

The Zoroastrian Return to Roots Program to bring young Zarathushtis from all over the world to visit their "motherland". Aban Marker-Kabraji and Shernaz Cama as co-chairs mentored a core group of Zoroastrian youth....

From left Aban Marker-Kabraji, Shernaz Cama



Dinsha Mistree, Rosheen Kabraji, Shireen Havewala and Kaiyan Mistree (photo above) who conceptualized the program and brought it to fruition. Over 40 applicants applied and after a rigorous selection process, 16 of them arrived from USA, Canada, UK and Pakistan into Mumbai on December 23rd to become the first ever Return to Roots Fellows. (see page 34)

The program raised funds through sponsorship and a nominal contribution from each Fellow. The hope and aspirations are that future programs will bring new fellows to Iran and other parts of India for diverse experiences and to connect them back to their Zoroastrian and Parsi roots. Check out their website at www.zororoots.org

The last session of the day the Shah Nameh the Persian epic by Ferdowsi. **Vesta Curtis of the British Museum** explained parts of the literary work through slides and illustrations.

With that it was time to hit the races !! The Zoroastrian Millions Trophy was held at the Royal Western India Turf Club aka Race Course. All decked up, suited and booted; the delegates of the Congress were seen at the Race course, placing bets; following the races or just taking in the atmosphere and the hospitality arranged by Cyrus Poonawalla, who is intrinsically involved with the RWITC at many levels.