



ADRĀVVŪN

ADRĀVVŪN, Gujarati term for the Parsi betrothal ceremony (in Persian *nāmzādī*). Matches are generally arranged by the parents with the consent of the marriage partners, although now the latter often make their own selection after consulting the parents. For the betrothal, the solemn celebration of the marriage contract, an auspicious day is fixed (see D. Menant, *Les Parsis*, Paris, 1898, pp. 159-60). The essential part of the ceremony is the reciprocal exchange of jewelry, silver coins, and new sets of clothing. Nuptial songs are sung by the ladies of the two families. The couple then visits the fire temple to invoke the blessings of Ohrmazd, Fire (son of Ohrmazd), and the Amahraspand Ardebehešt. Henceforth the bride assumes the bridegroom's name, and her name, in religious ceremonies, will always be connected with his.

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