

PRAVIN CHHAJED
PAST INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Pravin Chhajed, of Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India, was elected to serve a two-year term as a director of The International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 84th International Convention, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, July 2-July 6, 2001.

Past Director Chhajed is a company director in textiles, construction, travel and event management.

A member of the Ahmedabad Karnavati Lions Club since 1984, Past Director Chhajed has held many offices within the association, including club president, district cabinet secretary, region chairman, vice district governor, district governor and council chairman. In addition, he has served as project chairman for the Lions Karnavati Shantaben Vishnubhai Patel Eye Hospital, which has completed 100,000 intra ocular lens surgeries in the last ten years. He is currently the vice chairman of Laji Mehrotra Lions School and was chairperson of the 2005 District Governors-elect Seminar in China Hong Kong. He has also served as chairperson of the 2006 Academy Awards of Lionism. He is also serving as the chairperson of the election committee for the 2006 International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

In recognition of his service to the association, Past Director Chhajed has received numerous awards including the 100% Club President Award, a 30-Member Key Award, a District Governor Excellence Award, two Leadership Medals, 14 International President's Awards, the New Horizon Award in Drug Awareness and Diabetes Education, an Innovative Ideas on Membership Retention Award and the Ambassador of Good Will Award, the highest honor the association bestows upon its members. He is also a life member and a Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow.

In addition to his Lion activities, Past Director Chhajed is active in numerous professional and community organizations. He is a life member of the Ahmedabad Management Association, the Gujarat Research & Medical Institute and the Indian Red Cross Society. In addition, he served as an invitee to the Executive Committee of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce & Industry, president of the Gujarat Rajya Anuvrat Samiti (a character building movement) and a president of the Tera Panth Yuvak Parishad.

Past Director Chhajed and his wife, Kanchan, also a Lion, have a son and a daughter.