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Vanza Mandal
40th Anniversary



Jai Gopal

I am very grateful for the opportunity to write this message as President of Vanza Mandal as we celebrate our 40th anniversary. It has been a privilege to be involved with Vanza Mandal since its establishment, and I hope we can continue for many more years to come.

Vanza Mandal has been a huge influence on the community, providing many members with a sense of home as we emigrated from India and East Africa. Vanza Mandal has looked to serve members of all ages by organising many events over the years. This has included religious functions, sightseeing tours across the UK and many other social events. The foundations laid 40 years ago by our forefathers have enabled Vanza Mandal to develop into an established community bringing families together.

As Vanza Mandal moves forward, we should look to build on these foundations and educate future generations about the morals and values of being a Vanza, as well as adapt to the changing society that we are living in. With Maa Hingraj and Guru Gopalal's blessings, we shall continue to grow and progress.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members for their continued support, which has enabled Vanza Mandal to become what it is today.

*Thanks
Nila Kishor Solanki*



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24th March, 2016.

Dear Mr. Makwana,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your kind letter, which you have sent on behalf of Vanza Mandal, on the occasion of your fortieth anniversary.

Her Majesty appreciated your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and, in return, sends her best wishes to you and all concerned in the charity's most notable anniversary year.

Yours sincerely,



Christopher Sandamas
Chief Clerk to The Queen

Mr. Rashmi Makwana.

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માન્ય જ્ઞાતી જનો, ભાઈઓ, બહેનો તથા બાળકો,

જય ગુરૂ ગોપાલ લાલ જય હિંગળાજ માતા,

આ વર્ષે આપણે વાંઝાં મંડળ ઈસ્ટ લંડન ની ૪૦ મી વર્ષ ગાંઠ ઉજવીએ છીએ તે જાણીને મને વાંઝાં મંડળ ના પ્રમુખ તરીકે ખુબજ આનંદ થાય છે અને આપ સર્વે ને મારા અભિનંદન. આ પ્રવૃત્તિમાં ભાગ લેવા અને વાંઝાં મંડળ નો હિસો બનવામાં મને બહુજ ગર્વ થાય છે, અને આજા છે કે આ પ્રધા વર્ષો સુધી ચાલુ રહે.

વાંઝાં મંડળે આપણા સમાજ પર ખુબજ પ્રભાવ પાડ્યો છે, દેસ, અને ઈસ્ટ આફ્રીકા થી આવેલા આપણા જ્ઞાતી જનનો વસવાટ અને બીજી રીતે પણ ઘણી મદદ રૂપ થઈ છે. આપણા ધાર્મીક અને સામાજી મનોરંજન કાર્યક્રમ થી એક સંગઠનની ભાવના ફેલાવી છે. ૪૦ વર્ષ પહેલા આપણા બાપ-દાદાએ જે ઝુબેશ અને ભાવનાથી વાંઝાં મંડળ ની સ્થાપના કરી હતી તે આજે પણ આપને બધાને એક કુટુંબ તરીકે ભેગા રાખે છે.

માં હિંગળાજ અને ગુરૂ ગોપાલ લાલ ના આર્થિવાદ થી વાંઝાં મંડળ પ્રગતી કરશે અને તેમના ભાવીકો શીક્ષણ અને સામાજીક પ્રવૃત્તિ જાળવી રાખશે અને સમયની સાથ આગળ સારી પ્રગત્તી કરશે એવી ઈચ્છા છે.

વાંઝાં મંડળ ને આજ, અહીં સુધી લાવવા તમારા બધાનો બહુજ સહકાર મળ્યો છે તે બદલ આપ સર્વે નો હૃદય પૂરવક ખુબ આભાર માનું છું અને આજા છે કે ભવિષ્યમાં પણ આવો સહકાર મળશે.

જય ગુરૂ ગોપાલ લાલ, જય હિંગળાજ માતા.

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Dear Rashmi,

Thank you for your letter of 15 March to the Prime Minister requesting a message of support to celebrate the Vanza Mandal's 40th Anniversary. I am replying as Minister responsible for integration.

Please feel free to use the following message for your souvenir brochure.

"In the short time that I have been Integration Minister, I have been overwhelmed by the number of organisations, representing various faiths and ethnicities, which have represented their communities for so long in this country.

It gives me great pleasure to see the Vanza Mandal celebrate their 40th anniversary, an organisation that has seen its community make the long, courageous journey from India to Africa to the UK, setting down roots in London and Leicester. To this day, as a registered charity, you continue to serve those who made this valiant move through social and religious events. It's a proud achievement.

Of course, this brave story over four decades tells us a lot about what the Hindu community is capable of. We know that Hindus in the UK are people that live up to the values of integration, through their hard work, capacity to build bridges and respect for those values that make us truly British.

Congratulations on reaching this landmark anniversary.

Williams of Trafford

BARONESS WILLIAMS OF TRAFFORD



Rashmi Makwana
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28 June 2016
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Dear Rashmi Makwana

Thank you for your kind letter informing me that your charity Vanza Mandal has reached its 40th anniversary. I am delighted to hear it.

I would like to congratulate you and all those associated with the charity on the good works they do and please pass on my best wishes for your celebration events.

Yours sincerely

Robin Wales

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40th Anniversary Celebration

It is really heart-warming to know that Vanza Mandal has been an esteemed and integral quadrant of the wider Vanza community in Greater London, as well as being a significant part of the cultural landscape of the East of London, since 1976.

Establishing a common forum for the coming together of like-minded Vanzas sharing the same spiritual, cultural and human values, requires a certain amount of selfless dedication, devotion and determination, not to mention some patience. However, this is naturally and easily facilitated when there is a spirit of mutual brotherly affection.

Today, Vanza Mandal community members are bearing witness to the fruits of the altruistic actions of those early dedicated and pioneering fore-bearers, and I have every faith that those Vanza spiritual, cultural and human virtues will be reflected in the character of the rising, young, modern day Vanza generation.

On behalf of the *Gnatibandhus*, the Board of Trustees, and the Management Committee of Shree Wanza Community of Leicester, I am honoured and delighted to have been given this opportunity to congratulate Vanza Mandal on celebrating its 40th anniversary within the great and diverse City of London.

Our best wishes are always with you.

Jai Gopal and Jai Hingraj.

Sunil D Sonigra,
President, SWCL



Dear Nilaben,

On this very special occasion, on behalf of executive committee members and Trustees of Wanza Samaj UK, it gives me a pleasure of wishing you, executive committee members and Trustees, congratulations on 40th Anniversary of Vanza Mandal of East London.

Vanza Mandal's future is sure to be bright with unity and team work. Your hard work, dedication and creativity is an inspiration to other sister organisation. I wish continuity for many more years to come.

I like to wish you all very happy Diwali and prosperous coming year. May this Festival of Lights brings joy and prosperity.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to send this message.

May "Maa Higras and Guru Gopallal" showers their grace upon all and bless with happiness and good health.

Kind Regards

Sunita Purushottamdas Chudasama

President of Wanza Samaj Uk



Name: Bharat Girish Makwana

Favourite TV Programme : Top Gear

Favourite Film : Bhaagban / Fast & Furious

Favourite Actor./ Actress : Amitabh Bachchan / Paul Walker

Priyanka Chopra Jessica Alba

When did you get first involved with Vanza Mandal & What Roles did you play :

I have been involved from a young age joining my brother Sailesh, cousins and my uncles on stage. My main role now as a committee member is to look after and set up the PA system.

What is your favourite Vanza Mandal Event and what is your fondest memory:

My favourite event is Navratri seeing the hall fully packed and everybody enjoying themselves. I would say my fondest memory is attending the Christmas parties and receiving a present from Father Christmas even though it was someone from the Committee.



Name: Mansukh Damji Makwana

Favourite TV Programme : Dance Plus

Favourite Actor./ Actress : Rajesh Khanna / Arnold Schwarzenegger

Deepika Padukone/ Nicole Kidman

When did you get first involved with Vanza Mandal & What Roles did you play :

I have been involved more or less from the beginning 1976/77. My main roles have been committee member, volunteer and musician. I was there when the decision was made to create Vanza Mandal.

