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## President's Message

Jai Jinendra and Pedam to all my KOJAIN Community members,

As 2022 started we were still trying to recover from the long 2 years of Covid pandemic and now finally as we are starting the Spring season, it looks like it will be a new season, a season of hope for all of us to move on to life as it was before Covid.



The year for KOJAIN started with new BOD starting their new term, some are familiar faces while some are new and for the first time in many years we have almost full representation from all regions (except NY) and we even have a youth representative this term. We look forward to introducing all BOD members to you in our next newsletter.

Couple of weeks ago, we also got very shocking news and many of us who knew Navin Uncle (Navinbhai as he was fondly known to many) couldn't believe it. Shri Navin Shamji Dedhia left us on April 5th 2022 and we at KOJAIN felt like losing a pillar that has supported our Organization. Navinbhai was founder Secretary, 2 term Vice President and 3 term President who nurtured this organization with his skills, vision and ability to bring people together. He gave many like me an opportunity to be part of KOJAIN, encouraged and guided us for community service.

I recall meeting Navin Uncle for the first time at my first KOJAIN Sammelan 1996 as someone new in this country looking to be part of the Kutchi community and him being one of the many people welcoming me and my wife with open arms. I got a chance to meet and learn from him subsequently on many phone meetings as a KOJAIN BOD member or at KOJAIN meetings during JAINA conventions, at KOJAIN Sammelans or whenever he visited Phoenix. His organizational skills always amazed me as he always had community related information at tip of his fingers (literally) .

We pray for the sadgati of his soul and offer our deepest condolences to his family and all many many friends and family members in KOJAIN community and beyond. Our work at KOJAIN will carry on HIS legacy and this will be our true shradhanjali, our offering to him, to keep KOJAIN vibrant and growing.

We have many continuing events and new programs planned; Applications for scholarship 2022 are currently being accepted. We have launched the KOJAIN Matrimonial initiative, starting the work to complete the KOJAIN Directory project as it will be 10 years since we have taken the KOJAIN community census.

We look forward to hearing from you so please send your views/reviews and articles to [newsletter@kojain.com](mailto:newsletter@kojain.com) .

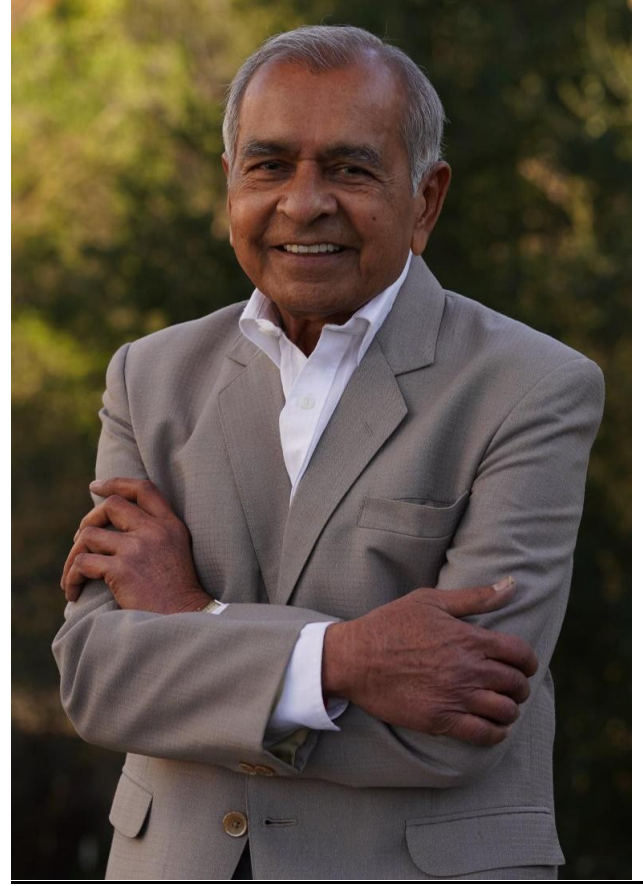
Jai Jinendra and Best regards,

Manish Mota

President | KOJAIN, 2022-23

## Obituary to Shri Navin Shamji Dedhia

KOJAIN community offered our tribute and remembrance of Shri Navin Shamji Dedhia with this advertisement in KVO Patrika and during the prayer meeting on April 17th at JCNC. We have received many emails and condolences messages from community members.



