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Open Position

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Wishing you all
 Happy Summer Season

KOJAIN NEWSLETTER

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KOJAIN Board Election Announcement for the Term 2018 - 2019

THE KACHCHHI OSWAL JAIN ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA (KOJAIN)

Dear KOJAIN Members:

In accordance with the provisions of the constitution of KOJAIN, an Election Committee (EC) is constituted to conduct the election for the next Board of Directors (Officers and Regional Directors), for a period of two-year term, which will begin on **January 01, 2018** and end on **December 31, 2019**.

Enclosed is a nomination form for the election of various positions of the Board of Directors. This form will also be available on KOJAIN website for download. In addition to electing a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, we need to elect eleven Regional Directors, one from each of the following regions:

- Region # 1: Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, New Mexico, Southern California (South of 35 degree N Latitude), Utah, Mexico.
- Region # 2: Alaska, Idaho, Washington Montana, Nevada, Northern California (North of 35 degree N Latitude), Oregon, Wyoming.
- Region # 3: Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas.
- Region # 4: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin.
- Region # 5: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Tennessee.
- Region # 6: Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Western Pennsylvania (West of 77 degree Longitude), West Virginia.
- Region # 7: Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington (District of Columbia).
- Region # 8: Delaware, Eastern Pennsylvania (East of 77 degree longitude), New Jersey.
- Region # 9: New York.
- Region # 10: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont.
- Region # 11: Canada.

The current office holders are also eligible to be nominated for this election, with the condition that the officers shall not hold the same position for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Those interested in serving on the Board of Directors for any one of the available positions -- for the term ending on **December 31, 2019** — should have at least one such form completed and returned to Mr. Hasmukh Shah, Chairman of the EC. These forms could be sent either by mail, postmarked on or before **September 11, 2017** or through email as an attachment of scanned form, by **September 11, 2017**. The nomination forms received or postmarked after this date shall not be considered valid.

The mailing address is:

Hasmukh Shah, 9592 Longmont Drive, Houston, TX 77063.

Email address: hasmukhshah46@yahoo.com

A valid nomination must satisfy **all** of the following requirements (Ref. Article # 8.5.4):

- a. The nominee shall be a member of the KOJAIN in good standing on **July 01, 2017**.
- b. The nominee shall contest for only one position.
- c. The nominee for any officer's position shall be proposed by at least two (2) KOJAIN members in good standing on **July 01, 2017**.

- d. The Regional Director shall be a resident of the region from which s/he is contesting the election. The Regional Director nominee shall be proposed by at least two KOJAIN members in good standing on **July 01, 2017**, who are from the same region from which s/he is contesting the election.
- e. Each nominee shall submit, in writing, his/her acceptance as a candidate to contest the election and serve, if elected.
- f. The nominee for the position of President must have served as a KOJAIN Director for a minimum of two (2) years.

If no election is required, then the EC will announce the names of the newly elected Board of Directors.

If there is more than one nomination for any of the post, following process and schedule will be applied to the best of our ability:

Applicants will be able to withdraw their nomination by requesting to the Chairman of EC by mail postmarked on or before **September 23, 2017** or through email by **September 23, 2017**. If an election is required for any of the positions, the EC will prepare and mail out ballots, as well as the applicable election rules, to all the eligible voting members, by **October 15, 2017**. Each contesting candidate may furnish a short (up to 200 words) biographical sketch including the record of his/her service to non-profit organizations, professional associations, etc. to the chairman of EC. Since EC will mail out this profile along with Ballot to electorates, it highly encourages contesting candidates to furnish the profile. Exact number of copies of the profile to be supplied will be notified later to the contesting candidates. Any properly voted original ballot postmarked or received by the chairman of EC on or before **November 20, 2017**, shall be considered valid for counting. The EC will conduct opening and counting of ballots on or about **December 01, 2017**. Location and time for opening and counting of ballot will be announced later to the candidates contesting the election. Contesting candidates may attend the ballot opening and counting in person or through their representatives. The EC shall tabulate and submit results of the election to the Board of Directors at the earliest possible.

The newly-elected Board of Directors and Youth Committee Members shall take over on **January 01, 2018**.