What is your favourite Vanza Mandal Event and what is your fondest memory:

My favourite event is Navratri being there on stage and enjoying the atmosphere. I remember sharing the stage with my elders and younger cousins and my best memory is when my kaka Laljibhai told me to get up and start to sing and this motivated me to be the singer I am now. Another fond memory were the initial committee meetings. They used to be full and were held at the members houses and after the meeting we would have tea, coffee and nasto. This should never be forgotten especially what our elders have put in place for us and future generations

A Message on Behalf of the First President of Vanza Mandal, the Late Mr Gordhandas Ladhabhai Solanki

આપણા મંડળની સ્થાપના ૧૯૭૬ માં થઈ એ વાતને આજે ચાલીસ વરસ પૂરા થવા જાય છે. શરૂઆતથી જ મને પ્રમુખપદ સોંપવામાં આવ્યું હતું ત્યારે હું આ દેશમાં નવો નવો આવ્યો હતો. પણ સૌ કાર્યકરો અને સ્વયંસેવકો તેમ જ જ્ઞાતિજનોએ ઘણો જ સાથ અને સહકાર આપ્યો તેથી મંડળની કાર્યવાહી પાર પાડવામાં ઘણી સુગમતા રહી. એ સૌનો હું કૃતજ્ઞતા-પૂર્વક ખૂબ ખૂબ આભાર માનું છું.

આ ચાલીસ વરસ દરમિયાન મંડળે જે પ્રગતિ કરી છે અને જ્ઞાતિજનોએ જે ઉત્કર્ષ સાધ્યો છે તે જોવા હું સદેહે, પ્રત્યક્ષ હાજર નથી પણ મારો અંતરાત્મા, મારું અંતઃકરણ કહે છે કે સૌ સારાં વાના થઈ રહ્યા છે અને આજે પણ જ્ઞાતિજનો ખભે-ખભા મીલાવી, એક-બીજાને સાથ-સહકાર આપી, જ્ઞાતિની ઉન્નતિ માટે ઉત્સાહ-પૂર્વક કામ કરી રહ્યા છે; એથી વધુ શું જોઈએ?

મા હિંગળાજ તથા ગુરુ ગોપાલલાલ સદાય અમીદુષ્ટિ રાખે અને જ્ઞાતિજનો દિન-પ્રતિદિન પરસ્પર પ્રેમભાવ સહ ઉત્કર્ષ કરતા રહે એ જ અભ્યર્થના સાથે સૌ જ્ઞાતિજનોને આ વિશિષ્ટ અવસર પર મારી હાર્દિક શુભેચ્છા અને શુભકામના.

લિ: સ્વ. ગોરધનદાસ લાધાભાઈ સોલંકી વતી

લાભુબેન ગોરધનદાસ સોલંકીના સપ્રેમ જય હિંગળાજ તથા જય ગોપાલ

અમારા આ સ્નેહીજનો આજે આપણી વચ્ચે નથી પણ એમની ખોટ અમને સદા સાલશે. એમને સ્મરણાંજલી રૂપે અમો સૌ પરિવારજનો તરફથી જય શ્રીકૃષ્ણ, જય હિંગળાજ તથા જય ગોપાલ.

લિ: લાભુબેન ગોરધનદાસ સોલંકી તથા સમસ્ત પરિવારના સપ્રેમ જય હિંગળાજ તથા જય ગોપાલ.



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સ્વ. ગોરધનદાસ લાધાભાઈ સોલંકી



સ્વ. હરિલાલ ગોરધનદાસ સોલંકી

Late Laljibhai Purshottam Makwana - Past President

Laljibhai was involved with Vanza Mandal from the beginning. He was involved with the Vanza Gnathi in Uganda and when the time came to establish a Vanza community in East London he was involved from the beginning. He has always maintained that your community is your extended family and starting as a Committee member he became the President in the late 70's and held that post for over 7 years.



He carried out his role with dedication never to shy away from making firm decisions and always there to provide support. He was often tested but he had the respect of the members, you still hear the echoes of him saying Guru Gopalal ki Jai Hingraj Mataki Jai during the Navratri festival. He had a way of saying that which always attracted a quiet audience. Even after he stepped down as President he was a Trustee for several years and then continued to provide support guidance and direction.

Since 1976 Laljibhai has always been seen on stage and to this date we remember him at Navratri singing the true cultural Garbas and Raas. He leaves his legacy behind, as you can see now there are several generations of the Makwana Family providing traditional music and Garbas. It has not only stopped there his support for Vanza Mandal is still being carried forward namely in his Daughter Nilaben Kishor Solanki our current President and in myself having now supported the Mandal for over 20 years.

Rashmi Lalji Makwana

Best Wishes to Vanza Mandal on their 40th Anniversary

Late Laljibhai Purshottam Makwana

Mangalaben Lalji Makwana

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Jai Gopal & Jai Hingraj to all Vanza Bandhus

On behalf of the Trustees and The Executive Committee of The Vanza Society of London, may I take this opportunity to congratulate Vanza Mandal on the accomplishment of successfully completing 40 years of great service within our Vanza Community.

This momentous milestone was achievable due to the dedication by the present and past Trustees, Management Committee and Vanza Bandhus, ensuring that our culture is maintained.

Over a period of four decades, Vanza Mandal has flourished and has been a source of pride for all the Vanza Communities here and abroad.

We wish them every success as they continue to enrich our community and take it forward to greater heights.

Well done, excellent achievement

**Harshada Dharmendra Mandalia
President
The Vanza Society of London**

Hansaben P Waghela President 1996 - 2001

I wish Vanza Mandal my sincere congratulations for the 40th Anniversary celebrations.

Vanza Mandal was formed in 1976, when the first elections were held. Through thick and thin, Vanza Mandal has survived 40 years to promote charitable work, in advancement of Hindu religion and culture. I was privileged to serve Vanza Mandal for a number of years, both as president and secretary. During this time, along with my very supportive executive committee, we introduced various activities, like Marathon Garba and 108 Aarti at Navratri.



We also managed to establish a cohesive and progressive community, which has existed for many years through the ages. This virtue binds members together effectively to work and create an organisation for the benefit of all.

My main objective was to acquire a property for Vanza Mandal and sincerely hope Vanza Mandal succeed and achieve this goal. Once again, I wish Vanza Mandal, Nilaben and the Management Committee and Trustees, best wishes for the next 40 years.

Hansa Parshottam Waghela

*Congratulations to all the
Past and Present
Management Committees and Trustees of
Vanza Mandal
for Achieving
40 Years
and more to come.....*

*Javeribhai & Chandramani Sonigra
& Sons
& Family*

The Vanza Community of South London

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Jai Gopal Lalji

Vanza Community of South London congratulate Vanza Mandal on their 40th Anniversary as being an excellent sister organisation and a pillar in the East London Community since their formation in 1976.



We in particular acknowledge their efforts during the Navratri festival where Vanza Mandal are the only sister organisation to promote the unique 108 Aarti's along with the Ankot darshaan. In the last 40 years, despite facing financial stresses, along with declining attendance numbers, the pillars laid down by the founder members have been carried on positively by the current committee members.

Vanza Community South London wishes Vanza Mandal all the best for the many more years to come and look forward to many more festivals celebrations together.

Deven K Jethwa
VCSL Secretary



*Best Wishes To Vanza Mandal
And All The Members
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*Jayantilal Dharamshi Mandalia,
Former President*

Jai Gopal,

Celebrating 40th Birthday of our Vanza Mandal this year, I can say that I and my family were there, from the very first day of the foundation of our Mandal.

Having served for many years, I always had a vision to be the boss, and hold the top position, and be the President of our Mandal.

The dream came true. I took up the position in 2005. Me, and my team then, "Team Vanza Mandal", a well lubricated engine, flew the flag high, with pride and joy, took our Mandal on the up and up.

It was my privilege, and an honour to serve Vanza Mandal, and thank my "Team", then, from 2005-2008.

Warm Regards

Jayantilal Dharamshi Mandalia.



