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Activities

Objects: 1. TO ADVANCE THE HINDU (SANATANA DHARMA) FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TENETS AND DOCTRINES OF VEDIC DHARMA FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN LONDON, SURREY AND THROUGHOUT ENGLAND AND WALES, MAINLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY MEANS OF PROVIDING:·SYSTEMATIC TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE.·FACILITATING THE PRODUCTION AND/OR DISTRIBUTION OF PUBLICATIONS FURTHERING VEDIC DHARMA.·EDUCATIONAL SPIRITUAL TOURS TO THE HOLY PLACES OF VEDIC INDIA AND VEDIC PLACES ESTABLISHED OUTSIDE INDIA.2. THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY IN, PRIMARILY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, IN LONDON BY PROVIDING, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, FOOD PACKAGES TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED AND/OR CHARITIES, OR OTHER ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PREVENT OR RELIEVE POVERTY.?

Activities: To advance the Hindu faith in accordance with Vedic Dharma for the public benefit by means of providing training and education in spiritual knowledge and Facilitating the production/distribution of publications furthering Vedic Dharma. To participate in cow protection projects in line with Vedic practiceTo participate in the development, preservation and maintenance of Hindu and Vedic temples.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- India
- Sri Lanka
- Bexley
- Bromley
- Croydon
- Kingston Upon Thames
- Lambeth
- Surrey
- Sutton
- Wandsworth

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£463,702	£402,285	-	-
2023-12-31	£413,420	£362,414	-	-
2022-12-31	£273,497	£417,333	-	-
2021-12-31	£451,471	£224,050	-	-
2020-12-31	£36,286	£29,770	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian Lynch	Chair	2019-06-24
Bhavesh Jhaveri		2025-03-10
Dipti Mohanty		2025-03-28
Ghanashyam Master		2022-02-12
KATHRYN RENNIE		2019-06-24
Nabhi Das		2025-03-10
Parth Malde		2019-02-07
Rajiv Dama		2022-06-18

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 2024

Introduction:

As Chair of the Board of Trustees of LIVE, I am pleased to present the Trustee's Report for the year ending 31st December 2024. The report provides an overview of the charity's activities, achievements, and financial performance during the past year.

Overview of Activities:

During the year, LIVE, Goverdhan Institute for Vedic Education ("GIVE"), Dwipa Institute of Vedic Education ("DIVE") have continued to make a positive impact in the communities by running our activities effectively in the UK and Bharat (India) as well as welfare activities in Sri Lanka. Our dedicated team of volunteers and staff have worked tirelessly to deliver on our mission and objectives. Our motto is to advance the Hindu faith (Sanatan Dharma) to educate and propagate Vedic knowledge to children and the community at large with excellence

Key Achievements:

We have organised regular events at the Mandir including some large ones. Full report by Sachin, who runs the Mandir with a team of dedicated volunteers, is attached. We worked in collaboration with other sansthas too and held Holi, Diwali, Rath yatra and a very enjoyable 7 day Bhagavat Katha. Ganesh dada's murti was installed and we have plans to install four more Murtis in 2025/6. We invited many speakers to the Mandir and also organised visits to other Mandirs and interesting places. The Mandir organised Janmastmi in Grove park for the first time ever. This was a milestone as no other organisation has done this in South London. We have attracted many other communities to the Mandir and successfully held pujas, bhajans, kirtans, satsangs and pravachans.

We have organised donations and donated food to local food banks. Our ever popular school visits continued. In 2024 Nabhinandan Das and Jayantiben visited nearly 200 schools and a large number of children came to Mandir to learn about Hinduism.

Additionally our focus in India and Sri Lanka continues. Over 300 gopis are being educated, over 30 water pumps have been installed and the plan is to install 108 in total. LIVE has raised funds to support distribution of blankets to widows and homeless in Vrindavan.

We have organised spiritual visits to Ayodhya, Chitrakut, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Gaya, Mayapur, Puskhar, Nathdwara and Vrindavan. In January 2025 a yatra to attend the Maha Kumbha Mela for the first 3 days was also organised.

Financial Performance: A summary of the charity's financial performance, including income, expenditure, and surplus are as below. Detailed financial report is included on pages 48-49. At the monthly trustees' meeting we discuss financial performance and ensure transparency is maintained on all sources of income and how funds were allocated to support the charity's work.

The annual accounts are also examined externally by Cubed Consultancy.

Year	2024	2023
Income	£463,702	£413,420
Expense	£402,285	£362,414
Surplus	£61,418	£51,006

Governance and Compliance:

The Trustees confirm that the charity has operated in compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

We acknowledge the role of the Board of Trustees in overseeing the charity's activities, governance, and strategic direction.

Future Plans:

- Continue to plan and organise events in the Mandir and outside as well
- Install new Murtis
- Raise funds to deliver our plans

Conclusion:

In conclusion, I would like to express my gratitude to our dedicated team of trustees, staff, volunteers, donors, and supporters for their hard work and commitment to LIVE, GIVE, DIVE and Sri Lanka. Together, we have made a positive impact on the lives of those we serve, and I am confident that we will continue to achieve great things in the future.

Ashwin Soni
Chair of the Board of Trustees
18th February 2025

LIVE TRUSTEES' DETAILS

Ashwin Soni *(Chairman of the Trustees)*
Parth Malde
Kanu Priya
Rajiv Dama
Ghanashyam Master
Ian Lynch

GIVE TRUSTEES' DETAILS

Trikalajna Das
Nabhinandan & Jayanti
Priyavrat Das
Pundarik Das

DIVE TRUSTEES' DETAILS

Sanjoy Roy
Manideep Rana



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MANDIR

By Sachin Bagla, Chairman

Introduction

This report provides a short overview of the activities undertaken by the mandir throughout the past year. Our efforts have been guided by the principles of Bhakti (complete devotion), Seva (selfless service), and Vidya (lifelong learning), fostering a strong community spirit and preserving our rich cultural heritage.

The year 2024 at the Mandir was characterized by a vibrant array of cultural and spiritual activities, extensively documented through photographic records. The annual calendar commenced with the auspicious celebration of Makar Sankranti, observed with traditional reverence. The deity of Lord Ganesh, who is the transcendental son of Shiva and Parvati, was installed in 2024. Lord Ganesh, one of the most lovable personalities, is the first devata who is worshipped because he removes obstacles on our material and spiritual activities.

A significant event was the Bhagvat Saptah, a seven-day program of spiritual and philosophical discourse that consistently attracted an average daily attendance of 250 devotees. This event also featured a dedicated segment for children of the London Institute of Vedic Education (LIVE), bringing ancient narratives to life in an engaging format. The spirit of community service was prominently displayed through various charitable endeavors, including Akshya Tritiya donations, partnerships with charitable organizations for food distribution, and the provision of hot meals and food parcels to those in need within the community. The atmosphere within the Mandir was frequently enriched by the melodious renditions of Bhajans and Kirtans, with numerous sessions held, featuring both visiting bhajan ensembles from India and local groups from across the United Kingdom.

The symbolic ritual of Holika Dahan, representing the triumph over evil, preceded the joyful Holi festival. Later in the year, the Govardhan Puja facilitated a communal gathering, inviting all to participate in the Annakut offerings. The visual documentation comprehensively encapsulates a year marked by unwavering faith, strong community bonds, and adherence to tradition at the Mandir.

Major Collaborations

The Mandir actively collaborated with various Sanatan organizations throughout the year, fostering unity among Hindu communities. These partnerships included Sanatan Kutumb, SHCS, Sanskriti, and BGSM, among others.

Festivals Celebrated in 2024

The Mandir observed a comprehensive calendar of religious festivals in 2024,

including:

- New Year's Day: January 1st
- Makar Sankranti: January 14th
- Arrival of Shree Prabhu Balak Ram in Ayodhya: January 21st
- Republic Day: January 26th
- Vasant Panchami: February 14th
- Maha Shivratri: March 8th
- Gaura Purnima: March 7th
- Holi: March 25th
- Chaitra Navratri: April 9th
- Gudi Padwa, Ugadi, and Chaitri Chand: April 9th
- Ram Navmi: April 17th
- Akhand Ramayana: March 25th & 26th
- Hanuman Jayanti: April 23rd
- 108 Hanuman Chalisa: April 15th
- Akshaya Tritiya: May 10th
- Sita Navmi: May 16th
- Narasimha Chaturdashi: May 22nd
- Inauguration of Ganpati Dada 30th June
- Guru Purnima: July 21st
- Balaram Jayanti: August 19th
- Shree Krishna Janmastami: August 25th
- Ganesh Chaturthi: September 7th
- Radhastami: September 11th
- Shraddha Ceremony: October 14th
- Navaratri: October 3rd - October 11th
- Karwa Chauth: October 20th
- Diwali: November 1st
- Kartik Poornima: November 15th
- Gita Jayanti: December 11th

Regular Satsangs at the Mandir in 2024

The Mandir maintained a consistent schedule of spiritual gatherings and devotional practices throughout 2024:

- Monthly Gujarati Bhajan Sandhya: This devotional singing session was held on the first Friday of each month, featuring traditional Gujarati bhajans.
- Monthly Marathi Bhajans: These devotional singing sessions were conducted on the first Sunday of each month, focusing on Marathi spiritual hymns.
- Weekly Hanuman Chalisa: Recitations of the Hanuman Chalisa were performed every Saturday. Additionally, a special session involving 108 recitations was held once a month.
- Monthly Ganesh Bhajans: These devotional singing sessions dedicated to Lord Ganesha were held on the first Sunday of each month.
- Weekly Mahamrityunjay Jaap, Rudrashtakam, Shiv Abhishek, Shiv Chalisa, and Aarti: A comprehensive set of devotional practices dedicated to Lord Shiva, including chanting (Jaap), hymns (Rudrashtakam), ritual bathing (Shiv Abhishek), and lamp offering (Aarti), were performed every Monday.
- Weekly Sundar Kand Paath: Regular recitations of the Sundar Kand, a chapter from the Ramayana, were conducted every Tuesday.
- Weekly Sai Baba Aarti: Devotional lamp offerings and prayers dedicated to Sai Baba were held every Thursday.
- Fortnightly Bhajan and Bhojan Sandhya: This event, combining devotional singing with communal meals, was held on the second Friday of each month.
- Weekly Kartikeya Maharaj Pooja: Ritual worship dedicated to Kartikeya Maharaj was performed every Saturday evening.

Several significant special events enriched the Mandir's calendar in 2024:

Community and Devotional Gatherings and Seva

The Mandir regularly organises and hosts a variety of devotional gatherings, bringing together individuals and families to participate in spiritual practices and strengthen community bonds.

- Labhshankar Bhai Oza Discourse: A three-day discourse on Raas Panchadhyayi was delivered by Labhshankar Bhai Oza from August 29th to 31st, providing profound insights into the subject.
- Srimad Bhagwat Maha Puran Katha: A seven-day Srimad Bhagwat Katha, a comprehensive narration of the Srimad Bhagavatam, took place from October 19th to 26th, drawing an impressive average daily attendance of 250 devotees.
- Children's Engagement: A dedicated segment for children was included during the Bhagvat Saptah, bringing ancient narratives to life in an engaging format and fostering spiritual understanding from a young age.
- Bhajans and Kirtans: The atmosphere within the Mandir was frequently enriched by melodious renditions of Bhajans and Kirtans. Numerous







sessions were held throughout the year, featuring both visiting bhajan ensembles from India and local groups from across the United Kingdom.



School Visits:

The Mandir had the privilege of hosting educational visits from various institutions, including Heathfield Primary and Wallington Primary, fostering interfaith understanding and cultural exchange.

Vedanta Lectures:

Esteemed scholars such as Sundar ji, Jaya Row, and Swamini Atmaprakashanand Saraswati delivered insightful lectures on Vedanta, enriching the spiritual knowledge of attendees.











Mundan ceremony of the daughter (Ananya) of Alok and Aditi

One of the samskras mentioned in the scriptures is the cutting of the hair (Mundan) of the child. It is the first hair cutting ceremony after the birth of a child, usually done in the first, third year etc. A yajna is performed straight after the shaving of the hair of the child.





Festivals and Celebrations

We believe in celebrating our rich cultural heritage through the observance of various Hindu festivals, bringing joy and spiritual significance to our community.



Maha-Shivratri

This important festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm and pomp in the Mandir





All traditional Bharatiya festivals, such as Gudi Padwo, were also celebrated in the mandir with great pomp.

Rath Yatra Festival:

This vibrant processional festival was celebrated in Beddington Park on July 7th, extending the Mandir's reach into the wider community.





Holika Dahan and Holi:

The symbolic ritual of Holika Dahan, representing the triumph over evil, preceded the joyful Holi festival. A wonderful drama depicting the pastime of Holika Dahan was also performed by the children.





Govardhan Puja and Annakut Offerings:

The Govardhan Puja facilitated a communal gathering, inviting all to participate in the Annakut offerings, a traditional display of devotion through food.





Inauguration of Lord Ganesh

On 3rd June a wonderful festival of the inaurgaration of Lord Ganesh took place. The auspcious ceremony was performed by Acharya Nikunj Krushna Jani who specially came from Bharat for this occasion. The yajman (sponsors) of the ocassion were Nutan and Dilip Joshi. Their kind support is very much appreciated by the Mandir and the community.









Annual General Meeting (AGM):

The Annual General Meeting was conducted live at the Mandir on July 28th, providing a platform for community engagement and organizational updates.



Shree Krishna Janmastami

For the first time, this joyful festival of the appearance of Lord Krishna, approximately 5,000 years ago, was celebrated in a Park in Sutton, where many transcendental activities took place such as Abhisekh (bathing of Lord Krishna), Dahi-handi, kirtan, bhajan, dances etc.



Shradha

This is the fortnight that is also called Pitr Paksha which is dedicated to honouring and remembering our family and friends who have passed away. The Mandir organised a puja on the last day of Shradha,which is dedicated to all of the departed souls who were close to us. Pinda dan and various pujas was done on this day with the help of our priest called Dilipbhai Dave.





Diwali celebration in Wallington Girls school

A wonderful cultural celebration to honour Lord Rama was held where Nimit and his team organised an excellent dance/drama depicting the pastimes of lord Rama



Charitable Endeavors and Community Service

Seva (service) is a cornerstone of our charity. We are committed to giving back to the community and supporting those in need through various charitable initiatives.

Food Distribution and Hot Meals:

The spirit of community service was prominently displayed through various charitable endeavors, including partnerships with charitable organizations for food distribution and the provision of hot meals and food parcels to those in need within the community.



Akshya Tritiya Donations:

Significant donations were collected and distributed during the auspicious occasion of Akshya Tritiya. These food donations are sent to 2 food banks in Sutton and Purley. We are very grateful for the generosity of Mandir community which has allowed us to help the most needy across south London.



Interfaith Initiatives

Interfaith Lantern Making Workshop:

An interfaith lantern making workshop was held on 27th October which promoted unity and creativity across different faith communities.



Skanda Temple, Wales

This year again, another spiritually enlightening trip was organised to the Skanda Temple in Wales. 40 devotees joined the yatra, which was very much enjoyed by all. A trip was also organised to the wonderful Balaji Mandir in Birmingham.





Educational Initiatives

Promoting Vidya (knowledge) is integral to our mission. We offer various educational programs to deepen understanding of Hindu scriptures and traditions.



Sanskrit Classes:

New Sanskrit classes commenced at the Mandir, instructed by Aaditya Gurtu, offering opportunities for the community to learn and engage with this ancient language. Many thanks to Nutanben Joshi for introducing Aaditya to the Mandir. There is so much talent within our community and we would like to encourage more of such initiatives.



Fundraising and Outreach

To support our ongoing activities and development, we organize various fundraising initiatives and outreach programs.

Swimathon:

A swimathon was organized for both children and adults, serving as a successful fundraising initiative for the Mandir's ongoing activities and development.



Conclusion

The year has been marked by unwavering faith, strong community bonds, and adherence to tradition at the Mandir. The visual documentation comprehensively encapsulates a year of diverse activities, all aimed at upholding our foundational principles of Bhakti, Seva, and Vidya. We extend our sincere gratitude to all volunteers, devotees, and partners who have contributed to our success. We look forward to another year of spiritual growth and community service.

Financial Overview of the Mandir

(by Anil and Suraj)

- Receipts: Increased by approximately 37% compared to the previous year.
- Expenses: Rose by 28% compared to year 2023

Both, influenced in part by large-scale events such as the Bhagwat Saptah.

Description	2023	2024
Total Receipts	£62,700	£87,600
Total Expenses	£41,000	£52,400
Operating Surplus	£21,700	£35,200

Noticeable Items:

Donations received: £42,113
Surplus from Festivals and Organised Events: £4,119
Receipts from Mandir Hire: £1,552
Seva Sponsorships: £3,056

Capital Expenditures Include:

Ganeshji Murti: £1,250
Stage: £1,176
Marquee: £380
Four Additional Murtis: £1,023 (Kartikeya, Durga, Ganga and Saraswati)

A structured approach to expense management and proactive sponsorship initiatives have played a crucial role in maintaining financial stability. The Mandir has implemented a strict budgetary process for all organised events, ensuring better financial control and management. This disciplined approach was particularly evident in the successful execution of the Bhagwat Saptah, one of our most significant budgetary events so far.

Future Financial Initiatives

Recurring Donations Programme: To be launched in March 2025, with details shared across all the Mandir communication channels.

Investment Model for Stage & Marquee: In 2024, the Mandir adopted a model to invest in stage and marquee infrastructure, which is now used for our own outdoor events and made available for community rentals.

We remain committed to responsible financial stewardship, ensuring that every contribution is utilised effectively to enhance the spiritual and cultural experiences of our devotees. We appreciate your unwavering support and look forward to another year of Seva, Bhakti and Vidya.

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DURGA MAA PRAAN PRATISHTHA

followed by aarti and maha prasad.

27th September 2025 | 8 am to 12 noon

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With hearts full of reverence, we invite you to the sacred Praan Pratishtha ceremony of Durga Maa at Coulsdon Mandir.

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SCHOOLS OUTREACH

In 2024, LIVE gave presentations to schools regarding Sanatan Dharma in South London and surrounding areas and the results were as follows:

School Presentations	2024	2023
Number of schools	198	176
Assemblies in schools	281	146
Workshops in schools	27	65
School visits to the Mandir	18	8
Number of children	50,390	41,782
Number of teachers	2,524	2,220
Ram Lila dramas performed	73	67
Number of hours of presentations	184	162
Donations received	£6,474	£1,969

These presentations are very core to the mission of LIVE and they were very well received both by the children and the adults. The Ramayana dramas in particular were very popular; giving children the opportunity to dress up in the provided costumes and perform a role play of the main characters of Ramayana, including Lord Rama, Sitadevi and Hanuman. In the Spring term, we mainly presented our wonderful and colourful Holi festival demonstrating the fun aspect of religion, which also has important life lessons to learn from. Sharing our tradition with others in this way always proves to be a very meaningful and fulfilling experience.







Some of the kind feedback we have received from the schools are as follows:

Dear Nabhi,

On behalf of us all here at Crofton Junior and Infants, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your visit and the amazing assemblies that you shared with our children. They were engaging and thought-provoking and thoroughly enjoyed by all who saw them!

All the best
Rachel Jones
Crofton schools
23rd March

Hi Nabhi,

Thank you so much again for such a wonderful talk/presentation for our Year 1 children. We absolutely loved it! The children have learned a lot and they keep asking questions about Hinduism ever since.

I hope to see you again next year.
Best wishes,
Mrs Galina Agarwal
Thomson House School
17th March
Hi Nabhi,

I hope you are well. I just wanted to say a HUGE thank you for the Holi assemblies yesterday. The boys and staff thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the story behind Holi and why we celebrate it. We also loved the colour demonstration at the end! We shared lots of the photos from yesterday in our whole school assembly today and the boys/staff definitely will remember your assemblies!

I would love to get in touch with you in future for whole school assemblies relating to Hindu festivals.

Thank you again!
Mrs Bernadette Johnson
Homefield School
14th March

School programmes at the Mandir

The Mandir is open to welcome schools from the local area to come and visit. In 2024 eighteen schools visited the Mandir and were shown a presentation on Sanatana Dharma, which included the following:

- How to enter the Mandir (taking off shoes)
- Introducing them to the Deities
- Demonstration of Aarti and its purpose
- Yoga and pranayama exercises chanting Aum
- Chanting the Hare Krishna Maha-Mantra and dancing

Each child is also offered prasad (a blessed piece of fruit) which is always kindly donated by members of the community.

Aspirations for 2025 Online seminars:

- LIVE aims to visit and make presentations to 200 schools this year
- LIVE to set up a network of presenters of Sanatan Dharma to schools
- LIVE will continue to attempt to draft a book which can be distributed to school children about the basic principles of Sanatana Dharma



Case study of a wonderful boy, Riyansh

During the covid lockdown which began in March 2020, LIVE started zoom sessions on Sanatan Dharma.

At that time a young boy named Riyansh,from Hyderabad, Bharat, aged 7, together with his mother, Swaathi, began to join the classes. We were teaching Bhagavad Gita and other scriptures. Riyansh started participating with great enthusiasm and began to learn verses from the bhagvad Gita.

Even after the end of the lockdown and to this very day, he is continuing to join the online sessions and has learnt many chapters of the Bhagavad Gita by heart. So everyday, before we start the online sessions, he joins every time and recites either chapter 2, 7, 12, 15 ets, which he has learnt by heart. In addition to this he also knows many of the various prayers that we recite and he has memorised many Bhajans, some of which are very long and complex such as the Jaganathastakam.

His enthusiasm, together with the wonderful encouragement given by his mother, has been inspiring to all of us and we pray to the Lord that he is able to continue in this spirit and in due course of time will be able to spread Sanatan Dharma widely.

ONLINE SEMINARS

In 2024 LIVE hosted 168 online sessions on Zoom. The table below shows the various subjects of the seminars in 2024 and 2023:

Online Satsangs in 2024				
		2024	2023	
1	Sanatan Dharma Course	83	38	49%
2	Bhagavad Gita	21	59	13%
3	Gopis/ Manjaris	21	28	13%
4	Appearance days of Lord	14	22	8%
5	Damodara Satsangs	14	19	8%
6	Ekadasi	10	10	6%
7	Holy places	5	57	3%
8	Abodes of Lord	0	4	0%
9	Brahma Samhita	0	26	0%
10	Children Sanga	0	40	0%
11	Miscellaneous	0	1	0%
12	Srimad Bhagavatam	0	24	0%
13	Yoga	0	9	0%
		168	337	100%

Sanatana Dharma course

An online course on the principles of Sanatana Dharma was again held and the following topics were presented:

- What is Sanatana dharma? / Vedic Scriptures
- Vedic conception of Time
- Ishwara (the Supreme lord)
- Jiva
- Karma and reincarnation
- The 3 modes of material nature (part 1)
- The 3 modes of material nature (part 2)
- Aspects of Godhead
- Yoga systems
- 9 processes of Bhakti
- Karma, jnana, astanga and Bhakti yoga
- 9 steps of Bhakti yoga
- Festivals
- Dasavatars
- Gods and demigods (part 1)
- Gods and demigods (part 2)
- 4 Yugas and methods of worship
- 7 mothers/Gomata
- Vedic Samskaras
- Gangamata and her route
- Ekadasi & the benefits of fasting
- Varnasrama
- Summary of Bhagavad Gita
- Temple Etiquettes & meaning/ purpose of Arati

All the hundreds of seminars are uploaded on YouTube and together with the related seminar notes, we intend to construct a Vedic library on LIVE's website (liveveda.org. uk) by the end of 2025.

GIVE 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

by Trikalajna Das

What is Goverdhan Institute for Vedic Education ("GIVE")?

The GIVE Trust aims to serve the Brajwasis("residents of Vrindavan") in all possible ways and to address the various issues faced by the Brajwasis. Serving Brajwasis is non-different from serving Radha and Krishna. In collaboration with the London Institute of Vedic Education, GIVE's objectives and aspiration are as follows:

Sponsoring Gopis (Brajwasi girls)

In 2024 GIVE has sponsored some 307 Brajwasi girls ("gopis") across Braj (which includes schools in Vrindavan, Barsana, Govardhan and Chatikara . We also have 7 students who are attending either college or University). Our main focus is to educate the students up to high school graduation.

Since we started this program in 2021 we have had a total approximately 400 students who have been supported by GIVE

We also provide basic food items and medical help to the poor Gopi families to ensure that their basic needs are met and the gopis are not prematurely married (or made to work for basic needs) so that they get at least the basic minimum education (both material as well as spiritual). GIVE provides 2 sets of school clothes and school books.

GIVE uses a detailed student selection process to ensure that the gopis that require the most help get the assistance, and also monitors the progress of students through meetings with parents, school teachers, principals on a regular basis.

Puja is one such student who lost both her parents in an accident. She is only 17 and has two brothers who are only 10 years old and 14 years old. She manages the household by herself. GIVE provides the fees as well as food, clothing and medical help for all three children. Our counsellor is also regularly in touch with her to keep guiding her in this time of challenges.



GIVE ensures that schools wherein the gopis are sponsored have the opportunity to embrace spirituality. In every school the assembly starts with chanting of the Maha Mantra. The teachers are coached to teach from books provided by us. These books include Bhagavad Gita, Nectar of Instruction, Nectar of Devotion, Science of Self Realisation, Krishna book and Chant and be Happy.

