



The Cutchi Hindus of Kenya

The Cutchi Hindus are several Patel communities. The Cutchi Leva Patels are followers of the Swaminaryan religion. One of their associations is the Sidhant Sajivan Mandal. Another is the Cutchi Satsang, though from Cutch, still speak Gujarati, since they migrated to Cutch only in the last century. The Cutchi Leva Patels number about 400 in Kenya.

Most of the Patels began their sojourn in Kenya working on the railroad. They were clerical staff and construction workers. Those who stayed on after the completion of the railroad set up a small shops, became private contractors, went into the professions and other white-collar jobs. A few took up farming. Back in India, most Patels were farmers.

Religiously, the Cutchi and Gujarati Hindus work together a lot. One of their organizations is the Cutchi-Gujaarati Hindu Union. They cooperated in building a crematorium in Nairobi, and later schools. In 1927, their first temple in Nairobi, the Shivalaya Temple, was completed.

Primary Religion:

Hinduism

Disciples (Matt 28.19):

0%

Churches:

Scripture Status (Matt 28.20):

None; bilingual in Kenya

Population (date):



Map Unavailable

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Item Name	Item Note	
Have They Heard The Gospel?		Profile Summary
Believe In Jesus As God & Only Savior (%)	0%	
Response To The Gospel	Christianity status: 0% Christian; They have not responded to the Gospel.	
Is The Word Of God Translated?	No	
What Kind Of Missionaries Are Needed?	All kinds.	
Countries Where People Group Lives		Group Description
Country Name	Kenya	
Geography & Environment		Group Description
Location	Cities.	
Country	Kenya	
Language & Linguistics		Group Description
Other Mother Tongues Of This Group	ENGLISH	
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Other Mother Tongues Of This Group	GUJARATI	
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Literacy		Group Description
Literacy Attitude	Somewhat resistant	
Active Literacy Program	No	
Comment (Literacy)	Literacy is not seen as important. The literacy rate is very low.	
Economics		Group Description
Occupation	Constructions, professions.	
Trade Partners	Kenyans	
Modernization / Utilities	Modern.	
Community Development		Group Description
Health Care (Quality)	Very good	
Diet (Quality)	Very good	
Energy/Fuel (Quality)	Very good	
Clothing	Western dress, women may wear the Indian sari.	
Transportation	Private cars.	
Society & Culture		Group Description
Family Structures	Nuclear family.	
Neighbor Relations	Good.	
Cultural Change Pace	Medium	
Identification With National Culture	Similar	
Self Image	Prestigious	
Celebrations	Hindu celebrations including Diwali.	
Media	No local language broadcasting.	
Education		Group Description
Percent Of Eligible Students Enrolled	100	
Language Of Textbooks Early Years	English	
Language Of Instruction Later Years	English	

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Church Growth		Status of Christianity
Reached Status	Engaged	
Religion & Response		Status of Christianity
Attitude To Christianity	Indifferent	
Attitude To Religious Change	Somewhat resistant	
Resistance / Receptivity	Receptive to change, but not to Christianity.	
History Of Christianity In Group		Status of Christianity
Year Began	1957	
By Whom	International Missions	
Scripture		Status of Christianity
Translation Status	Unlikely	
Available Scripture	None	
Form Of Scripture Available	None	
Comment (Scripture)	Recordings: Tapes (GR)	
Missions and Churches		Status of Christianity
Organization Name	International Missions	
Main Ministry	Evangelism	
Year Started	1957	
Christian Literature And Media Status		Status of Christianity
Audio Recordings Available	Tapes (GR)	