Late Harilal Mulji Kamothi , Former President

Harilalbhai Kamothi was one of the founder members of Vanza Mandal. He was there at the beginning offering his services to help the community get together and form a charity. His wife also played a key role over the years where she accompanied him to all the functions and played her part in helping out at religious programs. In the mid to late eighties Harilalbhai became the president and steered the Mandal through to the 90's He provided guidance to new committee members and served his role as a Trustee too.



Written on his behalf by Narendrabhai Kamothi

અવસરને વધાવીએ - વલ્લભ નાંઢા

શ્રી વાંઝા મંડળના સ્થપના થયાને ૪૦ વર્ષ પૂરાં થયાં અને આ અનન્ય અવસરે શ્રી વાંઝા મંડળના વરિષ્ઠ સૂત્રધારો એક સ્મરણિકા (સુવેનિયર) બહાર પાડી રહ્યા છે જેમાં આપણી જ્ઞાતિ હિતાર્થે શુભેચ્છા સંદેશ સાથે 'વાંઝા જ્યોત'ના તંત્રી લેખે એક લેખ લખી મોકલવાનું આમંત્રણ વાંઝા મંડળના પ્રમુખશ્રી શ્રીમતી નીલાબહેન સોલંકી તરફથી મને પાઠવવામાં આવ્યું છે તે બદલ હું પ્રમુખશ્રી નીલાબહેન સોલંકીનો આભાર માનું છું. એ સાથે વાંઝા મંડળની સાંપ્રત કારોગબારી સમિતિના સભ્યોએ મંડળની ચાલીસવર્ષીય ઉજવણી નિમિત્તે એક શાનદાર ઉત્સવનું આયોજન હાથ પર ધર્યું છે તે બદલ તેઓને પણ અભિનંદન પાઠવું છું. આ આમંત્રણને માન આપી થોડું લખવા પ્રેરાઉં છું.



સર્જનહારાએ આ સૃષ્ટિનું સર્જન કર્યું ત્યારથી સમયની સરિતા કોઈ પણ પ્રકારના બંધનમાં બંધાયા વિના અવિરત વહેતી જ રહી છે. સમયસરિતાના એ પ્રવાહમાં યુગોયુગોથી વહેતાં વહેતાં માનવજીવને પણ ઉન્નતિ પંથે શકવર્તી સિદ્ધિઓ પ્રાપ્ત કરી છે. સમય તો અનંત અકળ અને અમાપ છે. આ અનંત અતિવિશાળ સમયસાગરના વ્યાપની સરખામણીએ ૪૦ વર્ષ તો એક નાનકડું બિંદુ જ લાગે, પરંતુ ૪૦ વર્ષની મજલનું મહત્વ પણ નાનુંસૂનું ન જ આંકીએ. કોઈ પણ સંસ્થા માટે ચાલીસ વર્ષની યાત્રા એ એક સીમાચિહ્નરૂપ ઘટના બને છે.

જોતજોતામાં વાંઝા મંડળ જ્ઞાતિ સંસ્થાના સ્થાપનાકાળને ચાર દાયકા વિતી ગયા અને આ લાંબી મજલ વાંઝા મંડળે આપણા સમસ્ત વાંઝાજ્ઞાતિ સમુદાયને સાથે રાખીને, આપણી જ્ઞાતિના તમામ મંડળોનો સાથ અને સહકાર મેળવીને, મંડળની વિવિધ કાર્યકારી સમિતિઓની લાંબી નજરે કામ કરવાની સૂઝબૂઝને કારણ સફળતા પૂર્વક કાપી છે.

આજે આપણો સમાજ ક્રમિક પ્રગતિની ઉચ્ચ ભૂમિકા સુધી પહોંચ્યો છે તેમાં આપણા ગુરુશ્રેષ્ઠ ગોપાલલાલ મહારાજ, આપણાં ઈષ્ટદેવી હિંગળાજ માતાજી, આપણા વડીલો તેમજ આપણા પૂર્વસૂરી કાર્યકર્તાઓનો મહદ ફાળો રહેલો છે. આપણામાં કહેવત છે ને કે, જ્યાં જ્યાં વસે ગુજરાતી ત્યાં ત્યાં સદા કાળ ગુજરાત. વાંઝા કોમ્યુનિટી જંગલમાં મંગલ કરનારી કોમ છે. સૈકા કરતાંયે વધુ સમય પહેલાં આપણાં દાદા અને પરદાદાઓ અફિકામાં આવી વસ્યા, અનેક પ્રતિકૂળ પરિસ્થિતિઓનો સામનો કરી, આપણી જ્ઞાતિનાં મંડળોની સ્થાપના કરી, જ્ઞાતિભવનો ઊભા કર્યાં ને સંગઠનની ભાવનાને મજબૂત કરી હતી. અને બ્રિટનમાં સ્થાયી થયા પછી પ્રવર્તમાન બ્રિટનવાસી વાંઝાજ્ઞાતિ સમુદાયે આપણા વડીલોએ કંડારેલા એ પ્રગતિપંથે એક ડગલું આગળ વધી યુ.કે.માં આપણી જ્ઞાતિસંસ્થાઓની સ્થાપના કરી અને ઈંગલેન્ડની ભૂમિ પર બે દાયકા પહેલાં સૌપ્રથમ શ્રી વાંઝા જ્ઞાતિના ભવનનું સ્થાપન એ આપણી જ્ઞાતિ- ઉન્નયનનું પ્રતીક છે.

પરંતુ આપણે આટલી પ્રગતિથી સંતોષ માની બેસી રહેવાનું નથી. સિદ્ધિઓને કદી મર્યાદાના ચોકકામાં બાંધી શકાય નહીં, આથીયે ઊંચેરી ઉડાન આપણે હજી ભરવાની બાકી છે, અનેક મહત્વનાં જ્ઞાતિકાર્યો આપણને પડકારી રહ્યાં છે, એ પડકારો ઝીલવાનાં છે. એ પડકારો ઝીલતાં રહી આપણી ઉન્નતિના પરચમને પ્રગતિના શિખરેથી સદાસર્વદા લહેરાતો રાખવાનો છે. આપણા કીર્તિધ્વજને અહર્નિશ લહેરાતો રાખવાનું બળ ગુરુવર્ય ગોપાલલાલ મહારાજ અને ઈષ્ટદેવી હિંગળાજ માતાજી સૌ કાર્યકર્તાઓને આપે. આપણે એકમેકને સહકાર આપીએ, આપણી જ્ઞાતિનીને પ્રગતિ, વિકાસ અને ઉત્કર્ષના માર્ગે વાળવા આપણને પ્રેરણા ને પ્રતિબદ્ધતા મળતી રહે એવી પ્રાર્થના કરું છું.

આ સંસ્થાના મૂળ મજબૂત કરવામાં અનેક ધ્યેયનિષ્ઠ, સેવાભાવી કર્મઠ જ્ઞાતિસેવકોએ ઝાઝા હાથ રળિયામણા કરી 'વાંઝામંડળ જ્ઞાતિસંસ્થા' રચવાનો સ્વંભ નાખ્યો છે તેમને પણ અત્યારે યાદ કરી નત મસ્તકે વંદન કરું છું. અને અંતઃકરણપૂર્વક ધન્યવાદ પાઠવું છું.

