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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore wishes you and your family a Happy Diwali and prosperous New Year filled with joy and happiness. Diwali is a season full of festivities of dance and lights.

Thank you for supporting our Grand Navratri Program. We appreciate the participation and enthusiasm of people of all ages who attended. We had an unbelievable attendance at the Navratri Program far exceeding our expectations. Everyone enjoyed the events starting with the Ashiq Orchestra, Swaraanjali, Arpan and the Deshpande Group. A big thanks to the Meadowbrook Athletic Complex for continuing to support GSB by providing a great venue for our annual Garba Programs. We would like to thank Rekhaben & Atulbhai Patel, and Nisha Patel for making fresh flower garland arrangements for Mataji's Murti and picture for all Garba nights. I would also like to acknowledge the hard work by UMBC Raascals for their excellent service for selling water. We would like to thank Mr. Narine Dharen for providing his sound system, Mid-Atlantic Protection Agency, LLC for providing security service, and also want to recognize our food vendors, Akbar Restaurant & Pavan Food, for the delicious food on all Garba nights. We would also like to thank those who sponsored for Arti & Prasad. Thank you to those who became new annual and life members. We would also like to thank our guests, Dr. Calvin Ball (Howard County Councilman & vice Chair) and Mr. Raj Kathuria (Candidate from Indian Origin for Howard County as County Councilman from District 1).

Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore has organized very successful events this year. On April 9, 2017 we had a very successful and hilarious drama "Patel Ne Roke Ane Bhagwan Toke". On July 30, 2017, we had the Picnic. Everyone enjoyed the Centennial Park venue as our exclusive Pavilion, with food catered by Rangoli Restaurant. On August 27th, 2017, we had the Yatra to Sri Venkateswara Temple (Balaji) at Bridgewater, NJ. To view the event pictures, please visit our website www.gsbaltimore.org or www.facebook.com/gujaratisamajbaltimore.

We also are very excited to bring you an excellent Diwali Program on October 28, 2017. The performing artists are Ankita Bramhe and Omkar Deshpande from The Voice India – Sa Ra Ga Ma Pa Indian Idol stars, will be performing at the New Town High School. We are also very pleased to bring you dinner provided by the Chowpatty Foods from New Jersey. It will include a Gujarati dinner followed by a music program. Most of all, you will get an opportunity to spend time with your friends in this festive Diwali season. We encourage you to please book your tickets online at gsbaltimore.org or by calling any Board members not to get discouragement. For more details, please see elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Our Elections and Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) will be held on December 3, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Greater Baltimore Temple, Finksburg, MD. Nominations now are open and should be received by Election Committee no later than November 17, 2017. More details of the meeting and election process are included elsewhere in the Newsletter. We encourage everyone, especially, our younger generation to volunteer for Gujarati Samaj. Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve you over this past two years. I will cherish the memories forever. I am also excited to continue being part of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore, as we grow even bigger and stronger.

From the bottom of our hearts, I would like to thank everyone who has stepped forward to help us celebrate our past events. We cannot express enough gratitude and appreciation to all our volunteers, committee members, their spouses and children, our sponsors and well-wishers.

Manisha Bhatt –President Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore

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Diwali Dinner by Chowpatty Food from NJ and Music Program by Ankita Bramhe and Omkar Deshpanda Voice of India-Sa Ra Ga Ma Pa-Indian Idol Stars October 28, 2017 New Town High School, Owing Mills, MD



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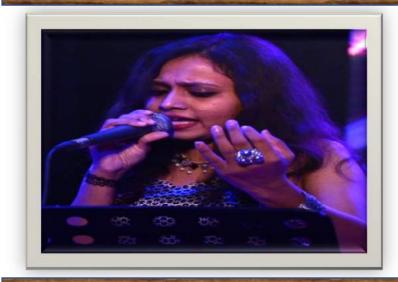
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Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore Presents Diwali **Dinner & Musical Program** on Saturday, October 28, 2017





Omkar Deshpande Ankita Bramhe The Voice India - Sa Ra Ga Ma Pa - Indian Idol Fame

Saturday - October 28, 2017

Concert: 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Delicious Dinner (Chowpatty Restaurant, NJ): 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Menu: Vedmi(Puran puri) with ghee, Halwason, Plain Roti, Surti Sev Khamni(with Fried mirchi), Patra, Mix Kathol, Undiu, Tindola and Red potato, Kadhi, Rice, Salad, Pickle & Papad papdi

