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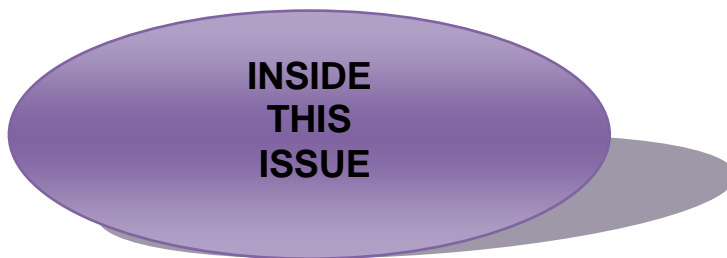
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Pranam.... Jai Jinendra.....

COME ONE... COME ALL... BRING RELATIVES & FRIENDS...

To

LEARN... SHARE... ENJOY... NETWORK... RELAX...

After celebrating Mother's Day on May 13 with your family members, KOJAIN requests you, all, to get ready and come to enjoy the **KOJAIN's 7th Sammelan at the Holiday Inn Rolling Meadows, Rolling Meadows, Illinois during July 27 – 29, 2012.** It is going to be an exciting event full of fun, learning sharing and enjoyment. This event is not to be missed.

Detailed information on Sammelan and July 27 Entrepreneur Registration Forms, Sponsorship and Souvenir Advertisement opportunities have been included in this newsletter and are also available on the Sammelan Website at <http://www.chicagokojain.com/> and KOJAIN Website at www.KOJAIN.com.

Your unwavering dedication, selfless contributions, generous donations and support to KOJAIN are a continuous source of inspiration to us all. **KOJAIN is requesting you to come forward and be a GRAND SPONSOR of the Sammelan.** Also take advantage of sponsoring other opportunities such as meals and souvenir advertisements.

We are looking forward to greet you at the Sammelan.

Navin S. Dedhia
 President, KOJAIN

KOJAIN SAMMELAN July 2012

JULY 27 - 29, 2012



Rolling Meadows, Illinois



Panjo Rangeelo Kutch Coming to Chicago



KOJAIN Entrepreneur Workshop 2012 CHICAGO KOJAIN SAMMELAN

Holiday Inn Rolling Meadows - Schaumburg Area, Chicago, Illinois

July 27, 2012 (Friday)
8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PLAN TO ATTEND Entrepreneur Workshop if you want to learn about starting, running, growing your own very successful enterprise. You want to listen to success stories of the biggest business owners of our community from US and India. You will be surprised to hear what made them to go in the business, how, what type of struggles they went through.

How do you start a business without any resources (money)? Most of speakers have done it!

Who must attend?

- You want to reignite that fire within you?
- You want to know how other's made it?
- To be your own boss!
- Are you stagnant in your job or business?
- Want to make best out of unsettling job markets?

Why to attend?

- What it takes to start a business?
- Is it in your DNA?
- Available resources to start a business
- Available growth markets in India/US
- Outsourcing and other topics
- You will get to hear from some of the best speakers.
- One on one with experienced business owners from India and US

Register early to avoid disappointment as space is limited to 200 attendees only, on a first come first serve basis.

Early Bird Deadline: July 10, 2012

2012 KOJAIN ENTREPRENEUR WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FORM
July 27 (Friday), 2012 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Holiday Inn, Rolling Meadows-Schaumburg Area (Chicago, Illinois)

STEP 1: CONTACT INFORMATION: *This information must be completed to receive your registration confirmation.*

Street Address, City, State, Zip:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Village in Kachchh:

STEP 2: WORKSHOP PARTICIPANTS LIMITED TO 200 PARTICIPANTS - FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS*For all participants, please specify the total fees per person in the far right column*

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Sex M/F	Birth Date (mm/dd/yy)	Email Address	Individual Registration Fee	Total Fees (\$/person)
						25	\$
						25	\$
						25	\$
						25	\$
TOTAL						\$	

STEP 3: INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEES:*Please choose the correct fee amount from the chart below. Postmark of registration form will determine applicable registration fees.*

BY JULY 10 (ABSOLUTE DEAD LINE)	Due to Hall Size limitations, participants will be limited to 200 only on a First Come First Serve Basis. There is NO <u>ONSITE REGISTRATION for the Entrepreneur Workshop.</u>	
	Entrepreneur Workshop Registration Fee does not include hotel Accommodation. Registration Fee includes Friday Breakfast and Lunch and attendance at Workshop Sessions. A separate Registration is required for the KOJAIN Sammlen	
Fees	\$25 per person	

STEP 4: PAYMENT: *Payment must be made by check Only*Pay by check, make your check (USD \$) payable to **KOJAIN** (*Write on Check Memo Line: 2012 Entrepreneur Workshop*).

Mail Registration Form & check to:

**KOJAIN 2012 Entrepreneur Workshop, KANTI N. GANGAR, 1813 Longmead Road, Silver Spring, MD 20906
Tel: 301-598-3093****STEP 5: SIGNATURE:** *Primary registrant must sign and date below.*

Primary Registrant Signature:

Date:

OFFICIAL USE ONLY:	Postmark Date:	Amount:	Check No:	Updated DB:	Registration ID:	Checked by:

Note: Program Details (Session details) will be available later on

- **Postmark date of registration form will determine applicable registration fees. If you would like to become a KOJAIN member, you must complete the KOJAIN Membership Form available on KOJAIN website www.kojain.com. Include separate check for Membership Fees and the Membership Form along with this Registration Form and separate payment for the Entrepreneur Workshop.**
- **A separate Registration is required for 2012 Chicago KOJAIN Registration, visit <http://www.chicagokojain.com> Please do not send Sammellan Registration form and check along with the Entrepreneur Workshop Registration.**

STEP 6: WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY must be signed to complete registration.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

In consideration of being allowed to attend the 2012 KOJAIN Entrepreneur Workshop and related events, activities, and programs, I acknowledge and agree that:

1. I, and the participants I am registering, will refrain from indiscreet, inappropriate, or destructive behavior which would detract from the positive image of KOJAIN. I understand that failure to comply may result in exclusion from further participation in the Workshop; and/or disciplinary actions as determined by the KOJAIN Entrepreneur Workshop Committee and the KOJAIN Executive Board.
2. I accept full responsibility for the actions of all participants I am registering at the Workshop and any related events, activities, and programs.