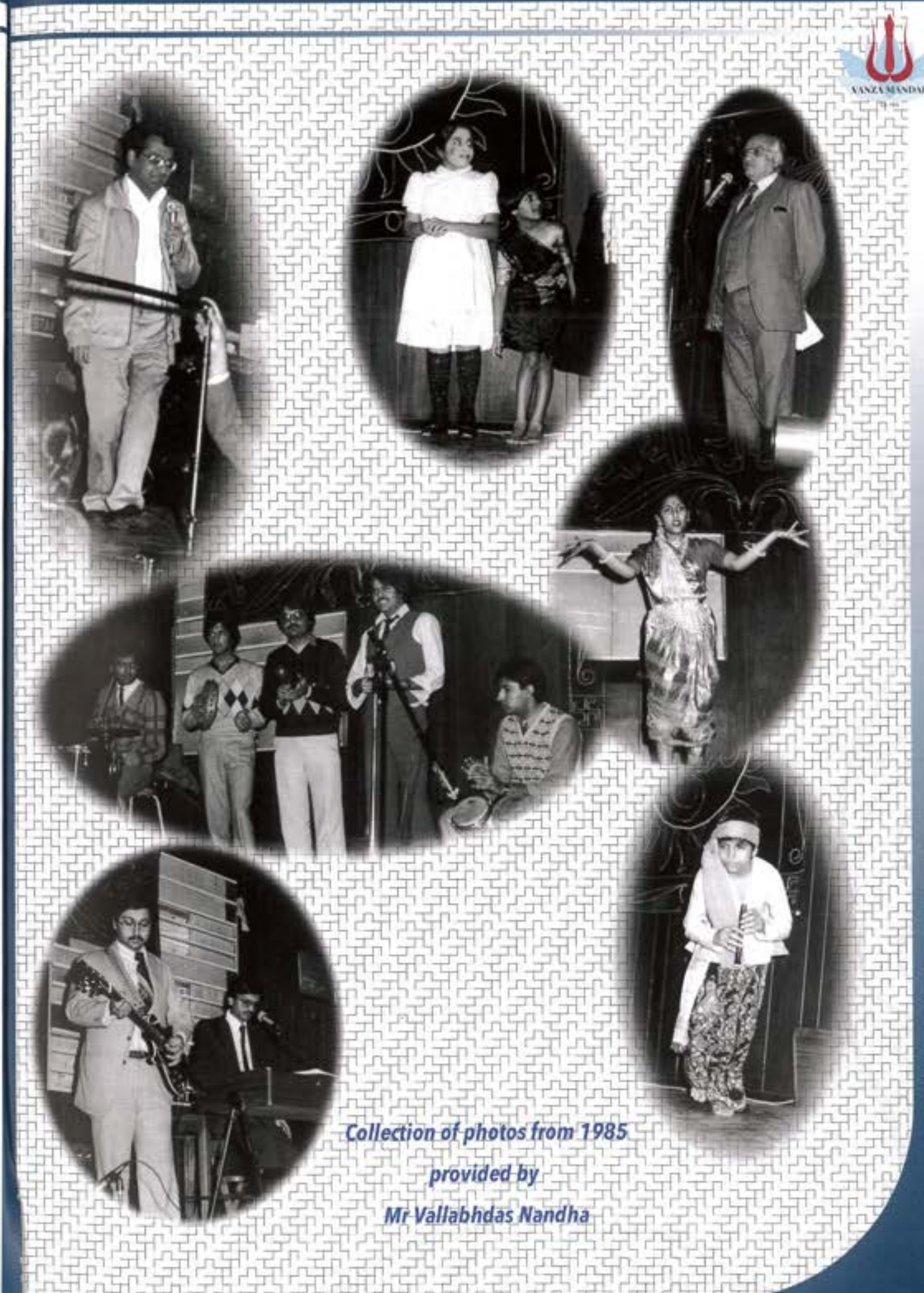
સર્વ જ્ઞાતિબંધુઓ, બહેનો, મુરબીઓ અને બાળકોને જય ગોપાલ અને જય હિંગળાજ.

અસ્તુ

- વલ્લભ નાંઢા

તંત્રી: 'વાંઝા જ્યોત'

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It was during late summer of 1976 that I arrived in the UK from Kenya. I attended a meeting of Vanza Society of London (VSL), in Wembley. I was quite impressed by what I saw. However, I heard murmurs of our East London brethren who found it difficult to attend programmes and events in Wembley. High costs of public transport was one factor. Another factor was that admittance to programmes was open only to bona fide members of VSL. Accompanying relatives, even family members, were not permitted to enter if they were not members. As I said, these were murmurs and rumours; they could not be substantiated.

One result of this apparent discontent was that three East Londoners who were on the Committee of VSL, namely Kantilal Tank, Harilal Kamothi and Pravinchandra Makwana, got together and collected the opinions and feelings of leading Vanzas in East London. They used Kantilal Tank's office to meet and discuss their findings and consider a way forward. Some of these leading Vanzas were: Valji Lalji Parmar, Harilal Mulji Kamothi, Bachubhai Lalji Parmar, Balubhai Ramji Makwana, Manjulaben B Makwana, Babulal Tulsi Parmar, Shantilal Jivan Bhundia, Jivan Govind Bhundia, Khimji Makan Bharaohda, Dinesh Khimji Bharaohda, Dharamshi Virji Solanki, Javerilal Gagji Sonigra, Kalyanji Mohanlal Solanki, Devji Jivraj Gohil, Bhovan Kara Nandha, Lalji Purshottam Makwana, and Kantilal Tank. (Apologies for errors/omissions in this list; I personally was not participating at that stage.) The overwhelming desire of those present was to establish an organisation to cater specifically for the needs of East London Vanzas. To carry forward this idea towards implementation, community members were invited to a meeting to be held in October 1976 at Harold Road Centre, E13 and chaired by Valji Lalji Parmar. Invitations were largely by word of mouth.

The meeting was attended by a large number of people, both men and women. The difficulties faced by East Londoners to attend Wembley events were mentioned and discussed. Also mentioned was the fact that despite repeated requests by East Londoners to hold some functions/events in East London, VSL officers took no steps to accommodate this legitimate desire. Some individuals proposed that rather than setting up a new, separate organisation, VSL should be persuaded to cater for East Londoners by holding some events in East London.

After an animated discussion, the proposal to set up a new, separate organisation was approved by a significantly huge majority of those present.

The name of the organisation was VANZA MANDAL. Immediately, a Management Committee was elected, made up as follows:

President: Gordhandas Ladhahbai Solanki

Vice-President: Valji Lalji Parmar

Secretary: Kantilal Tribhovan Tank

Assistant Secretary: Shantilal Jivan Bhundia

Treasurer: Pravinchandra Harilal Makwana

Committee Members:

Balubhai Ramji Makwana	Manjulaben B Makwana
Bachubhai Lalji Parmar	Harilal Mulji Kamothi
Bachubhai Lalji Waghela	Lalji Purshotam Makwana
Babulal Tulsi Parmar	Hansaben Haridas Bhadresha
Vinod Dharamshi Solanki	Dilip Amarshi Bharaohda
Javerben Bhovan Nandha	Devkuverben Bhagwanji Parmar
Babulal Dhanji Solanki	

It was emphasised that a new, separate organisation (Vanza Mandal) became necessary purely for practical convenience of East Londoners. It should not be regarded as a hostile rival of another organisation. In fact, relationships and ties between individuals should not be allowed to suffer or deteriorate as a result of this separate organisation. After all, we are the Vanza clan and our interests, our values are the same.

Translated by Jayantilal V Parmar from original Gujarati by Mr Gordhandas Ladhahbai Solanki.

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Jayantilal Valji Parmar (Secretary 1979-83, President 2001-02)



It seems like only yesterday that Vanza Mandal was established. It is hard to imagine that 40 years have elapsed since that day in October 1976 when some Vanza people living mainly in East London got together and unanimously agreed to set up an organisation to serve Vanzas in Newham and surrounding areas.

I had the honour and privilege to serve Vanza Mandal over the years 1977 to 2005 in various capacities – volunteer, Committee Member, Assistant Secretary, Secretary, Trustee, Vice-President and President.

Vanza Mandal has progressed over the years and now also harnesses the available technology to carry out its affairs. I would like to thank and congratulate the Management Committees and Trustees – past and present – for the success that Vanza Mandal has become.

Below is a brief description of how things were in the early days and how we operated then.

Committee Meetings: Initially they were held at the office of Late Kantilal Tank, who was the Secretary. Then we started holding meetings at residences of Committee Members, in rotation, so everyone had a fair chance. This way we did not have to pay hire charges for meeting rooms.

Minutes of Meetings: These were hand-written. Copies of minutes were not given to members, but the minutes were read aloud at meetings, then approved and seconded.

