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President's Message

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July is here, bringing along the pride of celebrating **250th Independence Day** of United States, KOJAIN's Kutchi New Year **Ashadhi Beej Walkathon** celebration and the very exciting **10th KOJAIN Sammelan** which is just around the corner.

I look forward to welcoming members, families and guests for a memorable event and meeting all of you. Sincerely grateful for the unwavering support from all of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, speakers and attendees towards KOJAIN Sammelan.

Since the last newsletter, KOJAIN has hosted more virtual sessions. A huge shoutout to Poonam Gala, Amar Gada, and Niti Shah for their time and commitment in hosting their respective sessions on gardening, mishtaan, and metabolic health. To view the past virtual sessions, visit <https://www.youtube.com/@kojain9691>

Thank you to all the members who responded to the KOJAIN Constitution & By-laws amendment proposal. Special thanks to the By-laws Committee (Ram Gada, Manish Mota, Dimple Dedhia, Nimesh Chheda, and Pallavi Dedhia) for their continued efforts in reviewing the Constitution and By-laws and making progress towards the future of KOJAIN.

The KOJAIN Matrimonial Initiative has celebrated another success story with a couple recently getting engaged. It's encouraging to see how this initiative is helping bring members together. We are looking for a volunteer to help with KOJAIN matrimonial initiative, if you are able to help and give some time, please do let me know.

Last but not the least, a big thank you to all the volunteers helping plan the second annual KOJAIN Ashadhi Beej Walkathon.

See you all in New Jersey soon!

Bhavini Gada

President | KOJAIN 2026-27





Congratulations to the KOJAIN Class of 2026 – A Celebration of Excellence!

KOJAIN extends heartfelt congratulations to all the incredible graduates featured in our **Class of 2026 Graduate Showcase!**

Your hard work, dedication, and achievements have made your families — and our entire community — immensely proud.

Whether graduating from high school, college, or completing a postgraduate degree, each milestone represents dedication, growth, and a future full of promise.

To honor these incredible achievements, KOJAIN has launched a special **Graduate Showcase** highlighting the academic accomplishments of students within our community.

You can view the growing list of proud graduates and celebrate these amazing accomplishments:

 [View the KOJAIN Class of 2026 Graduates](#)

We're inspired by each and every story shared — and if you haven't submitted your graduate's information yet, there's still time to be part of this wonderful tradition!

 [Submit a Graduate](#)

Let's continue to uplift and celebrate the Class of 2026 as they embark on exciting new chapters in their lives.

Upcoming Events

A list of upcoming events across regions and nationally

- July 19: Canada KOJIC Annual Summer Picnic
- July 23-26: 10th KOJAIN Sammelan
- Aug 7-9: SF Bay Area Camping Trip
- Aug 9: Region 8 Royal Family Picnic
- Oct 24: SF Bay Area Diwali Celebration

Region 1 - Paras Savla

Paras Savla, Son of Ashok & Harshana Savla completed medical residency in Neurosurgery. He will be doing Fellowship in Complex Spine Surgery at University of California at San Francisco (UCSF).



Region 1 - So. Cal Picnic

"The SoCal Kutchi Annual Summer Picnic was on **June 13**, bringing our vibrant Kutchi community from various parts of Southern California together for an unforgettable day of heritage, family, and coastal relaxation at Newport Beach. Families gathered at Marina Park to fill the grassy lawns and sandy shores with multi-generational laughter, childhood games, and meaningful connections.

Here are some highlights from gathering:

Culinary Showcase: Members brought an exceptional variety of traditional, home-cooked delicacies and modern favorites like freshly squeezed sugarcane juice, oats malai kheer, idli-chutney, poha, tamarind rice, chana chaat, pizza cups, pasta salad, strawberry cake cups, mixed fruits platter, and more creating a diverse and beautiful buffet spread.

Multi-Generational Fun: While elders relaxed and caught up under beach umbrellas, the younger generation stayed busy building sandcastles and playing beach games.

Coastal Exploration: Some took full advantage of the beautiful June weather, exploring the harbor, walking the shore, collecting shells and taking scenic pictures by the lighthouse.

