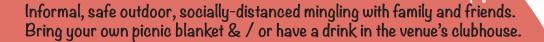


Sunday

26th September 2021

2pm to 5pm.





(Optional) Short AGM with one important additional voting matter to fund relief for the vulnerable back home in South Gujarat (Surat, Navsari and Valsad areas).

If you consented to be listed in the directory, you can collect your FREE copy. As we will not be posting them out to members (due to cost), this is the best and fastest way to get your copy.

> All ages are welcome to catch-up with their loved ones and friends so please use this event as the last chance before the flu and winter season.

FOOD & DRINKS

A snack / bottle water will be provided as soon as the AGM finishes, But please bring your own picnic if you prefer in the current covid environment. (any alcohol / spirits to buy)

Harrow Rugby FC **Grove Field Wood Lane** Stanmore Middx HA7 4LF 020 8954 2615

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Leuva Patidar Samaj of London









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LEUVA PATIDAR SAMAJ (SNV) OF LONDON

The charity's full set of accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2020 can be found at www.londonsamaj.com, but a summary is included in the table below.

The AGM agenda includes approval of these accounts (see AGM notice) SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Dec 2020	Dec 2019
Bank Interest income	£605.	£1373.
Subs, Donations, Sponsors & Event funds received	£28,551.	£44,016.
Total Charitable Income	£29,156.	£45,389.
Total Charitable & admin expenses	£21,609.	£45,036.
Net Surplus	£7,547.	£353.
LPSoL Total Net Assets at year end	£358,636.	£351,089.

Notice of LPSoL AGM

Date : Sunday 26th September 2021

Venue: Harrow Rugby FC, Grove Field, Wood Lane, Stanmore, HA7 4LF

Time : 15:30 – 16:30

There will be no Navratri and Diwali show this year.

As normal LPSoL activities have been greatly reduced and a significant number of members are still not ready to attend events, or become more involved in Samaj matters at this time, we are deferring elections for posts until next year in line with regulatory allowances made because of the pandemic.

Furthermore, we are offering members the chance to share their vote of "Yes" or "No" by email to - samaj@londonsamaj.com on the 2 AGM matters:

- (1) Approval of the accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2020, which are summarised in this newsletter. The full version can be found at www.londonsamaj.com/downloads
 - Vote "Yes" or "No" (and share any comments or questions too) by email to -samaj@londonsamaj.com
- (2) Vote "Yes" or "No" to ringfence £30,000 of LPSoL Assets for the benefit of those in need in our Origins area of Surat, Navsari and Valsad (aka South Gujarat). More information to help you on how to vote on this matter, proposed by the Executive Committee (President and Secretary team, including vices) is included below. You can contact the executive committee or trustees by phone or emails secretary@londonsamaj.com or trustees@londonsamaj.com

NB the previous AGM was held on zoom and the accounts were approved at the time, and there were no other minuted voting items, therefore there are no detailed minutes to review or approve.

When voting by email, please include your first and middle name and gaam and ensure it reaches E:samaj@londonsamaj.com by the morning of 26th September 2021.

Information on the "Extraordinary voting Matter - support for India"

In May 2021, the LPSoL's umbrella charity, LPSUK issued a Covid Appeal for India:

"The origins of tithing in the bible are also in Hinduism (see https://bit.ly/3aPMRoA). Savings for a rainy day can be built up again once the storm passes, but only if you spend some of your savings to survive the storm. Both the trustees group and committee of LPSUK are in agreement just over 12% of the LPSUK's net assets be added to the Covid Appeal...... there is widespread support to assist the most vulnerable in our homeland and to act quickly. "

LPS - London's Response and Proposal:

Please also look at www.lpsamaj.co.uk/covidappeal/

LPSoL pledged £5,001 in May 2021 and also encouraged members to make a donation too. The trustees felt committing more should involve the members themselves, hence this proposal at a General Meeting with the option to share views via online voting. Although LPSoL's net assets are much larger than LPSUK and 10% translates into a large number (c£35k), I am sure you will be aware of the need to help the SNV community. With more waves and variants expected, combined with poverty there, it is time to support our origins again. Fortunately, as well as the unquestionable need, there is an unwavering desire from our London membership to support the homeland. Many of our membership's family members make regular trips to India. Also, many of our elders (alive or deceased), over the last 70 years started to build most of their UK assets here in London and can see this is a once in 3-lifetimes opportunity and appeal to support the place where our LPS/UK journey began.

I therefore propose that London sets aside a further £30,000 (so the total support reaches £35k, which is just under 10% of London's assets) for this appeal. Tithing of 10%, still leaves our debt-free, cash rich charity with £325k in assets. £35,000 is less than the annual surpluses made since many of the current team joined the London Samaj management around 2005, so we will not have eroded what the founding and older members built-up.

As the elders group diminishes in number and the next generation's links to India reduce, we need to think about what we use these assets for. That is a bigger conversation, but for now I trust you will support our proposal to do this and save lives in the SNV district and returning some of the wealth that was built up here because of the nurturing support from South Gujarat over the last 70 years. The quicker we act, the more ready we are to save and improve more lives over the coming winter.