If you have any questions regarding KOJAIN elections, scheduled for Fall-2017, please feel free to contact the Chairman, or any member of the EC via email or telephone.

Sincerely,

KOJAIN EC Members:

Hasmukh Shah (Chairman)	713 822 4546	hasmukhshah46@yahoo.com
Manilal Savla	908-770-6870	manilal_savla@hotmail.com
Rajesh Shethia	505-792-9888	rajshethia@hotmail.com
Ashok Savla	626-372-4246	ashoksavla630@yahoo.com

THE KACHCHHI OSWAL JAIN ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA (KOJAIN)

INDIVIDUAL NOMINATION FORM (Submission deadline: **September 11, 2017**)

To: The KOJAIN Election Committee

We, the undersigned, would like to nominate,

Mr./Mrs./Miss _____, for the position checked below (One Nominee per Form):

____ President ____ Vice-President ____ Secretary ____ Treasurer

____ Regional Director for Region # ____

NOTE: A nominee shall contest for one position only. A nominee for the position of President must have served as a KOJAIN director for a minimum of two years.

All nominees and sponsors must have paid dues and be voting members of KOJAIN as of July 01, 2017.

A Regional Director nominee and their co-sponsors must be residents of the region to be represented.

Co-Sponsor #1: _____

Name

Signature/ Date

Address, Telephone and Email

Co-Sponsor #2: _____

Name

Signature/ Date

Address, Telephone and Email

To: The KOJAIN Election Committee

I, Mr./Mrs./Miss, _____ accept this nomination for the position of _____, and if elected, agree to serve in this capacity to the best of my ability for the advancement of the causes of KOJAIN.

Signature /Date; _____

Address / Telephone / Email

Please return the completed form to: Hasmukh Shah, 9592 Longmont Drive, Houston, TX 77063

Or Email the scanned form as an attachment to:

hasmukhshah46@yahoo.com

(Deadline: **Sept 11, 2017**)

KOJAIN General Membership Meeting during 19th Biennial JAINA Convention, Edison, New Jersey

Meeting Date: Sunday, July 2, 2017, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Meeting Location: Edison (E) Hotel, Edison, New Jersey

Officers Present: Alka Rambhia, Dinesh Chheda

Regional Directors Present: Sweeta Khona

Past Presidents Present: Vijay D. Chheda, Dinesh K. Chheda, Navin S. Dedhia, Tansukh Maru

100+ KOJAINs attended the General Membership Meeting in conjunction with 19th Biennial JAINA convention, Edison New Jersey. Meeting was started with the recitation of Navkaar Mantra.

Alka Rambhia welcomed attendees. She briefed on the need of KOJAIN Merit Scholarship fund, upcoming KOJAIN election and increasing Life Members.

Other remarks by attendees included donation for the KOJAIN Merit Scholarship Fund, upcoming KOJAIN Election and participation whole-heartedly by the community members. KOJAIN members Navin S. Dedhia and Kanti Gangar were presented JAINA Adult Recognition Awards. Hetali Lodya received JAINA Youth Recognition Award. Ram Gada provided background on the '**\$ 8 Man Book**' published by Amazon.

Dinesh Chheda introduced Pravin L. Shah as author of Jainism Book.

The following individuals pledged \$ 5,000 for the KOJAIN Merit Scholarship Fund:

- 1) Ram and Neena Gada of Minnesota
- 2) Vijay and Madhu Chheda of California
- 3) Laxmichand and Guvanti Dedhia of Delaware

Nitin Shah of Atlanta offered to provide 5 internship to the fresh KOJAIN graduates. In the end people enjoyed mingling and reconnecting.

A questions-answers session followed. The meeting was adjourned in time for everyone to meet, network and socialize with each other.

[We apologize for any errors or omissions knowingly or unknowingly. Michchhami Dukkadam!!!]

VISIT KOJAIN Website at <http://www.kojain.org/>

KOJAIN Merit Scholarship Program – 2017

A onetime KOJAIN Merit Scholarship is awarded to the North American High School Graduating qualified students, entering college/university to pursue further studies. Parents of applicants must be Life Members of KOJAIN.

