

Shree Jalaram Mandir - Greenford

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Jay Jalaram.

The year 2016 has been a very exciting and challenging year for the Mandir as various events have taken place which will shape the future of our Mandir.

With Bapa's blessings the Mandir was relocated to Perivale on 17th April 2016 and we are pleased to report that since the day we moved, our Daily Sadavrat and all other activities have continued seamlessly. Our weekly serving of food to the homeless people in central London and our support to the food banks has been continued. The Eye and Dental Camps sponsored by our devotees are regularly conducted in India under the banner of our Mandir.

The Board has embarked on the challenge of raising funds for the Mandir and the Community Centre. Our appeal for the fund has been generously responded. To achieve this mammoth task, we are honoured to have the joint role of president to lead the Board of Trustees.

The Mandir at Greenford is now demolished, the planning permissions are in place and the tender documents for the new Mandir will be sent out shortly. With Bapa's blessings, we will move back to the new Mandir, which will be approximately 12,000 square feet in footprint, eco-friendly 21st century building meeting the needs of the devotees and the community at large. The Bhumi Poojan conducted on Sunday 4 December 2016, marks the beginning of the new phase of the Mandir at the Greenford site.

All major Hindu Festivals were successfully celebrated at Perivale. We have raised substantial funds through Charity show of a Gujarati play and Sponsored Walk. Similarly Bapa's Youth have contributed to the fund through two very successful events this year to raise funds for the Mandir. We are proud of our youths for taking an active role and working alongside the Board of Trustees in the fundraising of the Mandir.

Such a huge task of running a Mandir and organising so many functions and festivals can only be possible when there is team work. This team comprises of our two Pujaris, the volunteers and the staff who through hard work and dedication make every event a success.

We would like to thank our fellow trustees for their hard work and commitment to help us achieve Bapa's vision. We take this opportunity of wishing everyone a Happy New Year and Best Wishes for 2017.

Cllr. Rajnibhai C Khiroya and Rashmibhai Chatwani

APPEAL FOR THE BUILDING FUND BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

As most of you are aware, the majority of the present Board have been acting as Trustees since 2008 and there was a clear promise given that there would be no appeal for funds until the new Mandir was going to be built.

The Board has been quite successful in collecting a substantial amount of monies and has also received a substantial amount of pledges towards the building fund.

There will still be funds required to complete the new Mandir and, on behalf of the present Board, we as Joint Presidents are making an appeal to all of you to please kindly contribute whatever amount you can towards the building fund for the New Mandir and the Community Centre.

No amount is too small and all contributions are greatly appreciated.

Snap Shots of Events - Shree Jalaram Mandir Greenford



- The Mandir moved from Greenford to Perivale on Sunday 17th April 2016 on a temporary basis for two years. It was the Board's desire to continue with the Mandir's activities un-interrupted which has thankfully been fulfilled with Bapa's grace. We are lucky to have a large Dining Hall where our Daily Sadavrat Activity has continued (01).
- The Prayer Hall too, is spacious and has adequate sitting facility (02).
- In the month of June, we were blessed with divine presence of Swami Shree Madhavpriyadasji of Swaminarayan Gurukul Sansthan and Taiwanese Buddhist Master Hai Tao (03) who both by their brief but erudite address impressed the congregation.
- Bapa's Youth Group took the initiative and started with Children's Bhajan Classes which are conducted on alternate Sunday mornings by Akhil (04).
- Two Bhagwat Saptahs were conducted in a short span of two months by our learned priests Palkeshbhai and Piyushbhai. Both were a great success (05 & 06).



- We were privileged to listen to a very renowned Bhajan artist Yogeshpuri Goswami whose family has served at Bapa's Virpur Mandir for many years (07).
- Bapa's Youth organised a fun-filled Summer Fun Day, introduced to many of us the unique experience of Fire-Walk (08), raising handsome amount for the New Building Fund.
- The fund was further boosted by an almost Full House of The Watersmeet Theatre where Gujarati Play – Be Be Wife Pan Ekaj Life was staged (09).
- This was followed up with a Charity Sponsored Walk along the scenic route of Great Western Canal (10) where in about 125 participants took part all collecting for the New Building Fund (10).
- A thought provoking Raw Food Seminar was organised for the ladies of the JAC (11) who had to rest their customary culinary skills and adopt the laudable method of healthy serving.
- Following the old adage that 'Every Drop Goes to Make an Ocean', donation boxes have been distributed to the Devotees' families and Business premises to collect coins and small change. This has made everyone feel involved in the mammoth task of collecting funds for the New Mandir (12).



