



India Heritage Museum presents

# Glory of Gujarat

Invitation to Explore

The State of Gujarat, India

Land of Culture, Food, Festivals, & Landscapes



September 17 - October 29, 2022

Saturdays & Sundays 12:00pm - 5:00pm

**Free admission**

Location:

Vinod and Vinay Luthra India Heritage Center of ICC  
2171 Monroe-Wayne County Line Rd, Macedon, NY - 14502

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## India Heritage Museum

India Heritage Museum (IHM) was formed in 2019 as a DBA of the Hindu Heritage Summer Camp, Inc. The primary objective of the IHM is educational, to create awareness in the Rochester community of the culture, art, tradition, diversity, and technological advances of India and to highlight the accomplishments of Indo-American community of Rochester.

This is IHM's tenth exhibit. Past exhibits by IHM included Indo-American Artists of Rochester, States of India—through the lens of youth, Religions of India, Punjab: Land of Five Rivers, Indian Cinema: A Rochester Connection, Inspirational Americans of Indian Origins – by youth, Ayurveda – Holistic Medicine from India, Flavors of India (a virtual exhibit) and Weaves and Fabrics of India. The highlights of our previous exhibits can be seen on our website, [www.ihmrochester.org](http://www.ihmrochester.org).

We are grateful to the organizing Committee, the volunteers and the donors (listed separately in the brochure) of the current exhibit, "Glory of Gujarat". Their dedication, hard work and generosity have made this exhibit possible. Our heartfelt thanks to them.

We also acknowledge with gratitude the unrestricted donations of Damodar and Malathi Pai, Jyothsna Ponnuri and Rao Dontula, and Ashok and Kavita Rajpal over the past 4 months.

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See the videos of our earlier exhibits

Take a virtual tour of "Konark Sun Temple"

We are grateful to Jaya Chakra for creating and maintaining the website.

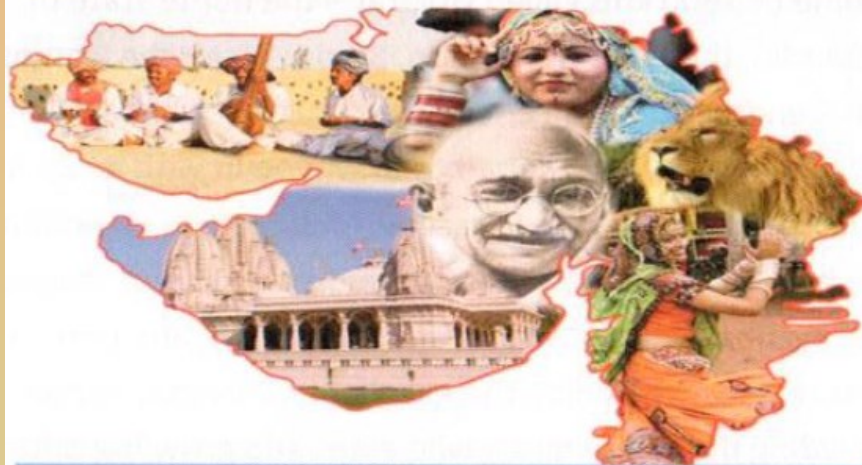
## ***Garvi Gujarat***

Gujarat, name of state of India derived from Gurjara Rashtra from Huns, who ruled the area during the 8th and 9th centuries CE, assumed its present form in 1960, when the former Bombay state was divided between Maharashtra and Gujarat on the basis of language.

We extend you our Hardik Swagat (heartfelt welcome) to this vibrant land stretching out into the Arabian Sea, with a hint of the white desert and a coastline of 1600 kms called Gujarat – the home state of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of Nation, Sardar Patel, the Ironman of India, and Narendra Modi, current Prime Minister of India. Welcome and allow its major city Ahmedabad to draw you in with its deep sense of culture and remarkable Indo Saracenic architecture or explore the countryside holding the state's many treasures. Immerse yourself as the Artisans in tribal villages weave, embroider, dye and print some of India's finest textiles, and enjoy the excellent parks that harbor unique wildlife, including migratory birds, wild asses and growling prides of Asiatic lions. Prepare to be awed by the Sacred Jain and Hindu temples sitting atop mountains, in flatlands or on seashores. Aavo padharo (welcome) to this melting pot of a vast variety of culture, people, places and history due to eons of migratory influences, in various ritual practices, cuisines, style of dresses, fairs and festivals, and celebrations! Be impressed by one of India's most technologically advanced states and home of some of the world's most accomplished individuals!

