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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF GUJARATI ORGANISATIONS UK

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President Message

National Council of Gujarati Organisations

Our Journey, Our Purpose, Our Future

🌱 Our Roots

From the first Gujarati students arriving in the UK in 1956, to the waves of migration from East Africa in the late 1960s and 1970s, our community has faced challenges — racial discrimination, housing struggles, and the need to build livelihoods from scratch. Through resilience and self-reliance, Gujaratis established businesses, prioritised education, and built a better future for the next generation.

In 1986, visionary elders recognised the need for unity beyond caste or regional lines. They founded the National Congress of Gujarati Organisations UK, now known as NCGOUK, to be the united voice of Gujaratis across the country.

🤝 Our Mission

We exist to:

* Preserve and promote Gujarati culture, language, and traditions.

* Represent our community's interests at local, national, and international levels.

* Foster unity among Gujarati organisations and encourage the creation of new ones.

* Advocate for our rights and ensure authentic representation in all forums.

* Support our youth in connecting with their heritage while building their future.

⭐ Our Vision for the Future

1. Enhanced Member Benefits – More value, more opportunities, more support.

2. Celebrating Our Heritage – Festivals, language classes, and cultural programmes.

3. Language Preservation – Resources for teaching Gujarati to all ages.

4. Stronger Representation – Ensuring our voice is heard in government and policy.

5. Networking & Collaboration – Connecting leaders, businesses, and community groups.

6. Advocacy & Support – Standing up for our community's needs at every level.

👊👊 How You Can Help

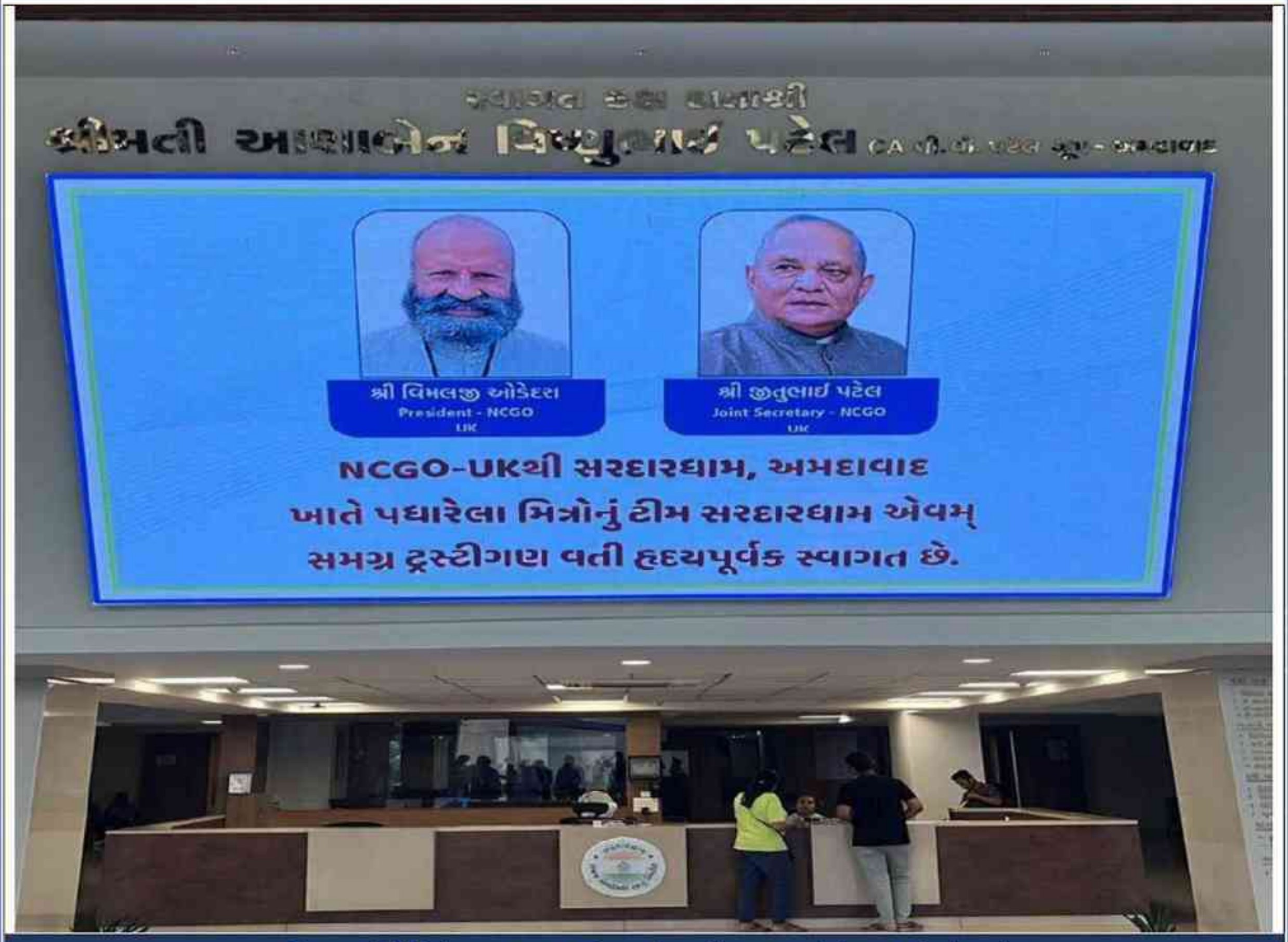
* Join NCGOUK if your organisation is not yet affiliated.
* Share your members' concerns with us — and our messages with them.
* Sponsor or fund our events.
* Promote and participate in NCGOUK activities.
* Join Friends of NCGOUK as individuals