Aspirations for 2025:

- GIVE continues to encourage the students to endeavour to build a future for themselves. We provide tuitions also for the students who have never been to school so that they can be brought to the level of other children in the class. Wherever the parents are in agreement GIVE guides the student in their future careers or we guide them to find an employment of their choice. We have students pursuing careers, which include medicine, computers, teaching, government services and more.
- One of our students, Nirmal Sharma was a topper in the state of UP(Uttar Pradesh) when graduating from High School. Nirmal has completed her BachelorsDegree from Alwar University and is now pursuing to become an IAS officer.



Installation of Water Pumps and Forest Restoration

There is dire need of water in more then 500 villages of Braj as well as the Braja Mandal Parikrama. Millions of pilgrims visit the holy land of Braj which falls in the state of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. Presently we are focusing on the 84 kos Braja Mandal Parikrama . We have installed 33 hand water pumps and we have a target to install 108 hand water pumps which will benefit the pilgrims as well as the villagers and the animals.

To date GIVE has installed 103 hand pumps (70 water pumps installed in the villages in the previous years and 33 pumps on the parikrama marg in 2024 and planted more than 3000 trees in Sudevi sakhi dham, Champaklata sakhi dham , Vrindavan dham, and where necessary, in schools and colonies.



Aspirations for 2025:

- GIVE is planning to install 108 water wells on the Braj Chaurasi Kos Parikrama (Spiritual Ring Road of Braj).
- GIVE also plans to restore the pokhers (mini lakes) and wells in the villages of

Braj; if there are no pokhers or wells, we plan to build at least 4 pokhers and 4 wells in each village to ensure rain water utilization and to solve the problem of water of the villages.

- GIVE is preparing plans to develop a village such that the water & electricity supply is given to every house. The plans will include sanitation and rain water drainage.

Supporting Small Gaushalas (cowsheds)

Based on our experience, we understand that in small gaushalas (with not more than 10 cows) the cows are cared for in much better conditions as compared to big gaushalas having thousands of cows. GIVE provides feed and medical needs for these underprivileged goshallas. A network of Doctors are available as and when needed.



Aspirations for 2025:

- To maintain our assistance for these gaushalas and encourage more individuals and corporates to do the same by adopting similar goshallas.

Adopted cows

Donors also have the opportunity to donate Pure Breed Desi cows to the local poor Brajabasis or to the Goshala's run by the poor Brajabasis or to the Brahmins of Braja with respect to their ancestral scriptural guidance.

GIVE provides the opportunity to donate a cow out of one's love for cows. Purebred Desi Cows can cost from INR 70000 (approximately £700) onwards depending on the age and health of the cows.



Aspirations for 2025:

- To avail the opportunity to others to also donate cows as recommended by Garuda Purana



Ration and Food Distribution

Due to extreme poor financial conditions and many family members, some villagers find it difficult to feed their children a healthy and nutritious diet. In order to assist GIVE:

- provides basic ration kits to such families.
- sponsors food (prasad) distribution on a regular basis to school children and to the pilgrims and local residents.
- GIVE organised a large feast serving prasad to around 30000 to 50000 people on Radhastami in Barsana.
- GIVE also distributed 30000 laddus on the occasion of Lathmar Holi.
- GIVE distributed prasadam to around 2500 people (including Mahants of Temples of Vrindavan) on the Vrindavan Parikram Marg during Janmashtami
- GIVE also arranges special prasadam for blind people and widows in Braj.
- GIVE also does food distribution on special occasions/tithis (like birthdays, sraddha etc) to brahmanas/sadhus.

You are welcome to participate in these activities by contributing financially on special occasions or personally when you come to Vrindavan.







Aspirations for 2025:

- To organise monthly distribution of provisions to the needy families in Braj.
- To give opportunities to donors to participate personally when visiting Vrindavan.

Restoration of Ancient Temples/Places of Worship in Braj

GIVE's first project of renovation of Tulsi Das Bhajan Kutir was successfully completed and we now hold regular preaching programs there.

GIVE has also provided water facilities in Braj Mohan Temple of Narottama Das Thakur in Gyangudri, Vrindavan. GIVE has also renovated Uddhava Temple at Kusum Sarovar the Narasimha Temple in Govardhan at Puchari ka Lota.

With the blessings of saints of Vrindavan like Vinod Baba, Ramesh Baba, Balarama Baba, Padmanabh Goswamiji, Achyutalal Bhattaji and many others. GIVE has formed an international research team to restore the historical spiritual places in Braj. Presently, the team is working on establishing places of pastimes of Lord Chaitanya in Braj. We are also looking into the hidden treasures of Braja. There are many places where Lord Krishna performed pastimes but are not highlighted.

Aspirations for 2025:

- To bring awareness to the devotees and pilgrims of these hidden treasures as well as introducing the saintly personalities to the sincere devotees.
- We are here to guide and assist all devotees locally as well as international devotees to make their stay blissful while visiting Vrindavan.

Distribution of Blankets and Medical Assistance



GIVE has distributed around 8500 blankets over the 3 years to the poor in the Braj region. In 2024, with the help of kind sponsors, GIVE distributed over 3,000 blankets.

Due to lack of medical facilities in villages, GIVE distributes First Aid kits as well as sponsoring medical operations/ treatments of poor brajwasis/ sadhus. For example:

- a prostate cancer person was given full aid,
- a brajabasi was given eye treatment,
- International Doctors come and give their free services and





- our Doctors locally come to aid when pilgrims experience challenges.



Aspirations for 2025:

- To distribute 4,000 blankets in 2025. To provide medical aid to the local underprivileged brajabasis and to provide medical help to the pilgrims.
- To provide transportation facilities to the Widows and pregnant mothers. We are looking for a generous donor who can provide an emergency vehicle for this purpose. GIVE is supporting several widows' ashrams providing clothing, blankets, ration and medical support.



BHARAT YATRA

by Ragukul & Premika

It was our first time outside of South Africa and it was a yatra (spiritual journey) to Bharat. The yatra was amazing, mesmerising, emotional, and exponentially blissful.

Ayodhya

Our Yatra started in Ayodhya (flying in to the new airport).



We had the opportunity to take darshan of the exquisite Ram mandir and the Ram Lalla murti (a few times). We had memorable moments at Dashrath Mahal,





Hanuman garhi, Sita rasoi, Suryakund, Kanak Bhavan, a celestial palace gifted to Sitadevi by Kaikey ma. We bathed at Gupta Ghat in the Saryu River, observing the Arati there.

Chitrakoot

Our stay was at Ram Ghat on the banks of the Mandakini, where we bathed and also took a boat ride. We visited Hanuman Dhara in Chitrakoot. It's a soothing place for the soul. We visited Sati Anusuyadevi ashram, Gupta Godavari Mandir where Ganga flows washing the market streets.



Varanasi/Benares

A city of splendour and colour where desires are fulfilled. A city with the most famous of Shivlings, the Kashi Vishwanath Mandir, and one of the main 12 Jyotirlings. Thousands of pilgrims come to this city daily. The evening Ganga arti is magical. There are 18 ghats along the Ganga at Varanasi and they can be visited in a boat.



Gaya

We performed the pindaan ceremony for our ancestors at the Vishnupada mandir, where there is also a very ancient tree going back to Rama's time. Our visit also included the temple in Bodh Gaya, a very important tirth for the Buddhists and the place of the Bodh tree where Gautam Buddha sat under.

Mayapur

Mayapur is the transcendental birth place of Lord Gauranga (Chaitanya). An important city that has shaped the whole world with spiritual knowledge. The ISKCON complex with upcoming TOVP building is most iconic in the area. Deities



are so large and beautiful in Mayapur. You can take darshan to your heart's content. We especially enjoyed darshan of Sri Sri Radha Madhav with the eight gopis.

Jaipur

Jaipur ,known as the pink city, is the home of Sri Radha Krishna(Govind), the original deities from Vrindavan. There are many other temples in Jaipur with the murtis brought from Vrindavan due to the Mogul invasion of Vrindavan. We enjoyed the most soul stirring kirtan in Jaipur.

Pushkar

This place is famous for the only temple in the world for Lord Brahma which is located on the banks of a beautiful lake known as Pushkar Lake.



Nathdwara

This city has the famous temple of Lord Krishna as Srinathji with his left hand up as if holding Goverdhan Hill. It is said that Srinathji was brought to Nathdwara from Goverdhan.

Vrindavan

Words can't explain or express Vrindavan. There is a spiritual joy and beauty in this place. There are so many places linked to Lord Krishna in Vrindavan and some of them that we visited are :

Shri Banke Bihari mandir: A colourful mandir known for granting wishes. A striking deity of Sri Krishna .

Sri Krishna Balaram mandir: It's one of our most favourite Mandirs. This ISKCON Mandir feels so joyful. The transcendental Yamuna flows through this beautiful town. The spiritual joy this place offers is a great blessing. Vrindavan has so many temples that you can spend a few days just visiting them.

Udaipur

We visited the beautiful Jagdish mandir in Udaipur. The city is known for the Lake Palace and it has many beautiful lakes

Barsana: Situated high on top of a hill, this Mandir is one of the most magnificent Mandirs. Radharani spent Her youth in this palace.

Goverdhan: We were blessed to do the 21 km parikam of Goverdhan by foot. It took us nearly 7 hours but it was well worth it. We ended up in the most blissful Radhakund and a snan in Radhakund and Shyamkund took all our tiredness away. This was the highlight of the yatra and it was beyond our dreams.

We enjoyed every bit of the Bharat Yatra.





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Whole 5 week Yatra	£3,300



KUMBHA MELA

By Kalpana Sharma

It gives me a great pleasure to write about my recent 2 week yatra to Bharat with the focus on the pilgrimage the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj which happened after 144 years.

Mayapur

With our fellow pilgrims our first stop was a visit to Mayapur. I was fascinated as I never imagined in my life that I would ever visit Mayapur. In the next 3 days that we were there we visited a Goshala housing several hundred cows, (where all the cows had regular health checkups and their products have been used in the Goshala and outside), Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's birthplace, Goverdhan Parvat, Radha Kund, Shyam Kund (I thought these places can only to be seen in Vrindavan), Srinivas Angan, a Ganga boat ride (I did not know that I will be able to do that in Mayapur because I had never imagined Ganga goes that far), Godrum Dvip and Nrsimha Pali. In Mayapur a huge temple complex is being developed with a planetarium.





Ganga Sagar

After a short stay at Kolkata (where we visited Dakshineshwar temple and Kali Ghat Mandir) we headed for Ganga Sagar, where Ganga reaches Her final destination flowing into the Bay of Bengal. Ganga Sagar was very pleasant with the forthcoming event of Makar Sankranti and Ganga Sagar Mela to happen in a few days time. We did a puja for the ancestors on the shore of Ganga Sagar and also had a dip in Ganga Sagar and visited Kapil Muni's Ashram.





Jaganath Puri

Next stop was Jaganath Puri where we visited the Jaganath Temple and its Complex and we had the famous Jaganath Prasad. Other places we visited in Puri were Nrshima Temple, Siddha Bakul and Tota Gopinath Temple. The next day we visited Konark, the Sun Temple, following which we left for Bhubaneswar and visited Ling Raj Mandir and the ISKCON Temple.

Ayodhya

After Puri, we flew to Ayodhya and visited the Ram Mandir. I had visited Ayodhya before and this new Mandir complex was built recently and it gave me great pleasure to see all the development and all the improvements going on. The next day we visited Hanuman Garhi , Kanak Bhavan, Sita Rasoi, Saryu Ghat and the Lata Mangeshwar Chok displaying a huge Vina. As this was the one year anniversary of the Mandir inauguration a special procession was going on conducted by RSS members and the atmosphere was electric. The next day we visited Gupt Ghat temple which is where Bhagwan Ram took Jal Samadhi and in that Temple Bhagwan Ram and Laxman, are without their bow and arrow.

Prayajraj (for the Maha Kumbh Mela)

The highlight of our yatra. We were planning to be in Prayagraj on the 13th January, a day before Makar Sankranti, which was the first main day for amrit snan (bathing) for the Maha Kumbh Mela. Our plan was to arrive at the hotel by

1:30 pm. But because of a 10km barricade around the sangam we had to leave the Minibus in a designated car park from where police arranged for us to go in an electric bus and then 2 rickshaws before reaching the hotel around 4pm. The hotel had sent a couple of assistants to help us get to the hotel.

We decided to make our way to the sangam for a snan. Originally we went to a ghat to take a boat but police had stopped all boats after 5pm so we all started to walk the 9km route to the sangam. The whole route was organised so well with guidance from the hundreds of police. There were thousands of yatris at the sangam, some sleeping for an early morning snan the next day. We all had such a divine snan and then headed back to the hotel walking again the 9km arriving at the hotel at 11.30pm. Everyone was walking on cloud 9 due to having been blessed to have had a snan.



Next day we headed to the nearby boat club to take a boat to the sangam. This was a lot easier after our endeavour the previous day. The boat ride was so pleasant and we were able to spend a long time bathing in the sangam. This was the best time of my life. Our evening was spent watching a laser show, the best way to end a perfect day. Our final day was spent visiting the camps (akharas) of various sadhus. The camps covered a 32km area.

This trip was truly memorable and has made me more spiritual and so grateful to God for allowing me such an opportunity. I would like to thank Nabhi and Jayanti. They looked after us very well. All I can say is I feel this journey has completely given me new spiritual energy.





OUR ROUTES THROUGH BHARAT IN 2024 AND 2025

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER
2024 YATRA

JANUARY 2025
MAHA KUMBH MELA YATRA




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Yamuna
DELHI
AN
Ganges
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Ghaghara
VARANASI
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MAYAPUR
KOLKATA
GANGA SAGAR
Mouths of the Ganges
Mahanadi
BHUBANESHWAR
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CROYDON FOOD DISTRIBUTION SEVA 2024

(Seva is the Sanskrit word for 'selfless service')

By Janaki Mehta

It is always an honour to say we have completed another successful year of serving vegetarian Prasad (food) to those in need. During the period of 2024, I am particularly proud to say that we managed to serve food every single month, without any interruption. In previous years, we have sometimes had some gaps in our seva due to hectic schedules however I often felt that this seva should flow as smoothly as possible and without breaks. This is only possible because of our volunteer team who are so committed and everyone has been able to support one another. When someone is not free, there are always a number of people who offer to help. For example, I was busy for several months last year and could not attend the seva, however there were always volunteers who assured me that they would manage everything and that I had nothing to worry about. Another example is that we had two incidents when we nearly had to cancel a particular seva due to unforeseen circumstances however there were always new cooks and volunteers who offered to help and ensure that the seva does not stop.
On one occasion though we could not manage a main meal, we still attended the seva and donated a large number of snacks. I think the lesson of 2024 has been 'whatever happens, just carry on!' I truly believe that something is better than nothing. Though we sometimes cannot manage an elaborate menu, showing up is

still important and we should endeavour to show up each month in some way or another for those in need.

I truly believe that this seva has been given to me by God and I feel deeply grateful for the chance to organise this monthly seva. No doubt sometimes the seva can feel overwhelming and demanding with life's other responsibilities however I always remind myself that seva is only given to us by the blessings of God. Seva means 'selfless service' and it is the greatest gift and opportunity one can receive. At the end of each seva session I feel truly happy. This is because as per Sanatan Dharma, it is the soul's nature to do seva and therefore one feels happiest when selflessly helping others. Whenever we see an opportunity for seva we need to grasp it like we would do any other benediction or boon and never let it go. While at the moment of death it is said we will leave everything behind, the one thing as per the Vedic tradition which will travel with us is our seva and good karma and therefore we need to try and do as much seva as possible.

We now serve meals to those in need one Friday each month. We have had so much positive feedback from the Nightwatch Croydon Team whom we collaborate with to organise the distributions. We also have had a lot of positive feedback from the clients who have eaten our food. On Kartik Poornima, we even lit candles with the clients of the seva and it was very special to share our festival with them. We also encourage volunteers to offer their food donations to God first so that everyone can receive prasad and the blessings of God.

With this, I invite each person to experience the bliss of serving food to others with our monthly seva. You can volunteer by:

- Donating fruits, vegetarian snacks, water and juices to those in need. You can also donate foil food containers which are used to pack the hot meals.
- Cooking a hot vegetarian meal for those in need (e.g. pasta, khichdi, sabji and rice, cous cous etc)
- Volunteering to pick up hot meals and food donations and deliver them to the seva site.
- Volunteer on the seva days by packing the food and serving it to those in need.

The one thing I love about this seva is that it is 'cashless' and no one is asked or expected to donate money – it is purely a food based seva. Food is so central to Vedic and Indian tradition that I wanted this one seva to be separate from the traditional fundraising and money based charitable activities. I wanted to organise a seva which goes right back to our roots of cooking and sharing food.



DWIPA INSTITUTE FOR VEDIC EDUCATION ("DIVE")

by Sanjoy Roy

The concept behind DIVE:

Dwipa Institute for Vedic Education ("DIVE") was formed in 2022 as a duly registered NGO by Sanjoy Roy and Manideep Rana in collaboration with the London Institute of Vedic Education and some of the objectives are as follows:

- To promote traditional education based on Vedic principles, promote concepts and curriculum of Vedic and traditional education system for the benefit of the public at large without any discrimination of caste, creed, religion or sex.
- To institute studentship, scholarships, stipends, medals, prizes etc., to help and encourage deserving students and to provide aid to students, scholars and teachers for the purpose of and towards imparting traditional Vedic education-value-moral system.
- To establish/encourage Veda-Pathasalas, Gurukulas and home schooling.





DIVE's Achievements in 2024

- Sponsored 55 students through the education system in Mayapur
- Held Vedic Classes for a group of children every 2 weeks online
- Distributed school books in collaboration with ISKCON Mayapur general manager
- Distributed food prasadam to children in Krishnagar railway station.

Case Study 1:

Last year's girls case study, as reported in the 2023 Annual Report, progress in 2024 is as follows: She secured 100% scholarship in the reputed private law college in Kolkata and is scoring top numbers in her 2nd college also with the highest marks in her department. She is a full-time devotee and is committed in serving and helping devotees and poor Hindu families with her professional qualifications in future.

Case Study 2:

Another bright student Dhruboraj from DIVE who scored above 95% in 10th Class is now preparing for NEET (exams for entrance into Medicine, which he will give in 2026. We wish him all the best. Dhruboraj is also the technical support for our online classes for DIVE. He aspires to become a doctor and help support all the poor people from his village and surrounding areas. He is a very proactive member of our group and a future hope of our DIVE.



Case Study 3:

Aradhya Majumder is aged nine and is studying in 4th standard, She lost her father three years ago and now is totally dependent on her mother, who works in a sweet shop. DIVE have extended support to her and has funded her education for last 2 years. We wish her all the very best for her future with the education and Krishna conscious life.



Aspirations for 2025

- Assist street children in Krishnanagar (nearest town to Mayapur, West Bengal): In Krishna Nagar, near the railway station, there are 30 street children (ranging the age of 4 to 12 years) who not only do not go to school but also are unable to get a decent meal every day. DIVE will in 2025 work more closely with the local volunteers to deliver regular prasad to these children.
- Medical Aid: DIVE also wants to provide medical aid to these children who are living in Shanty towns near the railway tracks.

Donations are gratefully received for our important charity work at the following account:

Dwipa Institute for Vedic Education Foundation
Account No: 922010032304318
AXIS BANK: KRISHNANAGAR
IFS CODE: UTIB0000237

UPLIFTING COMMUNITIES IN NORTHERN SRI LANKA

by Selvan

In 2024 our charity made significant strides in serving the people of Northern Sri Lanka. With a focus on compassion, community resilience, and long-term development, we delivered aid during times of crisis and laid foundations for a brighter future. These projects were made possible through the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and local partners.

Emergency Flood Relief – Supporting Families in Crisis

In mid-2024, severe flooding devastated parts of the Northern Province, leaving many rural families without essentials. - We delivered food, clean water, and groceries to over 800 families across multiple affected villages. - Our local volunteer teams ensured swift distribution, even in remote areas.



Weekly Bhagavad Gita Classes and Sunday Prasad Programs

We supported weekly online Bhagavad Gita reading classes, offering spiritual nourishment and regular engagement for local devotees. - On Sundays, prasad (sanctified meals) was provided to attendees of village programs, reinforcing community bonds and tradition.

Education Support – Afternoon School Building Extension

We extended the afternoon school building in one village, creating a shaded outdoor space. - Now, around 60 children can attend daily lessons in a more comfortable, structured environment.



Local Farm Project and Goshala Construction

We launched a local farm project with 7 cows to encourage sustainable agriculture

and dairy production. - Construction began on a goshala (cow shelter), providing a protected space for the animals and supporting traditional, ethical farming.



Women's Empowerment Day – Poonakary, Summer 2024

Organised in late summer 2024, this special event brought together around 40 girls and women for a day of education and empowerment. A local midwife delivered a health-focused lecture on women's well-being. Sanitary products were distributed to girls and women in need, addressing a crucial but often neglected issue. The event was proudly funded via GoFundMe by Hareny Nithiyananthan, with a total budget of £300.



Community and Volunteer Engagement

Our work was powered by over 100 volunteers, both local and international. - Community events, ongoing collaboration, and local leadership played a central role in delivering and sustaining all initiatives.



Looking Ahead – Our Vision for 2025

- Expand the goshala and train youth in sustainable agriculture.
- Launch a mentorship program for girls focusing on health, self-confidence, and skills development.
- Increase access to online education and spiritual learning across more villages.
- We will formalise our activities and set up a charity called Lanka Institute of Vedic Education.

Thank You To every donor, volunteer, and supporter - thank you for walking this path with us. Your support uplifts entire communities and plants seeds of change for generations to come. We look forward to another year of shared purpose and meaningful impact.

FINANCIAL REPORT

London Institute of Vedic Education, Year ended 31 December 2024

	As at 31.12.23	As at 31.12.24
Assets		
Loan to Live Temple Estates CIC	209,472	209,472
Current Assets		
Cash	18,975	40,893
Current liabilities		
Loan payable within 2 years	(84,610)	(45,110)
	143,838	205,255
Capital		
Surplus income b/f	92,832	143,838
Surplus income in the year	51,006	61,418
	143,838	205,255

Note to the accounts

The Loan of £209,472 to Live Temple Estates CIC is made in order to acquire the building at 108-112 Chipstead Valley Road, Croydon CR5 3BA, which is the place of worship known as Sanatan Centre Coulsdon.

Income & Expenditure

	Year ended 31.12.2023	Year ended 31.12.2024
Donations for DIVE Property		46,845
The Mandir	62,186	87,602
Tax rebate from HMRC	69,034	78,573
Bharat projects	213,341	137,573
Sri Lanka	5,534	29,329
International tours	59,725	77,305
Schools/Courses	3,600	6,474
Total Income	413,420	463,702

Stationary, school, DBS	981		1,714	
DIVE Property	0		46,845	
Advertising/Communication	6,394		4,166	
Bharat projects	255,161		193,775	
Sri Lanka	5,437		29,209	
Sanatan Centre Expenses	34,681		48,536	
International tours	59,133		77,305	
Legal & compliance fees	28		15	
Accountancy fees	600		720	
Other	-		-	
Total Expenses		362,414		402,285
Surplus for the year		51,006		61,418

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011, and State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was conducted in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement to the right.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention.

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

CUBED CONSULTANCY
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Cubed Consultancy Ltd
31st May 2025

Note to the accounts

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Jaganath Puri Rathyatra

Limited Spaces

Yatra to Kailash



Bharat yatras in 2026

12 July 2026 Jaganath Puri Rathyatra
and surrounding Holy places
22 July 2026 Yatra to Kailash.
Return to the Uk 6th August 2026

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on the auspicious Purnima (full moon days)

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Sanatan Dharma at the Mandir,
to pupils from Cumnor House Boys School.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name: London Institute of Vedic Education			Charity No 1184199	
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01.01.2024	To	Period end date	31.12.2024

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	463,702	-	-	463,702	413,420
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	-	-		-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	463,702	-	-	463,702	413,420
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	402,285	-	-	402,285	362,414
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	402,285	-	-	402,285	362,414
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	S13	61,418	-	-	61,418	51,006
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	61,418	-	-	61,418	51,006
Extraordinary items	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	61,418	-	-	61,418	51,006
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	143,838	-	-	143,838	92,832
Total funds carried forward	S22	205,256	-	-	205,256	143,838

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total this year £ F04	Total last year £ F05
Fixed assets						
Intangible assets	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	B02	-	-	-	-	
Heritage assets	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Stocks	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 4)	B07	209,472	-	-	209,472	209,472
Investments	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 5)	B09	40,893	-	-	40,893	18,975
Total current assets	B10	250,365	-	-	250,365	228,447
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 6)	B11	45,110	-	-	45,110	84,610
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	205,255	-	-	205,255	143,837
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	205,255	-	-	205,255	143,837
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	B14		-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	205,255	-	-	205,255	143,837
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds	B18		-		-	-
Unrestricted funds	B19	205,255		-	205,255	143,837
Revaluation reserve	B20				-	
Total funds	B21	205,255	-	-	205,255	143,837

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	IAN LYNCH	31/05/25
	PARTH MALDE	31/05/25

Section C — Notes to the accounts

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

• and with*	✓	the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
• and with*	✓	the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

• and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*	

* -Tick as appropriate

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;	
Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;	
Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.	

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { }.

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate
No*		

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;	
(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and	
(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.	

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate
No*		

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of any changes;	
(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and	
(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.	

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate
No*		

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of the prior period error;	
(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and	
(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.	

