

Inauguration of Lowjee Wadia Medical Centre

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The memory of Late Seth Lowjee Wadia was enlivened on 18th July 2003 at the inauguration of new spacious premises of Lowjee Wadia Dispensary Trust at Lalbaug. Seth Lowjee Wadia was a prominent and decorated Parsi of the mid-nineteenth century. In appreciation of his dedication and services he was gifted property known as "Inam Land" in Lalbaug Village by the East India Company. He had such charitable disposition, noble demeanour and secular outlook that he did not keep the gifted land for himself and instead set up a charitable medical facility for poor and the deserving. A noteworthy feature was that this facility was open to all irrespective of caste, creed, religion and race. He was greatly loved and respected in those days by the villagers of Lalbaug.

The inauguration of the new dispensary premises commenced with a Jashan Ceremony and the ceremonial ribbon cutting was done at the hands of Dr. K. N. Hozdar. Dr. Hozdar a highly respected senior member of the medical fraternity known for his dedication and commitment to social causes and has been associated with trust in setting up its new facilities.

The Chairman of the Trust, Mr. Kersi J. Limathwalla, in his welcome address said that the trustees decided to give the privilege of inauguration to a dedicated co-worker instead of a celebrity. It was also announced that Dr. K. N. Hozdar will be the Hon. Director of the new medical facility. Mr. Limathwalla thanked his co-trustees Mrs. Shireen Wadia and Mr. Shyam Wadia for their instigated co-operation in setting up this new dispensary. He informed that the center would be an outlet for various alternative therapies. These unconventional branches of medicines and therapies have not only become extremely popular in recent years but have also proved to be very efficacious in treatment of chronic ailments. The trust would consider various therapies and holistic approach in treatments like ayurveda, aromatherapy, unani, homeopathy, tibetan medicine, naturopathy, pranic healing, yoga, magneto therapy etc besides conventional allopathy medicine.

At the inauguration ceremony, the Tibetan Medical Camp was also declared open from 19th July to 23rd July 2003. A team of doctors and para medical staff had come from Men-Tsee-Khang The Tibetan Medical Institute of H. H. The Dalai Lama, from Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. Dr. Yangbum Gyal, the leader of the medical team is associated with Tibetan Medical Research Centre and who recently returned from the United States explained the holistic approach and treatment in Tibetan Medicine and miracles it was performing worldwide. He expressed hope that people would benefit from its treatment and thanked the

trustees of Lowjee Wadia Dispensary Trust for giving him and his team an opportunity to treat patients in Mumbai. He also expressed a desire to set up a permanent medical facility at the trust premises in Mumbai. He presented a traditional Tibetan scarf as a mark of honour and gratitude to the Chairman, Mr. Kersi J. Limathwalla and Hon. Director, Dr. Kersi Hozdar on behalf of Men-Tsee-Khang.

Mrs. Jayaben Maheshwari also addressed the gathering and spoke from her personal experience of her son who was taking blood transfusion every month and the doctors had given him a maximum of two to three year of life span on account of bone marrow problem. After starting Tibet medicine he did not require blood transfusion and has been living a comfortable life for the last six years.

Dr. Kersi Hozdar expressed that he was extremely happy to be associated with the trust and be in the company such selfless and dedicated people of whom he had first had knowledge. He made a special mention of Mr. Kersi Limathwalla and his wife Zarin whose untiring efforts over the years had given the centre a totally renewed dimension. He personally committed to give his time and service to the trust and make his humble contribution to make life easy for the sick and the ailing.

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