Please buy tickets online at www.gsbaltimore.org

Tickets: \$50(VIP), \$40 & \$35

Place: New Town High School, 4931 New Town Blvd, Owings Mills, MD 21117

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<u>Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore</u> <u>Elections for year 2018-2019 Board of Trustees</u>

Rules:

- Mr. Nilesh Desai will be appointed as a President for years 2018 and 2019 according to our bylaws.
 He will appoint 3 members to the Board of Trustees according to our bylaws.
- The nominating person and the nominee shall be the members of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore for the past year (2016) and the current year (2017).
- A member/family cannot nominate more than one person for the same position.
- A member can nominate a person for more than one position. If a nominee is elected to
 more than one position, then the nominee shall select only one position. The other
 positions will be awarded to the remaining nominees receiving highest number of votes
 for those positions.
- A member can select nominees for one, more or all positions.
- Members cannot nominate themselves.
- Nomination forms should be mailed to the following address and received by November 16, 2017. Forms mailed to other addresses or hand delivered to any board member will not be accepted.
- Nominating Committee may recommend a slate of candidates for any positions for which no nominations are received.

Election (if necessary) will be held <u>from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 3, 2017</u> at Greater Baltimore Temple, 2909 Bloom Rd, Finksburg, MD 21048. If there is an election, the names of candidates will be posted on our website <u>gsbaltimore.org</u> after November 26, 2017. Members are required to vote in person at the election site. Proxy voting is not allowed.

There will be a General Body Meeting after the elections. Light refreshments will be served.

Manisha Bhatt, acting as an Election Officer, will install the new Officers of the Association with the effective date of January 1, 2018.

Please mail the nomination forms to:

Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore P.O. Box 687 Owings Mills, MD 21117

For additional information, please call any members of the Nominating Committee:

Nilesh Desai (410)-490-5165, Manisha Bhatt (410) 661-8737 or Shailesh (Sly) Patel (443) 865-2525

NOMINATION FORM FOR GUJARATI SAMAJ OF BALTIMORE, INC. BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR YEARS 2018 & 2019

I Mr. /Mrs. / Ms

the undersigned nominate the following persons for the representative positions indicated against their names.

	NAME	POSITION	NOMINEE SIGNATURE	<u>& PHONE NUMBER</u>
1.		Vice President		
2.		Secretary		_
3.		Joint Secretary		
4.		Treasurer		
5.		Joint Treasurer		
6.		Auditor		

I declare that I am a current life member of the Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore, Inc. and have been a member for the past year. I shall willingly present my membership card and/or proof of membership if required by the Nominating Committee.

Nominated by:	Seconded by:	
Name:	Name:	
Address:	Address:	
Phone:	Phone:	
Signature:	Signature:	
Date:	Date:	
All fields must be completed.	All fields must be completed.	

Nominees, by signing the form, acknowledges that they have read the bylaws of Gujarati Samaj, Inc. (available on GSB website) and, if elected, agree to uphold the bylaws and serve to the best of their abilities to fulfill the duties of the position.

Qualifications for Election:

- i. A candidate for a position on the Board of Trustees must be a life member prior to the nomination.
- ii. For the Vice-President, a candidate must have held a position on the Board of Trustees for at least one complete term to be eligible.
- iii. Only one person from a member family shall be elected as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- iv. The candidate must be a legal resident of Maryland.
- v. Any elected position candidate must have no prior history of criminal conviction.
- vi. Nominating Committee reserves the right to reject any nominees that may have conflict of interest.

Nominees are requested to provide a short introduction of themselves to the members. Please complete a short questionnaire to provide a little background information such as:

- 1. Nominee's Short-Bio to include any relevant experience and skills (either in private, public or nonprofit sector).
- 2. What can you offer to Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore to make it a better organization?

Please note: Incomplete nomination forms will not be accepted.

Mail completed form in	Mail to: Gujarati Samaj of Baltimore P.O. Box 687 Owings Mills, MD 21117	For Election Committee use Only: Date Recd:
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Sunday August 27, 2017
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Saturday, September 23, 2017
Saturday, September 30, 2017
Saturday, October 7, 2017
Saturday, October 28, 2017
Sunday, December 3, 2017