

SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ

England & Wales · Charity number 275031

Details

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| Other names | HINDU COMMUNITY CENTRE, HINDU MANDIR, HINDU MANDIR & COMMUNITY CENTRE |
| Status | Registered |
| Legal form | Other |
| Registered | 1978-03-13 |
| Register | View on the Charity Commission register |

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE HINDU RELIGION.

Activities: Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj has its premises at Hereford Road, Lewsey Farm, Luton where the spiritual, religious, cultural, educational, social & recreational needs of Hindu community of Luton & district are met. Besides providing temple for worship, we run Gujarat & Hindi language classes, music and dance classes, Hinduism classes, health seminars, yoga classes. We present cultural events, variety s

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Armed Forces/emergency Service Efficiency
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LUTON AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Luton

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £246,944 | £139,691 | - | - |
| 2024-03-31 | £213,583 | £145,536 | - | - |
| 2023-03-31 | £200,421 | £131,063 | - | - |
| 2022-03-31 | £142,217 | £85,622 | - | - |
| 2021-03-31 | £115,702 | £77,344 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Jitesh Kantilal Pankhania | Chair | 2023-06-30 |
| ASHOCK MISTRY | | 2018-11-01 |
| GOPALDAS KATECHIA | | 2023-10-30 |
| JITENDRA BODHANI | | 2018-11-01 |
| KAMAL ACHARYA | | 2018-11-01 |
| SUMANBHAI FAKIRBHAI KOTHARI | | 2018-11-01 |

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025

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CHARITY INFORMATION

As at 31st March 2025

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| Registered Charity Number | 275031 |
| Charity Address | Hindu Mandir / Community Centre Hereford Road Lewsey Farm Luton LU4 0PS |
| Management Committee | Jiteshbhai K. Pankhania (President) Kantilal D. Lad (Vice President) Yogeshbhai G. Mistry (Hon. Secretary) Mrs Lataben Shah (Ass. Secretary) (up to 01.12.2024) Hiten R. Shah (Hon. Treasurer) |
| Committee Members | Babubhai H. Mistry Bhupendrabhai D. Khetia Dhansukhbhai P. Panchal Pravinbhai R. Shah Shantilal M. Mistry Dr. Shobha Singh (up to 21.11.2024) Sureshbhai Talsania Thakorbhai J. Mistry Ashish R. Birle (up to 09.06.2024) Miss. Neelam B. Keshwala (up to 09.06.2024) Rahul Nair (from 09.06.2024) |
| Trustees | Sumanbhai F. Kothari Jitendrabhai Bodhani Ashockbhai P. Mistry Kamalbhai Acharya Gopalbhai K. Katechia |
| Bankers | Barclays Bank Plc George Street Luton |
| Independent Examiners | Shah & Co. Chartered Certified Accountants 25 Park Street West Luton LU1 3BE |

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025 BY THE SECRETARY ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE TRUSTEES

With the grace of Lord Krushna, on behalf of the Management Committee and the Trustees, I am very pleased to present you with the 48th Annual General report along with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Samaj is governed by its constitution. The management committee consists of up to 15 members who are elected by the Samaj members. The management committee is responsible for the overall management of the Samaj, its finance and all activities carried out by the Samaj. The title of all and any real property which may be acquired by or for the purpose of the Samaj shall be vested in Trustees who shall be appointed by the Managing Committee and who shall enter into a Deed of Trust setting forth the purposes and conditions under which they hold the said property in trust for the Samaj. The number of Trustees shall not be less than three and not more than five.

OBJECTIVES

The objects of the Samaj are to advance the Hindu religion through provision of a place of worship, facilities for religious functions and seminars on Hindu religion. It further provides a central place for Hindu cultural, educational and social activities based on the tenets and principles of Hindu faith. When planning the activities for the year, the management committee has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

The 2024/2025 year has given us opportunity to give our members a pluralistic variety of events for freedom of worship and cultural festivals as well as activities for our younger members during their school holidays. Majority of all events organized by the Management Committee saw increased attendance and participation of the devotees. It is good to see more of younger members with young children. To encourage the devotees to come to the Mandir we have now stopped online Zoom Dharma Dhyana and Bhajan sessions. Instead, our Pujariji Ketanbhai gives religious sermons every Monday mornings and on all our religious festivals. These are very popular to our congregation.

We are continuing to update our digital technology further and encouraging all to do digital communication and transactions. Our IT Chair Mr. Hiten Shah together with Mr. Jiteshbhai Pankhania have worked to install all digital systems. We have now installed credit card donation machines to make it easier for our devotees and also our accountants.

Our Buildings Sub-Committee is continuously working hard to update the buildings and all the services to work efficiently. This is done with diligence to conservation of energy, environment and the costs.

The Mandir now provides live online service and participation of our popular religious events.

We are deeply indebted to our army of volunteer ladies regularly doing tasks of adoration of our Deities in the inner sanctum. We also have regular volunteer devotees who help set up at all our religious and community events. The management committee thank you all for your selfless Seva to our Mandir

We run Gujarati, Hindi and cultural education classes. The uptake is low at the moment. We thank all the teachers of language school and for cultural workshops of Dhol, Dance, Children's activities.

The activities that took place at Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj, Luton – Hindu Mandir and Community Centre during the year ended 31st March 2025 were:

1) Religious and Significant Events

All major Hindu festivals were celebrated with auspicious ceremonies performed by our priest Shree Pratulbhai Dave till end of August when he returned back to India. The services have been taken up by our new priest Shree Ketanbhai Maheta. We thank our devotees for their faithful support. You give all management members inspiration to serve the community.

Bhajan Bhojan Evenings of 2024: Bhajan, Kirtan singing together with music and Prasad provided for our members. We held three events 08/06/24, 07/12/24, 22/02/25. Very popular events bringing singers, musicians and our community together. Members support and sponsor them well.

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The events of 2024/25 are:

| Date | Event | Celebrating | How |
|------------------------|---------------------|---|--|
| 9/4/24 to 17/4/24 | Chaitri Navratri | Religious and cultural festival of Mother Goddess Durga. | Puja and scriptures were recited by our priest Prafullbhai Dave in person and on line. Very well sponsored by devotees. |
| 17/4/24 | Ramnavmi | Birthday celebrations of Lord RAM. Afternoon program | Ram Janma, Parnu Julavavu, hoisting of flag. Bhajans and Prashad. Well, attended by members. |
| 20/4/24 | 108 Hanuman Chalisa | 16 th anniversary of the consecration of Das Hanumanji. | 108 Hanuman Chalisa whole day program was held. This was very successfully sponsored by more than 108 devotees. Musicians, singers, coordinators and catering team are thanked. Very successful with large congregation. |
| 23/4/24 | Hanuman Jayanti | Birthday of Hanumanji. | An evening service with, Hanumji Puja, 108 Hanumanji names, Hanuman Chalisa and Bhajan Kirtan, hoisting of the flag on Hanumanji Bhavan took place. |
| 10/05/24 | Akshay Tritiya | Puja service done to receive blessings. | Hindus and Jains celebrate this auspicious day for success in ventures, marriages and doing charitable deeds. |
| 21/07/24 | Guru Purnima | Devotees revering Saints and their Gurus'. Swami Keshvanandji from Dwarka visited us and gave his sermon. | The Devotees gathering in large numbers from many locations to do this popular event with prayers, singing hymns and music. Generous donations were received from the congregation of devotees. |
| 19/07/24 – 23/07/24 | Jaya Parvati Vrat | Puja and fasting event. | Community ladies observe this event for the healthy long life of partners. |
| 07/07/24 | Patotsav | 31 st Anniversary of the consecration of the Deities. | Lord Ganesh Maha Yagna and whole day program took place. Sponsor Pritiben Rathod and family. |
| 05/08/24 – 02/09/24 | Shravan month | Holy month observed with special daily services of Mantra and Shiv Puja. HINDOLA | Daily service, Shiv Puja on Mondays attended by large number of devotees. HINDOLA: Reverence to |

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| | | | Lord Krushna performed for 15 days with 10 sponsors. Very successful. |
| 10/08/24 | Samuha Rudrabhishek service | Services to Lord Shiva. | Congregation Puja conducted by Prafullbhai Dave and Ketanbhai Maheta. Well supported by sponsored Puja. Main Sponsor Mr. Dilipbhai and Mrs. Hiteshwariben Nathwani & family. |
| 12/08/24 – 18/08/24 | Shiv Katha | Narrated by Ram Bhakta Shree Bharat Bhagat from Surat, India. | Lord Shiva life times scriptures recited with music and roll play of events from the Holi scriptures Shiv Puran with music, songs and enaction of plays. Sponsored by the families of Prakashbhai Patel, Sureshbhai Patel and Uttambhai Patel families and devotees. |
| 15/08/24 | India Independence Day | Respecting the motherland. | Hoisting of flag ceremony took place in the morning. |
| 19/08/24 | Raksha Bandhan | Celebration of the love of brothers and sisters. | Brothers and sisters celebrated with tying of bracelets and sweets. Prafullbhai did the service on the deities. |
| 24/08/24 | Shravan Maas pilgrimage trip. | Seaside coach trip to Great Yarmouth | Well supported by devotees and the members of Wellbeing Club. |
| 26/08/24 | Janmashtami | Lord Krishna birthday | Krushna Bhagwan Janma, Kesar Snan, Parnu Julavavu, Aarti, hoisting a new flag. Good program well sponsored. Fresh flowers decorations and outfits were donated by devotees. |
| 31/08/24 | Satyanarayan Samuha Katha. | Lord Vishnu prayers. | Mr. Jitendra and Mrs Pushpaben Patel were main sponsor and well supported by other devotees. Culminating the holy Shravan Maas. |
| 02/09/24 | Shiv Maha Yagna | A celebration of Lord Shiva after holy month of Shravan. | Shiv Yagna performed by Mukhya Yajaman Urvish Patel and Krishna Patel and family. Ketanbhai Maheta performed the service and a good number of devotees took part by sponsoring the service. |
| 07/09/24 | Ganesh Chaturthi | Lord Ganesh festival. | Satsang and flag hoisting. This was done by a small number of devotees at the Mandir. |
| 11/09/24 | Radha Ashtami | Honoring of Radha Mata. Consort of Lord Krushna. | A new event introduced by Our priest Ketanbhai. Well supported by devotees. Adoration of Radha Mata, Bhajans and prayers. |

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| 03/10/24 – 11/10/24 | Navratri festival | Nine nights Festival of Goddess Durga for strength and victory over evil | A live exciting event with Musicians and singers and devotees. Whole families and friends attended with enthusiasm. Whole day live event took place culminating nine nights festival. |
| 12/10/2024 | Dashera | Durga Yagna. | |
| 17/10/24 | Sharad Purnima | Full moon festival of Lord Krishna | A live and successful event with music. Enjoyed by all the devotees. |
| 20/10/24 | Karva Choth | Service of long life and health of husbands. | A live event with group service performed by our priest Ketanbhai Maheta. Participation of a large number of Punjabi ladies made it a successful event. |
| 28/29/30/31 – October 24 | DIWALI. Waghbaras, Dhanteras, Kali Chaudas, Diwali. | Festival of lights / Goddess of wealth service (Sharda Pujan), closing and opening of business accounts. | Ketanbhai did goddess of wealth service for a good number of devotees. Over 100 devotees sponsored Deep Daan |
| 02/11/24 | Hindu New Year. Annakut festival [moon phase calendar 2080] | New year celebrations from 8 am to 9 pm. | This was a live event which brought a very large number of devotees for prayers and blessings throughout the day. It was generously supported by devotees. Prasad distribution to all devotees was done in packets. Majority of members merge towards the Mandir to meet and greet friends and family. |
| 08/11/24 | Jalaram Jayanti. | Honoring Saint Jalaram on his birthday. | A program of prayers and Bhajan singing followed by sharing of Prasad. A small group of devotees gathered and enjoyed the celebrations. |
| 16/11/24 | Tulsi Vivah | Wedding celebrations of Mata Tulsi Vranda and Bhagwan Shaligram. Performed with pomp and ceremony. | A successful event with sponsorship and attendance of a good number of members. Ketanbhai performed a very good service. |
| 04/01/25 | Hirji Bapa and Pragjibhai Ladwa Punya Tithi memorial | Revering and respecting late Shree Pragjibhai Ladwa, a big supporter of our Mandir, on his death anniversary. | An event of Bhajan, Satsang, Dhun and Bhojan Prasad. Supported by Vijaybhai Ladwa and family with the presence of large congregation. |
| 14/01/2025 | Makar Sankranti. | Celebrating Sun God. Significance of sun moving from tropic of Capricorn to tropic of cancer marking the beginning of spring. | Puja of Sun God and kite flying festival in India. |
| 26/02/25 | Maha Shivratri | Samuha Rudrabhishek Puja performed for Lord Shiva and Mata Parvati's wedding day. | A large number of devotees attend this event for Shivalinga Abhishek in the morning and special Puja is conducted by Ketanbhai in the evening program sponsored by devotees and flag |

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| 13/03/25 | Holi | An important spring festival hosted with lighting of Holika Dahan bonfire, working together with young members from OM group, Luton Indian Cricket Club, GO Dharmic and several volunteers. | hoisting on Shiv Parivar Bhavan. Devotees from Luton Town and surrounding counties attend this event in large numbers to worship Holika Mata. A great meeting of hundreds of devotees. It was a very successful and a joyous festival. |
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The Management Committee are having a good challenge to organize and cater for the increasing congregation in attendance at all our events. Mrs. Pritiben Rathod and her volunteers team are thanked for their hard work.

We are very happy to welcome devotees from diverse Asian groups. We are also a good link with the Hindu Students coming to University of Bedfordshire helping them to settle and integrate with Hindu community in Luton.

2) Education: Chaired by Mr. Hitenbhai Shah

- We provide language, cultural and religious education to young members of our community. This is carried out at Chalk Hill Academy. We teach Gujarati up to GCSE level as well as Hindi classes. Religious knowledge is shared at our temple.
- We are very grateful to Chalk Hill Academy for the provision of classrooms and associated use of their car park and Mandir car park.
- We have many primary school students, scouts and hospital chaplains who are offered a visit and an understanding of the Hindu faith. Our Secretary Mr. Yogesh Mistry acts as an ambassador on these occasions. We have also taken part on a project with Luton Council of Faiths and Grassroots to enhance Harmony in Luton by representing Hindu Faith at many Primary Schools.
- We would like to thank Mr. Hitenbhai Shah for all the hard work he does as the Chairperson of the Pathshala as well as at all other events. We are concerned by the fall in number of students attending Gujarati classes. This is not just at our temple but seen nationally.

Arts

We have recently started dance and dhol classes together with OM group chair person Mr. Rajesh Parmar. They are going successfully. This encourages us to introduce other instrumental classes.

We have also started Half Term Holiday Club for children during school half term holidays. This is run by Mrs. Krishna Patel who organizes different educational and creative activities for children. This is well supported by children and parents. We thank Krishna Patel for her time and efforts.

3) Support Teams

Our Pujariji Shree Prafullbhai Dave served us very devotedly with online service of our important festivals. This provides a link to our members and we thank him for his services. This service is continued by Shree Ketanbhai Maheta and we are very grateful to him.

As a charitable organization we are dependent on our members for their financial donations and also to all volunteers who help to upkeep our premises. We are very grateful and appreciate Mr. Babubhai Mistry for his help conducting Mandir services in the absence of Pujariji. We are very fortunate that many devotees sponsor the beautiful dressage of our deities and fresh flower garlands for the six major festivals. We are also very grateful to all our sponsors at the religious events and those that have sponsored our daily "Nitya Seva" services.

We thank Mr. Uttambhai Patel who gives us a lot of help of any carpentry and DIY tasks in our Mandir. We also thank Mr. Sumanbhai Kothari for providing Seva for any electrical work. We thank Mr. Rajnibhai Mistry of Window Parts for the supply of wood for our Holi festival.

We thank all the ladies for the purchase of fresh flowers and for making the fresh flower garlands and Kusumben Mistry for flower arrangements.

We specially thank Mrs. Pritiben Rathod for taking the lead in cooking at all our events. Our present helper for Wellbeing Club cooking is Kanakben. We also thank Mrs. Anitaben Lad and Mrs. Minaben

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Lad for leading the cooking whenever Pritiben is not able to do the services. We also thank all the ladies who voluntarily help in cooking at all our events.

We thank Mr. Hirabhai Mistry, Mr. Sureshbhai Patel, Mr. Sanjaykumar, Mr. Anilbhai Randerwala, Mr. Dineshbhai Chauhan Mrs. Ramilaben Chauhan, Mr. Maganbhai Mistry, Mr. Prakashbhai Patel and Mr. Brijeshbhai Patel who help us at events when required.

We are grateful to musicians Mr. Satishbhai Panchal, Mr. Miteshbhai Pankhania for playing Tabla and Mr. Kuldip Jangra for playing Dhol and singers Mrs. Hansaben Mistry, Mrs. Anitaben Lad, Mrs. Jyotiben Patel, Mr. Narottambhai and Mrs. Reenaben Pankhania, Mr. Harsukhbhai Soni at all our programs throughout the year.

With community cohesion in mind, we have hosted Luton Council of Faiths (LCOF) meetings at our Centre. We thank all faith groups that have supported this valuable platform. Our Secretary Mr. Yogeshbhai Mistry serves on the management committee of LCOF and on Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE).

