applauds the BPP for their firm stand on this issue, which will not only go a long way in upholding the dokhmenashini system, but will also give strength to those devoted priests, who despite the opportunity to earn more moneys, refuse to perform such irreligious ceremonies. By doing so, they have stayed steadfast to the religion, firm in their belief of *Dharam Pehley, Pachi Paisa.***