We, the Gujarati Samaj of Rochester and Friends of Gujarat are honored to accept the invitation from the India Heritage Museum of ICC to bring you all that is warm and wonderful about Gujarat, and what makes us all proud Gujaratis! Come join us on the journey home to Gujarat right here in Rochester!





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## ***Guests of Honor***

### **Nagin & Shaku Shah**

Born in Vapi and Godhra respectively Nagin and Shaku Shah moved to Rochester in 1968 after marriage in 1967. They have one daughter Sejal married to Charles Warney and one granddaughter Monica.

Nagin worked for Xerox for 35 years and retired in 2003. He was instrumental in starting the Gujarati Community of Rochester, volunteer-base association (GCOR) in early 70's with about 20 Gujarati families . Since the formation of GCOR, Nagin has organized GCOR Diwali Dinners and Navratri programs with the help of dedicated volunteers until 2018. He also lead India Exhibition at the East



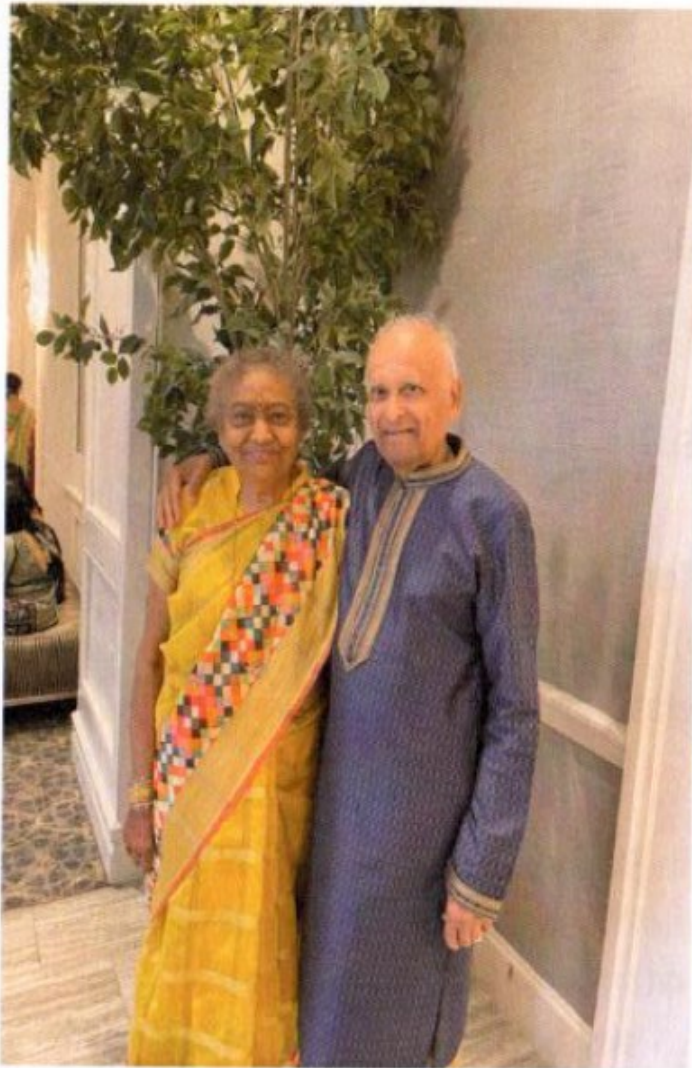
View Mall as part of India's 50th year Anniversary celebration. Nagin has also been very actively involved in the greater Indian community over the years. Between 1992 and 2017, he was an ICC Board Member for 12 years holding Treasurer and Director of Operations positions for some of the years.

Nagin is very thankful to his beautiful wife Shaku for being by his side and supporting him in all of his various endeavors.



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### **Magan and Sharda Patel**