4)Health and Wellbeing

Ekta Wellbeing Club runs under the umbrella of Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj to provide healthy meals to senior members of our community. We have two dedicated ladies; Mrs. Pritiben Rathod and Mrs. Kanakben who prepare fresh meals for our members every Tuesday and Thursday. Presently we have 76 paid members. We also provide Yoga classes for our members. Mrs. Lata Shah and Dr. Shobha Singh are champions organizing health sessions. Mr. Dhansukhbhai Panchal, Chairperson of the Club coordinates in organizing the Wellbeing Club helped by Mrs. Lataben Shah. The Management Committee of the Mandir thank them for their hard work and selfless service which benefits many senior members of our community.

Dilkhush Lunch Club hires our premises one day per week to provide healthy lunch and other social activities for their senior citizen members.

Representatives from Cancer Research UK charity have given our members valuable information on Prostate Cancer. Diabetes UK presentation was organized by our champion Mrs. Lata Shah. A Gynecology seminar by Dr. Anjali and Maternity Neonatal voice by Shaleena Parveen was organized by our champion Dr. Shobha Singh for our women. We also had Osteoporosis seminar from Osteoporosis Charity.

Once a week Dr. Shobha Singh conducts Yoga classes for our members. Thakorbhai Mistry help with administration. We thank them both.

5)Outing

Great Yarmouth seaside trip during the holy month of Shravan.

6)Buildings

Our Buildings Sub-Committee members are thanked for their hard work at keeping the premises in good habitable conditions. They all critically review the facilities and are working to update the heating, lighting and building services. This year we updated our lighting with installation of LED lights. The Sub-Committee is working on our long-term major project to build a Shikhar(stipple) on our temple. At present consultations and permission from Luton Borough Council building planning department is under process.

7)Interfaith Activity

Throughout the year our members work closely with Luton Council of Faiths (LCOF), Grass Roots and other religious bodies of Luton to share common goals to achieve community cohesion. Meetings are held at our Mandir whenever required.

Our Secretary Mr. Yogeshbhai Mistry represents Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj on LCOF.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached financial statements on pages 10 to 13 show the current state of affairs of the finances of the Samaj. The Samaj does not have a specific policy on reserves for unrestricted funds other than to use the funds for the benefit of the Samaj and in maintaining the objectives of the Samaj.

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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE / TRUSTEES

Charity law requires the Management Committee / Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Management Committee / Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Management Committee / Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations.. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCE

We thank our treasurer Mr. Hitenbhai Shah and our Vice-President Mr. Kantibhai Lad who personally takes great care monitoring and working to keep the accounts in order. Our treasurer has worked hard in keeping our computerized accounts up to date. We also thank Lataben Shah who helps with finance in the Ekta Wellbeing Club.

We give special thanks to our priests Shree Ketanbhai Maheta and Prafullbhai Dave for doing a number of virtual online events keeping our members engaged and raising funds for our Mandir at the same time. Our administrator Mr. Babubhai Mistry is thanked for keeping stringent records of incoming donations and all outgoing expenses.

We are most grateful to Shah & Co. for their invaluable accounting services without any cost to Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj. We honor and give special thanks to Shah & Co. Accountants for their long-standing services and hope they will continue to do so.

TRUSTEES

We thank our trustees Mr. Ashockbhai Mistry, Mr. Kamalbhai Acharya, Mr. Sumanbhai Kothari, Mr. Gopalbhai Katechia and Mr. Jitubhai Bodhani. Gopalbhai and Ashockbhai attend our committee meetings so we are grateful to them for their support and advise.

Visitors:

- University of third kind members of Buntingford. (U3A)
- Hospital Chaplains
- His Holiness Swami Shree Keshvanandji of Sanatan Seva Mandal, Dwarka, India, also visited during Guru Purnima programme.

Lastly, we thank all the Management Committee members, Sub-Committee members and all the Volunteers for their help and support and commitment to manage all the activities that took place at the Hindu Mandir and Community Centre, Luton during 2024/25. Most importantly we thank all the devotees who help, support financially and physically to keep the Mandir going.

Namaste,

This report was approved by the Management Committee and Trustees on ^{9th} June 2025 and signed on their behalf.

Y G Mistry

Mr. Yogesh G. Mistry
Hon. Secretary

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AND TRUSTEES OF SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ**

I report to the management committee and trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj (the Samaj) for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 10 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's management committee and trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's management committee and trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year and that an independent examination is needed.

An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. The procedures 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 Independent examiner's statement.

I report in respect of my examination of the Samaj'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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Samaj as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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.



Dakshesh S. Patori FCCA
on behalf of
Shah & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
25 Park Street West
Luton
LU1 3BE

Date: 23rd June 2025

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025**

| Notes | 2025 | | | 2024 | | |
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| | Restricted Funds | Unrestricted Funds | Total | Restricted Funds | Unrestricted Funds | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Income from:</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Donations and legacies</u> | | | | | | |
| Nitya Seva | 375 | | 375 | 625 | | 625 |
| New Life Membership Fund | | 102 | 102 | | 928 | 928 |
| Donations | | 42,442 | 42,442 | | 30,161 | 30,161 |
| Festivals and Aarti Collections | | 118,630 | 118,630 | | 106,529 | 106,529 |
| <u>Investment Income</u> | | | | | | |
| Dividends Receivable | | 55,057 | 55,057 | | 50,012 | 50,012 |
| <u>Rental Income</u> | | | | | | |
| Hire of Hall and Utensils | | 15,381 | 15,381 | | 12,326 | 12,326 |
| <u>Other Activities & Grants</u> | | | | | | |
| Bank Loyalty Reward | | 212 | 212 | | 286 | 286 |
| Coach Trips | | 120 | 120 | | 4,320 | 4,320 |
| Education Activities | | 6,375 | 6,375 | | 2,979 | 2,979 |
| Health Activities | | 795 | 795 | | 631 | 631 |
| Sundry Income | | 7,455 | 7,455 | | 4,786 | 4,786 |
| Total | 375 | 246,569 | 246,944 | 625 | 212,958 | 213,583 |
| <u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Expenditure on:</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Direct Temple running costs:</u> | | | | | | |
| Salaries & Employer's NI | | 28,440 | 28,440 | | 28,440 | 28,440 |
| Insurance | | 5,592 | 5,592 | | 4,996 | 4,996 |
| Heat, Light & Water | | 19,502 | 19,502 | | 23,188 | 23,188 |
| Property Maintenance & Repairs | | 12,322 | 12,322 | | 10,738 | 10,738 |
| Postage, Printing & Stationery | | 709 | 709 | | 4,254 | 4,254 |
| Telephone | | 1,380 | 1,380 | | 1,245 | 1,245 |
| Cleaning | | 11,517 | 11,517 | | 10,748 | 10,748 |
| Provisions & Supplies | | 12,177 | 12,177 | | 17,011 | 17,011 |
| Navratri Musicians | | 5,900 | 5,900 | | 5,700 | 5,700 |
| Bank Charges | | 2,285 | 2,285 | | 1,735 | 1,735 |
| Depreciation | | 11,804 | 11,804 | | 13,400 | 13,400 |
| <u>Other Activity Expenditure:</u> | | | | | | |
| Coach Trips | | 120 | 120 | | 4,221 | 4,221 |
| Education Activities | | 5,874 | 5,874 | | 3,622 | 3,622 |
| Health Activities | | 468 | 468 | | 520 | 520 |
| Sundry Expenses | | 21,601 | 21,601 | | 15,717 | 15,717 |
| Total | - | 139,691 | 139,691 | - | 145,535 | 145,535 |
| <u>Excess of Income Over Expenditure</u> | | | | | | |
| Unrealised (Loss)/Gain on Listed Investments | 4 | 6,294 | 31,553 | 37,847 | (2,717) | (8,684) |
| Net Movement In Funds | | 6,669 | 138,431 | 145,100 | (2,092) | 58,739 |
| Total Funds Brought Forward | | 147,429 | 1,901,483 | 2,048,912 | 149,521 | 1,842,744 |
| Total Funds Carried Forward | | 154,098 | 2,039,914 | 2,194,012 | 147,429 | 1,901,483 |
| | | | | | 68,048 | 2,048,912 |


The notes on pages 12 and 13 form part of these accounts.

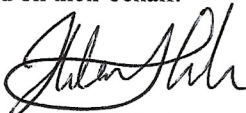
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2025

| | <u>Notes</u> | <u>31.03.25</u> | | <u>31.03.24</u> | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 3 | | 1,133,687 | | 1,141,076 |
| Investments | 4 | | 924,048 | | 885,826 |
| | | | <u>2,057,735</u> | | <u>2,026,902</u> |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Debtors | 5 | 51,148 | | 7,492 | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | 88,985 | | 22,003 | |
| | | <u>140,133</u> | | <u>29,495</u> | |
| <u>CREDITORS-Amounts falling due within one year</u> | | | | | |
| | 6 | <u>3,856</u> | | <u>7,485</u> | |
| <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| | | | <u>136,277</u> | | <u>22,010</u> |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| | | | <u>2,194,012</u> | | <u>2,048,912</u> |
| <u>REPRESENTED BY:</u> | | | | | |
| | 7 | | | | |
| Restricted Funds | | | 154,098 | | 147,429 |
| Unrestricted Funds | | | 2,039,914 | | 1,901,483 |
| <u>TOTAL FUNDS</u> | | | | | |
| | | | <u>2,194,012</u> | | <u>2,048,912</u> |

Approved by the Management Committee on *22nd JUNE 2025* and signed on their behalf:


Jitesh K. Pankhania
President


Hiten R. Shah
Treasurer

The notes on pages 12 and 13 form part of these accounts.

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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- effective 1st January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102,

The Trustees consider there are no uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) Income recognition

Donations and other Voluntary income is accounted for when received by the charity.

Dividends and other investment income is credited on a receivable basis.

c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure relating to specific activities is allocated accordingly.

d) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is provided, at the rates calculated, in order to write off the cost of Fixed Assets over their estimated useful lives on a reducing balance basis. The rate applicable is 20% per annum on all Furniture & Equipment and 50% p.a. on Computer Equipment . No depreciation is provided on the Freehold Land & Building and on Mandir Bhavan

e) Quoted Investments have been valued at market values at the balance sheet date and any unrealised gain/loss is shown in the statement of Financial activities.

f) Gift aid reclaimable on donations to the charity is included with the donations amount received.

2) Taxation

Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

3) FIXED ASSETS - TANGIBLE

| | FREEHOLD | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| | LAND & BUILDING | MANDIR BHAVAN ACCESSORIES | FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | TOTAL |
| <u>COST</u> | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| As at 01-04-2024 | 1,083,510 | 3,971 | 156,712 | 1,244,193 |
| Additions | - | | 4,415 | 4,415 |
| As at 31-03-2025 | 1,083,510 | 3,971 | 161,127 | 1,248,608 |
| | | | | |
| <u>DEPRECIATION</u> | | | | |
| As at 01-04-2024 | - | - | 103,117 | 103,117 |
| Charge for the year | - | - | 11,804 | 11,804 |
| As at 31-03-2025 | - | - | 114,921 | 114,921 |
| | | | | |
| <u>NET BOOK VALUES</u> | | | | |
| As at 31-03-2025 | 1,083,510 | 3,971 | 46,206 | 1,133,687 |
| As at 01-04-2024 | 1,083,510 | 3,971 | 53,595 | 1,141,076 |

SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ**NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025****4) FIXED ASSETS - LISTED INVESTMENTS**

| | Market Value as at 1st Apr 24 | Additions | Disposal Proceeds | Unrealised Gain on Revaluation | Market Value as at 31st Mar 25 |
|--|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>Restricted (Nitya Seva)</u> | | | | | |
| M &G The Equities Investment Charifund | 147,426 | 375 | - | 6,294 | 154,095 |
| <u>Unrestricted</u> | | | | | |
| M &G The Equities Investment Charifund | 738,400 | - | - | 31,553 | 769,953 |
| Total | 885,826 | 375 | - | 37,847 | 924,048 |

31.03.25

£

31.03.24

£

5) DEBTORS

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Prepayments | 44,184 | 7,492 |
| Gift Aid tax Recoverable | 6,964 | - |
| | <u>51,148</u> | <u>7,492</u> |

6) CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Other Taxes & Social Security | 942 | 942 |
| Accruals | 2,914 | 6,043 |
| Hall Hire Deposits | - | 500 |
| | <u>3,856</u> | <u>7,485</u> |

7) ANALYSIS OF FUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

| | 31.03.2025 | | | 31.03.2024 | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| | Restricted Funds | Unrestricted Funds | Total | Restricted Funds | Unrestricted Funds | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Tangible fixed Assets | | 1,133,687 | 1,133,687 | | 1,141,076 | 1,141,076 |
| Fixed Asset Investments | 154,095 | 769,953 | 924,048 | 147,426 | 738,400 | 885,826 |
| Current Assets | 3 | 140,130 | 140,133 | 3 | 29,492 | 29,495 |
| Current Liabilities | | (3,856) | (3,856) | | (7,485) | (7,485) |
| Total | 154,098 | 2,039,914 | 2,194,012 | 147,429 | 1,901,483 | 2,048,912 |

SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ

England & Wales - Charity number 275031

Accounts

SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ

Charity No. 275031

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

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CHARITY INFORMATION

As at 31st March 2024

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Registered Charity Number | 275031 |
| Charity Address | Hindu Mandir / Community Centre Hereford Road Lewsey Farm Luton LU4 0PS |
| Management Committee | Jiteshbhai K. Pankhania (President) Kantilal D. Lad (Vice President) Yogeshbhai G. Mistry (Hon. Secretary) Mrs Lataben Shah (Ass. Secretary) Hiten R. Shah (Hon. Treasurer) |
| Committee Members | Babubhai H. Mistry Bhupendrabhai D. Khetia Dhansukhbhai P. Panchal Pravinbhai R. Shah Shantilal M. Mistry Dr. Shobha Singh Sureshbhai Talsania Thakorbhai J. Mistry Ashish R. Birle Miss. Neelam B. Keshwala |
| Trustees | Sumanbhai F. Kothari Vinodbhai H. B. Shah (up to 30.10.2023) Jitendrabhai Bodhani Ashockbhai P. Mistry Kamalbhai Acharya Gopalbhai K. Katechia (as from 30.10.2023) |
| Bankers | Barclays Bank Plc George Street Luton |
| Independent Examiners | Shah & Co. Chartered Certified Accountants 25 Park Street West Luton LU1 3BE |

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024 BY THE SECRETARY ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE TRUSTEES

With the grace of Lord Krushna, on behalf of the Management Committee and the Trustees, I am very pleased to present you with the 47th Annual General report along with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Samaj is governed by its constitution. The management committee consists of up to 15 members who are elected by the Samaj members. The management committee is responsible for the overall management of the Samaj, its finance and all activities carried out by the Samaj. The title of all and any real property which may be acquired by or for the purpose of the Samaj shall be vested in Trustees who shall be appointed by the Managing Committee and who shall enter into a Deed of Trust setting forth the purposes and conditions under which they hold the said property in trust for the Samaj. The number of Trustees shall not be less than three and not more than five.

OBJECTIVES

The objects of the Samaj are to advance the Hindu religion through provision of a place of worship, facilities for religious functions and seminars on Hindu religion. It further provides a central place for Hindu cultural, educational and social activities based on the tenets and principles of Hindu faith. When planning the activities for the year, the management committee has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

The 2023/2024 year has given us challenge to bring back our members to the Mandir events. However, it has shown that the devotees were very eager to start living enthusiastically so have had very positive response and success in all our events.

We have embraced digital technology further and gone a lot paperless. Our IT chair Mr. Hiten Shah has improved and installed our website an invaluable resource to our Mandir. As a result, we have become global on website and Facebook.

The Mandir does many services live online. These have a big support.

We continue Bhajan Kirtan session on Saturdays hosted by Mr. Hiten Shah and Tuesday Dharma Dhyana sessions hosted by Mr. Yogesh Mistry. In Dharma Dhyana sessions our Priest Shree Prafullbhai Dave is teaching our members the Sanskrit verses from our Shruti scripture Bhagvad Gita and they are highly praised. Participants enjoy learning Sanskrit prose and get knowledge of our Shruti text. This gives the devotees a lot of knowledge of Hindu Dharma. These sessions are popular with senior members who are not able to travel out easily.

We are deeply indebted to our army of volunteer ladies regularly doing tasks of adoration of our Deities in the inner sanctum. We also have regular volunteer devotees who help setup all our religious and community events. The Management Committee thank you all for your selfless Seva to our Mandir.

The activities that took place at Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj, Luton – Hindu Mandir and Community Centre during the year ended 31st March 2024 were:

1) Religious Events

All major Hindu festivals were celebrated with auspicious ceremonies performed by our priest Shree Prafullbhai Dave. We thank our devotees for their faithful support. You give all management members inspiration to serve the community.

Bhajan Bhojan Evenings of 2023: Bhajan, Kirtan singing together with music and Prashad provided for our members. We held four events 17.06.23, 22.07.23, 09.12.23 and 24.02.24. Very popular events bringing singers, musicians and our community together. Members support and sponsor them well.

