

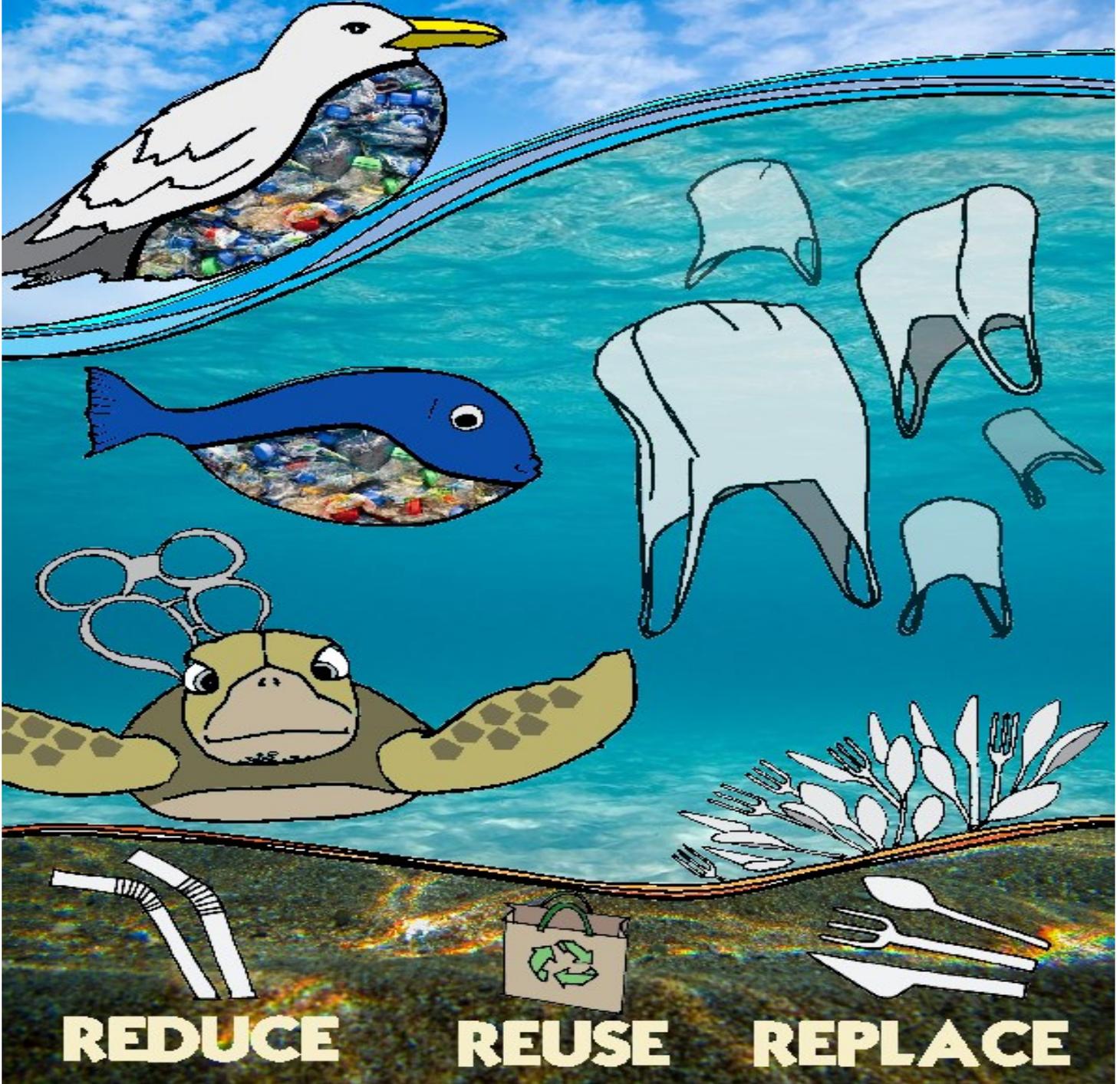
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Message from President of AMSUK

Dear Friends,

Namaste.

It's been my pleasure to serve as President of AMSUK. My sincere thanks to all the members of the Management Committee and our Community members for their continued support.



*Congratulations also to the Management Committee and Members of Shree Mandhata Samaj Sahayak Mandal, Leicester (SMSSM) as they celebrate the **Golden Jubilee Anniversary**.*

Over the past fifty years, SMSSM has fully supported our Samaj and together with The Association of Mandhata Samaj, UK (AMSUK), organised and participated in various social, cultural and religious activities. SMSSM has the base for the present and future generations and I am sure SMSSM will continue to provide such positive contribution to our Samaj in the years ahead.

On behalf of AMSUK, I convey our best wishes for the Golden Jubilee celebrations and continued success in the future.

As I said in my last year's message, the future of Mandhata Samaj is very much dependent upon active participation of the present generation members in the mainstream of AMSUK and affiliated Towns. I am pleased to report that we now have a vibrant Youth Forum and Women's Forum, who have successfully organised various Events for our members during the year.

Change is inevitable as Generation change and we must recognise the needs of the present generation and collectively endeavour to meet the new challenges and cater for the requirements and expectations of all our members and the society we live in today.

*Reminds me of the recent quotes by Prime Minister of India Shree Narendra Modi and I quote;
**"Sabka Saath. Sabka Vikas". "We should all walk together, work together and progress together".
We should move ahead with this "Mantra".***

Finally, our thoughts and prayers are with those members of family and friends who are no longer with us today and who will dearly be missed.

I wish you all the very best for the future Good luck and God bless.

Hasmukh S Patel,

President – AMSUK

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TREASURERS REPORT Statement of Financial Activities for Year ended 31 March 2019



STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE £

	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	NET
INCOMING RESOURCES.			
1. Membership	500	-	500
2. Donations:			
Nani Pethan	250	(250)	-
Avda Falia	800	(800)	-
Mogaar Gam Mandir	8,265	(8,265)	-
Gift Aid recoverable	650		650
3. Youth Forum Events:			
Sports Festival 2018	12,870	(12,691)	179
Netball tournament	490	(440)	50
Golf day	950	(848)	102
Cricket tournament	640	(620)	20
4. 2018 AGM.	3,305	(4,107)	(802)
5. Matrimonial event income.	1,537	(1,378)	159
6. Womens forum:			
April 2018 event	1,336	(1,278)	57
Rass Garba Night	3,591	(2,182)	1,409
Share of 2017 New Year's Eve party	315	-	315
7. Publications:			
Hindu death rites	12	-	12
2018 Pragati	1,365	(1,111)	254
Website	-	(144)	(144)
8. Bank Interest.	121	-	121
9. Public Liability Insurance.	-	(630)	(630)
10. Misc Expenses, Postage etc.	-	(54)	(54)
TOTAL OUTGOING RESOURCES	<u>£ 36,996</u>	<u>£(34,797)</u>	<u>£ 2,199</u>
Fund Balances Brought Forward			£53,451
FUND BALANCES Carried Forward			£ 55,650

