

Dr. Medha Godbole

Vice Presidential Candidate (2024-2026), Bruhan Maharashtra Mandal

Nominated by Northeast Ohio Marathi Mandal

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Vote for Medha Godbole

Vision: Evolve BMM into a lifelong partner for the North American Marathi diaspora, bridging first-generation immigrants and succeeding generations through tangible value in cultural, professional, educational, and social spheres at every stage of their lives.

Leadership Profile

Proven leader, community builder, and long-time Marathi organization volunteer with 35+ years of leadership experience and deep service across BMM, Uttarrang, Reshimgathee, Varasa, and Northeast Ohio Marathi Mandal.

Core Priorities, 2024 to 2026

- **Presidential support:** Provide collaborative support and guidance to the President in managing BMM's broad portfolio of activities.
- **Uttarrang:** Catalog services offered by local mandals to senior members and build a comprehensive database of senior living facilities across North America.
- **Heritage education:** Establish educational collaborations with **Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI)** for expert-led heritage trails, travel groups and courses.
- **Reshimgathee:** Launch the dedicated mobile app, execute aggressive marketing, double the database, and improve member experience.
- **Operational excellence:** Formalize and streamline BMM initiatives to ensure professional delivery and consistent impact across North American mandals.
- **Membership expansion:** Reposition BMM as a vital resource for families, showing value beyond traditional cultural programming to drive growth.

BMM Leadership experience and Key Achievements

BMM Executive Committee Member | 2024 to Present

Uttarrang, Lead Volunteer, Speakers Committee(2020-2022); Lead | 2022 to Present

- Led vision, direction, and content strategy for a senior-focused initiative, designing 150+ programs on topics tailored to evolving senior needs and interests.
- Built a supportive community to reduce isolation among seniors and create a lasting sense of belonging.
- Founded a **Memory Impairment Caregiver Support Group** for Marathi families navigating dementia, offering a culturally safe caregiver network.

Reshimgathee, Lead | 2024 to Present

- Doubled active membership from 350 to 700+ within one year.
- Spearheaded the website revamp and guided implementation of Phase 2 enhancements.
- Organized sold-out in-person networking events in New Jersey, the Bay Area, and Atlanta.

Varasa, Founder and Lead | 2023 to Present

- Launched a first-of-its-kind oral history video project preserving the legacy of Marathi pioneers who arrived in North America prior to 1965.
- Produced 13 long-form interviews and secured permanent inclusion of the project in the **South Asian American Digital Archive (SAADA)** collection.
- **BMM Convention Experience:** Member, Uttarrang Committee, Atlantic City Convention, 2022; .Lead, BMMFest Grid, Bay Area Convention, 2024.

Community Leadership

- **Northeast Ohio Marathi Mandal:** BMM Representative, 2024 to Present; Advisory Board Member, 2023 to Present; Executive Committee Member, 1991 and 2001; Life Member, 35+ years.
- **Professional Social Organizations:** Executive Committee Member, Association of Indian Physicians of Northern Ohio, 1992 and 1994; Life Member, Association of Indian Physicians of Northern Ohio, 30+ years; Life Member, American Association of Physicians of Indian Origin, 30+ years.

Professional Background

- Doctor of Medicine and practicing pathologist, semi-retired, with 35+ years of experience.
- Medical Lab Director for three laboratories.
- Board Certification in Clinical and Surgical Pathology.
- Board Certification in Cytopathology.

Personal Background and Motivation

Medha Godbole's advocacy for Marathi seniors is rooted in her decade-long personal caregiving journey for her late husband, Sanjay, a PhD chemical engineer who suffered from a rare neurological degenerative disease. That experience shaped her commitment to Uttarrang and to building practical, compassionate support systems for families and seniors.

Family: Two adult daughters: Amruta, a lawyer who is married and lives in San Francisco, and Sonia, a physician completing her Hematology Oncology fellowship in June 2026.

Interests: Book club, museum visits, travel, and world history.