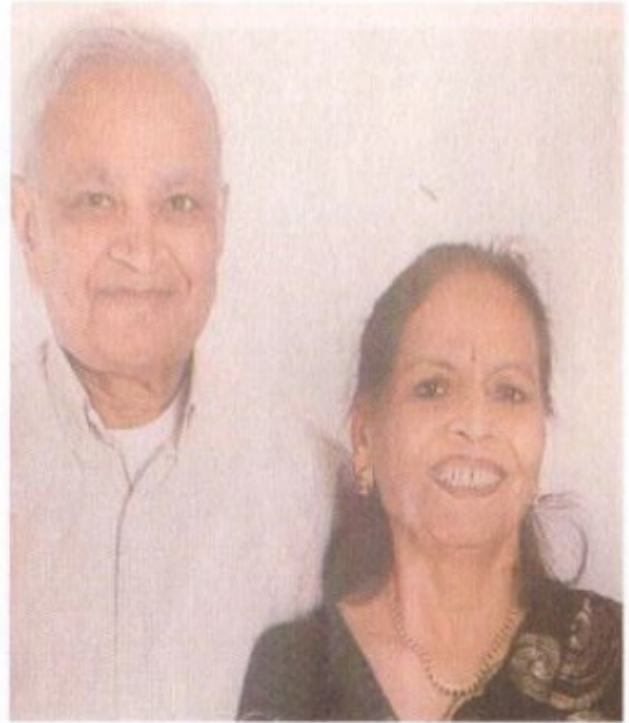
Magan and Sharda Patel have been residents of Webster for over 15 years and are active members of the local Hindu and Gujarati communities. Coming from a small rural farming village in Kurel (Gujarat), Magan and Sharda immigrated to the US in the late 60's when Magan began his civil engineering career in Maryland until they decided to pursue the American Dream in the mid 70's to provide a better life for their family, extended family and eventually others by embarking upon the hospitality industry in New Jersey. They retired as active hoteliers in 2007 when they moved from Elmira to

Webster where they enjoy time with family and friends and giving back to their community here and in Kurel, Gujarat. They have been blessed with two daughters (and two son in-laws), one son (and a daughter in-law), six granddaughters (one grandson in-law), and one great grandson.

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### **Vinod & Kalpana Patel**

Vinod was born and raised in Uganda to parents who immigrated to East Africa from the state of Gujarat in India in early 1900s when India and E. Africa were the British commonwealth countries. After finishing his high school, he went to Cardiff University in the United Kingdom where he studied Engineering and then was offered to come to United States to work for Xerox. He retired from his professional career after working at Eastman Kodak for some years.



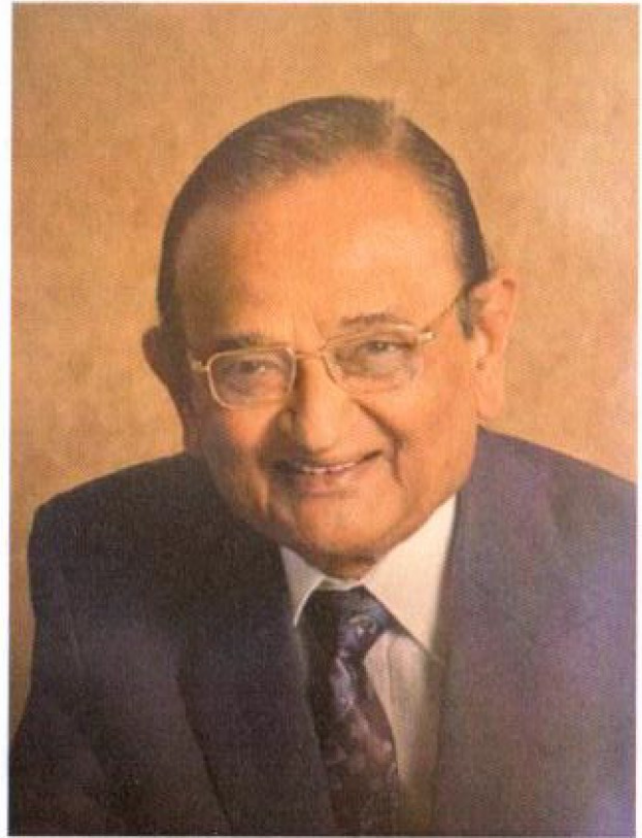
He and his wife Kalpana have lived in Rochester for almost 50 years and have children in Virginia and New York. Currently, Vinod volunteers at Lifespan in assisting senior citizens select medical plans and preparing annual income tax filings. They both enjoy their retirement with daily workouts at YMCA, and help out wherever they can.



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### **Dinesh Nanavati**

Dinesh was born in Junagadh, India and moved to the US in 1974 in search for a better professional opportunity. He has been living in Rochester since 1978 and enjoying retirement after practicing psychiatry until his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. He started a foundation in name of his beloved wife, Neena Nanavati to help support organizations in US and India. He is one of the original members to start GSOR Gujarati Garba in 1978. He has also contributed to the ICC



generously over the years, including the updated audio visual system most recently.

In his retirement, Dinesh enjoys watching Mahabharat, Ramayan, and action movies as well as cooking and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

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## **An Appeal**

The budget of the India Heritage Museum is estimated to be about \$ 25,000 per year. It is our goal to keep the admissions to the exhibits free. The only source of income for IHM is the community donations. We appeal to you to generously donate to help IHM continue its mission. The donations to IHM are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please make the check payable to India Heritage Museum and mail to 15 Bretton Woods Dr., Rochester, NY 14618. Thank you.

**India Heritage Museum Committee**