



World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce

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Message from the Chairman

It is too premature to predict the outcome or success of a Business Plan Competition (BPC). Work has, however, been initiated by a small group of senior members, including the Vice-President of the India Chamber.

The Chamber recognises that commerce and business enterprises founded on the principles of 'Integrity & Industry' are hallmarks of the Zarathushti community throughout the world. The Chamber's Mission is to encourage entrepreneurship by initially providing a helping hand to potential entrepreneurs to write a Business Plan, with the appropriate financial projections, which, when reviewed and selected by a separate Committee, would qualify for seed capital funding.

Business Plans for social enterprises, which have the potential to make a social change, and also make profits, will also be considered.

We plan to have a training programme on preparation and presentation of a Business Plan over five weekends. So, if you have the passion to convert an 'Idea' into a 'Need' of the market place and make profit by transforming the 'Need' to a 'Product' or 'Service' of value to customers, you are the one who can benefit from the programme.

We request all members to spread the word and make an earnest attempt to identify those:

- Who may want to participate in the Business Plan Training Programme
- Those thinking about starting a business
- Those who want funding to expand their business

We need your help to keep alive the entrepreneurial spirit of Zarathushtis.

Pheroze P. Kharas
Chairman – WZCC-I, Mumbai Chapter

Presentation by Tata Motors: August 7, Friday



Please ensure that you have received the notice on this Programme by courier and e-mail with the Registration Form. Failing which, please call the WZCCI office at 2353 2522 or 98206 92500.

The WZCCI-Mumbai Chapter is most grateful to Tata Motors for having readily agreed to assign two Executives from the Nano engineering team to unfurl the 'Story of the Nano'. Unlike most developments, the Nano is not a product of market research. In fact, it was Mr. Ratan Tata's vision, transformed by a relatively young engineering team, closely aligned to his aspirations, into a car, which signifies a paradigm shift in the automobile industry.

Don't miss this rare opportunity. The unique presentation will be followed by cocktails and dinner. Collect your coupons in advance to avoid disappointment.

SP Event a Grand Success!

by - Shernaaz Engineer



It was the will of man (or the will of a few brave men and women), versus the might of nature! Yet not even the rains, which poured down with relentless ferocity all evening on Saturday, July 4, flooding several parts of the city, could dampen the enthusiasm of the 100-strong attendees who gathered at the West End Hotel for the presentation on 'Modern Trends in Execution of Construction Projects', conducted by Shahrokh Bagli, Vice President, Business Development, Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. Ltd, and Khurshed Daruvala, MD, Sterling & Wilson.

The story of the Shapoorji Pallonji group is a fascinating one, going back 143 years. Back then, the Malabar Hill Reservoir (more commonly known as Hanging Gardens) was built by a Company called Littlewoods & Pallonji. Since then, the Company – Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. Ltd. – has pioneered major advances in construction technology, in diverse civil and structural engineering projects including nuclear research establishments, stadiums and auditoria, hotels, skyscrapers, hospitals, townships, power plants and expressways, to name a few. It is also the first Indian company to venture into the Middle East and to construct two 60-storied residential towers in South Asia in the heart of Mumbai.

Not surprisingly, it was the first construction company in India to earn the ISO 9001 certification. Over time, Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. Ltd. has evolved into a conglomerate worth thousands of crores, with companies like SP Fabricators, Afcons, Forbes Group, Sterling & Wilson, SP Construction Materials Group, SP Real Estate and Samalpatti Power Company Pvt. Ltd. as part of the Group.

Mr. Bagli took the audience through the challenges constructing mega projects, for which the Group is famed. There are several bottlenecks and challenges, including government regulations, project cost control, timely execution and completion, and focus on quality control at all stages. In addition, there is the Group's sensitivity to the ecology, to energy conservation and sustained development, whenever Shapoorji Pallonji undertakes a mega project.



Khurshed Daruvala, MD, Sterling & Wilson, then took the floor and affirmed that his company is an Associate of Shapoorji Pallonji & Co. Ltd., and is India's premier electrical engineering company providing turnkey MEP solutions. In a history that spans over 80 years, Sterling & Wilson has been associated with almost every large Indian business group and has handled projects in every sector. Mr. Daruvala revealed that the company has a new thrust in the power sector.

Both, the Shapoorji Pallonji Group as well as Sterling & Wilson, conceded that they're more than happy to work with Parsi entrepreneurs as ancillary vendors, welcoming interested parties for possible collaborations.

Earlier in the evening, Mumbai Chapter Chair, P.P. Kharas, in his inaugural address, said: "The SP Group has an enviable record of corporate social responsibility. Fortune magazine had once noted that the top companies in the world have an average lifespan of 40 years. The SP Group has grown over 140 years, and it is a Group with continuing development in business and technology, which is remarkable. They have done things to keep pace with the changing times, and they could show younger entrepreneurs within the WZCC how to sustain growth and profitability."

Kersi Limathwalla, World President of the WZCC asserted: "The WZCC is a community organisation that is a vehicle for Zarathushti prosperity. We believe that prosperity is the tried and tested way to economic wellbeing. The Tatas and even the Shapoorji Pallonji Group would not be where they are without enterprise and business, which needs to be encouraged at every level within the community."

Shavak Bhumgara, Vice Chairman, WZCC – Mumbai Chapter, urged Parsi entrepreneurs and professionals to join the WZCC and actively participate in the programmes of the Chapter. Next in line is a presentation by Tata Motors on the conceptualisation and creation of the Nano, slated August 7, at the West End Hotel, followed by cocktails and dinner.

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