

# AN ODE TO MR. MINOO UNWALLA

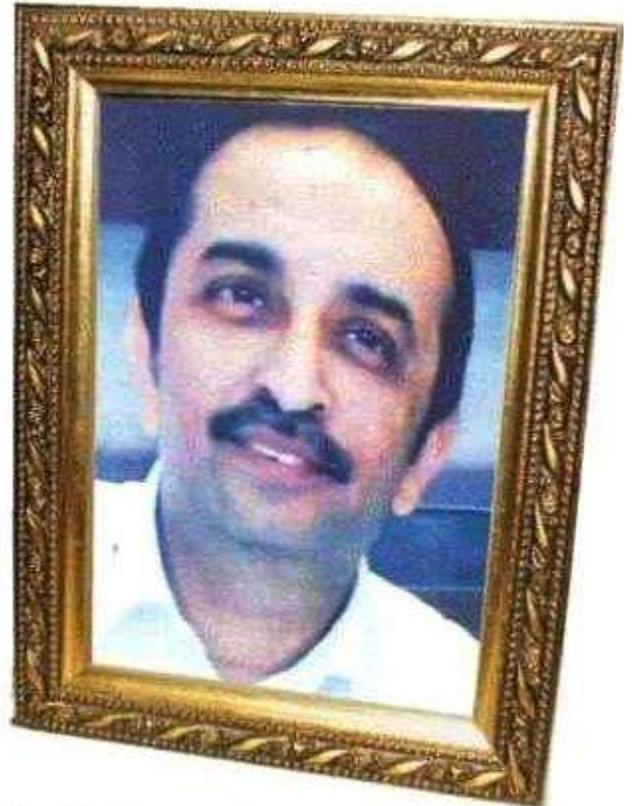
**M**inoo Naval Unwalla Chip of the Old Block and son of the legendary Mr. Naval Rustomji Unwalla of Zoroastrian Colony, Tardeo, Mumbai, passed away on 22nd January 2013 at 9.30 pm at Dubai. He was a person, whose deeds if not made known would be forgotten without appreciation.

A lady in Dubai at the mortuary where his body was kept said, "Who will look after our old and poor people." He spent hours on hand till late at night (almost all days in spite of his busy schedule at work) toiled to get money from the most influential people in U.A.E. and also other well off Parsis worldwide like the Hong Kong Trust Funds, the people in U.S. & Europe, Canada and the Singapore Parsis for giving to the poor & the needy. He himself went to those villages in Gujarat from where he got the appeal letters and checked for himself and they actually deserve the same. He went on his holidays not with his family members but to those poor people and understood their needs.

The other great tribute paid by the friends to him is "Minoo just lived for 54 years, but the work he has done is more than people who live for more than 90 years". To the best of our knowledge we have

never seen him complaining about the dictum "I don't have time". He found time to serve the poor and the needy at all times. He had developed a knack to know the deserving from the undeserving as every case of donation would be sent to his volunteer workers who without any returns would go to far off places for scrutiny and report back giving the correct picture.

Since donations were collected from the philanthropists from all over the world. He was meticulous to ask for receipt which would be part of the Annual Report of the Emirates Zarathustis. His annual report would give details of all the donations given to the deserving in the villages of Gujarat & Maharashtra and far off places like Hyderabad, Chennai, etc. This is as far as the individuals are concerned. He had the support with Senior Priests and Anjumans of various places who sought donations for repairs and purchase of items required by Atash Behrams and Agyari. It was Lord Ahura Mazda's



will that he lived for a very short span of life but whatever number of years he lived he actually put in practice the prayer we all do each day at the time we do our Kusti prayers – Mazda Yasno Ahmi Mazda Yasno Zarathustis – I am the believer of the religion of Ahura Mazda and I will abide by the same till my last breath. **Parsi Times** thanks all the well wishers who have during his life time helped Minoo to collect funds and distribute to the deserving people. Also for the immediate timely help to repatriate his body to Mumbai for the funeral rites within 24 hours.