



**The B. D. Petit Parsee General Hospital**  
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**APPEAL FOR DONATION**

Mr. Rumi Sethna,  
Chairman,  
World Zoroastrian Organisation,  
World Zoroastrian House,  
1 Freddie Mercury Close,  
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Dear Rumi,

The second wave of covid infection has literally swept away the world. There was a shortage of practically everything from availability of vaccines, hospital beds, oxygen, injections, medicines and what not. Added to this is shortage of medical staff and medical infrastructure. Front-line workers like doctors, nurses and support staff are overworked and exhausted. Worst time for people to get sick and/or to die. Even cremation grounds are full. Truly, a human tragedy of humongous proportion.

In these times of crisis, PGH, in its own humble way, has tried to extend yeoman's service to our community by promptly providing medical aid and hospitalisation, including to covid infected cases. Our Hospital is now a much sought after institution as other hospitals are turning back patients, including scores of Parsi/Zoroastrian patients needing immediate healthcare, due to pressure on their bed capacity. As a result, PGH was running almost at a full occupancy of operational beds for the last two months. Our endeavour has been to see that we take care of as many of our people as possible, rich or poor, and provide them prompt treatment so that they go back home to family, happy and healthy. Many of our happy patients and their family members have given their testimonials in glowing terms for care and affection with which patients were treated. That is our true reward. (Some of these letters/emails have been put out on our website for everyone to see).

This pressure on us has propelled us to take many new initiatives. As a result, we have started Covid Vaccination Centre (CVC) effective 16th March, 2021, where we are vaccinating our community brethren "free of cost" although we have had to procure vaccines from Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) by paying ₹ 1,500 for each vials. Effective 1st May, 2021, MCGM have stopped supplying vaccines to private hospitals, that include us. We now have to purchase the Covishield vaccines from manufacturers (Serum Institute of India) from open market at minimum ₹ 6,000 per vial + GST and Covaxin (product of Bharat Biotech) at minimum ₹ 12,000 + GST a vial. We have already placed an order with Serum Institute and at present, have received the first consignment. CVC, which was temporarily suspended due to non-availability, has since resumed vaccination drive from 24th May, 2021. You will be happy to note that we have so far vaccinated about 5,500 Parsis, free of cost, till date. For those other than Parsis, we are allowed to charge them and we have inoculated approximately 3,200 such persons. Our intention is to cover entire Parsi population in Mumbai with age group of 18 and over. This would mean we will need at least 35-40,000 doses to cover entire community.



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For a long time, there has been a dire need for upgrading our Radiology Department by getting at least one CT scan machine, which is now a pre-requisite for chest examination of all Covid patients. Fortunately, one of our benevolent donors has agreed to fund this entire project amounting to ₹ 30 MN. We are indeed grateful to them for their benevolence. Once we have CT scan machine in our Radiology Department, we will be able to take care of our patients in the Hospital itself instead of transporting them, at great discomfort, to Breach Candy or Jaslok for CTScan.

Likewise, due to acute shortage of oxygen, which has become a major issue these days, we have decided to install an oxygen generation plant, along with replacement of our existing cryogenic oxygen tanks, which will take care of our own needs, not only now but also for all times to come. A CSIR-IIP designed

oxygen plant at a total cost of ₹ 5 MN has been ordered from M/s GASCON and negotiations are on for replacement of existing cryogenic oxygen tanks which may cost another about ₹ 2 MN. One of our well-wishing corporates has funded the oxygen plant from out of their CSR funds. Our grateful thanks to them.

Now, we are greatly focusing on modernising our Hospital through improved Medical Services which will bring greater efficiency in administration of charity care. This has also offered us an opportunity to replace old and out-dated equipment at the Hospital.

With sudden spurt in covid patients resulting in much higher occupancy at PGH, it has put pressure on our Medical Services. This has made us think on how to enhance the efficiency at the Hospital. Today, we are operating over 140 beds, of which 90 are for covid patients. These includes Isolation Ward, separate ICU for covid patients, entire Nursing Home section ( where there is high demand from affluent parsis) and free and subsidised beds for poor and indigent patients. Almost doubling of our activities with almost the same staff have highlighted to us some key requirements in medical services. Merely having beds does not solve problems. We need required paraphernalia and manpower to support higher activities. Here, doctors, nurses and support staff play a vital role. We therefore propose to hire well-qualified doctors, registrars and intensivists. They will of course come at a price. Likewise, we are planning to hire adequate nursing staff on an ongoing basis as there is large attrition these days; some move for money while some go back to their families in these times of distress. Actually, entire nursing staff and support staff are unionised and currently we are paying them as per last Wage Settlement when there was no pandemic. However, in order to retain them, we have been paying them extra covid allowance since lockdown was imposed last year. Wage negotiations are currently on as new Wage Settlement is overdue from January, 2021. The Union is, as it is, pushing us for substantial increases in wages. This, it will be appreciated, will put extra pressure on PGH resources. But, they being front-line workers, they are an important cog in the wheel and we need to look after them at this crucial time and at all times to come. We are therefore seeking "In-aid Donations" to strengthen our hands in paying market-related compensation to these front-line warriors.

As part of improving our Medical Services, we are also planning to replace our age-old beds with latest surgical beds, replacement of many old equipment, renovate Operation Theatre, refurbishing and refurnishing of Wards, changing of furniture and fixtures, electrical equipment, kitchen and laundry machine, Chilling Plant etc. For this purpose, we will need sufficient resources to upgrade PGH. Again, "In-aid Donations" will support this initiative in a big way so that we can prioritise deployment of these resources.





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Lastly, our Victorian heritage building is in an urgent need of repairs and renovation for which a separate capital outlay will be required. This will of course be a little long-term project but we plan to collect funds of up to ₹ 50 MN for this purpose to restore PGH building to its past glory.

We now appeal to you to look at any or all of the above initiatives for appropriate funding falling within your own objects. We will however be failing in our duty if we do not acknowledge and express our sincere gratitude to our donors for their continued support in sustaining PGH year after year.

For our Indian donors, your donations can be sent to the Hospital by way of a cheque drawn in favour of The B D Petit Parsee General Hospital or can be directly remitted to the following account:

Name of the account: The B D Petit Parsee General Hospital  
Name of the Bank: HDFC Bank  
Address: Bhulabhai Desai Road  
Account Number: 00051110000121  
IFSC Code: HDFC000005

For any remittance from abroad, we wish to inform our patrons that as per recent amendments to the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act (FCRA), all such overseas flow of funds should come in a special FCRA account only in State Bank of India, Parliament Street Branch. We have, at PGH, completed all required formalities for this purpose and we are now awaiting final green signal from State Bank of India to operationalise this account. Till then, kindly avoid remitting funds from abroad. No sooner this new FCRA account becomes operational, then we will communicate the details thereof.

With warm personal regards,

HOMA PETIT  
PRESIDENT