Correspondence/paperwork: Mostly hand-written! If/when appropriate, carbon copies were kept for our files. Circulars for programmes/AGM were typed on stencils and then duplicated using a cyclostyling machine. If Gujarati script was deemed necessary, it was hand-written on the stencils, using a special stylus. The cyclostyling machine was kept at different locations, in turn, and volunteers used to gather there to print the circulars, envelope them, then address and stamp the envelopes before posting them. Accounts were also usually hand-written, and the year-end Treasurer's Report and accounts was typed up. All this typing was done on traditional typewriters, not word-processors!

Not everyone had access to phones or motor transport. We relied a lot on personal contact to spread the word, and public transport as well as car-sharing to attend events and meetings.

The highlight of my time as Secretary (1979-83) was that Vanza Mandal got officially registered as a Charity at the Charities Commission. We achieved that without having to use professional legal services. Whilst I handled the correspondence in those days, I had full support and cooperation from Committee Members, in particular Pravinchandra Makwana (who was the Treasurer) and Mahendra Mandalia (who was the Assistant Secretary).

I am very grateful to them for their active support.



Best Wishes to Vanza Mandal
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From Late Mr Harilal Mulji Kamothi
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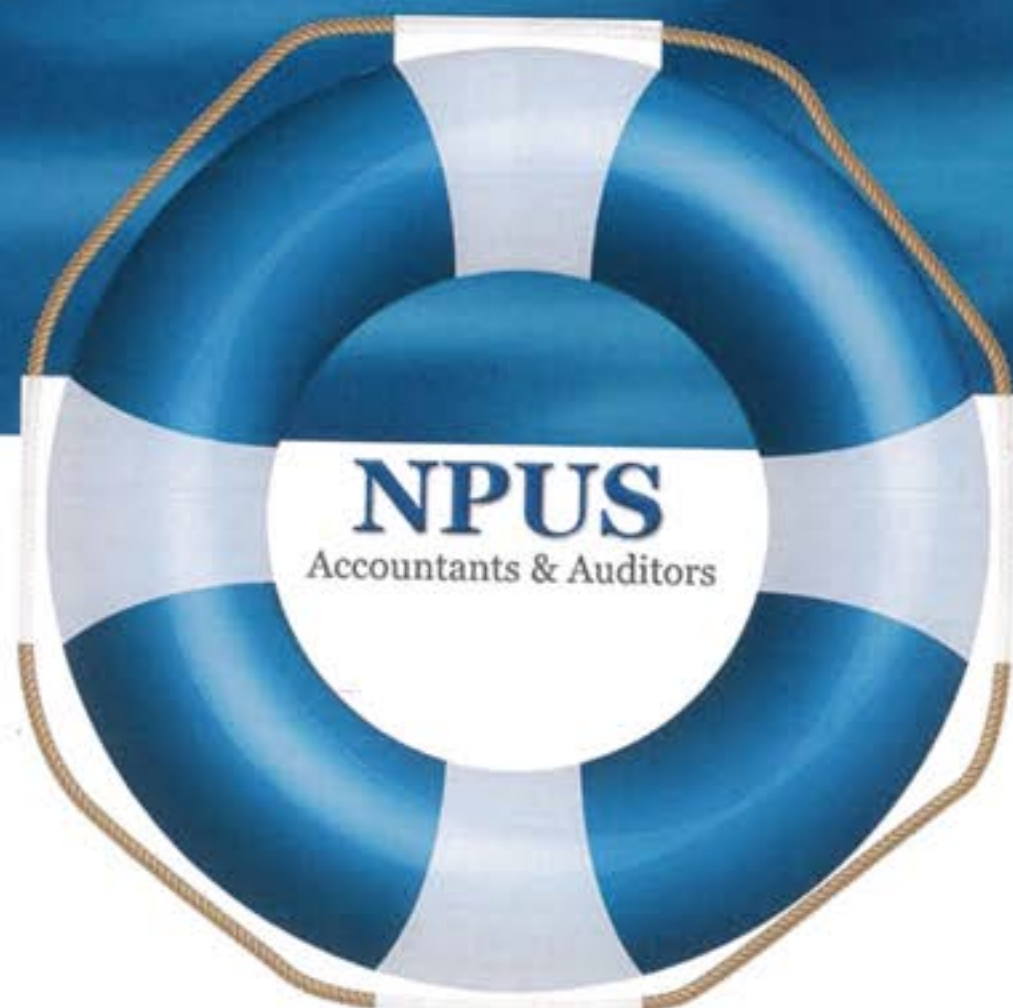
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Name: Shobhanaben Pithiya
Favourite TV Programme : Saathiya, Naamkaran
Favourite Film : Mother India/ Few Dollars More
Favourite Actor./ Actress : Feroz Khan/ Clint Eastwood
Madhuri Dixit/ Farah Fawcett Majors

When did you first get involved with Vanza Mandal & What Roles did you play :
I have only recently got involved with the Mandal, I have been a volunteer attending and helping
with religious events, and now I am a committee member.
What is your favourite Vanza Mandal Event and what is your fondest memory:
My favourite event is Hanuman Chalisa and my fondest memory is the year we did a Garbo
with our elders. They really got involved and inspired us. In the same year we also participated
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Name: *Nareshbhai Pithia*

Favourite TV Programme : *Laurel & Hardy*

Favourite Film : *Sholay / Good The Bad & The Ugly*

Favourite Actor./ Actress : *Amitabh Bachan / John Wayne*

Mumtaz / Sophia Loren

When did you get first involved with Vanza Mandal & What Roles did you play :

I have been involved more or less from the beginning mainly as a volunteer helping out at functions and more recently actively involved with the Committee and as the head of Vanza Mandal Support, providing support to our elders

What is your favourite Vanza Mandal Event and what is your fondest memory:

My favourite event is Navratri, I remember when the hall used to be full and there was this one occasion Sharad Poonam in 2012, the atmosphere was great everyone was enjoying themselves. I also have memories of taking part at Diwali functions and many years ago before LEDs came out I made a circuit light display using odd bits. These were all hand made by myself and were used as decorations at Navratri and Diwali.



Name: *Himatlal Popatlal Vaghela*

Favourite TV Programme : *Siya Ka Ram & The Chase Is On*

Favourite Film : *Honey I Shrunk The Kids / Sholay*

Favourite Actor./ Actress : *Arnold Schwarzenegger/ Amitabh Bachan*

Deepika Padikone/ Kate Winslet

When did you first get involved with Vanza Mandal & What Roles did you play :

I have always been involved as a volunteer but became a committee member in the early 90's and now I am a volunteer and one of the musicians at Navratri

What is your favourite Vanza Mandal Event and what is your fondest memory:

My favourite events include Navratri and the atmosphere is fantastic. My fondest memories is the Vanza Mandal 25th Anniversary, I was involved from the beginning being part of the Sub-group and also playing a key role as one of the organisers. I have also enjoyed certain functions like the time when my wife Pushpa and myself were involved in the Navratri Fancy Dress and the time we participated in the Garbo at one of the Diwali events. That was a unique item one that will never be repeated and I thank my fellow participants.