Navinbhai Dedhia's sudden sad demise is very shocking news to all our kojain Family. We have studied together couple of years in primary school at Bidada and one year at Palagali High school in Bombay, hence I have alot of memories and we have a lot of common friends from school days.

We have worked together in Kojain from its inception. It was a pleasure to work with him on various projects. He was one of the founding members of Kojain and helped to set up the constitution by-laws and policies. He was past president of Kojain and among other things he worked hard to update the Kojain Directory. His mentorship to Young Kojain volunteers and leaders is noteworthy.

Navinbhai's smiling face, calm demeanor and kind hearted nature will always be remembered.

May his soul rest in eternal peace and may God give his daughters and all the extended family members the strength to bear this sudden loss.

Om Shanti

Tansukh Maru, former KOJAIN President



**Kachchhi Oswal Jain Association of North America**

નિઃસ્વાર્થ સેવાપ્રેમી, સદ્ગુણ સંચાલક, કુશાગ્ર, વિચક્ષણ  
સંસ્થાના આધારસ્તંભ સમા ભૂતપૂર્વ પ્રમુખશ્રીને ઉપકાર વંદના

A Salute to a Real Icon



શ્રી નવીન શામજી પાંચારીયા દેદિયા

બિડડા (ખાખરીયો ફરિયો) - USA-મુલુંડ

અરિહંત શરણ : તા. ૫-૪-૨૦૨૨

એક વ્યક્તિના ધર્મ અને આધુનિકતાના સુમેળભર્યા ઉચ્ચવિચાર અને નિઃસ્વાર્થ સેવા દ્વારા કરાયેલા કાર્યો કોઈ સંસ્થા માટે કેટલા પ્રમાણમાં મહત્વના હોઈ શકે એનો સાચો અંદાજ પૂણ્યશ્લોકી નવીનભાઈ દેદિયા ની વિદાય કરાવી રહી છે. વર્ષ ૧૯૯૦ થી સંસ્થાના કોર્ડિનેટિંગ મેમ્બર બન્યા...

એ બાદ પ્રથમ સેક્રેટરી પદ તેમજ ત્રણ ટર્મ માટે પ્રમુખપદે રહ્યા. ધર્મનિષ્ઠ, કર્મનિષ્ઠ, લાગણીસભર, માદરેવતન પ્રત્યે પ્રેમ ધરાવનાર નવીનભાઈની ત્રણ દાયકા ઉપરાંતની અમેરિકાની KOJAIN (કચ્છી ઓસવાલ જૈન એસોસીએશન ઓફ નોર્થ અમેરિકા) સંસ્થાને એમના યોગદાન વડે દરેક ક્ષેત્રે મગેલી પ્રગતિ અને વિકાસના લાભ કોઈ કાળે ભૂલાયે નહીં....

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## ***Remembering a Friend....***

I was shocked and saddened when I heard the news about the sudden demise of our friend, Navin Dedhia. Soon my mind started racing to our first meeting at Shree Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya, Gowalia Tank, Mumbai in June 1958.

He and I were going to be roommates along with the other two (Hasmukh Shah & Shirish Patrawala). We also went to Elphinstone College for Science, riding the train from Grant Road Station to Churchgate and walking to the building through the Azad Maidan. We knew each other well for two years (1958-60). He was just like me coming from a family with limited means but high ethical and religious standards. We were so simple that we used to attend the college in our lengas rather than pants.

Navin was very punctual in performing pooja daily before breakfast. Navin was very smart in studies and won Sarla Devi Gold Medal by Shree Mahavir Jain Vidyalaya in 1960 scoring highest percentage in InterScience among SMJV Students in Mumbai. He had received Sri Rao Bahadur Pragmalaji Scholarship and Manibhai Jashbhai Prize for scoring high percentages marks in SSC among Kutchis. He successfully completed BE in Electrical Engineering at VJTI, Mumbai University in 1963. In 1966, he received MS Electrical engineering degree from Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville TN. He remained a lifetime employee of IBM with a successful career, starting at East Fishkill, New York and moving to IBM San Jose in 1976 until his retirement.

### **Navin & Jain Way of Life:**

Navin has been a devout follower of Jainism in his daily life. He has been doing 9 or more fasts during Paryushan for many years. He was a very active member at Jain Center of Northern California (JCNC). He was awarded the 2017 JAINA Adult Leadership Award for his outstanding contributions promoting Jain Core Values in North America.