KOJAIN is soliciting candidates for the 2017 Merit Scholarships. Eligibility Criteria and submission requirements for the Scholarship are listed below:

Please note:

- Provide your email address on the application. Your application receipt will be sent to this email address.
- All materials submitted with the application will become the property of KOJAIN and will not be returned under any circumstances. If needed, make a copy of the information for yourself before mailing.
- Applicant will be notified of Judges' decision by the 3rd week of September 2017.
- A list of winners will appear on the KOJAIN website at kojain.org and will be published in the December issue of KOJAIN newsletter.
- The KOJAIN Scholarship program is administered by the scholarship committee appointed by the KOJAIN Board of Directors and is made possible by KOJAIN members' tax-deductible contribution to the KOJAIN scholarship fund.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Current High School seniors planning to attend an accredited college full-time in the fall of 2017.
- Applicant whose parents are KOJAIN Life Members.
- Grade point average of at least 3.0 on an unweighted 4.0 scale.

Your package must contain the following Documents:

1. Submit a 4-year high school transcript, including the 2014-2017 school year. Photocopies are acceptable. If mailed by the school, the transcript must still be post-marked by deadline given elsewhere.
2. Copies of American College Testing (ACT) or Scholastic Aptitude Testing (SAT), or any other entrance examination scores.
3. 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
4. List and briefly describe any awards and/or extracurricular services and activities on separate pages (not to exceed two pages). Please provide enough information so that the selection committee will understand the nature of your services and activities.
5. Two passport size photographs (Name written on the back).
6. Essay. Requirements & Topics are given below.

Essay:

- Write an essay in which you develop your point of view on any one of the 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

Essay Topics:

- What do you consider to be the single most important societal problem in the United States today? Why?
- Tell a story from your life, describing an experience that either demonstrates your character or helped to shape it.
- In what ways did either the Jain religion or Kachchhi culture impact your future collage major/career path?

WHOM TO SEND YOUR APPLICATION:

- All of the above materials (except transcript, if necessary) and two-passport size photographs (your name on the back) must be mailed in same 9" by 12" (or larger) envelope, postmarked no later than July 20, 2017 to:

Dinesh Chheda 14 Paris Place, Parsippany NJ 07054

- DO NOT FOLD MATERIALS. DO NOT USE STAPLES OR PAPER CLIPS.
- Alternatively you or your school can e-mail all the documents in .pdf format to the following address:
dchheda@optonline.net

Get Ready for KOJAIN Election for 2018 – 2019 Board of Directors Positions.

Hasmukhbhai Shah (email: hasmukhshah46@yahoo.com) will chair Election Committee.

Watch out news about Nomination Invitation – coming soon.

REGION 2 (AK, ID, MT, NV, No.CA, OR, WA, WY)

Sad News

With profound grief and sorrow, KOJAIN mourns the demise of Shri Himat bhai Dagli of Fremont, California. He will be remembered as a beloved husband to Sarojben Dagli (Kenia). He was one of the founding members of JCNC and has also served in the capacity as a president of the JCNC in early years besides serving as a volunteer at large till the last year. He will remain in our memory for a long time. Born in India in a very modest and 'sanskari' family with very deep rooted Jain values, migrated to Detroit, USA in 1964 to pursue his higher education in Civil engineering and to build his future and then moved to California. He lived a very simple but happy and exemplary life. He left behind a legacy of love, kindness, helping others and community services. This legacy will be remembered forever and carried further through the family and Saroj ben.

We pray, and ask you to join, wherever his souls is, it rests in absolute peace and further more we pray he gets the Sharnu of Shri Arihant Bhagwant.

Kutch Valley Spring Picnic



200+ San Francisco Bay Area KOJAINs enjoyed Spring Picnic during May 2017 at Emma Prusch Farm in San Jose, California. Sumptuous food, games, networking and meeting everyone added fun and enjoyment for everyone.

Visit <http://www.kutchvalley.com/> for additional information.