These include:

| Date | Event | Celebrating | How |
|----------|----------|--|--|
| 30.03.23 | Ramnavmi | Birthday celebrations of Lord RAM. An evening program. | Ram Janma, Parnu Julavavu, hoisting of flag. Bhajans and Prashad. Well, attended by members. |

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| 06.04.23 | Hanuman Jayanti | Birthday of Hanumanji. | An evening service with, Hanumanji Puja, 108 Hanumanji names, Hanuman Chalisa and Bhajan Kirtan, hoisting of the flag took place. |
| 13.04.23 | Visit by Church Chaplains. | Educating Hindu faith and function of Grassroots & LCOF. | A talk and PowerPoint presentation. |
| 22.04.23 | 108 Hanuman Chalisa | 15 th anniversary of the consecration of Das Hanumanji. | 108 Hanuman Chalisa whole day program was held. This was very successfully sponsored by our devotees, musicians, singers and catering team are thanked. Very successful with large congregation. |
| 06.05.23 | Coronation of King Charles and Queen Camilla. | A celebration of our King. | Special prayers were performed by devotees for health and long life of our King Charles and Queen Camilla. |
| 01.07.23 | Guru Purnima | Devotees revering saints and their Gurus. Swami Keshvanandji from Dwarka visited us and gave his sermon. | The Devotees gathering in large numbers from many locations to do this popular event with prayers, singing hymns and music. A generous donation was received from Pragjibhai Ladva's family and large congregation of devotees. |
| 01.07.23 – 05.07.23 | Jaya Parvati Vrat | Puja and fasting event. | Community ladies observe this event for the healthy long life of partners. |
| 09.07.23 | Patotsav | 30 th Anniversary of the consecration of the Deities. | Lord Shiv Maha Yagna and whole day program took place. |
| 18.07.23 – 30.07.23 (1 st session) 07.08.23 – 16.08.23 (2 nd session) | Adhik Shravan Purshottam month [leap year. holy month] | Narration of Holy scriptures by our Pujariji Shree Prafullbhai Dave. | A Mandir event with Shodshopchar Puja and celebrations of the lives of Lord Vishnu in this month of leap year. |
| 31.07.23 – 06.08.23 | Shrimad Bhagvat Katha | Narration with celebratory events of Lord Krishna from holy scripture Shrimad Bhagvat narrated by Shree Bharat Ram bhakta from Surat, India. | A whole day event daily for a week. Sponsored by the Nathwani family from Milton Keynes and devotees. |
| 17.08.23 -15.09.23 | Shravan Maas. | Holy month observed with special daily services of Mantra and Shiv puja. HINDOLA | Daily service, Shiv puja on Mondays attended by large number of devotees. HINDOLA: Reverence to Lord Krushna performed for 15 days with 10 sponsors. Very successful. |
| 12.08.23 | Pilgrimage trip for devotees. | A trip to Preston - Mandir (Gujarat Hindu Society), Bolton – Krishna Mandir and Ved Mandir, Oldham – Indian Association Mandir. | Temples visited by coach trip were supported and enjoyed by the devotees. |

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| 15.08.23 | India Independence Day | Respecting the motherland. | Hoisting of flag ceremony took place in the morning. |
| 21.08.23 | Samuha Rudrabhishek service | Services to Lord Shiva. | Well, supported by sponsored puja. |
| 30.08.23 | Raksha Bandhan | Celebration of the love of brothers and sisters. | Brothers and sisters celebrated with tying of bracelets and sweets. Prafullbhai did the service on the deities. |
| 07.09.23 | Janmashtami | Lord Krishna birthday. A special visit of Pujya Shree Rameshbhai Oza. {International Katakhar of Hindu scriptures] from Sandipani Ashram, Porbandar and His holiness Swami Keshvnandji from Dwarka, India. | Krushna Bhagwan Janma, Kesar Snan, Parnu Julavavu, hoisting a new flag and Aarti. Good program well sponsored. Fresh flowers decorations and outfits were donated by devotees. A very large congregation attracted by visit of Shree Rameshbhai from Luton and many towns out of Luton. An Historical event for Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj. |
| 10.09.23 | Satyanarayana Samuha Katha. | Lord Vishnu prayers. | Pravinbhai and Naliniben Shah were main sponsors together with other devotees. Culminating the holy Shravan Maas. |
| 15.09.23 | Shiv Maha Yagna | A celebration of Lord Shiva after holy month of Purshottam and Shravan. | Shiv Yagna performed by Mukhya Yajaman Urvish Patel and family. Prafullbhai Dave performed the service and a good number of devotees took part by sponsoring the service. |
| 19.09.23 | Ganesh Chaturthi | Lord Ganesh festival. | Satsang and flag hoisting by Sharmaji. This was done by a small number of devotees at the Mandir. |
| 15.10.23 – 23.10.23 | Navratri festival | Nine nights Festival of Goddess Durga for strength and victory over evil | A live exciting event with Musicians and singers and devotees. Whole families and friends attended with enthusiasm. Whole day live event took place culminating nine nights festival. |
| 24.10.2023 | Dashera | Durga Yagna. | |
| October 2023 | Fund raising activities. | Food was collected for Food Bank to help with increasing demand in rising cost of living crises. | Food collected during Navratri festival for Food Bank. Food is also distributed working together with GO Dharmic charity in Luton Town Centre every Monday 6 pm. to homeless and poor. |
| 28.10.23 | Sharad Purnima | Full moon festival of Lord Krishna | A live and successful event with music. Enjoyed by all the devotees. |
| 27/28 th 10. 23. | Diwali in Luton Town Centre. | Diwali Celebrations. Our young committee member Hiten Shah | Coordinated by Mr. Faarhad from LBC Our business community together with the Luton Borough Council (LBC) |

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| | | with other Committee Members participated in the event very well. | made it possible to hold this public event with music, dance and food. Lyca Radio broadcasters and singers gave it a favorable atmosphere. VIPs attended this event and all the communities enjoyed this event. |
| 01.11.23 | Karva Choth | Service of long life and health of husbands performed by ladies. | A live event with group service performed by our priest Prafullbhai Dave. A good number of Punjabi ladies made it a successful event. |
| 10/11/12 November 2023. | DIWALI. Waghbaras, Dhanteras, Kali Chaudas, Diwali. | Festival of lights / Goddess of wealth service (Sharda Pujan), closing and opening of business accounts. | Prafullbhai did goddess of wealth service (Laxmi Pujan) for a good number of devotees. |
| 14/11/23. | Hindu New Year. Annakut festival [moon phase calendar 2079] | Hindu New year celebrations. | This was a live event which brought a good number of devotees for prayers and blessings. It was generously supported by devotees. Prashad distribution to all devotees was done in packets (learnt during Covid pandemic.) |
| 19.11.23 | Jalaram Jayanti. | Honoring Saint Jalaram on his birthday. | A program of prayers and Bhajan singing followed by sharing of Prasad. A small group of devotees gathered and enjoyed the celebrations. |
| 26.11.23 | Tulsi Vivah | Wedding celebrations of Bhagwan Shaligram and Mata Tulsi Vranda. | A successful event with sponsorship and attendance of a good number of members. Prafullbhai performed a very good service. |
| 07.01.24 | Hirji Bapa and Pragjibhai Ladva memorial | Revering and respecting holy men and supporters of our Mandir. | An event of prayers and Prashadam. Supported by Vjjaybhai Ladva and family and Vishnu Bhagwan Bhajan Mandal. |
| 14.01.24 | Makar Sankranti. | Celebrating Sun God. Significance of sun moving from tropic of Capricorn to tropic of Cancer marking the windy season beginning of spring. | Puja of Sun God and kite flying festival in India. |
| 08.03.24 | Maha Shivratri | Praising Lord Shiva washing away all evil. | A large number of devotees attend this event for Abhishek Puja in the morning and special Puja is conducted by Prafullbhai in the evening program sponsored by devotees and flag hoisting on Shiv Parivar. |
| 24.03.24 | Holi | An important spring festival hosted working together with young members from OM group, Luton Town & Indian Cricket Club and GO Dharmic. | Devotees from Luton Town and surrounding counties attend this event. A great meeting of lots of people coming out of houses after cold winter months. |

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The Management Committee are having a good challenge to organize and cater for the increasing congregation attendance at all our events.

We are very happy to welcome devotees from diverse Asian groups. We are also a good link with the Hindu Students coming to University of Bedfordshire.

2) Education

- We provide language, cultural and religious education to young members of our community. This is carried out at Chalk Hill Academy. We teach Gujarati up to GCSE level as well as Hindi classes. Religious knowledge is shared at our temple.
- We are very grateful to Chalk Hill Academy for the provision of classrooms and associated use of their car park and Mandir car park.
- We have many primary school students, scouts and hospital chaplains who are offered a visit and an understanding of the Hindu faith. Our Secretary Mr. Yogesh Mistry acts as an ambassador on these occasions. We have also taken part on a project with Luton Council of Faiths and Grassroots to enhance Harmony in Luton by representing Hindu Faith at many Primary Schools.
- We would like to thank Mr. Hitenbhai Shah for all the hard work he does as the Chairperson of the Pathshala as well as at all other events. We are concerned by the fall in number of students attending Gujarati classes. This is not just at our temple but seen nationally.

Arts

We have recently started Dance Classes together with OM group Chairperson Raj Parmar. We have also started Dhol classes. They are going successfully. This encourages us to introduce other instrumental classes.

We have also started Half Term Holiday Club for children during school half term holidays. This is run by Mrs. Krishna Patel who organizes different educational and creative activities for children. This is well supported by children and parents. We thank Krishna Patel for her time and efforts.

3) Support Teams

Our priest Prafullbhai Dave serve us very devotedly with online service of our important festivals. This provides a link to our members and we thank him for his services.

As a charitable organization we are dependent on our members for their financial donations and also to all volunteers who help to upkeep our premises. We are very grateful and appreciate Mr. Pravinbhai Mistry for his help conducting Mandir services in the absence of Pujari. We are very fortunate that many devotees sponsor the beautiful dressage of our deities and fresh flower garlands for the six major festivals. We are also very grateful to all our sponsors at the religious events and those that have sponsored our daily "Nitya Seva" services.

We thank Uttambhai Patel who gives us a lot of help of any carpentry and DIY tasks in our Mandir. We also thank Sumanbhai Kothari for providing Seva for any electrical work. We thank Rajnibhai Mistry of Window Parts for the supply of wood for our Holi festival.

We thank all the ladies for the purchase of fresh flowers and for making the fresh flower garlands and Mrs. Kusumben Mistry for fresh flower arrangements.

We specially thank Mrs. Pritiben Rathod and Mrs. Sarojben for taking the lead in cooking at all our events. We also thank Mrs. Anitaben Lad and Minaben Lad for leading the cooking whenever Pritiben is not able to do the services. We also thank all the ladies who voluntarily help cook at all our events.

We thank Mr. Hirabhai Mistry, Mr. Sureshbhai Patel, Mr. Sanjaykumar, Mr. Anilbhai Randerwala, Mr. Dineshbhai Chauhan Mrs. Ramilaben Chauhan, Mr. Parimalbhai Mehta, Mr. Maganbhai Mistry and Mr. Prakashbhai Patel who help us at events when required.

We are grateful to Satishbhai Panchal, Miteshbhai Pankhania for playing Tabla and Mr. Narotambhai and Reenaben for singing Bhajans at our programs throughout the year.

With community cohesion in mind, we have hosted Luton Council of Faiths (LCOF) meetings at our Centre. We thank all faith groups that have supported this valuable platform. Our secretary Mr. Yogeshbhai Mistry serves on the Management Committee of LCOF.

4) Health and Wellbeing

Ekta Wellbeing Club runs under the umbrella of Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj to provide healthy meals to senior members of our community. We have two dedicated ladies; Pritiben Rathod and Sarojben Jivram who prepare fresh meals for our members every Tuesday. Presently we have 76 paid members. We also provide Yoga classes for our members. Mrs. Lata Shah and Mrs Shobha

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Singh are champions organizing health sessions. Mr. Dhansukhbhai Panchal, Chairperson of the Club coordinates in organizing the Wellbeing Club helped by Mrs. Lata Shah. The Management Committee of Mandir thank them for their hard work and selfless service which benefits many senior members of our community.

We also have Dilkhush Lunch Club who hires our premises one day per week to provide healthy lunch and other social activities for their senior citizen members.

Representatives from Alzheimer's charity have given our members valuable information on mental health issues. Diabetes UK presentation was organized by our champion Mrs. Lata Shah whereas a Gynaecology seminar by Dr, Anjali was organized by our champion Mrs. Shobha Singh for our women.

Once a week our committee member Shobha Singh conducts Yoga classes for our members. Thakorbbhai Mistry and Lataben Shah help with administration. We thank them both.

5)Outings

A coach trip 27.05.23 to Birmingham to Laxminarayan Mandir for inauguration of new Shikhar.

A coach trip 12.08.23 – Pilgrimage to Preston Mandir, Bolton Krishna and Ved Mandirs, Oldham to Indian Association Krishna Mandir.

6)Buildings

Our Buildings Sub-Committee members are thanked for their hard work at keeping the premises in good habitable conditions. They all critically review the facilities and are working to update the heating, lighting and building services. This year we have refurbished our Mandir Bhavan kitchen and our Pujari flat kitchen. We have also refurbished windows with new sealed units. The sub-committee are working on our long-term major project to build a Shikhar(stipple) on our temple. At present consultations are taking place with the architects and Luton Borough Council building planning department.

7)Interfaith Activity

Throughout the year our members work closely with Luton Council of Faiths (LCOF), Grass Roots and other religious bodies of Luton to share common goals to achieve community cohesion. Meetings are held at our Mandir whenever required.

Mr. Yogesh Mistry represents the Hindu Temple and Community on LCOF.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached financial statements on pages 10 to 13 show the current state of affairs of the finances of the Samaj. The Samaj does not have a specific policy on reserves for unrestricted funds other than to use the funds for the benefit of the Samaj and in maintaining the objectives of the Samaj.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE / TRUSTEES

Charity law requires the Management Committee / Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Management Committee / Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Management Committee / Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations.. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCE

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We thank our treasurer Mr. Hitenbhai Shah and our Vice -President Kantibhai Lad who personally takes great care monitoring and working to keep the accounts in order. Our treasurer has worked hard in keeping our computerized accounts up to date. We also thank our young Committee member Ashish Birla for his help with data entry.

We give special thanks to our priest Shree Prafullbhai Dave for doing a number of virtual online events keeping our members engaged and raising funds for our Mandir at the same time.

Both our administrators Mr. Pravinbhai Shah and Mr. Babubhai Mistry are thanked for keeping stringent records of incoming donations and all outgoing expenses. Very sadly our senior administrator had to withdraw his services as a result of ill health. We can't thank him enough for his long-dedicated services.

We are most grateful to Shah & Co. for their invaluable accounting services without any cost to Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj. We honor and give special thanks to Shah & Co. Accountants for their long-standing services and hope they will continue to do so.

TRUSTEES

Trustees term ended 31st October 2023 and we advertised to recruit new Trustees to all our members. We received applications from six interested candidates. They are Ashockbhai Mistry, Kamalbhai Acharya, Sumanbhai Kothari, Vinodbhai Shah, Gopalbhai Katechia and Jitubhai Bodhani. As our constitution says 5 trustees we consulted the candidates. Vinodbhai Shah agreed to withdraw and so we have Gopalbhai as our new Trustee. Gopalbhai and Ashockbhai attend our committee meetings so we are grateful to them for their support.

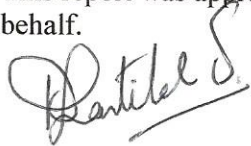
Visitors:

- Mr. Hitesh Tailor – Mayor of Ealing and a boy from Luton visited us.
- Mr. Bhavesh Shah also a Luton boy visited us on Holi festival. He is appointed as the High Sheriff of Bedfordshire.
- Shree Rameshbhai Oza from Sandipani Ashram, Porbandar, India. International Kathakar.
- His holiness Swami Keshvanandji from Sanatan Seva Mandal, Dwarka, India.

Lastly, we thank all the Sub-Committee members and the Management Committee members for their help and support and commitment to manage all activities that took place at Hindu Mandir and Community Centre, Luton during 2023/24. Most importantly we thank all the devotees who help, support financially and physically to keep the Mandir going.

Namaste,

This report was approved by the Management Committee and Trustees on 13th May, 2024 and signed on their behalf.



P.P. Mr. Yogesh G. Mistry
Hon. Secretary

SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AND TRUSTEES OF SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ**

I report to the management committee and trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj (the Samaj) for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 10 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's management committee and trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's management committee and trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year and that an independent examination is needed.

An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. The procedures 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 Independent examiner's statement.

I report in respect of my examination of the Samaj'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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Samaj as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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.