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION @ 31-Mar-2019 Consolidated £

Debtors & Prepayments	400
Cash - Bank & cash in hand	<u>63,905</u>
Gross Assets	64,305
Creditors & Accruals	(8,655)
NET ASSETS	<u>£ 55,650</u>
Unrestricted Funds	36,026
Restricted Funds	19,624
NET ASSETS	<u>£ 55,650</u>



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Secretary's Report for term of Office 2018-2019

Jai Shree Krishna



Following the elections at the AGM in Wolverhampton on Sunday 5th August 2018, when we had quite a few new members (including ladies and younger members) elected onto the Executive Committee, there was a very positive feeling that the year 2018-19 will be progressive one and that participation in AMSUK events and activities will be rejuvenated, which was one of the aims for this year.

Some progress has been made on the set up of a fully functional AMSUK website but not as much as we had planned for at the start of the year. The EC believe that a fully functional website would be a great medium for communication and involving members of our Mandhata community, especially the younger generation.

In the end, it turned out to be a year where the EC meetings had very low turnout and only the usual activities/ events were carried out by the Youth and Women's Forums. Other potential events/ activities to bring our community together did not materialise.

The four EC meetings during the year were:

- Sunday 7th October 2018 in Dudley
- Sunday 24th March 2019 in Wembley
- Sunday 12th May 2019 in West Bromwich
- Sunday 7th July 2019 in Leicester with the Annual Gaamonati Meeting in the afternoon

The following events took place during the year and majority of the thanks must go to the Youth Forum and the Women's Forum for leading the initiatives of behalf of AMSUK and putting in lot of effort and voluntary time to ensure their success.

- **AMSUK Sports Festival** was held in Solihull on 18th and 19th August 2018 and the full report from the Youth Forum is in this publication.
- Inaugural **AMSUK Golf Day in** St Albans – Sunday 9th September 2018.
Sincere thanks to Naresh from Wembley Samaj for organising and administering the event at Redbourne GC
- **AMSUK Indoor Cricket Tournament** in Birmingham – Sunday 13th October 2018.
Thanks to Mitz and the Youth Forum for getting this under way and they hope to expand participation even further in 2019
- **Women's Forum Diwali Charity Garba** at Ram Mandir, Walsall - Saturday 28th November 2018.
This was a very successful event organised by the Women's Forum and attendance topped 250 plus people of all ages and from various towns. A healthy profit was also made which was shared with the nominated charity.



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SECRETARYS REPORT contd...

- **Women's Forum 'Chai & Chat' Event** debating about Mental Health & Bereavement – Sunday 28th April 2019 in Leicester.
Another very successful event which was well attended by over 200 people and very lively debating by the women members. Event was open to all members but very few men came; men have to engage in these types of events so that they can understand and help with the issues and hurdles our women face everyday
- **AMSUK Singles Event** in Leicester on Saturday 29th June 2019.
The event did not take place due to lack of numbers registering in advance.
- **AMSUK Gaamonati Meeting** – Sunday 7th July 2019 in Leicester
Very few gam mandals representatives turned up and meeting not as productive as previous ones.
- **AMSUK Youth Forum Careers Guidance Workshop** – Saturday 13th July 2019 in Leicester
This event was cancelled due to lack of response from the 13 to 17 years old youngsters and it is now planned by Kalita from Loughborough Samaj and Youth Forum to advertise it during the AGM and the Sports Festival and look to hold it in September/ October 2019. Great idea to give guidance to our younger generation as they approach the most important years where choice of education path and career will determine their futures.
- **AMSUK AGM/ Sannelan 2019** – Sunday 4th August 2019 in Leicester.

Shree Mandhata Samaj Sahayak Mandal, Leicester is celebrating its 50th Year since inception and have cordially invited all Mandhata towns and their members in the UK to come and help celebrate this milestone in their history. The Leicester Committee are anticipating attendance to be over 700 people, and, besides the AMSUK AGM, they have planned a full day of entertainment and will be launching a souvenir magazine.

Forthcoming Events:

- Once again, as no town has come forward to host the Sports Festival, AMSUK, via the Youth Forum, is taking on the task of organising and hosting the 2019 Sports Festival on 10th and 11th August 2019 at the University of Wolverhampton Walsall Campus. Details for the weekend have already been distributed to all the town committees and AMSUK will be pleased to see as many people as possible attend to support the participants. This year there will be no evening entertainment but a cricket competition for the over 50's has been included.
- **AMSUK Golf Tournament** to be held in Leicester in early September 2019.
- **AMSUK Indoor Cricket Tournament** – 19th October 2019 in Birmingham.

This year looking to add a tournament for women and juniors on the same day. Please look out for further details.

- **AMSUK Women's Forum Garba Night** – date and location to be advised in due course.

It has been an interesting, enjoyable and, on occasions, disappointing first year as Secretary of AMSUK. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the EC members, town representatives/ committees and the trustees for their support and, especially Hasmukhbhai, our President, for his guidance and experience in what has been a challenging year.

Wishing you all good health and happiness.

Kind regards

Ashok R Patel, Secretary, AMSUK

AMSUK WOMENS' FORUM

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Since our event in April 2018 we held a **National Charity Garba** on the 24th November 2018 at the Walsall Mandir. This was an extremely successful and well supported event where our community came out in good numbers; from different towns. It was wonderful to see that traditional events such as this one still hold their charm over us all – not a hint of a generation gap divide to be seen on the night, as everyone danced to the tunes of Ghanshayam Garba Group. A huge thank you to Walsall Samaj and the Women's Forum team responsible for getting the venue ready for a 'sold out' event, largely due to the efforts of those who took on the task of selling tickets.

The charities we chose to support were, **Roshni Women's Refuge** in Birmingham – an organisation supporting women who are victims of domestic violence and **DKMS** who are an organisation dedicated to fight against blood cancers and blood disorders. They were invited to set up on the night and had potential donors queue up for a painless 'cheek swab' to be taken and to register themselves as blood stem cell donors. Both charities received £250 each from the proceeds of our event. Of course, an event is incomplete without raffle ticket sales. Thank you to the donors for their generosity, and in particular, to BABA Holidays who have supported us for both our recent events.