I, for myself, , all participants I am registering, and on behalf of my and their families, heirs and assigns, do hereby covenant not to sue KOJAIN, and do hereby waive any claim against KOJAIN, and release and discharge KOJAIN, its officers, agents, volunteers, employees, and sponsors from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of any discipline imposed for failure to comply with the Guidelines, and on account of any injury, including death and damage to property, whether caused by negligence or otherwise. I also give my authority and permission to KOJAIN for taking any and all actions, which it seems necessary in the event of injury and/or damage to persons or property in my accomplishment. I permit KOJAIN to use any of the information pertaining to my attendance, and the attendance of all participants I am registering, for its use, publication and desire. I acknowledge that KOJAIN or the Quality Inn & Suites Hotel does not maintain insurance covering my person, property or liability, or the person, property or liability of participants I am registering, in regards to the Workshop space. It is my sole responsibility to obtain any and all insurance covering losses incurred by me and participants I am registering while present at the 2012 KOJAIN Entrepreneur Workshop.

I have read and fully understood the terms of this liability release.

Participant's Signature:

Date Signed:

Participant's Name (Print):

- **Send your suggestions/ideas for the Workshop topic to Anil Shah, Massachusetts @ ashah@mrccsolutions.com**

BIDADA INTL FOUNDATION – BIDADA MEDICAL CAMP, SHREE BIDADA SARVODAYA TRUST, BIDADA HOSPITAL, BIDADA KACHCHH, GUJARAT

Bidada International Foundation is most well known for its annual mega-camp held every January in the village of Bidada, Kachchh. Thousands of people, who would otherwise have no access to proper health care services, are treated by volunteers in a variety of medical specialties. It is the countless volunteered hours and donations of supporters that have made Bidada Hospital's vision a reality and all supporters and well wishers deserve a sincere thank I you for the ongoing support.

Follow Bidada Hospital on Facebook. [Contact: email: medicalcamp@bidada.com, Website: www.bidada.com]

KOJAIN RECOGNITION AWARDS POLICY

KOJAIN Recognition Awards Committee is seeking out Awards nominations for outstanding and exemplary contributions from the community in the fields of 1) Art and Crafts, 2) Science, 3) Education, 4) Cultural Activities, and 5) Community Services.

Dead line to send Nominations is JUNE 15, 2012.

Objective: To honor persons of Kutchi Oswal heritage in North America who have achieved excellence in following area/fields:

- Art and Crafts
- Science
- Education
- Cultural Activities
- Community Services

Award Logistics:

A maximum of one achievement award may be given out in any of the above fields at KOJAIN Sammelans, provided only if suitable candidates are found to meet or exceed the selection criteria for that field.

In case of a KOJAIN Sammelan, which is generally held biennially during even calendar years, is not held; the committee may still announce and give out the awards in that even calendar year. Appropriate recognition plaques shall be given out to the selected candidates for their achievement.

In addition to above awards, special recognition awards may also be given out to (1) recognize the persons for their contribution to KOJAIN Sammelan and to (2) recognize persons not living in North America for their outstanding contribution to Kutchi Oswal community.

Recognition Awards Committee:

The Committee shall consist of a Chairperson and four members. The Board of Directors shall appoint a chairperson. The chairperson shall propose four members for approval by the board by majority voting.

Generally, Recognition Awards Committee members and KOJAIN current Board Members shall not be recognized for any award. Any exceptions must be approved by the Board of Directors.

Term:

The term of the Chairperson shall be for four years. No member can serve on the committee for more than four consecutive years. Initially, two 2-year members and two 4-year members will be appointed. After every two years, the two outgoing members will be replaced by two new members for 4 years.

Selection Criteria: The chairperson shall publicize request for nominations specifying criteria for selection. The chair will circulate all nominations received to committee members for evaluation. The committee will make the final recommendation.

Recognition: The Recognition Awards Committee will define the award type, a plaque, certificate, etc. The Award Committee will keep the Board of Directors informed as to the number of nominations and the awardees.

Funds: Funds for awards shall be approved by The Board the Directors.

Policy Approved and Initial Release: April 20, 2011

KOJAIN RECOGNITION AWARDS PROCEDURE

Award Nomination Procedure:

Nominations for the awards are being sought by the KOJAIN Recognition Award Committee. A self nomination is also acceptable.

Nomination will include the following documentation:

- Full Name of Nominee, Address, Telephone Number, Cell Phone Number, e-mail (See the attached Form)
- A letter from the petitioner or nominee requesting KOJAIN Awards Committee consideration.
- A brief citation highlighting the accomplishments of the nominee, approximately 100 words.
- A resume, vita, or biography outlining the lifetime achievements of the nominee, including
 - Education – Degrees Received, Name of the Institution, Year Graduated,
 - Community Volunteer Work
 - Publications (e.g., books, journal/magazine articles, academic papers).
 - Awards and honors.
 - Speeches and presentations.
 - Other professional organization achievements.
 - Extra ordinary contribution in the field/area of the Award
 - Leadership Roles

Those applying should send all soft copy documents by email to **Chhotalal Bheddah @ bheddah@aol.com** (Chair of the Award Committee). The chair of the Committee will communicate the selected awardees names to the KOJAIN Board.

Note: No members should contact Award Committee members for any person applying for the award.

KOJAIN RECOGNITION AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Nominee: (Please print)

Name	Last	First	Middle
Professional Status (Working, Owning a Business, Retired)			
Address			
City	State/Province	Zip Code	Country
Tel		Cell #	
e-mail Address			
Village in Kachchh			

Nominated by, if any: (Please print)

Name			
Address			
City	State/Province	Zip Code	Country
Telephone Number		E-mail	

By nominating this individual and signing below, you acknowledge verifying this application as being accurate to the best of your knowledge. (Self nominator must sign the application)

Signature:	Date:
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Note: Attach Appropriate supporting documents as outlined in the Award Nomination Procedure.

KOJAIN Sammelan Grand Sponsorship Policy

KOJAIN is seeking Grand Sponsors, willing to donate a minimum of \$10,000 for Chicago 2012 Sammelan. Send your Check (written to 'KOJAIN', State on Check Memo line 'Sammelan Grand Sponsorship') by June 15, 2012 to:

Mr. Mayur Ganger, 5900 W. Crain Ave, Morton Grove, IL 60053, Tel: 847- 361-2731, e-mail: mganger@gmail.com

I. Objective: Establish policy guidelines for KOJAIN Sammelan Grand Sponsorship. The Policy applies to the current Sammelan in plan.