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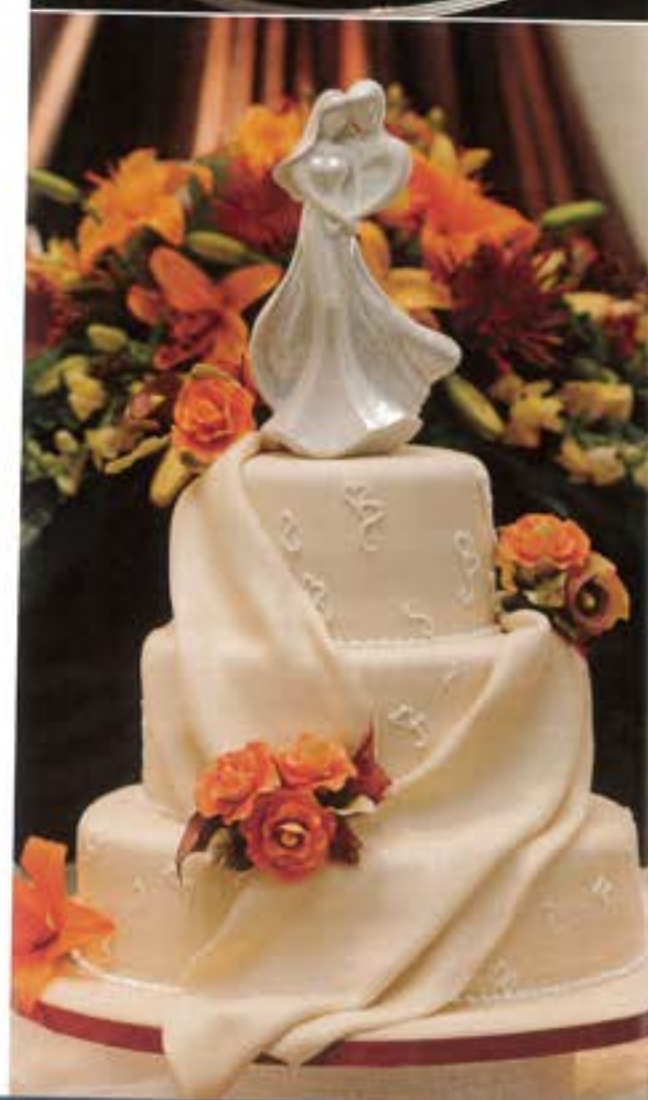
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Pradip Dharamshi Solanki Former President

40 years of Vanza Mandal. It was just yesterday I recall

Gordhanbhai Ladha Solanki, my father, Dharamshibhai Virji
Solanki and others talking of setting up the Mandal.

Today we taste the fruits of all the hard work our elders had put
in. Against all odds including the language barriers, transport and
so on.



We went from core events to indoor/outdoor sports activities to disco parties of the 80s organised by
then our young generation like my brother Vinodbhai (Peter as many knew him), Dilipbhai Amershi
Bharakhda and many more. Then in the 90s came seaside trips to long weekend trips to Disneyland
Paris with the blessing of Maa Hingraj I had the opportunity for Gnathi seva firstly as a committee
member then as Assistant Secretary over seeing our Vanza Mandal Silver Jubilee celebration. Then in
2008/09 my seva in the capacity of the President of Vanza Mandal with the grace of Guru Goplal
and Maa Hingraj we managed to bring change with management committee elections being
conducted every 3 years thus bringing stability and steady progress plus the introduction of gift aide to
benefit our Mandal financially.

Due to family commitments I stepped down only to serve our Mandal in the capacity of vice president.
So much we, as the extended Vanza family have achieved.

I take this opportunity to wish all at Vanza Mandal a very happy 40th, may Maa Hingraj & Guru
Gopalal bless each and every one of us with unity, strength and energy to progress further in harmony
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ઝોલની કુંક હો કે મચુરના ટટુકા, હમેશાં તમને જોયા છે
ખિલેલા ફૂલ ની વચ્ચે ભરમાં તમને જોયા છે

પૂનમની ચાંદની રાતે હમેશાં તમને જોયા છે
"ઉષા" ના આગમનની સાથ, હમેશાં તમને જોયા છે.



આંખમાં
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તમે આવવાના છો એ કહેવાતુ હોય છે આંખમાં
તમે આવી રાક્ષ્યા નથી એ સહેવાતુ હોઈ છે આંખમાં

દિલ અને દીમાગના આચાર દેખાય છે આંખમાં
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નીન્દ્રાની ગોદમાં સપના દેખાય છે આંખમાં
"ઉષા" ના આગમને ઉમંગ છલકાય છે આંખમાં

જાઉ છું આજે મગર આવશે કોઈ બીજો અહીં
મારા દિલની વાતને દોહોરાવશે કોઈ બીજો અહીં
ના ગમ ના ખૂશી ના કોઈ રંજીશ અહીં
"ઉષા" નો ઉજાસ પ્રસરાવશે અહીં બીજો કોઈ



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I remember the early days of 1975 and 1976 and conversations my Late parents Bhovan Kara Nandha and Jeveriben Bhovan Kara Nandha were having with other relatives and other community members of Vanza's; they would have talked about setting up a community centre here in East London, cause of the journey to North London, it was getting difficult to travel there and back. In the year 1976 now 40 years ago a group of people, ladies, gentlemen including my parents formed a community called Vanza Mandal.

It started off with small donations from our community members and in addition to this families of East London were very helpful making donations at various religious events like Shivratri, Janmastmi, Ramnaumi, Diwali. and many other functions. Vanza Mandal began to go from strength to strength. especially with the valuable input from our Youth. Who will continue to work with the older generation and take us into the new century.

With the grace of Jai Hingraj Maa, & Guru Gopalal I hope to see Vanza Mandal continuing to shine for another 40 years

Bachubhai Bhovan Kara Nandha



Name: Vinodbhai Jivan Bhundia
Favourite TV Programme : Texas Storage Wars
Favourite Film : Lagaan/ Goldfinger
Favourite Actor./ Actress : Sharukh Khan/ Sean Connery
Hema Malini / Sophia Loren

When did you first get involved with Vanza Mandal & What Roles did you play :

I have always supported the Mandal as a Volunteer and in the 90's I became a committee member and then moved up to being the Treasurer

What is your favourite Vanza Mandal Event and what is your fondest memory:

My favourite event is the 25th anniversary all the planning, organising and taking part. My fondest memory was the Janmastmi event from the 25th when Narendrabhai Davdra carried Avni Davdra as Krishna. There were Kirtans, ticker tape and the whole atmosphere was magic.

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& Family

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Dharamshibhai Devji Mandalia

Dharamshibhai Devji Mandalia was always an active person who got involved with great ideas and how to bring our Mandal on the up and up.

Vanza Mandal was formed in 1976, and was one of the committee members for a few years.

In 1978 he got an idea, and made a great looking Mandvi for our Navratri functions. Few years later, full of ideas, he decided to install a turn table to make our mandvi revolve, and turn 360 Degrees for all around darshan, (1978-to date), a great remembrance.

During his times and involvement with our Mandal from year 70's, to 90's, he had great ideas and vision, he made velvet decorative curtains as wall coverings, Aum, VANZA MANDAL, BHALA PADHARIA, WELCOME, in both Gujarati and English,

Including using sarees to decorate the stage during our Mandals various functions; he made velvet waist coats and "topies" for our Quawali item at one of our Diwali programmes.

He always assisted during our fancy dress days especially his favourite Hasmukhbhai Dodia with his fancy dress

Dharamshibhai passed away in the year 2000, and his sons, Jayantilal and Kishorbhai and their family members took over his legacy, and to date have always been involved with our mandal.

Jayantilal became the president of our Mandal from 2005-2008, and kept our mandal going from strength to strength. Including our very First daily Milk Prasad, during our Navratri Functions.