Note 3 Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	394,668	-	-	394,668	344,386
	Gift Aid	69,034	-	-	69,034	69,034
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	
	Total	463,702	-	-	463,702	413,420
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:	Interest income	-	-	-	-	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		463,702	-	-	463,702	413,420

Note 4 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

4.1 Analysis of debtors

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	209,472.0	209,472.0
Total	209,472.0	209,472.0

Please complete 19.2 where a material debtor is recoverable more than a year after the reporting date.

4.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	209,472.0	209,472.0
	-	-
Total	209,472.0	209,472.0

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 5 **Cash at bank and in hand**

	This year £	Last year £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	40,893	18,975
Other	-	-
Total	40,893	18,975

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 6 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

6.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	45,110	84,610	-	-
Total	45,110	84,610	-	-

6.2 Deferred income

Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.

Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.

This year	Last year

Movement in deferred income account

	This year £	Last year £
Balance at the start of the reporting period	-	-
Amounts added in current period	-	-
Amounts released to income from previous periods	-	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	-	-

Section C Notes to the accounts

Note 10 Details of certain items of expenditure

10.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).

	This year £	Last year £
Independent examiner's fees	720	600
Assurance services other than audit or independent examination	-	-
Tax advisory fees	-	-
Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner	-	-

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
London Institute of Vedic Education

On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1184199

Set out on pages 48 to 49 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 6/8/2025

Name: Richard Colwell

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ICAEW
Address:	CUBED Consultancy Ltd
	1 Allied Business Centre, Coldharbour Lane
	Harpenden AL5 4UT

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).
Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	NONE

LONDON INSTITUTE OF VEDIC EDUCATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1184199

Accounts

LIVE

London Institute of Vedic Education

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108 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, CR5 3BA, UK



The installation of Shiv Parvati by Sri Joshi Prashanth Sharma

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TRUSTEES REPORT FOR 2023



The Mission Statement of LIVE is "To educate and spread Vedic knowledge to children and communities at large with excellence".

In order to fulfil this mission, LIVE has continued to conduct the following activities:

- School programmes
- Children's services
- Online Zoom Seminars to adults and children
- Bhajans (devotional songs)
- Effectively run and manage the Sanatan Mandir and Community Centre in Coulsdon
- Bharat and UK yatras *(spiritual tours in India)*
- Support projects in India and Sri Lanka

LIVE serves the community in various projects, simultaneously both in the UK and abroad. We deeply recognise and are thankful to the tremendous contributions made by the dedicated volunteers running the organisation, who together with the community and our supporters, operate, sustain and improve LIVE. The work carried out has had a profound positive impact on the lives of both younger and older members in the communities we serve.

The projects supported in India *(Bharat)* include the continued sponsorship of education of the Gopis, installation of water wells, supporting Goshalas, distribution of blankets and feeding the poor. You will find further details of these projects within this Annual Report.

After the opening of The Sanatan Mandir and Community Centre in Coulsdon *(fondly called The Mandir)* in August 2022, we have been very busy organising many events and festivals in 2023, some of highlights being:

- Attendance at the 1st anniversary & Shree Krishna Janmastami and other festivals were oversubscribed.
- Satsangs at Mandir taking place every Monday, Thursday, Friday & Saturdays.
- Sign at front of hall, donors' board installed and internal lighting sorted out and improved.
- Garba event held at Lohana Hall to raise funds for the Mandir
- Diwali celebrations held at Coulsdon Community Centre in November
- Chris Philips *(MP for Croydon South)* was chief guest at Diwali event
- Holi festival held at Bansted

Community Hall with burning of Holika in March
- Gaura Nitai, Shiv Parvati and Yantra installation in June and November respectfully
- Group of Kartikeya bhaktas using the Mandir for their satsangs.
- 2nd layer of managers created for all teams and Finance team is looking at liaising with local businesses.
- Special Kartikeya Puja was held for 5 days
- Regular sponsored Hanuman Chalisas held on Saturdays
- Other religious events held were: Mata ki Chowki, Karwa Chot, Dusherra event, Ganesh Chaturthi, Jagrata, Guddi Padwa
- Many special Invited speakers
- Tulsi Vivah, held in November
- Conducted the first Vedic wedding ceremony at the Mandir
- Weekly Bharat Natyam dance lessons and also weekly table lessons held for children and adults

Many devotees regularly attend weekly sessions at the centre and it is very encouraging to see that the Mandir has begun to attract a wide range of members from the local community.

We have continued to actively support the schools in their religious curriculum and visited them or they have come to the Mandir. The schools programme is hosted by Nabhinandan Das, supported by many members of the Mandir. As a result of their zeal for sharing Vedic education, this program has been very well received by the schools and we are delighted to see the immense enthusiastic and enjoyment shown by the students.

We would like to thank Naveen Khosla for his past Chairmanship.

The Trustees are eagerly looking forward to welcoming and serving our community.

Ashwin Soni
Chairman of the Trustees

LIVE TRUSTEES' DETAILS

Ashwin Soni *(Chairman of the Trustees)*
Parth Malde
Kanu Priya
Rajiv Dama
Ghanashyam Master
Ian Lynch

GIVE TRUSTEES' DETAILS

Trikalajna Das
Nabhinandan & Jayanti
Priyavrat Das
Pundarik Das

DIVE TRUSTEES' DETAILS

Sanjoy Roy
Manideep Rana

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MANDIR

By Sachin Bagla, Chairman

The Mandir has been a resounding success in its development and engagement of the community. Below are some of the major events in 2023.

Murti Prathisthas

On Sunday 18 June 2023 the inauguration ceremony of Shree Shree Gaura Nitai took place. Gaura *(also known as Lord Chaitanya is non other than Krishna)*. He is not well known because the Lord appears as a hidden incarnation in Kali-Yuga. However, He is predicted to appear in the Vedic scriptures (especially the Puranas).

For example it is stated in the Padma Purana, the Supreme Lord states: *"I shall take birth as the son of Sachi assuming a golden form in a beautiful place on the bank of the Bhagirathi (Ganga) on the earth in the first part of Kali-yuga."* The wonderful ceremony was conducted by priest Joshi Prashanth Sharma and abhisekh (bathing) was performed of the Dieties, followed by a delicious feast.

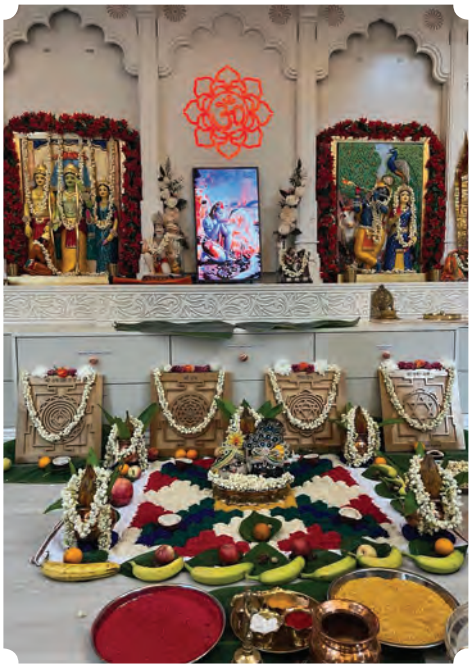








On Sunday 26 November 2023 the inauguration ceremony of Shiva Parvati took place. This auspicious occasion was witnessed by hundreds of devotees. The divine ceremony was again conducted by priest Joshi Prashanth Sharma which was followed by a delicious feast. The Murtis and whole festival was sponsored by Sudha Verma and family and Tushar Raval and family. The Mandir is very grateful to them.









On the same occasion as Shiva Parvati inauguration, 4 powerful yantras were also installed in the Mandir.

Yantras bring universal energy in order to assist the practitioners of religious practices to focus their attention on spirituality and are representations of the sound incarnation of the Lord.

The names of the Yantras are

- Shiv Yantra
- Krishna Yantra
- Ram Yantra
- Shree Yantra

This is a unique Mandir where Gaura Nitai are worshipped alongside Shiva Parvati, contributing to LIVE's aim to unite the whole Hindu community under the banner of Sanatan Dharma.



Festivals

by Sanjana Idnani

The Mandir aims to celebrate all the festivals on the Hindu calendar and this year, by the grace and mercy of the Lord, we have celebrated almost 30 festivals in 2023. This has been a brilliant way to bring the community together and bring in new members to the community too. The increased reach of our festivals has been a testament to how the Mandir is helping a much larger community, with attendance at our larger festivals being over 350+ people, and in some cases tickets were waitlisted and sales had to be stopped due to oversubscription of our events.

This year we have expanded our educational outreach with our festivals and put on more family specific events in the leadup to festivals. For example, we organised a diya making and rangoli design competition for kids to participate in. The winner was announced at our main Diwali event, which gave us an opportunity to showcase the work of our young devotees to the wider community. We also hosted a kite-making workshop for Makar Sankranti with the children.

We have also expanded our cultural programmes at festivals. This year, the children's Leela at Diwali took the form of a dance performance, which was a new and exciting way for the kids to tell this age-old story. We also saw classical performances from young devotees.

Additionally, we saw a growth in our Hanuman Chalisa chanting, with 108 Hanuman Chalisas recited to celebrate Hanuman Jayanti on the 15th April. Our special Hanuman Chalisa events have drawn more regulars to our weekly chanting, which has now become a flagship event at the Mandir.

Prasad *(blessed vegetarian food)* is served at every festival event and is always prepared by members of the devotee community, headed by Manisha Agrawal.

A full list of festivals celebrated by the Mandir in 2023 can be found below:

- New Years Day on 1st January
- Makar Sankranti on 15th January
- Vasant Panchami & Republic day on 26th January
- Maha Shivratri on 18th February
- Gaura Purnima on 7th March
- Holi on 11th March
- Chaitra Navrati on 22nd March
- Gudi Padwa on 22nd March
- Akhand Ramayana on 25th & 26th March
- Astami & Durga Puja on 29th March
- Ram Navmi on 30th March
- Hanuman Jayanti on 6th April
- 108 Hanuman Chalisa on 15th April
- Akshaya Tritya on 22nd April
- Sita Navmi on 30th April
- Nrsinga Caturdasi on 4th May
- Guru Purnima on 7th June
- Balaram Jayanti on 19th August
- Shree Krishna Janmastami on 9th September
- Ganesh Chaturthi on 19th September
- Radhastami on 23 September
- Sraddha ceremony on 14th October
- Navaratri from 15th to 22th October

- Karwa Chauth on 1st November



- Govardhan Puja on 14th November
- Diwali on 18th November









- Tulsi Vivah on 24th November



- Mata ka Jagrata on 25 November
- Gita Jayanti on 23rd December

In 2024 we look to expand our festivals list and community reach even further.





Prasad

Manisha Agrawal

A Divine Offering of Grace Prasad, in Sanatan Dharma, holds a profound significance as it represents a sacred offering bestowed by the divine to the devotee. Prasad, derived from the Sanskrit word 'Prasada,' translates to "grace" or "divine favor." It refers to the blessed food, items, or substances offered to a deity during Dharmic ceremonies or rituals.

Following the offering, these blessed items are distributed among devotees, symbolizing the divine grace and blessings received. Consuming Prasad is believed to bring spiritual, mental, and physical well-being, symbolizing the benevolence of the deity. The distribution of Prasad among devotees also promotes a sense of unity and equality. Regardless of one's social status, age, or background, everyone partakes in the same divine blessings, fostering a feeling of oneness within the community.



Offering and receiving Prasad mark the culmination of a ceremony. It is believed that the divine energizes the offerings, transforming them into a medium through which devotees can connect with the spiritual realm. Accepting Prasad with humility signifies surrendering the ego and acknowledging the divine's grace. It is a symbolic act of letting go of personal desires and recognizing a higher power at play. Prasad plays a vital role in our life. It not only strengthens the spiritual connection between the devotee and the divine but also fosters a sense of community and shared devotion.

In Coulsdon Mandir, there is a strong team of devotees for preparing and distributing prasad. This team is not limited to a few devotees, any individual with the feelings of devotion can be part of the team. Devotees considering their other commitments frequently offer to prepare prasad for our glorious festivals. This is a way to seek divine blessings and being part of the community.

Some names from the prasad team who are offering their services voluntarily are Parulji, Karunaji, Jyotiji, Dr Jyoti, Prernaji, Rituji, Kaumudiji, Anubhaji, Shilpaji, Seema Madanji, Seema Tyagiji, Rajyashreeji, Lakshmiji, Manjuji, Neelam Kumarji, Binaji, Naliniji, Nitikaji, Nupurji, Deepikaji, Diptiji, Dimpleji, Lataji.

Regular Events

Suraj Kanoo

Last year a series of regular satsangs and events were introduced into the Mandir diary. These events demonstrate the true love of devotees to the Mandir as each of these events were conceptualised by group of devotees and they take a lead in performing them on regular basis. While there are a few still in planning and finalisation phases, here is a list of current regular events that take place in the Mandir.

108 Recitation of Maha Mrityunjay Mantra: A simple, non-stop and blissful group recitation of the powerful Maha Mrityunjay Mantra takes place on every Monday between 7 pm and 8 pm. Not to miss the in person feeling of this Mantra with a meditative background music. Panchamrit Abhishek of Shiv-Ling is performed at the end of each recitation followed by Arti and Prasad.

Dance Lessons: A weekly event providing opportunity for anyone and everyone to learn the basics and master their learnings into Indian Classical Dance. The lesson takes place on Wednesdays between 5 pm and 6 pm which is run by Mandir devotee and dance teacher.

Sirdi Sai Baba Bhajans: On every Thursday between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm the Mandir becomes the place for inspiring bhajans and arti of Sirdi Sai Baba. It is an amazing experience to be part of this evening.

Bhajan and Bhojan Sandhya: What a better way to spend your Friday evening than be part of Satyanarayan Katha, going through learnings from the excerpts of our holy scriptures, amazing bhajans and a beautiful arti. This event takes place between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm every alternate Friday and followed by a lovely; and delicious prasad.

Gujrati Bhajan Sandhya: Melodious bhajans in Gujrati language is sung on first Friday evening of each month between 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm. It is another blissful experience for our devotees to be part of. The event is followed by a beautiful arti sung in Gujrati.

Hanuman Chalisa: Each Saturday morning between 10:00 am and 12:30 pm devotees feel the divine energy through singing of Hanuman Chalisas , ram dhun and bhajans. An event wherein the Mandir becomes completely full and every devotee is encouraged to take a lead in singing and the entire Mandir sings along. A truly blissful experience wherein a Laddoo is offered to Bajrang Bali at the end of each Hanuman Chalisa. The event ends with beautiful arti and delicious prasad. This event is open to devotees for sponsorship.

Bhagavad Gita Lessons: The Saturday evening between 5 pm and 6 pm the Mandir turns into a place for everyone to take a structural and simple way to learn about 'Dharma (duty)'; Karma (action); Bhakti (devotion) and Moksha (liberation).

Kartikeya Maharaj Puja: A special evening of elaborate puja, arti and bhajans of Kartikeya Maharaj takes place on every Saturday between 6:30 pm and 9:30 pm. An event that used to be performed in a different location. No doubt the positive energy and ambience of the Mandir makes it to be at its rightful home.

Shri Ganapati Morning: A beautiful and divine experience to take a dive into Ganesh Vandana, Bhajan and Arati. It takes place at 10:30 am on 1st Sunday of every month. This event is open to sponsorship and usually booked for next few months by devotees

Marathi Bhajan Sandhya: A monthly event of enjoying the blissful bhajans in Marathi. Beautifully sung bhajans are simply a blissful experience to be part of at 6:30 pm of every second Sunday of the month. The event is followed by beautiful arti sung in Marathi.

If you would like to book The Mandir for an event please contact Sachin Bagla on 07956 169356

An article on Basant panchami from a teenage devotee of the mandir:



Diya Agrawal 15 years

On 14th February, it was Basant Panchami. This festival is in the honour of goddess Sarasvati, and it marks the preparation for the arrival of spring. One way to celebrate the festival is through the Sarasvati Puja, where textbooks are laid out and blessed with the holy swastika. In the temple, we celebrated Basant Panchachi with chanting, shlokas, and singing bhajans. We followed this with a short puja and Prasad.

As a teenager, this was a unique experience full of community and joy. As a student, this festival is more significant to me as Sarasvati is the goddess of knowledge, and I desired her blessing for my upcoming exams. I had already known of the big festivals such as Diwali and Holi. However, I did not know about this festival until today, and I was enlightened with knowledge. I want to thank the temple community for bringing everyone closer to their culture, especially those who did not get the experience of it when they were younger.

Special Events

Dr Jyoti Rathod

To further our mission of Seva (Selfless Service), Bhakti (Sincere Devotion) and Vidya (Lifelong learning), the Mandir organises special events from time to time that feature talks, Q&A, well being events and community engagement events. We invite scholars, learned devotees and leaders from various fields to drive these special events. The list of events held in 2023 are listed below and we aspire to build on this momentum in 2024.

Gopi Geet Pravchan by Pandit Shukla Saheb in April 2023



1st wedding was performed at the Mandir on 4th May



2 Sadhvis (Devvaniji & Davaditiji) on International Yoga day on 14th June



Summer Fair on 24th June



A trip to Skandavale Temple was organised on 8 & 9th July, attended by 50 devotees



Sundarkand Path Ramayana on 29th July
Swami Mahamandleshwar from Haridwar on Ramayan 14th August





1st anniversary celebrations on 19th August

Pravachan by Professor Paurav Shukla on 20th August



Sponsored walk on 17th September

Rangoli and Diya workshop on 4th November
Shri Shantanu Gupta (lessons from Ramayan) 10th November



Rasheshvari Devi Pravachan on 22 and 23rd November

Why not hold your special events like:

birthday celebrations, weddings, anniversaries at the Mandir

Contact Sachin on 07956 169356



Future plans for the Mandir in 2024

We have a good agenda of improvements to make the Mandir even more practical and also welcome new Deities.

As part of the renovation programme, we aim to make multiple practical developments that include the following

Shoe rack - As we have learnt that during very busy days at the Mandir, the one shoe rack is insufficient and we need a second shoe rack near the emergency exit door to be built.

Storage space - The Mandir requires additional storage space internally and externally. The plan is to have storage space for all cushions and chairs.

Seating in temple - We aim to install permanent seating in the Mandir along the rear wall with comfortable cushions which can also double up as storage.

Announcement board - In the entrance porch, we plan to install an announcement board that will be more visible and more accessible than the current one inside the Mandir. This announcement board will have updates on all upcoming events and also allow devotees to connect with Mandir communities digitally.

Front Garden - We launched Seva garden in 2023 and it got a good start with few devotees planting flowers and looking after them. In 2024 we aim to change the front garden to make the entrance of the Mandir more welcoming and also remove waste bins from direct view by creating a purpose built parking space. There will be rendering of the visible walls, 2 raised beds on either side of the staircase with selection of evergreen and flowering plants that are low maintenance.

Deity installation - Our long term plans include to welcome new Deities to the altar where we will have Ganeshji, Durga Ji, Saraswati Ji, Narasimha Bhagwan, Kartikeya Maharaj and Hanuman ji. This will help bring the broader community together at the Mandir, which is one of our key principles to unite the Sanatan community in south London.

Mandir Seva - The Mandir does not employ a full time priest because our vision is that the community of devotees living around the Mandir will come and open the Mandir performing the arati, let guests in etc. So far the devotees from the congregation have covered most of morning and evening services. However, more volunteers are needed to assist with this rare seva opportunity to the Lordships.

Financial Plans for 2024

- Establish a membership model to allow devotees to donate on a regular (monthly) basis.
- Fund raising and sponsorships towards the plans described above:
- Seek out corporate sponsorship and fund-raising opportunities.
- Add 2 more donation machines in the Mandir which can be single tap donations for devotees, simplifying the donation process for devotees further.
- Encourage recurring monthly donations via a standing order or direct debit
- Continue to encourage sponsorship for major items of capital expenditure

Mandir Health and Safety

Bhavesh Jhaveri
(Mandir Health and Safety Officer)

Responsibility

The Trustees and the Management Committee of Mandir are accountable for the Health, Safety and Welfare of all users, devotees, volunteers and any visitors. Arrangements are in place to provide a safe place to hold events in the Mandir and ensure the safety is a priority. Guidelines are available on noticeboards, our website and through announcements. The Hirers of Mandir Facilities and contractors are given information about the Mandir's Health & Safety Policy and required to comply with the Policy and procedures.

Over the past year, good working practices, hazards and security measures are identified and implemented to ensure health and safety of everyone. These health and safety practices are regularly reviewed and actions taken, to continuously improve safety procedures and systems as appropriate.

Emergency Procedures

Mandir has established safety policies and procedures covering fire safety, emergency response, first aid provision, security and environmental measures. We have fire alarms, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, and emergency exit plans in place. We conduct regular safety audits and fire drills to test the effectiveness of emergency procedures and identify areas for improvement. First Aid Kits are available at Mandir and the accident log-book is kept adjacent to the First aid box.

Recommendations and general safety procedures

- Ensure that you take good care for the health and safety of yourself and others that may be affected by your actions.
- Ensure you are familiar with the Emergency Procedures.
- Be aware of emergency exit routes and ensure that routes are kept clear.
- Be aware of the location of the first aid box.
- Strict 'no smoking' policy is enforced.
- Children must always be accompanied by adult and special need persons must be accompanied by their carer.
- Arti diwas and Havan fire is lit and controlled by the authorised personnel
- Ensure that the Mandir has adequate ventilation to prevent the accumulation of fumes or smoke in enclosed areas.
- All entry and exit points must be unobstructed, and easily accessible in case of an emergency.
- Key volunteers for the event are aware of fire extinguishers and emergency exit plans
- Prevent wet floors and clutter to avoid any slips, trips and fall hazards. We follow clean and clear policy.

Conclusion

I am grateful for everyone's vigilance in following the set protocols and safety measures to ensure the well-being of all the devotees, volunteers and visitors. Due to everyone's careful implementation of the health and safety procedures in place, I am pleased to announce that we have not had any fire or accident incident at the Mandir premises.

Financial Report

For the period from 1st Jan 2023 till 31st December 2023

Anil Idnani

I am pleased to present the Financial Summary for the period 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

2023 was the first full year of operations for the Mandir and there is a clear indication that devotees have started to contribute generously to support their Mandir financially, as shown below:

Total Receipts	£62,700
Total Expenses	£41,000
Operating Surplus	£21,700

Notable items

Donations received	£41,221
Surplus from festival events	£4,662
One off donations of	£16,000
Rental income from Mandir Hire	£2,330

Capital expenditure includes:

Mandir lights	£4,228
Murtis	£6,860
Honours board	£1,883
Flooring repairs	£1,700
Outside Mandir sign	£998

Other achievements

- Introduced the model for hiring out the Mandir for events.
- Introduced cashless donations using the Give a Little machine and QR code.
- Received sponsorships for some of the major items required for the Mandir.



Daily Seva at the Mandir
Cooking Preparation
(especially on special occasions)
Children's Education
(presentations of Sanatan Dharma to schools)
Technology, Marketing, Web Content, Events Management
Youth Groups

Please contact Nabhinandan Das on +44 7545 318 772 or Sachin Bagla on +44 7956 169 356

MANDIR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Sachin Bagla
Committee Chair &
Mandir Manager



Anil Idnani
Finance



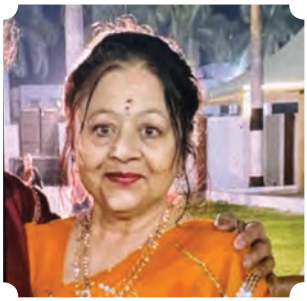
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Dr Rajesha Rathod
PR, Cultural Events



Kanchan Sharma
Wellbeing , Community Liaison



Manisha Agarwal
Prasad



Monika Gupta
Insurance Matters



Nimit Sishodia
Leela / Drama Production



Pilkesh Shah
New Bhakti Initiatives



Priti Sudra
Children's Education



Rajiv Dama
Trustee Representation



Ravi Sekhar
Sustainability



Suraj Kanoo
Finance



Sanjana Idnani
Youth Engagement



Alok Singh
IT and Media

CROYDON HOMELESS SEVA

by Rathiesh Baskaran

The concept of selfless service (seva) is fundamental in Hinduism as it is believed that God has an interest in the well-being of others and is considered as an essential devotional practice of indirectly serving God and living a spiritual life benefiting both self and others, without expecting anything in return.

According to the Puranas, it is believed that seva is the highest form of dharma and is said to provide good karma which facilitates the soul to attain moksha.



2023 was another successful year of LIVE and Night Watch Croydon providing hot meals, clothes and blankets to the homeless within Croydon.

Last year we successfully increased the frequency of providing the seva, as there were a few instances we managed to do the seva on special occasions such as Diwali, New Year's Eve and akshaya tritiya. We also managed to do the seva on the request of some devotees and volunteers to celebrate special occasions such as birthdays and anniversaries.

For Seva done during Diwali, we displayed artwork done by children, and encouraged clients to light a Diya and make a wish to Krishna as is traditionally done. The New Year's Eve seva was a very special as we managed to collect clothes, blankets, gloves, scarves, and hats from all the devotees from the Mandir to be handed out when the food was distributed amongst the homeless.

The team of volunteers have grown in numbers, thanks to the hard work and dedication of the current volunteers, who have spread the word of the great work we do amongst the devotees of the Mandir and managed to arrange this wonderful collaboration with the Night Watch Croydon to help our local community.

With the usual items such as freshwater bottles, boxed juices, fresh fruits, crisp, energy bars and biscuits donated by the devotees, the clients are also given a hot meal and the occasional treat of freshly baked cakes and muffins. The food handed out during the seva is well received and enjoyed by the clients and the thanks and praise they give is heartwarming.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who cook the wonderful meals and everyone who has given us a helping hand from collecting the items, packing the meals and distributing the food bags to the clients and making this programme successful.