Navin was a pioneer, a great leader and a visionary for the KOJAIN from its formation to the present. He has served KOJAIN in many official capacities: First Secretary of the Board (1996-97), Vice President (2000-01) & (2002-03), Three-time President (2006-07, 2010-11, 2012-13). I had a great pleasure working with him as a Region 4 Director from 2000 to 2011. His style was action oriented, consensus builder and inspiring.

Navin has attended all KOJAIN Sammelans, has written articles for the KOJAIN Souvenirs, served as an advisor on many committees and assisted in KOJAIN Directory. KOJAIN honored him with the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018 @ the 9th KOJAIN Sammelan at San Mateo, CA.

### **Navin & Professionalism:**

Navin has a spectacular professional career at IBM as a Quality Manager. Navin has served American Society for Quality (ASQ) in many high-profile positions as Board of Directors, Committee Chair in ASQ, National Centre for Quality Management in Mumbai and Industrial Advisory Board of the Electrical & computer Engineering Department at Tennessee Tech.

Navin is an author of two books and a credit for numerous articles in publications, presentations and serving on Boards of Quality Control Field. As a result he has been awarded many prestigious awards from ASQ, APQO and QIMPRO (Mumbai).

Navin will be missed immensely by us, his family and friends, by KOJAIN and JCNC and ASQ.

We wish his soul eternal peace and bliss in his ongoing yatra to the Moksha.

Om Shanti, my friend.

**Ram Gada**





A one time KOJAIN Merit Scholarship is awarded to North American High School graduating qualified students, entering college/university to pursue further studies. Parents of applicants must be Life Members of KOJAIN. Up to 3 scholarships of \$1000 each will be offered.

KOJAIN is soliciting candidates for the 2022 Merit Scholarship. Eligibility Criteria and submission requirements for the Scholarship are listed below:

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Graduating High School seniors planning to attend an accredited college or university full-time in the Fall of 2022.
- Applicant whose parents are KOJAIN Life Members.
- Grade point average of at least 3.0 on an unweighted 4.0 scale.

**Your application must contain the following:**

- Submit a 4-year high school transcript, including the 2021-2022 school year. Photocopies are acceptable. It can be sent by the school.
- Copies of American College Testing (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Testing (SAT), or any other entrance examination scores (optional).
- List and briefly describe any awards and/or extracurricular services and activities on separate pages (not to exceed two pages). Please provide enough information so that the selection committee will understand the nature of your services and activities.
- Photograph of your face (head and shoulders only) in jpg format.
- Essay Requirements & Topics are given below.

Write an essay in which you develop your point of view on any one of the topics presented below. Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your readings, studies, experiences, or observations. The typed (double-spaced) essay must be at least 500 words but, must not exceed 800 words in Times New Roman Font, 12 point

- Discuss an extracurricular activity you participated in and how it impacted your life or your outlook on life.
- How has growing up with diverse cultures impacted your viewpoint of Jainism?
- Take a current event in United States and make connections to Indian culture broadly and to your culture specifically, and what changes would you propose?

**Where to send your application:** You can email all the documents in pdf format (picture in .jpg) to the following address: [kojainscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:kojainscholarship@gmail.com). **Deadline for all materials will be April 30th, 2022.**

- Applicants will be notified of Judges' decision by the 2nd week of June 2022.
- Parents of applicants must be Life Members of KOJAIN. If you are not a life member you can still become a life member and apply for the Merit Scholarship. [Membership Link](#) .
- A list of winners will appear on the KOJAIN website at [kojain.com](http://kojain.com) and will be published in the September issue of KOJAIN newsletter.
- The KOJAIN Scholarship program is administered by the scholarship committee appointed by the KOJAIN Board of Directors and is made possible by KOJAIN members' tax-deductible contribution to the KOJAIN scholarship fund.

## KV दत्त Bang Diwali

After 18 months of lockdown, KutchValley(KV) had its 20th Diwali Celebration "**KV दत्त Bang**" at Morgan Hill Downtown Amphitheater on **Oct 30th 2021**. Diwali celebration was held at a fully outdoor venue with open seating. **105** performers showcased creative performances that included doordarshan ads, netflix money heist, olympic theme, a tribute to everyday heroes, Salaam India, Bollywood classics with a twist, flashmob etc. Delicious lunch with piping hot Jalebi and Boba drinks in the afternoon, Garba & DJ was enjoyed by approximately **350+** attendees. Kudos to the performers, choreographers, volunteers all giving in to share the community spirit of life going back to normal and making it another memorable year of DaBangg celebration. The Diwali celebration planning was led by Beleena Visariya, Bhavini Gada, Jayesh Gada, Madhavi Khona, Naman Gala, Nitul Haria and Romil Rambhia.