SARDAR KATHA

On short notice from the Sardardham Committee, Jitubhai and I arranged to accompany them in inviting Chief Minister Shree Bhupendrabhai Patel on July 2, 2025. After purchasing our tickets on June 30, 2025, we travelled to Gandhinagar on July 1, 2025, and successfully joined the Sardardham Team for this important engagement. We are pleased to report that Chief Minister Shree Bhupendrabhai Patel graciously accepted the invitation, and we look forward to welcoming him to Sardarkatha in London on September 20-21, 2025.

I want to encourage other organisations to take this opportunity to participate in Sardarkatha, where they can express their perspectives to the Chief Minister through NCGO UK.

At Gujarat Chief Minister Office - Gandhinagar



Grand Welcome at Sardardham , Ahmedabad

20th & 21st – September 2025 at Navanat Centre , Hayes.

* Join celebration and be part of event by helping it

* Sponsor event and be part of Fund-raising group

* Circulate flyer to wider community from this newsletter

A Call to Action

Our strength lies in our unity. With your active participation, we can protect our heritage, empower our youth, and ensure Gujaratis in the UK continue to thrive for generations to come.

Contact

President – Vimalji Odedra: 07718 539114 Or vim_odedra@outlook.com

The National Council of Gujarati Organisation (NCGOUK)
SGM – AGM

The National Council of Gujarati Organisation (NCGOUK) held a special general meeting (SGM) on Sunday, July 20th, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. to discuss and endorse proposed amendments to the constitution. Following a thorough and constructive dialogue, the members in attendance unanimously approved the changes.

After a delightful lunch, the Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place. During this session, Vimaljibhai Odedra was unanimously elected President. He extended a warm welcome to the newly elected committee members and expressed gratitude to the outgoing committee members for their service.

