

## Welcome to Karamsad

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, one of India's greatest leaders in the Indian Independence Movement grew up in Karamsad. It was also the home of his elder brother Vithalbhai Patel, who was also an important political leader



## About Karamsad

### A Journey Through History

Karamsad is a historic village located in the Anand district of Gujarat, India. It holds immense significance as the birthplace of **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**, India's **Iron Man** and the first Deputy Prime Minister of independent India. The village's name is derived from **Karamdas Patel**, a prominent figure in its early history.

Karamsad has been a part of the **Charotar region** (central Gujarat), known for its fertile land and agricultural prosperity. The Patel community, particularly the **Leuva Patidars**, have been the dominant social group, shaping the village's socio-economic and political landscape.

There are many reputable education establishments in Karamsad, such as S.V.Patel High School, C.J.Patel English Medium School and also the Swaminarayan Vidyapith English Medium Residential School.

Karamsad also boasts a large medical institute called Pramukh Swami Medical College, which hosts undergraduate and post graduate education, this college is known as the best private medical education institute in Gujarat & and one of the oldest in India.

## **A Legacy Worth Preserving**

### **Cultural Significance**

Culture shapes who we are, connecting us to our past, present, and future. It influences our values, traditions, and sense of belonging. By embracing and preserving our cultural heritage, we strengthen our communities, foster understanding, and keep the spirit of our ancestors alive.

### **Birthplace of Sardar Patel**

Karamsad is revered as the ancestral home of **Vallabhbhai Patel**, one of India's most influential freedom fighters and the architect of India's political integration. His legacy continues to inspire national pride.

### **Religious and Social Traditions**

The village has several temples, including the **Umiya Mata Temple**, which holds cultural importance for the Patidar community. Festivals like **Navratri, Diwali, and Uttarayan (Kite Festival)** are celebrated with enthusiasm.

### **Educational and Social Institutions**

Karamsad is home to **Sardar Patel University (SPU)** and **Charotar Institute of Technology (CIT)**, contributing to education and rural development.

Karamsad Samaj UK is well known and popular among the Hindu community at large for their well organisation of Navratri Festival celebrating with traditional Garba's which is enjoyed by all ages young and old and keeping our old cultural alive.

In the past we have held Holi event which has been a success in the past and hopefully we intent to organise future Holi event in London so that our younger generation can get to know more about our culture.

We also organise annual gatherings which is open to all and enjoy the cultural program and get to meet friends, family and distant families they haven't seen over the years.



## **Karamsad Samaj UK Committee**

President: - Mahendrabhai Santokbhai Patel

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## **Milestones of Success**

### **Triumphs & Achievements**

From small victories to major breakthroughs, every achievement reflects our dedication, resilience, and collective effort. Join us in recognizing the milestones that shape our journey and inspire future successes.

### **Contribution to India's Freedom Struggle**

Sardar Patel's leadership in the **Kheda Satyagraha (1918)** and the **Bardoli Satyagraha (1928)** had roots in the resilience of the farmers from this region. Agricultural Advancements: Karamsad, like much of Anand district, benefited from the **White Revolution**, spearheaded by Verghese Kurien, making Gujarat a dairy powerhouse.

### **Modern Development**

The establishment of **Sardar Patel University (1955)** and various cooperative institutions has positioned Karamsad as an educational and cultural hub.

**Karamsad Samaj UK Also raises donation for various causes and charities both in UK and Abroad.**

**Some of our achievements listed below are: -**

#### **India Covid Urgent Appeal donation**

For India Covid Urgent Appeal Karamsad Samaj UK raised well over £3,000 of donation which was sent Via BAPS.

#### **UK Covid Appeal donation**

Covid 19 Donation to NHS Charities together Karamsad Samaj UK raised donation of £10,000

#### **Khodiyar Maa Mandir**

Karamsad Samaj UK helped the Khodiyar maa project in India solely and donated every stone laid to Cancer Research

Karamsad Samaj UK also give big donations yearly to Cancer research UK, and other charity trusts.

### **Gujarat Earthquake**

Karamsad Samaj UK raised £25,000.00 through one evening at a dinner and dance event for the victims of the Gujarat Earthquake – this money was donated through the Swaminarayan Hindu Mission UK where they have made Gurnatit nagar and KS UK have help built 10-12 houses there within Sardar Nagar.

### **Mencap**

Karamsad Samaj UK proudly donates a part percentage of its proceedings annually to this charity.

### **GOSH**

Karamsad Samaj UK is a firm supporter for the Great Ormond Street Hospital and donations very generously to this charity annually.

### **Sight Savers**

Karamsad Samaj UK donates to Sight Savers annually.

### **British Heart Foundation**

Karamsad Samaj UK supports this charity by donating to the foundation every year.

### **Other Charities Abroad**

Karamsad Samaj UK proudly affiliates itself with various charities in India and sends a proportion to help certain organisations.

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