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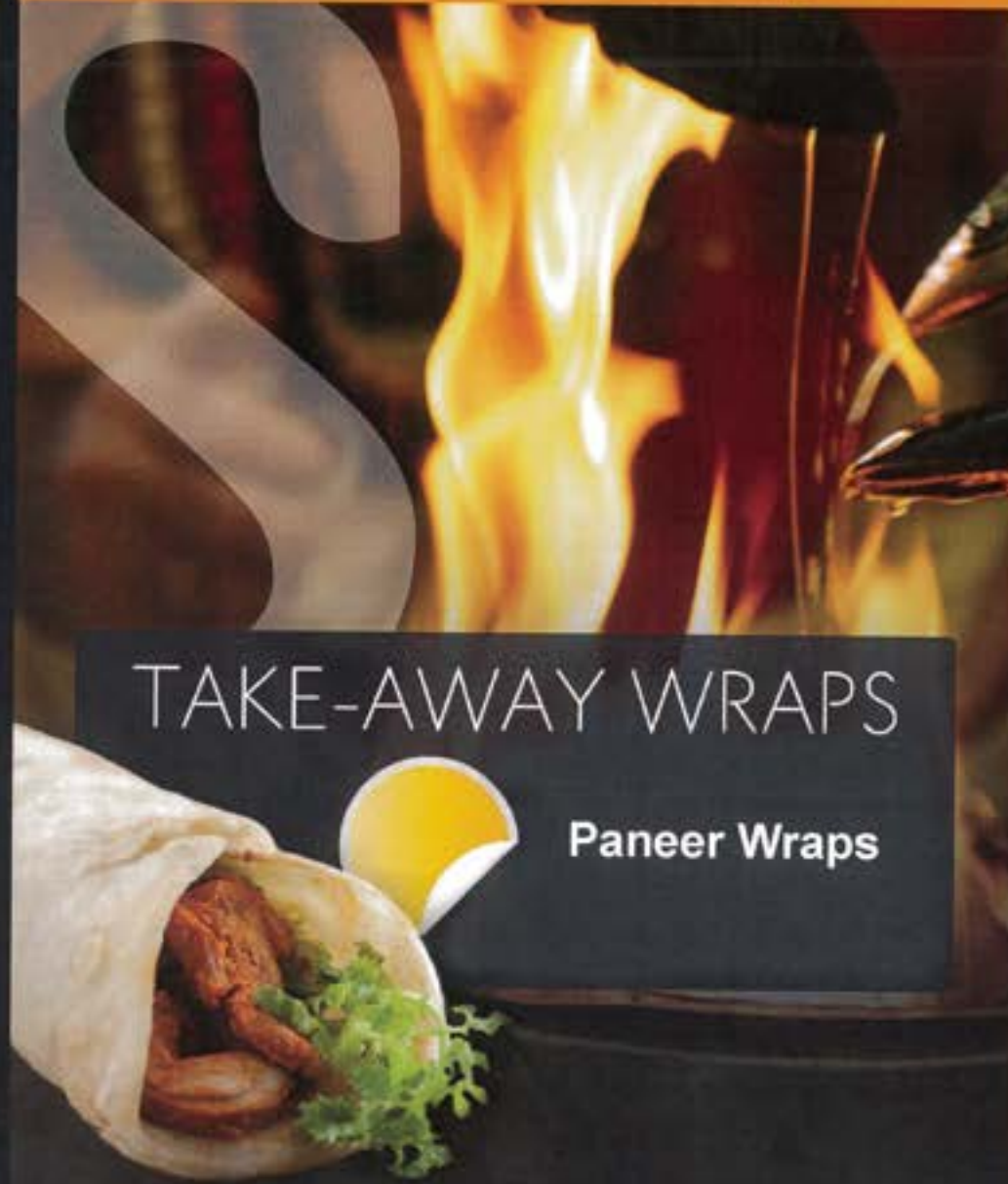


- 1 What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?
- 2 What has 4 eyes but can't see?
- 3 If I have it, I don't share it. If I share it, I don't have it. What is it?
- 4 Take away my first letter, and I still sound the same. Take away my last letter, I still sound the same. Even take away my letter in the middle, I will still sound the same. I am a five letter word. What am I?
- 5 What has hands but can not clap?
- 6 What can you catch but not throw?
- 7 What starts with the letter "t", is filled with "t" and ends in "t"?
- 8 What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?
- 9 If an electric train is travelling south, which way is the smoke going?
- 10 You draw a line. Without touching it, how do you make the line longer?
- 11 How many months have 28 days?
- 12 We see it once in a year, twice in a week, and never in a day. What is it?
- 13 They come out at night without being called, and are lost in the day without being stolen. What are they?
- 14 How do you make the number one disappear?
- 15 What goes up but never comes down?
- 16 What do you call a dog on the beach in the Summer?
- 17 How do Eskimos make their beds?
- 18 Why don't mountains get cold in the winter?
- 20 What did the snowman say to the customer?

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 Favourite Actor./ Actress : *Sharukh Khan/ Martin Lawrence*
Kajol/ Angela Lansbury

When did you get first involved with Vanza Mandal & What Roles did you play :
I have recently got involved helping out and I have been a volunteer on the Vanza Mandal Support Group. I worked with wonderful volunteers and helping those in need

What is your favourite Vanza Mandal Event and what is your fondest memory:
My favourite event is Navratri and my fondest memory is when my bapa took me to the balcony at East Ham Town Hall during Navratri. I still remember the hall fully packed and everyone enjoying themselves

અંધેરી રાતો મેં સીતારો સે મુલાકાત હો ગઈ,
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And some things you have to sacrifice.

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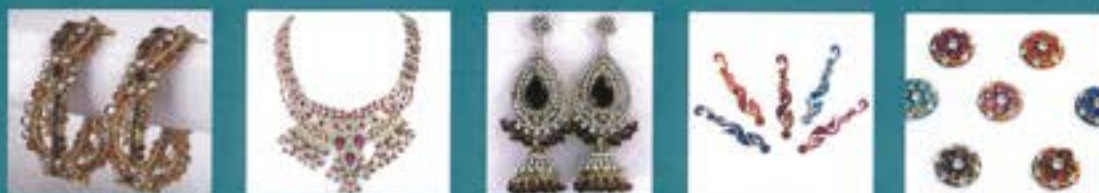
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૪૦ વર્ષ વાંઝા મંડળ

આપણા વાંઝા ભાઈઓ અને બહેનો તથા કુટુંબીઓ ઈસ્ટ આફ્રીકાથી ચુકે આવ્યાં ત્યારે આપણા કુટુંબીજનો કોઈ પણ તહેવાર આવતા તો તેમને ઉત્તર લંડન વેમ્બલી માં જવું પડતું હતું. જતા અને આવતા ઘણો સમય વીતી જતો હતો. પછી આપણા કુટુંબીજનો એ એવો વીચાર ચર્ચા કરી કે આપણે પૂર્વ લંડનમાં આપણી જુદી સંસ્થા હોવી જોયે. ત્યાર પછી એક વરસની અંદર નક્કી કરાયું કે સંસ્થા સ્થાપવાની અને પછી સંસ્થા ની સ્થાપના થઇ. જે વાંઝા મંડળ ઈસ્ટ લંડન તરીકે ઓળખાઇ છે.

ત્યાર પછી જ્યારે આપણા હર વર્ષ આવતા તહેવારોની ઉજવણી કરવી, જેવાકે શીવરાત્રી, જન્માષ્ટમી, રામનોવમી, નવરાત્રી, દીવાળી તથા બીજા તહેવારો અને સર્વ જ્ઞાતી ભાઈઓ તથા બહેનો તરફથી પુરેપુરો સાથ મળવા લાગ્યો અને વાંઝા મંડળ આગળ વધવા માંડ્યું.

જ્યારે આપણા નવજુવાનો કાર્ય કરતાંઓ સાથે મળીને કામ કરવા લાગ્યા તો બધા રાજી થયા કે નવજુવાનો પણ કામ કરવામાં સંકોચ ના થતો. આપણી વાંઝા મંડળની સંસ્થાને નવા દાયકામાં લઇ જશે.

માં હીંગળાજ તથા ગુરુ ગોપાલલાલની કૃપાથી આપણું વાંઝા મંડળ બીજા ૪૦ વર્ષની ઉજવણી કરાય એવી આપણા બધાની પ્રાર્થના છે.

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શ્રી ગણેશાય નમઃ

સર્વદિય સતસંગ મંડળ આ સતસંગ મનહરબા નો હતો આ સતસંગ જવેરબેન ભોવાન કારા નાંઢાં એ ચાલુ કર્યો હતો ઘણા વરસ સતસંગ કંચો ૧૯૮૨ માં જવેરબેન દેવલોક પામયા. પછી મનહરબાએ કીધું કે દેવકુરબેન આ સતસંગ તમે ચાલુ રાખજો. આ સતસંગ ૪૦ વરસથી ચાલુ હતો.



દર વર્ષે રામાયણ નવ દીવસની રાખતા હતા, રામનોમ ઉજવતા હતા, નંદ ઓછવ ધામ ધુમથી ઉજવતા હતા, કીસમસની પાટી રાખતા હતા. આ સતસંગમાં મને બેનુનો સાથ હતો, રંભાબેન ટેક, શાંનતાબેન નાઢાં, ડાહીબેન પરમાર લાભુબેન સોલંકી.