NCGO UK NEW COMMITTEE 2025-2027

Mr.CB Patel
Patron

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	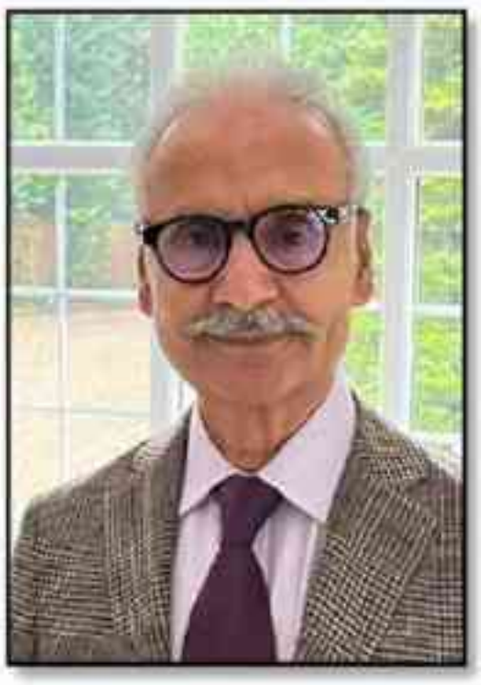		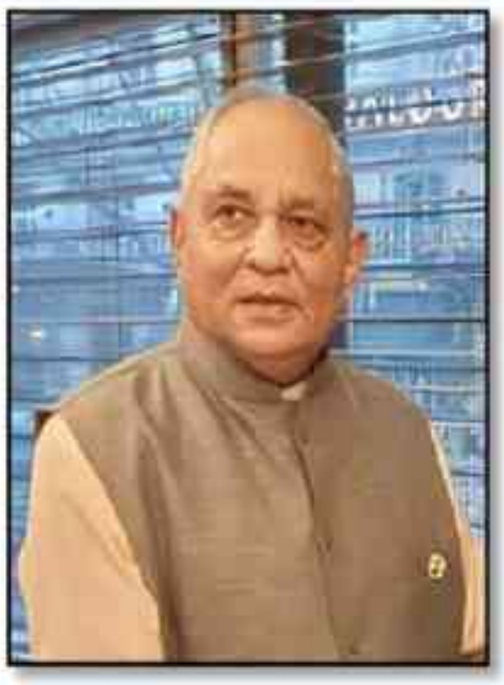
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			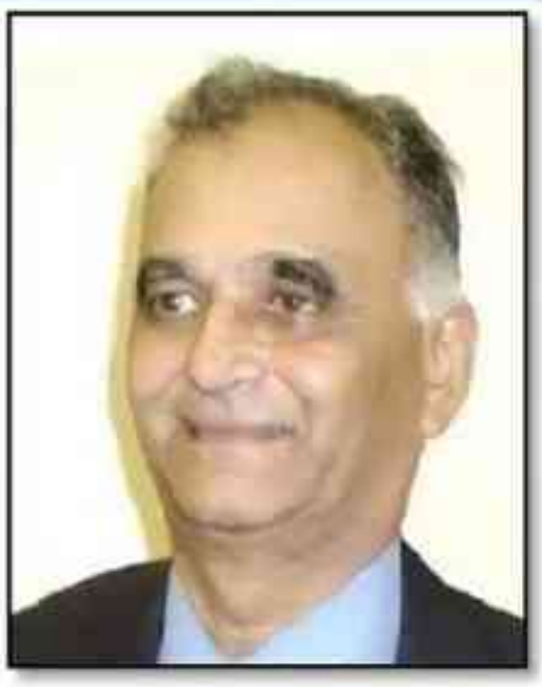

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		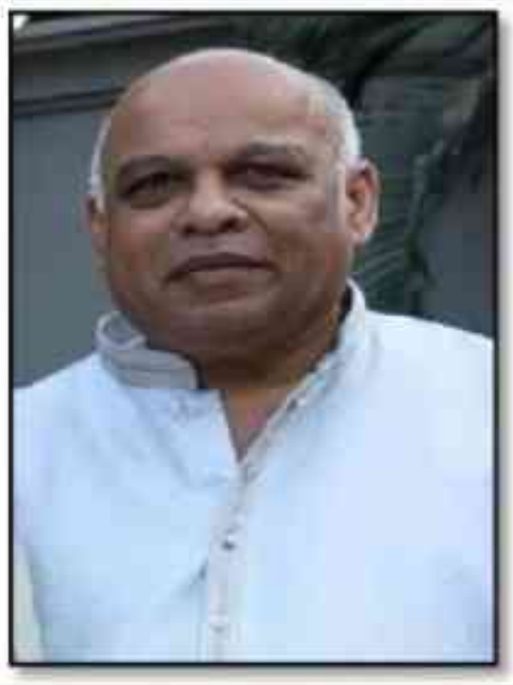	
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NCGO UK Meets Shree Harsh Sanghvi

Honourable Minister of Sports & Youth of Gujarat in London

The High Commission of India in London graciously invited members of the NCGO UK to attend a prestigious reception honouring the Honourable Minister for Sports and Youth from the Gujarat Government, Shree Harsh Sanghvi. The event was attended by C B Patel-Patron, Vimalji Odedra-President, Jitendrabhai Patel – Vice - President, Deepakbhai Patel-Treasurer, Jayantbhai Patel - EC member, and Navin Nandha-EC member from NCGO UK.

During this significant gathering, Minister Singhavi was in the UK to present an ambitious proposal to secure the Commonwealth Games for the vibrant city of Ahmedabad in Gujarat. This proposal seeks to showcase Gujarat's rich culture and hospitality and position the city as a global sports and youth development hub. The reception provided a unique opportunity for attendees to engage with the minister and discuss the exciting prospects this event would bring to the region and its people.