Dakshesh S. Patori FCCA
on behalf of
Shah & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
25 Park Street West
Luton
LU1 3BE

Date:

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024**


| Notes | 2024 | | | 2023 | | |
|--|------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Restricted | Unrestricted | Total | Restricted | Unrestricted | Total |
| | Funds | Funds | | Funds | Funds | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Income from:</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Donations and legacies</u> | | | | | | |
| Nitya Seva | 625 | | 625 | 1,126 | | 1,126 |
| New Life Membership Fund | | 928 | 928 | | 816 | 816 |
| Donations | | 30,161 | 30,161 | | 25,395 | 25,395 |
| Festivals and Aarti Collections | | 106,529 | 106,529 | | 105,798 | 105,798 |
| <u>Investment Income</u> | | | | | | |
| Dividends Receivable | | 50,012 | 50,012 | | 44,722 | 44,722 |
| <u>Rental Income</u> | | | | | | |
| Hire of Hall and Utensils | | 12,326 | 12,326 | | 12,416 | 12,416 |
| <u>Other Activities & Grants</u> | | | | | | |
| Bank Loyalty Reward | | 286 | 286 | | 262 | 262 |
| Coach Trips | | 4,320 | 4,320 | | 465 | 465 |
| Education Activities | | 2,979 | 2,979 | | 1,920 | 1,920 |
| Health Activities | | 631 | 631 | | 26 | 26 |
| Sundry Income | | 4,786 | 4,786 | | 7,475 | 7,475 |
| Total | 625 | 212,958 | 213,583 | 1,126 | 199,295 | 200,421 |
| <u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Expenditure on:</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Direct Temple running costs:</u> | | | | | | |
| Salaries & Employer's NI | | 28,440 | 28,440 | | 27,522 | 27,522 |
| Insurance | | 4,996 | 4,996 | | 4,488 | 4,488 |
| Heat, Light & Water | | 23,188 | 23,188 | | 16,245 | 16,245 |
| Property Maintenance & Repairs | | 10,738 | 10,738 | | 24,209 | 24,209 |
| Postage, Printing & Stationery | | 4,254 | 4,254 | | 3,575 | 3,575 |
| Telephone | | 1,245 | 1,245 | | 1,097 | 1,097 |
| Cleaning | | 10,748 | 10,748 | | 8,611 | 8,611 |
| Provisions & Supplies | | 17,011 | 17,011 | | 9,493 | 9,493 |
| Navratri Musicians | | 5,700 | 5,700 | | 5,500 | 5,500 |
| Bank Charges | | 1,735 | 1,735 | | 1,526 | 1,526 |
| Depreciation | | 13,400 | 13,400 | | 2,222 | 2,222 |
| <u>Other Activity Expenditure:</u> | | | | | | |
| Coach Trips | | 4,221 | 4,221 | | 625 | 625 |
| Education Activities | | 3,622 | 3,622 | | 3,520 | 3,520 |
| Health Activities | | 520 | 520 | | | |
| Sundry Expenses | | 15,717 | 15,717 | | 22,430 | 22,430 |
| Total | - | 145,535 | 145,536 | - | 131,063 | 131,063 |
| Excess of Income Over Expenditure | | | | | | |
| Unrealised (Loss)/Gain on Listed Investments | 4 | (2,717) | (8,684) | (11,401) | (9,506) | (46,779) |
| Net Movement In Funds | | (2,092) | 58,739 | 56,647 | (8,380) | 22,579 |
| Total Funds Brought Forward | | 149,521 | 1,842,744 | 1,992,265 | 157,901 | 1,811,785 |
| Total Funds Carried Forward | | 147,429 | 1,901,483 | 2,048,912 | 149,521 | 1,842,744 |

The notes on pages 12 and 13 form part of these accounts.

SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2024**

| | <u>Notes</u> | <u>31.03.24</u> | | <u>31.03.23</u> | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 3 | | 1,141,076 | | 1,096,368 |
| Investments | 4 | | 885,826 | | 826,602 |
| | | | <u>2,026,902</u> | | <u>1,922,970</u> |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Debtors | 5 | 7,492 | | 9,924 | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | 22,003 | | 66,140 | |
| | | <u>29,495</u> | | <u>76,064</u> | |
| <u>CREDITORS-Amounts falling due within one year</u> | | | | | |
| | 6 | <u>7,485</u> | | <u>6,769</u> | |
| <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | <u>22,010</u> | | <u>69,295</u> |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> | | | <u><u>2,048,912</u></u> | | <u><u>1,992,265</u></u> |
| <u>REPRESENTED BY:</u> | | | | | |
| Restricted Funds | 7 | | 147,429 | | 149,521 |
| Unrestricted Funds | | | 1,901,483 | | 1,842,744 |
| <u>TOTAL FUNDS</u> | | | <u><u>2,048,912</u></u> | | <u><u>1,992,265</u></u> |

Approved by the Management Committee on *28th MAY 2024* and signed on their behalf:


Jitesh K. Pankhania
President


Hiten R. Shah
Treasurer

The notes on pages 12 and 13 form part of these accounts.

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES**a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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- effective 1st January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102,

The Trustees consider there are no uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) Income recognition

Donations and other Voluntary income is accounted for when received by the charity.

Dividends and other investment income is credited on a receivable basis.

c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure relating to specific activities is allocated accordingly.

d) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is provided, at the rates calculated, in order to write off the cost of Fixed Assets over their estimated useful lives on a reducing balance basis. The rate applicable is 20% per annum on all Furniture & Equipment and 50% p.a. on Computer Equipment . No depreciation is provided on the Freehold Land & Building and on Mandir Bhavan

e) Quoted Investments have been valued at market values at the balance sheet date and any unrealised gain/loss is shown in the statement of Financial activities.

f) Gift aid reclaimable on donations to the charity is included with the donations amount received.

2) Taxation

Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

3) FIXED ASSETS - TANGIBLE

| | <u>FREEHOLD</u> | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| | <u>LAND &</u> | <u>MANDIR BHAVAN</u> | <u>FURNITURE &</u> | |
| | <u>BUILDING</u> | <u>ACCESSORIES</u> | <u>EQUIPMENT</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| <u>COST</u> | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| As at 01-04-2023 | 1,083,510 | 3,971 | 98,604 | 1,186,085 |
| Additions | | | 58,108 | 58,108 |
| As at 31-03-2024 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>156,712</u> | <u>1,244,193</u> |
| <u>DEPRECIATION</u> | | | | |
| As at 01-04-2023 | - | - | 89,717 | 89,717 |
| Charge for the year | - | - | 13,400 | 13,400 |
| As at 31-03-2024 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>103,117</u> | <u>103,117</u> |
| <u>NET BOOK VALUES</u> | | | | |
| As at 31-03-2024 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>53,595</u> | <u>1,141,076</u> |
| As at 01-04-2023 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>8,887</u> | <u>1,096,368</u> |

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2024

4) FIXED ASSETS - LISTED INVESTMENTS

| | Market Value as at 1st Apr 23 £ | Additions £ | Disposal Proceeds £ | Unrealised Gain on Revaluation £ | Market Value as at 31st Mar 24 £ |
|--|--|----------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| <u>Restricted (Nitya Seva)</u> | | | | | |
| M &G The Equities Investment Charifund | 149,518 | 625 | - | (2,717) | 147,426 |
| <u>Unrestricted</u> | | | | | |
| M &G The Equities Investment Charifund | 677,084 | 70,000 | - | (8,684) | 738,400 |
| Total | 826,602 | 70,625 | - | (11,401) | 885,826 |

| | <u>31.03.24</u> £ | <u>31.03.23</u> £ |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| 5) <u>DEBTORS</u> | | |
| Prepayments | 7,492 | 5,469 |
| Gift Aid tax Recoverable | - | 4,455 |
| | <u>7,492</u> | <u>9,924</u> |
| 6) <u>CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year</u> | | |
| Other Taxes & Social Security | 942 | 561 |
| Accruals | 6,043 | 2,459 |
| Hall Hire Deposits | 500 | 600 |
| | <u>7,485</u> | <u>3,620</u> |

7) ANALYSIS OF FUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

| | <u>31.03.2024</u> | | | <u>31.03.2023</u> | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | <u>Restricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Total</u> £ | <u>Restricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Total</u> £ |
| Tangible fixed Assets | | 1,141,076 | 1,141,076 | | 1,096,368 | 1,096,368 |
| Fixed Asset Investments | 147,426 | 738,400 | 885,826 | 149,518 | 677,084 | 826,602 |
| Current Assets | 3 | 29,492 | 29,495 | 3 | 76,061 | 76,064 |
| Current Liabilities | | (7,485) | (7,485) | | (6,769) | (6,769) |
| Total | 147,429 | 1,901,483 | 2,048,912 | 149,521 | 1,842,744 | 1,992,265 |

SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ

England & Wales - Charity number 275031

Accounts

SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ

Charity No. 275031

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

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CHARITY INFORMATION

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Registered Charity Number | 275031 |
| Charity Address | Hindu Mandir / Community Centre Hereford Road Lewsey Farm Luton LU4 0PS |
| Management Committee | Kantilal D. Lad (President) Dhansukhbhai P. Panchal (Vice President) Yogeshbhai G. Mistry (Hon. Secretary) Hiten R. Shah (Hon. Treasurer) |
| Committee Members | Babubhai H. Mistry Bhupendrabhai D. Khetia Mrs Lataben shah Jiteshbhai K. Pankhania Maganbhai J. Mistry - (resigned 4th Jan 2023) Pravinbhai R. Shah Shantilal M. Mistry Mrs. Shobha Singh Sureshbhai Talsania Thakorbbhai J. Mistry |
| Trustees | Sumanbhai F. Kothari Vinodbhai H. B. Shah Jitendrabhai Bodhani Ashockbhai P. Mistry Kamalbbhai Acharya |
| Bankers | Barclays Bank Plc George Street Luton |
| Independent Examiners | Shah & Co. Chartered Certified Accountants 25 Park Street West Luton LU1 3BE |

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2023 BY THE SECRETARY ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE TRUSTEES

With the grace of Lord Krushna, on behalf of the Management Committee and the Trustees, I am very pleased to present you with the 46th Annual General report along with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Samaj is governed by its constitution. The management committee consists of up to 15 members who are elected by the Samaj members. The management committee is responsible for the overall management of the Samaj, its finance and all activities carried out by the Samaj. The title of all and any real property which may be acquired by or for the purpose of the Samaj shall be vested in Trustees who shall be appointed by the Managing Committee and who shall enter into a Deed of Trust setting forth the purposes and conditions under which they hold the said property in trust for the Samaj. The number of Trustees shall not be less than three and not more than five.

OBJECTIVES

The objects of the Samaj are to advance the Hindu religion through provision of a place of worship, facilities for religious functions and seminars on Hindu religion. It further provides a central place for Hindu cultural, educational and social activities based on the tenets and principles of Hindu faith. When planning the activities for the year, the management committee has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

The 2022/2023 year has given us hope to get our community together after the difficult times during COVID-19. However, it has shown that together we can meet and overcome the challenges of Coronavirus Pandemic. We have had to change our ways of working and also found some benefits along the way.

We have embraced digital technology and learnt to work out logistics electronically. This has benefits of going green for example paperless, avoiding single use plastics and adapting our premises with conservation of energy in mind.

The Mandir has opened up and we have to convince our senior members that it is safe to visit. Hands, face and space regulations are still advised. We are having a good return to normal activities.

We continue Bhajan Kirtan session on Saturdays hosted by Hitenbhai Shah and Tuesday Dharma Dhyana sessions hosted by Yogeshbhai Mistry. In Dharma Dhyana sessions our priest Shree Ravibhai Rajyaguru covered a wide number of topics of Saints, disciples and pilgrimage places. This gave the devotees a lot of knowledge of Hindu Dharma. Thereafter our Priest Shree Prafullbhai Dave is teaching our members the Sanskrit verses from religious scripture Bhagwat Gita and they are highly praised. The Zoom sessions are popular with senior members who are not able to travel out easily.

Our special thanks go to Hitenbhai Shah for providing his skillful technical services. Hitenbhai Shah also designed our digital promotional events flyers which were invaluable.

A number of special online services have been introduced and performed by Prafullbhai Dave. The fresh flower garlands on special occasions were made by volunteer ladies. Our appreciation and thanks go to all these loyal devotees for their selfless services. We are also indebted to volunteer ladies and gentleman who help prepare Bhojan Prasad and all the physical tasks of the events.

We are able to reach a very wide spectrum of our members locally, nationally and internationally on Zoom and Facebook platforms. These services and decorations are viewed by a very wide global audience providing very positive feedback.

The activities that took place at Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj, Luton – Hindu Mandir and Community Centre during the year ended 31st March 2023 were:

1) Religious Events

All major Hindu festivals were celebrated with auspicious ceremonies performed by our priest Shree Ravibhai Rajyaguru and thereafter by Shree Prafullbhai Dave. Ravibhai Rajyaguru served us for two years and went back to Porbandar, India on 28th September 2022. The replacing Pujari Shree Prafullbhai arrived on 21st September 2022 followed shortly by his family for the second time. These include:

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Bhajan Bhojan Evenings: Bhajan, Kirtan singing together with music and Bhojan Prasad provided for our members. We held three sessions on 25th June, 10th September and 18th December 2022. Very popular events bringing singers, musicians and our community together. Members support and sponsor them well.

| Date | Event | Celebrating | How |
|------------------------|---------------------|---|---|
| 02.04.22 to 10.4.22 | Chaitri Navratri. | 9 days Durga Saptashati Path, Mataji Puja and Abhishek and Mataji Shrungar daily. | Ravibhai did Puja and immaculate decoration in respect of Goddess Durga, live streamed on Facebook and sponsored by devotees. |
| 10.04.22 | Ramnavmi | Birthday of Lord Rama. | A live service was performed by our Pujariji Ravibhai: Ram Bhagwan Janma, Kesar Snan, Parnu and hoisting the Dhawaja on Ram Parivar Bhavan, adoration with fresh flower garlands and Arti. |
| 16.04.22 | Hanuman Jayanti | Birthday of Hanumanji Maharaj | A morning service with 108 Hanuman names, Hanuman Chalisa and Bhajan Kirtan, hoisting of the Dhawaja took place after Nitya Shrungar Aarti. |
| 23.04.22 | 108 Hanuman Chalisa | 14 th anniversary of the consecration of Das Hanumanji. | 108 Hanuman Chalisa whole day program was held. This was very successfully sponsored by our devotees, musicians, singers and catering team are thanked. Very successful with large congregation. |
| 03.05.022 | Akshay Tritiya | Puja service done to receive blessings. | Hindus and Jains celebrate this auspicious day for success in ventures, marriages and doing charitable deeds. |
| 06.06.22 – 12.06.22 | Bhagwat Katha | Narration of Holy scriptures by Kathakar Pujya Bharatrambhakta. | A sponsored event supported by the community with celebrations of the lives of Lord Krushna. |
| 10.07.22 | Patotsav | 29 th Anniversary of the consecration of the Deities. | Lord Vishnu Yagna and hoisting of Dharma Dhawaja. Whole day program took place. |
| 11.07.22 – 15.07.22 | Jaya Parvati Vrat | Puja and fasting event. | Community ladies observe this event for the partners. |
| 16.07.22 | Guru Purnima | Devotees revering saints and their Gurus'. | The Devotees gathering in large numbers from many locations to do this popular event with prayers, singing hymns and music Guru Pujan and Yamunajji Loti Ochhav. Generous donations received from large congregation of devotees. |

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|-------------------------|--|--|---|
| 29.07.22 - 27.08.22 | Shravan month | Holy month observed with special daily services of Mantra and Shiv puja. HINDOLA | Daily service, Shiv Abhishek on Mondays attended by large number of devotees. HINDOLA: Reverence to Lord Krushna performed for 15 days with 10 sponsors. Very successful. |
| 01.08.2022 | Samuha Rudrabhishek Puja | Services to Lord Shiva. | Well supported by sponsored Puja. |
| 11.08.22 | Raksha Bandhan | Celebration of the love of brothers and sisters. | Brothers and sisters celebrated with tying of bracelets and sweets. Ravibhai did the service on the deities. |
| 15.08.2022 | India Independence Day | Respecting the motherland. | Hoisting of flag ceremony took place in the morning. |
| 19.08.22 | Janmashtami | Lord Krishna birthday | Krushna Bhagwan Janma, Kesar Snan, Parnu Julavu, Arti, hoisting a new Dhwaja. Good program well sponsored. Fresh flowers were, decorations and outfits were donated by devotees. Large congregation in attendance. Celebrations attended by Pujya Swami Keshvanandji. |
| 27.08.22 | Shiv Maha Yagna | First time live Samuha Yagna in person. | Shiv Yagna performed by Mukhya Yajman. Sanjaykumar and family. Ravibhai Rajyaguru performed the service and a good number of devotees took part by sponsoring the service. |
| 31.08.22 | Ganesh Chaturthi | Lord Ganesh festival. | Live event of Satsang and Dhwaja hoisting. This was done by a small number of devotees at the Mandir. |
| | | | |
| | | | |
| 21.08.22 | Samuha Satyanarayana Katha and Puja. | Lord Vishnu prayers. | Pravinbhai and Naliniben Shah were main sponsors together with other devotees. Culminating the holy Shravan Maas. |
| 03.09.22 | Pilgrimage and shopping trip for devotees. | A trip to Leicester was organized by Ekta Wellbeing Club and Mandir. | Temples visited in Leicester were Jalaram Mandir, Krushna Mandir, Ram Mandir and BAPS Swaminarayan Mandir. Supported and enjoyed by the devotees. |
| 26.09.22 to 04.10.22 | Navratri festival | Nine nights Festival of Goddess Durga for strength and victory over evil | A live event with Musicians and singers. Members attended with enthusiasm after the Covid pandemic break when no live festival was possible. |
| 05.10.22 | Dashera | Durga Yagna. | Whole day live event took place culminating nine nights festival. |
| October 2022 | Fund raising | Food was collected for Food Bank to help with increasing demand in rising cost of living crises. | Food collected during Navratri festival for Food Bank. £1001.00 raised for Pakistan flood |

