



# “Gandhi’s Legacy Talks & Community Dialogue” Series

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## Speaker: Punita Patel

**Topic: Community Leadership – Leading with Gandhi’s Values:** Empowering Communities Through Truth, Non-Violence, and Inclusivity

**Saturday, December 13, 2025 (3:00 – 5:30 PM)**

Admission FREE. Register at: <https://gandhiji.ca/2025-12-13>

**VENUE: Minto Recreation Complex (2nd flr, Cambrian Room),**  
3500 Cambrian Rd, Barrhaven (Greenbank Rd & Cambrian Rd) ([Map](#))



**About the Session:** Leaders in the community are required to foster unity, harmony, prosperity, and happiness within their communities. Punita Patel, a seasoned community leader, will explore:

- What leadership truly means
- The distinction between leadership and management
- The process and functions of leadership
- The universal inner structure of good and effective leaders
- How to engage and motivate people to contribute their best
- How to strengthen the inner foundation of authentic leadership



*Leadership thrives where purpose meets people.*

The true legacy of leadership lies in creating a culture that endures beyond one’s presence—where values, vision, and purpose continue to guide others. Such lasting impact is built not by authority, but by the inner discipline and integrity that define a leader’s own destiny.



**About the Session Leader:** Punita Patel is a distinguished community leader and arts promoter whose journey bridges creativity, spirituality, and service. Rooted in India’s classical traditions, she brought her passion for cultural expression to Canada, where she quickly became known for her leadership across arts, culture, and community organizations. As founder of Jeevan Jyoti Performing Arts, Punita has produced acclaimed classical cultural events that unite artists and audiences through themes of truth, harmony, and inclusivity.

Her leadership extends beyond the arts—she has served as President of the Gujarati Cultural Association (2009–2011) and the Sri Sathya Sai Spiritual Centre of Ottawa (2013–2015), and now leads four cities as Region 3 President of the Sri Sathya Sai International Organization. Professionally, as a material engineer, Punita exemplifies community leadership grounded in creativity, compassion, and collective empowerment.