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## THE STALWARTS OF SEC – 5



n alumna of J. B. Vachha School

and R A Poddar College, Homai Dhondy has been a Dadar girl all her life. An extrovert and a keen sports person, Homai took keen interest in hockey and badminton during her student days. She later joined a Parsi Theatre Group in Dadar, and enjoyed her stint as a theatre artist for several years.

Being kind came naturally to Homai from a very young age. Right from her school days, Homai would read for the blind. It would give her immense pleasure to be of use to them, and she decided that she would dedicate her life in the service of the challenged.

However, after graduation, she joined Ceat Tyres and worked there as an Accounts Assistant for 13 years, until she got married to (late) Minoo Dhondy, a Merchant Marine Captain with Scindia Steam Navigation Co.

Lead your life like a kite; Fly high, but stay connected to your roots!



A mother to a son and a daughter, Homai had a few years as a home-maker, a phase of her life that she enjoyed, but also wanted to fulfil her dream, and was itching to give back to the society. She was wondering how and where to start.

The opportunity came in the year 1989, when her dear friend (late) Roda Khambatta introduced her to SEC. There was no looking back thereafter.

She started with teaching English to the students, loved being with them, and being part of the SEC family.

She soon joined the SEC Managing Committee and first worked as a Secretary and then the President.

Ever-smiling and friendly Homai has endeared herself at the School – to the students, staff and the members of the Managing Committee.

Busy taking care of her 3 grandchildren, to date she is a part of the Managing Committee, taking a lot of interest in the art activities of the School.

Activities of the School



Students with disabilities from low economic backgrounds often face challenges, such as, limited access to recreational activities and social





At the picnic, the students had breakfast, lunch, and high tea. They enjoyed the activities of the water park, rain dance and water rides.

gatherings, due to financial constraints and physical barriers. Recognizing these challenges, SEC I & I Department looked for an inclusive and accessible space where the ex-students could enjoy themselves without worrying about accessibility issues or financial burden.



# Picnic for the students of SEC

Most children had never been to a zoo. Parents were invited too, to push the wheel-chairs through the zoo. They were thrilled to see the wild animals that they had only seen on screen. The Penguin enclosure was the one they enjoyed the most. And finally, they got snack boxes and an ice-cream as a treat.









Dance, drama, music, art, swimming











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