## Winter Walkathon

KutchValley kicked off 2022 activities with its **3rd Winter Walkathon** on Mar 6th, 2022. 118 energetic attendees along with a few dogs made the bright sunny morning @ Quarry Lakes in Fremont even more lively with lots of medavo & catch up. During Walkathon, the Grateful Growers' team (Poonam Gala, Madhavi Khona & Jinisha Mamanian), kicked off their fundraising efforts of raising \$1000 by summer to support Narika org with an innovative approach of plant sales.



### KutchValley Sakhis meet for an afternoon of De Dana Dan

On April 9th, 2022 KutchValley Sakhis had an exciting, energetic, and enriching afternoon of

**De Dana Dan....**

They learned self-defense skills at World Class Taekwondo in San Jose, CA followed by gupshup, gamat, games and mouth watering snacks accompanied with tea and coffee at a nearby park. This event was attended by 43 sakhis. Annual Sakhi meetup is usually held around Women's Day and every year it brings unique topics which encourages learning new skills along with bonding. This year's event was coordinated by Beleena Visariya, Bhavini Gada, Dimple Dedhia, Madhavi Khona, Meghana Mota and Rajal Gala.



### Achievement – Chirag Kenia

Chirag Kenia (CA-Fremont, Gaam - Kapaya) has successfully completed and passed all modules of **USA Cricket Level 1: Umpiring Fundamentals Course**. He is one of the 103 individuals from all corners of the USA who have successfully passed this test and received USA Cricket Level 1 Umpiring Certificates.

### KutchValley Annual Spring Picnic – May 1, 2022

KutchValley is holding its annual spring picnic at Baylands Park in Sunnyvale on May 1, 2022.

Lifetime achievement Award to Shanti Shah

Kutchi Community of Minnesota is very proud to present Shanti Shah who was presented a **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** by the India Association of Minnesota (IAM) at its annual "Connect India " event on March 19,2022 in recognition of her long time service to the Indian American Community. India Association of Minnesota (IAM) is a nonprofit organization that has served the Indian community for 49 years. She has been its active member for over 45 years. Shanti is a past President of IAM and a contributor to the founding of the School of India for Languages and Culture (SILC) and the Jain Center of Minnesota (JCM). She is the past President of Jain Center of Minnesota and currently serves on its Trustee Advisory Council (TAC) and as a JAINA Director. In 2021 she was responsible for leading a legislative bill signed last year by the Governor of Minnesota declaring August 15 as "India Day". This is a great accomplishment for the Indian Community in Minnesota.



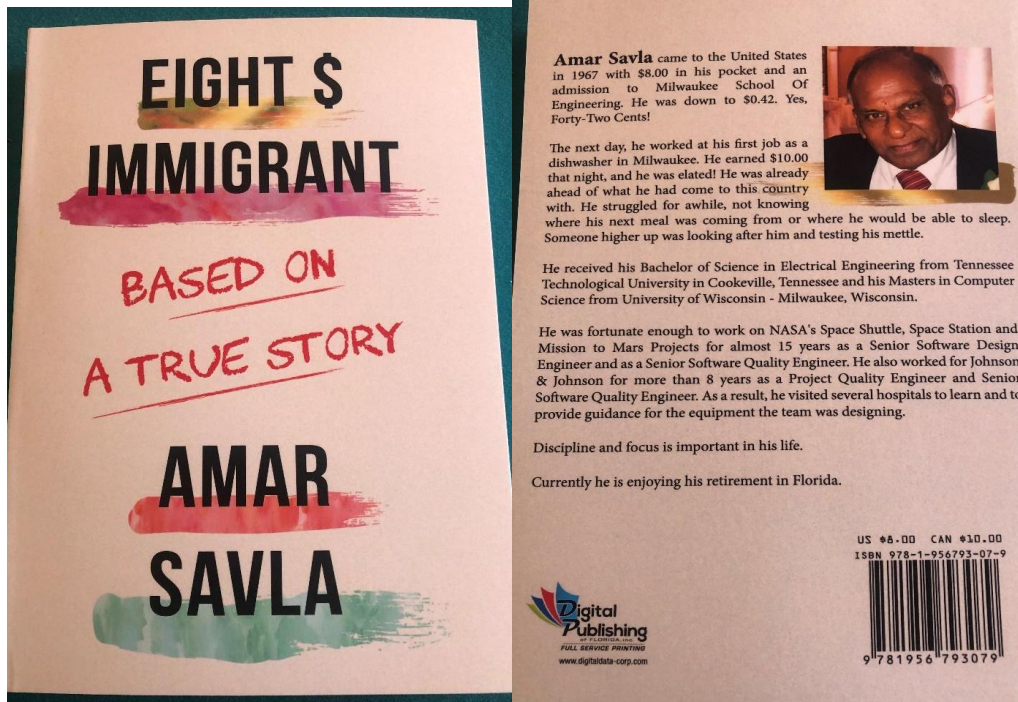
Shanti Shah grew up in Malad, Mumbai, as Shanti Gangar. Shanti's family comes from Chasara, Kutch. Her mother's side established themselves in Malad nearly 100 years ago. She left Mumbai in 1967 for Canada and immigrated to the U.S. on fourth of July 1969, soon after astronaut Neil Armstrong and his team landed on the moon. After living in Upstate New York, she moved to Minnesota in 1972. Since then, she has been an active member of the Indian community which has grown from 3,000 to 50,000 people. In our small Kutchi community of Minnesota, we have members who are contributors to many local non-profit organizations and Shanti is one of them.