Having considered topics for discussions from our very first event, 28th April 2019 saw us host **Chai & Chat** at Shree Mandhata Sahayak Mandal, Leicester to whom we are most grateful. Thank you so much to the fantastic team who catered for us and helped in every way possible, to deliver this event successfully.

The morning comprised of an interactive session on a couple of topics. The first being **Bereavement** and its impact. Although a difficult topic to discuss openly, many women shared their experiences and talked about the impact bereavement had on them as women, in our naturally conservative community. There are many taboos and many more little understood rights and rituals; connected with the passing of loved ones and bereavement. The role that our Brahmins have in the process, was talked about at great length. It was a positive discussion in that women were able to air their views with confidence. Time was the only limiting factor to this much needed session.

The second topic of the morning was on **Mental Health**. It was led by Consultant Psychiatrist, **Dr Hari Subramaniam**. He linked the previous topic and continued to talk about the impact of bereavement and loneliness as well as other mental health issues which are affecting people in greater numbers today.

He advised us to try and be more open about matters that we as a community often shy away from; for fear of being stigmatised. A big thank you to **Dr Subramaniam** for his time and invaluable information. It may have been even more engaging if we would have had a Gujarati interpreter.

All in all, we felt that the many who attended from various towns, went home having learnt something and with much to think about. Which is why the Women's Forum is here to serve, in a way that gives us food for thought and helps us to address issues that women in our community face.

After a delicious lunch, prepared and served by the Leicester Mandal volunteers, the hall was transformed into a mehfil venue! We swayed to the tunes of **Gautam and his Party** of talented musicians who transported us back in time with their nostalgic numbers and of course many a modern song was sung too, with enthusiastic audience participation! It was the perfect end to a Women's Forum event.

We would like to thank the AMSUK working committee for their unreserved support of us and their interest in and encouragement of what we do as a Sub Committee.

It would be amiss of us if we did not thank our predecessors, for having paved the way for us. Your support is always welcome.

Thank you to you, our Mandhata Community for helping us realise our aims and objectives of uniting our samaj and bringing women of all generations together, talking about and tackling issues for the common goal of moving forward and embracing the future in a positive way.

"Amazing things happen when women help other women".

AMSUK Women's Forum.

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AMSUK YOUTH FORUM

Nameste Readers,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to represent our Samaj as the AMSUK Youth Forum Chair. This has been my second time as Chair and I can safely say since my first stint the Youth Forum has come a long way. There have been some familiar faces who have continued to help guide the Youth Forum along with some new faces who have provided new ideas and events to engage and grow the Samaj. I would also like to thank all Samaj members with their continued support shown to the Youth Forum. Without people like you it would not be possible to host a variety of successful events.

This year's election was held shortly after Sports Festival 2018 which saw Samaj members with a range of different skills take up important positions within the Youth Forum. It was fantastic to see there was a lot of interest amongst our Samaj with new ideas. A prime example is the restart of the careers event for the young minds. It clearly shows how the Samaj is always looking to incorporate good community spirit to help inspire the youth to take up committee positions in the future.

Youth Forum's biggest event of 2018 was the Sports Festival held in Solihull where there was around 350 participants from 10 different towns across the country. As always there was fierce competition throughout the weekend to be crowned the Overall Winner and in the end, West Bromwich were honoured with the title. As always, this event would have not been possible with the help and support of all towns and participants who took part. Furthermore, the Youth Forum would like to thank all towns who helped coordinate various sports and various tasks throughout the weekend to make it a success and enjoyable weekend for all who attended.

After the success of the inaugural 2017 Indoor 6-a-Side Cricket Tournament the Youth Forum hosted the event for a second year running in October 2018. The event's new home was Birmingham where 8 teams batted and bowled it out to be champions. After a day of 15 matches, Birmingham were crowned winners after beating last year's champions in a closely contested final. It was great to see a lot of old faces from the previous year as well as a few new faces. We hope this year's tournament which will be held in Birmingham on 19th October 2019 will bring some more teams to the mix.

The Youth Forum has again been tasked to hold Sports Festival 2019. We hope with the help of the wider Samaj we are able to deliver another successful event for the whole community and we can all come together to support one of AMSUK's biggest events. It is the volunteers and participants who make the event, so we hope to see you all there.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the current committee members for their support throughout the year. And along with the dedicated members of our Samaj it has been a great privilege to be a part of such fantastic community.

Jaytin Patel

(Youth Forum Chair)

Website

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MANDHATA Pragati Front Cover Competition

Dear AMSUK members

As with many things in life first impressions count a lot! And so, I am sure you have noticed this years' Pragati front cover. The design was the result of a competition run last year during Sports Festival 2018. As a part of the annual inter town competition the Youth Forum decided to have a competition which allowed any member of the Samaj to enter on behalf of their town to answer a specific brief set by the Youth Forum.

The brief was written to highlight the importance of plastic waste in our oceans on the back of Sir David Attenbroughs' TV series 'Blue Planet'. The impact of humans using plastic in our daily life and its disposal has a major affect on our planet which was brought to light amongst the wider public through this TV series.

SOME FACTS FOR THOUGHT:

- **1 MILLION PLASTIC BOTTLES ARE BOUGHT EVERY MINUTE!**
- **5 TRILLION PLASTIC BAGS ARE USED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**
- **13 MILLION TONNES OF PLASTIC GET LEAKED INTO THE OCEANS**
- **PLASTIC TAKES 100 YEARS TO DEGRADE**
- **90% OF BOTTLED WATER AND 50% OF TAP WATER CONTAIN PLASTIC PARTICLES**
- **100,000 MARINE MAMMALS ARE KILLED AROUND THE WORLD DUE TO PLASTIC.**

It makes you think that it is more important than ever to educate ourselves about the impact we have on our planet. And this was why the Youth Forum felt it was necessary to highlight this within our own community, and as a result run the Pragati Front Cover Competition.

It was wonderful to see so many entries, with great pride and effort taken within their designs. The winner was **Raj Patel** from West Bromwich and second place was given to **Saisha Dhanji** from East London. Both designs showed the result of plastic waste within our planet and oceans in an eye catching and impactful manner. The designs had been executed with attention to detail through the illustrations used and aesthetically pleasing layout.

