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## GUJARATI ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

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Dear Gurjar Members,

Happy New Year.

Another exciting year comes to an end, and what a year it was!

Let me take this opportunity to retrace GURJAR's successes, the lessons learned and our plans going forward.

Besides GURJAR's traditional events which were executed flawlessly, our emphasis for the year was to show demonstrable progress towards attracting youth to Gurjar. This initiative, we believe, is paramount for Gurjar's growth and continuity. We broke down our goal into two simple focus areas:

- Bolster social media presence to reach out to Gujarati youth and invite them to join Gurjar.
- Provide events catered towards the youth.

Although this sounds simplistic, we were challenged by what needs to happen first.

Our successful handling of events under COVID conditions, last year's outdoor Raas Garba and the failed Jub We Met match-making event were big drivers towards attracting youth. We spent considerable time and resources to expand and strengthen our Facebook presence and made improvements to Gurjar web portal. All this resulted in the HIGHEST NUMBER of NEW MEMEBERS joining GURJAR during the year.

With this, we believe, we have turned the corner and to build on this we will plan some new events organized by Gurjar specifically geared towards our young members and towards young-at-heart members. Upcoming Bollywood Night is our first offering aligned with this goal.



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In terms of member participation, in 2022, we saw a record number of attendance and vendor booths at India Heritage event as well as highest number of attendances at our signature Raas Garaba events. We hope to build on this success in coming years.

Additional events, significant increase in attendance and monitoring email in near real-time resulted in long hours for the Executive Committee. We clearly need more help in organizing and executing events of larger magnitude. To address that, the committee voted to increase the number of open Director slots. We sincerely hope that our community is ready to step up and willing to join the GURJAR committee. More details about nomination & elections appears later in this Newsletter.

As per the new constitution, another task for the Trustees and the Committee is to find a replacement for one Trustee. The process to do so has begun and the results will be announced at the AGM in May.

It has been a fabulous ride to work with my committee which has delivered on many successes in 2022 and will continue to work diligently in 2023. A special thanks to spouses of the Trustees and the Executive Committee without whose support our team would have had hard time in finding time to work on Gurjar matters.

Although we are optimistic and focused on our youth strategy, we cannot do so without your help. Please follow Gurjar on Facebook and visit [www.gurjar.org](http://www.gurjar.org) regularly to get most recent updates. We also look forward to your help/collaboration in spreading the word about Gurjar.

Here we come 2023! Cheers!

Regards  
Bharat Shah  
President, GURJAR





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## Gurjar Scholarship Awards - 2023

It is with great pleasure that we announce yet another year for our annual scholarship rewards program. The scholarship was set up in 1994 to encourage our college bound children. This scholarship is given to all college bound students of the life members.

Funds are raised by various GURJAR events which are very generously supported by our attending members, event sponsors and well-wishers.

**All graduating high school seniors of Gurjar Life members, who have been a member for at least a year, are eligible to apply.** Students must submit a small write up about their involvement in the Indian community and their contribution to the Indian culture. The essay is a part of the application process.

Scholarship award for high SAT or ACT scores will be given by Nila Pancholi, a Gurjar Life Member, in loving memory of her husband, Arvind Pancholi. This year, like last/previous years, an additional award has been donated by Vasantbhai Jinwala.

Individually sponsored awards and Gurjar awards are based on collective submission which includes scores and essay. Please send in your SAT/ACT score with your applications to the president at bharats@yahoo.com. The information will be confidential, and the scores will not be disclosed.

Executive Committee will be the sole arbitrator and decision maker for GURJAR awards, and their decision will be conveyed to the recipients a week prior to AGM.

Awards will be given during AGM and recipients are required to attend to accept their awards via the virtual session.

Go to:  
**<https://www.gurjar.org/gurjar-scholarship/>**  
Submit by April 23rd, 2023



www.G.U.R.J.A.R.org

**Rachana Shah**  
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## **ELECTION NOTICE**

As per Gurjar's Constitution, Article VII, an Election Committee consisting of three members listed below has been formed. They will oversee all aspects of the election of the Directors of Gurjar for the year 2022-2024.

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### **Open positions are:**

10 Directors for a Two-Year term, which includes three Officers; Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

For those of you interested in serving for as a Director or an Officer, please review the eligibility requirements and fill the form provided on Gurjar website at [www.Gurjar.org](http://www.Gurjar.org). Submit the form and all other requested information to any of the Election Committee member no later than March 1st, 2023.

**<https://www.gurjar.org/nominations-for-gurjar-executive-committee/>**

We encourage all members who wish to help Gurjar with new ideas focused on smaller virtual groups to join us by participating in the Executive Committee. Whether you are a people-person or a back-office computer savvy person or a meticulous numbers person or an event planner - we are sure Gurjar will benefit from your participation.

**Make a difference - Join the Gurjar Committee**