Celebration of Independence Day 2025

The High Commission of India, in collaboration with several esteemed organisations, including The National Council of Gujarati Organisations UK (NCGOUK), orchestrated a vibrant and memorable celebration of Independence Day on 30 August 2025 at the Navnat Centre in Hayes. The event attracted a lively gathering of over 4,000 attendees, showcasing the deep sense of unity and patriotism that resonates within the Indian community in the UK.

At the heart of the festivities, NCGOUK operated Stalls 17 and 18, where the Jalaram Jyot Mandir from Sudbury delighted visitors with delicious traditional dishes such as Khichdi—soft, spiced rice and lentils—paired with the flavorful Batata nu Shaak, a spiced potato curry. These dishes were remarkably well-received, with attendees lining up to savour the authentic flavours, a true taste of home.

The celebration was a feast for the senses, featuring captivating cultural performances, including traditional dances and musical renditions, depicting the rich tapestry of India's heritage. The ceremonial flag hoisting was a particularly poignant moment, drawing applause and cheers from the crowd as it symbolised the enduring spirit of independence and national pride.

Community participation was a hallmark of the event, with families and individuals from various backgrounds coming together to enjoy activities that fostered friendship and solidarity among the diaspora. This occasion highlighted India's cultural richness and reinforced the connections and shared values among its global citizens. The atmosphere was alive with joy, laughter, and an overwhelming pride, creating lasting memories for everyone involved.

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SARDARDHAM

INVITATIONS

SARDARKATHA

THE UNIQUE AND INSPIRING STORY OF SARDAR'S LIFE...

Speaker Mr. Shailesh Sagpariya
Former Class 1 Officer

SARDARKATHA in LONDON

Saturday	Sunday	September	3:00
20	21	2025	PM (BST)

Navnat Centre, Printing House Lane, Hayes, UB3 1AR, London

You're cordially invited to celebrate the life and legacy of

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Join us for an inspiring event that promotes unity, education, and empowerment. Your presence will honour his vision and strengthen community bonds.

Let's come together to uphold his ideals and foster community spirit.

Mr. Vimalji Odedra
Pramukh Sevak

Mr. Gagji Sutariya
Pramukh Sevak

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We will take Sardar Prasad (Dinner) together at the end of Katha

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SARDARDHAM

SARDAR KATHA LONDON

Unique and incrediable stories from the life of Sardar

Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st September 2025 from 3pm

Followed by Dinner at 7pm

Venue

Navnat Centre, Printing House Lane, Printing Lane, Hayes, UB3 1AR

Food sponsored by

Rangolee Sweet Centre

Address : 92 Melton Rd, Leicester LE4 5EBA

Address : 364 Foleshill Rd, Coventry CV6 5AN

Address : 283 St Saviours Rd, Leicester LE5 4HG

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SARDAR KATHA LONDON

SARDARDHAM

Unique and incrediable stories from the life of Sardar

Sat 20th Sept 2025

Sun 21st Sept 2025

How to reach Navnat Centre

By Public Transport

Hayes and Harlington station is a 12 mins walk to the centre. This is served by both
Elizabeth line and National rail services. There will be shuttle bus service to and from the
station every 30 mins between 10 am to 4 pm.
Bus services from Hounslow, Northolt, Heathrow and Uxbridge have stops near the
centre on routes H98, 278, 350 and U4. Bus services from Harrow on 140 stops at Hayes
Town which is 5 minute walk to the centre.

By Car

Navnat Centre is easily accessible from M4, M25 and M40 motorways. There will be
ample parking onsite at Navnat Centre, Printing House Lane UB3 1AR.

Scan for Location

શૈલેષ સગપરિયા – પરિચય

"આજની વાર્તા" રૂપે રોજ સવારે લાખો લોકોને મોબાઇલ પર વોટ્સએપના માધ્યમે ટૂંકી, રસપ્રદ અને બોધપ્રદ વાર્તાઓ પીરસી દેશ-પરદેશના ગુજરાતીઓમાં આગવી ઓળખ ઊભી કરનાર શ્રી શૈલેષ સગપરિયા ગુજરાત સરકારના સિનિયર ક્લાસ 1 અધિકારી તરીકે સેવાઓ આપી ચૂક્યા છે. યુવાનોના માર્ગદર્શક શૈલેષ સગપરિયાએ સ્પર્ધાત્મક પરીક્ષાની તૈયારી કરતા વિદ્યાર્થીઓને નાત-જાતના ભેદભાવ વગર નિ:સ્વાર્થ ભાવે માર્ગદર્શન અને પ્રેરણા આપીને અનેકને સરકારી નોકરી અપાવવામાં મદદરૂપ બન્યા છે.

