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demonstrated by globalised patterns of travel, tourism, communications, cultural production and the creation of living spaces with a self-consciously transnational aesthetic.

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Notes

1. While in this paper I have used the term diaspora synonymously with transnationalism, there is an ongoing debate regarding this conflation. Some have argued strongly that such usage is problematic and that the term diaspora should be dependent upon the shared experience of group expulsion and of community-in-exile as in the case of the Jewish or the African slave diaspora (Ong). Others suggest, however, that creating these exclusions are both morally problematic and analytically unhelpful and that diaspora describes experiences of hybridity and culture that are not necessarily predicated on primordial ties to either land or blood (Walsh; Gilroy; Hall). It is in this vein that I have adopted the use of diaspora, as a way of illustrating the contested

2. Such as the Gujaratis in the UK who are making their way there seeking funds for their families back home.

3. The same pattern followed in the 1990s when the Indian diaspora in the UK followed the same pattern.

4. The 2004 election in Gujarat was won by the BJP while the 2007 election was won by the Congress. However, it is the BJP that has been successful in attracting such a large number of Gujaratis to the UK.

5. Indeed, the number of Gujaratis in the UK is being waged as much in the Garden State as in Gandhinagar, if the number of Gujaratis

politicians from all parties making trips to New Jersey during the 2002 state elections or in the interest shown in the polls by overseas Gujaratis was any indication (Nanda and Bhatt).

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