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Presidents Message:

I would personally like to wish Happy New Year to all our members and their families as we enter 2017. .

NAMC's 2017 AGM will be hosted by the OZCF in Mississauga on May 20 and 21

I have asked Ervad Kobad Zarolia to take over as the Editor of this News Letter.

Ervad Arda Minocherhomjee.

Quisse-e-Sanjan.

Promises made by our ancestors to King Jadiv Rana:

Seeking safety and protection to preserve and practice their religion, our ancestors arrived on the shores of Gujarat, India in about 936 CE (some scholars believe in about 716 CE)

It is believed that the then King (King Jadiv Rana) offered asylum to our ancestors on certain terms and conditions. Several of these terms and conditions are preserved in our oral traditions. However, the first written account of our ancestors' flight from their homeland Iran and events leading to their arrival, settlement and spread in Gujarat was reduced to paper in an epic poem "*Quisse-e-Sanjan*" in 1600 CE (about 800 years after their arrival)

The author, an aged Mobed, Bahman Kaikobad Hamjyar Sanjana admits that in this epic, he tells a select (only about 1% of the total) wondrous tales recounted and preserved as oral traditions by Mobeds and ancients of his time.

While narrating the story of asylum seekers' contact with the King, the author records following conditions of their asylum:

1. *Explanation of their beliefs and customs of their Creed (religion)*
2. *Abandon their language of Iran and adopt the speech of India*
3. *Women should wear garments like those of Indian females*
4. *Put off arms (weapons) and cease to wear them anywhere.*
5. *Marriage knot of their children should be tied at evening time.*

Quisse-e-Sanjan makes no reference to the legendary story of “*Sugar in the Milk*” that is often retold in recent times by Indian PM Narandra Mody in his eloquent speeches worldwide.

As our ancestors adapted to their new land and contributed to its protection, administration, commerce and prosperity, it can be argued that they have met or exceeded their covenant with King Jadiv Rana.

Let us follow our ancestors' footsteps as we adapt to new lands and spread Zoroastrianism worldwide.

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