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|----------------------|---|--|--|
| | | Pakistan floods disaster help. | disaster. |
| 09.10.22 | Sharad Purnima | Full moon festival of Lord Krishna | A live and successful event with music. Enjoyed by all the devotees. |
| 3.10.22 – 9.10.22 | Uganda Immigrants Exhibition | This was a National Exhibition portraying history, settlements, achievements of the immigrants in UK. | A popular Exhibition visited by people in Luton and surrounding Counties. |
| 13.10.22 | Karva Choth | Service of long life and health of husbands. | A live event with group service performed by our priest Prafullbhai Dave. A good number of Punjabi ladies made it a successful event. |
| 20.10.22 | Luton Council of Faiths meeting. | Lauren Cox Community Development officer from Luton Council attended this meeting. | Lots of questions, discussions and issues were raised by members from all diverse faiths in Luton. |
| 21/22. October.22 | Diwali in Luton Town Centre. | Hindu Diwali Celebrations. Our young Committee Member Hiten Shah represented the Mandir very well. | Our business community together with the Luton Borough Council made it possible to hold this public event with music, dance and food. Lyca Radio broadcasters and singers gave it a favorable atmosphere. VIPs attended this event and all the communities enjoyed this event. £1001 was raised and presented for the Pakistan flood disaster. |
| 24.10.22 | DIWALI. Wagh Baras, Dhanteras, Kali Chaudas, Diwali. | Festival of lights / Goddess of wealth service (Sharda Pujan), closing and opening of business accounts. | Prafullbhai did goddess of wealth service for a good number of devotees. |
| 26.10.22 | Hindu New Year. Annakut festival [moon phase calendar 2079] | New year celebrations. | This was a live event which brought a good number of devotees for prayers and blessings. It was generously supported by devotees. Prashad distribution to all devotees was done in packets (learnt during Covid pandemic.) |
| 31.10.22 | Jalaram Jayanti. | Honoring Saint Jalaram on his birthday. | A program of prayers and Bhajan singing followed by sharing of Prasad. A small group of devotees gathered and enjoyed the celebrations. |
| 06.11.22 | Tulsi Vivah | Wedding celebrations of the Gods. | A successful event with sponsorship and attendance of a good number of members. Prafulbhai performed a very good service. |
| 17.11.22 | Luton Council of Faiths meeting. | Special guest Shadow minister of faiths Sarah Owen. | Members of all faith groups met and raised issues of their groups in discussion. |
| 24.11.22 | Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire (LLB) and Bishop of Bedfordshire (BOB) visit. | LLB Susana Lousada and BOB Rt. Reverend Richard Atkins | A visit to look at Hindu Mandir and the services offered to Luton and surrounding Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Buckinghamshire members. |

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| 08.01.2023 | Hirji Bapa and Pragjibhai Ladva memorial | Revering and respecting holy men and supporters of our Mandir. | An event of Bhajan, Sankirtan and prayers followed by Prashadam. Attended by many from outside Luton. |
| 18.02.2023 | Maha Shivratri | Praising Lord Shiva washing away all evil. | A large number of devotees attend this event for Abhishek in the morning and Samuha Rudrabhishek Puja in the evening by Prafullbhai. |
| 06.03.23 | Holi | An important spring festival. | Devotees from Luton Town and surrounding counties attend this event. A great meeting of people coming out of houses after cold winter months. |
| 22 – 30.03.23 | Chaitra Navratri. | 9 days Durga Saptashati Path, Mataji Puja and Abhishek and Mataji Shrungar daily. | Prafullbhai did early morning Puja and immaculate decoration in respect of Goddess Durga with help of volunteers. Event well sponsored by devotees. |
| 30.03.2023 | Ramnavmi | Birthday celebrations of Lord Ram. | A live service was performed by our Pujariji Prafullbhai. Ram Bhagwan Janma, Kesar Snan, Parnu and hoisting the Dhwaja on Ram Parivar Bhavan, adoration with fresh flower garlands and Arti. |

COVID-19 Pandemic.

After the pandemic we are now back to normal activities. Challenges facing are people with long Covid and mental issues. Jen Reed from Alzheimer's Society visited 2.11.22. to inform our members about help available for mental issues.

2) Education

We provide language, cultural and religious education to young members of our community. This is carried out at Chalk Hill Academy. We teach Gujarati up to GCSE level as well as Hindi classes. Religious knowledge is shared at our temple.

We are very grateful to Chalk Hill Academy for the provision of classrooms and associated use of their car park. After the COVID-19 pandemic the numbers of students have fallen significantly.

We have many primary school students, scouts and hospital chaplains who are offered a visit and an understanding of the Hindu faith. Our Secretary Yogesh Mistry acts as an ambassador on these occasions.

We would like to thank Mr. Hitenbhai Shah for all the hard work he does as the Chairperson of the Path Shala as well as at all other events.

We are concerned by the fall in number of students attending Gujarati school. This is not just at our temple but seen nationally.

3) Support Teams

Our priests Ravibhai Rajyaguru and Prafullbhai Dave serve us very devotedly with online service of our important festivals. This provides a link to our members and we thank them for their services.

As a charitable organization we are dependent on our members for their financial donations and to all volunteers who help to upkeep our premises. We are very grateful and appreciate Mr.

Pravinbhai Shah, Mr. Pravinbhai Mistry for their help conducting Mandir services in the absence of Pujari. We are very fortunate that many devotees sponsor the beautiful dressage of our deities for the six major festivals. We are also very grateful to all our sponsors at the religious events and those that have sponsored our daily "Nitya Seva" services.

We thank Uttambhai Patel who gives us a lot of help of any DIY tasks in our Mandir. We thank Rajnibhai Mistry of Window Parts for the supply of wood for our Holi festival.

We thank, all the volunteer ladies for the purchase of fresh flowers and making the fresh garlands and for flower arrangements.

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We specially thank Mrs. Pritiben Rathod and Mrs. Sarojben for taking the lead in cooking at all our events. We also thank Mrs. Anitaben Lad and Minaben Lad for leading the cooking whenever Pritiben is not able to do the services. We also thank all the ladies who voluntarily help cook at all our events.

We thank Mr. Hirabhai Mistry, Mr. Sureshbhai Patel, Mr. Sanjaykumar, Mr. Anilbhai Randerwala, Mr. Dineshbhai Chauhan Mrs. Ramilaben Chauhan, Mr. Parimalbhai Mehta, Mr. 'Maganbhai Mistry, and Mr. Prakashbhai Patel who help us at events when required.

We are grateful to Satishbhai Panchal, Miteshbhai Pankhania for playing tabla and Mr. Narottambhai and Reenaben for singing Bhajans at our programs throughout the year.

With Community Cohesion in mind, we have hosted Luton Council of Faiths meetings at our Centre. We thank all faith groups that have supported this valuable platform.

4) Health and Wellbeing

Representatives from Alzheimer's charity have given our members valuable information on mental issues.

Our Committee Members Shobhaben is providing Yoga classes for our members and Lataben Shah is helping with when Thakorbbhai is not able to do the service. We thank them both.

Dilkhush Wellbeing Club ran their activities on Mondays at our premises in the past year.

Ekta Wellbeing Club provides healthy meals, exercises and information as well as socializing to our senior members. This is run conjointly with the Mandir and is well used by senior members. An important service for less able and single members.

5) Warm Hub:

Our Mandir provided warm hub for people to meet and socialize in cost-of-living crises.

6) Outings

The only outing possible in the past year was with Ekta wellbeing Club a trip to Leicester pilgrimage and shopping. The rising costs of transport is proving challenging to do coach trips.

7) Buildings

Our buildings subcommittee members are thanked for their hard work at keeping the premises in good habitable conditions. They all critically review the facilities and are working to update the heating, lighting and building services. The Sub-Committee are working on our long-term major project to build a Shikhar (stipple) on our temple.

8) Interfaith Activity

Throughout the year our members work closely with Luton Council of Faiths (LCOF), Grass Roots and other religious bodies of Luton to share common goals to achieve community cohesion. Meetings are held at our Mandir whenever required. Our Secretary Mr. Yogeshbhai Mistry represents the Hindu Temple and Community on LCOF. We thank Yogeshbhai for his services.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached financial statements on pages 10 to 13 show the current state of affairs of the finances of the Samaj. The Samaj does not have a specific policy on reserves for unrestricted funds other than to use the funds for the benefit of the Samaj and in maintaining the objectives of the Samaj.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE / TRUSTEES

Charity law requires the Management Committee / Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Management Committee / Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Management Committee / Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial

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statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations.. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCE

We thank our treasurer Mr. Hitenbhai Shah and our President Kantibhai Lad personally takes great care monitoring and working to keep the accounts in order. Our treasurer has worked hard in keeping our computerized accounts up to date.

We give special thanks to our priests Ravibhai Rajyaguru and Prafullbhai Dave for doing a number of virtual online events keeping our members engaged and raising funds for our Mandir at the same time.

Both our administrators Mr. Pravinbhai Shah and Mr. Babubhai Mistry are thanked for keeping stringent records of incoming donations and all outgoing expenses.

We are most grateful to Shah & Co., Chartered Certified Accountants for their invaluable honorary accounting services.

TRUSTEES

We thank our Trustees Mr. Jitubhai Bodani, Mr. Sumanbhai Kothari, Mr. Kamalbhai Acharya, Mr. Vinodbhai Shah and Mr. Ashockbhai Mistry for their help and advice on the Mandir's legal and civic issues.

Lastly, we thank all the Sub-committee members and Management Committee members for their help and support and commitment to manage all activities that took place at Hindu Mandir and Community Centre, Luton during 2022/23. Most importantly we thank all the members who help, support financially and physically to keep the Mandir going.

Namaste,

This report was approved by the Management Committee and Trustees on 16/06/2023 and signed on their behalf.



Mr. Yogesh Mistry
Hon. Secretary

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AND TRUSTEES OF SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ**

I report to the management committee and trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj (the Samaj) for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 10 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's management committee and trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's management committee and trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year and that an independent examination is needed.

An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. The procedures 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 Independent examiner's statement.

I report in respect of my examination of the Samaj'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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Samaj as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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.



Dakshesh S. Patori FCCA
on behalf of
Shah & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
25 Park Street West
Luton
LU1 3BE

Date: 19th June 2023

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023**

| | Notes | 2023 | | | 2022 | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | | Restricted | Unrestricted | Total | Restricted | Unrestricted | Total |
| | | Funds | Funds | | Funds | Funds | |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | |
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | | | |
| Income from: | | | | | | | |
| <u>Donations and legacies</u> | | | | | | | |
| | | 1,126 | | 1,126 | 3,128 | | 3,128 |
| | | | 816 | 816 | | 561 | 561 |
| | | | 25,395 | 25,395 | | 24,812 | 24,812 |
| | | | 105,798 | 105,798 | | 54,610 | 54,610 |
| <u>Investment Income</u> | | | | | | | |
| | | | 44,722 | 44,722 | | 35,678 | 35,678 |
| <u>Rental Income</u> | | | | | | | |
| | | | 12,416 | 12,416 | | 6,101 | 6,101 |
| <u>Other Activities & Grants</u> | | | | | | | |
| | | | 262 | 262 | | 165 | 165 |
| | | | 465 | 465 | | | |
| | | | 1,920 | 1,920 | | 1,845 | 1,845 |
| | | | 26 | 26 | | | |
| | | | 7,475 | 7,475 | | 8,798 | 8,798 |
| | | | - | - | | 6,519 | 6,519 |
| | Total | 1,126 | 199,295 | 200,421 | 3,128 | 139,089 | 142,217 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | | | |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | | |
| <u>Direct Temple running costs:</u> | | | | | | | |
| | | | 27,522 | 27,522 | | 22,031 | 22,031 |
| | | | 4,488 | 4,488 | | 4,294 | 4,294 |
| | | | 16,245 | 16,245 | | 9,936 | 9,936 |
| | | | 24,209 | 24,209 | | 5,774 | 5,774 |
| | | | 3,575 | 3,575 | | 4,372 | 4,372 |
| | | | 1,097 | 1,097 | | 1,105 | 1,105 |
| | | | 8,611 | 8,611 | | 7,007 | 7,007 |
| | | | 9,493 | 9,493 | | 8,312 | 8,312 |
| | | | 5,500 | 5,500 | | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| | | | 1,526 | 1,526 | | 959 | 959 |
| | | | 2,222 | 2,222 | | 2,779 | 2,779 |
| <u>Other Activity Expenditure:</u> | | | | | | | |
| | | | 625 | 625 | | | |
| | | | 3,520 | 3,520 | | 2,216 | 2,216 |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | | 22,430 | 22,430 | | 12,337 | 12,337 |
| | Total | - | 131,063 | 131,063 | - | 85,622 | 85,622 |
| | Excess of Income Over Expenditure | 1,126 | 68,232 | 69,358 | 3,128 | 53,467 | 56,595 |
| | Unrealised (Loss)/Gain on Listed Investments | 4 | (9,506) | (37,273) | (46,779) | 10,491 | 44,690 |
| | Net Movement In Funds | | (8,380) | 30,959 | 22,579 | 13,619 | 98,157 |
| | Total Funds Brought Forward | | 157,901 | 1,811,785 | 1,969,686 | 144,282 | 1,713,628 |
| | Total Funds Carried Forward | | 149,521 | 1,842,744 | 1,992,265 | 157,901 | 1,811,785 |

The notes on pages 12 and 13 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2023

| | <u>Notes</u> | <u>31.03.23</u> | | <u>31.03.22</u> | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 3 | | 1,096,368 | | 1,098,590 |
| Investments | 4 | | 826,602 | | 814,130 |
| | | | <u>1,922,970</u> | | <u>1,912,720</u> |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Debtors | 5 | 9,924 | | 12,032 | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | <u>66,140</u> | | <u>48,554</u> | |
| | | 76,064 | | 60,586 | |
| <u>CREDITORS-Amounts falling due within one year</u> | | | | | |
| | 6 | <u>6,769</u> | | <u>3,620</u> | |
| <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | <u>69,295</u> | | <u>56,966</u> |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> | | | <u>1,992,265</u> | | <u>1,969,686</u> |
| <u>REPRESENTED BY:</u> | | | | | |
| Restricted Funds | 7 | | 149,521 | | 157,901 |
| Unrestricted Funds | | | 1,842,744 | | 1,811,785 |
| <u>TOTAL FUNDS</u> | | | <u>1,992,265</u> | | <u>1,969,686</u> |

Approved by the Management Committee on 16th June 2023 and signed on their behalf:



Kantilal D. Lad
President



Hiten R. Shah
Treasurer

The notes on pages 12 and 13 form part of these accounts.

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES**a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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- effective 1st January 2019) and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102,

The Trustees consider there are no uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) Income recognition

Donations and other Voluntary income is accounted for when received by the charity.

Dividends and other investment income is credited on a receivable basis.

c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure relating to specific activities is allocated accordingly.

d) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is provided, at the rates calculated, in order to write off the cost of Fixed Assets over their estimated useful lives on a reducing balance basis. The rate applicable is 20% per annum on all Furniture & Equipment and 50% p.a. on Computer Equipment . No depreciation is provided on the Freehold Land & Building and on Mandir Bhavan

e) Quoted Investments have been valued at market values at the balance sheet date and any unrealised gain/loss is shown in the statement of Financial activities.

f) Gift aid reclaimable on donations to the charity is included with the donations amount received.

2) Taxation

Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

3) FIXED ASSETS - TANGIBLE

| | <u>FREEHOLD</u> | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| | <u>LAND &</u> | <u>MANDIR BHAVAN</u> | <u>FURNITURE &</u> | |
| | <u>BUILDING</u> | <u>ACCESSORIES</u> | <u>EQUIPMENT</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
| <u>COST</u> | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| As at 01-04-2022 | 1,083,510 | 3,971 | 98,604 | 1,186,085 |
| Additions | | | | - |
| As at 31-03-2023 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>98,604</u> | <u>1,186,085</u> |
| | | | | |
| <u>DEPRECIATION</u> | | | | |
| As at 01-04-2022 | - | - | 87,495 | 87,495 |
| Charge for the year | - | - | 2,222 | 2,222 |
| As at 31-03-2023 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>89,717</u> | <u>89,717</u> |
| | | | | |
| <u>NET BOOK VALUES</u> | | | | |
| As at 31-03-2023 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>8,887</u> | <u>1,096,368</u> |
| As at 01-04-2022 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>11,109</u> | <u>1,098,590</u> |

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NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2023

4) FIXED ASSETS - LISTED INVESTMENTS

| | Market Value as at 1st Apr 22 | Additions | Disposal Proceeds | Unrealised Gain on Revaluation | Market Value as at 31st Mar 23 |
|---|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>Restricted (Nitya Seva)</u> | | | | | |
| M & G The Equities Investment Charifund | 154,773 | 4,251 | - | (9,506) | 149,518 |
| <u>Unrestricted</u> | | | | | |
| M & G The Equities Investment Charifund | 659,357 | 55,000 | - | (37,273) | 677,084 |
| Total | 814,130 | 59,251 | - | (46,779) | 826,602 |

| | <u>31.03.23</u> | <u>31.03.22</u> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| 5) <u>DEBTORS</u> | | |
| Prepayments | 5,469 | 5,555 |
| Gift Aid tax Recoverable | 4,455 | 6,477 |
| | <u>9,924</u> | <u>12,032</u> |
| 6) <u>CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year</u> | | |
| Other Taxes & Social Security | 870 | 561 |
| Accruals | 5,649 | 2,459 |
| Hall Hire Deposits | 250 | 600 |
| | <u>6,769</u> | <u>3,620</u> |

7) ANALYSIS OF FUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

| | <u>31.03.2023</u> | | | <u>31.03.2022</u> | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>Restricted Funds</u> | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Tangible fixed Assets | | 1,096,368 | 1,096,368 | | 1,098,590 | 1,098,590 |
| Fixed Asset Investments | 149,518 | 677,084 | 826,602 | 154,773 | 659,357 | 814,130 |
| Current Assets | 3 | 76,061 | 76,064 | 3,128 | 57,458 | 60,586 |
| Current Liabilities | | (6,769) | (6,769) | | (3,620) | (3,620) |
| Total | 149,521 | 1,842,744 | 1,992,265 | 157,901 | 1,811,785 | 1,969,686 |

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SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ

Charity No. 275031

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

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CHARITY INFORMATION

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Registered Charity Number | 275031 |
| Charity Address | Hindu Mandir / Community Centre Hereford Road Lewsey Farm Luton LU4 0PS |
| Management Committee | Kantilal D. Lad (President) Dhansukhbhai P. Panchal (Vice President) Yogeshbhai G. Mistry (Hon. Secretary) Jiteshbhai K. Pankhania (Hon. Treasurer) Hiten R. Shah (Joint Treasurer) |
| Committee Members | Babubhai H. Mistry Bhupendrabhai D. Khetia Maganbhai J. Mistry Pravinbhai R. Shah Shantilal M. Mistry Sureshbhai Talsania Thakorbhai J. Mistry |
| Trustees | Sumanbhai F. Kothari Vinodbhai H. B. Shah Jitendrabhai Bodhani Ashockbhai P. Mistry Kamalbhai Acharya |
| Bankers | Barclays Bank Plc George Street Luton |
| Independent Examiners | Shah & Co. Chartered Certified Accountants 25 Park Street West Luton LU1 3BE |

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022 BY THE SECRETARY ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE TRUSTEES

With the grace of Lord Krushna, on behalf of the Management Committee and the Trustees, I am very pleased to present you with the 45th Annual General report along with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2022.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Samaj is governed by its constitution. The management committee consists of up to 15 members who are elected by the Samaj members. The management committee is responsible for the overall management of the Samaj, its finance and all activities carried out by the Samaj. The title of all and any real property which may be acquired by or for the purpose of the Samaj shall be vested in Trustees who shall be appointed by the Managing Committee and who shall enter into a Deed of Trust setting forth the purposes and conditions under which they hold the said property in trust for the Samaj. The number of Trustees shall not be less than three and not more than five.