II. Background:

- A) Every Sammelan host has to work very hard to receive donations from many sponsors to offset the expenses and to keep registration costs reasonably lower to attract more attendees to the Sammelan.
- B) If KOJAIN or the Host Committee can raise some funds in advance by Sammelan Grand Sponsorship, it will help the Sammelan very much.
- C) KOJAIN will be able to attract more host cities with available funds from assured sponsors.
- D) KOJAIN Sammelan host will also raise funds by offering other sponsorships designated as Platinum, Diamond, Gold, Silver, etc. with various levels of donation amounts.

III. Designation/Title: KOJAIN Sammelan "GRAND SPONSOR" will be the highest award/honor.

IV. Grand Sponsorship Criteria:

- A) Any KOJAIN member/family (donor) willing to donate a minimum \$10,000 for the Sammelan in plan. Any one donating more than \$ 10,000 will get first priority in the order of amount received.
- B) The donor shall pay the pledged donation amount to KOJAIN minimum 120 days prior to the Sammelan starting date OR by the date established by the KOJAIN Board. Sammelan dates will be published by KOJAIN after Sammelan host is approved by the KOJAIN Board.
- C) If the Sammelan is canceled by KOJAIN due to unforeseen circumstances, KOJAIN will refund the advance deposited amount to the donor within 30 days of such announcement.
- D) There may be multiple Grand Sponsors if the donors meet the established criteria.

V. Benefits or Privileges to Grand Sponsor:

- A) This will be the topmost recognition award at each Sammelan for the Grand Sponsor(s).
- B) Grand Sponsor name will be mentioned as first in list of other sponsors of Sammelan.
- C) In case of multiple Grand Sponsors, recognition and publicity will be in the order of received sponsorship funds. In other words first come first served basis.
- D) Any KOJAIN Sammelan related publication will mention Grand Sponsor names.
- E) Sammelan Souvenir will have recognition with photo of the Grand Sponsor.
- F) Appropriate honoring at the opening and/ or closing of Sammelan and events will be done by the Sammelan host.
- G) Special turban or dupatta for wearing will be offered if such wearing is offered to the other sponsors by the host.
- H) Grand Sponsor award plaque will be presented to each grand sponsor by KOJAIN at the award ceremony during the Sammelan.
- I) Two complimentary Sammelan Registration will be offered by the Sammelan Host Committee.
- J) A complimentary hotel room will be offered for two nights by the Sammelan Host Committee.



Saturday Night, July 28, 2012 Performances by various States' begin at 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

The first part of the Saturday Night, July 28, 2012 is being dedicated to the individual performances by each state. Chicago Host Committee is requesting each State to represent an entertainment item. The following rules will apply when submitting an entertainment item to the Chicago Host Committee.

Entertainment Item Submission Rules:

1. Only One item per state. Group participation is encouraged – Solo Performance may not be allowed.
2. Each item should be no longer than 10 minutes.
3. Costumes or other materials are responsibilities of participants.
4. One copy of the performance item CD should be mailed before July 1st, 2012
5. Other general rules may apply details get finalized.

Contact:

Mayur M. Ganger
5900 West Crain Ave, Morton Grove, IL 60053,
Cell: 847-361-2731, **Email:** mganger123@gmail.com

OR

Laxmichand (Louis) K. Shah,
Cell: 630-670-6039, **Email:** lkshah@hotmail.com

CHICAGO 2012 KOJAIN SAMMELAN SPONSORSHIP & SOUVENIR ADVERTISEMENT FORM

[Note: Please fill in the form and send the form along with your check to the address given in this document]

KOJAIN (Kachchhi Oswal Jain Association In North America), USA, will be publishing a colorful 8.5" x 11" size Souvenir book to commemorate the 7th KOJAIN Sammelan (Convention) during July 27 – 29, 2012, at the Holiday Inn Rolling Meadows, Illinois. Advertising in the Souvenir book will be an excellent opportunity to showcase and to promote your business and its products.

Chicago Sammelan Host Committee is inviting you to show your support by Sponsoring Events and advertising in the Sammelan souvenir book, which will be distributed to all Sammelan attendees and will be accessible to KOJAIN Community and others in North America, India and elsewhere in the world.

Please fill out the following information regarding sponsorship and advertising in the souvenir booklet and mail this form along with your check to Mr. Mayur Ganger (see below for mailing details).

Name of Individual/Firm: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____ Telephone/Cell: _____

Email: _____

Advertisement Page Size: _____ Check Amount \$ _____

Other Sponsorship Event (from next Page: _____ Check Amount \$ _____

Signature of Authorizing Person: _____

Date: _____

The Sammelan 2012 Advertisement rates for Souvenir book are as follows:

Back Cover Page	\$ 3,000
Inside Front Cover Page	\$ 2,000
Inside Back Cover Page	\$ 1,500 - Sold out.
Full Page	\$ 1,000
Half Page	\$ 500
Quarter Page	\$ 300

Note: Half and Quarter Page will be a shared page with other advertisements.

Deadline: All requests must be sent to us no later than June 30, 2012.

Other Available Sponsorship Opportunities are

Grand Sponsorship:	Minimum	\$ 10,000
Platinum Sponsorship:		\$ 7,500
Diamond Sponsorship:		\$ 6,000

<u>DAY</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>AMOUNT \$</u>
FRIDAY: 7-27-2012	Lunch	1,500.00
	DINNER	5,000.00
	Entertainment Program	3,500.00
Saturday: 7-28-2012	Breakfast	2,000.00
	Special Event:	
	SAMAIYOO (Welcome)	5,000.00
	Lunch	3,000.00
	DINNER	5,000.00
	Entertainment Program	3,000.00
Sunday: 7-29-2012	Breakfast/Brunch	3,000.00

Visit Sammelan Website at <http://www.chicagokojain.com/sponsors>

Note: Donations in any amount is always welcome.....