The pragati magazine is the single most comprehensive form of communication that our Samaj sends out to all its life members and this is why it was so important that this message of plastic waste was addressed within the inter town competition. And so, I am really pleased that the Youth Forum has again run a similar competition during this years Sports Festival to highlight another important topic of 'Health Eating – Reducing your Sugar'. Please speak to your local town leader for more information on how to enter, and I am sure we will be seeing **yet another fantastic Pragati front cover next year**

Thank you

2019 GAMONNATI REPORT



The annual Gamonnati meeting this year was held on **Sunday 7th July 2019 in Leicester.**

The main purpose of the meeting was to make the members aware of and share the issues affecting the various villages in the Kantha Vibagh area.

Inputs were received from UK representatives of Matwad, Amalsad/Billimora, Bodali, Chijgam, Dandi, Karadi, Kothamadi, Nani Pethan and Veraval.

The major issues reported are summarized below. Full details for individual gamas are available in the minutes of the meeting issued to all participants.

SUMMARY OF GAM ISSUES

A. Gam Sarpanch and Talati.

- It was clear from the discussions that the Gam Sarpanch and Talati were key in affecting any developments in the gamas.
- It is also essential that the Gam Sarpanches/panchayat members liaise regularly with the local government authorities in respect of availability of grants for local development and have the full understanding of the grant application procedures and process.
- It is important for overseas representatives to maintain good and close relations, regular links with the local Gaam Mandals and particularly the Gaam Sarpanch.
- Surpanch needs to be non-political and active in the betterment of their Gaams.

B. Education & Schools.

- Overall student numbers were dwindling in Gaam schools with parents tending to send their children to English medium schools in Navsari. As a result a number of Primary schools face closure.
- Kothamadi High school has introduced nursery and junior classes.
- Chichgam school, originally funded from the UK is now under government ownership and is badly in need of repairs.

C. Local Government schemes and Aids.

Gam representatives reported of the various government schemes and grants available eg. Introduction of toilets in every household, Block paving in the falias, Mahacard and Free medication for the poor, Walking aids for the disabled, and CCTV.

D. Water Supply.

There was concern over water shortages in the future as bore wells around the Navsari area are drying up. Uptake on filtration plants by gamas is on the increase. Nani Pethan has successfully installed one with very positive feedback. Other gamas to follow suit.

E. Social Issues.

Meeting with Local Gam Sarpanches was held at Avda Falia Mandir by the visiting AMSUK representatives on 29th February 2019 to discuss and obtain update on development of amenities and facilities in gamas. The Sarpanches informed that, while infrastructure developments were progressing well with the aid of Government schemes and support of the local MP, there was a greater need to address the social welfare of the Kantha Vibhag community as a whole.

Issues which need to be addressed are:

Welfare of Widows, Educational, Financial and Health Care support for the poor, Create opportunities for the youth and Revision of wedding ceremonies(to reduce costs) and Death rites(to reduce time)

H.S Patel

Hasmukh S Patel

Gamonnti Sub-Committee Co-ordinator

July 2019

AMSUK SINGLES EVENT

The Singles Event, previously known as the Matrimonial Event, have been successfully organised for over 20-years; and since I personally took over managing the event in 2011 we have evolved the structure over time to fit with modern culture and lifestyles. These well-structured events are an opportunity for single people to meet each other in a well-organised environment, with the aim to find a potential life-partner.

Event Format - The Singles Events are modern themed, have a relaxed atmosphere, and everyone

is in casual/smart-casual attire; and with our events we like to think that they are more efficient as participants are able to meet many people, and each of them know the reason why they are attending so that hopefully eliminates any awkwardness!

Organisers

Our organising team is a great group of volunteers who invest a lot of time to make preparations for the event; to ensure it operates in a professional manner and equally a comfortable environment for all participants



Proof of success! – The 2018 Event in Northampton was a huge success. Many couples have successfully met a suitor through these events, and have progressed to get married & start families (or are planning to get married soon!)

Give it a go! - So, if someone who has never attended before, and if they're looking for a wife or husband to settle down with, we strongly recommend that they give this event a go at least once. We also disseminate information about each event through local towns, youth groups email and/or social media. Even if you are not searching or already married, please do forward information to any single friends/family within the Samaj – it may be of interest to them. We are constantly developing the event with exciting new ideas, so keep an eye out for details of the next event.

To register your interest or for more information on the next event please contact:

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Shree Krishna Mandir (Mandhata Hithwardhak Mandal) West Bromwich

End of an Era...

This article is an update on the **Shree Krishna Mandir Temple** in West Bromwich belonging to the Mandhata Community which was as destroyed in a fire 10 years ago but then rose again from the ashes after being re-built. It had a grand opening and has been running profitably since then. The temple is a **Panchayatan Mandir**, the first of its kind outside of India and based on the religious texts of **Sanatan Dharma**, widely known as **Hindu dharma**.

Rebuilding the temple was an enormous task both logistically and financially. It required the ultimate Project Management skills to complete the whole task. The project could not have been achieved without the support of and sacrifices made by various members of the Mandhata Community, nationally and internationally. After conducting feasibility studies with contractors in India, decision was taken to build the Mandir in accordance with the ancient **Silpa Sastra tradition**. This presented additional problems with sourcing and transporting the carved Bhansipardhapur marble/sand stones from Rajesthan, as well as the stone masons and artisans recruited from India. UK building contractors and structural engineers were also employed.

In order to manage these issues a limited company named **Krishna Industries** established with **Chandubhai Dhirubhai Patel** as the director and a contract agreed between Krishna Industries and the Indian collaborators.

Prior to commencing the building works the planning application had been rejected by the local authorities but with the assistance of **Rt. Hon Tom Watson MP** permission was granted.

Mandir **bhoomi poojan** and **sila nyasa** ceremonies were performed and the Mandir foundation was built. Meanwhile the deities from the burnt temple had been relocated to the main hall after conducting **challan Pooja** with continuation of the various festival celebrations.

While rebuilding, the Mandir faced financial difficulties with shortage of funds. Although the Insurance claim was settled the Mandir was underinsured at the time of the fire and therefore did not receive adequate funds to undertake a rebuilding project of this stature.

The Trustees and the President took out a loan from the Bank of Baroda, as well as ongoing fund raising activities in order to finance the building works

The Mandir building project finally came to **completion in 2009**. The opening ceremony was conducted over a period of 10 days by a Priest from India. The Mandir opened with full resumption of its normal services.

At Annual General Meeting held on 30th June 2019 a new Management Committee and Trustees were elected. The completed accounts, both internally and externally audited, and the financial records of the Mandir and Krishna Industries were fully approved.

Shree Chandubhai Dhirubhai Patel

**Ex- President of Shree Krishna Mandir (Mandhata Hithwardhak Mandal)
West Bromwich.**

Shree Mandhata Youth and Community Association East London and Essex Report.

