



DADAR ATHORNAN INSTITUTE

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An Appeal to the Community

THE DADAR ATHORNAN INSTITUTE - KEEPING THE FLAME OF OUR FAITH BURNING BRIGHT

It is an accepted fact that no community can survive without a strong religious foundation. At the same time no religion can survive without an enlightened clergy. The success and survival of our Zoroastrian community is therefore directly linked to our religion and our Priests (Mobeds's).

It would be safe to conclude that training and introducing new Mobeds into the mainstream of our community is very vital, for without trained erudite Mobeds we can only face the bleak future of there being no religion and in turn no community.

In a world that constantly keeps on changing, it is essential that whilst we adapt to changing times in secular matters, what has to remain constant is following our faith by observing the basic tenets as laid down in our scriptures, the true essence of which can only be understood by the laity if explained by an enlightened clergy.

The Dadar Athornan Institute, was established in 1919 by the Athornan Mandal, Mumbai, with the main object being to train youth from the Athornan families to imbibe the wealth of religious knowledge that they in turn can impart to the laity.

It is a matter of pride that our institute, popularly known as Dadar Madressa is celebrating its Centenary year. Over the years thousands of young Athornans have received training at our institute and brought name and fame to themselves, their families as well as to our Institute where they received their training.

At present our Institute has 25 students studying at various levels. They are being trained for priesthood and taught religious scriptures, rituals, religion and Iranian history, apart from academic education up to S.S.C. level. Boarding, lodging, education and all other facilities are provided totally free of charge. The expense incurred on each child is in the region of Rs.200,000 per annum.

To sustain our Institution and ensure that we continue in the same vein as hitherto, the Trustees seek generous financial support from individuals, supporters, well wishers, philanthropists.

We request all to come forward and extend support to our institute through donations, made either in cash or by Cheque, favouring 'Athornan Mandal', and sent to: The Principal, Dadar Athornan Institute, 651-52, Firdausi Road, Parsi Colony, Dadar, Mumbai 400 014. INDIA.

Donors in India can transfer funds directly to Athornan Mandal's Bank Account (A/c Name; Athornan Mandal; SB A/c No: 007200100000785; IFSC: ZCBL0000007; Bank Name, Branch and Address: The Zoroastrian co-operative Bank Ltd, Dadar (E) Branch, Parsi Colony, Dadar, Mumbai 400 014.)

The Athornan Mandal is also authorized to receive donations from overseas. Overseas donors can transfer funds directly (Account Name: Athornan Mandal; Saving Bank A/c. No: 1000691715; IFSC: CBIN0280634; Bank Name: Central Bank of India -Wadala Branch) through either SWIFT, NEFT/RTGS.

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