Direct your Advertising sponsorship inquiries to:

Mr. Mayur Ganger at (847) 361-2731, e-mail: mganger@gmail.com
 OR Mr. Louis Shah at (630) 670-6039, e-mail: lkshah@hotmail.com

Mail Checks Payable to "KOJAIN", write on the Memo Line KOJAIN Sammelan2012 Souvenir Advertisement/Sponsorship. Mail your Camera Ready PDF Souvenir Ad with a Check to:

Mr. Mayur Ganger 5900 W. Crain Ave, Morton Grove, IL 60053

Thank you for your support and cooperation to KOJAIN and the Sammelan.

Donation Receipts will be sent in the 3rd Quarter of 2012.

Asaanjo Kutchdo Baare Maas !!!! " TERA " Heritage Vilage Of Kutch

The 500-year old Tera village in Abdasa taluka of Kutch has now been declared as "heritage village" by the Government of India. Built by Bhayats, the ruling family of Kutch, Tera has been declared a heritage village, solely for its priceless culture and unique architecture. The Jain temples of Tera are one of the five pilgrimages of Kutch called Nani Panchtirth. Besides, the temples of Goddess Mosheswari and goddess Ashapura are also famous.

See the video at the link <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyvkwC4hv1s&feature=related>

KOJAIN REGIONAL NEWS**Region 1: AZ, CO, HI, NM, So.CA, UT***** Congratulations to the Newly-Wed Couple**

Kunal Khushal Gosar (Village: Dumra, Los Angeles, CA) got married to Jesica Karani (Village: Sabharai) on May 1, 2012.

Kunal is younger brother of Vishal K. Gosar of Houston, Texas (email: vishal_gk@yahoo.com)

[Kunal Gosar, Los Angeles, California,
Tel: 832-244-8331]

*** A Warm welcome to the San Francisco Bay Area**

After living 7+ years in Boston, Massachusetts, Parul and Amit Shah along with their 5 months old son Divyam (Village: Rayan Kutch) have relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area. Amit works at Union Bank.

Contact:

Amit Shah Tel: 617-785-5593,

Email: Sjमित@gmail.com;

Parul Shah, Tel: 617-785-4777, email:
Saparul@gmail.com

REGION 2: AK, ID, MT, NV, NO. CA, OR, WA, WY*** Varshi Tap Parna on Akshay Tiritiya Day, at JCNC**

Sarojben (Village: Baroi, Fremont, California) and Himatbhai Dagli completed their Varshi Tap on Vaishakh Sud 3 (Akhatriz), Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at Jain Center of Northern California (www.jcnc.org) Milpitas, California with a sugarcane juice. A Snatra Pooja and a Swamivatsalya Lunch was organized by JCNC to honor the Tapasvis.

[Contact: Sarojben/Himatbhai Dagli, Fremont, California,
Tel: 510-745-7468, email: himatdagli2000@yahoo.com]

*** Kutch Valley, San Francisco Bay Area**

Kavita, a Kutchvalley newsletter with articles contributed by members, the weekly edition recently published 245th Edition. . Kavita = ka (Kachchhi) + Vi.ta = A short account of a person's life.

A big Kudos to Prashant Shah for having the vision in creating www.kutchvalley.com website to unite and share and network KOJAINs in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Kutchvalley.com has become a valuable resource for the

Silicon Valley KOJAINs. It has brought the community much closer by helping in many ways such as planning events (Picnic, Diwali Party, Camping, Group Gathering, Bhavna at Derasar, Sponsoring lunch during a Jain Pathshala at Derasar, etc.), sharing and networking, etc.

The U.K KOJAIN Website, took inspirations from Kutchvalley.com.

Kutchvalley families congratulate and thank Prashant Shah (residing in Pune, Maharashtra, but still managing and sending out the weekly Kavita) for bringing the Bay area kutchi's one step closer.

[Contact: Nitul Haria, San Jose, California,
Tel: 650-714-0668, email: nitulharia@gmail.com]

*** Kutch Valley Camping Organized for the KOJAINs of San Francisco Bay Area**

'Camp KV 2012' will take place at Casewell State Memorial Park (28000 S Austin Rd, Ripon, CA 95366 http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=557) during Memorial Day Week-end, May 26 – 28, 2012. About 85 Bay Area KOJAINs will be attending the Camp.

[Hiten Gada, Tel: 925-209-7769, email:
gadahiten@gmail.com]

Region 3: AR, KS, LA, MO, OK, TX*** Varshi Tap Parna in Houston on April 24, 2012 at Jain Society of Houston Derasar**

[Hansraj Ravji Rambhia, seated in the center, with his Family Members at the Varshi Parna Time in Derasar]

Hansraj Ravji Rambhia, visiting from Bangalore, father of Rajiv Rambhia (Village: Nana Bhadia, Houston, Texas), completed second consecutive Varshi Tap with a Parna with a sugarcane juice at Houston Jain Derasar on Akshay Tiritiya (Vaishakh Sud 3) Day, Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

[Photo courtesy of: Navin Mediwala, Houston, Texas,
KatyPhotographer@gmail.com]

[Contact: Rajiv H. Rambhia, Tel: 281-257-0467, email:
r Rambhia@hotmail.com]

Region 8: DE, E.PA, NJ*** Tree Planting at Siddhachalam**

On April 28, KOJAIN Community members (Sagar & Himanshi Savla, Sameer & Urvashi Maru, Nehal Gosar, Rupal Daulat) from Jersey City, NJ along with their colleagues from Goldman Sachs planted 40 trees along the trails of the Jain Tirth [Siddhachalam](#). This tree-planting event is part of the [Goldman Sachs Community TeamWorks](#) Program and has been successfully organized at Siddhachalam Jain ashram for the past four years.

[Siddhachalam](#) is a Jain ashram and Tirth located in an idyllic setting in rural north-western New Jersey on 120 acres of hilly terrain. It is managed by International Mahavira Jain Mission, an independent, religious public charity in special consultative status with the United Nations. Siddhachalam was founded in 1983 by the Jain saint Acharya Sushil Kumarji.

[Contact: Nehal Himanshu Gosar, e-mail: nehalhimanshu@gmail.com ;

Siddhachalam Jain Tirth, 111 Hope Road, Blairstown, NJ 07825, Tel: 908-362-9793, e-mail: president@siddhachalam.org.
Website: <http://www.siddhachalam.org>

*** SHREE SHATRUNJAY TIRTH 99 (Navvanu) YATRA... By US KOJAINS**

[Note: KOJAIN congratulates the following 10 individuals for successfully completing Navvanu (99) Yatras and completing a milestone in their quest of spiritual life journey.]