Kutch Valley Annual Camp, Memorial Day Weekend, 2017

125+ San Francisco Bay Area KOJAINs enjoyed Annual camping trip Camp KV during May 26 – May 29 (Memorial Day Weekend), 2017 at Brannan Island State Recreation Area, Rio Vista, California. Brannan Island State Recreation Area, located northeast of San Francisco Bay, is a maze of waterways through the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Kutch Valley Community Communication Ways

Following is list of communication ways for the Kutch Valley Group.

Website: <http://www.kutchvalley.com>

Email: kutchvalley@yahoogroups.com

WhatsApp: <http://kutchvalley.com/whatsapp>

(KutchValley Medavo, KV Sakhi (for females), Finance + Investments, KV Fitness, KV Strikers (for sports), KV DIY - for home improvement and KV Cricket Chat)

Facebook: <http://kutchvalley.com/facebook>

KV Sakhi Facebook: <http://kutchvalley.com/kvsakhi>

LinkedIn Group: <http://kutchvalley.com/linkedin>

KV Fitbit Walkers Community: <https://www.fitbit.com/group/232DMF/>

Navin S. Dedhia Recipient of 2017 JAINA Recognition Award for Adults



Navin S. Dedhia (Resident of San Jose, California; Village; Bidada), nominated by the Jain Center of Northern California (www.JCNC.org) will be receiving JAINA (Jain Association In North America) Recognition Award for Adult during 19th JAINA Convention being held in Edison, New Jersey, during June 30 – July 4, 2017. He has been actively involved with Jain Center of Northern California since 1985 and has contributed to the Jainism with his active participation in teaching Pathshala and activities, paper publications in Jain Digest and elsewhere.

Navin S. Dedhia (San Jose, California) Recipient of the ASQ Inspection Division Jim Cooper Award



ASQ Inspection Division presented the Jim Cooper Award to Navin S. Dedhia on May 1, 2017, in Charlotte, NC. The Jim Cooper Award recognizes a quality professional whose positive attitude and generous nature significantly impacted not only the Inspection Division leaders but all those whose lives he or she touched whether teaching the fundamental concepts of quality or mentoring individuals new to the world of quality. The Cooper Award is presented annually to the volunteer who makes the most significant contribution to the success of the Inspection Division. A plaque with each recipient's name engraved was displayed at ASQ functions.

REGION 4 (IL, IN, IA, MN, NE, ND, SD, WI)

Mira Dedhia, Third Place Finish in National Spelling Bee

Mira Dedhia proved herself to be one of the top student spellers in the country, when she placed third in the 2017 Scripps National Spelling Bee.

"My goal this year was to make it to the finals and be on ESPN," Mira said. "When I finished in the top 15 and knew I had made it to the finals, I had achieved that goal, but told myself to keep pushing. I increased my goal higher and higher as the day went on." The eighth-grader from McClure Junior High in Western Springs was eliminated in the championship round when she spelled ehretia incorrectly. She previously had spelled 16 words correctly onstage during the competition.



Mira, 13, was one of 40 contestants to advance to final round of in Oxon Hill, Maryland, outside of Washington, D.C, and among 15 to make it to the prime time final rounds on ESPN. Mira said she studied harder in preparation for the national bee than was the case a year ago for her first trip there.

"I especially studied harder for the written portion, which is where I went out last year," she said, noting that she spent about two hours each day during the week and longer on weekends in preparation for the national bee.

The competition started with 291 participants in rounds one and two, and 259 who took part in round three. The preliminaries consisted of the preliminaries test and two rounds of

onstage oral spelling. This was the second consecutive trip to the national spelling competition for Mira, who advanced by winning regional competition in February.

Mira was the last contestant standing Feb. 21 in a field of 11 from suburban Cook County at regional competition at McClure, in the 17th round, Mira correctly spelled "emancipated" to win the regional bee. Mira's mother, Lekshmi Nair, competed in 1988-1990 in the national bee. Her best finish was 23rd place. Mira will receive a \$20,000 cash prize for the third-place finish, according to the Scripps website.

Source:
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/western-springs/news/ct-dws-scripps-spelling-finals-tl-0608-20170601-story.html>

The \$8 Man

From India to North America immigrants, who came with nothing and changed everything, are talking their life journey in the recently published book 'The \$ 8 Man'. This book is edited by Brenda H. Christensen of California with forward from Richard Rahul Sharma, Former US Ambassador to India. Stories of 16 Indian Immigrants are printed in the book.