Managing the risks and money.

We have a strong trusted link and asset protection process in place including "Remitly" for money conversion, a team on the ground in India's SNV area (our vice-treasurer's father and trusted members of the health profession are there) and a money flow that is via banks - no cash.

Bhumikaben is the London Vice-Treasurer and also the LPSUK Covid Appeal lead. She is able to give more details of the real-life examples of what difference we have made and will make further. For example, money for the £4.4k oxygen generator was donated by a LPSoL member and the kit purchased and installed within 3 days. No middlemen and the traceable money flowed from the known donor to LPSoL via Remitly to LPSoL's vice-treasurer's bank account in India and from their cheque drawn in favour of the engineering company that supplied it. No government bodies, agents etc.

There can and will be more projects and lives we can save.

Summary: Time to vote

The executive committee encourage a Yes vote from you, as this is a rare opportunity to do what's right in these unprecedented times. The money will be well managed and with low costs in India and a good exchange rate, this will go a long way to truly improve and save lives.

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PROPOSAL:

£30,000 of LPS-London assets to be set aside to support the vulnerable residents of the SNV area, through difficulties such as Covid VOTE: Yes / No (Delete as applicable) or attend in person at the AGM at 3:30pm on Sun 26th September 2021, or vote by email at - samaj@londonsamaj.com

LPS UK family's wonderful effort to help the recent devastating Covid wave in India.

By now I am sure you have all heard of the LPS UK family's wonderful effort to help the recent devastating Covid wave in India. To recap, we entirely supported the upkeep of a small local hospital with an ICU department (Covid unit) with capacity of 60 beds (it was only 20 beds before our support). This was largely due to the extra ventilators we were able to source and medicine we were able to fund for the extra patients. Further, we used donations to provide cooked food for the locals to minimise social contact. We managed to install an independent oxygen generator amidst the "oxygen crisis" for the hospital, which surrounding hospitals also use. After hearing of the difficulties of surrounding hospitals, we managed to also supply a few of these hospitals with their own ventilators. There was also a lack of PPE supplies, we also flew 12 pallets of PPE courtesy of British Airways to the SNV district. We now have a strong working relationship with many of the hospitals in the SNV district. Again we would like to stress, this was all done as a matter of urgency - there were no middlemen and payments were made directly (no cash) to engineers and caterers, meaning our money has gone further. We have reached out to multiple SNV area hospitals and helped them battle the Covid Crisis.

The limiting factor in all this was accumulating donations. Imagine how helpful we could be if this wasn't the case, and instead there was a set amount available to the charity team to deploy whenever/wherever needed. I therefore propose that the London Samaj sets aside a further £30,000 in an emergency fund - precisely for crises like this. As well as the unquestionable need, there is an unwavering desire from our London membership to support the homeland. Many of us (inc parents and children) make regular trips to India and all of us originated from this area and its those families' ancestors that supported our UK forefathers move to the UK, for better lives for all of us.

This is a once in 3-lifetimes appeal opportunity and a relatively small proportion (less than 10%) of the LPSoL assets built by the charity and its founding members and descendants.

<u>Amount</u>	Reason		Amount	Reason	
₹455,000.00	1 Generator	Bamani Hospital	₹800,000.00	1 Ventilator	Ventilator Janak Hospital
₹150,000.00	Medicine for 500 patients	Om Survayam Trust	₹700,000.00	1 Oxygen	Plant Bamani Hospital
₹90,000.00	Food	Bamani Hospital	₹9,888.00	Food Kit for widows	Surat Widow Manddal
₹800,000.00	1 Ventilator	Sanjeevani Hospital	₹30,004,888.00 in Total spent by LPSUK (approx £30k)		





Bereavements

We have sadly lost the following LPSoL members.



Gulabben Nanubhai Patel (Pera/Wembley)



(Toli/Harrow)



Sakori, India)



Aakash Rohitbhai Nanubhai (Pera, Wembley)

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Ratilal Chhotubhai (Jalalpore/Ilford)



Gulabben (Jamnaben/Gaumaatben) of Snelville, GA, Gaam Asta,

Jagubhai Kuverji (Babla - Leicester/Herts.)



Laxmiben Ranchhodbhai (Nansad/London, Piyar -Goddha)



Hashumatiben Manilal Patel (Gaam Nizar/Sutton, piyar Navsari)



Ramaben Manoharbhai Patel (Piyar Vaghech / Siyod,



Ranjanben Ajaybhai, (Pathradia/Ilford)





Natvarbhai Baghabhai Patel (Khoj Pardi/Southgate)



Parbhubhai Dullabhbhai Patel (Karachka/Chingola, Zambia/Rochford, Essex)



Champakbhai Babubhai Patel (Butwada/Hillingdon)



Mrs Niruben Ranchhodbhai Patel, Ninat (Piyar - Moti Chovisi)



Bhikhiben Dullabhbhai Dayarambhai Patel (Bajipura, Piyar Vihan/Hounslow)