This past winter, the first ever Yatra Navvanu (99) Yatra of Shree Shantrunjay Mahatirth for NRIs was organized by JAINA. and arranged and managed by Shri Narendrabhai Nandu and his group from Mumbai. The two month pilgrimage was held during November 10, 2011 - January 9, 2012 under the blessings of Acharaya Shree Yashovijay Suriji Maharaj Saheb and Acharaya Shree KalaPrabha Suriji Maharaj Saheb. A total of 60 NRI Yatries participated. All of the Yatries came out with life-changing experiences and memories that will last a lifetime.

Daily events included pujas, multiple Shantrunjay Yatras, five Chaityavandans for each yatra, ekansanu, give gochari to sadhu and sadhvi, pravachans by Maharaj Saheb and evening bhavana, aarti/deevo and Pratrikraman.

Special events included panch-tirth yatra and neighboring tirth yatras (Dam Derasar, Kadamgiri, Mahua, Talaja, Dantha, Hasta Giri, ghogha, etc),

Astaprakari puja to each and every step leading to main Shatrunjay Temple, and the Mala Program (Celebration of Completion).

The following 10 KOJAIN NRIs completed Navvanu (99) Yatra successfully:

Vijay D. Chheda, California
Jyoti & Rajesh Chheda, New Jersey
Ratanben Dedhia, California
Suresh Gala, New Jersey
Rajul & Shanti Gala, California
Divya & Navin Ganger, California
Chetna Sawla, California

[Contact: Rajesh Chheda, Tel: 856-768-8868, email: rkchheda@aol.com]

*** Mrs. Laxmiben Jadavji Savla, Manalapan, New Jersey - 14 days of Santharo ended on March 14, 2012**

[Left: Late Mrs. Laxmiben Jadavji Savla; Right: Laxmiben with all Family Members on March 11, 2012]

Mrs. Laxmiben Jadavji Savla, age 84, (Village: Mota Asambia, Kutch) left for heavenly abode at the residence of Manilal and Chanchal Savla in Manalapan, NJ on March 14, 2012 after a tapasya of 14 days Santharo. She left this mortal world peacefully in the early morning of the 14th March in the presence of all her four children chanting Navkar Mantra Jaap.

She is survived by four children, Manilal Savla of Manalapan, NJ; Chandan Jadavji Shah of Edison, NJ; Lalit Savla of San Diego, CA and Lata Kanti Gala of Manalapan, NJ and 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren all in the US.

[Contact: Manilal J. Savla, Manalapan, N.J. Tel 732-863-1365, email: manilal_savla@hotmail.com]

*** Congratulations to Komal Gala and Nihar Gala of Berlin, New Jersey**

- Komal Gala (daughter of Nita & Bhavesh Gala, Village: Bhujpur, Berlin, New Jersey) graduated from the University of North Carolina, School of Pharmacy in 2010 as Pharm D. She is now working as a full-time clinical Pharmacist at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Komal Gala got married to Raj Choksi on Oct 1, 2011. Congratulations are in order for Komal & Raj Choksi.

- Nihar Gala (Son of Nita & Bhavesh Gala, Village: Bhujpur, Berlin, New Jersey) will graduate from UMDNJ New Jersey Medical School on May 21, 2012 with an MD degree. He will start neurosurgery residency at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh PA for the next 7 years.

[Contact; Nita/Bhavesh Gala, Berlin, New Jersey, Tel: 856-753-4252, email: bhaveshgala@hotmail.com]

*** Relocating from New Jersey to Pennsylvania**

Sangita & Uday N. Shah (village: Bhujpur) recently moved from Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey to Sinking Spring, Pennsylvania

KOJAIN conveys to Sangita and Uday Shah best wishes as they are settling down in their new environment.

[Contact: Sangita/Uday Shah, 520 Augusta Drive West, Sinking Spring, PA 19608, Tel: 610-985-0480, email: sshah1973@yahoo.com.]

*** New Arrival – Congratulations to:**

Kavita Gada (Village: Bada, Nutley, New Jersey) and Nirav Mehta (Junagadh) are blessed with a baby girl Koyal in 2012. Big brother Neil enjoys playing with his little sister.

[Contact: Kavita Gada/Nirav Mehta, Nutley, New Jersey, [Tel:919-478-3338](tel:919-478-3338),

Email: knmehta02@gmail.com]

Region 9: NY

*** 2012 Ellis Island Medals of Honor - Chhotalal (Peter) Bheddah honored for contributions**

Note: Dr. Leena N. Doshi and Peter Bheddah are the two KOJAINs amongst eight Indian Americans receiving Elis Island Medals of Honor.

Peter, Congratulations!!! KOJAIN is proud of your achievements and extraordinary contributions towards humanity.

Bheddah was feted May 12 at a ceremony at Ellis Island, New York. The program, founded by the National

Ethnic Coalition of organizations, honors contributions made to America by immigrants. Bheddah was one among eight Indian Americans receiving Medal of Honor.

The Medal is being presented to remarkable American immigrant citizens who exemplify outstanding qualities in both their personal and professional lives, while continuing to preserve the richness of their particular heritage.



Long Island, N.Y. based Bheddah has always been driven by an overriding impulse to help the needy. He has delved deep into his own pockets and has worked tirelessly to provide the much needed succor to the needy to the US as well as India. Bheddah, who came to US in 1960 from Kutch, Gujarat has remained deeply connected to India through his community service.

Bheddah's Company IDC Marketing started in 1972, was among the first Indian American companies in Electronic wholesale business. In 1994, Bheddah originated and promoted the concept of assisting less fortunate through India Association of Long Island. Over the last 16 years Bheddah has been a grand sponsor every year and has obtained truckloads of food for IALI's annual food drive.

A lifelong Democrat, Bheddah was invited twice to the White House, first in 1993 and again in 1995. Bheddah is a past president and director of the Nargis Dutt Memorial Foundation. Bheddah has actively supported efforts of Nargis Dutt Memorial Foundation in providing financial support and cancer detection and treatment equipment to numerous Indian hospitals.