In the 1960s and '70s, a wave of Indian immigrants came to North America, each with eight dollars in their pockets. They became one of the most educated, entrepreneurial, and philanthropic immigrant groups ever to assimilate. Their stories reveal seemingly boundless determination—an inspiration to all those seeking to make their way, incubate and innovate ideas, and transform the world in the process.

Life experience story of one of our KOJAIN Member, Ram & Neena Gada is printed in the book., Ram and Neena Gada (resident of Eden Prairie, Minnesota, Village: Bada) have narrated their life experiences, where KOJAIN members and many organizations / institutions have played very important role in their journey from India to the USA.

For more information, visit the website at www.the8dollarman.com. The Paperback and E-book are available on Amazon.

[Contact Ram & Neena Gada, Tel: 612-788-2566, Cell: 612-961-1647, email: ramgada@gmail.com]

REGION 6

Ms Puja Sangoi, DMD



Ms Puja Sangoi, DMD, has been appointed as Board Member of American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD) for 2017. She is Director of Local Chapters. Puja completed her DMD from University of Louisville, KY (2016). Puja is continuing her education at Johns Hopkins University. Puja is daughter of Nayna & Nilesh Sangoi of Owensboro, KY (Tumbadi).

<https://www.aawd.org/aawd-board-of-directors/>

REGION 7 (WA, DC., MD, NC, SC, VA)

'Cut Your Tax in Half' designated as Best Seller By Amazon

'Cut your Tax in Half' a book written by Harak Gala, CPA (Odenton, Maryland; Village: Kandagara) was designated as the Best Seller Book by Amazon. Harak Gala has served KOJAIN on the Board of Directors and he has been doing KOJAIN's tax filing for the past many years.

KOJAIN appreciates Harak Gala for volunteering services rendered to our organization. The book is available at [link](#).

[Contact: Harak Gala, Tel: 301-912-3450, email: cpa@etaxonline.com, Website: www.etaxonline.com]

Jyoti Dharod's Unique Knee Camp in India

Perfusionist and ECMO Specialist Jyoti Dharod (Resident of Arlington, Virginia; Village: Patri) created history organizing the first of its type three-days Knee Camp in Kutch – Gujarat treating knee patients with her own innovative method that involved no invasive surgery.

The rural area task was successful with donation from charitable organizations, donors and volunteers along with Machine kits and medicines from USA. The three-day camp was organized during February 17 - 18 at Bidada, Kutch, Gujarat and during February 19 at Gandhidham, Kutch, Gujarat. [Contact: Jyoti Dharod, email: jyotidharod@gmail.com]

REGION 9 (NY)

Rita Kashi Batheja Recipient of 2017 Medallion Award

KOJAIN congratulates Rita Kashi Batheja (Resident of Baldwin Harbor, N. Y.; Village: Koday) for being recipient of 2017 Medallion Award from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The medal recognizes lifetime of contributions to the nutrition and dietetics profession and the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Rita Batheja deserves heartiest congratulations on this remarkable achievement.



Introductory remarks by Rita Kashi Batheja, MS, RDN, CDN, FAND, AFMCP, are part of the book published by The Association of Physicians of Indian Origin (AAPI) on 'Nutrition Guide to Optimal Health: Using Principles of Functional Medicine & Nutritional Genomics' Part III – 2017.

Rita Kashi Batheja is Diversity Chair 2016-2017 Dietitians in Integrative and Functional Medicine Dietetic Practice Group, Policy and Advocacy Leader and Reimbursement Representative Asian Indians in Nutrition and Dietetics Member Interest Group Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

During 2012 KOJAIN Sammelan in Chicago, Rita Batheja was awarded KOJAIN Recognition Award for her extraordinary work in the field of Healthcare; for co-authoring books on diabetes; for being a founder member of Indian American Dietetic Association.