Eight \$ Immigrant Book

Mr. Amar Savla has published a memoir titled “Eight \$ Immigrant” in January 2022. The book describes his struggle he went through to collect funds he needed for college admission and an airline ticket. He landed in USA with \$8 in his pocket and letter of college admission. He went one to get his bachelor and masters degree and worked on NASA projects for about 15+ years. The book is available for sale, paperback is \$16 and hard cover is \$26 postage paid. Please contact him at amarsavla@yahoo.com (the book is not available on Amazon yet).



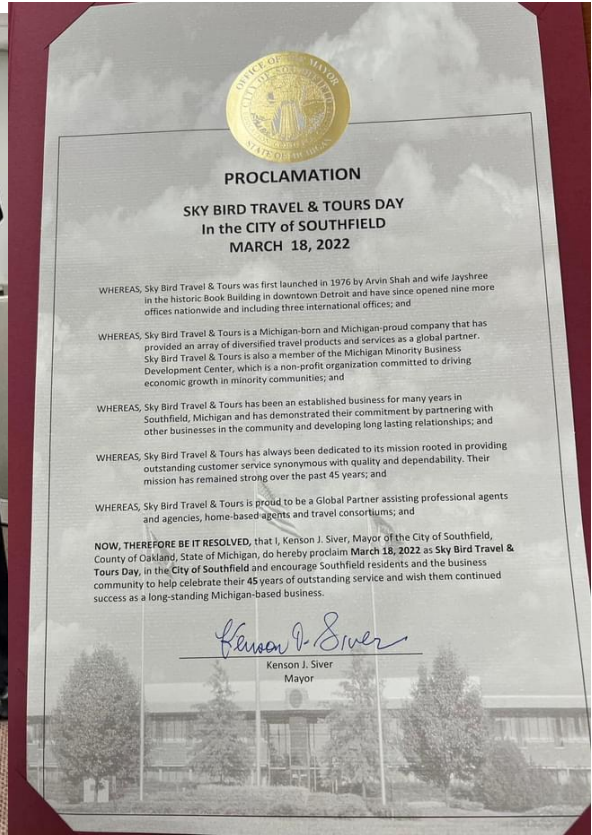
Atlanta Area Get Together

Recently about 35 community members gathered for a long overdue get together at Madras Mantra Veg restaurant in Marietta, GA for lunch.



Jaya Travels – 45th Anniversary

At a special tribute luncheon in honor of Sky Bird Travel’s 45th Anniversary in the travel industry were honored to be given a tribute by Mayor Siver and Office of State Senator Jeremy Moss and Kyra Harris Bolden. As the Mayor said, not many businesses make it to 45 years! Mayor Siver proclaimed March 18th as the official Sky Bird Travel & Tours Day in Southfield!



MOU between Michigan State Univ and Jaya Rehabilitation Center at Bidada Hospital

Arvin Shah (Orchard Lake, MI) & Ramesh Dedhia (Okemos, MI) received a signed MOU (memorandum of understanding) between Michigan State University in East Lansing MI and Jaya Rehabilitation Center at Bidada Hospital.