Bheddah is also involved with Gujarati Samaj of New York, where he is a past president. He is a trustee of the Samaj for 2009 – 2012. He is a member of the advisory board of the Heart and Hand for the handicapped: a director of Bidada Hospital in Kutch, Gujarat and a past director of KOJAIN, a community

organization of Kutchis in the United States. Bheddah lives in Port Washington, New York. He and his wife Dorothy have two daughters Karen (O'Rourke) and

Sheila, a son-in-law William O'Rourke, granddaughter Grace and grandson Liam.

[Sources: **The Indian Panorama, Vol.6. Issue 15, April 20-26, 2012, Page 5, www.theindianpanorama.com:**

India West, Vol. XXXVII, No. 23, April 27, 2012, Pages A1, A30, www.indiawest.com]

[Contact: Peter Bheddah, 60 Beacon Hill Road, Port Washington, NY 11050, Tel: 516-883-0345, Email: Bheddah@aol.com]

*** 2012 Ellis Island Medals of Honor - Dr. Leena N. Doshi honored for contributions**

Congratulations to Dr. Leena Doshi!!! KOJAIN is proud of your honor and achievements.



Dr. Leena N. Doshi, Founder of Hicksville, N.Y. based Doshi Diagnostic Imaging Services, funds the Doshi Family Foundation, which partners with Pratham, the American Indian Foundation, Share and Care, and Veerayatan.

Mumbai-born Doshi has a medical degree from Bombay University. After completing her residency in radiology at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, N. Y., she started a radiology practice in 1985.

Today, her family runs 16 radiology centers in the New York metro area and 16 in Florida, making Hicksville, N.Y.-based Doshi Diagnostic Imaging Services one of the largest private radiology practices in the US.

Her husband Sudan-born Nitin Doshi, at first ran a successful dental practice, but later sold it to join the radiology firm. The family's businesses include a real estate equity firm and a Indian hedge fund.

The Doshi Family's Foundation partnerships include Pratham, the American India Foundation, Share and Care and Veerayatan. The Foundation has established two colleges in Kutch, one for computer science and the other for business administration, with classes having begun in June 2008.

[Source: India West, Vol. XXXVII, No. 23, April 27, 2012, Pages A1, A30, www.indiawest.com]

[Contact: Dr. Leena N. Doshi, Tel: 516-487-3246, email:

mrixray@aol.com]

Region 10: CT, ME, MA, NH, RI, VT

*** Graduation congratulations to:**

Rahil R. Gala (son of Sangita & Rajesh Gala), who will be graduating from Babson College, Babson Park, Massachusetts during May 2012 in Business Management. Rahil concentrated on Finance, Statistics Entrepreneurship subjects. He has been on Dean's List of Honors during: Spring 2009 - Spring 2011 and received Math Award two times for excellence in the field of Statistics from the Math and Science Department.

[Contact: Rahil R. Gala, Tel: 857-207-5018, email: rgala1@babson.edu or Sangita Gala at rgalasangita@yahoo.com]

Matrimonial AD – Seeking Partner

Kutchi (KVO Jain) parents invite alliances from educated, cultured Kutchi or Gujrati boys for their educated, cultured, divorced 31 years old daughter, 5'1", born and raised in India, currently working as an online mathematics instructor in Baltimore, MD after pursuing her master's in education from the Johns Hopkins University.

Please reply with bio-data and a recent photo to. Email: schheda21@gmail.com.

KOJAIN – UK (UNITED KINGDOM)

*** Kojain – UK (*Jeda Kutchi Madu mele ane khele*)**

100+ UK KOJAINS have joined the group in a short time.

Picnic at Potters Bar Derasar (Oshwal Centre), May 19

A fun filled day at Oshwal Centre - Potters Bar Derasar, London will take place on May 19, 2012. The event will begin with morning Pooja at the Derasar followed by Lunch. Games, Activities, Quiz etc and Tea + Snacks have been for the afternoon.

For additional information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/KOJAINUK/>

MATRIMONIAL AD IN KOJAIN E-Newsletter

For Advertisement in the newsletter, contact KOJAIN Marriage Information Service Chair Person, Rajesh K. Chheda, Alco, New Jersey, RKChheda@aol.com, Tel: (856) 768-4442]

KOJAIN Directory Information Add/Update Form

For North American Residents only

Last Name	
First Name	
Middle Name	
Email	
Phone	
Occupation	
Village in Kachchh	
Spouse - First Name	
Spouse - Email	
Spouse - Phone	
Spouse - Occupation	
Spouse - Village in Kachchh (Before Marriage)	
Home Address - Street	
Home Address - City	
Home Address - State, Zip Code & Country	
Child 1 Name	
Child 1 Year Born (if married do not enter year born)	
Child 2 Name	
Child 2 Year Born (if married do not enter year born)	
Child 3 Name	
Child 3 Year Born (if married do not enter year born)	

We urge every KOJAIN family to send the duly completed form to maintain KOJAIN Database. Help us make the database as complete as possible. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Signed by: _____

Date: _____

Please mail the above form completely filled to the Secretary of KOJAIN:

Nitul Haria - 4221 Norwalk Drive, # BB 101, San Jose, CA 95129

Tel: 650- 714-0668 (email: nitulharia@gmail.com)

KOJAIN Membership Form

Last Name	
First Name	
Middle Name	
Email	
Phone	
Occupation	
Village in Kachchh	
Spouse - First Name	
Spouse - Email	
Spouse - Phone	
Spouse - Occupation	
Spouse - Village in Kachchh (Before Marriage)	
Home Address - Street	
Home Address - City	
Home Address – State, Zip Code & Country	
Child 1 Name	
Child 1 Year Born (if married do not enter year born)	
Child 2 Name	
Child 2 Year Born (if married do not enter year born)	
Child 3 Name	
Child 3 Year Born (if married do not enter year born)	

Family Life membership (US \$250)

Family 2-year membership (\$40)

Individual Life Membership (US \$200)

Individual 2-year membership (US) \$30

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Signed by: _____

Date: _____

We encourage you to become a Life Member of KOJAIN organization.

Please make your check payable to KOJAIN

Please mail the above form completely filled to the Treasurer of KOJAIN:

Piyush J. Vora, 146 Cold Spring Road # 6, Stamford, CT 06905, USA

Tel: 203-967-3807 (email: piyushvora@hotmail.com)



**2012 KOJAIN Sammelan at
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July 27, 28, 29



Registration Form for 2012 KOJAIN Sammelan at Chicago

Registration Fee: Rates are per person for KOJAIN members and their family. It includes dinner on Friday July 27, Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner on Saturday July 28, and Brunch on Sunday July 29, and participation in all programs. Registration Desk will be open from 11 am on Friday July 27.

