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## GUJARATI ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

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Dear Gurjar Community,

As we step into 2026, we take a moment to reflect on what we have achieved together over the past year. It has been a year of growth, collaboration, and fresh ideas, all achieved by our shared commitment to preserving and celebrating Gujarati culture.

In the new fiscal year, we have proudly welcomed 12 new life members into the Gurjar community. Each new member strengthens our organization, and we look forward to welcoming more families and individuals who wish to stay connected and actively involved.

Over the past few years, we have been modernizing our operations through Neon CRM, our new membership management system. This platform enables members to easily update their information, register for events, and purchase tickets online. In the coming year, we plan to expand Neon CRM's capabilities to include member proxy voting, further improving accessibility and engagement. Our goal is to have this fully implemented by 2027.

Last year's Navratri presented unexpected challenges, specifically in securing a suitable venue due to multiple Garba events occurring at the same time. Despite these challenges, our dedicated team and community worked together to make the event a great success. The response was amazing, and both days were completely sold out. What started as a difficult situation turned into a proud and successful celebration for our community. This showed our commitment to continue growing and improving the event every year.





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In December 2025, as a token of appreciation Gurjar offered discounted tickets to Life Members for the Gujarati movie Laalo. We arranged two private screenings at different locations, and both shows were sold out.

This year we are excited to be working with Mahadev Entertainment to present the Gujarati drama “Misses Mara Online Che” on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Life members will receive discounted tickets. Events like these help bring our members together and show Gurjar’s dedication to giving back to the community and creating enjoyable cultural experiences.

In the coming year, we plan to work with organizations across New England to host helpful programs such as medical screen-ing camps, retirement planning workshops for seniors, OCI camps and other programs designed to support the overall wellbeing of our members. We continue our collaboration with Shishu Bharati to promote Gujarati language and culture among younger generations. The positive response from our community has reaffirmed the importance of passing our heritage forward.

As we move into the new year, we are deeply grateful for your continued support.

Thank you for being part of Gurjar. Together, we look forward to another wonderful year ahead!

Best Regards,  
Rachana Shah  
President of Gurjar





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## **Gurjar Scholarship Awards – 2026**

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 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026

### **May 9<sup>th</sup> - Bollywood Dance Challenge**

Team up and compete in a fun parent-child Bollywood dance competition!

Parent's categories: Under 40 | 40 +

Please contact: Shital Botadra @ 603-557-1396 or Soha Engineer @ 978-328-6945

**Enjoy a day of music, teamwork and prizes. More details to follow!**

### ***Gurjar is excited to Support upcoming Gujarati Drama*** **“Misses Mara online Che”**

Date: March 8th 2026

Venue: Burlington High School

Time: 4:30 pm

Gurjar Members - \$40 (preferred seating)

Please contact: Shital Botadra @ 603-557-1396 or Soha Engineer @ 978-328-6945

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## Schedule of Events for the year 2026

- March 8th Gujarati Drama
- May 9th Parent -Child Bollywood Dance Challenge & AGM
- September 19th Heritage Fest (Lowell)
- October 3<sup>rd</sup> Navratri (Aghori Muzik - Live Band)
- October 17<sup>th</sup> Navratri (DJ)
- November 15<sup>th</sup> Diwali Gala



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