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Dear all: Following is report on behalf of the East London and Essex branch.

1. Annual General Meeting (AGM):

AGM was held on Sunday 23rd June 2019 at Gujarat Welfare Association, 141 Plashet Road, Upton park, London, E13 0RA, from 4.00 to 6.00 pm.

Agenda covered : Prayers/Welcome , Minutes of the last AGM, President's report, Secretary's report, Treasurer's report and accounts for 2018/2019, Elect new committee for 2019/2020.

Prior to the AGM a memorial service was held in the memory of the **Vallabhbhai Morarbhai, Harivadanbhai G Mistry, Dhanjibhai Govindbhai** and other members from our Samaj who had recently passed away.

2. Sea Side trip to Brighton:

Trip is planned for Sunday 14th July 2019 subject to availability of sufficient numbers (45).
Cost Adult £15 and Children under 14 £10 per person.

3. 2019 Navaratri Programme:

Dates: Sunday 29th September to Sunday 6th October inclusive from 8.00 pm
Venue: Sandringham School, Sandringham Road, Forest Gate , E.7.

4. MAIN OBJECTIVE: Our main objective is to acquire our own premises in East London and Essex area. Please support our Association and donate regularly and generously. Our account is with Nationwide BS A/C number 70264357 Sort code 07-00-55 Please contact me for more information. You can also pay your membership fee £10 PA by sending me a cheque as above.

5. Appreciations: On behalf of our Samaj I wish to thank you all for your help, support and co-operation with all our programmes last year. We appreciate all your generous donation and help. We hope you will continue to support our Association in the future. Thank you. **It is an honour and privilege** to serve our Samaj. I am very grateful to all my Management Committee members for their help and support and in particular I like to thank **Ramanbhai S Patel** for organising a Music Group for our Diwali Programme 2018 at VHP Ilford Hindu Centre. To attract more members we subsidised the Diwali programme by charging only £10 for adult. Children under ten free. We also provided Diwali dinner and dance. On the day it was Parbhubhai S Patel 80th Birthday. We devoted special songs and sang **happy Birthday wishes**.

6. Gujarati Classes: We have been running Gujarati classes continuously for the past 27 (twenty seven) years. We hold these classes every Saturday at VHP temple Ilford from 10.30 AM. This service is provided free. Please contact Natu for further information.

7. Navaratri/Diwali programmes 2018 were celebrated very successfully. This year we hired a music group for our Diwali programme. I would like to thank my Executive Committee for making these events successful.

8. Background of Shree Mandhata Youth and Community Association:

It was first established in 1979, registered as charity in October 1992 deriving many advantages. We are affiliated members of the British Hindu Forum (BHF) and National Council for Voluntary Organisation (NCVO). We have over 150 families and members.

**BAL BUDHHI VIDYA DEHU MOHI HAR HU KALESH VIKAR.
UNITY IS OUR STRENGTH.**

For the Management Committee,
Natubhai Somabhai Patel- Secretary
Mobile: 07504 536293.

Mandhata Youth & Community Association Report for 2018 – 19



2018 – 19 MYCA Committee Members

Namaste Brothers and Sisters,

This is the report for Wembley Mandhata's activities over the past year, from June 2018 onwards, not in any particular order and the emphasis is on the roles our committees and sub-committees play and other ongoing activities.

2018 AGM: We did not acquire a volunteer for the role of Vice President and filled just 12 of the 20 places available for committee members.

Yoga Group: Meets once a week and is self run within the community, it was self starting and has attracted a number of members.

Badminton is played in the evenings there in over 50s group and a ladies group playing weekly. Our volleyball players occasionally have practice sessions in our hall.

Over the year some of our ladies did fund raising work, the first was a sponsored keep fit challenge day involving five activities run one after the other : aerobics, salsa, zumba, circuit training and pilates/yoga. Phew! Makes you sweat just thinking about it! A number of members we don't see regularly turned up which was refreshing, maybe we should do this annually?

Mahila Mandal : Ladies organised the food bank collection over the Navratri period at the hall, staged a winter warmer event one Sunday in February to get people out from their warm homes to socialise and get some warm food. They also had a fund raiser for St. Luke's Hospice, by selling tickets for a night out at a local restaurant.

A knitting club which started earlier this year and meets weekly/fortnightly when time permits. They have been knitting baby blankets which have been distributed to the African subcontinent. This has also attracted interest from people who wish to learn how to knit.

There was a wellbeing day arranged where three speakers were invited to talk about - aches and pains (like arthritis), mindfulness, and one about dementia – all spoke on how to combat the issues it was well attended, exceeding our expectations – the promise of a lunch may have had great appeal for some! The first 2 speakers were from the NHS, and they all volunteered their time for free.

As well as fund raising and organising social events, we also rely on Mahila Mandal and their team of helpers to cook meals not just for religious events but also for the occasional community gatherings. They are a key unit in bringing in and encouraging members to volunteer their help.

SHREE MANDHATA HITWARDHAK SAMAJ LOUGHBOROUGH

Reflecting back on last years Pragati it became apparent that it is not only Loughborough that was struggling with participation within the Samaj. Although worrying and slightly frustrating Loughborough is able to take great heart in the fact it has a young and vibrant committee; led by our President Pravin and Vice President Rajshri.

The previous fours years under their leadership has seen a great upturn in the fortunes of our Samaj.

From having just our annual AGM, Navratri celebrations and taking part in Sports Festival; Loughborough had no other events within our calendar.

Now fast forward four years, Loughborough can boast of an increase in membership, participation, attendance and events.

The calendar is now far from bare and a variety of events have been introduced to cater to all tastes.

Summer Trip – Southport:

On Sat 7th July we had our third annual Samaj trip and all 56 day-trippers were extremely delighted and enthusiastic to spend the day at the seaside! The weather was hot and sunny and on arriving, we soon discovered the Royal Air Force was putting on their Annual Air Show. With quick thinking and reorganisation, it was decided to let everyone enjoy Southport town, experience the sights, shops and even some samphire picking for the lucky ones who walked a few miles!

And then to our next stop...[Crosby Beach](#) for some sun, sea and sand. Everyone on the trip was brilliant. There was also some lovely singing both there and back; Bajaan, Hindi songs from the past and present... **A lovely trip down the memory lane.**

AMSUK Sports Festival 2018:

We took just under 40 participants which was amazing for our small town and an achievement in comparison to the years gone by. Everyone made it through to the semi's and/or finals, the red army could be seen everywhere! We collected a total of 7 trophies from the weekend.