<u>Attendee Age</u>	<u>Regular Registration April, May & June</u>	<u>Late Registration July 1 to July 15</u>
Age 12 Years and Above	\$115 per person	\$140 per person
Age 5 - 11 years	\$70 per person	\$80 per person
Below 5 years	Free	Free

Non Kojain members will be charged single \$30 fee extra per family/registration. We encourage everyone to become a Kojain member and avoid additional fees and support your community organization. Kojain Membership forms are available on KOJAIN website www.KOJAIN.com

Hotel Accommodations: Accommodation is the responsibility of registrant. Suggestion is to book the accommodation at the Sammelan location at your earliest convenience.

Sammelan Location: Rolling Meadows-Schaumburg Area

Holiday Inn
3405 Algonquin Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Tel: 1-847-259-5000

Start reserving rooms at the best available rate of \$ 79/room/night + applicable taxes. Mention 'KOJAIN Convention' (Group Code: KCB) to get the best deal.

Donation and Sponsorship: Registration fees cover only part of the costs for hosting the Sammelan. Consider supporting the event by selecting to donate when registering. For sponsoring Lunch, Dinner or other workshops, please click on the Sponsorship/Donations link on our website for additional information and contact us for sponsorship.

Refunds Full refunds can be claimed until April 30th. Refunds claimed after May 1st, and until June 30th will incur a \$25 refund fee per registered person. After July 1st, the refund fee will be \$50 per registered person. Please contact us for making changes to your registration.

Organizers of this event and KOJAIN are not responsible for loss, injury or damage of any kind to registrant or guest. Parent or legal guardian must sign liability waiver if participant is under 18 years of age for participating in independent activities.



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Fill out this page and send it with your check for registration for 2012 KOJAIN Sammelan at Chicago. If possible we encourage everyone to register online at www.chicagokojain.com. Online registration is simple and quick with instant confirmation email and an option to mail the check or pay securely with your credit card through Paypal.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: Mobile: _____ Residence _____

Attendee and Payment Details:

Seq	Attendee Name	Age	Village in Kutchchh	Vegetarian / Jain / Vegan	Registration Fees *
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
Donation					
Non Kojain Member (Add \$30)					
Total (Reg Fees + Donation + Non-member)					
* Refer to the Registration fees table above to determine the amount of fee					

Make your check **payable to: "KOJAIN"** and mail this form and the check to attention of
Mr. Khushal Vira
3256 West 186th Street
Homewood, Illinois 60430.

Tel: 708-799-8472

Please note, if checks are returned due to NSF or any other reasons, there will be a \$30 service fee charge to cover expenses.

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WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY must be signed to complete registration.

In consideration of being allowed to attend the 2012 Chicago KOJAIN Sammelan and related events, activities, and programs, I acknowledge and agree that:

3. I, and the participants I am registering, will refrain from indiscreet, inappropriate, or destructive behavior which would detract from the positive image of KOJAIN. I understand that failure to comply may result in exclusion from further participation in the Sammelan and related events, activities, and programs; and/or disciplinary actions as determined by the Chicago Host Committee and the KOJAIN Executive Board.
4. I accept full responsibility for the actions of all participants I am registering for the Sammelan Workshop and any related events, activities, and programs.

I, for myself, , all participants I am registering, and on behalf of my and their families, heirs and assigns, do hereby covenant not to sue KOJAIN, and do hereby waive any claim against KOJAIN, and release and discharge KOJAIN, its officers, agents, volunteers, employees, and sponsors from any and all liability for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of any discipline imposed for failure to comply with the Guidelines, and on account of any injury, including death and damage to property, whether caused by negligence or otherwise. I also give my authority and permission to KOJAIN for taking any and all actions, which it seems necessary in the event of injury and/or damage to persons or property in my accomplishment. I permit KOJAIN to use any of the information pertaining to my attendance, and the attendance of all participants I am registering, for its use, publication and desire. I acknowledge that KOJAIN or the Rolling Meadows Holiday Inn does not maintain insurance covering any person, property or liability, or the person, property or liability of participants I am registering, in regards to the Sammelan space. It is my sole responsibility to obtain any and all insurance covering losses incurred by me and participants I am registering while present at the 2012-KOJAIN Chicago Sammelan

I have read and fully understood the terms of this liability release.

Participant's Signature:

Date Signed:

Participant's Name (Print):

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A Message from the 2012 KOJAIN Sammelan Chicago Executive Committee

Dear Friends and ALL Kutchchi Members of North America,

Pranam and Jai Jinendra!!!

It is with great pleasure and honor, we, the Kutchi people of Greater Chicago want to take this opportunity to extend our personal greetings and invitations to ALL the Kutchi people of North America, India and in other parts of the World, hoping that you will come and join us for the 7th KOJAIN Sammelan to be held during July 27 – 29, 2012 in Chicago Area, USA.



The Chicago Kutchchhi community is excited to be hosting this Sammelan which promises to offer a wonderful opportunity to all to come and meet with all other kutchi families, who will be attending the Sammelan from many different parts of the World. The spectacular opening ceremony will be an event in itself, combined with many unique programs, ensuring all attendees will have an opportunity to savor long forgotten Kutchi delights; renew old friendships and forge new ones.

The theme of the Sammelan is "Panjo Rangeelo Kutch". The theme reflects our Kutchi heritage which maybe rapidly changing and may be in danger of disappearing as we move forward in the 21st Century. Our hope in planning this event is to keep that tradition alive and hand it over to the next generation with a desire and hope that they will continue to keep this tradition alive and pass along to their generations. In addition

←---- [Chicago Executive Committee Members: L – R: Mayur M. Ganger; Arvind R. Kotak; Shanti T. Chhadwa & Louis K. Shah]

to the main event a range of exhibitions will provide additional information of our heritage; display artifacts of our culture and aim to provide many interesting information not only to us but also to our youths, who may not yet have experienced the Kutch the way most of us did while growing up. A quick update of the Sammelan appears below:

- As of First Week of May, the total number of people attending the Sammelan is 386, broken down below by age:

Age group of up to 5 years = 15
Age group of 6 to 15 (Youth) = 30
Age group of 16 to 35 (Youth) = 87
Age group of 35 and above = 254

Let's all start a campaign to convince all to register in order to reach a target of 600 attendees. We want to thank all of those people who have registered to attend. We are requesting all of you to help us promote the Sammelan and call your friends and family to make sure they register -- Only 70 days are left for the Sammelan.