The thanks and praise we receive from the clients who receive the food cannot be described using words and we wish everyone to experience it by taking part in the programme. We hope to expand by,

- Collecting more food items such as crisps, biscuits and energy bars to be distributed during the seva.
- Collecting items such as rice, tinned vegetables to cook the food.
- Collecting more winter clothes and toiletries to donate during winter.
- Increasing the frequency of the seva to at least twice a month so everyone can take part.

I have been contributing to the programme for some time and since 2022 I have been regularly volunteering when time permits me, and it has been an immense pleasure to meet new individuals each time during the seva and it is awe inspiring to witness the dedication of the volunteers of to help out individuals who are in need of help.







SANATANA DHARMA PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOLS



In 2023, LIVE gave presentations to schools in South London and surrounding areas and the results were as follows:

School Presentations	2023	2022
Number of schools	176	82
Assemblies in schools	146	76
Workshops in schools	65	40
School visits to the Mandir	8	2
Number of children/ teachers presented to	44,002	23,310
Ram Lila dramas performed	67	45
Donations received	£1,969	£1385

These presentations are very core to the mission of LIVE and they were very well received both by the children and the adults. The Ramayana dramas in particular were very popular; giving children the opportunity to dress up in the provided costumes and perform a role play of the main characters of Ramayana, including Lord Rama, Sitadevi and Hanuman. Sharing our tradition with others in this way always proves to be a very meaningful and fulfilling experience.

Some of the kind feedback we have received from the schools are as follows:

"Dear Nabhi,

Thank you so much for a wonderful Holi festival assembly yesterday. The children really enjoyed it. I have asked the office to send your institute a voluntary contribution.

I also wanted to express my thanks and appreciation for the wonderful year 4 trip to visit your Mandir in February. The children had an amazing time and learnt so much. I had a number of the staff come up to tell me that it was one of the best school trips they have ever done! Everyone really enjoyed it.

Have a wonderful time celebrating Holi and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Cath Hillman
Culvers House Primary School
20th March 2023

Hi Nabhi,

It was lovely to meet you yesterday. Thank you so much for delivering such an informative assembly and a fun workshop for year 2. The whole afternoon enriched the children's learning and deepened their understanding.

We would love to welcome you to deliver an assembly and workshop for Holi on 15th March. It certainly sounds very exciting.

Kind regards,

Charlotte Wheatland
Research & Development Lead
Stanley Park Infants' School
16th November 2023



School programmes at the Mandir

The Mandir is open to welcome schools from the local area to come and visit. In 2023 eight schools visited the Mandir and were shown a presentation on Sanatana Dharma, which included the following:

- How to enter the Mandir (taking off shoes)
- Introducing them to the Deities
- Demonstration of Aarti and its purpose
- Yoga and pranayama exercises chanting Aum
- Chanting the Hare Krishna Maha-Mantra and dancing

Each child is also offered prasad (a blessed piece of fruit) which is always kindly donated by members of the community.

Aspirations for 2024:

- LIVE aims to visit and make presentations to 200 schools this year
- LIVE to set up a network of presenters of Sanatan Dharma to schools
- LIVE will continue to attempt to draft a book which can be distributed to school children about the basic principles of Sanatana Dharma

LIVE CHILDREN'S SERVICES

by Priti Sudra

Krishna Children Sanga Report 2023

Sangas registered number: 44
Average number of attendees per week: 17

Topics

1) Finishing 26 week Sanatan Dharma course
   a. 52 students took part
   b. Average no. of attendees per class: 15
   c. Certificate for those who attendance was > 60% = 8
2) Shiva
3) Holi
4) Saints of Bharat inc:
   a. Sri Adi Shankaracharya
   b. Sri Ramunujacharya
   c. Sri Madhvacharya
   d. Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu
5) Bhagavad Gita – 26 week course
   a. 92 Students took part
   b. Average number of attendees per class: 21
   c. Certificate for those who attendance was 60% = 9
6) Kartik month
7) Damodar Lila
8) Ramayana pastimes commenced.
   a. Average no. attendees (since series began): 6

26 week Sanatan Dharam course

- Top attendance: Hari & Himal Parmer (8 yrs) and Mahek Bhagat (10 yrs)
- Special mention for participation: Hari Parmar (8 years), Himal Parmar (8), Aarav Mittal (7), Hiya Chauhan (8), Praneeth Kashyap (7), Shaivi Shukla (9), Harit Jaganath Dokua (8), Leeya Bhatt (9), Heeyan Bhatt (7)

Quiz winners

- Older group: Harit Jaganath Dokua, Shaivi Shukla, Mahek Bhagat
- Younger group: Gour Govind & Radharani Mishra, Dakshesh Uppalapati, Heeyan Bhatt

26 week Bhagavad Gita course

- Top attendance: Aanya Sharma (13 yrs) and Teekshana Ambati (13 yrs).
- Special mention for participation: Aarav Mittal (8), Mishika Mehta (8), Pranav Esari (10), Priyanjai Perkash (8), Raybonto Sen (12).

Quiz winners

- Older group: Pranav Esari, Raybonto Sen, Teekshitha Ambati

Special mention for Kishori and Ishwari for their consistent attendance and also for preparing the quizzes for the Bhagavad Gita course every week. Their sweet singing of bhajans and spiritual enquiries was really appreciated.



Special thanks

Kishori (aged 13) and Ishvari (14) have been attending the online Children Sanga for a number of years. They are both homeschooled by their mother and father and have exceptional intelligence.

They have both truly excelled in their participation in the classes by singing beautiful bhajans and also asking many questions during the classes.

For the 26 weeks Bhagavad Gita course for children they produced quizzes for the children for every session on the various chapters of the Gita. They would also present the quizzes as well as the answers. This was great fun for the children.

At every session they would also have many questions which they would ask very humbly. These questions were highly intelligent and showed that they have a deep understanding of Sanatana Dharma at such a tender age.

Online seminars

In 2023 LIVE hosted 337 online sessions on Zoom. The table below shows the various subjects of the seminars in 2023 and 2022:

	2023	2022
Bhagavad Gita	59	53
Holy places in Bharat	57	31
Children Sanga	40	53
Sanatan Dharma Course	38	32
Gopis/ Manjaris	28	
Brahma Samhita	26	19
Srimad Bhagavatam	24	148
Appearance days of the Lord & Vaisnavas	22	72
Damodara Satsangs	19	27
Ekadasi	10	18
Yoga	9	42
Abodes of Lord	4	-
Miscellaneous	1	6
Saptarishi	-	20
Devatas	-	20
Bhajans		3
Total	**337**	**544**

Sanatana Dharma course

An online course on the principles of Sanatana Dharma was again held and the following topics were presented:

1. What is Sanatana dharma? / Vedic Scriptures
2. Vedic conception of Time
3. Ishwara (the Supreme lord)
4. Jiva
5. Karma and reincarnation
6. The 3 modes of material nature (part 1)
7. The 3 modes of material nature (part 2)
8. Aspects of Godhead
9. Yoga systems
10. 9 processes of Bhakti
11. Karma, jnana, astanga and Bhakti yoga
12. 9 steps of Bhakti yoga
13. Festivals
14. Dasavatars
15. Gods and demigods (part 1)
16. Gods and demigods (part 2)
17. 4 Yugas and methods of worship
18. 7 mothers/Gomata
19. Vedic Samskaras
20. Gangamata and her route
21. Ekadasi & the benefits of fasting
22. Varnasrama
23. Summary of Bhagavad Gita
24. Temple Etiquettes & meaning/purpose of Arati

All the hundreds of seminars are uploaded on YouTube and together with the related seminar notes, we intend to construct a Vedic library on LIVE's website (liveveda.org.uk) by the end of 2024.

GOVERDHAN INSTITUTE FOR VEDIC EDUCATION ("GIVE")

by Trikalajna Das



What is GIVE?

The GIVE Trust aims to serve the Brajwasis ("residents of Vrindavan") in all possible ways and to address the various issues faced by them. Serving Brajwasis is considered as good as serving Radha and Krishna. In collaboration with the London Institute of Vedic Education, GIVE has been able to serve in 2023 in the following activities:



Sponsoring Gopis (Brajwasi girls)

In 2023 GIVE sponsored 367 girls ("gopis") across Braj (which includes schools in Vrindavan, Barsana, Govardhan, Chatikara etc). £200 per Gopi covers the school's tuition fees along with books, stationary and school uniforms for the full academic year.

GIVE uses a detailed student selection process to ensure that the gopis that require the most help get the assistance, and also monitors the progress of the students through meetings with parents, school teachers and principals on a regular basis.

GIVE encourages the gopis to also learn Vedic knowledge by learning and reciting Bhagavat Gita skolas, chanting the Hare Krishna Mahamantra and attending kirtan programs and spiritual lectures.

In 2024, 30 of our gopis will go onto higher education (to become doctors, lawyers etc). The educational fees for the higher education ranges from £500 to £1750 per year. Around 37 gopis may not continue with the education due to family and social pressures.



Installation of Water Wells and Forest Restoration

In nearly 500 villages in Braj, there is a scarcity of clean water fit for drinking. Furthermore, due to a lack of resources, there are not enough water pumps to meet the villagers' needs.

So far, GIVE has installed 70 water pumps and planted more than 1500 trees in Sudevi sakhis dham, Champak lata sakhis dham and in Vrindavan dham.







Supporting Small Gaushalas (cowsheds)

Based on our previous experience, in small gaushalas (with not more than 10 cows) the cows are cared for in much better conditions compared to big gaushalas having thousands of cows.

GIVE supports 13 such small gaushalas in Braj region. We also train individuals interested in learning how to milk mother cow and how to nurture her as well as take care of her generally.

Adopted cows

Donors also have the opportunity to donate Desi cows to the Goshala's run by the poor Brajabasis or to the Brahmins of Braja.

During the year, 5 pure breed desi cows were donated and some of these cows have even given birth to calves – actually one cow gave birth to a set of twin calves .

The Desi Cows can cost from INR 70000 (approximately £700) onwards depending on the age and health of the cows.







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Floods in Vrindavan,







In 2023, several floodings occurred in Vrindavan where the Yamuna overflowed.

For 6 weeks GIVE volunteers gave hot meals and medicine daily to the victims of flood. There were 6 active teams serving the needy of which two teams were doing service on boats reaching out to the flood victims. Many victims were stuck on high storey buildings and the teams reached out to them with much needed meals, water, medicine and clothing.

Cows were moved to safer zone and feed and water was supplied to them until the floods subsided.

After the floods we helped the victims to resettle providing them with the basic necessities of life including kitchen wear, household items and ration and clothes.

Ration and Food Distribution

As reported previously, due to extreme poor financial conditions, some villagers find it difficult to feed their children a healthy and nutritious diet. GIVE provides basic ration kits to such families.

GIVE sponsors food and prasadam distribution on a regular basis.

GIVE also does food distribution on special occasions and tithis (like birthdays, shraddha etc) to brahmins and sadhus.













Distribution of Blankets and Medical Assistance

GIVE distributed around 5500 blankets over the last 3 years to the poor in the Braj region. Due to lack of medical facilities in villages, GIVE distributed hundreds of First Aid kits as well as sponsoring several medical operations and treatments of poor Brajwasis and sadhus.





Restoration of Ancient Temples and Places of Worship in Braj



With the blessings of the saints of Braj, Vinod Baba, Ramesh Baba, Balarama Baba, Padmanabh Goswamiji, Achyutalal Bhattaji and many others, GIVE has formed an international research team to restore the historical spiritual places in Braj. Presently, the team is working on establishing places of pastimes of Lord Chaitanya in Braj. All such locations will be blessed by placing the padukas of Lord Chaitanya for the benefit of all the pilgrims.

GIVE is sponsoring the building of a Temple for Lord Shiva which is currently under construction in Duda Colony for the poor residents.

Weddings



As described in the previous year's Annual Report, Vedic marriages are a big part of our colourful and meaningful tradition. However weddings are often a financial challenge for some families even if they do the best minimum exchanges. The GIVE team ethically scrutinises the financial situation of those who request assistance and contributes either partially or fully depending on their circumstances. A simple marriage can cost up to Rs 3 lakhs.

During the year, GIVE assisted with the costs of several weddings of poor Brajwasis couples.



Special thanks



We take this opportunity to thank Rekhaben and the Vishnu Bhagawan Bhajan Mandal for consistently participating in all our activities by encouraging more donors to come forward as well as participating in person when they visit Vrindavan .

If you would like to donate to any of these causes the bank details are as follows:

Bank Name: Axis Bank
CA - A/C No: 922020013162565
A/C Holder Name: Govardhan Institute for Vedic Education
IFSC CODE: UTIB0000794
IBAN/Swift code: AXISINBB086
(Instead IBAN code INDIA use a Swift Code only
SOL ID: 794,
Bank Address: Chhatikara Road. Near Nandan Van Colony, Vrindavan
Registered Offices: 71 Madhuvan Colony, Off Sunrakh Road, Vrindavan, UP (281121)

Focus for 2024 are to:

- Maintain the number of gopis it sponsors for educational purposes.
- Install 108 water wells
- Restore many mini lakes
- Maintain our assistance for the 13 gaushalas
- Make available the opportunity to donate cows as recommended by Garuda Purana
- Organise monthly distribution of provisions to the needy families in Braj
- Distribute thousands of blankets to the needy
- Seek out further important places to renovate
- Set up a Medical clinic in Sunrakh village, just on the outskirts of Vrindavan, to provide facilities for the underprivileged residents. A group of doctors from UK and USA are planning to come at frequent intervals to provide specialised services.

DWIPA INSTITUTE FOR VEDIC EDUCATION ("DIVE")

by Sanjoy Roy



The concept behind DIVE:

Dwipa Institute for Vedic Education ("DIVE") was formed in 2022 as a duly registered NGO by Sanjoy Roy and Manideep Rana in collaboration with the London Institute of Vedic Education. Some of the objectives of DIVE are to:

- promote traditional education based on Vedic principles,
- promote concepts and curriculum of Vedic and traditional education system for the benefit of the public at large without any discrimination of caste, creed, religion or sex.
- institute studentship, scholarships, stipends, medals and prizes to help and encourage deserving students
- provide aid to students, scholars and teachers for the purpose of and towards imparting traditional Vedic education, value and moral system.
- establish and encourage Veda-Pathasalas, Gurukulas and home schooling.

Donations are gratefully received for our important charity work at the following account:

Dwipa Institute for Vedic Education Foundation
Account No 922010032304318
AXIS BANK...KRISHNANAGAR
IFS CODE...UTIB0000237

DIVE's Achievements in 2023

- Sponsored 51 students through the education system in Mayapur
- Held Vedic Classes for children every 2 weeks
- Distributed 35 colouring books and held colouring competitions
- Distributed 100 plates cooked prasadam to children

Aspirations for 2024:

- Assist street children in Krishna Nagar: In Krishna Nagar, near the railway station, there are 30 street children (ranging in age from 4 to 12 years) who not only do not go to school but also are unable to get a decent meal a day.
- There is a very kind and generous lady Uma Talukdar who comes three days a week to assist these children in their learning (see picture).
- In 2024, DIVE will work with this lady to deliver regular prasad to these children as well as facilitate the education of the children so that in due course they will be able to attend schools.
- Medical Aid: DIVE also wants to provide medical aid to these children who are living in Shantis near the railway tracks.

Case Study

- Dasi *(name altered to keep anonymity)* was born in Bangladesh in a Hindu family. She sought shelter to India due to religious prosecution in 2012.
- At the tender age of 11 years, she was abused and taken away from her parents. She was also put in a juvenile jail for speaking up against her abuser. Her parents were also put in jail by that abuser to hush up the case.
- Sanjoy intervened at that time and stood by her family all along supporting the girl child legally and financially. Even after suffering all these horrific events, she never gave up on her life and continued to study under such challenging circumstances. Along with her academic achievements in school she with her family successfully fought legal battles in court and managed to put the paedophile abuser behind bars.
- With help from DIVE, she also graduated from college at the top of her class with a degree in Political Science Honours from Calcutta University.
- She wants to pursue law (LLB) and become a lawyer to help other children with regards their safety, providing justice and also to assist DIVE in its charitable activities.
- She is qualified to receive 50% sponsorship to do LLB at a prestigious University in Kolkata. Sponsorship required to complete studies for the entire 3-year course is £4000 which DIVE will endeavour to sponsor through its network of donors.

SRI LANKA

by Selvan



Achievements in 2023



- House & School program are held weekly where a reading of Bhagavad Gita & Srimad Bhagavatam is done for the children and the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra chanting is chanted and Prasadam is served. These were for schools in villages in Chenkalady *(84 children)* & Mayliambaveli *(65 children)*
- a sound system for one of the schools
- children books, school bags, note books, pencil cases, coloring pencils
- Hareny (Selvan's daughter) collected £300 on GoFundMe for the children to have a day out. They never go out of the village

Aspirations for 2024

We want to continue with supporting the projects in Poonakary + 2 schools in Batticaloa Sunday home programs and helping individual families with their children's school expenses.



7 WEEK BHARAT YATRA

August 2023 – September 2023

Preetinder Chagger

This Yatra for me was the King of all Yatras *(so far)* for the sole reason of the number of holy places I had visited and took darshan of. Below is a brief overview of the places we visited.

Mayapur, West Bengal

Here we visited the ISKCON complex, TOVP, Yogapitha, Srivasa Angan, Advaita Bhavan, Gadhara Angan, Jaganath Temple, Navadwip, Jaganath Das Babji Samadhi, Gaur Kishor Das Babaji Bhajan Kutir, and Hari Har and had a snan *(swim)* in the Ganga and a boat ride.



Gatekeeper at entrance of TOVP



Yogapitha, tree under which Lord Chaitanya appeared in 1486AD



Temple of Hari Har (combined form of Lord Vishnu and Lord Shiva) near Mayapur



Radha Kund in Mayapur



Bathing in Ganga Mai in Mayapur during a sunset and remembering the Golden Avtar.



Ferry to take us from mainland Kolkata to Ganga Sagar where the Ganga meets the bay of Bengal



The beach at Ganga Sagar where Ganga meets the ocean. Kapil Muni's ashram is near the beach. On Makar Sankranti a huge mela takes place here every year.

Ganga Sagar *(where Ganga Mata enters the Bay of Bengal sea)*

Gangasagar is a place of beauty as well as religious importance. Home to some of the most stunning beaches, it is famous for hosting the Gangasagar Mela, one of the most hallowed pilgrimages in the world. During the mela days, the island becomes a melting pot of culture and belief.

Puri, Jaganath Mandir

The main place to visit in Puri is the Jaganath Mandir which was established the 10th century. Puri is famous for the Rath Yatra which attracts millions of devotees. It was the Lords blessings that we could visit Purshottam Kshetra (Puri) during the month of Purshottam.



Evening view of the Jaganath Temple taken from Grand Hotel opposite the temple



Outside of the Gundica temple(this is his parents house) where Lord Jagannath stays for 1 week after Rathyatra.



The group in Siddha Bakul, the place where Haridas Thakur's bhajan kutir is located



Ancient temple of Lord Narasimha located near the Gundica temple

We stayed in Puri for 5 days and other places we visited were Bhaktisidhanta birth place, Gaudiya Math, Narasimha temple, Gundica temple, Indradyumna tank, ISKCON, Haridas Samadhi, Tota Gopinath temple, Kashi Misra's house, Haridas Thakur samadhi, Gambhira, Sarvabhauma Bhattacarya's house, Konark, Alarnath, Bhubaneshwar



The beach outside our hotel in Puri. Lord Chaitanya bathed in the sea here.

Konark Sun Temple



View of the sun temple at Konark. This is no longer operating as a temple .



Vew of a wheel on the structure of the temple representing the chariot of Suya dev



Alaranath, temple where Lord Chaintanya's body melted the stone when he paid obeisances

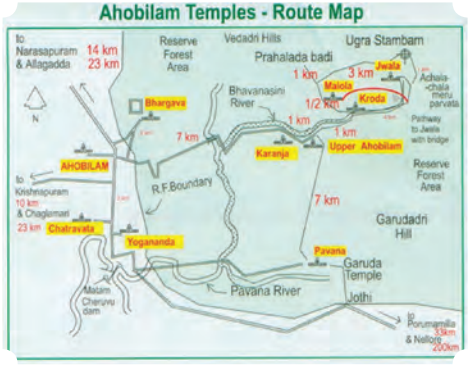
Next stop was Visakapatnam, for Simhachalan *(famous and magnificent temple of Varaha Nrshimha)*



The magnificent temple of Varaha Nrshimha

Next was Ahobilam, the appearance place of Nrshima Dev

Ahobilam is the place where Lord Vishnu in the form of Narasimha killed the Rakshasa Hiranyakashipu in order to save his devotee Prahlada. It is truly glorious holy place where there nine main temples of Narasimha and it is a place where devotees do not often get a chance to visit as it is so far of the beaten track.



Map of all the 9 temples of Narasimha Dev in Ahobilam



Jwala Nrshimha temple, which is the highest temple near the Ugra Stamba



View of Ugra Stambha which is the pillar that Lord Narasimha came out of to kill Hiranyakasipu

We stayed for 2 days in Ahobilam trekking upper Ahobilam 1 day and lower Ahobilam the 2nd day. This was a very exciting part of the Yatra as we had to walk up and down mountains full of natural beauty like forests, water falls and streams. As mysterious is Narasimha Dev Bhagavan is so too is this Ahobilam Dham



Devotees trekking in Upper Ahobilam.

Next stop was Tirupati the home of the famous Balaji Temple, a 6 hour car journey from Ahobilam.

The city is home to the important shrine of Tirumala Venkateshwara Temple and other historic temples. It is one of the eight Svayam vyakta kshetras (Self-Manifested Temples) dedicated to Vishnu.

Balaji Temple, Tirupati





View of the Balaji temple in Tirupati and murti of Balaji

Kanchipuram

From Tirupati we travelled to Kanchipuram, famous for Kamakshi Amman Temple, Kailasanatha Temple and Ekambareswarar Temple

Known as the City of Thousand Temples, Kanchipuram is known for its temple architectures, 1000-pillared halls, huge temple towers and silk saris.



Outside view of the temple dedicated. The Kanchi Kailasanathar temple is the oldest structure in Kanchipuram dedicated to Lord Shiva. The Shiva lingam in this temple is 10 feet high.

Trichy

Trichy is near famous Srirangam temple, known for being home to the vast Sri Ranganatha Swamy Temple, one of the largest in India with 81 shrines spanning 63 hectares



Outside view of the Ranganath Swamy temple in Srirangam

Huge murti of Maha Vishnu lying on Anant Sesa. This murti has to be viewed through 3 different windows to see the head, the navel and the feet of Maha Vishnu.



Ranganath Swamy

Rameswaram

We travelled to Rameswaram, famous for Sri Ramanathaswamy Temple (with 18 wells with waters from different rivers). Rameswaram is associated with Lord Rama, who left the Bharatiya mainland to rescue his wife, Goddess Sita, from the clutches of Ravana, who had taken her to Sri Lanka. A stone's throw from Rameswaram lies Dhanushkodi that has been endowed with magical natural beauty.



Hall leading to the temple and the 18 wells. Each well has water from a holy river in Bharat.

Kothandaramaswamy Temple *(Vibhisana met Rama here)*



The Five-Faced Hanuman Temple (Panchamukhi Hanuman)



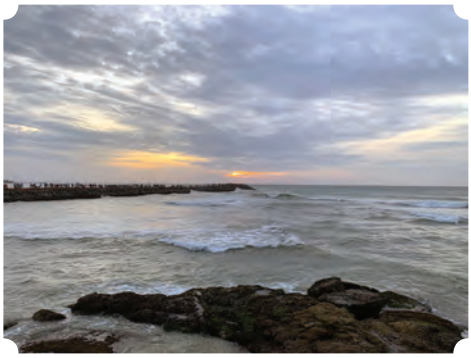
Vilonia Tirtham, Agni Theertham, Dhanuskodi Beach (where the Ram Setu [bridge] was started and some of the floating stones are still there with one on my head!).

Southern tip of Bharat, Kanyakumari

We travelled to the tip of Bharat, Kanyakumari next, famous for Vivekananda Rock.,its unique sunrise and sunset points, the 41-metre (133 ft) Thiruvalluvar Statue, and Vivekananda Rock Memorial off the coast.



View of Vivekananda Rock



Sunset at Kanyakumari

Next was Kovalam (Trivandarum) to visit the Padmanabhswamy Temple

The Padmanabhaswamy Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to Vishnu in Thiruvananthapuram, the capital of the state of Kerala, India. It is one of the 108 Divya Desams, which are considered the sacred abodes of Vishnu in the Sri Vaishnava tradition.



Outside view of Padmanabh Swamy Temple

Udupi, the home of Madhvacharyas Math

The next place we visited was Udupi, the home of Madhvacharyas Math and the Udupi Krishna temple.



View of lake on the complex of the Madvachrya's math



Entrance to the Udupi Krishna Temple

Final stop in South Bharat was Bengaluru. We spent 2 days here celebrating Janmastmi . We flew from Bengakuru to Delhi to catch a train to Haridwar.

Haridwar

Located at the foothills of the Himalayas, Haridwar is a city of temples and ashrams. Haridwar is one of the four holy cities in Bharat that host the Kumbh Mela, a pious gathering of millions of Hindu devotees every 12 years.



