

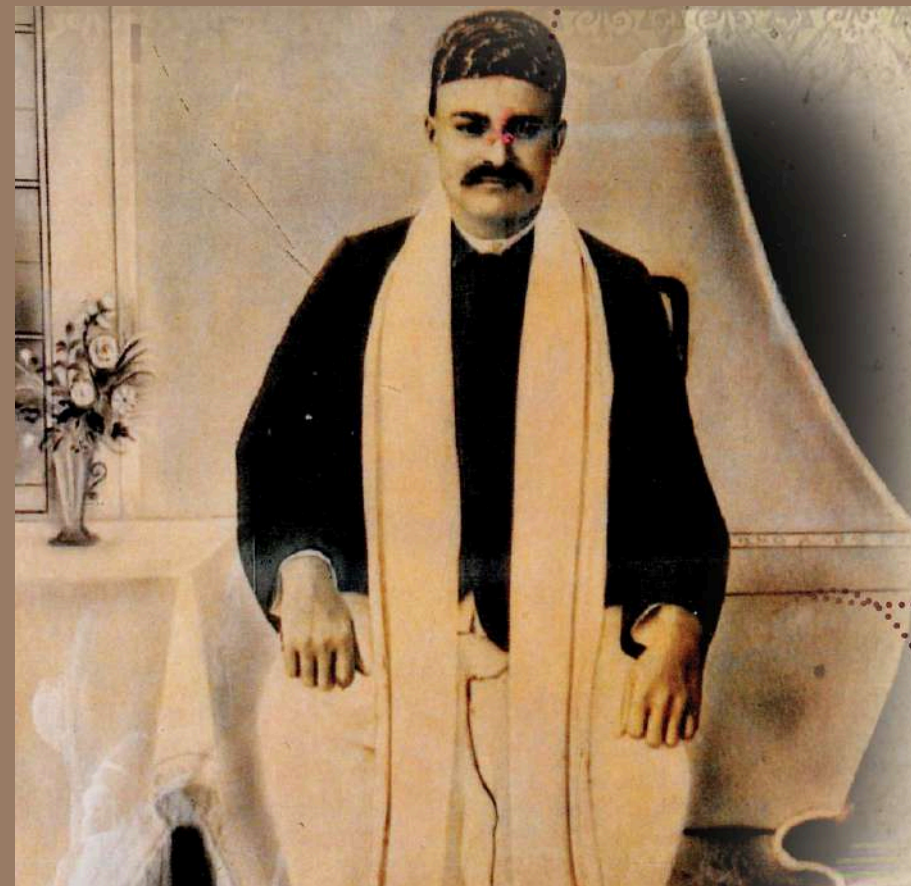
# भारतीयप्रवासीऔरओमान

## People of Indian Origin & Oman

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Shri Dhanji Morarji arrived in Oman around 1846, trading dry dates, fish, lemons, and Indian food items. His trade route connected Kutch and Mandvi to Zanzibar via Aden, Yemen, making Zanzibar the hub for deliveries across the Persian Gulf and Oman.

His son, Shri Purushottam Dhanji Morarji, expanded the business to regions like Sur, Barka, Kamil, Bid Bid, Masirah, Mussanna, and Muscat. A pioneer in Oman, he invested in businesses, lent money in the absence of banks, and was a landlord and philanthropist. He also played a role in driving out the Portuguese and served as the head of Hindu Mahajan in the early 1900s. Later, the legacy continued under Shri Keshavji Purushottam Dhanji Morarji.



A portrait of Shri Dhanji Morarji.



Agreement/ Contract regarding money transaction, 1914 in Arabic





A family photograph of Shri Ratanshi Gordhandas

Shri Gordhandas came to Oman around 1895 from Mundra (Kachchh, India) and started his own business as a general grocery store which was also managed by his son Shri Ratanshi. Later, Shri Parmanand Ratanshi Bajaria, son of Shri Ratanshi shifted their business to trading in building materials. At present, the business is being managed by Shri Parmanand Ratanshi Bajaria and his two sons Shri Jignesh Parmanand Bajaria and Shri Bharat Parmanand Bajaria. The digitization of their archival papers started on 27th May 2024 under the supervision of Shri Bharat Parmanand Bajaria (the fourth generation of Ratanshi Gordhandas Bajaria) at the Embassy of India in Muscat with the help of the National Archives of India.



A Commendation Certificate given to Shri Ratanshi Gordhandas in which his services rendered during a recent famine there in Oman, are lauded. He offered assistance by providing rice and grains to the people



A photograph showing daily life of Shri Ratanshi Gordhandas



A photograph of the family house of Shri Ratanshi Gordhandas in Barka Fort