



Principato di Seborga

For immediate release

Seborga, 23 July 2025

Statement from the Principality of Seborga

In relation to recent news reports published by Indian media regarding the arrest of Mr. Harsh Vardhan Jain, which also mention the Principality of Seborga, we hereby clarify the following:

- Several years ago, the Principality of Seborga appointed Mr. Harsh Vardhan Jain, in good faith, to the honorary position of *Councilor for India*. Mr. Jain had approached the Principality voluntarily, expressing great enthusiasm and interest in our reality. After appropriate discussions, it was deemed suitable to entrust him with this role.
- Over time, Mr. Jain recommended some individuals whom he considered suitable to voluntarily represent the Principality of Seborga in India. Some of these individuals were subsequently formally appointed as *Foreign Representatives of the Principality of Seborga*. **It was always clearly explained to all Foreign Representatives that such appointments were purely symbolic and representative in nature, and did not confer any official or diplomatic status**, as the Principality is not recognized by the international community. The sole purpose of the Foreign Representatives is to promote the history, culture, and tourism of Seborga in their respective countries, as it is also stated on our official website here: <https://www.principatodiseborga.com/en/foreign-representations-of-the-principality>.
- The Principality of Seborga has also consistently clarified that, at least with regard to the Italian context, the use of Seborga's vehicle license plates — which have no legal validity — is tolerated only to the extent that such plates are affixed to vehicles at a reasonable distance from the official license plates, which must not be removed, so as to avoid any confusion. For reference, please see Recommendation 15-06-17 published on our official website here: <https://www.principatodiseborga.com/2017/06/p=3796>.
- Earlier today, H.S.H. Princess Nina personally contacted each of the Principality's Foreign Representatives in India by phone to inform them of the situation. All of them confirmed that they had always fully understood the non-recognized status of the Principality of Seborga and had acted appropriately and lawfully at all times.



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- In light of the reports received, the Principality of Seborga **has immediately suspended Mr. Harsh Vardhan Jain from all positions** and firmly distances itself from any potentially unlawful activities he may have carried out, of which the Principality was entirely unaware. In any case, it should be noted that Mr. Jain was required to inform H.S.H. Princess Nina in advance of any of his actions, as stipulated by Article 39 of the General Statutes of the Principality. The Principality of Seborga remains at the full disposal of the authorities for any further clarification or investigation.

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