Hari ki Pauri

We took an overnight train to Haridwar where we stayed in a hotel by the Ganga for 2 nights. Haridwar is famous for Hari-ki-pauri, where drop of nectar fell and where poojas for ancestors takes place. Haridwar is also known for the doorway to God (Hari) and funerals also take place on the bank of the Ganga here.



Statue of Lord Shiva near Hari-ki-pauri in the Ganga



Rishikesh. Half an hour from Haridwar where the famous Laxman Jula (bridge) and Ram Jula are located. Rishikesh is famous for its many ashrams of saints (rishis). The bridges are used to cross the Ganga from one side to another.



On the way to Gangotri

Top tip of Bharat, Gangotri

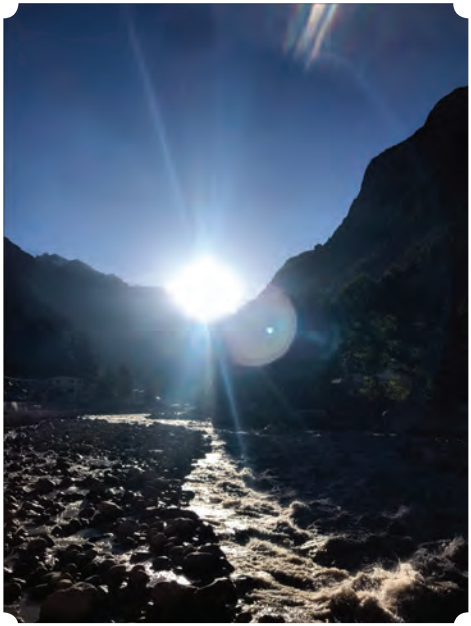
Our next stop was Gangotri, part of the Char Dham Yatra travelling in a traveller for 10 hours.

The holy River Ganges originates from the Gangotri glacier, located here, and is called Bhagirathi. The main attraction in Gangotri is the Gangotri Temple, where Goddess Ganga is worshipped. This is the highest temple dedicated to Goddess Ganga.

Our stay in Gangotri was for 2 days in a hotel by the Ganga right opposite the Ganga mata temple.



The river Ganga at Gangotri with the temple dedicated to Mother Ganga in the background



Sunrise at Gangotri



Waterfall in Gangotri, Uttarkashi

Our journey back to Haridwar was via Uttarkashi where we stayed 1 night and visited the Vishwanath Temple and Shakti Temple. Uttarkasi, Kashi of the North, is famous for an ancient temple dedicated to Lord Shiva, which is visited by thousands throughout the year.



Murti of Ganesh ouside Uttarkashi

We took an overnight train from Haridwar to Mathura for Vrindavan

Vrindavan

The holy town of Vrindavan, near Mathura is an important pilgrimage hub in Braj region where Lord Krishna spent his childhood. The name of Vrindavan comes from words 'vrinda', which means basil [Tulsi], and 'van' meaning forest.

Our stay in Vrindavan was for 5 days where we visited the main temples, Goverdhan Parikram, Radha kund & Shyam Kund, Nangaon, Barsana, Gokul, Mathura, Raman Reti, Vrinda Kund, Yamuna and we met the Gopis/ children being sponsored by LIVE.



View of Madanmohan temple, one of the main 6 temples of Vrindavan, on the parikram marg



View of Radhakund, the most favourite kunds of Krishna, located in Goverdhan.



Murti of Radha Raman, the only original murti in Vrindavan



Vrinda Kund , where a temple of Vrinda (tulsi) devi is located



Barsana. Main temple of Radharani, where Radharani spent her childhood.



Surrounded by children some of whose education is being sponsored by LIVE

OUR ROUTES THROUGH BHARAT & SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS

Mayapur
Ganga Sagar
Puri, Jaganath Mandir
Konark Sun Temple
Visakapatnam
Simhachalan
Ahobilam
Tirupati
Balaji Temple, Tirupati
Kanchipuram
Trichy
Rameswaram
Kothandaramaswamy Temple
Southern tip of Bharat, Kanyakumari
Kovalam
Udupi
Haridwar
Top tip of Bharat, Gangotri
Vrindavan




Shimla
Dehradun
Gangotri
Bareilly
Agra
Lucknow
Kanpur
Gorakhpur
Gwalior
Jhansi
Allahabad
Benares
Patna
Ganges
Ghaghara
Brahmaputra
Gangtok
Itanagar
Tinsukia
Dispur
Kohima
Shillong
Imphal
Agartala
Aizawl
Bhopal
Narmada
Jabalpur
Ranchi
Son
Rihand
Kolkata
(Calcutta)
Haldia
Mouths of the Ganges
INDIA
Nagpur
Raipur
Mahanadi
Bhubaneswar
Paradip
Vishakhapatnam
Hyderabad
Kakinada
Vijayawada
Guntakal
Chennai
(Madras)
Pondicherry
Andaman
Islands
Port Blair
Palk Strait
Tuticorin
Gulf
of
SRI
LANKA
Nicobar
Islands

MY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY TO INDIA



SPECIFICALLY TO HONOUR MY ANCESTORS

by Sam Kodua, South London

In January 2024, I embarked on a profound spiritual journey to India alongside Nabhinandan Das. Our purpose was twofold: to deepen our spiritual consciousness and to perform sacred rites for our departed ancestors and friends, guided by the ancient Vedic tradition of "Pinda-Dan," which assists the eternal soul in its journey beyond.

Our journey began in Delhi, where we set forth towards Haridwar, a city revered as one of the holiest places on Earth. Upon arriving, we were enveloped by the spiritual energy that permeates this ancient city nestled by the sacred Ganga. Our first act was to bathe in the purifying waters of the Ganga, an experience that washed away more than physical impurities-it cleansed the soul.



In Haridwar, we conducted the solemn "Pinda-Dan" ceremony, on the bank of the Ganga, a ritual of profound significance in Hindu traditions. This ceremony is believed to aid the departed souls in their spiritual transition. As we honoured our ancestors in this way, I felt a deep connection not only to my own lineage but also to the timeless spiritual heritage of India.

Additionally, during our time in Haridwar, we seized the opportunity to engage in acts of seva (selfless service). We served meals to 500 pilgrims, offering them a nourishing plate of puri, halwa, and vegetable curry. This act of feeding pilgrims, known as "annadan," is considered highly auspicious in Hinduism, symbolising the spirit of selflessness and community.



At Haridwar, we also witnessed the famous Ganga Arti which was an amazing spectacle of intense devotion to the holiest of rivers, Ganga.



The experience was transformative. Each moment spent in Haridwar felt like a step deeper into the heart of India's spiritual legacy. The sights, sounds, and rituals enriched my understanding of the interconnectedness of life and death, the temporal and eternal.

As we continued our journey to other sacred sites across India, including Rishikesh, and beyond, each step resonated with the echoes of centuries-old wisdom and devotion. Through these experiences, I felt a profound sense of fulfilment and a renewed commitment to honour not only

my ancestors but also the timeless wisdom that permeates the land of India, a land where spiritual seekers and pilgrims alike find solace and enlightenment.

After our transformative experiences in Haridwar, we continued our spiritual odyssey to Prayagraj, a city steeped in ancient lore and spiritual significance. Here, we stood at the confluence of three sacred rivers - the Ganga, Yamuna, and Saraswati, at a revered spot known as Triveni-Sangam. As we bathed in these holy waters, I was struck by the tangible contrast between the dark waters of the Yamuna and the shimmering golden currents of the Ganga. The Saraswati, though invisible to the eye, flowed beneath the surface, its presence felt in the depths of our spirits.

From Prayagraj, our journey took us further eastward to Varanasi, the eternal city of Lord Shiva, where spirituality resonates in every corner. Our pilgrimage reached a pinnacle as we beheld the majestic Shivlinga at the renowned Kashi Vishwanath Mandir, freshly renovated and exuding an aura of divine grace.

In Varanasi, amidst the labyrinthine lanes and ancient ghats, we discovered myriad temples. Among them, one temple stood out vividly in my memories, the temple within Benaras University, a splendid edifice where students are blessed with daily visions of the divine. Here, we witnessed the profound dedication of young followers of Sanatan Dharma as they conducted a poignant evening ceremony in honour of Mother Ganga, epitomizing the timeless bond between humanity and the sacred river.



Each step of our journey through Prayagraj and Varanasi was a testament to the rich spiritual tapestry of India, a tapestry woven with threads of devotion, tradition, and the eternal quest for enlightenment. In these sacred cities, time seemed to blend, and the ancient rituals unfolded before us like chapters from a timeless scripture, imprinting upon our souls the essence of a spiritual legacy that transcends lifetimes.

Leaving behind the spiritual enchantment of Varanasi, our next destination was Gaya, a place steeped in significance for honouring ancestors and performing sacred rites. This pilgrimage was deeply personal for me, as I sought to carry out the "Pinda-Dan" ceremony, a tradition revered in the Vedic scriptures and sanctified by Lord Chaitanya Himself, who performed this ritual for His father at this very site.

In Gaya, we were blessed to encounter sincere and knowledgeable priests who guided us meticulously through the intricate processes of the ceremony. Following the Vedic rituals with devotion and precision, I felt a profound sense of





fulfilment in fulfilling my duties as a son, relative, and friend to my departed loved ones. It was a moment of deep connection and closure, knowing that I had played my part in assisting their onward journey.

From Gaya, our spiritual expedition continued to Vrindavan, the sacred land of Lord Krishna. Here, surrounded by the timeless devotion and legends of Krishna's pastimes, we immersed ourselves in the vibrant atmosphere of devotion. Days were spent wandering through magnificent temples and absorbing the sanctity of this revered region.

One of the memorable highlights in Vrindavan was witnessing the artistic and devotional ceremony dedicated to the holy river Yamuna. This sacred river, believed to be dear to Lord Krishna, holds a special place in the hearts of devotees. The ceremony was a symphony of devotion, a visual and spiritual spectacle that left an indelible impression on our hearts.

Throughout this transformative journey, which was nourished by delicious prasad (vegetarian food) everywhere, I felt immense gratitude towards the devotees and priests who extended their support and guidance. Their wisdom and assistance not only enriched my spiritual experience but also reinforced my sense of purpose and fulfilment. Undertaking this sacred mission, guided by ancient traditions and surrounded by the spiritual energies of India's holy places, was a profound blessing, an odyssey that deepened my spiritual understanding and left an enduring imprint on my soul.



FINANCIAL REPORT

London Institute of Vedic Education, Year ended 31 December 2023

	As at 31.12.22	As at 31.12.23
Assets		
Loan to Live Temple Estates CIC	209,472	209,472
Current Assets		
Cash	2,359	18,975
Current liabilities		
Loan payable within 2 years	(119,000)	(84,610)
	92,832	143,838
Capital		
Surplus income b/f	236,668	92,832
Surplus income in the year	(143,836)	51,006
	92,832	143,838

Income & Expenditure

	Year ended 31.12.2022	Year ended 31.12.2023
Book distribution/Candle sales	228	-
Refurbishment	86,740	1,100
The Mandir	5,931	49,588
Festivals	6,918	2,507
UK Tours		8,991
Tax rebate from HMRC	27,624	69,034
Bharat projects	133,104	213,341
Sri Lanka	1,553	5,534
International tours	9,130	59,725
Schools/Courses	2,269	3,600
Total Income	**273,497**	**413,420**
Stationary, school, DBS	1,368	981
Books	646	-
Insurance	716	679
Advertising/Communication	10,738	6,394
Bharat projects	150,376	255,161
Sri Lanka	2,076	5,437
Renovation	234,020	5,560
The Mandir	4,343	19,670
Festivals	1,853	935
UK Tours		7,837
International tours	9,130	59,133
Legal & compliance fees	1,428	28
Accountancy fees	600	600
Other	39	-
Total Expenses	**417,333**	**362,414**
Surplus for the year	**(143,836)**	**51,006**

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was conducted in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement to the right.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met ; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

CUBED CONSULTANCY
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Cubed Consultancy Ltd
31st May 2024

Note to the accounts

The Loan of £209,472 to Live Temple Estates CIC is made in order to acquire the building at 108-112 Chipstead Valley Road, Croydon CR5 3BA, which is the place of worship known as Sanatan Centre Coulsdon.



The installation of Gaura Nitai
by Sri Joshi Prashanth Sharma

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Presentation of Sanatan Dharma at the Mandir, 108 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, CR5 3BA, to pupils from Fairchildes Prmary School. The children are having darshan of Radhe Shyam and Sita, Rama, Lakhsman, Hanuman.

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The installation of Radhe Shyam

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Summary of the activities of the London Institute of Vedic Education in 2022

LIVE has been working upon various projects simultaneouly, both in the UK and abroad. I am very pleased to say that the contributions of the community and those of the volunteers running these projects have had a very significant impact upon the lives of both younger and older communities. Some of these projects include the continued sponsorship for education of the gopis, installation of water wells, and distribution of blankets. You will find further details of these projects within this annual report.

This truly amazing year was witness to the opening of the Sanatana Dharma Centre in August 2022. Fondly known as "The Mandir", this has been a project that we have all had a vital role in conceptualizing and developing. With the many festivals and activities that are now held here, we are overjoyed to see it becoming an integral place for our community to come together.

Following the Mandir's inauguration, we have very successfully observed the festivals of Shri Krishna Janmashtami and Diwali. There are many devotees that regularly attend weekly sessions at the centre, including the recitation of Hanuman Chalisa 21 times every Saturday. It is very encouraging to see that the Mandir has begun to attract a wide range of members from the local community.

In addition to this, many community schools have been visiting and participating in recitals at the Mandir, hosted by Nabhinandan Das. As a result of his zeal for sharing Vedic education, this program has been very well received by the young students, and we are delighted to see their enthusiastic involvement.

I would like to thank Ian Lynch for his chairmanship since 2019 and I feel honoured to have been selected to lead the Trustees. I am eagerly looking forward to welcoming and serving our community.

Naveen Khosla
Chairman of the Trustees



LIVE TRUSTEES' DETAILS



Naveen Khosla with his wife Sadhana

Naveen Khosla
(Chairman of the Trustees)

Having previously held several Senior Management positions in the Pharmaceutical Industry, Naveen, with the unwavering help and support from his wife Sadhna, have spent many years building the award winning pharmacy chain Medipharmacy Ltd. Naveen and Sadhna have lived, with their 2 sons, most of their life in Croydon and Purley, and understanding that focal point was needed for worship and also to provide service to our community, when asked to become a Trustee, Naveen immediately agreed to serve our community as a Trustee and now Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Naveen and Sadhna have a darling grandson.



Ashwin Soni

Ashwin Soni

Ashwin Soni, 72, was born in Uganda and has been living in the United Kingdom since 1970. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chemical Engineering and a Chartered Engineer. He retired in 2010 after 35 years as a senior manager in the Technology and Engineering sectors of Kimberly Clark. He was instrumental in the construction of the £3.4 million Mandir and Community Centre in Crawley. Gurjar Hindu Union, Crawley Community Action, Diver Crawley, and Crawley Inter Faith Network are among the charities he supports in Crawley.



Parth Malde

Parth Malde

Parth Malde, aged 27, is a disciple of HH Krishna Das and son of Nabhinandan and Jayanti. He has a Masters in Mathematics and is currently working in the accountancy industry. His interests are learning musical instruments such as mridanga and harmonium and playing tennis.



Kanu Priya Devi Dasi

Kanu Priya

Kanu Priya Devi Dasi is a self-employed artist and tutor who specalises in painting, decorative painting and is a sculptor. She has been an aspiring devotee from her teens, received harinam diksha in 1998 from Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev Goswami Maharaj and Brahmin initiation in 2019 from the Srila Bhakti Nirmal Acharya Maharaj of the Sri Chaitanya Saraswati Math. Kanu Priya had made the murtis in The Mandir in Coulsdon.



Rajiv Dama

Rajiv Dama

Rajiv was born in Mumbai, India and moved to Croydon in 2010. Rajiv works as a management consultant and tries to apply the Sanatana principles within his work. He has assisted LIVE since 2020 in defining organisational design and strategy. In addition, he regularly volunteers in projects held by the Mandir. Rajiv enjoys listening to music, travelling and carpentry.



Ghanashyam Master

Ghanashyam Master

Ghanashyam Master was born in Gujarat and now lives in North London. He has been a dedicated follower of the Sanatan religion all his life. He is married with two children and is officially retired, yet he assists the Mandir in so many ways, especially during festival times. He is skilled at DIY projects and enjoys astronomy, chasing eclipses and comets in his spare time!



Ian Lynch

Ian Lynch is a Graphic and Website Designer. Over the years Ian has helped with printing artwork and magazines for LIVE and working with charities.

GIVE TRUSTEES' DETAILS



Trikalajna

Trikalajna Das

Trikalajna Das was born in Kenya and attended Aston University in Birmingham and studied a B.Sc. (Honours) in Civil and Marine Engineer.
In the past he has worked for Dutch, British, and Australian contractors (HBM, Tarmac, Richard Costains). These are a few of the projects he has worked on and accomplished:

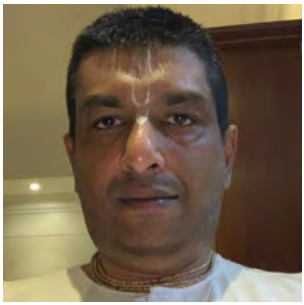
- Thames Barrier London-inaugurated by the Queen of England and is listed as Monument
- Was integral part of the Save Manor Campaign to save Bhaktivedanta Manor temple based in Watford, England
- The Glory of India Vedic cultural centre - ISKCON New Delhi - inaugurated by Atal Bihari Vajpayee and is listed as a Monument of India
- Constructed temple ISKCON Baltimore-USA ISKCON management leadership since 1982



Nabhinandan & Jayanti

Nabhinandan & Jayanti

Nabhi and Jayanti have been married for 36 years. Born in Kenya, they retired from working life in 2012. Under the guidance of their spiritual master HH Krishna Das Swami they have been engaged in the last 33 years serving the community to increase the awareness of Vedic principles of life. They primarily founded LIVE in 2019 in order to promote Sanatana Dharma in schools in South London. They are also assisting GIVE and Trikalajna to offer education to the girls of needy family and also establish the provision of water to remote villages in Vrajabhumi, Uttar Pradesh, Bharat (India). In addition the recent incorporation and activities of Dwipa Institute of Vedic Education by Sanjoy is of special interest to them.



Priyavrat

Priyavrat Das

Priyavrat Das was born in South Africa, and is self employed as an Accountant and Financial Advisor. He is a disciple of HH Krishna Das Swami. He was initiated in 1996. He is currently a Trustee of the Shri Hari Trust in Punjab and assists with Food for Life in South Africa



Pundarik Das

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Pundarik came to Krishna Consciousness in 1989 and joined as a full time devotee in 1990 under the mentorship of Trikalajna Prabhu. He is mainly connected with publication of scriptures, Vedic education, research in Vaishnava history and preservation of rare manuscripts. Pundarik is serving GIVE in managing finances.

DIVE TRUSTEES' DETAILS



Sanjoy Roy

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Sanjoy Roy studied in the Mayapur Gurukula and graduated with a BBA Degree in 2012 and a LLB Degree in 2021. He started BVGV IN 2000 and RNPV IN 1996. He is a Specialized Legal Consultant and has given much valuable assistance to victims of crime. Sanjoy's family lives in Mayapur. He is also a managing director for the unique Vastu compliant NITAI NIMAI residential buildings in Mayapur that are better than Western standards.



Manideep Rana

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Manideep Rana studied in the Vrindavana and Mayapur Gurukuls. He is proficient in 3D animation and graphic design. He is currently Graphics designer for Pzizz Ltd. Manideep is assisting DIVE with office administration.

LIVE EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Missions statement of LIVE:

"To educate and spread Vedic knowledge to children and communities at large with excellence".

In order to fulfill its mission in 2022, LIVE has conducted the following activities:

- School programmes
- Children's services
- Online Zoom Seminars to adults and children
- Bhajans (devotional songs)
- Bharat yatra (spiritual tours in India)

Child Protection

Before reviewing the educational activities conducted by LIVE in 2022, we wish to convey that the safeguarding of children is of paramount importance to the organisation. To ensure that standards are being met, LIVE appointed Mrs Bakula Bhatt as Senior Child Protection Officer in November 2022. Bakulaben has vast experience in the safeguarding of children as a result of having been a teacher at Old Palace Girls' School for 20 years Bakulaben will be supported by Archana Sharma.

The position of Senior Child Protection Officer is completely independent of the trustees, sponsors, committee members, congregation or any person of influence. If any Child Protection issues arise, the Senior Child Protection Officer has complete freedom to act expediently to address the matters which include contacting the police, social services and or appropriate council departments.

If anyone witnesses or is aware of any safeguarding issues, please contact Bakulaben on: bakula@hotmail.co.uk Archana on: Archana.d.sharma@gmail.com



Bakulaben



Archana





SANATANA DHARMA PRESENTATIONS TO SCHOOLS

In 2022, LIVE gave presentations to schools in South London and surrounding areas and the results were as follows:

- 82 schools were visited - 40 workshops and 76 assembles performed
- Over 23,000 students and teachers heard the message of Sanatana Dharma
- 45 Ram Leela dramas were performed by the school children
- 245 vegetarian recipe books were distributed to the children
- Donations of £1811 were received from the schools

These presentations were very well received both by the children and the adults. The Ramayana dramas in particular were very popular; giving children the opportunity to dress up in the provided costumes and perform a role play of the main characters of Ramayana, including Lord Rama, Sitadevi and Hanuman.

Sharing our tradition with others in this way always proves to be a very meaningful and fulfilling experience.

The very first school to visit the newly opened Mandir in November 2022, was Smitham Primary School. In this visit, children from Year 3 classes were given an experience of Sanatan worship within the temple.

Some of the kind feedback we have received from the schools are as follows:

"I am just writing to thank you for your visit to our school on Wednesday. The children were all very much engaged and learnt a lot. The outfits and costumes that you provide are great additions and really help the children to feel the part as they act out the story. Those universal messages of good and light triumphing are always important to share. Thank you again for your time."

Vicki Hewitt
Vincent Catholic Primary School
28th November 2022

"Thank you very much for an amazing, informative and engaging assembly on Diwali. You kept the children and the staff totally engaged and they all loved the opportunity to sing and participate. Thank you for fitting us into your busy schedule and we look forward to welcoming you back to have an extended assembly with dressing up and all."

Mrs Bama Pari
Rushy Meadow Primary Academy
26th November 2022

IF ANY SCHOOL WOULD LIKE A PRESENTATION ON HINDUISM

PLEASE CONTACT NABHINANDAN DAS ON: 07545 318772

Aspirations for 2023:

LIVE aims to visit and make presentations to around 150 schools this year.

LIVE will attempt to draft a book which can be distributed to school children about the basic principles of Sanatana Dharma.





LIVE CHILDREN'S SERVICES

by Priti Sudra

Krishna Children Sanga

Classes take place every Saturday, unless a LIVE festival is being conducted.
Data protection consent forms: One form per child must be submitted for data protection of the child and all participants in the class ("sanga").
Staff: 4 members - Priti Sudra, Purna Shukla, Nabhinandan Das, Ritesh Aswaney
Time: 5:45pm to 7pm (GMT)
Age of children: 5 – 13-year-olds
Average attendance: 14

Schedule:

- Kirtan singing, turn taking
- Participants are welcome to introduce kirtan they sing at home
- Bhajan performance - Participant translates and sings bhajans of their choice
- Classes – begin with prayers to the guru, Mahabharat pastimes & lessons to learn – 10 classes (Makar Sankranti, Ramayana pastimes, Hanuman ji pastimes, Chalisa translated & recited, Narasimha dev appearance pastime, Ekadashi (the benefits of fasting)
- Courses: Shloka recitation – 8 classes, Das Avatars – 6 classes,Sanatana Dharma (26 Weeks)
- Festivals of the week announcements
- Fun quiz Covering topics on previous class using Quizizz or Mentimeter or Kahoot!
- Protection prayer – translated and sung by participants
- Japa round

Hindi classes

1 Level 1 – 15 students sat and passed L1 averaged: 92%
2 Level 2 – 7 students sat and passed L2 – averaged: 90%
3 Gifts – Hindi text & reading books





Impromptu dramas - during festivals

Drama preparation includes narrator, costume director, scripter, music man, the odd crew assistants, and of course, actors and actress ages 6+. The actors learn some impressions within an hour or two of performing live in front of 500+ audience. The children really enjoy the participation in the dramas and learn a lot of our culture and traditions by participating.