OBJECTIVES

The objects of the Samaj are to advance the Hindu religion through provision of a place of worship, facilities for religious functions and seminars on Hindu religion. It further provides a central place for Hindu cultural, educational and social activities based on the tenets and principles of Hindu faith. When planning the activities for the year, the management committee has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

The 2021/2022 year has been a challenging year for all of us. However, it has shown that together we can meet and overcome the challenges of Coronavirus Pandemic. We have had to change our ways of working and also found some benefits along the way.

We have embraced digital technology and found it easier to convene meetings at a short notice. We have learnt to react to situation much quicker, utilizing digital meetings for quicker, more efficient decision making. We have experienced benefits of reduced travel, reducing carbon footprint and associated costs.

The Mandir was closed initially because of surging Omicron variant virus pandemic. Our administrators Mr. Pravinbhai Shah and Mr. Pravinbhai Mistry put on furlough.

Following strict government regulations and guidance we introduced measures to offer access where possible to our members. For example, individual prayers in the evenings from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm., with hands, face and space. We organized single file one way system with provision of face masks, sanitization stations, temperature and trace recording of all who visited for Darshan. We also invested in contactless donation payments by Pay Pal, Card and Bank transfers.

The number of visitors for individual prayers varied greatly. Special occasions and festivals were well attended. Day time visits were not honored as it would encourage senior and vulnerable members to venture out.

We introduced Bhajan Kirtan session on Saturdays hosted by Hitenbhai Shah and Dharma Dhyana sessions on Mondays hosted by Yogeshbhai Mistry. In Dharma Dhyana sessions our

Priest Shree Ravibhai Rajyaguru gave discourse from religious scriptures and they were highly praised. The Zoom sessions were popular with senior members attempting to overcome isolation and loneliness on this social platform.

On special festivals of 108 Hanuman Chalisa program (17th April 2021), Ramnavami (21st April 2021) were performed with closed doors and our devotees were linked by Zoom and Facebook online. Our special thanks go to Hitenbhai Shah and Jiteshbhai Pankhania for providing their skillful technical services. Hitenbhai Shah also designed our digital promotional events flyers which were invaluable.

Although the Mandir was closed our Priest Ravibhai Rajyaguru performed all regular services and did all the preparations and decorations immaculately with assistance of his wife Nishaben behind closed doors. A number of special online services were introduced and performed by Ravibhai Rajyaguru. These were in honor of the Deities in accordance with our Gujarati calendar. The fresh flower garlands on special occasions were made by volunteer ladies. Our appreciation and thanks go to all these loyal devotees for their selfless services.

We were able to reach a very wide spectrum of our members locally, nationally and internationally on Zoom and Facebook platforms. These services and decorations were viewed by a very wide global audience providing very positive feedback.

We had to suspend evening openings temporarily with the COVID-19 in accordance with the Government regulations. As the situation improved, we were able to offer access opening three evenings and then as the situation eased all evenings from 17th May 2021 onwards following the Government regulations closely. We are grateful to

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our safety officer Mr. Jiteshbhai Pankhania for his help with up-to-date assistance on implementing the Government safety regulations. We operated a partial opening at first and very slowly increased opening the Mandir for our members to start coming for prayers and services.

The activities that took place at Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj, Luton – Hindu Mandir and Community Centre during the year ended 31st March 2022 were:

1) Religious Events

Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic year, as per our religious requirement for the sacred sanctified Deities, all major Hindu festivals were celebrated with auspicious ceremonies performed by our priest Shree Ravibhai Rajyaguru. These include:

| Date | Event | Celebrating | How |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| 17.04.21 | 108 Hanuman Chalisa | 13 th anniversary of the consecration of Das Hanumanji. | 108 Hanuman Chalisa LIVE program was held and streamed live on our Facebook. This was very successfully sponsored by our devotees. Musicians, singers and catering team are thanked and very much appreciated for this back to life event. We had 930 viewers and 1500 comments on our social platform. |
| 13.4.21-21.4.22 | Chaitri Navratri. | 9 days Durga Saptashati Path daily done as a new activity. | Ravibhai did virtual Puja and immaculate decoration in respect of Goddess Durga, sponsored by devotees. |
| 21.04.21 | Ramnavmi | Birthday of Lord Rama. | A virtual service was performed by our priest Ravibhai Rajyaguru: Rambhagwan Janma, Kesar Snan, Parnu and hoisting the Dhwaja on Ram Parivar Bhavan, adoration with fresh flower garlands and Arti. |
| 27.04.2021 | Hanuman Jayanti | Birthday of Hanumanji Maharaj. | A virtual service with 108 Hanuman names and hoisting of the Dhwaja took place on Hanumanji Bhavan. This was specially sponsored by Satishbhai Mistry and family in memory of his father. |
| 14.05.21 | Akshay Trutia | (Akha Trij) | Ravibhai did special service and decorations on this occasion and event was well publicized by Ravibhai and on our social platform. We received excellent sponsorship donation. All proceeds (£4030.00) were donated towards relief from COVID -19 pandemic sufferings in India via Go Dharmic Charity. |
| 1.6.21-10.6.21 | Das Avatar Katha of Ashad month. | Dus Avtar Katha on virtual platform. | Vishnu Saharsa Naam and Katha. Well sponsored by devotees. |
| 11.07.2021 | Patotsav | 28 th Anniversary of the consecration of the Deities. | Virtual service with adoration of all Deities with Gayatri Yagna Puja. Sponsored and performed by Anantbhai and Anitaben Patel and family. The committee members attended this service. Facebook viewed by members. |
| 19.07.2021 | Guru Purnima | Devotees revering saints and their | Due to COVID-19 conditions still persisting large congregation was not |

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| | | Gurus'. | possible. The Devotees gathering every year performed as a small family group at their residence. A generous donation was received from Pragibhai Ladva's family. |
| 09.08.2021-06.09.2021 | Shravan month | Holy month observed with special daily services of Mantra and Shiv Puja. HINDOLA | Daily service with shorter opening time following health & safety regulations carried out. Shiv Puja on Mondays attended by large number of devotees. HINDOLA: Reverence to Lord Krushna performed for 15 days with 10 sponsors. Very successful. |
| 16.08.21 | Samuha Rudrabhishek Puja | Services to Lord Shiva. | Online event 2pm – 5pm. Well sponsored by devotees. |
| 15.08.2021 | India Independence Day | | Hoisting of flag ceremony took place in the morning. |
| 22.08.21 | Rakshabanshan | Protection and wellbeing of brothers by sisters. | Ravibhai did the service on the deities. |
| 30.08.2021 | Janmashtami | Lord Krishna birthday | Evening event as normal Krushna Bhagwan Janma, Kesar Snan, Parnu, Arti, hoisting a new Dhwaja on Radha Krushna Bhavan. Good program well sponsored by the members. Fresh flower garlands were donated by devotee from USA. |
| 05.09.2021 | Satyanarayan Puja and Katha. | Lord Vishnu prayers. | Virtual event Vipulbhai Mehta and family were main Yajman with committee members in attendance. The Katha was broadcast on FB for devotees. The event was well supported by members. |
| 06.09.2021 | Shiv Mahayagna | First time Shiv Mahayagna performed to mark whole month Anushthan | Shiv Mahayagna sponsored by Madhuben Navinbhai Mistry and six family members. Committee members were present. |
| 10.09.2021 | Ganesh Chaturthi | Lord Ganesh festival. | Virtual event of Puja and Dhwaja hoisting on Ganesh Bhavan. This was done by a small number of devotees at the Mandir and our members were able to join in on Facebook. Evening session of Bhajan Satsang on Zoom was well supported by the Devotees. |
| 07.10.2021 – 14.10.2021 | Navratri festival | Nine nights Festival of Goddess Durga for strength and victory over evil | A live event with stringent safety precautions organized. Members attended with face masks sanitizing hands and space observed. Senior members not confident to come back. |
| 15.10.2021 | Dashera | Durga Yagna. | Whole day live event took place culminating nine nights festival with Maganbhai and Shantaben Mistry sponsoring the event as Mukhya Yajaman. |
| 20.10.2021 | Sharad Purnima | Full moon festival of Lord Krishna | A live and successful event with music. Enjoyed by all the devotees. |
| 24.10.2022 | Karva Choth | Service of long life and health of husbands. | A live event with group Puja performed by our priest Ravibhai A good number of Punjabi ladies made it asuccessful event. |

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|---------------------------|---|---|--|
| 29.10.2021 | Diwali in Luton Town Centre. | Hindu Diwali Celebrations. | Our business community together with the Luton Borough Council made it possible to hold this public event with music, dance and food. Lyca Radio broadcasters and singers gave it a favorable atmosphere. VIPs attended this event and all the communities enjoyed this event. |
| 01.11.2021 -04.11.2021 | Waghbaras, Dhanteras, Kali Chaudas, Diwali. | Festival of lights / Goddess of wealth Puja (Sharda Pujan), closing and opening of business accounts. | Ravibhai did goddess of wealth Puja for a small number of devotees. |
| 05.11.2022 | Hindu New Year. Annakut festival [moon phase calendar 2078] | New year celebrations. | This was a live event which brought a good number of devotees for prayers and blessings. It was generously supported by devotees. Conducted with health and safety compliance by distribution of prasad in packed food containers. |
| 11.11.2021 | Jalaram Jayanti. | Honouring Saint Jalaram on his birthday. | A program of prayers and Bhajan singing followed by sharing of prasad. A small group of devotees gathered and enjoyed the celebrations. |
| 21.11.2021 | Tulsi Vivah | Wedding celebrations Bhagwan Shaligram and Mata Tulsi Vranda. | A successful event with sponsorship and attendance of a good number of members. Ravibhai performed a very good service. |
| 14.01.2022 | Makar Sankranti | A celebration signifying movement of sun from tropic of Capricorn to tropic of cancer. | Ravibhai our Pujari did special Puja on line for the devotees. Successful and well sponsored event. |
| 19.02.2022 | Bhajan bhojan | Memorial service in memory of a loyal devotee of Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj | Late Shreemati Kadambariben's Pandya's Bhajan Bhojan event with singers and musicians followed by dinner. A successful event. |
| 05.02.2022 | Vasant Panchami | Spring Festival | Prayers and service to Goddess Sarasvati in respect of all arts. |
| 01.03.2022 | Maha Shivratri | Prayers and service for reverence to Lord Shiva. | Samuha Maha Rudrabhishek Puja and hoisting of new Dhawaja on Shiv Parivar Bhavan Live and online Puja of prayers held and very well supported by the members. |
| 18.03.2022 19.03.2022 | Holi Festival – Dhuleti. | Spring Festival, | Religious ceremony performed by Ravibhai who also did an excellent show of all the deities. This was the live event after three years and brought in a large congregation after COVID-19 pandemic. |

COVID-19 Pandemic.

In the past year the Management Committee faced a challenge as the regulations were changing frequently. Slowly together with help from our health and safety officer we have very carefully opened our Mandir for full service. This was a difficult time and still our vulnerable members are not confident to venture outside. Many suffered loneliness.

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2)Education

We provide language, cultural and religious education to young members of our community. This is carried out at Chalk Hill Academy. We teach Gujarati up to GCSE level as well as Hindi classes. Religious knowledge is shared at our temple.

We are very grateful to Chalk Hill Academy for the provision of classrooms and associated use of their car park. After the COVID-19 pandemic the number of students has fallen significantly. Slowly as part of religious educational experience is offered to schools to visit the temple. We would like to thank Mr. Hitenbhai Shah for all the hard work he does as the Chairperson of the Pathshala as well as at all other events.

We are concerned by the fall in number of students attending Gujarati classes. This is not just at our temple but seen nationally.

3)Support Teams

Our priest Ravibhai served us very devotedly in closed Mandir keeping all the essential services going. We thank him for his scholarly services, his expert online services and wish him all the best.

As a charitable organization we are dependent on our members for their financial donations and also to all volunteers who help to upkeep our premises. We are very grateful and appreciate Mr. Pravinbhai Shah, Mr. Pravinbhai Mistry for their help conducting Mandir services in the absence of Pujari. We are very fortunate that many devotees sponsor the beautiful Vastrabhushan of our deities for the six major festivals. We are also very grateful to all our sponsors at the religious events and those that have sponsored our daily "Nitya Seva" services. We thank Uttambhai Patel who gives us a lot of help of any carpentry tasks and other DIY tasks in our Mandir. He always supplies us with the wood for our Holi festival.

We thank all the ladies who give voluntary Seva for the purchase of fresh flowers for making the fresh garlands for flowers display arrangements.

We specially thank Mrs. Pritiben Rathod and Mrs. Vilasben Shah for taking the lead in cooking at all our events. We also thank Mrs. Anitaben Lad for leading the cooking whenever Pritiben and Vilasben are not able to do the services. We also thank all the ladies who voluntarily help cook at all our events.

We thank Mr. Hirabhai Mistry, Mr. Sanjaykumar, Mr. Anilbhai Randerwala, Mr. Dineshbhai Chauhan Mrs. Ramilaben Chauhan, Mr. Parimalbhai Mehta and Mr. Prakashbhai Patel who help us at events when required. We are grateful to Satishbhai Panchal, Miteshbhai Pankhania for playing tabla and Mr. Narottambhai and family for singing Bhajans at our programs throughout the year.

With community cohesion in mind, we have hosted Luton Council of Faiths meetings at our Centre. We thank all faith groups that have supported this valuable platform.

4)Health and Wellbeing

We have not managed to hold health awareness days for the community due to lack of professional speakers and the COVID-19 pandemic period closing all services.

5)Outings

No outings were possible in the past year of COVID-19 Pandemic.

6)Buildings

Our buildings subcommittee members are thanked for their hard work at keeping the premises in good habitable conditions. They all critically review the facilities and are working to update the heating, lighting and building services.

Bulkhead lights on the front of the building lighting the walkway to the main Entrance were replaced with new LED Bulkhead lights. We thank our Trustee Shree Sumanbhai Kothari for replacing these lights and for all the assistance he provides during the year for any electrical work.

The Sub-Committee have started working on our long-term major project to build a stipple on our temple which had stopped due to the Pandemic. The Sub-Committee is also looking at projects to upgrade our PA system, replace central heating gas boilers in the Pujari and Caretaker flats, refurbishing the kitchens in the Pujari flat and Pujari room, automation of entrance doors to assist the disabled and the elderly and replacing the cookers in the main kitchen.

7)Interfaith Activity

Throughout the year our members work closely with Luton Council of Faiths (LCOF), Grass Roots and other religious bodies of Luton to share common goals to achieve community cohesion. Meetings are held at our

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Mandir whenever required. Our Secretary Mr.Yogeshbhai Mistry represents Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj, the Hindu Temple and Community on LCOF. We thank Yogeshbhai for his services.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached financial statements on pages 9 to 12 show the current state of affairs of the finances of the Samaj. The Samaj does not have a specific policy on reserves for unrestricted funds other than to use the funds for the benefit of the Samaj and in maintaining the objectives of the Samaj.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE / TRUSTEES

Charity law requires the Management Committee / Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Management Committee / Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Management Committee / Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations.. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCE

We thank our treasurers Mr. Jiteshbhai Pankhania and Mr. Hitenbhai Shah for keeping the accounts in order. Both our treasurers have worked hard in keeping our computerized accounts up to date.

We give special thanks to our priest Ravibhai Rajyaguru for doing a number of virtual online events keeping our members engaged and raising funds for our Mandir at the same time.

Both our administrators Mr. Pravinbhai Shah and Mr. Babubhai Mistry are thanked for keeping stringent records of incoming donations and all outgoing expenses.

We are most grateful to Shah & Co., Chartered Certified Accountants for their invaluable honorary accounting services.

TRUSTEES

We thank our Trustees Mr. Jitubhai Bodani, Mr. Sumanbhai Kothari, Mr. Kamalbhai Acharya, Mr. Vinodbhai Shah and Mr. Ashockbhai Mistry for their help and advice on the Mandir's legal and civic matters.

