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Dear Members,

We have just returned from a rejuvenating and energizing pilgrimage to our motherland. It is a joy and privilege to connect with our soil, roots and families in India.

It was a moving experience for everyone at LPS to be in India for the mega LPS conference and trade-show at Bardoli on December 23, 2007.

Gujarat was in the midst of post-election celebrations when we held the meet. On behalf of LPS, we congratulated the Honorable Chief Minister Narendra Modi for his dynamic leadership and efficient administration.

We also informed the Government of Gujarat that LPS is committed to the progress and development of the state. Several respected LPS members are already doing commendable community work in their respective villages and districts.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the generous Leuva Patidar leaders who are participating in the development of India by donating their time, resources and expertise. The prosperity in the 'NRI Villages' near Surat is clearly visible. Thanks to the remittances, investments and purchases made by LPS members, our native villages are growing prosperous and powerful.

A large NRI event such as the LPS Bardoli conference has a positive effect on the local economy. We were happy to see that a large number of Indian entrepreneurs expressed their gratitude towards LPS for hosting such a momentous event and inviting hundreds of prosperous Leuva Patidars. All of us will want our native villages and motherland to flourish. LPS events are our humble contribution in this direction.

India is one of the fastest growing economies in the world today. India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is accelerating at the speed of over nine per cent every year. The excitement, growth and energy in India are evident from the surge in stock market prices, real estate sector and other sectors of Indian economy. This is the perfect time to be in India. Indian entrepreneurs are potential advertisers and sponsors for Leuva Connection and LPS annual events.

The unique accomplishment of the LPS Bardoli convention lies in its ability to be the beginning of a long-term relationship with local Indian entrepreneurs, media, political and social leadership. I am certain that future LPS office bearers will capitalize on the reputation and relationship that LPS has built in India.

I want to thank all the LPS members who attended the event. I will also like to acknowledge hundreds of volunteers in India and US who made the success of the meet possible. Finally, I want to express my gratitude towards LPS board members and Leuva Patidar leaders for their unflinching trust and support.

We now look forward to our grand convention in March. Your suggestions and ideas are welcome to help make the convention a great success.

Regards,

Bhagubhai N Patel

LPS of USA President