A Heartfelt Thank You: The success of this annual tradition rests entirely on the warmth and generosity of our community. A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the beautiful food spread, helped coordinate logistics, and brought their incredible energy to the beach. Events like this reinforce the deep cultural roots and lifelong bonds that make our community so uniquely supportive.

Region 1 - So. Cal Picnic



Region 2 - Seattle Picnic

The Seattle Kutchi community came together for their first summer get-together, and what a treat it was. Held potluck-style, the gathering brought a spread of delicious, diverse dishes to the table, each one a little different from the last. With perfect weather to match, it made for a warm, joyful afternoon of good food and good company.



Region 2 - Elegance, Laughter, and Twirls at Sakhi Soirée (Bridgerton Style)

Dearest Gentle Readers,

KutchValley Sakhi's annual gathering on **Sunday April 26th, 2026** was an absolute triumph, bringing together 89 wonderful attendees for an evening of connection, celebration, and fun. The energy in the room was electric as familiar faces and newcomers alike gathered for a memorable day.

Mirrored displays reflected the stunning attire of our guests, who pulled out all the stops with their finest regency-inspired gowns and dazzling accessories.

High Tea & High Spirits

The festivities began with an exquisite High Tea, where sakhis mingled over delicate porcelain cups, decadent pastries, and the sweetest of savory treats.

Icebreakers Games & Laughter

Following the tea, the room shifted from quiet elegance to vibrant energy with a series of interactive games. Designed to break the ice and spark friendly competition, the activities had everyone laughing, collaborating, and cheering each other on.

Stepping into the Ballroom

The grand finale of the day was an introductory ballroom dance lesson. Led by a professional instructor, our guests took to the dance floor to learn the foundational steps of classic styling. From initially hesitant steps to confident twirls, the dance floor quickly filled with grace, rhythm, and immense joy.

A Royal Feast to Close the Night

To round off an extraordinary evening, guests were treated to a sumptuous, multi-course dinner. The ambiance was filled with warmth and heartfelt conversations.

In the hustle and bustle of everyday life—balancing careers, family, friendships, and personal goals—it is incredibly easy to put our own need for connection on the back burner. This gathering served as a beautiful pause button. It reminded us that we aren't meant to walk through life's seasons in isolation. We are simply better when we lift each other up.

Yours Truly,

Bay Area Lady Whistledowns

Beleena Veera, Bijal Gala, Jinisha Vora, Mala Chaudhari, Poonam Gala

Region 2 - Elegance, Laughter, and Twirls at Sakhi Soirée (Bridgerton Style)



Region 3 - Dallas picnic

Dallas group had an afternoon picnic on May 31 at Hoblitzelle Park. **80+** attendees joined the picnic fun. With chai nashta, followed by Bingo, Odkhan vidhi and delicious potluck dinner items, the picnic event was a wonderful and memorable gathering.

The picnic event was organized by five young couples: Ronak & Hinal Rambhiya, Kunal & Khushbu Gala, Kavil & Hetal Chheda, Umang & Aashana Savla, and Pinak & Ridhhi Nagda. DFW community appreciates the hard work and dedication of the organizing team to plan and everyone involved in joining and making the picnic happen.



Region 4 - Midwest Kutchhi group picnic

The Midwest Kutchhi group (greater Chicago area) came together for the first event of the year — a spring picnic on a bright, crisp May afternoon at Busse Woods Forest Preserve.

More than fifty members of all generations turned out, from great-grandparents to the littlest ones taking in their very first community picnic. The pavilion buzzed all afternoon with catching up over chai, plates of home-cooked favorites, garama garam Pav Bhaji, and plenty of laughter as old friends reconnected and new faces were welcomed into the fold.

The day wrapped up with a full group photo under the pavilion — a snapshot of a community that keeps growing stronger, year after year.

Here's to a wonderful start to the year, and to many more gatherings ahead!

Region 4 - Midwest Kutchhi group picnic



Region 8 - Community Crowns "The Kutch Royals" in Regional Naming Contest

To establish a unified brand identity, Region 8 launched a digital naming contest inviting entries from across the tri-state area. Out of numerous community submissions, six finalists were recognized:

1. Jainam Gala (**Kutch Coast**)
2. Ketan Kenia (**Chandralok**)
3. Jyoti Manoj Shah (**Kutchh Meets World**)
4. Ruchi Rita (**Mandvi Mosaic**)
5. Pooja Maru (**Kutchi Nexus**)
6. Hetal Hermish Shah (**The Kutch Royals**)

Winning entry "**The Kutch Royals**" submitted by Hetal Hermish Shah was officially selected as the chapter's name, earning her the honorary community title of "Regional Fui."