SHREE MANDHATA HITWARDHAK SAMAJ LOUGHBOROUGH contd...

Hatha Yoga:

Following requests from our members last September we were able to successfully launch our Yoga classes. The classes, which are run by qualified teacher Falguni Patel, began with an average of 12 students, we are happy to say this has been a great success and is reflected in attendance now regularly reaching 20 students.

Navratri:

Raas Garba is a hugely successful and beautiful event for our Samaj. On celebration of Jai Ambe Maa, we held our three days of Navratri on 12th/13th/14th October and we also introduced an extra day to celebrate Atham. With no exceptions the Wednesday night had even more people than expected. Once again with the kindness of our community, the event was extremely exuberant, and everyone revelled in the Navratri celebration.



Diwali and Christmas Extravaganza

We held our first Diwali and Christmas celebration which was a huge success and attended by over 100 people, young and old alike. The day was filled with games for both the youth and elders, with musical chairs getting particularly competitive among the older generation!

Cooking Classes:

We will be launching cooking classes later this year for those who want to learn to cook traditional Diwali treats to modern recipes, we will have something for everyone.

Now moving to the fifth year, satisfied that Loughborough has made amends with the elders of our Samaj and giving them what they rightly deserve. Loughborough has shifted its focus to the under 12s, we have identified they are key to our survival as a Samaj. The results will not be seen for a number of years nevertheless it is the work that we put in now that matters.



Loughborough openly admits its errors and accepts its responsibilities that like many other towns and AMSUK itself we have failed our missing generations. Upon reflection it is this failure that has led to the fall in members and participation mentioned last year.

Rather than give into our failings Loughborough has decided to act, by being proactive we can now reflect on these failings with a positive mentality of lessons learned.

Our next generations will be the ones to benefit and with that so will the Loughborough Samaj.

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Shree Mandhata Samaj, Dudley.

Shree Mandhata Samaj, Dudley (SMSD) is affiliated to The Association of Mandhata Samaj UK, (AMSUK), charity registration No. 1055169, representing the Mandhata Community (Samaj) in the UK.

Shree Mandhata Samaj, Dudley aims are to foster unity, promote social welfare and preserve the social, cultural and religious values of the Mandhata Community by supporting the activities of Shree Mandhata Samaj at the local and national level.

Shree Mandhata Samaj, Dudley in collaboration with the Association of Mandhata Samaj UK has had the privilege to host the following events in the past;

- AMSUK Sports Festival Events in; Brierley Hill, Dudley, Tipton and Walsall.
- AMSUK AGM/Samellan Events in Dudley.
- AMSUK Matrimonial Get-together in Dudley.

Since no other AMSUK affiliated town had come forward to host the 2017 AMSUK Sports Festival Event, Shree Mandhata Samaj, Dudley volunteered to maintain continuity and host the Event.

Shree Mandhata Samaj Community in Dudley also supports social, cultural and religious activities organised by Shree Gujarati Hindu Centre, Shree Krishna Mandir in Dudley. These include celebration of; Republic Day and Independence Day of India, Mahashivratri, Holi, Ramnavmi, Hanuman Jayanti, Gayatri Jayanti, Janmastmi, Satyanarayan Katha, Shiv Yagna, Ganesh Chaturthi, Navratri, Diwali & New Year, Jalaram Jayanti, etc.

We sincerely thank all the members of Shree Mandhata Samaj Community for their continued support and contributions.

Dahyabhai K Patel
President

Hasmukh S Patel
Co-ordinator

Pravin C Patel
Co-ordinator

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SHREE MANDHATA SAMAJ WOLVERHAMPTON

Jai Shree Krishna



Shree Mandhata Samaj Wolverhampton was established in the 1970's with the aim to serve the local Koli community of Wolverhampton. The Samaj worked under the umbrella of our parent organisation "The Association of Mandhata Samaj UK". As an affiliated organisation of AMSUK we have been supporting and participating in all the events organised by them. In the past few years the members have declined for various reasons but we still remain active and aim to carry our Samaj forward for as long as we can.

Our New President Roshniben is a very active member in the community and manages to arrange various activities throughout the year. Roshniben successfully resurrected the AMSUK Women's Forum and has organised awareness events that have been very informative and interesting to our community. Our aim is to raise awareness of our Samaj by organising events throughout the year to raise funds. These funds support charities nationally and internationally. The events are normally hosted jointly with Lions Club International (Handsworth). This alliance helps us to organise Eye Camps and Medical Clinics in our Gams in India.

Our annual New Years Eve Party is well attended by family and friends who enjoy seeing the New Year in with a BANG!!!! It is good to see this and we hope to continue with this event in years to come.

Forthcoming Events: Shakuntala "A Hindi Play" on 2nd November 2019 and New Year's Eve Party.



Top Row: Serju, Chimabhai, KanuBhai, Babubhai (BV), Dineshbhai Patel
Front Row: Indiraben, Uma, Roshniben, Champaben , Vaishaliben Patel

Shree Mandhata Samaj Walsall, M.B.C. Report for 2018-19



Jagubhai N Patel
Secretary

Seniors	WM Youth
President: Gulabbhai C. Patel.	President: Rina Patel.
Vice President: Arvindbhai G. Patel.	Vice President: Darshana Dookhy.
Secretary: Jagubhai N Patel.	Secretary: Mala Patel
Vice Secretary: Morarji B Patel.	Treasurer: Nita Patel.
Treasurer: Kantilal N Patel.	Vice Treasurer: Chetan Patel
Vice Treasurer: Darshana Dookhy	



Rina Patel
Youth President

Shree Mandhata Samaj Walsall are delighted to present the dates of the actives conducted by the committee. All effort is put in conducting these events with enthusiasm, jointly with the youth committee, consisting of all ages. This strengthens the society, encouraging the younger people of the community to join in. We welcome all with passion and love.

20th June 2018: Weston Super Mare

The yearly seaside trip was at Weston Super Mare. Both coaches were full, we have overwhelming interest as always for the trip. Everyone enjoyed themselves and the weather was fantastic.

23rd September 2018: Walsall's AGM

The AMG (held every 2 years) was held with the youth committee, where we always have a numerous amount of Samaj people from the public attend. It was held at Shree Ram Mandir Hall and was very successful. There were no changes in the executive committee.

WMY appointed a new Secretary to the executive committee and had more join people on the committee which was really beneficial to WMY.

After the AGM, WMY arranged for the kids, who participated in Sports Festival 2018, for a treat to have a dessert at the famous Creams Store in Walsall. The kids all enjoyed themselves and the desserts too.