Lastly, we thank all the Sub-committee members and Management Committee members for their help and support and commitment to manage all activities that took place at Hindu Mandir and Community Centre, Luton during 2021/22.

We hope and pray that the COVID viral variants subside and allow Temple visits confidently to our members in Luton and the three counties of Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

Namaste and Jay Shree Krushna,

This report was approved by the Management Committee and Trustees on *4 July 2022* and signed on their behalf.



Mr. Yogesh Mistry
Hon. Secretary

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AND TRUSTEES OF SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ**

I report to the management committee and trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj (the Samaj) for the year ended 31st March 2022 which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's management committee and trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's management committee and trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year and that an independent examination is needed.

An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. The procedures 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 Independent examiner's statement.

I report in respect of my examination of the Samaj'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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Samaj as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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.



Dakshesh S. Patori FCCA
on behalf of
Shah & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
25 Park Street West
Luton
LU1 3BE

Date: 11th July 2022

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022**

| Notes | 2022 | | | 2021 | | |
|---|--------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Restricted | Unrestricted | Total | Restricted | Unrestricted | Total |
| | Funds | Funds | | Funds | Funds | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>INCOMING RESOURCES</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Income from:</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Donations and legacies</u> | | | | | | |
| Nitya Seva | 3,128 | | 3,128 | 500 | | 500 |
| New Life Membership Fund | | 561 | 561 | | 51 | 51 |
| Donations | | 24,812 | 24,812 | | 19,601 | 19,601 |
| Festivals and Aarti Collections | | 54,610 | 54,610 | | 21,098 | 21,098 |
| <u>Investment Income</u> | | | | | | |
| Dividends Receivable | | 35,678 | 35,678 | | 30,158 | 30,158 |
| <u>Rental Income</u> | | | | | | |
| Hire of Hall and Utensils | | 6,101 | 6,101 | | | - |
| <u>Other Activities & Grants</u> | | | | | | |
| Bank Loyalty Reward | | 165 | 165 | | 74 | 74 |
| Education Activities | | 1,845 | 1,845 | | | - |
| Sundry Income | | 8,798 | 8,798 | | 21 | 21 |
| Grant - Lottery Fund | | - | - | | 30,100 | 30,100 |
| Grant - JRS Furlough Grant | | 6,519 | 6,519 | | 14,099 | 14,099 |
| Total | 3,128 | 139,089 | 142,217 | 500 | 115,202 | 115,702 |
| <u>RESOURCES EXPENDED</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Expenditure on:</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Direct Temple running costs:</u> | | | | | | |
| Salaries & Employer's NI | | 22,031 | 22,031 | | 22,824 | 22,824 |
| Insurance | | 4,294 | 4,294 | | 4,527 | 4,527 |
| Heat, Light & Water | | 9,936 | 9,936 | | 6,142 | 6,142 |
| Property Maintenance & Repairs | | 5,774 | 5,774 | | 23,727 | 23,727 |
| Postage, Printing & Stationery | | 4,372 | 4,372 | | 2,381 | 2,381 |
| Telephone | | 1,105 | 1,105 | | 1,074 | 1,074 |
| Cleaning | | 7,007 | 7,007 | | 3,680 | 3,680 |
| Provisions & Supplies | | 8,312 | 8,312 | | 1,524 | 1,524 |
| Navratri Musicians | | 4,500 | 4,500 | | | - |
| Bank Charges | | 959 | 959 | | 473 | 473 |
| Depreciation | | 2,779 | 2,779 | | 3,473 | 3,473 |
| <u>Other Activity Expenditure:</u> | | | | | | |
| Education Activities | | 2,216 | 2,216 | | - | - |
| Sundry Expenses | | 12,337 | 12,337 | | 7,519 | 7,519 |
| Total | - | 85,622 | 85,622 | - | 77,344 | 77,344 |
| <u>Excess of Income Over Expenditure</u> | | | | | | |
| Unrealised (Loss)/Gain on Listed Investments | 4 | 44,690 | 10,491 | 55,181 | 27,043 | 102,444 |
| Net Movement In Funds | | 47,818 | 63,958 | 111,776 | 27,543 | 140,302 |
| Total Funds Brought Forward | | 144,282 | 1,713,628 | 1,857,910 | 116,739 | 1,573,326 |
| Total Funds Carried Forward | | 192,100 | 1,777,586 | 1,969,686 | 144,282 | 1,713,628 |

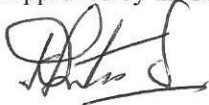
The notes on pages 11 and 12 form part of these accounts.

SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2022**

| | Notes | 31.03.22 | | 31.03.21 | |
|---|-------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 3 | | 1,098,590 | | 1,101,369 |
| Investments | 4 | | 814,130 | | 688,949 |
| | | | <u>1,912,720</u> | | <u>1,790,318</u> |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Debtors | 5 | 12,032 | | 7,259 | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | <u>48,554</u> | | <u>62,938</u> | |
| | | 60,586 | | 70,197 | |
| <u>CREDITORS-Amounts falling due within one year</u> | | | | | |
| | 6 | <u>3,620</u> | | <u>2,605</u> | |
| <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | <u>56,966</u> | | <u>67,592</u> |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> | | | <u>1,969,686</u> | | <u>1,857,910</u> |
| <u>REPRESENTED BY:</u> | | | | | |
| Restricted Funds | 7 | | 192,100 | | 144,282 |
| Unrestricted Funds | | | 1,777,586 | | 1,713,628 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | <u>1,969,686</u> | | <u>1,857,910</u> |

Approved by the Management Committee on 4/07/22

and signed on their behalf:


Kantilal D. Lad
President

Hiten R. Shah
Joint Treasurer

The notes on pages 11 and 12 form part of these accounts.

1) **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**a) **Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in July 2015 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102,

The Trustees consider there are no uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) **Income recognition**

Donations and other Voluntary income is accounted for when received by the charity.

Dividends and other investment income is credited on a receivable basis.

c) **Expenditure recognition**

All expenditure is accounted for an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure relating to specific activities is allocated accordingly.

d) **Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Depreciation is provided, at the rates calculated, in order to write off the cost of Fixed Assets over their estimated useful lives on a reducing balance basis. The rate applicable is 20% per annum on all Furniture & Equipment and 50% p.a. on Computer Equipment. No depreciation is provided on the Freehold Land & Building and on Mandir Bhavan

e) Quoted Investments have been valued at market values at the balance sheet date and any unrealised gain/loss is shown in the statement of Financial activities.

f) Gift aid reclaimable on donations to the charity is included with the donations amount received.

2) **Taxation**

Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

3) **FIXED ASSETS - TANGIBLE**

| | FREEHOLD LAND & BUILDING | MANDIR BHAVAN ACCESSORIES | FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | TOTAL |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| COST | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| As at 01-04-2021 | 1,083,510 | 3,971 | 98,604 | 1,186,085 |
| Additions | | | | - |
| As at 31-03-2022 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>98,604</u> | <u>1,186,085</u> |
| | | | | |
| DEPRECIATION | | | | |
| As at 01-04-2021 | - | - | 84,716 | 84,716 |
| Charge for the year | - | - | 2,779 | 2,779 |
| As at 31-03-2022 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>87,495</u> | <u>87,495</u> |
| | | | | |
| NET BOOK VALUES | | | | |
| As at 31-03-2022 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>11,109</u> | <u>1,098,590</u> |
| As at 01-04-2021 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>13,888</u> | <u>1,101,369</u> |

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2022

4) FIXED ASSETS - LISTED INVESTMENTS

| | Market Value as at 1st Apr 21 £ | Additions £ | Disposal Proceeds £ | Unrealised Gain on Revaluation £ | Market Value as at 31st Mar 22 £ |
|--|--|----------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| <u>Restricted (Nitya Seva)</u> | | | | | |
| M &G The Equities Investment Charifund | 144,282 | | - | 10,491 | 154,773 |
| <u>Unrestricted</u> | | | | | |
| M &G The Equities Investment Charifund | 544,667 | 70,000 | - | 44,690 | 659,357 |
| Total | 688,949 | 70,000 | - | 55,181 | 814,130 |

| | <u>31.03.22</u> £ | <u>31.03.21</u> £ |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 5) <u>DEBTORS</u> | | |
| Prepayments | 5,555 | 3,506 |
| JRS Furlough Grant Receivable | - | 1,213 |
| Gift Aid tax Recoverable | 6,477 | 2,540 |
| | <u>12,032</u> | <u>7,259</u> |
| 6) <u>CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year</u> | | |
| Other Taxes & Social Security | 561 | 688 |
| Accruals | 2,459 | 1,667 |
| Hall Hire Deposits | 600 | 250 |
| | <u>3,620</u> | <u>2,605</u> |

7) ANALYSIS OF FUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

| | 31.03.2022 | | | 31.03.2021 | | |
|-------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|
| | <u>Restricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Total</u> £ | <u>Restricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Unrestricted Funds</u> £ | <u>Total</u> £ |
| Tangible fixed Assets | | 1,098,590 | 1,098,590 | | 1,101,369 | 1,101,369 |
| Fixed Asset Investments | 154,773 | 659,357 | 814,130 | 144,282 | 544,667 | 688,949 |
| Current Assets | | 60,586 | 60,586 | | 70,197 | 70,197 |
| Current Liabilities | | (3,620) | (3,620) | | (2,605) | (2,605) |
| Total | 154,773 | 1,814,913 | 1,969,686 | 144,282 | 1,713,628 | 1,857,910 |

SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ

England & Wales - Charity number 275031

Accounts

SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ

Charity No. 275031

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

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CHARITY INFORMATION

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Registered Charity Number | 275031 |
| Charity Address | Hindu Mandir / Community Centre Hereford Road Lewsey Farm Luton LU4 0PS |
| Management Committee | Kantilal D. Lad (President) Dhansukhbhai P. Panchal (Vice President) Yogeshbhai G. Mistry (Hon. Secretary) Jiteshbhai K. Pankhania (Hon. Treasurer) Hiten R. Shah (Joint Treasurer) |
| Committee Members | Babubhai H. Mistry Bhupendrabhai D. Khetia Maganbhai J. Mistry Navinchandra C. Mistry Pravinbhai R. Shah Shantilal M. Mistry Sureshbhai Talsania Thakorbbhai J. Mistry |
| Trustees | Sumanbhai F. Kothari Vinodbhai H. B. Shah Jitendrabhai Bodhani Ashockbhai P. Mistry Kamalbbhai Acharya |
| Bankers | Barclays Bank Plc George Street Luton |
| Independent Examiners | Shah & Co. Chartered Certified Accountants 25 Park Street West Luton LU1 3BE |

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REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021 BY THE SECRETARY ON BEHALF OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THE TRUSTEES

With the grace of Lord Krushna, on behalf of the Management Committee and the Trustees, I am very pleased to present you with the 44th Annual General report along with the financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021.

STRUCTURE GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Samaj is governed by its constitution. The management committee consists of up to 15 members who are elected by the Samaj members. The management committee is responsible for the overall management of the Samaj, its finance and all activities carried out by the Samaj. The title of all and any real property which may be acquired by or for the purpose of the Samaj shall be vested in Trustees who shall be appointed by the Managing Committee and who shall enter into a Deed of Trust setting forth the purposes and conditions under which they hold the said property in trust for the Samaj. The number of Trustees shall not be less than three and not more than five.

OBJECTIVES

The objects of the Samaj are to advance the Hindu religion through provision of a place of worship, facilities for religious functions and seminars on Hindu religion. It further provides a central place for Hindu cultural, educational and social activities based on the tenets and principles of Hindu faith. When planning the activities for the year, the management committee has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE

The 2020/2021 year has been a challenging year for all of us. However, it has shown that together we can meet and overcome the challenges of Coronavirus Pandemic. We have had to change our ways of working and also found some benefits along the way.

We have embraced digital technology and found it easier to convene meetings at a short notice. We have learnt to react to situation much quicker, utilizing digital meetings for quicker, more efficient decision making. We have experienced benefits of reduced travel, reducing carbon footprint and associated costs.

The Mandir was closed initially from 24th March 2020 as we entered lockdown. Our administrators Mr. Pravinbhai Shah and Mr. Pravinbhai Mistry were put on furlough.

Following strict government regulations and guidance we introduced measures to offer access where possible to our members. For example, individual prayers in the evenings from 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm., with hands, face and space. We organized single file one way system with provision of face masks, sanitization stations, temperature and trace recording of all who visited for Darshan. We also invested in touchless donation payments by Pay Pal and Bank transfers.

The number of visitors for individual prayers varied greatly. Special occasions and festivals were well attended. Day time visits were not honored as it would encourage senior and vulnerable members to venture out.

We introduced Bhajan Kirtan sessions by Zoom on Saturdays hosted by Hitenbhai Shah and Monday Dharma Dhyana sessions hosted by Yogeshbhai Mistry. In Dharma Dhyana sessions our Priest Shree Ravibhai Rajyaguru gave discourse from religious scriptures and they were highly praised. The Zoom sessions were popular with senior members attempting to overcome isolation and loneliness on this social platform.

On special festivals of Janmashtami, Ramnavmi, Shivratri and Holi, we provided live Facebook broadcast of services online. Our special thanks go to Hitenbhai Shah and Jiteshbhai Pankhania for providing their skillful technical services. Hitenbhai Shah also designed our digital promotional events flyers which were invaluable.

Although the Mandir was closed tireless services, all our Deities were adorned with immaculate garments and decorations by Utsavbhai Khambolja, Ravibhai Rajyaguru assisted by Nishaben. The fresh flower garlands on special occasions were made by Anitaben Lad, Hansaben Mistry and Shantaben Mistry. Our appreciation and thanks go to all these loyal devotees for their selfless services.

We were able to reach a very wide spectrum of our members locally, nationally and internationally on Zoom and Facebook platforms. These services and decorations were viewed by a very wide global audience providing very positive feedback.

We had to suspend evening openings temporarily when the COVID-19 cases surged in Luton. We are grateful to our safety officer Mr. Jiteshbhai Pankhania for his help with up-to-date assistance on implementing the Government safety regulations.

We made provision for senior and vulnerable members of the community, many of them living alone with the offer of a freshly cooked vegetarian lunch with the members of Go-Dharmic Charity. Go-Dharmic were provided our

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premises storage facility and to package the food parcels for the distribution to vulnerable and needy people in the wider community. We are grateful to our Vice President Dhansukhbhai Panchal for his lead with this service. The activities that took place at Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj, Luton – Hindu Mandir and Community Centre during the year ended 31st March 2021 were:

1)Religious Events

Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic year, as per our religious requirement for the sacred sanctified Deities, all major Hindu festivals were celebrated with auspicious ceremonies performed by our priest Shree Utsavbhai Khambloja and Shree Ravibhai Rajyaguru. These include:

| Date | Event | Celebrating | How |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--|---|
| 02.04.2020 | Ramnavmi | Birthday of Lord Rama. COVID-19, Cancelled. | A virtual service was performed by our priest Utsavbhai Khambolja. Ram Bhagwan Janma, Kesar Snan, hoisting the Dhwaja, adoration with fresh flowers and Aarti. |
| 08.04.2020 | Hanuman Jayanti | Birthday of Hanumanji Maharaj | A virtual service with Satsang and hoisting of the flag took place. |
| 18.04.2020 | 108 Hanuman Chalisa | 12 th anniversary of the consecration of Das Hanumanji. | A virtual 11 Hanuman Chalisa program was held. |
| 05.07.2020 | Guru Purnima | Devotees revering saints and their Gurus?. | Cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic. |
| 11.07.2020 | Patotsav | 27 th Anniversary of the consecration of the Temple. | Virtual service with adoration of all deities with Yagna Puja. The Committee Members attended this service. Facebook viewed by about 2000 members. |
| 21.07.2020-19.08.2020 | Shravan month | Holy month observed with special daily services of mantra and Shiv puja. | Virtual Mantra Jaap and Abhishek done online as suggested by Hitenbhai Shah. >100 sponsors of this event. |
| 12.08.2020 | Janmashtami | Lord Krishna birthday | Virtual event. Krushna Bhagwan Janma, Kesar Snan, Parnu, Aarti, hoisting of new Dhwaja. Good program well sponsored by the members. |
| 15.08.2020 | India Independence Day | | Hoisting of flag ceremony took place. |
| 19.08.2020 | Satyanarayan Katha | Lord Vishnu prayers | Virtual event after Abhishek. 1001 Vishnu Saharsa Naam recited. Good response of members and well sponsored donations received. |
| 22.08.2020 | Ganesh Chartuthi | Lord Ganesh festival. | Virtual event of Satsang and Dhwaja hoisting. |
| 18.09.2020–01.10.2020 | Purshottam Mass | Religious month in leap year. | Virtual 1001 Vishnu Saharsa Naam Puja for 15 days well sponsored by devotees. |
| 17.10.2020-24.10.2020 | Navratri festival | Nine nights Festival of Goddess Durga for strength and victory over evil | A virtual event of singing Garba by a group of six musicians and singers as allowed by regulations. Hiteshbhai Shah and family lead the group. Live Aarti was live streamed on Facebook. Many thanks to all who made this successful. |
| 25.10.2020 | Dashera | Durga Yagna. | Performed by Ravibhai our Mandir Pujariji with Hitenbhai Shah as main Yajman and Committee Members under health and safety regulations. |

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| | | | |
|---------------------------|--|---|---|
| 31.10.2020 | Sharad Punam | Full moon festival of Lord Krishna | A virtual event staged with Ravibhai our priest, Hiteshbhai Shah, Mitesh and Reena Pankhania, Anitaben Lad and Hansaben Lad. A successful event on Facebook. |
| 04.11.2020 | Karva Choth | Service of long life and health of husbands. | A virtual event with provision of pre-recorded Puja by Ravibhai and Hitenbhai was broadcast on Facebook for our devotees. Successful program and a few members came for Darshan in the evening opening. |
| 12.11.2020– 15.11.2020 | Wagh Baras, Dhan Teras, Kali Chaudas, Diwali. | Festival of lights / Goddess of wealth service (Sharda Puja), closing and opening of business accounts. | Ravibhai did online Sharda Puja. Response not good. |
| 16.11.20 | Hindu New Year. Annakut festival [moon phase calendar 2077] | New year celebrations. | Virtual event of live Aarti and Annakut done in the presence of Committee. Online audience view was very good. Members sponsored this event generously. Many thanks to all donors. |
| 29.11.2020 | Tulsi Vivah | Wedding celebrations of Bhagwan Shaligram and Mata Tuli Vranda. | A prerecorded event was broadcast on Facebook. Ravibhai did a good program. |
| 21.11.2020 | Jalaram Jayanti. | Saint Jalaram Birthday celebrations. | A Zoom Bhajan event was performed and live streamed on Facebook as well. Very successful. Ravibhai did good preparations. |
| 11.03.2021 | Maha Shivratri | Prayers and service for reverence to Lord Shiva. | Maha Rudrabhishek Puja and hoisting of new Dhwaja live streamed on Facebook and sponsored by devotees. |
| 28.03.2021– 29.03.2021 | Holi Festival – Dhuleti. | Spring Festival, | Virtual event. Religious ceremony performed behind closed doors. Ravibhai did beautiful decorations of our shrines. |
| Lockdown | Services of consecrated deities' morning, noon and night carried out by Utsavbhai Khambholja and Ravibhai Rajyaguru. | We give our special thanks to our Pujariji Utsavbhai Khambholja and Ravibhai Rajyaguru resident alone in the temple and isolated in these difficult times. | Contact was maintained by the Committee and friends by phone and video calls. We thank all the Committee Members and their families who provided Rajbhog and meals for Utsavbhai and Ravibhai. |

2) Education

We provide language, cultural and religious education to young members of our community. This is carried out at Chalk Hill Academy. We teach Gujarati up to GCSE level as well as Hindi classes. Religious knowledge is shared at our temple.

