

Flow of activities on Oath Day

Once Everyone Is in the Room

All EC members and Bhartiben will be seated in the front row.
The Bhagavad Gita will be placed on the table.

Opening Remarks and Prayer

“JSK and good afternoon to everyone. Please take your seats as we are about to begin our meeting. At this time, I invite Vijeshbhai to offer the opening prayer.”

After the prayer:

“Thank you, Vijeshbhai.”

Oath Ceremony

“Our first order of business today is the administration of the oath—first to the new President by our outgoing President, Bhartiben, and then I will administer the oath to my Executive Committee team.”

“I invite Bhulabhai to kindly hold the Bhagavad Gita for the oath ceremony.”

“Bhartiben, I invite you to preside over the administration of the oath to the new President of HSCSJ for the 2026–2027 term.”

As she comes forward:

“Thank you very much, Bhartiben.”

She will read the oath, and I will repeat it, stating my name, with my **left hand on the Bhagavad Gita and my right hand raised**.

Presidential Oath

“I, _____, with my hand on the Bhagavad Gita, solemnly swear to faithfully serve the Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey in my capacity as President, to uphold its constitution and bylaws, and to always act in the best interest of the organization and its members.”

“Thank you again, Bhartiben.”

(I will politely ask her to return to her seat and acknowledge the audience.)

Oath for Executive Committee Members

“Now I will administer the oath to my Executive Committee members, who are seated here in the front row. Please come forward as I call your name. I also invite a family member of each Secretary, if present, to hold the Bhagavad Gita.”

(Each EC member and their family member will come forward when called.)

“First, I will call our Vice President, Dhirubhai Saparia.”

“Please repeat after me:

‘I, _____, with my hand on the Bhagavad Gita, solemnly swear to faithfully serve the Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey in my capacity as Vice President, to uphold its constitution and bylaws, and to always act in the best interest of the organization and its members.’”

(After taking the oath, members will stand to the side.)

Oath for secretaries:

'I, _____, with my hand on the Bhagavad Gita, solemnly swear to faithfully serve the Hindu Senior Citizens of South Jersey in my capacity as Secretary of, to uphold its constitution and bylaws, and to always act in the best interest of the organization and its members.'"

The remaining members will be called in this order:

- **Secretary – Communication and Event Support**
Mr. Ashok Kumar
- **Secretary – Website and E-Commerce**
Mr. Vijesh Darji
- **Secretary of Excursions**
Mr. Bipin Kalaria
- **Secretary – Proceedings and Records**
Ms. Sumi Patel
- **Secretary – Food and Nutrition Programs**
Ms. Shilpa Bhuta

"Secretary – Funds and Audits (Treasurer), Ms. Vidhya Mathur, is unable to be here today as she is visiting family in India. Her oath will be administered upon her return."

I will then address the team:

"Congratulations to you all."

Introduction of Executive Committee

“At this time, I take the opportunity to introduce each of my Executive Committee members.”

“Communication and Event Support will be handled by Mr. Ashokji Sharma.

(Brief self-introduction.)

(The same format will be followed for all EC members.)

When introductions are complete:

“Let’s give a big round of applause to each of our Executive Committee members.”

“I now respectfully request your seal of approval for my team, selected to serve you.”

“Thank you everyone. You may now take your seats.”

“This concludes the oath ceremony portion of our meeting.”

Advisory Board Announcement

After everyone is seated:

“I am pleased to introduce something new to our General Body. I have selected five respected gentlemen from our membership to serve on our Advisory Board. They are well known to all of us, and we will benefit greatly from their experience and wisdom. We hope this role becomes a permanent part of our organization, helping keep it strong and well-functioning.”

“As I call their names, I ask them to please stand so everyone may greet them.”

They are:

- **Adishbhai Jain**
- **Virendrabhai Gupta**
- **Ammieji**
- **Dr. Surendrabhai Patel**
- **Dr. Ashokbhai Patel**

“Our sincere thanks to all of you for accepting this honorary but very important responsibility.”

Birthdays announcement

“Happy birthday to all of you!”

Temple Announcements by Hansaben

Remarks from the New President

“I would like to acknowledge a few special contributions for today’s event.”

“For today’s event, I thank Bhartiben D. Shah for sponsoring the food. She wished to celebrate the beginning of her retirement with all of us—and today is also her birthday. I invite Bhartiben to please stand so we may wish her a happy retirement and a very happy birthday.”

“Thank you, Manjuben, for treating us to your delicious homemade halva.”

“Thanks to Ammieji for helping out with Audio Video system”

“Of course, nothing is possible without our wonderful Sevaarthi team. I won’t name individuals for fear of missing someone—you’ve seen them all in action. Outstanding job, team.”

“My acknowledgement and thanks to the outgoing team”.

“My heartfelt thanks to our outgoing President, Bhartiben, for her immense work during and far before she became president. I also thank her team—Dahyabhai, Manglaji, and Vijeshbhai—for their extraordinary service.”

Speech

“It still feels strange when someone calls me President. I see myself simply as a regular person doing the job you have entrusted to me. I will do my best to fulfill my responsibilities. I am deeply grateful to my team—for their unique abilities to guide and support me, I am truly overwhelmed by their love.”

“This organization thrives not only because of leadership, but because of you—members who help without being asked, without titles, and without expectation of recognition. These individuals are the backbone of any successful organization, and we sincerely appreciate everyone who is always ready to lend a helping hand.”

Our Vision Ahead

“We will continue our traditions—activities, refreshments, guest speakers, trips and tours, and celebrations both small and large. As we move forward, we may introduce some new programs.”

“We will review our Constitution and bylaws, revitalize our website, update our membership records, and seek guidance from our experienced members who have shaped this list. We plan to adopt Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace, which are free for nonprofits—it would be a missed opportunity not to use them. We may also introduce a WhatsApp community announcement group for quick and interactive communication. It will be safe and voluntary to join, RSVP and payment processes will be improved, refunds will be fair and logical.

“Some goals may be achieved, others may not—but we will make every effort to explore every opportunity possible.”

Our Commitment to Values

“We commit to transparency and will keep everyone informed whenever possible. Every member will have a voice—your opinions, concerns, and suggestions matter. An organization is at its best when everyone participates.”

“No one should attend a meeting and leave feeling unnoticed. Your presence matters., and there will be no special treatment—because we are all equal owners of this organization.”

“Respect, Transparency, Duty, and Unity will never be compromised.”

Closing

“Thank you again for giving us the opportunity to serve. Together, we will work, grow, and enjoy our time whenever we come together.”

“Thank you once again.”

Extras

“At this point we will give general body members the opportunity to express their Suggestions, Concerns or Comments.

We will have five members selected at random, to speak no more than 3 minutes.”

Q & A if Time permits

Few words of thanking everyone from Ashokji