18th - 19th August 2018: Sports Festival hosted by AMSUK

2018 Sports Festival was hosted by AMSUK, some of WMY committee volunteered to help AMSUK in Solihull, where the event was held. WMY contributed in helping to set up the halls, prior to the weekend event to helping register towns in the morning. Walsall came 3rd overall in the competition.

24th November 2018: Women's Forum Charity Garba Event.

The Women's Forum was re-form in 2018 and some of the ladies from WMY are part of this. They decided to have a charity garba event which was held at Shree Ram Mandir, Walsall. This was a great event were WMY committee and senior committee all assisted to arrange the hall in preparation for it. The event was a massive success where all the community gathered from all over the UK and Walsall played a massive part in this. WMY participated in organising this event in a massive way and we are very proud of this.

December 2018:

Diwali/Christmas party was cancelled after the sad news of the passing of Jayantibhai K Patel, he was part of the main committee and out of respect for the family WMY decided to cancel the party.

18th April 2019: Kids event.

A kid's event was held at the Bradford Arms Palfrey were two of the committee members prepared a quiz, games and entertainment for the kids. We provided food in the form of pizza and chips. The kids gave us feedback and they really enjoyed the event and would like more like this going forward.

10th May 2019: Mid-Year Event.

After the success of last years Bollywood event, WMY decided to hold one again this year. This was a sold out event as usual. The evening entertainment was for both the old and young, everyone enjoyed themselves. We had a live singer, food and also a raffle draw.

We are always having events, so please get in touch if you would to join the committee or come along to any of our functions.

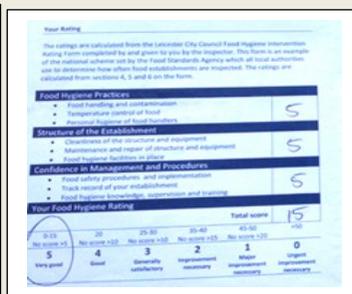
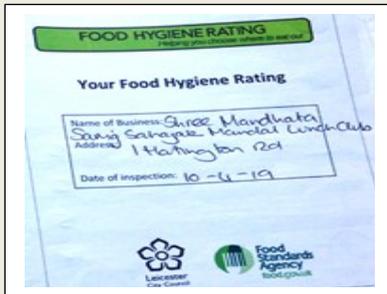
Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club

Shree Mandata Shayak Samaj, 1 Hartington Road,
Leicester, LE2 0GP – Tel: 0116 262 3648.



A small beginning:

The Leicester Senior Citizens' Luncheon Club was established in 2003 with only six members. Today, we enjoy the membership of over 320 senior citizens. The lunch club meets fortnightly every Wednesday at the Mandata Samaj, Leicester for lunch and social gathering.



The Luncheon Club kitchen has been awarded a "5 Star Rating" for the last 3 visits by Food Standard Agency of Leicester City Council. Credit of this great achievement goes to our most dedicated members of our catering and cleaning staff.

Aim and objectives:

The main aims and objectives of the club are to provide our members with services that aid their social welfare and recreation & leisure time; with a particular focus on alleviating loneliness and isolation, thereby reducing social exclusion and improving the quality of life of our senior citizens.

Events:

In addition to the fortnightly lunch event, and regular exchange visits with other luncheon clubs from around the UK, the Leicester club has organised a series of successful events, including

- Diwali party
- Easter dinner party
- Picnic at Rutland Waters
- Sea-side and 'Machar' trips



Life Centurian



Unkiben Govindbhai

There is much that is talked about and celebrated at our Day Centre. One such event of note and immense pride, was having a centenary celebration for our very own member – Mrs Unkiben Govindbhai, of Machhad, born in Karadi. The family celebrated his joyous occasion amongst her friends at the Day Centre. There were speeches made in her honour, marking this milestone and many a photograph taken. After all, there aren't many who have the privilege of posing with a 'home grown celebrity'! Unkibaa as she is fondly called, looked the perfect picture of radiance, with a beaming smile which said it all; here I am at 100 surrounded by love and laughter.



....Words of Wisdom

HOW TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS AND LIVE A HAPPY LIFE.

Many people will have read our three key Granths (books).

Ramayan:

Is a story about Dasrath parivar; his three wives Sumitra, Kaushalya, and Kaikei; Their four sons Shree Bharat, Shree Ram, Shree Laxman and Shree Satrugna.

Mahabharat:

Is a story about one hundred Kauravs and five Pandavas and Lord Krishna.

Srimad Bhagvad Gita:

Is all about Bhakti, Gnan and Karma. True words are spoken by Lord Krushna himself in the battle field to the Arjuna.

These Granths are not just for Hindus but they are for all human beings. Many people read these granths regularly and live by these granths. Mahatma Gandhi (Father of India) read **Srimad Bhagvad Gita regularly** and he found solutions to many problems he had during the India's independent struggles.

These three Granths are our treasure and we should encourage our friends and family to read them regularly. To expand our knowledge and Gyaan we should buy these books and regularly refer to them.

I am sure we too can benefit from them and live a happy satisfactory life and achieve our goals.

It is believed that Ramayan is a mirror of our lives , it truly reflects our daily life. We can say King Dasrath (Lord Ram's father) is Ved. Kaushalya (Ram's mother) is Gnankand, and Sumitra (Laxman and Satrghna's mother) is Upashana the strength of Bhakti. And Kaikei (Sri Bharat's mother) is Kriyakand.

Bhakti and love should be selfless, that is to say without ant expectation. In Bhakti and prem there should be no bargaining or business.

Many people go to the mandir and take lot of offerings, Its good that we can offer flowers, water, leaves and fruits to our gods but even more important is BHAV. Even if you are unable to take any thing to mandir one should always try and pay your respect with two hands joined together and bow your head with bhav will go a long way. God is only hungry of your Love, respect and Bhav.

In the end I would say Bhakti is a social form and our strength.

NATU PATEL,

SHREE MANDHATA SAMAJ EAST LONDON AND ESSEX

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Dahiben (Laxmiben) Hirubhai Patel

23 October 1930

11 February 1980



Hirubhai Ranchodbhai Patel

5 December 1931

4 February 2016

In loving memory of our dear departed Parents.

Father and Mother were born in **Borifalia** and **Kothamdi** respectively in the district of Navsari/Valsad India. They married in India but both passed away in the UK

In the late 1940's/ early 50's they migrated to Kenya, to join our Grandfather.

Bear in mind the journey undertaken, as by many others from our Mandhata Samaj community was in a steamer (ship), going to a foreign land across the ocean, with no concept of what to expect. Today we have Google and air travel has become child's play. Just imagine the challenges they faced.

