# **Inspiring Lohanas of UK**

## **Lord Dolar Popat**

Lord DolarPopatis a British accountant, businessman and Conservative life peer in the House of Lords.

He became a Member of the House of Lords in July 2010 and is the first Gujarati to represent the Conservative Party in the upper house. From January 2013 to March 2015 he served as a Minister of the Crown at the Department of Business, Innovation and Skills, and the Department for Transport. He was Lord-in-Waiting, with the duties of a party whip. He was subsequently appointed as the Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Rwanda and Uganda in January 2016.

LordPopat was born in East Africa in 1953. He is a <u>Hindu</u> and follower of the teachings of <u>Morari Bapu</u>, whom he regards as a Guru and mentor in his life. He married Sandhya (now The Lady Popat) on in 1980. They have three sons. He speaks four languages including <u>Gujarati</u>, <u>Hindi</u>, and <u>Swahili</u>, and supports Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

In the charity sector, Lord Popat is on the board of <u>St Luke's Hospice</u>, <u>Harrow</u> and the Lord DolarPopat Foundation, which makes contributions to medical and educational institutions.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dolar Popat

### **Baroness Shruti Vadera**

Baroness Shruti Vaderais a British investment banker and politician. Until September 2009, she was a government minister jointly for the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and the Cabinet Office. She has been Chairwomanof Santander UK since March 2015, becoming the first woman to head a major British bank.

She was born in <u>Uganda</u> in 1962 to Indian <u>Gujarati</u> parents. She is from a family who owned a small tea plantation but fled to India in 1972 following the Ugandan government's expulsion of Ugandan Asians, and then later to the UK. <sup>[4]</sup> She was educated at <u>Northwood College</u> before taking a degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics at Somerville College, Oxford. <sup>[2]</sup>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shriti Vadera, Baroness Vadera

### **Shayam Dattani**

Shyam began his dance journey within Kathak at the age of two. He has undergone vigorous training under different teachers, including Abhay Shankar Mishra at the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. His love for performing drove him to take up full-time training, working towards vocational qualifications. Shyam is developing into a well-versed and rounded young artist under the guidance of his Guru Urja Desai Thakore, Shyam likes to challenge himself, performing pieces of established choreographers.

Shyam hopes to pass on his love for dance through teaching and training others, and inspiring young people to pursue their passions,

### Nitin Chandra Ganatra, Actor

Nitin Ganatra is a Kenyan-born English actor, best known for playing Masood Ahmed in the BBCsoap-opera *EastEnders* since 2007.

Nitin was born in Kenya in 1967. Both sides of Ganatra's family have origins in <u>Gujarat</u>, which were explored on-screen in the 2013 series of <u>Who Do You Think</u> <u>You Are?</u> His great grandfather arrived in Kenya in the late 1890s as one of 32,000 contracted labourers to build the <u>Uganda Railway</u>. He was one of the 10,000 people who stayed in the country after the railway's completion. Nitin's grandfather and his father later joined the family's general trading business.

After Kenya gained independence from Britain, it forced the Indian population with British passports to choose between Kenya and their Britain. In 1971, Nitin aged 3, moved with his family to Coventry, where the family still own a corner shop. Nitin was educated at Coundon Court School and Community College on Northbrook Road and then studied Drama, Film and TV at the University of Bristol. He went on to train under the late Master theatre practitioner Jerzy Grotowski.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nitin Ganatra

#### **Baron Gadhia of Northwood**

Jitesh Kishorekumar Gadhia, is a British investment banker, Conservative Party donor and member of the House of Lords.

Lord Gadhia studied economics at the University of Cambridge and the London Business School, where he was a Sloan Fellow.

In August 2016 he was made a life peer as part of Cameron's Resignation Honours list.

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