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Dear Gurjar Community,

As we step into 2025, let's take a moment to reflect on the incredible accomplishments of Gurjar over the past year. Our journey has been marked by growth, collaboration, and innovation, all driven by our collective dedication to preserving and promoting our rich heritage.

We're thrilled to welcome 50 new members over the last two years, expanding our vibrant Gurjar family. This growth has strengthened our network and brought even more diverse perspectives to our community.

One highlight of the past year was our very first OCI camp. We saw a wonderful turnout with 54 community members benefiting from this service, showcasing the importance of bringing valuable resources directly to our members. This initiative was a testament to our commitment to supporting the evolving needs of our community.

In partnership with Shishu Bharati, we launched a program to promote the Gujarati language and culture. The positive response from the community affirmed the importance of passing our heritage on to future generations, and we look forward to expanding these efforts in the coming year.

Garba fans enjoyed an unforgettable night with our live artist event featuring Purva Mantri, who captivated the crowd with her thrilling punari dhol performance. Her energy brought our garba traditions to life, and we've received many requests to bring her back next year. We're exploring ways to make this happen and to continue bringing unique experiences to our events.





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We're also delighted to announce an exclusive offer for our Gurjar members to enjoy a discounted subscription to Shemaroo, a platform dedicated to promoting Gujarati language and culture. This initiative aligns perfectly with our mission to celebrate and preserve our heritage. By subscribing, you'll have access to a treasure trove of Gujarati films, shows, and other cultural content that will help keep our traditions alive. We encourage all members to take advantage of this opportunity and immerse themselves in the richness of our language and culture. Stay tuned for more details on how to avail this offer!

Finally, we're excited to announce the successful launch of our new CRM platform, led by our web leader, Bharat Shah. This platform will enable more effective communication and engagement within our community. If you haven't received an email from this platform, please reach out to us, as we want to ensure that everyone stays connected.

In an impressive display of teamwork and dedication, our Gurjar team planned, implemented, and successfully executed four events within a span of just six weeks. This achievement speaks volumes about the passion and hard work of our volunteers, whose commitment to the community is truly inspiring.

As we embark on another year together, let us carry forward the spirit of unity, cultural pride, and service that defines Gurjar. Thank you for your unwavering support and enthusiasm. Here's to a prosperous and eventful 2025!

Warm Regards,

Parul Sanghvi
President, Gurjar





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Gurjar Scholarship Awards – 2025

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.

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 award.

Go to - <https://www.gurjar.org/gurjar-scholarship/> Submit by April 23rd, 2025



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 2025-2026.

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Open positions are: 13 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. Submit the form and all other requested information to any of the Election Committee member no later than March 1st, 2025.

<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.



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Schedule of Events for the year 2025

- May 7th AGM
- September 6th Indian Heritage Fest (Lowell)
- September 20th & 27th Navratri (Live and DJ)
- October 19th Diwali Gala

