

यदा यदा हि धर्मस्य ग्लानिर्भवति भारत। अभ्युत्थानमधर्मस्य तदात्मानं सृजाम्यहम्॥
परित्राणाय साधूनां विनाशाय च दुष्कृताम्। धर्मसंस्थापनार्थाय संभवामि युगे युगे॥



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Brothers, Sisters & Respected Elders

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2010, I hope it reaches you all in the best of health considering the recent severe weather and cold spell. As usual I must start with thanking all of you who have shown support over the last year and for all your generous donations. Your continued support of the Mandir has meant that our project is nearly completed and even though we are not 100% done we are already reaping the benefits of the new facilities.

The completion of the project will be a proud moment for our community and will signify a milestone for the Hindus of Leeds. The fact that we have been able to undertake such a project without the need for government grants or lottery funding has meant our Mandir's sovereignty has not been compromised and is a testament to the devotion of our members.

As the great Mohandas Gandhi once said:

**'Strength does not come from physical capacity.
It comes from an indomitable will'**

It was the **indomitable will** of our members to complete such a project with our own funds that has made it all possible.

It is hoped that the new facilities will benefit all our community both young and allow promoting our faith to our younger generations. I cannot thank you all enough for your support and long may it continue.

Since our last newsletter we have had more remarkable donations, notably:

- 1. Jagubhai Ambaram Parmar** £ 11111.00
For a Deity of Shree Jalaram bapa in dining hall
- 2. Hirjibapa Hiramaa and family** £ 15001.00
To name the dining hall 'Shree Jalaram hall'
- 3. Shree Ramlal Kamboj** £ 4000.00
Towards kitchen appliances and floor tiling

November witnessed our second Diwali programme to be hosted at the Leeds Town Hall. Undoubtedly praise must go to the performers who participated in the Diwali programme and additional praise to those who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure everything went smoothly on the night.

A DVD of the Diwali Programme is now available, those members interested are advised to contact the Pujari for further details.

We were very proud to be able to hold our Navratri celebrations and the Durga puja in our new hall. I would like to thank all those involved in organising the Navratri function and the Durga puja committee for all their hard work. The Diwali fireworks were enjoyed by more than 1200 people on the night and again thanks goes to all of you for showing your support.

Construction Progress

Progress of late as with most of the UK was delayed due to the cold snap and the holiday period, however has now resumed. Thanks to your support we have managed to pay most of the outstanding balance to the construction company (C.B.M. constructions), with only around £18,000 outstanding. We do however need funds for internal work and your continued support is very much appreciated.

Important Notices

1. Hindi classes are currently suspended due to construction work. For further information on the classes please contact Dr Upadhyay on 07905 336031.
2. Dance classes are still going strong and very well attended. For details contact Chiragi Solanki 07738 943589. The coming year promises to be just as packed with events so there has never been a better time to join!
3. Bharatnatyam classes are being held at the temple. For further information please contact Chiragi Solanki or Dr Gita Upadhyay - 07905336031

Full details of up and coming events will be included in the religious programme which will be distributed alongside our newsletter and I look forward seeing you all at these events. To ensure you continue **to receive newsletters please make sure your membership is up to date**, for those who need to renew please do so by contacting Palji, Amrish Panday or Jagdishbhai at Temple.

Do your bit for environment; please receive your copy of the newsletter by E-Mail. To register please send a request to **vtsvakharia@hotmail.com**

The management committee would like to take this opportunity to pay their respects to members of the community who have sadly passed away in last eight months. Our thoughts are with the families and relatives.

Let us pray and remember our loved ones.

Govindbhai Somabhai Solanki

Shardaben Solanki

Jasuben Jagubhai Parmar

Prahaben Majethiya

Chhaju Ram Sharma

Lalitaben Chaganbhai Parmar

Balarani Sharma

Nilam Shori

Gangaben G. Surti

Ramjibhai Chhibabhai Parmar

The Hindu temple and all the members will remember all above for their Devotion and valuable contributions to the temple.

Om Namah Shivay