The Institute for Global Health Department (IGH) at Michigan State University is sending Dr. Lawrence Prokop and Dr. Jacob Rowan, two professors of Osteopathic Rehab and Recovery, to Bidada Hospital to conduct an advanced certificate program for degreed Indian medical professionals to learn and study. The College of Osteopathic Medicine program at Michigan State University has been rated #1 in the United States. The program at Jaya Rehab Center will begin the first week of November 2022 and will continue bi-annually at Jaya Rehab Center in Bidada Kutch Gujarat.

This project began when IGH went to Bidada hospital in January of 2020 and was BLOWN AWAY that a hospital of this caliber is located in a rural area. In addition to the Osteopathic program in November 2022, the IGH department is creating the first ever Study Abroad program in all of India specifically for medical students. 4th year MSU medical students will go to Bidada's annual medical camp in January to serve for 1 week.

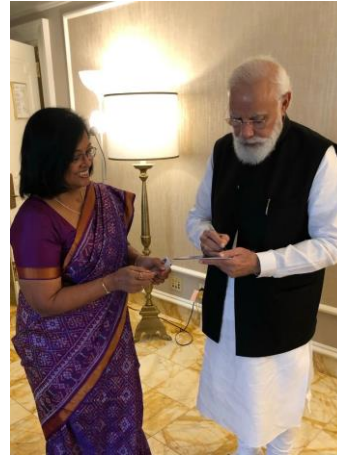
New Arrival

Proud Parents Pinkesh & Vaishali Gala are happy to announce the birth of Pavith Gala on October 6, 2021 in Silver Spring, Maryland. He is the Grandson of Gunvanti Gala.



Executive Chef at Prime Minister Modi's visit

Gunvanti Gala of Burtonsville, Maryland had the honor to be the executive chef for Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit to Washington D.C from September 22nd to September 24th, 2021. The visit was a smashing success with PM Modi personally offering his compliments to the Chef!



Regional News: Region 8

Manilal Savla at Global Kachchh Meet at Mumbai

Manilal Savla, President, KCONJ, was invited by Global Kachchh for its meet on February 21, 2022 at the Kalidas Auditorium in Mulund, Mumbai. He was honored as a dignitary and was invited to say a few words.



લુંડ સમસ્ત કાર્યક્રમ અને જોડાયો વિઝુઅલ, યુ ત્યુબ લાઈવના સૌજન્ય દાતા :: શ્રી

Here is a link to his brief speech:  
<https://youtu.be/5VgLdLcW25E>

Global Kachchh is a people's movement initiated by KRIDA (Krishi Research Innovation & Development Association) and Global Vikas Trust starting in October 2021. It is committed to the ecological and economic development of all the villages in Kachchh. This initiative will create an integrated development, water abundance and bring prosperity in village life and its agricultural sector. Global Kachchh aims to be the mass movement for water in Kachchh after the tremendous success of a similar movement called Global Parli in the Marathwada region initiated and promoted by the social worker Mr. Mayank Gandhi, who is in chat with Mr. Vijay Chheda in the attached photograph.

## KCONJ – Annual Picnic – July 10, 2022

KCONJ (Kutchi Community of New Jersey) will be holding its annual picnic at Colonial Park in New Jersey on July 10, 2022. Further details will be provided in due course.

## Achievement – Panav Gala



Panav Gala (son of Priti Hiren Gala residing in Princeton Junction, NJ), Mechanical Director of FIRST® Robotics Competition High School teams #1923 and #1914 was awarded Dean's List Semi Finalist in his Junior Year by FIRST® Robotics Competition team #1923 coaches and mentors.

His teams, The MidKnight Inventors Team #1923 and #1914 won in sequential manner:

1. The MidKnight Inventors won the 2022 Bridgewater District Chairman's Award and were semi finalists at FIRST® Mid-Atlantic District Competition at Bridgewater.
2. The MidKnight Inventors teams #1923 and #1914 won the championship at the FIRST® Mid-Atlantic District Competition at Montgomery
3. The MidKnight Inventors won Gold and Silver (1st and 2nd place) at the FIRST® Mid-Atlantic District Regional Championship, along with it his team also won the Regional Chairman's Award (the highest honor in FIRST®, for community outreach and STEM engagement) at the District

Regional Championship in Lehigh PA. They are qualified to participate in the WORLD Championship at Houston TX from April 19-24.

Small statistics on their team from the head coach of their Robotics teams:

"There are only eight total teams in the entire world with as many awards as we've received in the 2022 season. Our students have so much to be proud of, and it's all through their hard work, enthusiasm, and excellence." - Libby Kamen, Head Coach of teams #1923 and #1914 The MidKnight Inventors.



