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Subject: **Letter from representatives of three communities of Ahmedabad**

Dear Mr. Gautam,

The UNESCO New Delhi office has received information concerning three living cultural heritage spaces of Ahmedabad that stand endangered by the current scenario of urbanization. Please find attached herewith, for your perusal, the letter received by us from the representatives of the three communities (Gulbai Tekra, Gujari Bazaar and the Chharanagar Settlement) outlining a brief history of the communities and their indigenous spaces that perhaps constitute a part of the living heritage of the city of Ahmedabad.

In view of Ahmedabad's proposed bid for nomination as a UNESCO World Heritage City, you may wish to contact Mr. Navdeep Mathur, Assistant Professor, IIM Ahmedabad for more information and details about these communities and their perceived importance in the socio-economic and cultural fabric of Ahmedabad. The representatives of these communities would be happy to share with AMC any information and existing documentation that may help support Ahmedabad's nomination bid as a World Heritage City. For your further communication, Mr. Navdeep Mathur's contact details are:

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I thank you in advance for your kind attention.

Yours sincerely,

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Encl: Letter from representatives of the three communities

Cc: Mr. Navdeep Mathur