- We have about 30 States that are being represented at the Sammelan. We need attendees from other states as well so if you know of any people in those remaining states, please contact them.

- We are in the process of working on our Souvenir Book for the Sammelan. We got some great ideas and help with our Souvenir Book and our next goal is to work hard on moving this project ahead as we like to complete Souvenir by June. If you have any article that you think can be worthwhile to publish, please send to the Souvenir Committee. Related to Souvenir Book is a subject of Advertising and we need all the help to secure advertisements. We urge every one to talk to some of your business contacts and other places that you know, that you do business with or have some connections (in your neighborhood) and see if we can sell them a space to advertise in the souvenir. Some of the selling points advertise are business professionals representing Information Technology, Finance, Medical; Hotel and Travel and many other important industries will be attending the Sammelan.
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- As you all know that the Registration fee alone does not cover the total cost of the Sammelan. Our organization and its success depend and thrives on donations from individuals and corporations, such as yours. A compilation of Donation/Sponsorship opportunities are listed on the Sammelan web site... We need help from every one, big and small. No amount is too small.

- As a part of the Entertainment Program:

For Friday Evening, we are planning a special item of Kutchchhi Diaro and Ras-Garba during 8:00 pm – Midnight. So come prepared to enjoy and play Raas-Garba.

For Saturday evening, we have two part entertainment program:

We will start with State Talent Show where each State will have a chance to show off their talents and opportunity to entertain every one. This will be from 8:00 pm - 10 PM.

- * After that Chicago Youth Group will present a special Bollywood Night Entertainment presentation. You will love this.

Additional information is posted on our website - chicagokojain.com. We are asking everyone to visit the site as some committee members have worked very hard to prepare this wonderful site. We are sure you will all enjoy it.

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the planning process and continue to work hard to bring a success. With all your help we will make Sammelan to be remembered for ever.

Thank you and hope to see you ALL soon in Chicago.

P.S. If you have not signed up for this Sammelan, please do so quickly. We want to see the largest gathering of Kachchhis in Chicago. DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!!!

Sincerely,
Chicago Sammelan Host Committee

[Contact: **Mayur Ganger**, Morton Grove, Illinois, mganger123@gmail.com]

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KOJAIN 7th Sammelan, July 27 (Fri) - 29 (Sun), 2012, Venue

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KOJAIN 2012 Merit Scholarship Program

*KOJAIN is soliciting candidates for the 2012 Merit Scholarships. Criteria and submission requirements for the Scholarship are listed below. North American Kachchhi Oswal Jain students, entering their first year of college/university by Fall 2012 and whose Parents are **current KOJAIN life-members**, are eligible to receive the Merit Scholarship.*

All applicants must:

1. Be a current high school senior. Each applicant must submit a 4-year high school transcript, including the 2009-2012 school year. Photocopies are acceptable. If mailed by the school, the transcript must still be **post-marked by July 20, 2012**. Graduating GPA must be calculated and provided on a 4.0 non-weighted scale.
2. Provide one written recommendation and character reference from a teacher, counselor, friend, or a KOJAIN member (not related to applicant). Recommendation must be submitted with the application package.
3. List and briefly describe awards and/or extracurricular services and activities on a separate page. Please provide enough information so that the selection committee will understand the nature of your services and activities.
4. Provide your email address. We will email you to acknowledge the receipt of your completed application and also to provide the results of the competition. All applicants will be notified of the final results by September 15, 2012.
5. **Write an essay in which you develop your point of view on any one of the three topics presented below.** Support your position with reasoning and examples taken from your readings, studies, experience, or observations. The typed (double-spaced) essay must be at least 1000 words but, must not exceed 1200 words in Times New Roman Font, 12 point.
 - a. DESCRIBE A CHARACTER IN FICTION OR A HISTORICAL FIGURE THAT HAS HAD AN INFLUENCE ON YOU, AND EXPLAIN THAT INFLUENCE.
 - b. WHAT ROLE DO YOU SEE SOCIAL MEDIA (FACEBOOK, TWEETER, ETC...) PLAYING IN YOUR FUTURE.
 - c. IN WHAT WAYS EITHER THE JAIN RELIGION OR KACHCHHI CULTURE IMPACTED YOUR DECISION IN YOUR FUTURE COLLEGE MAJOR/CAREER PATH?
6. Provide results of American College Testing (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Testing (SAT).

Please mail all materials and two passport size photographs (your name on the back) in one package, unfolded in a 9" by 12" (or larger) envelope postmarked by July 20, 2012 to: Dinesh Chheda, 14 Paris Place, Parsippany NJ 07054

Alternatively you or your school can e-mail all documents in .pdf format to both of the following addresses: dchheda@optonline.net and dinesh.chheda@us.army.mil

KOJAIN MERIT SCHOLARSHIP – APPEAL FOR FUNDS

The KOJAIN Merit Scholarship is awarded in recognition of outstanding academic achievements, exemplary extracurricular activities, leadership roles and commitment to further education.

KOJAIN Merit Scholarship Program was established in 1998. Since then, every year a onetime merit scholarship is awarded to the KOJAIN students graduating from the High Schools in North America and entering the College/University to further higher education. Every year KOJAIN needs \$ 3,000 funds for the Scholarship.

KOJAIN appreciates generous donations from members to sustain the Scholarship Program. Members commitment strengthens KOJAIN's merit based scholarship program to recognize the future leaders of our community and encourages them to work hard and do their best in their professional career goals while also remaining dedicated to our Kachchhi heritage.

May we request you to donate generously and forward your check to:

Piyush J. Vora, 146 Cold Spring Road # 6, Stamford, CT 06905, USA, Tel: 203-967-3807, email: piyushvora@hotmail.com

Please indicate "KOJAIN Scholarship Fund" in the memo section of your check

[For additional information contact KOJAIN Merit Scholarship Chair Person Dinesh Chheda, Parsippany, New Jersey, dchheda@optonline.net, drncz1@gmail.com, Tel: 973-394-1701]



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