Editorial Board

Dr. Jayu Morjaria, Amritbhai Rajani, Kishorbhai Ghelani



- Apart from Sadavrat, our community services of serving Food to the Homeless and needy in Central London twice a week has continued as before (13).
- A Mini-Medical Camp was organised at the Mandir: 200 people had check- up for Diabetes & Hypertension; 16 people were given Flu-jabs (14).
- Shravan Maas saw increase in number of devotees coming for Shiv Pooja and Abhishek. Chaitri Navratri was celebrated as routine. More than 40 couples participated in Chopada Poojan (15);
- Devotees brought their offerings throughout the day for Annakuta on New Year's Day and Jalaram Jayanti.
- The latter was celebrated on Monday the 7th of November 2016. The Mandir remained busy throughout the day and large number of devotees witnessed the evening special programme, cake-cutting and Bhajans. A play based on the philosophy of Bhagvad Gita was aptly presented and very well received by the audience (17 & 18). Rohiniben's Bhajans held the audience through late in the evening. Tulsi Vivah was celebrated in style with Lagna-Gito galore.



RAMA - SHREE JALARM MANDIR GREENFORD

FINANCIAL SUMMARY - JANUARY 2014 TO 31 OCTOBER 2016 - Dated 25.11.2016

PERIOD ENDED	NOTES	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	SURPLUS (SHORTFALL)	CUMMULATIVE
Total C/F					£1,071,035
31-Dec-14	1	£677,531	£389,713	£287,818	£1,358,853
31-Dec-15	1	£1,070,978	£544,543	£526,435	£1,885,288
31-Oct-16	2	£1,011,974	£528,660	£483,314	£2,368,602
TOTAL NOTES		£6,627,045	£4,258,443	£2,368,602	

1. As per Accounts filed with The Charity Commission UK.
2. Unaudited Draft Management Report
3. Building Fund Donations Recd. till 6 Nov. = **£ 950,469.**
4. Total Cash at Bank at 23 November 2016 = **£ 2,131,627**

EYE, DENTAL CAMPS & OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES RENDERED IN GUJARAT BY THE MANDIR

- Since August 2012 to date, a total of 255 Eye Camps have been organised where in 49,000 patients were seen; of these 7247 had Gift of Sight through Cataract Operation and over 38,000 patients had eye drops.
- Since June 2013 to date, a total of 127 Dental Camps have been organised where in 11,354 patients were seen, 5620 teeth extracted and 725 sets of dentures were given free of cost.
- Water Coolers and Water Filters have been installed in 13 schools and 3 Temples.
- Mandir has through Akshaya Patra Foundation adopted a school of 250 children - feeding them for the past three years and given bursary to a number of Girls for their High School Education.
- Weekly Batuk Bhojan at Charakhadi attracts over three hundred children every Thursday.

Shree Jalaram Mandir - Greenford Pays Tribute to its Ardent Devotees and Volunteers

**Your life is a Beautiful Memory,
Your Absence a Silent Grief,
You are Unseen, Unheard but Always Near,
Still Loved, Still Missed and Very Dear.
May Bapa Bless and Keep You in His Care**



Shri Shantilalbhair Popat



Shri Arvindbhai Ruparelia



Shri Nathubhai Patel





BHOOMI POOJAN AT GREENFORD MANDIR SITE

With our Mandir in existence at Greenford for over a decade and a half, the site was already consecrated. It was further blessed with a ritual Bhoomi Poojan conducted on a very auspicious day of Magsar Sud Pancham (Sunday the 4th of December 2016). The chanting of Vedic Mantras by both our Mandir Pujaris Piyushbhai and Palkeshbhai enthralled the audience of over 200 consisting of devotees, religious, political and community leaders. The Yajman Parivar of Shri Dhirubhai Devji Mulji Sangani performed the Pooja with total devotion. Positive vibes filled the air as the Sun God blessed the ceremony by His continued presence. Everyone present had the opportunity to sprinkle the ground with sacred waters followed by Bhojan Prasad at Perivale Mandir.



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