The naming process was driven by active community voting, with participation from:

AK, Amar Dedhia, Anil Chheda, Anisha H., Anjali ShahLyng, Anjana Chheda, Anuja Chheda, Avanti Khona, Bella Kenia, Bhavesh Veera, Deepak Gada, Dharmesh Chheda, Dimple, Dipal Gada, Dipesh Shah, Gaurav Chheda, Heena Chheda, Hermish Shah, Hetal Shah, Hiinna, Hiral, Hiral Furia, Hiren, Jainam Gala, Jayshree Savla, Jaywanth, Jignesh Rita, Jiya, Jyoti, Jyoti Lapsia, Jyoti Manoj Shah, Jyoti Shah, Kalpa, Kanti Gala, Kaveri, Kavita Gada Mehta, Ketan Kenia, Kimberly, Kinjal, Kiran Sangoi, Kirti Shah, Lata Gala, Leenam, Manish Shah, Minal Karani, Mital Chheda, Monika Peer, Navin Vira, Nehal, Neha Shah, Niki, Nisha Shah, Nuvika Shah, Paresh Gala, Parth Gala, Piyush Shah, Pooja Gada, Pooja Maru, Pranav Gada, Priti Shah, Raj Mota, Rashmin, Rinku Shah, Ruchi Rita, Rupal, Sagar Karani, Sejal, Shailesh Gala, Shital Veera, Shruti Shah, Shruti Shah, Shweta Dipesh Shah, Trusha, Urvashi Roongta, Varsha Gala, Vasant, Viral Lalan, and Zeel.

Name and Logo:

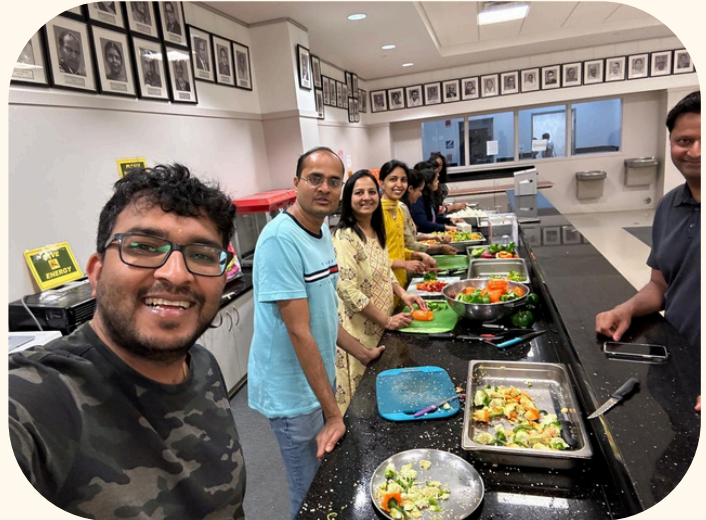


Region 8 - Pathshala cooking

A magnificent display of community support took place on **May 31, 2026**.

Sparing their valuable time from early morning 6:30 AM onwards until 2:30 PM, families gathered to cook directly in the JCNJ Derasar premises. The volunteers prepared a massive, fresh, and wholesome traditional meal for all pathshala kids and parents.

Link for other photos and videos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/vKAimJTrGsauxdfW8>



Region 8 - Pathshala cooking

We recognize and express deep gratitude to the 21 donor families who generously financed and supported this beautiful pathshala cooking initiative:

