

SHREE MANDHATA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION EAST  
LONDON AND ESSEX (SMYCA)

Report on how the COVID-19 Pandemic has affected our  
Community Members and how we have been dealing with it.

1. We have cancelled all our regular activities for 2020 as follows:  
Annual General Meeting  
Committee meetings etc  
Summer outings  
Navaratri programs  
Diwali program  
Gujarati classes
2. We have been sending out regular e-mails and keeping many of our members informed about the COVID-19 virus.
3. We have also been communicating with our members through telephone calls and WhatsApp.
4. Gujarati classes: since the lockdown in March 2020, I have been in close contact with all my Gujarati students and sending them weekly Gujarati lessons and providing necessary support.
5. I will need to think about restarting the Gujarati classes as of September 2020. These classes are held at VHP Ilford Hindu Centre weekly on Saturday in Ilford.

Thank you  
Natu Patel  
Hon. Secretary

## FURTHER UPDATES ON FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2020

We are very sad to report that we have lost 3 members recently from East London and Essex affiliated branch.

1. Ratilalbai Morabhai Patel Ilford from Viraval
2. Laxmiben Maganlal Patel Upton Park Majyapore
3. Kashiben Dayalbai Patel Newbury Park Ilford Kasbapore:  
We have been using zoom media to hold daily prayers and bhajan for Kashiben. We had a good participations from the UK as well as Nairobi, India and Newzealand.

Also the funeral and 12/13 ni vidhi were put on live stream using the zoom.