We are very grateful to Chalk Hill Academy for the provision of classrooms and associated use of their car park. Throughout last year we have not held classes for Gujarati and Hindi due to COVID-19 pandemic. We were not able to provide services for schools to visit the temple as part of their religious education. We would like to thank Mr. Hitenbhai Shah for all the hard work he does as chairperson of the Pathshala as well as at all other events.

We are concerned by the fall in number of students attending Gujarati classes. This is not just at our temple but seen nationally.

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3)Support Teams

Our priest Utsavbhai Khambolja served us very devotedly until 12th October 2020 when his two-year term ended. We thank him for his scholarly services, his expert online services and wish him all the best to his future. As a charitable organization we are dependent on our members for their financial donations and also to all the volunteers who help to upkeep our premises. We are very grateful and appreciate Mr. Pravinbhai Shah, Mr. Pravinbhai Mistry for their help conducting Mandir services in the absence of Pujari. We are grateful to volunteers who gracefully and lovingly dress and adorn our deities. We are very fortunate that many devotees sponsor the beautiful Vastrabhushan of our deities for the six major festivals. We are also very grateful to all our sponsors at the religious events and those that have sponsored our daily “Nitya Seva” services.

We thank, Anitaben Lad, Hansaben Mistry and Shantaben Mistry, for making the fresh flower garlands and arrangements even during the COVID pandemic times.

4)Health and Wellbeing

We have not managed to hold health awareness days for the community due to lack of professional speakers and the COVID-19 pandemic period closing all services.

5)Outings

No outings were possible in the past year of COVID-19 Pandemic.

6)Buildings

Our Buildings Sub-Committee members are thanked for their hard work at keeping the premises in good habitable conditions. They all critically review the facilities and are working to update the heating, lighting and building services. This year the members came and worked behind closed doors complying with safety regulations making the main inner sanctum accessible for the builders to work. The air-conditioning system in the Mandir hall was replaced by new units and compressor. The inner sanctum surrounds were renovated with new tiling walls. The Sub-Committee are working on our long-term major project to build a stipple on our temple.

During the Pandemic and lockdown our President Kantibhai Lad coordinated the maintenance of the buildings, AC system, Fire Alarm system, Central Heating system and Passenger lift from home. We thank Kantibhai for his efforts.

7)Interfaith Activity

Throughout the year our members work closely with Luton Council of Faiths (LCOF), Grass Roots and other religious bodies of Luton to share common goals to achieve community cohesion. Meetings are held at our Mandir whenever required. Mr. Ramnikbhai Gohil represented the Hindu Temple and Community Centre on LCOF. We thank Mr. Ramnikbhai for his services in the last year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The attached financial statements on pages 8 to 11 show the current state of affairs of the finances of the Samaj. The Samaj does not have a specific policy on reserves for unrestricted funds other than to use the funds for the benefit of the Samaj and in maintaining the objectives of the Samaj.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE / TRUSTEES

Charity law requires the Management Committee / Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Management Committee / Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Management Committee / Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations..

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They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

FINANCE

We thank our treasurers Mr. Jiteshbhai Pankhania and Mr. Hitenbhai Shah for keeping the accounts in order. Both our treasurers have worked hard in keeping our computerized accounts up to date. Mr. Jiteshbhai Pankhania helped to get a grant of £30,100 to finance our running expenses when the Mandir had no income during the closure of COVID-19 Pandemic.

Despite this valuable grant we continued to have considerable ongoing overhead expenses that were not funded. In this situation our President Kantibhai Lad worked very hard communicating with our members from home, coordinating sponsorship, receiving donations on line by bank transfers and PayPal and cash, acknowledging the donations by writing receipts and posting them to the donors and seek further financial support. Special services were held to encourage fundraising. These were supported and contributed to by members through social media platforms. We are very grateful to all our devotees for their generous donations. Our special thanks go to Kantibhai for his selfless fundraising services.

We are most grateful to Shah & Co., Chartered Certified Accountants for their invaluable honorary accounting services.

CHARITABLE FUND RAISING:

Our treasurer Jiteshbhai Pankhania introduced contactless PayPal donations to help our members when they came to pray individually. Our President Kantibhai introduced online bank transfer donations towards charitable causes. This has been very valuable to us as well as to the accountants, in providing accurate, up-to date and readily available financial information.

TRUSTEES

We thank our Trustees Mr. Jitubhai Bodani, Mr. Sumanbhai Kothari, Mr. Kamalbhai Acharya, Mr. Vinodbhai Shah and Mr. Ashockbhai Mistry for their help and advice on the Mandir's legal and civic matters.

Lastly, we thank all the Sub-committee members and Management Committee members for their help and support and commitment to organize all activities that took place at Hindu Mandir and Community Centre, Luton during this COVID-19 Pandemic year.

OBITUARY

On a sad note, over this difficult past year, we have suffered the loss of many of our devotees. Some of the notable individuals we lost are Mr. Babubhai Maganbhai Amin our founder member of the Mandir, Mr. Navinchandra Chhaganbhai Mistry our long-standing Treasurer and assistant treasurer and committee member.

We sadly recognize the passing of Mr. Pravinbhai Shah who along with Kantaben Shah provided regular Yoga sessions at our Center. These individuals have done so much service for the community and their absence will be deeply felt.

We hope and pray that the pandemic becomes under control rapidly so that we can open our Temple to our members in Luton and the three counties of Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

Namaste and Jay Shree Krushna,

This report was approved by the Management Committee and Trustees on 17th Nov. 2021 and signed on their behalf.

Mr. Yogesh Mistry
Hon. Secretary



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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
AND TRUSTEES OF SHREE SANATAN SEVA SAMAJ**

I report to the management committee and trustees on my examination of the accounts of Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj (the Samaj) for the year ended 31st March 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's management committee and trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). The charity's management committee and trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year and that an independent examination is needed.

An independent examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. The procedures 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 Independent examiner's statement.

I report in respect of my examination of the Samaj'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

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Samaj as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirements 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.



Dakshesh S. Patori FCCA
on behalf of
Shah & Co.
Chartered Certified Accountants
25 Park Street West
Luton
LU1 3BE

Date: 12th January 2022

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021**

| Notes | 2021 | | | 2020 | | |
|--|------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Restricted | Unrestricted | Total | Restricted | Unrestricted | Total |
| | Funds | Funds | | Funds | Funds | |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| INCOMING RESOURCES | | | | | | |
| Income from: | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | | | | | | |
| Nitya Seva | 500 | | 500 | 1,125 | | 1,125 |
| New Life Membership Fund | | 51 | 51 | | 475 | 475 |
| Donations | | 19,601 | 19,601 | | 28,746 | 28,746 |
| Festivals and Aarti Collections | | 21,098 | 21,098 | | 62,546 | 62,546 |
| Investment Income | | | | | | |
| Dividends Receivable | | 30,158 | 30,158 | | 36,189 | 36,189 |
| Rental Income | | | | | | |
| Hire of Hall and Utensils | | - | - | | 11,250 | 11,250 |
| Other Activities & Grants | | | | | | |
| Coach Trips | | - | - | | 2,036 | 2,036 |
| Education Activities | | - | - | | 3,580 | 3,580 |
| Health Activities | | - | - | | 1,541 | 1,541 |
| Bank Loyalty Reward | | 74 | 74 | | 270 | 270 |
| Sundry Income | | 21 | 21 | | 7,367 | 7,367 |
| Grant - Lottery Fund | | 30,100 | 30,100 | | | |
| Grant - JRS Furlough | | 14,099 | 14,099 | | | |
| Grant - Cricket East | | - | - | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Total | 500 | 115,202 | 115,702 | 1,125 | 155,000 | 156,125 |
| RESOURCES EXPENDED | | | | | | |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | |
| Direct Temple running costs: | | | | | | |
| Salaries & Employer's NI | | 22,824 | 22,824 | | 26,284 | 26,284 |
| Insurance | | 4,527 | 4,527 | | 4,407 | 4,407 |
| Heat, Light & Water | | 6,142 | 6,142 | | 9,610 | 9,610 |
| Property Maintenance & Repairs | | 23,727 | 23,727 | | 12,168 | 12,168 |
| Postage, Printing & Stationery | | 2,381 | 2,381 | | 3,927 | 3,927 |
| Telephone | | 1,074 | 1,074 | | 1,174 | 1,174 |
| Cleaning | | 3,680 | 3,680 | | 6,757 | 6,757 |
| Provisions & Supplies & PPE | | 1,524 | 1,524 | | 11,242 | 11,242 |
| Navratri Musicians | | - | - | | 4,410 | 4,410 |
| Depreciation | | 3,473 | 3,473 | | 4,275 | 4,275 |
| Other Activity Expenditure: | | | | | | |
| Coach Trips | | - | - | | 1,100 | 1,100 |
| Education Activities | | - | - | | 3,289 | 3,289 |
| Health Activities | | - | - | | 1,250 | 1,250 |
| Bank Charges | | 473 | 473 | | 1,421 | 1,421 |
| Sundry Expenses | | 7,519 | 7,519 | | 11,879 | 11,879 |
| Total | - | 77,344 | 77,344 | - | 103,193 | 103,193 |
| Excess of Income Over Expenditure | 500 | 37,858 | 38,358 | 1,125 | 51,807 | 52,932 |
| Unrealised Gain/(Loss) on Listed Investments | 4 | 27,043 | 102,444 | 129,487 | (33,195) | (126,371) |
| Net Movement In Funds | | 27,543 | 140,302 | 167,845 | (32,070) | (74,564) |
| Total Funds Brought Forward | | 116,739 | 1,573,326 | 1,690,065 | 148,809 | 1,647,890 |
| Total Funds Carried Forward | | 144,282 | 1,713,628 | 1,857,910 | 116,739 | 1,573,326 |

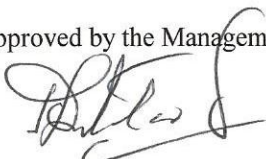
The notes on pages 10 and 11 form part of these accounts.

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH 2021

| | <u>Notes</u> | <u>31.03.21</u> | | <u>31.03.20</u> | |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| <u>FIXED ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Tangible Assets | 3 | | 1,101,369 | | 1,104,560 |
| Investments | 4 | | 688,949 | | 558,962 |
| | | | <u>1,790,318</u> | | <u>1,663,522</u> |
| <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| Debtors | 5 | 7,259 | | 6,677 | |
| Cash at Bank and in Hand | | <u>62,938</u> | | <u>22,381</u> | |
| | | 70,197 | | 29,058 | |
| <u>CREDITORS-Amounts falling due within one year</u> | | | | | |
| | 6 | <u>2,605</u> | | <u>2,515</u> | |
| <u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| | | | <u>67,592</u> | | <u>26,543</u> |
| <u>NET ASSETS</u> | | | | | |
| | | | <u><u>1,857,910</u></u> | | <u><u>1,690,065</u></u> |
| <u>REPRESENTED BY:</u> | | | | | |
| Restricted Funds | 7 | | 144,282 | | 116,739 |
| Unrestricted Funds | | | 1,713,628 | | 1,573,326 |
| <u>TOTAL FUNDS</u> | | | | | |
| | | | <u><u>1,857,910</u></u> | | <u><u>1,690,065</u></u> |

Approved by the Management Committee on 17th NOV- 2021 and signed on their behalf:



Kantilal D. Lad
President



Jitesh K. Pankhania
Treasurer

The notes on pages 10 and 11 form part of these accounts.

1) ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance 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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued in July 2015 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102,

The Trustees consider there are no uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

b) Income recognition

Donations and other Voluntary income is accounted for when received by the charity.

Dividends and other investment income is credited on a receivable basis.

c) Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT which cannot be recovered.

Expenditure relating to specific activities is allocated accordingly.

d) Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation

Depreciation is provided, at the rates calculated, in order to write off the cost of Fixed Assets over their estimated useful lives on a reducing balance basis. The rate applicable is 20% per annum on all Furniture & Equipment and 50% p.a. on Computer Equipment . No depreciation is provided on the Freehold Land & Building and on Mandir Bhavan Accessories.

e) Quoted Investments have been valued at market values at the balance sheet date and any unrealised gain/loss is shown in the statement of Financial activities.

f) Gift aid reclaimable on donations to the charity is included with the donations amount received.

2) Taxation

Shree Sanatan Seva Samaj is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

3) FIXED ASSETS - TANGIBLE

| | FREEHOLD | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| | LAND & BUILDING | MANDIR BHAVAN ACCESSORIES | FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT | TOTAL |
| <u>COST</u> | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| As at 01-04-2020 | 1,083,510 | 3,971 | 98,322 | 1,185,803 |
| Additions | | | 282 | 282 |
| As at 31-03-2021 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>98,604</u> | <u>1,186,085</u> |
| | | | | |
| <u>DEPRECIATION</u> | | | | |
| As at 01-04-2020 | - | - | 81,243 | 81,243 |
| Charge for the year | - | - | 3,473 | 3,473 |
| As at 31-03-2021 | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>84,716</u> | <u>84,716</u> |
| | | | | |
| <u>NET BOOK VALUES</u> | | | | |
| As at 31-03-2021 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>13,888</u> | <u>1,101,369</u> |
| As at 01-04-2020 | <u>1,083,510</u> | <u>3,971</u> | <u>17,079</u> | <u>1,104,560</u> |

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 20214) FIXED ASSETS - LISTED INVESTMENTS

| | Market Value as at 1st Apr 20 £ | Additions £ | Disposal Proceeds £ | Unrealised Gain on Revaluation £ | Market Value as at 31st Mar 21 £ |
|---|--|----------------|---------------------------|---|---|
| <u>Restricted (Nitya Seva)</u> | | | | | |
| M & G The Equities Investment Charifund | 116,739 | 500 | - | 27,043 | 144,282 |
| <u>Unrestricted</u> | | | | | |
| M & G The Equities Investment Charifund | 442,223 | | - | 102,444 | 544,667 |
| Total | 558,962 | 500 | - | 129,487 | 688,949 |

5) DEBTORS

| | <u>31.03.21</u> £ | <u>31.03.20</u> £ |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Prepayments | 3,506 | 3,513 |
| JRS Furlough Grant Receivable | 1,213 | |
| Gift Aid tax Recoverable | 2,540 | 3,164 |
| | <u>7,259</u> | <u>6,677</u> |

6) CREDITORS - Amounts falling due within one year

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Other Taxes & Social Security | 689 | - |
| Accruals | 1,667 | 2,265 |
| Hall Hire Deposits | 250 | 250 |
| | <u>2,605</u> | <u>2,515</u> |

7) ANALYSIS OF FUND ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

| | 31.03.2021 | | | 31.03.2020 | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| | Restricted Funds £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total £ | Restricted Funds £ | Unrestricted Funds £ | Total £ |
| Tangible fixed Assets | | 1,101,369 | 1,101,369 | | 1,104,560 | 1,104,560 |
| Fixed Asset Investments | 144,282 | 544,667 | 688,949 | 116,739 | 442,223 | 558,962 |
| Current Assets | | 70,197 | 70,197 | | 29,058 | 29,058 |
| Current Liabilities | | (2,605) | (2,605) | | (2,515) | (2,515) |
| Total | 144,282 | 1,713,628 | 1,857,910 | 116,739 | 1,573,326 | 1,690,065 |