Getting Back to Normal

Being on this roller coaster which we called the COVID pandemic, we (hopefully) have begun to see the final stretch. As we slow down, our Kutchi community here in Region 10 looks back on the winter, and looks forward to many more meetings, get-togethers and celebrations. On March 12th a small group of friends and families met at an old time favorite, Prince Pizzeria in Saugus MA, and enjoyed medavo with Pizza.



Mahavir Janma Kalyanak at Jain Center of Connecticut

On April 3rd 2022, Jain Center of Connecticut celebrated Mahavir Jayanti in-person at the Hindu Cultural Center, Fairfield CT. Over 275 Jain members (including about 50 Kutchis) attended the event and 90 participants performed in a cultural program to celebrate Lord Mahavir's Janma Kalyanak. For the first time, the entire event's meals were vegan and served in biodegradable products. This was a grand success after two years of virtual events.



The pandemic shined a light on the things that are most important for us. As we plan family get-togethers, trips to India, and joyous festivities, I can undoubtedly say that for all of us Kutchis, the joy of connecting in-person with friends and family is more rewarding than ever.

## Lime Therapeutics

An entrepreneurial pursuit to imagine a world without Cancer, by **Shardule Shah PhD, Harvard**

MBA, CEO and co-founder of Lime Therapeutics. Shardule lives in Cambridge, MA with his wife Ami Maru, (Kutchh Bidada) and two children, Siyona and Aarav.

Lime has invented a new way to discover life-saving drugs and will be working on therapies for reducing lung, colorectal, and kidney cancer. Lime's first drug has increased lifespan by 50% in early lung cancer trials. Shardule and his team recently won a \$100,000 award by Deerfield Capital Management for their early progress. Also, Shardule has been awarded the prestigious Harvard Blavatnik Fellowship for Life Sciences, given to only 4 Harvard students each year. For those with more questions or are interested in an investment, please email [shardule@limetherapeutics.com](mailto:shardule@limetherapeutics.com)

## Regional News: Region 11

### Annual Picnic – July 9, 2022

Canada is planning its annual picnic on July 9, 2022. Further details will be provided in due course.

## KOJAIN Host Family Program

We are approaching that time of the year again, in next 3 months we will have new batch of Kutchi students arriving in North America. As you know our Host Family Program volunteers are ready to help settle these kids by connecting with local host families.

How to get connected with KOJAIN host family program:

**Students:** If you are parent or the student who is coming to US we request you to get connected with KOJAIN host family program via sending an email at [hostfamily@kojain.com](mailto:hostfamily@kojain.com) with details of which city/state you are coming and also the name of the University.

**Become a host family:** If you live in North America and are willing to help the incoming students then we request you to also send email [hostfamily@kojain.com](mailto:hostfamily@kojain.com) with your contact details.

**KOJAIN Matrimonial Initiative**

We have always had avenues for community members to publish matrimonial advt in the newsletter providing an avenue for community to seek prospective life-partner for themselves or their son/daughter. With the changing times and youth involvement, we are approaching this initiative with an additional option to have a virtual gathering of those seeking a matrimonial partner or for parents to connect in a separate forum. We will keep learning from these initial gatherings and adjust as needed. We are thankful to our youth and parent meeting volunteers to kick start this initiative.

The first Kutchi connection for youth and virtual Medavo (gathering) for parents was held on April 10<sup>th</sup>. We had almost 50 youth registered and about 28 youths joined the kutchi connection virtual meeting. The meeting coordinators created various rooms and ensured everyone got a chance to interact with each other to have a quick introduction. At the Parent's Medavo meeting we had six parents joined the call to have introductions and discussion. Many participants registered last minute hence couldn't be contacted to join the call, we hope to have more parents join in our next call.

We are looking at having our next call for both parents and candidates on May 15<sup>th</sup> so please be on the lookout for the call details via email. We hope those who joined earlier will get to meet new people and catch up with their acquaintances from first call.

Below advertisements are free of cost as benefit of being a KOJAIN member for the year 2022, we hope this initiative help community and provides another avenue for us to connect community members.