Ek Saadharmik Family (Anonymous)	Ajay, Trusha, Veer SHAH Family
Ankush, Avanti, Aaraav, Prisha KHONA Family	Bakul, Vipula, Fenil GALA Family
Bhounik, Kaveri, Hazel & Krish MAMANIA Family	Chirag, Rena, Jayan & Sanya SHAH Family
Chirayu, Omeeta, Kanchanlal Uncle, Chanchal Aunty, Medhansh, Jaini SHAH Family	Deepen, Kantilal Uncle, Rashila Aunty VIRA Family
Gaurav, Anjana, Kush CHHEDA Family	Hemant, Heral, Moksh SAVLA Family
Hermish, Hetal, Nuvika, Riyanna SHAH Family	Karan, Deepa, Nyra MARU Family
Raj, Aruna, Aditya, Arnav MOTA Family	Rashmin, Kajal, Shubh GALA Family
Sagar, Manshi, Dhyaan, Yug VISARIA Family	Sanjay, Kavita, Simone, Rihan SHAH Family
Shailesh, Varsha, Hemlata Aunty, Rashi, Mahi GALA Family	Sudhir, Manisha CHHEDA Family
Suryakant Uncle, Dr. Monaben, Krishna, Natasha & Jiya DOSHI Family	Vishal, Leenam, Reyansh DEDHIA Family
Dipesh, Shweta SHAH Family	

Region 8 - Vagad picnic

On the morning of June 7, 2026, starting from 10:00 AM onwards, our regional community gathered for the highly anticipated New Jersey Vagad Visa Oswal Picnic at **Medwick Park** (85 Post Blvd, Carteret, NJ 07008).

Generously and warmly volunteered by Jayshree & Sameer Damji Savla, the event brought together about 60+ people who thoroughly enjoyed a beautiful morning of bonding, recreation, and multi-generational interaction. Sincere appreciation to the Savla family for anchoring this cornerstone social event successfully.

Link for other photos and videos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/o2TjQdpUdEbCb6oE7>





Region 8 - The Kutch Royals Council

Region 8 had a seamless leadership transition in January 2026. Current Regional Director Dipesh Dhanji Shah (Gaam Lakadiya, residing in Harrison, NJ) and his wife ShwetaBen Shah (Gaam Suvai) have taken over the leadership torch from immediate past Regional Director ShaileshBhai Gala and his wife VarshaBen Gala, who dedicated over two decades of exemplary service to the community.

To support its growing operations, Region 8 ("The Kutch Royals") has announced its new Executive Council:

Pooja Gada (Head of Data / Census / IT Infrastructure): Hailing from Gaam Bhojay (Jersey City, NJ), Pooja holds an MSIS from the University of Maryland and serves as AVP: Senior Data Engineer & AI Engineer at PJT Partners.

Kirti Shah (Head of Communications): Hailing from Gaam Navavas (New Jersey), Kirti brings extensive experience in community volunteering, technology, and media management alongside her husband Viral.

Hetal Shah (Head of Events): Hailing from Princeton, NJ, Hetal is the extreme event management engine, super dedicated and calm doing things like a Fui would, supported by her husband Hermish into giving it their all relentlessly.

Bhavesh Veera (Head of Finances & KOJAIN Treasurer): Hailing from Gaam Bada (Livingston, NJ), Bhavesh serves as a Program Manager at Ericsson and brings vast KOJAIN governance experience alongside his wife Shital Veera.

Ketan Kenia (Head of Business Liaison): Broker/Owner of Kasa Bella Realty, supported by his wife Bella Kenia, integrating business networking with charitable giving.

Dipesh Dhanji Shah (Regional Director & Networker-in-Chief): Hailing from Gaam Lakadiya (Harrison, NJ), Community leader and entrepreneur driving regional strategy and connecting families, alongside his wife, Shweta Satra Shah who is a wonderful stylist.

Future Pipeline Events (Under Structural Planning):

- The Kutch Royal Family Picnic 2026, August 8/9, 2026 (10:00 AM onwards)
- Football Finals Viewing (if it goes ahead, it will be announced a few days prior)
- Regional Sports Event (Inter-hub cricket & volleyball, chess and carrom tournaments)
- Religious Events / Paryushan Parv / Kshamapana Parv
- Grand Diwali Gathering (A premium traditional cultural gala)
- Christmas Gathering (Ugly Sweater Mixer dedicated to next-gen youth networking)

The Kutch Royals Newsletter Link:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CfX0HYmXxAEGfdMyyZ8Bg0RmaPWmOvWC/view?usp=drive_link

Region 10 - Summer picnic

Connecticut group had summer picnic in June at Sherwood State Park.

More than 30 people attended the picnic.

Everyone brought delicious items for potluck dinner.