સૌરાષ્ટ્રના મોવિયા જેવા નાના ગામમાં સામાન્ય પરિવારમાં જન્મ લેનારા શૈલેષ સગપરિયાએ કુટુંબને મદદરૂપ થવા અભ્યાસ સાથે ખેતરમાં મજૂરી કરી, ઓફિસબોય તરીકે કામગીરી કરી, હીરા પણ ઘસ્યા, સાથે જાતને પણ ઘસીને ઊજળી બનાવી જેથી તેઓ પૂ. પ્રમુખસ્વામી મહારાજ અને અને હાલ પૂ. મહંતસ્વામી મહારાજના કૃપાપાત્ર બની શક્યા છે. નબળી આર્થિક પરિસ્થિતિ તેમના અભ્યાસમાં અડચણરૂપ બની શકી નહીં અને બી.કોમ.ની પદવી તેમણે ગોલ્ડમેડલ સાથે મેળવી. એમ.કોમ. બાદ તેઓ GPSC દ્વારા અધિકારી માટે લેવાયેલી ક્લાસ 1ની પરીક્ષામાં સમગ્ર ગુજરાતમાં ત્રીજા ક્રમે આવ્યા હતા.

તેમની બોધકથા કહેવાની રીત એટલી તો સરળ અને રસપ્રદ છે કે કેટલાક સાક્ષરો તેમને 'વાર્તાના પર્યાય' તરીકે ઓળખાવે છે. જુદા જુદા વિષયો પર તેમનાં ૩૩ પુસ્તકો પ્રગટ થઇ ચૂક્યાં છે. એમના લખાયેલા પુસ્તકને ગુજરાત સાહિત્ય અકાદમી દ્વારા પુરસ્કૃત પણ કરવામાં આવ્યુ છે. તેમના મોટાભાગના પુસ્તકો બેસ્ટસેલર થયા છે અને બધાની મળી લાખો નકલો વેચાઇ ચૂકી છે. શૈલેષ સગપરિયા એક કુશળ વક્તા પણ છે. ગુજરાત સહિત સમગ્ર ભારતમાં તેમનાં વ્યાખ્યાનો અને સેમિનારો યોજાતાં રહે છે.

23 AUGUST 2025

National Congress of Gujarati Organisations (UK) (NCGO)

Dear Member,

NCGO was formed over forty years as an umbrella organisation to represent all the Gujarati Organisations in United Kingdom with following object:

(1) The advancement of Gujarati culture and language in the UK

(2) The relief of poverty, hardship and distress

(3) To work towards the elimination of racial discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different racial groups

(4) To act as an umbrella organisation for all the Gujarati Organisations in the U.K.

(5) To provide advisory, advocacy, and any or all other related services to individual, companies, societies, organisations and businesses in the U.K. Concerning matters related to welfare, housing, immigration, children, women and elderly care, matrimonial and general poverty.

NCGO's Mission is to Facilitate the development of a strong and sustainable Gujarati Community voluntary and community sector by creating an effective and unified voice, unity and addressing cause of social exclusion, and promoting a cohesive community.

NCGO's Vision is to be the Champion of all the Gujarati organisations in United Kingdom.

The above cannot be addressed and achieved without co-operation, support and involvement from member organisations, individual, outside agencies and executive committee of NCGO.

We are updating our record and to help us to make NCGO a real representative's organisation - please complete attached application form and kindly return it to us latest by 30 October 2020.

This information will allow us to provide the advisory service, representation and support to all Gujarati Member organisations on various subjects such as: Grants, New Legislations, Incentives Schemes, Charity Registration, Events Holding, Representation for Women, children and senior citizens, sports competition, business and any other community problems etc

In near future we are planning to hold a Zoom meeting of all organisations and we look forward to your participation.

With Best Wishes:

MR VIMALJI ODEDRA

PRESIDENT

Please complete this membership form return to email; info@ncgouk.org

Name of Organisation	
Address	
Email	
Telephone number	
Charity number Company number	
Chairman/President name & email	
Secretary name & email	
Activity of organisation: e.g. Education/social/ religious/sports	
Number of members	
Place of holding above activities	
Year of establishment of organisation	
Please describe main activities of your organisations & what would you like to do	
How may NCGO help and support your organisation---- List two suggestions OR Two things your organisation would like to see doing by NCGO OR What NCGO be doing for your organisation? List two suggestions	