**Kulin Tarun Chheda**

Birthdate: June 13, 1991  
Birth Place: Mumbai 12:32 pm  
Height: 5'8"  
Father: Tarun Damji Chheda,  
Businessman  
Mother: Kamal Taun Chheda,  
Homemaker



I am a finance professional working on fixed income investing for PIMCO, an asset management firm, located in Newport Beach, California on H1-B visa. I like to travel and explore new places, love networking and socializing, and enjoy playing and watching sports and strive to maintain a good balance between my personal and professional life. Other interests include gardening, reading, watching movies/web series and cooking. I have completed my Bachelors in Computer Engineering and a Masters in Mathematical Finance (Boston University) with additional finance certifications: CFA, FRM & CAIA. I am looking for a partner who is well read, ambitious and driven and preferably in the US or Canada. Do reach out if you would like to know me better.

[Kulinc@bu.edu](mailto:Kulinc@bu.edu)

**Neesha Daulat**

Age: 31  
City: Las Vegas / Boston, MA  
Parents: Yatin & Dipa Daulat  
Kutch Village: Suthari  
Height: 5'2"



Qualities: values family, appreciates and loves Indian culture, kind, compassionate, loves her job, self-aware, ambitious, and hard-working  
Hobbies: dancing, cooking, singing, exploring new places and foods, spending time with family/friends, watching Bollywood movies, organizing/planning events (Bollywood America, YJA, KOJAIN)  
Looking for: someone who has spent majority of their life in US (ideally born and raised in the US), is a good blend of Indian and American cultures, values family, loves their job, is self-aware, is extroverted but also a good listener, and has a desire to continue growing and developing (personally and professionally)

<http://linkedin.com/in/neeshadaulat>

<https://www.facebook.com/neesha.daulat>



We are looking for a suitable match for our daughter **Tina Lapsia**. Tina is ambitious, kind, social, and intelligent. She holds a JD from the University of Pennsylvania Law School and has been working as a litigator in New York City for nearly 3 years.

Tina's hobbies include dancing, watching Bollywood movies, cooking, reading, and traveling.

She is looking for a highly educated partner who is willing to settle down in the northeast US, has liberal views and values, enjoys the same or similar hobbies, and will understand and respect her career and lifestyle.

Birthdate: February 26, 1994

Height: 5'3"

Father: Prakash Kunverji Lapsia, Financial Analyst

Mother: Jyoti Prakash Lapsia, Homemaker

Siblings: Sameer and Cassyane Lapsia (son: Jai Lapsia)

Kutch Gham: Koday

If interested, please email us your biodata at [prakashlapsia@yahoo.com](mailto:prakashlapsia@yahoo.com).



**GRISHMA RAJESHBHEDA**

Birthdate : March 27, 1989

Time : 7.14 am & Place : Mumbai

Height : 5'4"

Qualification : Masters in Professional Studies in Sustainable Interior Environments, New York School of Interior Design, 2017

B.E. (Mechanical) from K.J. Somaiya College of Engg, Mumbai, 2011

Work : Fellowship as Sustainability Consultant at Amazon, India - August,2021 Designer at MBH Architects, NYC (H1B visa till July 2024)

Father : Dr. Rajesh Bheda – MS (Ophthalmology)

Mother : Dr. Hina Bheda - M.B.B.S

Sister : Palak Sangoi - B.E. (Comp), MBA

Brother-in-law : Bhavin Arvind Sangoi, - Business (Kapaya)

Paternal Grandparents : Jaylata Laxmichand Khimji Dhanji Bheda (Bhujpur)

Maternal Grandparents : Chanchalben Dungershi Umershi Chheda (Rayan)

Contact Details: 91-9321953068 / [drbheda@gmail.com](mailto:drbheda@gmail.com)

**Nishchay Shah**

Birthdate: September 29, 1995

Height: 5'10"

City: Seattle, WA

Education: MS – Comp Science, Northeastern Univ Boston, MA

Occupation: SW Developer, Amazon Inc, Seattle

Father: Chetan J Shah (BE - Elect)

Mother: Rajeshri C Shah (BE – Comp science)

Kutch Village: Naliya

Grandparents

Paternal: Lt. Hiraben Jaychand Shah (Nagda) – Matunga

Maternal: Godavariben Devidas Patel, Thane



**Hemen Shah (Visaria)**

Age: 26

City: Atlanta , GA

Parents: Dr. Trupti & Narendra Ramjibhai Waghjibhai Shah [Visaria]

Kutch Village [Gaam]: Bhachau

Hobbies: Reading, Photography, listening to music, puzzles, board games, computer games, going out with family and friends, etc.;

Prefer USA based good Jain girl, IT Software Engineer Professional, Age 26 or less, Veg/Jain, Non-Smoker, Non-Drinker

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