Dramas covered in 2022:

1. Holi – Narasimha dev Appearance
2. Ram Navmi – Hanuman's Devotion
3. Janmastami – Birth of Lord Krishna

Upcoming classes on:

i. Saints/Acharyas of India
ii. Sampradayas
iii. Bhagavad Gita shlokas + meanings
iv. Pastimes – a closer look
    Ramayan
    Hanuman
    Krishna
    Shiva
    Devatas
v. Online Zoom dramas

Aspirations for 2023

Have weekly or monthly children sanga at The Mandir (in Coulsdon)
a. To look for a teacher
b. Similar format to KCS classes
Continue with Online Krishna Children Sanga
Teaching the lessons from Bhagavad Gita to children

Report submitted by: Priti Sudra





ONLINE SEMINARS

In 2022 LIVE hosted 544 online sessions on Zoom. The summary study of the Srimad Bhagavatam which consists of 12 Cantos and 18000 verses was concluded in 2022. The whole Srimad Bhagavatam was covered in 328 seminars over nearly 2 years. The table below shows the various subjects of the seminars in 2022 and 2021:

	2022	2021
Srimad Bhagavatam	148	180
Appearance days of the Lord and devotees	72	90
Children & Youth Sanga	53	75
Bhagavad Gita	53	95
Yoga	42	50
Sanatan Dharma Course	32	-
Holy places in Bharat	31	21
Damodara Satsangs	27	50
Saptarishi	20	-
Devatas	20	-
Brahma Samhita	19	-
Ekadasi/diet	18	26
Miscelleous	6	92
Bhajans	3	61
Abodes of the Lord	-	10
TOTAL	**544**	**750**

Sanatana Dharma course

An online course on the principles of Sanatana Dharma was held and the following topics were presented:

- *What is Sanatana dharma? / Vedic Scriptures*
- *Vedic conception of Time*
- *Ishwara (the Supreme lord)*
- *Jiva*
- *Karma and reincarnation*
- *The 3 modes of material nature (part 1)*
- *The 3 modes of material nature (part 2)*
- *Aspects of Godhead*
- *Yoga systems*
- *9 processes of Bhakti*
- *Karma, jnana, astanga and Bhakti yoga*
- *9 steps of Bhakti yoga*
- *Festivals*
- *Dasavatars*
- *Gods and demigods (part 1)*
- *Gods and demigods (part 2)*
- *4 yugas and methods of worship*
- *7 mothers/Gomata*
- *Vedic Samskaras*
- *Gangamata and her route*
- *Ekadasi & the benefits of fasting*
- *Varnasrama*
- *Summary of Bhagavad Gita*
- *Temple Etiquettes & meaning/ purpose of Arati*

Aspirations for 2023:

All the hundreds of seminars are uploaded on YouTube and together with the related seminar notes, we intend to construct a Vedic library on LIVE's website (liveveda.org.uk) by the end of 2023.

Online Bhagavad Gita Course

delivered by Parineeta Juneja



The Bhagavad Gita is an instruction manual for humans, guiding them on the path of ultimate goodness and devotion to the Supreme. Learning this philosophy through the Bhakti-Jnana course has been fulfilling on many levels; mentally, emotionally and physically. The in-depth explanations of each chapter, the power that came with reading Sanskrit shlokas and the lessons we learn to apply practically in everyday life gave me the strength and direction to progress both spiritually and materially.

After having completed the course, I was given a wonderful opportunity by our dear Nabhinandan Prabhuji and Jayanti Mataji. My gratitude towards them can never be measured as they gave me the chance to preach and speak on the Bhagavad Gita – which is a very rare opportunity. Attempting to speak about and explain the words of the Lord continually inspires me as I am reminded again of everything I learnt, with even more realisation. Preaching the knowledge of the Bhagavad Gita not only helps me to increase my spiritual knowledge, but also allowed me to

realise more about myself. It felt very natural to me to present this philosophy; almost as though I was born for the purpose of following it and teaching it to others. I want to express my gratitude to the Bhakti-Jnana course that I was able to learn so much from, through the medium of my supportive and enlightened teachers. Ultimately, I thank Lord Krishna for making His nourishing and merciful words so accessible to us in the form of the Bhagavad Gita.

Pari

8th January 2023

Bhajans (devotional songs)



Bhajans of Bhaktivinod Thakur (an acharya in the Gaudiya Tradition) Bhaktivinoda Thakur (1838 –1914), a Hindu philosopher, guru and spiritual reformer of Gaudiya Vaishnavism who effected its resurgence in Bharat (India) in late 19th and early 20th century and was hailed by contemporary scholars as the most influential Gaudiya Vaishnava leader of his time. He is also credited, along with his son Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati, with pioneering the propagation of Gaudiya Vaishnavism in the West and its eventual global spread through Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Bhaktivinoda Thakur also contribued significantly to the development of Vaishnava music and song in the 19th century. He composed many devotional songs, or bhajans, mostly in Bengali and occasionally in Sanskrit, that were compiled into collections, such as Kalyana-kalpataru (1881), Saranagati (1893) and Gitavali (1893). His bhajans are well known for conveying the essence of Gaudiya Vaishnava teachings in simple language. Karuna Bhandhar Devi, a disciple of HH Krishna Das Swami, and a school teacher of classical Hindustani music in Mauritius sang hundreds of songs of Bhaktivinoda Thakur in 2022. All these bhajans are uploaded on YouTube andwill be included in a Vedic library on LIVE's website (liveveda.org.uk).



Karuna Bhandhar Devi





India tour (Bharat yatra)

A HUGE thank you for the Yatra of a lifetime. God knows how many lifetimes! What a beautiful spiritual journey it was, full of bliss. I learned so much about the holy places, Temples, Kundas (ponds), Holy Rivers and much more. There are so many treasured moments that I rejoice when I start mediating on them. Below are just a few of them.

Sridham Dwarka, Dwarkadhish & Gomti River

The highlight for me was bathing in Gomti Mai River and then going to the Dwarkadish temple to take darshan of all the deities. We also visited a local temple and rode on camelback too!

Somnath

Here we visited Bhalka Tirtha temple, which is the location where the arrow of the poacher named Jara hit Lord Krishna. We also visited the great beautiful Somnath temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva.

Sridham Mayapura

The highlight of this Dham was taking darshan of Pancatattva, Lord Nrisingha Dev, Srila Prabhupada and Radha-Madhav alonsgide the eight principle Gopis. We stayed in the Conch Bhavan right next to the temple. It was at Mayapura that I was blessed to take a bath in Mother Ganga for the first time in my life, which was very close to the complex. We also visited some smaller temples outside the complex including the "Birthplace of Harinam Sankirtan".
I was blessed to sing in this holiest of holy temples. Didn't see that coming.

Haridwar and Rishikesh

Sightseeing here was truly fulfilling and breath-taking. The highlight for me was the snan (bathing) in Mother Ganga at Hari Ki Pauri, and feeding devotees. While sightseeing I would take every opportunity to go for another snan in Mother Ganga with Nabhi Prabhu. It is so true…. When mercy comes it truly comes flowing. Ganga Arati in the evening was just icing on the cake with so many devotees from different Sampradayas taking part.

Vrindavan

Just when I thought bathing in rivers was over, I was again blessed to bathe in Yamun Mai in Vrindavan. I even managed to do a 7km Parikrama of Vrindavan which is a must for all devotees. We stayed at the Sri Sri Krishna Balaram Mandir for a week exploring the complex and visiting many local temples. Some of the temples we had darshan of include Sri Gopinath, Sri Radha Gokulananda, Sri Radha Raman and Sri Radha Damodar. Another location that really touched me was Sri Seva Kunj where Krishna used to engage in seva (selfless service) of Radharani and helped her get ready for Raas Leela. Although I had watched videos online before the Yatra nothing beats the actual darshan.

Govardhan Hill, Radha Kund and Shyam Kund

By the time we got to Govardhan Hill my heart was already fulfilled with the Yatra experience so far. The 22Km Govardhan Hill Parikrama was definitely worth it with so much to see. During the Parikrama I had darshan of Govinda Kund, Radha Kund, Shyam Kund and finally Kusum Sarovar.

Barsana/ Nandagoan/ Vrinda Kund

Towards the end of the Yatra I visited the birthplace of Radharani, saw Nandagaon from a distance and tookdarshan of Vrinda Kund. In Barsana I got to see the work done by GIVE with regards to sponsoring young girls in education, tree planting and creating wells for the poor.





ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE MANDIR

Renovation works completed

Raocon Ltd completed the renovation of the Mandir to a high standard in August 2022. It began in November 2021. LIVE thanks Rao and his team on their excellent work and commitment, and gives thanks to Haresh Shah and his son, Gopal Shah, for the many long hours spent on ensuring that the Mandir was delivered to the Community in a timely fashion and to a highspecification, some of highlights are as follows:

- Front of Mandir
- Disabled access is available thanks to the funding from the National Lottery
- Beautiful altar
- Underfloor heating
- Designer roof with skylights

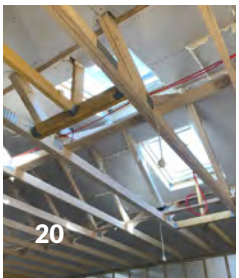
Festivals & regular events at the Mandir

by Sanjana Idnani - aged 20

- Celebrating spiritual and cultural events has been at the forefront of the Mandir's activities this year. After inviting and thanking the sponsors of the Mandir on Balaram Jayanti, The Mandir first opened its doors on the auspicious occasion of Sri Krishna Janmastami on 18th August 2022
- On this day, beautiful deities of Radhe-Shyam (Krishna) were installed and inaugurated into the Mandir and a full-fledged event to celebrate the festival was held at the Coulsdon Community Centre throughout the afternoon and evening. These beautiful Deities were made by Kanupriya and sponsored by Mrs Ramila Patel This set the tone for the Mandir's first six months.







- On Diwali, we observed the installation ceremony of Sita and Lord Rama deities, giving the devotees the opportunity to take darshan from and serve Sita, Rama Lakhsman and Hanuman as well as Radha Krishna. These beautiful Deities were also made by Kanupriya and sposored by Drs Jyoti & Rajesh Rathod Since then.
  We have held events to celebrate
  - Diwali
  - Radha Ashtami
  - Gita Jayanti
  - Kartik Maas
  - Tulsi Vivah
  - New Year's Day
  - Makar Sankranti
  - Vasant Panchami

The Makar Sankranti celebration brought different communities together as traditions and customs from different communities were celebrated at the Mandir. These events usually involve bhajans, drama and dance, and an opportunity to learn more about the festival and the pastimes associated with it. For example, at our most recent event, Makar Sankranti, children were given the opportunity to make kites to welcome in the Spring and Harvest season.
Our events have been a great opportunity to bring the Sanatana community together and spread the word about The Mandir.

At our bigger events such as Holi, Ram Navmi. Janmastami and Diwali, we see an attendance of 200-300 people. At smaller events such as our New Year's Day event, we still see around 70-100 people. Prasad (blessed vegetarian food) is served at every event and is always sponsored by members of the community.

Setting up the committee

The trustees appointed Sachin Bagla to manage the Mandir, who in turn has set up a committee to assist running the Mandir. Sachin, aged 48, works in the technology industry. Originally from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, he lives in South London and is married with 2 children.







Sachin Bagla







We have also had a 2-day discourse on "The Purpose And Meaning of Human Life" from Maa Raseshvari Deviji at the Mandir who is a follower of Kripalu Maharaj ji from Vrindavan. This was organised by by Drs Jyoti & Rajesh Rathod who make great efforts for Sanatan Dharma on every occasion.

Regular Events

The Mandir has also launched a series of more regular events since we opened in August 2022.

- Every Saturday, The Mandir hosts the recitation of the Hanuman Chalisa between 10-12 noon, which is very well attended.
- On Sunday evenings, there is a Patanjali Yoga class run by one of our devotees, Supriya Kamat.
- Marathi bhajans are being organised on a periodic basis.
- Bhajans are being organised on the first Friday of every month and there are also plans to start bhajans on the first Thursday of every month.



A bit more about Sanjana: I got involved with LIVE during my time at university when the pandemic had changed my expectations for my experience there and really had me considering the purpose of life and what I should be striving for.

I attended online Bhagavad Gita classes with Nabhiji and found they really spoke to me and made the messages of the Gita relevant to my life.

I felt passionately that giving this access to young people would be transformative and got involved with teaching youth sessions and helping with youth leela at events. I hope to expand on this within the Mandir. I also help with the Mandir's comms for events by designing posters.

Financial report of the Mandir

(by Anil Idnani)

I am pleased to present the Financial Summary for the first five months of Operations of the Mandir. It has been a positive start with an operating surplus recorded since the opening in August.

Total Income	**£5,919**
Total Expenditure	**£4,343**
Operating Surplus	**£1,576**

Notable items

- Diwali and Janmashtami festivals raised £1,600 in donations
- Yoga classes in December have raised £124
- Average weekly cash donations at the Mandir are approximately £150
- First corporate sponsorship by ICICI

Financial Plans for 2023

- Formalise the model for hiring out the Mandir for events.
- Set up a monthly donation model by direct debit for devotees wishing to contribute in this way.
- Introduce a cashless donation system using Give a Little on the recently acquired Collecting machine.
- Encourage sponsorship of major items required for the Mandir.
- Seek out further corporate sponsorship and fundraising opportunities.



School programmes at the Mandir

The Mandir is open to welcome schools from the local area to come and visit. In November 2022 Smithan Primary School visited the Mandir and the children were shown a presentation on Sanatana Dharma, which included the following:

- How to enter the Mandir (taking off shoes)
- Introducing them to the Deities
- Demonstration of Aarti and its purpose
- Yoga and pranayama exercises chanting Aum
- Chanting the Hare Krishna Maha-Mantra and dancing
- Each child is also offered prasad (a blessed piece of fruit) which is always kindly donated by members of the community.



Overall Plans for the Mandir in 2023

We want to make the Mandir a platform for all Sanatana communities to come together to celebrate festivals and traditions.

- Learn about the traditions of other communities and encourage diversity by joining local inter-faith groups.
- Educate children and grown-ups on Vedic education and Sanatana way of life.
- Our plans for 2023 include a full.
  - Calendar of events.
  - Organise discourses from eminent Katha vachaks and thinkers across diverse communities.
  - Enhance the daily Seva coverage of Seva slots by devotees.
  - Set up a youth group.
  - Use technology to engage children and younger devotees at the Mandir.
  - Enhance our social and web presence and run consistent email campaigns using our database of devotees.

The aim of establishing the Mandir is to:

- Educate our future generations about Vedic philosophy and practice.
- Try to Unite the Hindu community to come together
- Establish a centre of excellence for Sanatan Dharma wherein the whole Hindu community can collectively and individually serve to their heart's content.
- Stepping stone for more and bigger hubs of Sanatan Dharma
- Set-up cultural/educational/community projects.
- Liaise with the local community for its needs.





Diwali Drama at Coulsdon Community Centre



Playing of colours at Holi



Distribution of Prasad (spiritual food) at Shree Krishna Janmastami celebrations


HANUMAN
CHALISA
EVERY SATURDAY 10 AM - 12PM
COME AND SING ALONG
@ THE MANDIR
108 CHIPSTEAD VALLEY
ROAD. CR5 3HQ



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Daily Seva at the Mandir
Cooking Preparation *(especially on special occasions)*
Children's Education *(presentations of Sanatan Dharma to schools)*
Technology, Marketing, Web Content, Events Management
Youth Groups

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION SEVA CROYDON

Homeless food distribution in Croydon 2022

by Janaki Mehta

2022 saw another successful year of food distribution with a collaboration between LIVE and Nightwatch Croydon; supporting those in need of food within the Croydon area.

LIVE has now been regularly providing food to those in need for over two years, approximately once every month.

With social distancing and Covid restrictions easing in 2022, the project gained many new volunteers including some very young people, (A-Level and University Students) who have been getting involved along with the veterans of the team. It has been extremely joyful to see young people wishing to make a difference and helping to support those in need. We welcome all people, all age groups, to reach out to us if you are interested in getting involved.

With the growing team of volunteers. LIVE has continued to cook and collect meals and we have served many delicious meals of pasta, biryani, samosas, salads, cakes and more to those in need. There was also a distribution of warm gloves to the homeless in December 2022.

Through this project many people have contacted us privately after their family functions to find out how they can deliver surplus food for distribution. This has been graciously received by the Nightwatch Team.

Once again, it is simply impossble to name everyone who has been involved in this project as we have an ever growing army of volunteers,but needless to say - they know who they are and how much joy they are bringing to the lives of people around them. Their support is much appreciated and no doubt without them - there would be no homeless seva project.









Plans for 2023

For 2023 we wish to expand the projects in the following ways

- Have a monthly collection of long-life food items (tins, cereal boxes etc) at The Mandir which will be distributed to local food banks and homeless projects. We would like to encourage volunteers to be involved with collecting, donating, sorting and delivering the food items.
- Involve young children in writing greetings cards during festivals (Christmas etc) for the homeless.
- Distribute more essential non-food items (warm clothing, toiletries, etc)
- Collect old coats to do a winter coat collection and donation for Diwali 2023
- We look forward to your ideas, contributions, food donations and volunteering in 2023 for this project.

On a personal level - one of the most fascinating, special and motivating aspects of this project is that we are cashless. We do not collect money for this project - we work solely based on people volunteering, cooking and donating food items or non-food items, which they have bought themselves. This is what keeps me inspired to keep serving the project year after year. I know that each and every part of this seva goes directly to those in need and I get to see this first hand.

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Janaki Mehta

GOVARDHAN INSTITUTE FOR VEDIC EDUCATION

By Trikalajna Das

What is Goverdhan Institute for Vedic Education ("GIVE")?

The GIVE Trust was founded jointly by Nabhinandan Das and Trikalajna Das with the blessings of saints of Braj Vinod Baba, Ramesh Baba, Balarama Baba, Pamanabh Goswamiji and Achyutalal Bhattaji with a view to serve the Brajwasis ("residents of Vrindavan") in all possible ways and to address the various issues faced by the Brajwasis.

GIVE believes in the motto that 'serving Brajwasis is non-different from serving Radha and Krishna'. Together with London Institute of Vedic Education, GIVE's objectives and aspiration are as follows:



Sponsoring Gopis (Brajwasi girls)

Due to rising inflation/ cost of living and the traditional mindset, the villagers generally don't educate their daughters, and get them married at a tender age of 10-12 years; such girls never manage to attend school because of lack of financial support.

To address this issue, in 2022 GIVE has sponsored 265 Brajwasi girls ("gopis") across Braj (which includes schools in Vrindavan, Barsana, Govardhan, Chatikara etc). £200 per Gopi covers the tuition fees along with books, stationery, school uniform etc for the full academic year.

We also provide basic food items and medical help to the poor Gopi families to ensure that their basic needs are met and the gopis are not prematurely married (or made to work for basic needs) so that they get at least the basic minimum education (both material as well as spiritual).







GIVE adopts a detailed student selection process to ensure that the gopis that require the most help get the assistance, and also monitors the progress of students through meetings with parents, school teachers, principals on a regular basis. GIVE ensures that schools wherein the gopis are sponsored learn Vedic knowledge by reciting Bhagavat Gita skolas, chanting the Hare Krishna Mahamantra and having regular kirtan programs/ lectures. Also, students who show interest in understanding spirituality are encouraged and given further guidance.

Aspirations for 2023:
GIVE plans to expand the number of gopis it sponsors to 400.

Installation of Water Wells and Forest Restoration

Due to rising inflation and cost of living, the villagers have almost cut all the trees to get more agricultural land/ food produce. Such agricultural practices in the villages of Braj are contributing to a looming water crisis. There is shortage of sweet water suitable for drinking for the villagers in almost 500 villages in Braj. Also, due to lack of resources, there are not even enough tube wells in villages to meet the requirement of the villagers. For example, in Kashi Nagla near Dalota village which is around 20 kms from Vrindavan there is no water well and the villagers have to travel 2-3 kms to get water.

So far, GIVE has installed 23 tube wells and planted more than 250 trees, working closely with Gram Panchayat and Pradhans of the village to ensure water wells and forest restoration work takes place with the support of the local villagers.

Aspirations for 2023:
GIVE has identified villages/ Naglas in and around Govardhan, Dauji (Baldeo), Sehi, Parkam, Chaumuha, Mukarai, Kunjera wherein there is a need to install tube wells as well as plant trees.
GIVE is planning to install 108 water wells on the Braj Chaurasi Kos Parikrama (Spiritual Ring Road of Braj).

After 2023, GIVE also plans to restore the pokhers (mini lakes) and wells in the villages of Braj; if there are no pokhers or wells, we plan to build at least 4 pokhers and 4 wells in each village to ensure rain water utilization and to solve the problem of water of the villages.

Supporting Small Gaushalas (cowsheds)

Based on our experience, we understand that in small gaushalas (with not more than 10 cows) the cows are cared for in much better conditions as compared to big gaushalas having thousands of cows. Support to such small gaushalas run by poor brajwasis is a key to promote cow based (organic) farming as well as cow protection. GIVE supports 13 such small gaushalas in Braj region. GIVE and LIVE has continued its support to the Radhakanta Gaushala situated in Radhakund.

Aspirations for 2023:
To adopt 20 gaushalas

Adopted Cows

Donors also have the opportunity to donate Pure Breed Desi cows to the local poor Brajabasis or to the Goshala's run by the poor Brajabasis or to the Brahmins of Braja with respect to their ancestral scriptural guidance.

During the year, 7 pure breed desi cows were donated and some of these cows have even given birth to calves. Some of donors are Pratibha Mehta, Arti, Shukla, Ragini Patel and Sat prabhu.

These cows are specially picked and donated to gaushalas who will maintain and take excellent care of them. GIVE provides the opportunity to donate a cow out of one's love for cows. Pure Breed Desi Cows can cost from INR 70000 (approximately £700) onwards depending on the age and health of the cows

Aspirations for 2023:
To avail the opportunity to others to also donate cows as recommended by Garuda Purana









Ration and Food Distribution

Due to extreme poor financial conditions and many family members, some villagers find it difficult to feed their children a healthy and nutritious diet. GIVE provides basic ration kits to such families. GIVE sponsors food and prasadam distribution on a regular basis.GIVE organized a big feast serving prasadam to around 30000-50000 people on Radhastami in Barsana. GIVE also distributed 30000 laddus on the occasion of Lathmar Holi.

GIVE distributed prasadam to around 2500 people (including Mahants of Temples of Vrindavan) on Vrindavan Parikrama Marg during Janmashtami. GIVE also arranges special prasadam for blind people and widows in Braj. GIVE also does food distribution on special occasions/ tithis (like birthdays, shraddha etc) to brahmanas/ sadhus.

Aspirations for 2023:
To organise monthly distribution of provisions to the needy family in Braj.

Distribution of Blankets and Medical Assistance

GIVE distributed around 4000 blankets in the winters of 2022 and beginning of 2023 to the poor in the Braj region. Due to lack of medical facilities in villages, GIVE distributes First Aid kits as well as sponsoring medical operations/ treatments of poor brajwasis/ sadhus. For example, GIVE recently sponsored the prostrate operation of a sadhu, who was extremely grateful because he was in severe pain.



Aspirations for 2023:
To distribute 5000 blankets by the end of the 2023.

Restoration of Ancient Temples/ Places of Worship in Braj

GIVE's first project of renovation of Tulsi Das Bhajan Kutir was successfully completed and we now hold regular preaching programs there.
GIVE has also provided water facilities in Braj Mohan Temple of Narottama Das Thakur in Gyangudri, Vrindavan.The ashram as well as the pilgrims are benefited by the same.

Aspirations for 2023:
To seek out further important places to renovate.

Sraddha

Sraddha was observed for the ancestors of approximately 100 devotees (mainly from London). Brajwasi Brahmins performed the ceremony (including a yajna) and over 100 local brahmins were served with sumptuous prasad.



Weddings

Vedic marriages are a big part of our colourful and meaningful tradition. However weddings are often a financial challenge for some families even if they do the best minimum exchanges. The GIVE team ethically scrutinises the financial situation of those who request assistance and contributes either partially or fully depending on their circumstances.
A simple marriage can cost up to Rs 3 lakhs. During the year, GIVE assisted with the costs of several weddings of poor brajwasis couples.
Note: This Annual Report is prepared by Tansukh Shingdia a.k.a Trikalajna Das (Managing Trustee) and Dhaval Sachdev a.k.a Vraj Vilas Das (B Com, CA, LLB)

If you would like to donate to any of these causes the bank details are as follows:

Bank details

Bank Name: Axis Bank
CA - A/C No: 922020013162565
A/C Holder Name: Govardhan Institute for Vedic Education
IFSC CODE: UTIB0000794
IBAN/Swift code: AXISINBB086
(Instead IBAN code INDIA use a Swift Code only
SOL ID: 794,
Bank Address: Chhatikara Road. Near Nandan Van Colony, Vrindavan
Registered Offices: 71 Madhuvan Colony, Off Sunrakh Road, Vrindavan, UP (281121)



Distribution of blankets



Distribution of blankets



Restoration of Holy Sites



Restoration of Holy Sites



Feeding Pilgrims



Supporting Weddings

DWIPA INSTITUTE FOR VEDIC EDUCATION

by Sanjoy Roy

The concept behind DIVE:

Many of the girls born in Bengal are looked upon as a liability by their families, as they are to be wedded off when they reach adulthood. Marriage becomes a burden as the dowry system is only abolished on paper. So, the girls are neglected when it comes to education. A decent Bengali medium education is a big challenge for girls, and English medium education is only a dream for a few.

Through proper education opportunities and guidance, both materially and spiritually a child will grow to have a good future and also be our future. The simple but challenging concept is to uplift as many children as possible, among the financially challenged families of the Nabadwip/Nadia district of West Bengal.

DIVE was formed in the year 2022 by Sanjoy Roy and Manideep Rana with the blessing of Nabhinandan Das, who is the pillar of support and encouragement and in collaboration with LIVE.

DIVE is a duly registered NGO in India, complying with Section 8 Company registration. The registered office of the company is situated in the State of West Bengal. The offices of DIVE are located at 9th Floor, Nitai Building, Sridham Mayapur, West Bengal, INDIA, 741313

Objectives of DIVE:

1. To promote traditional education based on Vedic principles, promote concepts and curriculum of Vedic and traditional education system for the benefit of the public at large without any discrimination of caste, creed, religion or sex.