Visit website www.eatright.org

[Contact: Rita Kashi Batheja, krbatheja@gmail.com,]

OTHER NEWS

Manekbhai Sangoi Recognized with Life Time achievement Award

KOJAIN congratulates Manekbhai Sangoi (Resident of London, UK / Mumbai, India; Village Nangalpur) for being a recipient of the Life Time achievement Award from the National Association.

The Life Time Achievement award was given to Manekbhai on Feb 17, 2017 at the 54th National Conference of All India Occupational Therapists Association in Jaipur, Rajasthan. 500+ delegates were present in the conference. The Life Time Award is presented for the services rendered to promote and serve the profession. Manekbhai contributed to the clinical and academic fields during his 43 years of professional career. Manekbhai graduated with O.T. from KEM College, Parel, Mumbai. Manekbhai completed prestigious Fellowship program during 1970 in USA. He worked in Delhi, India prior to moving to U K,

where he served for 10 years. He retired in 2000. He writes frequently articles for publications such as Pagdandi, Prabodh Jivan, etc. Manekbhai and his wife Zaverben has traveled widely in India and many countries around the world.

[Contact: Manekbhai Sangoi, email: manekzaver@gmail.com]

Students coming to USA

This year like always many students are preparing to come to usa for higher studies. However, due to current visa scenario, H-1 Scenario etc. there are many apprehensions prevailing. We would like to discuss the situation and take informed view which can influence students and parent's decision as well as foreign going Students Loan approval Committee member's decision.

As we understand it normally take app Rs.35 to 50 lacs outlay for any students coming for master's program in USA. Some brilliant students are able to secure some scholarships from attending institutions. But most of them seek educational loan interest free or with interest. In some cases Indian governments "Padho Pardesh" scheme provides interest free loan for the duration of study. Regardless current year picture looks very difficult from Uncertainty perspective. I am of the opinion that either students who are extremely bright and have 50% or more scholarship should be encouraged

Or

This who have enough money shall be encouraged. Because if students are not permitted to get practical training experience or H-1 visa convertibility, for any reason due to is government's decisions, it will become high financial burden on students and family to recover educational investment. As such in current scenario, we should guide students to delay their decision until next year with the hope of clarity of situation returns and gain some practical experience in India.

We will await your views on subject matter before crystallizing our views you may want to circulate amongst students who have arrived earlier say 2011-2015 and get their views too.

Fondly,
Lax kenia | Secretary
Dhanji Devshi Kelavani Fund, Matunga, Mumbai, India

NRI Get together in India

49 Senior NRI including Vijay Chheda, Manilal Savla, Lax Kenia, Vasant Gala, Vasanti chheda etc were gathered at Mita-Hari Rambhia's home at Dadar East.



Jain International Trade Organization (JITO), Mumbai, India

The Blog link to "Voice of JITO" can be read at <http://jitovoj.blogspot.in/>.

[Contact: JITO, email: news@jito.org]

Dhenu Savla of SwagatUSA

Dhenu Savla of SwagatUSA, LLC has been selected for the esteemed award of Rising Stars 2017 in the category of Immigration law in Illinois by SuperLawyers. She can be reached at dhenu@swagatusa.com or 312-854-7065.

Shree Bidada Sarvodaya Hospital Trust, Bidada, Kutch, Gujarat, India

To volunteer for the 44th Eye, Dental, Medical & Surgical Camp during January 2018, contact: Vijay Chheda Tel: 714-654-6097 email: vijaychheda@hotmail.com;

[Contact: Shree Bidada Sarvodaya Hospital Trust, Village – Bidada, Taluka – Mandvi, Kutch, Gujarat, India 370 435. Tel.: 02834-244444;
Email: bidadahospital@hotmail.com Website: <http://www.bidada.org>]

KOJAIN will select and edit the submitted news items and articles to the appropriate format and content.



KOJAIN MEMBERSHIP FORM

First Name: *	
Last 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)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Life Membership \$250	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual Life Membership \$200
<input type="checkbox"/> Family 2-year Membership \$40	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual 2-year Membership \$30

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

Signed By: _____ Date: _____

Make your check payable to **KOJAIN**. Mail your Check and completely filled form to:
Dinesh Chheda: 14 Paris Place, Parsippany NJ 07054