In the mid 1950's grandfather passed away and our, father took on the responsibility of grandfather without any reservations. Over time and in the early 1960s's they established a successful business; we were blessed to have enjoyed a very good quality of life in **Thika, Kenya**.

Unfortunately, in the late 1960's there was upheaval by way of political change in Africa, where the mantra was Africa for Africans. The British Labour Government enacted draconian legislation banning British Asian passport holders from coming to the UK. In the early 1970s with a forced migration having to abandon everything and coming to the UK, enduring the hardship the challenges in a new country, one can only imagine that time having lived it. With dignity they overcame the hardship and moved on with their lives.

We remember mother as being very religious and kind always thinking about everyone, not just the immediate family, sadly she passed away very early in life. Father we remember as a generous and selfless father, who never ever mentioned anything about his generosity to friends and family, always got to know from others.

We remember and miss their kindness and inner strength which they had in abundance, very humble parents. Today we the children and grandchildren are able enjoy a very comfortable lifestyle. Least we forget our parents, our grandparents, our roots. Our past is intertwined with our future. In their memory and their gift to us, pray such values, we inherit are shared, practised and espoused, over the generations.

Jai Sri Krishna.

Ashwinbhai, Rashmibhai, Dinaben and Sangitaben

MEMORIALS

On Sunday 23rd June 2019 Shree Mandhata Samaj and Community Association East London & Essex held memorial services in respect of three of their distinguished members.

HARIVADANBHAI MISTRY

Born In Kadlavad Navasari and lived in Mumbai. Completed his education in Mumbai and developed a keen interest in sports activities. Harivadanbhai was a champion in running and other gymnastic games. He won many races and trophies. But his favourite game was a cricket. He developed a passion for cricket and established East London Cricket team in Hackney/Clapton.

His major contribution was mainly during the Navaratri Programme. Harivadanbhai talented singer, he would arrive on time every day and sing the garbas throughout the evening. He had a great faith and trust in Mataji for her support all through the Navaratri. Harivadanbhai was a very generous man and made very generous donation to our Samaj over the years. He leaves behind his wife Laxmiben, daughter Smita and son Mitesh.

Dhanjibhai G Patel

Born in Sagra and upon completing his education became a teacher. He migrated to New Zealand and then to the UK in early 1960s. He joined the post office and after many years' service he took an early retirement.

He was a leading member and helped to establish the East London Mandhata Samaj. He helped a great deal in raising funds for our premises project.

Dhanjibhai was a committee member of Association of Mandhata Samaj UK (AMSUK). The support and contributions received from Dhanjibhai over the past years will be greatly missed.

Dhanjibhai leaves behind his wife Hiravatiben and son Ramesh.

Vallabhbhai Morarbhai Patel

Born and brought up in Tavdi. After graduation he became a teacher in Gujarat.

He came to the UK in early 1960s and opened a post office and a shop in Dalston / Hackney area. Later he sold the Post office and opened a nursing care home in New Malden, Surrey. He was a leading member in helping to establish the East London Mandhata Samaj and continued to support our Navaratri and Diwali programmes even after moving to New Malden.

Vallabhbhai was a great supporter of any project in India. His passion was to help our Gams in Gujarat. He supported many projects in India. His latest project was a building a school in Delvada gam. He made a major contribution and lead the project from the front.

Vallabhbhai was also a committee member of the AMSUK and regularly attended their meetings and events. He also supported many of their education projects. Vallabhbhai was well respected by all.

He leaves behind his wife Dahiben, two sons and a daughter Sanalta.



Association of Mandhata Samaj UK

Established 1972 Registered Charity No. 1055169

President: Hasmukh S Patel

Hon. Secretary: Ashok R Patel

Hon. Treasurer: Dilip M Jina

If your 18+ why not become a LIFE member of

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It's only £25.00 (one off payment)

Don't delay - Join Today

Shree Mandhata Samaj UK is a community of **Koli Patels** originating from and around the areas near Navsari in Gujarat, India. Various community members had initially migrated to East Africa in the 1940/50's and had adopted the name "**Mandhata Samaj**". Subsequently, during the 1960/70's, the community members had resettled in the UK and continued with the adopted name, formed local Mandhata Samaj/ Mandals in towns they had settled in.

In 1972 the **Association of Mandhata Samaj UK (AMSUK)** was established as an umbrella organisation of the various "Koli Patel Mandhata Samaj/Mandals" in the UK. In March 1996, following acceptance of the constitution by its members, AMSUK was registered as a charity (Registration No. 1055169) with the UK Charity commission, under the provisions of section 3 of the Charities Act 1993.

AMSUK's Aims are to foster unity, promote Social welfare and preserve the
Social, Cultural and Religious values
of the Mandhata Community.

AMSUK's Mission is to develop and maintain a **Strong, Vibrant and Cohesive**
Mandhata Samaj that values
and
promotes our **Hindu faith** and **Cultural heritage**.

At present the Mandhata community in UK is estimated to be circa 7,000 families with a total of about 30,000 community members. It is one of the largest group of ethnic groups in UK. Apart UK, its ancestry in towns and villages (Gaams) in India, the Mandhata community also resides in many other towns and cities in North America, Africa, Canada, New Zealand and many other countries.

AMSUK has over one thousand members spread across fifteen (15) affiliated towns in the UK including; Bolton, Bradford, Birmingham, Bilston, Dudley, Preston, East London and Essex, Leicester, Loughborough, Luton, Walsall, West Bromwich, Wembley, Wolverhampton and Coventry. However, there are affiliated individual members living in many other towns in the UK, such as; Manchester, Stalybridge, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Rugby, Peterborough, etc.



Association of Mandhata Samaj UK

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APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

The Association of Mandhata Samaj UK (AMSUK) is a registered charity established to promote social welfare of the Mandhata Hindu community. Individuals, over the age of 18 years, from the Mandhata community are eligible to become Life or Annual members in accordance with Clause 7 of the AMSUK Constitution.

Such Individuals, therefore, wishing to become members of the AMSUK, shall duly complete the below Admission Form and submit the same together with the required subscription fee to the AMSUK Secretary.

I wish to become a member of the AMSUK.

If accepted, I shall abide by the AMSUK Constitution and its objectives.

Title: First & Middle Names:

Surname: Signature:

Address (No. & Street Name):

Town:County: Post Code:

Home Tel. No.: Mobile No.

E Mail address:

Village in India:

I enclose a cheque for; (Please tick in box as appropriate)

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