2. To establish and run in any part of India coaching institutes, Study Centres and oral coaching classes, wherein professional, technical, vocational or higher education in every field of science, commerce, arts, management, engineering, law, banking, insurance, finance, medicine, hospitality, tourism, computers or any other type of education can be imparted with regular and part time classes.
3. To establish, develop, promote franchise, study centres in India or abroad for conducting regular, evening or weekend interactive classes, and to get the necessary approval, permission required for this purpose.
4. To institute studentship, scholarships, stipends, medals, prizes etc., to help and encourage deserving students and to provide aid to students, scholars and teachers for the purpose of and towards imparting traditional Vedic education-value-moral system.
5. To establish/encourage Veda Pathasalas, Gurukulas and home schooling.
6. To establish, maintain, run, develop, improve, extend and support educational institutions in ancient Bharatiya heritage (especially Vedic culture), philosophy and culture and to make grants and donations to such institutions and for such a purpose.

DIVE's Achievements in 2022

- Sponsored 27 students through the education system.
- Sponsored 2 water filters in schools.
- Assisted 4 students with medical help.
- Distributed prasadam to 100+ persons.
- Holding Vedic Classes for children every 2 weeks.

Case Study

18 children from poor backgrounds have been sponsored to attend Alpha Blue Day School, which has a total of 200 students. The teachers are mainly female and are devotees of Krishna. The children are happy to attend school, many wear tilak.

Aspirations for 2023:

- Facilitate 100 needy Primary students (mainly girls) with an opportunity to study in English medium schools.
- Collaborate with such schools in each of the 9 islands of Navadwipa.
- Increase weekly classes on Vedic education, including Bhagavad-gita as it is.
- Introduce chanting and meditation classes.
- Introduce child protection awareness.

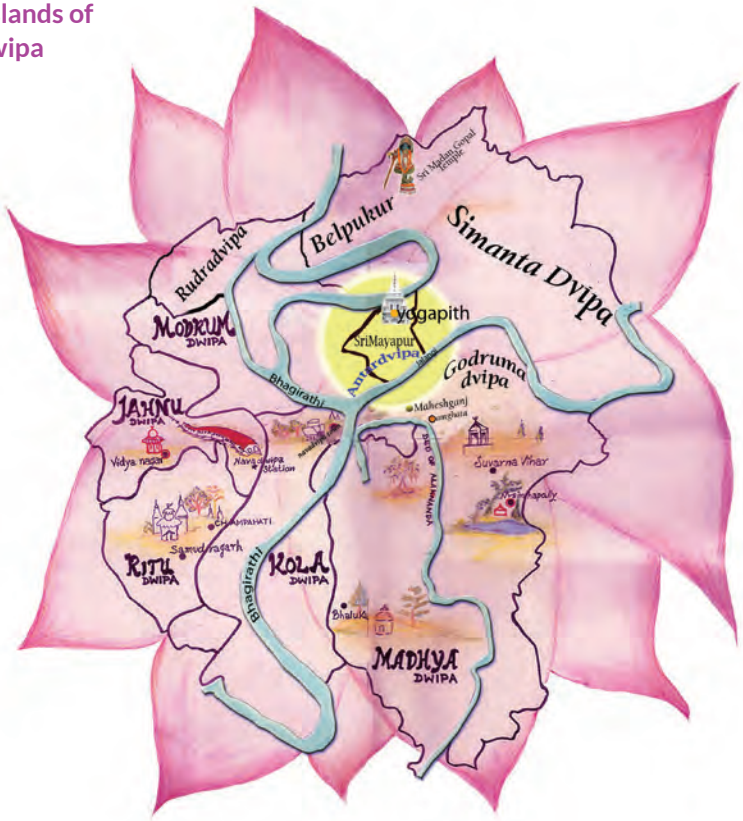
Request for donations:

Donations are gratefully received for our important charity work at the following account:

Dwipa Institute for Vedic Education Foundation
Account No 922010032304318
AXIS BANK...KRISHNANAGAR
IFS CODE...UTIB0000237

All enquiries:
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+91-993-384-9820

The 9 Islands of Navadwipa



SRI LANKA

(report by Selvan)



Two bicycles were sponsored for Students in poor remote places. Due to the economic crises the prices of bicycles have substantially increased from 40,000 SLR to nearly 90,000 SLR for one bicycle.

We distributed sweets & prasad as well as BGs and chanting beads to students.

Aspirations for 2023

- **Sponsoring 10 children with their education.**
- **Providing Prasadam for at least 20 people every Sunday.**
- **Providing food for Devotees at the local Krishna temple in Uduvil**
- **Supporting the Charity School run by our family in Poonagary (Jaffna)**
- **Visiting Sri Lanka to assess the requirement to concentrate more on educational needs of the children.**





LIVE ACCOUNTS

London Institute of Vedic Education
Year ended 31 December 2022
Balance Sheet

	As at 31.12.21	As at 31.12.22
Assets		
Loan to Live Temple Estates CIC	209,472	209,472
Current Assets		
Cash	77,195	2,359
Current liabilities		
Loan payable within 2 years	(50,000)	(119,000)
	236,668	92,832
Capital	-	
Surplus income b/f	12,617	236,668
Surplus income in the year	224,051	(143,836)
	236,668	92,832

Note to the accounts

The Loan of £209,472 to Live Temple Estates CIC is made in order to acquire the building at 108-112 Chipstead Valley Road, Croydon CR5 3BA, which is the place of worship known as Sanatana Centre Coulsdon.

Income & Expenditure

	Year ended 31.12.2021	Year ended 31.12.2022
Income & Expenditure		
Book distribution/Candle sales	108	228
Donations for The Mandir	239,650	92,671
Tax rebate from HMRC	62,930	27,624
Bharat (India) projects	135,071	133,104
Sri Lanka	6,221	1,553
Festivals	5,270	6,918
International tours	780	9,130
Schools/Courses	1,440	2,269
Total Income	**451,472**	**273,497**
Office costs	372	1,407
Insurance	948	716
Marketing/Communication	2,714	10,738
Spiritual Books & other paraphernalia	3,326	646
Bharat projects	143,610	150,376
Sri Lanka	6,679	2,076
Renovation	63,279	234,020
Sanatan Centre Expenses	1,128	4,343
Festivals	3,240	1,853
US Charity Legals	1,424	-
International tours	700	9,130
Legal & compliance fees	-	1,428
Accountancy fees	-	600
Total Expenses	**227,421**	**417,333**
Surplus for the year	**224,051**	**(143,836)**

ACCOUNTANTS REPORT

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was conducted in accordance with general Directionsgiven by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement to the right.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me a reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act;
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act.

have not been met ; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Cubed Consultancy Ltd
22 April 2023



Sita Rama Lakhsman Hanuman

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Presentation of Sanatan Dharma at the Mandir, 108 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, CR5 3BA, to Year 3 pupils from Minster School. The children are having darshan of Radhe Shyam and Sita, Rama, Lakhsman, Hanuman.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name: London Institute of Vedic Education			Charity No 1184199	
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01.01.2022	To	Period end date	31.12.2022

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	273,497	-	-	273,497	451,471
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	-	-		-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	273,497	-	-	273,497	451,471
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	417,333	-	-	417,333	227,421
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	417,333	-	-	417,333	227,421
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	S13	- 143,836	-	-	- 143,836	224,050
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	- 143,836	-	-	- 143,836	224,050
Extraordinary items	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	- 143,836	-	-	- 143,836	224,050
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	236,668	-	-	236,668	12,618
Total funds carried forward	S22	92,832	-	-	92,832	236,668

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets						
Intangible assets	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	B02	-	-	-	-	
Heritage assets	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Stocks	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 4)	B07	209,472	-	-	209,472	209,472
Investments	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 5)	B09	2,360	-	-	2,360	77,195
Total current assets	B10	211,832	-	-	211,832	286,667
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 6)	B11	119,000	-	-	119,000	50,000
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	92,832	-	-	92,832	236,667
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	92,832	-	-	92,832	236,667
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	B14		-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	92,832	-	-	92,832	236,667
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds	B18		-		-	-
Unrestricted funds	B19	92,832		-	92,832	236,667
Revaluation reserve	B20				-	
Total funds	B21	92,832	-	-	92,832	236,667

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval ~~08/10/22~~
	IAN LYNCH	22.04.23
	PARTH MALDE	22.04.23

Section C	Notes to the accounts

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

• and with*		the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
• and with*	✓	the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

• and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*	

* -Tick as appropriate

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;	N/A
Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;	N/A
Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.	N/A

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { }.

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate	NO CHANGE
No*			

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;	N/A
(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and	
(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.	

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate	NO CHANGE
No*			

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of any changes;	N/A
(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and	
(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.	

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate	NO ERRORS
No*			

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of the prior period error;	N/A
(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and	
(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.	

Note 2 Accounting policies

2.2 INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

		Yes	No	N/a
Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: 〈 the charity becomes entitled to the resources; · it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and 〈 the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.	✓		
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.	✓		
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).	✓		
Legacies	In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).			✓
	Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.			✓
Government grants	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period			✓
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.	✓		
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.			✓
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.			✓
	The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.			✓ ✓
	Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.			✓
	Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.			✓
	Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.			✓
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.			✓
	Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.			✓
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.			✓
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.	✓		
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.			✓
Income from membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.			✓
	Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are			

		Yes	No	N/a
	recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.			✓
Settlement of insurance claims	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.			✓
Investment gains and losses	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.			✓

2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

		Yes	No	N/a
Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	✓		
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.	✓		
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.			✓
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.			✓
Grants payable without performance conditions	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.			✓
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.			✓
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.			✓
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts	✓		
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date	✓		
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.	✓		

2.4 ASSETS

			Yes	No	N/a
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least				
	They are valued at cost.				✓
	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.				
Intangible fixed assets	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5				✓
	They are valued at cost.				✓
Heritage assets	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.				✓
	They are valued at cost.				✓
Investments	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.				✓
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments				✓
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.				✓
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.				✓

Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.

		✓

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Yes	No	N/a
✓		

Current asset investments

The charity has has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

Yes	No	N/a
		✓

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

Yes	No	N/a
✓		

POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE

Note 3 Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	245,873	-	-	245,873	388,541
	Gift Aid	27,624	-	-	27,624	62,930
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	
	Total	273,497	-	-	273,497	451,471
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:	Interest income	-	-	-	-	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		273,497	-	-	273,497	451,471

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for: (please provide description and amounts)

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the prior period, please give the reason for the conversion.

Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)

Note 4 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

4.1 Analysis of debtors

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	209,472.0	209,472.0
Total	209,472.0	209,472.0

Please complete 19.2 where a material debtor is recoverable more than a year after the reporting date.

4.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	209,472.0	209,472.0
	-	-
Total	209,472.0	209,472.0

Note 6 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

6.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	119,000	50,000	-	-
Total	119,000	50,000	-	-

6.2 Deferred income

Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.

Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.

This year	Last year

Movement in deferred income account

	This year £	Last year £
Balance at the start of the reporting period	-	-
Amounts added in current period	-	-
Amounts released to income from previous periods	-	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	-	-

Section C	Notes to the accounts	(cont)

Note 5 **Cash at bank and in hand**

	This year £	Last year £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	2,360	77,195
Other	-	-
Total	2,360	77,195

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
London Institute of Vedic Education

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2022

Charity no (if any)

1184199

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: M. T. Munnelly **Date:** 24/04/2023

Name: MARK MUNNELLY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ICAEW

Address: CUBED CONSULTANCY, 6-7 WATERSIDE, HARPENDEN AL5 4US

LONDON INSTITUTE OF VEDIC EDUCATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1184199

Accounts

LIVE London Institute of Vedic Education

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Summary of the activities of London Institute of Vedic Education in 2021

2021 was truly an extraordinary year for LIVE. The pandemic was still in full flow and we were continuing with our daily Zoom seminars. Then in February 2021 an exciting opportunity was provided to us by Haresh Shah to purchase a Synagogue and convert it into a Sanatan Dharma Centre. By the wonderful support of the Hindu community we were able to raise the funds to buy the property and work has began to renovate the Centre to a very high standard which the whole community will be proud of and will be a legacy for the future generations.

In June 2021, Sriman Trikalajna, who lives in Vrindavan offered us an opportunity to sponsor the education of girls (gopis) from poor backgrounds. The condition of these gopis are usually very challenging as they may be married off at an early age and have little prospects of living a life to their full potential. Here was a chance for us to make a difference and by the end of 2021, 250 gopis were sponsored, again thanks to the kind donations of the community. We are planning to continue and increase our support for the gopis going forward.

In Vrindavan Trikalajna also initiated a project of installing water wells in remote villages where the villagers do not have access to water, with walking for miles to get water. LIVE again helped to facilitate the installation of some 17 water wells in 2021 and many more are planned in the future. We have also adopted Goshalla and gaumatas, provided blankets for the needy during biting winter season, feeding and providing the raw ingredients for the poor families to cook themselves and provided for the distribution of spiritual books.

In addition to celebrating the festivals of Shree Krishna Janmastami and Diwali, which were very successful, and the presentation of 750 online sessions, we also attended 78 schools in South London, in the autumn term of 2021, presenting Sanatan Dharma to over 18,800 children and teachers. This is the core objective of LIVE.

In your service,
Nabhinandan Das & Jayanti Devi

LIVE Trustees Details



Ian Lynch - Chairman of the trustees

Ian Lynch, 56 years old, is a specialist in Graphic and Website Design. Over the years Ian has helped with printing artwork and magazines for us and working with charities.



Ashwin Soni

Ashwin Soni, 72, was born in Uganda and has been living in the United Kingdom since 1970. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chemical Engineering and a Chartered Engineer. He retired in 2010 after 35 years as a senior manager in the Technology and Engineering sectors of Kimberly Clark.

He was instrumental in the construction of the £3.4 million Mandir and Community Centre in Crawley. He is married with three adult children, daughters in-law, son in-law, and two adorable grandchildren.

Gurjar Hindu Union, Crawley Community Action, Diver Crawley, and Crawley Inter Faith Network are among the charities he supports in Crawley. Music, dancing, delicious cuisine, and playing with the grandchildren are some of his favourite pastimes.



Parth Malde

Parth Malde is a disciple of HH Krishna Das Son of Nabhinandan and Jayanti. Masters in Mathematics, working in financial industry. Interests are learning musical instruments such as mridanga and harmonium and playing tennis.



Naveen Khosla with his wife Sadhana

Naveen is the CEO of Medipharmacy Ltd - a pharmacy chain that operates in South East England. “I am proud to be a trustee and would like to see the centre to be the focus of our community.”



Kanu Priya Devi Dasi

Kanu Priya Devi Dasi is a self-employed artist and tutor who specalises in painting, decorative painting and sculptor.

She has been an aspiring devotee from her teens, received harinam diksha 1998 from Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev Goswami Maharaj and Brahmin initiation 2019 from the Srila Bhakti Nirmal Acharya Maharaj of the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math.

GIVE Trustee Details



Trikalajna Das

Trikalajna Das was born in Kenya and attended Aston University in Birmingham and studied a B.Sc. (Honours) in Civil and Marine Engineer. In the past he has worked for Dutch, British, and Australian contractors (HBM, Tarmac, Richard Costains). These are a few of the projects he has worked on and accomplished:

- Thames Barrage London - inaugurated by the Queen of England and is listed as Monument
- The Glory of India Vedic cultural centre - Iskcon New Delhi - inaugurated by Atal Bihari Vajpayee and is listed as a Monument of India
- Constructed temple ISKCON Baltimore - USA
- ISKCON management leadership since 1982
- Trustee & Founder of Govardhan Institute For Vedic Education (GIVE)
- Educating children; especially girls from poor families
- Distributing Ration and Medicines to the needy
- Installing water pumps in rural villages



Nabhi and Jayanti

Nabhi and Jayanti have been married for 36 years. Born in Kenya, they retired from working life in 2012. Under the guidance of their spiritual master HH Krishna Das Swami they have been engaged in the last 33 years serving the community to increase the awareness of Vedic principles of life. They primarily founded LIVE in 2019 in order to promote Sanatan Dharma in schools in South London.They are also assisting GIVE and Trikalajna to offer education to the girls of needy family and also establish the provision of water to remote villages in Vrajabhumi, Uttar Pradesh, Bharat (India).



Priyavrat Das

Priyavrat Das was born in South Africa, and is self employed as an Accountant and Financial Advisor. He is a disciple of HH Krishna Das Swami. He was initiated in 1996. He is currently a Trustee of the Shri Hari Trust in Punjab and assists with Food for Life in South Africa.

Online seminars

We hosted over 750 seminars, satsangs and yoga sessions in 2021.

Srimad Bhagavatam	180
Bhagavad Gita	95
Appearance days of Vaishavas	90
Children and Youth Sanga	75
Bhajans	61
Damodar Satsangs	50
Yoga	50
Ekadasi Satsangs	26
Tour of South Bharat Temples	21
Abodes of the Lord	10
Miscellaneous	92
	750

"Bhakti - Jnana Course for children"

On the 11th of July 2021, we started an online Bhagavad Gita course for children on Sunday afternoons. 55 children started the course, which lasted for 26 weeks and covered all the chapters of Bhagavad Gita, and I am happy to announce that 30 children successfully completed the course.

The sessions included the children reading the English translations of a chapter of the Gita, summary of the chapter and lesson to learn provided by the course facilitator, Sanjana and Nabhinandan Das, followed by Q&A and ending with a quiz on the previous week's chapter.

All the children were outstanding but special mention needs to be made of the following star students:

> Parineeta Juneja (aged 16)
> Ishvari Mutty (aged 12)
> Kishori Mutty (aged 11)
> Shreenitya Mukerjee (aged 7)
> Riyansh Vuppala (aged 8)
> Lokeshwara Kuoch (aged 9)

The students have been awarded "Distinction" or "Merit" certificates according to their performance and attendance during the course.

School programmes

By the grace of Guru and Govinda, LIVE conducted an Autumn 2021 School Marathon and the results are as follows:

- 78 schools were visited - 62 workshops and 65 assembles performed
- Over 18,800 students and teachers heard the message of Sanatan Dharma
- 57 Ram Leela dramas were performed by the school children
- 22 Bhagavad Gitas distributed to the teachers
- 1480 Higher Tastes distributed to the children
- Donations of over £1400 received from the schools

It was wonderful to see the children chanting the holy names and it was a great honour to help train the next generation to take forward the school programmes.

Review from one of the schools:

Dear Nabhi,

Thank you so much for last week's assembly. The children were totally engaged and loved the opportunity to sing! The children were talking about the school felt very happy to have Diwali celebrated in this way. We look forward to welcoming you back.

Kind regards,
Emily Woodward
St Andrew's And St Mark's CofE Junior School
08/11/21







Feedback

Hi Nabhi,

I just wanted to say thank you for such a wonderful assembly yesterday! The children couldn't stop talking about it and the staff loved it too. You were a breath of fresh air; very engaging and positive and a joy to watch!

Best wishes,
Laura Wood
Meadow Primary School
11/12/21

Dear Nabhi,

I just wanted to say thank you again for visiting our school yesterday. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the time - it was so informative and engaging for the children and we have had some lovely responses from them. Thank you for fitting us into your busy schedule and we really hope we will be able to see you again soon.

Kindest regards,
Rachel Stevens
Limsfield Primary School
19/10/21

Dear prabhuji hare krishna. This is Shruthilaya.

We have settled in India now. Sorry that I could not have messaged you earlier as my phone got broken due to the heat. We are still keeping all the practices you told as a regular habit. We as a whole family would like to thank you for your life changing classes as they have now shaped up my life with discipline and bhakti.



Education (online)

Hindi Classes

- Started: June 2021 - Ongoing
- Average: 13 attendees in 2021
- Number of staff: 5
- Two classes of separate age group (5-7 & 8-13 year olds), each 30mins in length, via Zoom on Saturdays

Bhakti Jnana - Life Lessons from the Bhagavad Gita

- 8-16 year olds
- Started: 11th July 2021
- Duration: 20 weeks
- Certificate awarded based on attendance
- Top 3 students received a prize
- Taught via zoom on Sundays @ 1pm
- Free course/Donations welcomed.
- No. of Attendees, average: 30

Youth Presentations on Bhagavad Gita chapters

- Course duration: Aug 2020 - June 2021
- Presenter age range: 7 - 30+ years
- Fortnightly on Sundays via zoom @ 1pm
- Free to participate
- No. of Attendees, average: 10

Krishna Children Sanga

- LIVE staff: 5
- Average number of attendees: 13
- Children age group: 5-13
- Free attendace
- Weekly via Zoom, Saturdays. 1 hour sangas.
- Sangas included:
  - 14 Online dramas
  - Krishna book stories
  - Diwali pastime
  - Durga pastime
  - Quizzes
- Hanuman Chalisa recitation by the children
- Morning to Bedtime shlokas
- 8 shlokas over 8 weeks
- Started: March 2021
- Certificates handed out based on attendace. 26 in total.
- Hanuman Chalisa recitation course
- Presentation at Ram Navmi 2022 program
  - 10 children participated
  - Average participants: 13
- Kahoot quiz
  - 4 quizzes took place
  - Total - 23 players altogether
  - Prize and gifts
- Top 3 scorers: Hanuman Murtis each
- For taking part in each quiz, gifts inc: Hanuman pendant, keyring, bookmark and pencil.
- Estimated costs (Gifts/Prizes and P&P) = £124.02 (Not including package costs from India)
- Donations given: £25
- Two unknown amounts of donations pledged - waiting to receive.
- Certificates given on Kahoot Quiz participation and attendance for the course. 25 certificates in total.

Pre-teens Bhagavad Gita course

- Course duration: Sept 2020 - July 2021
- Fortnightly on Sundays via zoom @ 1pm
- Led by a university student.
- Number of staff: 2
- Free course
- No. of Attendees, average: 23

Easter 2021 retreat

- Retreat over 3 days via zoom, included:
- Origami workshop - led by a young devotee
- Talent show
- Kahoot! Quiz on India and Sanatan Dharma
- Children age group: 5-13
- 36 parents signed up to enter their child(ren) for the retreat
- Free retreat

Bhagavad Gita - chapter overview satsangs

- Friday evenings. 7pm
- All ages (5+ years)
- Course duration: 4th December 2020 - 18th June 2021
- No. of staff: 2
- Uploaded on YouTube
- Gita Mahotsav - Dec 2021 included
- No. of Attendees, average: 15

For all the below online classes, not all classes have been counted.

Learning verses from the BG

- Course duration: Winter '20 - 1st Sept '21
- Wednesday via zoom, 7pm
- No. of Attendees, average: 10
- All ages (5+ years)

Learning verses

- Course duration: 8th Sept 21 - ongoing
- For all ages (5+ years)
- Wednesdays, 7pm
- Verses included from:
- Nrsimha Kavach (3 part)

Bhajan satsungs

- Thursday evenings @ 7pm
- Started: 3rd Dec 2020 - Ongoing
- For all ages (5+ years)
- Uploaded on YouTube

Yoga classes

- Pranayama: The Beginner's Guide to Yoga Breathing Exercises.
- Krishna Yoga Club
- Sunday mornings, 8:30am
- Started: 20th Sept 2020
- Number of Attendees : average 20

Daily seminars @ 3:30pm

- Started: 21st March 2020 - Ongoing into 2022
- Age: 5+ years
- Seminars uploaded YouTube
- Attendees, average: 9-15

Srimad Bhagavatam - Chapter by chapter

- Started 18th Sept 2020 - Ongoing into 2022
- No. of staff: 2
- Classes taught when it's not a festival or an appearance day of a divine personality seminar

Gaudiya Sampradaya personalities classes

- No. of staff:1 main + Various attendees of sanga
- Attendees, average: 14
- More than 33 classes include on various personalities such as Ramanujacharya, Madhavendra Puri, Nimbarkacharya, etc.

Temples in South Bharat

- Classes by Shruti Ramachandran
- Attendees, average: 15
- More than 21 classes included:
- Temples such as Guruvayur, Sri Ranganatha Swami Temple, Udupi Sri Krishna

Bhagavad Gita summary

- Classes by Karuna Bhandar Devi
- 11 parts
- Course duration: 15th Dec till 30th Dec

Srimad Bhagavatam - history & overview of cantos & chapters

- Course started: June 2021 - Ongoing
- Friday evenings @ 7pm - not including Kartik month Staff: 2
- Attendees, average: 10

Damodar/Kartik Satsungs/Classes

- Duration: 21st Oct - 19th Nov 7pm
- Attendees, average: 20

Ekasdai Kathas

- Evenings, 8pm
- Occurrence on Ekadasi dates
- 24 classes
- Recitation of Vishnu Sahasranam by Radhika Iyer

Sanatan Centre Coulsdon

In South London there is a population of three million and only 3% of the population are Hindus, however, there isn't an established Sanatan centre. With this in mind, on the 8th of February, 2021, Haresh Shah and his family gave us an opportunity to change this and build a place of worship for the community in Surrey.

They had just exchanged on a synagogue in Coulsdon for the purchase price of £200,000. Their original intention was to purchase the property with a view of obtaining planning permission to build six flats on the land and then sell the land with planning permission for £600,000.

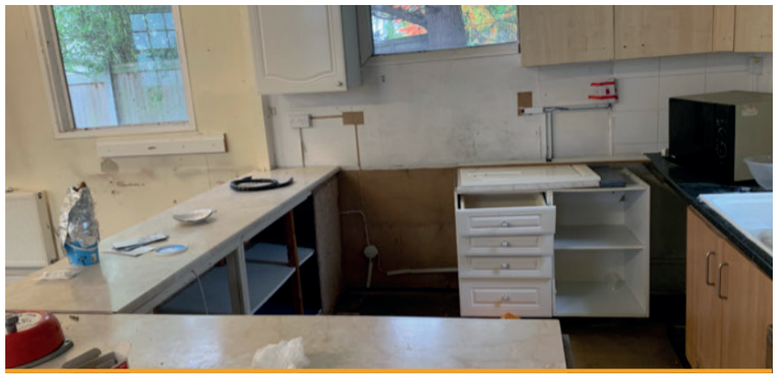
However, they also had a vision to leave a spiritual legacy of Sanatana Dharma for future generations. They reached out to us so see if we would like to complete the purchase for £200,000 and open a Sanatan Centre, with a view of renovating the hall making it fit for purpose as a place of worship.

Even though we were in the middle of a pandemic, we kindly accepted the challenge and with the generous help of the Hindu community, friends, and family of LIVE Trustees and Committee, we were able to raise the necessary funds. On Thursday 25th March 2021, the property has been acquired by LIVE Temple Estates CIC.

Site photos

Documented on 9th November, 2021

The Centre is located at 108, Chipstead Valley Road, CR5 3BA.
The first image here is the main entrance of the site. It was built in 1950 with concrete blocks with no proper insulation. The interior of this building has a good sized hall space with a kitchen counter setup at the very end. At the rear end of this hall there's a door which leads to toilets and also a door which connects to the rear side of the building. The rear side of the building has these steep stairs leading to an open terrace like space, which is covered in leaves and dust.





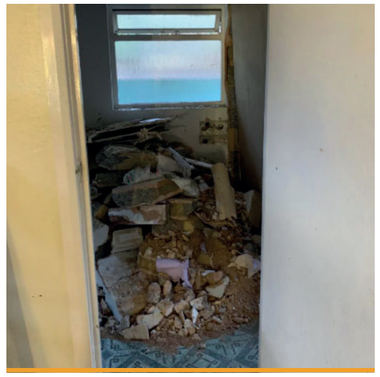


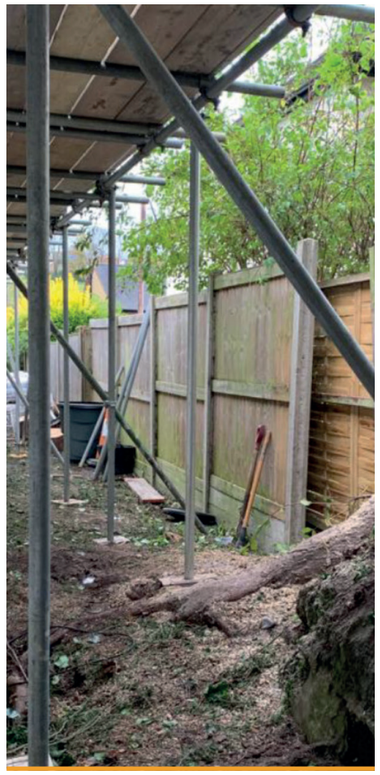
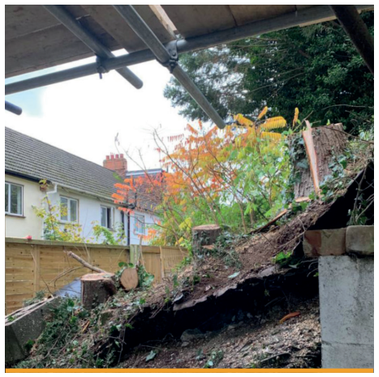




Documented on 13th November, 2021

As days passed by, the workers slowly started taking down the interior partition walls, which gave us more space. These pictures are from the rear side of the building where the five trees were present and now cleared and the whole area is ready for the scaffolding.








Documented on 16th & 23rd November, 2021

Removal of the roof: Asbestos is a harmful substance which is used in several different places in a building for insulation. This substance was removed by the specialist from the roof safely. The roof is slowly being taken down as it can be seen in these images. The roof has been taken down completely and the ready made trusses have arrived to the site.









Documented on 1st, 7th & 17th December, 2021

The new roof trusses have been put up and also for the interior waterproof sheets sheets were inserted under the timber wall battens.

By the 17th of December 2021, the timber structure layouts for the bathrooms and the shower were constructed. The bathrooms and the shower will be located at the entrance, right before you enter further into the mandir. The waterproof insulation sheets were fixed on to the walls. The cavities on the walls are created to install the windows and the bi-fold doors.



Documented on 17th December, 2021

The rooflight is being installed. Left side of the roof: Roof tiles are attached and it is nearly done. The gutters have been installed throughout the whole roof. Roof tiles are half way done in the right part of the roof.

The renovation works are planned to be completed by April 2022. However at the date of publishing this annual report it is likely that the opening of the centre will take place on Balaram Jayanti which falls on Friday, 12th August 2022.







Goverdhan Institute for Vedic Education “GIVE”

What is GIVE?

This trust was founded jointly by Nabhinandan Das and Trikalajna Das with blessings of saints of Braj Vinod Baba, Ramesh Baba, Balaram Baba, Padmanabh Goswamiji and Achyutalal Bhatta Ji.

Together with London Institute of Vedic Education, GIVE’s objectives and aspiration are as follows:

Supporting the education of Gopis (Girls):

Mostly farmers or labourers are poor in the Vrajadham area. Thus financially impaired, many struggle to meet day to day living costs which hinders the Gopis’ right to education, example, there is a girl with deaf and dumb parents, who struggle to send their child to school. The child is now adopted by her aunt who has a petty job. GIVE is now supporting their child to get an education.

Installation of water pumps:

Rural reformation by afforestation projects and installation of better water sources in the form of tube wells and boreholes, especially in the villages in and around Vrindavan, Barsana and Goverdhan.

Provision of blankets

Assisting the widows in Braj Dham by the provision of blankets and clothing. Winters are particularly harsh in Vrindaban and GIVE has provided over 2500 blankets in the winter of 2021 to the needy people.

Restoring historical and spiritual insignificant artifacts and temples

GIVE is currently restoring and renovating Sri Tulsi Das Bhajan Kutir in Vrindavan which was in a dilapidated state for quite sometime.



Sponsoring Gopis education

Conceived and inspired by the spiritual and social reformists Ramesh and Vinod Babaji. Together with LIVE, GIVE is supporting the education of Gopis who come from needy families: **251 students received their tuition fees from GIVE, in 2021.**

Process of Student Selection

Step 1: Setting up camps and registering the students interested.

Step 2: Setting up interviews with the students and their parents.

Step 3: Thorough counselling session with the parents and cross checking the student's credentials.

Step 4: Meeting the schools and colleges to understand their modus operandus explaining how we intend to support their students.

Step 5: Cross-verification through phone call, both student and the school/college.

Step 6: Getting details from schools/colleges and processing the payment for individual students.

Step 7: Preparing and maintaining books of each student.

Step 8: Giving the students Bhagavad Gita and other spiritual books and educating them on the importance of balancing spiritual and material life.





Installation of water wells

‘Goverdhan Institute of Vedic Education’ installed hand pumps in the Astasakhi villages and distributed blankets to the girls they had adopted earlier. There has always been shortage of fresh drinking water in these villages, hence GIVE and LIVE came together to provide water to the villagers.

Hand pumps were installed in Kamai, Chiksoli, Rakoli, Dabala, Unchagaon and Sunehra villages solving the drinking water problem. Pandit Baba said that by the grace of saints, GIVE and LIVE are supporting the education of the young girls of Vraj and they didn’t stop at that, they’ve installed hand pumps in the Astasakhi villages, that shows their service attitude. Hand pumps installed in the Astasakhi villages & blankets were distributed (Hindustan, 20th December 2021).

If anyone would like to sponsor a well then these are the costings:

- Installation of hand pump - £700
- Installation of electric pump - £1000
- Dakshina for priest - £50
- Dakshina for village Gopikas - £100
- Feast for village - £350
- Total cost of Hand-Pump - £1150

GIVE works closely with the Local Panchayats and leaders to understand how we could assist in the practical reformation in our field of operation. We learned that water is a big issue when interacting with the local leaders. Due to a lack of infrastructure, villagers struggle to access water for drinking and carrying out their household chores.

We are now undertaking projects to try to rectify this problem. GIVE obtains a letter of authority for tube wells from the local pradhan. Apart from providing better water sources, GIVE is working on various afforestation and rural landscaping projects to enhance the environmental balance in rural areas.

On the outskirts of Vrindavan, upon finalizing the site, the land is being drilled for tube well installation. Upon finishing a tube well site, the workers clear out the land to install the tube well.

GIVE first finds the point where groundwater is accessible, then does proper testing, then, with the permission of local administrators, installs wells, tube wells and boreholes so that the water deficiency problem to an extent is resolved. Our entire team works with state of the art equipment to optimise efficiency. GIVE is pleased to be an instrument in making the lives of the villagers better. GIVE with local leaders inaugurating a tube well site.

In association with LIVE, GIVE installed over ten tube wells in different villages around Vrindavan. After installing the tube well, the women happily came to fetch water.





Setting up of Goshalas

GIVE and LIVE have adopted the Radhakanta Goshala situated in Radha Kund and they are supporting and maintaining local Goshalas that are very small. Six other Goshalas are also supported in Vrindaban. Happy cows of the Radhakanta Gosala, Radha Kund are pictured. Radhakanta Goshala of Radha Kund tends to cows as GIVE Supports their efforts.



Adopting gaumatas

During 2021 GIVE has bought six gaumata and donated them to brahman families in Vrindavan. Gifting gaumata is a very auspicious act. Kuveri Mata This is one of the cows. She has just given birth. The second picture is Gauri.





Distribution of blankets

Over 5,000 blankets have been distributed in rural village areas and to homeless people living in tents. A huge thank you to the devotees who have kindly donated to support this noble cause.



Feeding poor

Regular programs are undertaken by GIVE to feed poor villagers in Vraja Dham.







Distribution of spiritual books

We are making affiliations for Harinam and Book distribution

Initially we will sponsor the books and from the donations of the book distribution we will recycle the funds for more books.

The primary Brahmins of Vrindavan came and acknowledged our services to the Brajabasis and they also gave a certificate for the same.

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Food distribution SEVA Croydon

Since December 2020, enthusiastic volunteers have been working alongside Nightwatch Croydon to provide hot meals to those in need. People in need include the homeless, those with financial challenges etc. It started on Christmas Eve of 2020 when we did our first volunteer work of providing a full meal and wrapped Christmas gifts of warm hats, gloves and socks. The gifts and hot food were hugely appreciated. Since then, we have tried to maintain the volunteer work every month.

The hot meals cooked by various volunteers include curry and rice, pasta, and mixed vegetable rice. These main meals are always accompanied by snacks such as samosas, freshly baked cakes, crisps, cereal bars, chocolate juice packets, and plenty of fresh fruit. The clients at Nightwatch Croydon look forward to the days when our group cooks, and very recently, someone receiving the food told me that it was the best curry and rice he has ever had. He kept asking me to convey his compliments to the chef. Over the last year, we have had exciting projects such as Diwali with Nightwatch, when we arranged for gift bags for the homeless and other donors and temples in Croydon. These gift bags included hats, socks, gloves, chocolates, and toiletries, and the actual gift bag can be used as a backpack. During Diwali, we also had a spontaneous volunteer session where after the LIVE Sanatan Temple Diwali event, there was leftover food. We were able to distribute this all to those in need. This volunteer work would only be possible with the vast army of volunteers on board.

Volunteers bought food for the homeless and supplies such as food containers and cutlery. Some have also donated money and kindly delivered the food to the Nightwatch Croydon packing point. From here, another group of volunteers pack the food to deliver to those in need. It is impossible to name everyone who has been involved as there are so many, and each one has made this fantastic project successful. It is also worth mentioning we started this project at the peak of Covid. Despite the lockdowns, social distancing and fear, many volunteers selflessly gave their time and energy to serve food to those in need and continue to do so. A huge thank you to everyone involved, and may we keep this project running for many more years to come.

Written by Janaki Mehta



Sri Lanka

Hare Krishna

With the support of London Institute of Vedic Institution and the Sri Lankan Tamil-speaking devotees' financial help, we were able to do the following services in Sri Lanka in year 2021:

- Food items to the value of £970 were provided for people in need during Corona pandemic in Mannar, Sri Lanka. Selvan's father made the arrangements locally buying, transport in a small lorry and delivering to the people in Mannar as follows:

- Distribution of a total of 4,421 spiritual books like the Bhagavad Gita and other small books in Tamil to children and teachers in schools.
- Started in Kilinichi Maha Vidhiyala: 1000 small vedic books.
- Central College in Jaffna: 800 spiritual books.
- Selvipuram: 150 books & 160 ladoos (sweet).
- Murasumoddai primary school: 150 small spiritual books, 2 Bhagavad Gitas.
- Saraswathi Vidyalaya in Amparai: 390 small spiritual books, 15 Bhagavad Gitas to teachers.
- Vishnu Vidyalaya: 650 spiritual books to students on BG advent day, 18 Bhagavad Gitas.
- Jayapura, Kilinochi: 400 Krishna books to students.
- Chembankundru Primary school: 36 Krishna books to students.
- Muzhangavil Central College: 650 Krishna books to students.
- Cow protection
- Two Gomathas were sponsored and donated to a single mum, who will look after them and she gives milk to local primary school kids.















Festivals

In 2021, two major festivals were celebrated:

Shree Krishna Janmastami

- The birthday of Lord Krishna was celebrated on Monday 30th August 2021 at the Coulsdon Community Centre.
- Over 500 devotees attended the festivities which began at 12noon with bhajans (mainly by Bharatiji Sethi's wonderful group), dances (organised by Dr Jyotiben Rathod), abhisekh (bathing ceremony) of Shree Shree Radha Krishna and Ladoo Gopal, followed by Arati. One of the highlights was when dancers dressed as Radha and Krishna gave out delicious vegetarian homemade cakes to the audience.
- Delicious prasad was cooked by many volunteers, and served in generous portions throughout the festival to all the devotees present.
- The Mayor of Croydon together with the local MPs and dignitaries attended this divine occasion.
- We are grateful to all the volunteers (too many to individually mention) who kindly gave their time and energy to make this celebration a great success.

Diwali

- The occasion of Diwali was celebrated at Wallington High School for Girls on Saturday 30th October 2021 and attended by 300 devotees.
- A stage programme starting with prayers by our priest, Sriman Prashanth Joshi, followed by dances, bhajans and Ram Leela entertained the devotees.
- The Mayor of Croydon attended this divine celebration.
- Awards were given by the trustees of LIVE to devotees who have donated towards the acquisition and renovation of Sanatan Cenre Coulsdon.
- The celebration was followed by the serving of delicious prasad, which was cooked by many volunteers to all the devotees present.
- We are again very grateful to all the volunteers (again too many to individually mention) who kindly gave their time and energy to make this celebration a great success.







2021 Accounts

London Institute of Vedic Education

Year ended 31 December 2021

Balance Sheet

	As at 31/12/20	As at 31/12/21
Assets		
Loan to Live Temple Estates CIC		209,472
(to purchase Sanatan Centre)		
Current Assets		
Cash	12,617	77,195
Current liabilities		
Loan payable within 2 years		(50,000)
	12,617	**236,668**
Capital		
Surplus income b/f	6,101	12,617
Surplus income in the year	6,516	224,051
	12,617	**236,668**

London Institute of Vedic Education

Year ended 31 December 2021

Income & Expenditure

Income	Year ended 31/12/20		Year ended 31/12/21	
Spiritual books distribution		1,662		108
Donation to buy Sanatan Centre Coulsdon				239,335
Vrindaban projects		19,772		123,535
Kalkidham, Kapurthala, Punjab		4,109		10,572
Sri Lanka (schools & goshallas)				6,221
Bangalore orphans				964
Festivals (Janmastami & Diwali)				5,270
Regular monthly donations		260		315
International tours		2,751		780
Schools		1,049		1,440
Homeless Care UK		757		
Tax rebate from HMRC		5,925		62,930
Total Income		**36,286**		**451,471**

Expenditure	Year ended 31/12/20		Year ended 31/12/21	
Office costs	1,609		4,034	
Books etc from Vrindaban & BLS	274		3,326	
Vrindaban projects	21,637		129,229	
Kalkidham, Kapurthala, Punjab	4,636		13,036	
Bangalore orphans			1,345	
Sri Lanka (schools & goshallas)			6,679	
Sanatan Centre - renovation costs			64,407	
Festivals (Janmastami & Diwali)			3,240	
US Charity Legal costs			1,424	
International tours	1,080		700	
Homeless Care - UK	534			
Total Expenses		**29,770**		**227,421**
Surplus for the year		**6,516**		**224,051**

Accountants report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement to the right.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met ; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Cubed Consultancy Ltd
6th May 2022

Note to the accounts

The Loan of £209,472 to Live Temple Estates CIC is made in order to acquire the building at 108-112 Chipstead Valley Road, Croydon CR5 3BA, which is the place of worship known as Sanatan Centre Coulsdon.

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name: London Institute of Vedic Education			Charity No 1184199	
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01.01.2021	To	Period end date	31.12.2021

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	451,471	-	-	451,471	36,286
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	S04	-	-		-	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	451,471	-	-	451,471	36,286
Resources expended						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	227,421	-	-	227,421	29,770
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	227,421	-	-	227,421	29,770
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)	S13	224,050	-	-	224,050	6,516
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	224,050	-	-	224,050	6,516
Extraordinary items	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	224,050	-	-	224,050	6,516
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	12,617	-	-	12,617	6,101
Total funds carried forward	S22	236,667	-	-	236,667	12,617

Section B Balance sheet

	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Intangible assets	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	B02	-	-	-	-	
Heritage assets	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	B05	-	-	-	-	-
Current assets						
Stocks	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors (Note 4)	B07	209,472	-	-	209,472	-
Investments	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 5)	B09	77,195	-	-	77,195	12,617
Total current assets	B10	286,667	-	-	286,667	12,617
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 6)	B11	50,000	-	-	50,000	-
Net current assets/(liabilities)	B12	236,667	-	-	236,667	12,617
Total assets less current liabilities	B13	236,667	-	-	236,667	12,617
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	B14		-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities	B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities	B16	236,667	-	-	236,667	12,617
Funds of the Charity						
Endowment funds	B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds	B18		-		-	-
Unrestricted funds	B19	236,667		-	236,667	-
Revaluation reserve	B20				-	
Total funds	B21	236,667	-	-	236,667	-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval 08/10/22
	IAN LYNCH	11/10/22
	PARTH MALDG	11/10/22

Section C	Notes to the accounts

Note 1 **Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities.

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

• and with*		the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
• and with*	✓	the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)

• and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*	

* -Tick as appropriate

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;	N/A
Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;	N/A
Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.	N/A

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note { }.

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate	NO CHANGE
No*			

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;	N/A
(ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and	
(iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.	

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate	NO CHANGE
No*			

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of any changes;	N/A
(ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and	
(iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.	

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

Yes*		* -Tick as appropriate	NO ERRORS
No*			

Please disclose:

(i) the nature of the prior period error;	N/A
(ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and	
(iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.	

Note 2 Accounting policies

2.2 INCOME

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

		Yes	No	N/a
Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: 〈 the charity becomes entitled to the resources; · it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and 〈 the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.	✓		
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.	✓		
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).	✓		
Legacies	In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).			✓
	Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.			✓
Government grants	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period			✓
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.	✓		
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.			✓
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.			✓
	The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.			✓✓
	Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.			✓
	Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.			✓
	Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.			✓
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.			✓
	Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.			✓
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.			✓
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.	✓		
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.			✓
Income from membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.			✓
	Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are			

		Yes	No	N/a
	recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.			✓
Settlement of insurance claims	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.			✓
Investment gains and losses	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.			✓

2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

		Yes	No	N/a
Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	✓		
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.	✓		
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.			✓
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.			✓
Grants payable without performance conditions	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.			✓
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.			✓
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.			✓
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts	✓		
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date	✓		
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.	✓		

2.4 ASSETS

			Yes	No	N/a
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least				
	They are valued at cost.				✓
	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.				
Intangible fixed assets	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5				✓
	They are valued at cost.				✓
Heritage assets	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.				✓
	They are valued at cost.				✓
Investments	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.				✓
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments				✓
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.				✓
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.				✓

Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.

		✓

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Yes	No	N/a
✓		

Current asset investments

The charity has has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.

Yes	No	N/a
		✓

They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.

Yes	No	N/a
✓		

POLICIES ADOPTED ADDITIONAL TO OR DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ABOVE

Note 3 Analysis of income

	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	388,541	-	-	388,541	30,361
	Gift Aid	62,930	-	-	62,930	5,925
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	
	Total	451,471	-	-	36,286	36,286
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:	Interest income	-	-	-	-	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		451,471	-	-	451,471	36,286

Other information:

All income in the prior year was unrestricted except for: (please provide description and amounts)

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the reporting period, please give the reason for the conversion.

Where any endowment fund is converted into income in the prior period, please give the reason for the conversion.

Within the income items above the following items are material: (please disclose the nature, amount and any prior year amounts)

Note 4 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

4.1 Analysis of debtors

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	209,472.0	-
Total	209,472.0	-

Please complete 19.2 where a material debtor is recoverable more than a year after the reporting date.

4.2 Analysis of debtors recoverable in more than 1 year (included in debtors above)

	This year £	Last year £
Trade debtors	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	209,472.0	-
	-	-
Total	209,472.0	-

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 5 **Cash at bank and in hand**

	This year £	Last year £
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)	-	-
Short term deposits	-	-
Cash at bank and on hand	77,195	12,617
Other	-	-
Total	77,195	12,617

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 6 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

6.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	50,000	-	-	-
Total	50,000	-	-	-

6.2 Deferred income

Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.

Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.

This year	Last year

Movement in deferred income account

	This year £	Last year £
Balance at the start of the reporting period	-	-
Amounts added in current period	-	-
Amounts released to income from previous periods	-	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	-	-

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
London Institute of Vedic Education

On accounts for the year ended	31st December 2021	**Charity no (if any)**	1184199

Set out on pages (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income does not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	M.T. Munnelly	**Date:**	08/10/2022

Name: MARK MUNNELLY SIGNING ON BEHALF OF CUEBED CONSULTANCY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTS IN ENGLAND AND WALES

Address: 6-7 WATERSIDE, STATION RD, HARPENDEN AL5 4US

LONDON INSTITUTE OF VEDIC EDUCATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1184199

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date Period end date

From 1st January 2020 To 31st December 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	LONDON INSTITUTE OF VEDIC EDUCATION
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1184199
Charity's principal address	33 STANFORD ROAD LONDON **Postcode** SW16 4PZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Ian Lynch	Chair		
2	Mr Parth Malde	Secretary		
3	Ms Kathryn Rennie			
4	Mr Rishi Kapoor			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Trust deed
How the charity is constituted	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods	See Selected by experience & commitment

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Hindu (Sanatan Dharma) faith through education, publications & establishing temples. Also to reduce poverty ~~etc~~

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Summary of activities

1. Presentation of Hindu philosophy to schools.
2. delivery of workshops through zoom of Vedic culture
3. establishing a temple in Coulsdon which promotes Sanatan Dharma
4. The provision of food, blankets etc to needy People in India
5. Support financially to Hindu temples in India, as well as cow sheds

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

① Assisting temples during the Covid Pandemic

② Alleviating poverty again during the difficult times of the pandemic, as well as sending medicines.

③ the provision of education of Hinduism to schools via online presentations.

④ the provision of educational workshops on Vedic scriptures.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	There is a positive cash flow and some £6000 in the bank as at 31. December 2020
Details of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	MR PARTH MALDE	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	SECRETARY	

Date	23/10/2021

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

London Institute of Vedic Education

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from 01/01/20 To 31/12/20

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donation for spiritual books	1,240	-	-	1,240	7,414
Book distribution	422	-	-	422	593
Contribution from Schools	1,049	-	-	1,049	1,777
Workshops	-	-	-	-	683
Gift Aid	5,925	-	-	5,925	913
ISKCON Vrindaban	12,313	-	-	12,313	-
Devotee care	1,300			1,300	
Godhana (Cow care)	1,161			1,161	
Kalkidham (Cowshed)	4,109			4,109	
Homeless Care UK	757			757	
Homeless Care Bharat	500			500	
Gita Jayanti distribution	3,521			3,521	
Blankets in Vrindaban	977	-	-	977	-
Travel	2,751			2,751	
Regular monthly donations	260			260	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	36,286	-	-	36,286	11,379
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	36,286	-	-	36,286	11,379
A3 Payments					
Books from BLS	274	-	-	274	3,064
Stationary	26			26	55
Books etc from Vrindaban	-			-	1,116
Travel	1,080			1,080	-
Catering	-			-	98
School expenses	99			99	285
Donation boxes	-			-	40
Communication	1,464			1,464	620
Other	-			-	-
ISKCON Vrindaban	14,798			14,798	-
Devotee care	1,534			1,534	-
Godhana	1,013			1,013	-
Kalkidham	4,636			4,636	-
Homeless Care - UK	534			534	-
Gita Jayanti	3,320			3,320	-
Blankets	972	-	-	972	-
Other	21	-	-	21	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	29,770	-	-	29,770	5,278
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,770	-	-	29,770	5,278
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,515	-	-	6,515	6,101
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	6,515	-	-	6,515	6,101

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Bank balance	12,617	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,617	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mr Ian Lynch	9/9/21
	Mr Parth Malde	9/9/21

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Signed:	J. Husband	**Date:**	20/06/2021
Name:	James Henry Husband		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	ICAEW Membership Number 7668843		
Address:	52 Marmont Road London SE15 5TE		