ચંપાબેન વાઘેલા, મધુબેન વાઘેલા અને મંજુલાબેન માંડલીયા આ ૩ બેનુનો મને બહુજ સાથ હતો. બધા કામમાં બહુજ મદદ કરી છે, ૩ બેનુનો હું ખુબ ખુબ આભાર માનું છું. હવે અષ્ટન સેન્ટર બંધ થઈ ગયું તો સતસંગ પણ બંધ કરી દીધો.

દેવકુરબેન પરમાર

Answers to the riddles

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1: The letter M | 11: All 12 months! |
| 2: Mississippi | 12: The letter "E" |
| 3: A Secret | 13: Stars! |
| 4: EMPTY | 14: Add the letter G and it's "GONE" |
| 5: A clock | 15: Your age! |
| 6: A cold | 16: A hot dog |
| 7: A teapot | 17: With sheets of ice and blankets of snow. |
| 8: A palm | 19: They wear snowcaps. |
| 9: There is no smoke, it's an electric train | 20: Have an ice day! |
| 10: You draw a shorter line next to it, and it becomes the longer line | |

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Late Mr Bhovan Kara & Mrs Javeriben Bhovan Kara

Late Mr Mandanbhai Kara & Mrs Javeriben Mandan Kara
Late Mr Laljibhai Mandan & Mrs Dahiben Lalji Mandan
Late Mr Maganbhai Mandan & Mrs Kasturben Magan Mandan
Mr Amratlalbhai Mandan & Mrs Prabhaben Amratlal Mandan
Mr Vithalbhai Mandan & Mrs Hemlataben Bhimji Mandan

Late Mr Bhovan Kara & Late Mrs Javeriben Bhovan Kara
Miss Prabhaben Bhovan Kara
Mr Bachubhai Bhovan & Mrs Shantaben Bachubhai Bhovan
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Miss Prabhaben Bhovan Kara

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Late Lakhman Meghji Vaghela and Late
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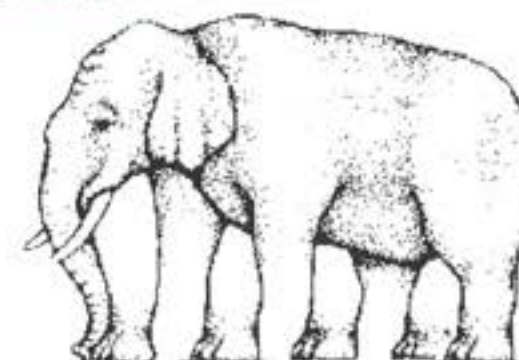
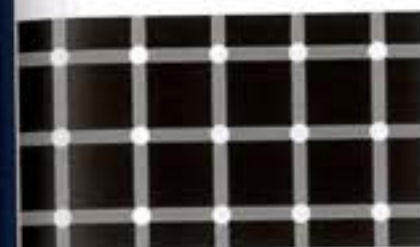
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Alkesh Mohanlal Jivraj and Bhavna Alkesh Jivraj and family

Illusions look at these pictures carefully - what do you see





Jai Gopal

Best Wishes 40th Anniversary to Vanza Mandal.

My 40 year Journey supporting Vanza Mandal ,December 1975 I got married in Leicester and came to London.

1976 Vanza Mandal Navratri started at East Ham Town Hall, since then we as a family attended all the events & took part in all the functions

My children always enjoyed coming to the functions and running around and playing, and this helped them understand our culture. I remember the days when we used to cook at Ilford Town Hall for our Diwali functions. Finally there are many fond memories of Hanuman Chalisa, Christmas parties and seaside trips

Best Wishes from Bharti Makwana and sons and Family

જય હિંગળાજ માં દીપાવલી ગુરુ ગોપાલ લાલકી જય

અંતર એનું આસોપાલવ
આંખો એની જયોત નો વૈભવ
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આજ મુબારક કાલ મુબારક
દરિયા જેટલું વહાલ મુબારક
તમો સર્વને ખુશહાલ મુબારક
મારા તમને સાલ મુબારક

પ્રગટે પ્રીતની ઝગમગતી જયોત
સૌના ઉરમાં આનંદ અપાર
દીપાવલી આવી આજ અને
નુતન વર્ષ ના નવલા રૂપમાં
ભૂલો આજ રાવણના વેરઝેરને
યાદ કરો રામને જેણે સત્ય કેરો દીધો સાદ
પુત્ર પુત્રી ભાતૂ ભગિની મીત્ર સાથેના અંતરના આપણિ
લાગણી ના દુવારને ઉઘાડજો આજે
આવો આજે આપણે સૌ હેતે મળી ઉજવીયે દિપાવલી
અને પ્રેમે કરીયે નુતન વર્ષનું સ્વાગત
પરમાત્માની ઝાંખી કરીયે સત્ય યુગમાં
ભલે આજ માનવ રહે મદમાતો
સદા સર્વદા હસતાં દિપાવલી ના દીપક પ્રગટાવીયે
આનંદ ખુશી ઉત્સાહ ફેલાવીયે
હર કોઈ ને પ્રેમથી ગલે લગાવીયે
આપણે સર્વે રિધ્ધી સિધ્ધી સુખ સંપત્તી જીવન માં પામીયે
ખુદ લક્ષ્મીજી આવી સૌના ઘરમાં સમાઈ જાય
ભૂલથી યે કોઈ સંકટ કે મુશ્કેલી આપણા જીવનનો
માર્ગમાં કદીયે ન આવે એવીજ રીતે દિપાવલીનાં અભિનંદ



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Best Wishes to Vanza Mandal on their 40th Anniversary From

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Chaganbhai Dewji Solanki & Lalitaben Chagan Solanki and family

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Kishorbhai Dewji Solanki & Nilaben Kishor Solanki and family

Ashokbhai Dewji Solanki and family

Ranchodhas Arjan Chudasama & Kantaben Ranchod Chudasama and family

Vinodbhai Naran Chudasama & Manjuben Vinod Chudasama and family



1976 Key Events When Vanza Mandal was established

Indian Prime Minister was Indira Gandhi British Prime Minister was James Callaghan

Popular Bollywood Films

Dus numbari
Kabhie Kabhie
Laila Majnu
Hera Pheri
Bairaag
Balika Badhu
Chitchor
Kalicharan

Popular Hollywood Films

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
All the President's Men
The Omen
Taxi Driver
The Outlaw Josey Wales
Rocky

Popular Musicians and songs

Bay City Rollers
Barry Manilow
Diana Ross
Paul McCartney and Wings
Elton John
Rod Stewart
Queen
ABBA

- Concorde operated by Britain and France enters service cuts transatlantic flying time to 3 1/2 hours
- Apple Computer Company is formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak
- First laser printer introduced by IBM - the IBM 3800
- NASA Unveils first space shuttle, the Enterprise
- An American Panel warns that CFC's Chloro-fluorocarbons used in Aerosol Cans damage the Ozone layer
- The Olympics, broadcast from Montreal, Canada, draw an estimated one billion viewers worldwide.
- Matsushita introduces the VHS home video cassette recorder to compete with Sony's Beta max system.
- Landing Vehicles from the US Spacecraft Viking I and Viking II set down safely on Mars
- Ink Jet Printer USA
- The world's first recorded Ebola virus epidemic begins in Sudan on June 27th
- Palestinian extremists hijack an Air France plane in Greece with 246 passengers and 12 crew. They take it to Entebbe, Uganda, where Israeli commandos storm the plane freeing the hostages
- A Hijacked Sabena Boeing is stormed by Israeli soldiers releasing 100 hostages
- Three Gunmen in the US abduct a school bus with 26 children and the driver near Chowchilla, Calif (all children and driver are saved after they dig a tunnel out of the quarry they were buried in.)
- Rioting breaks out at the Notting Hill Carnival, London, England
- Average rate of 15 rupees to the British Pound
- Brent cross opens

Best Wishes from

Late Mr Vasanji Kanji Pithiya & Late Vajkunverben Vasanji Pithiya

Himatlal Vasanji Pithiya & Shobhana Himat Pithiya

Sudhir Himat Pithiya & Bhavnita Sudhir Pithiya

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Priya Sudhir Pithiya

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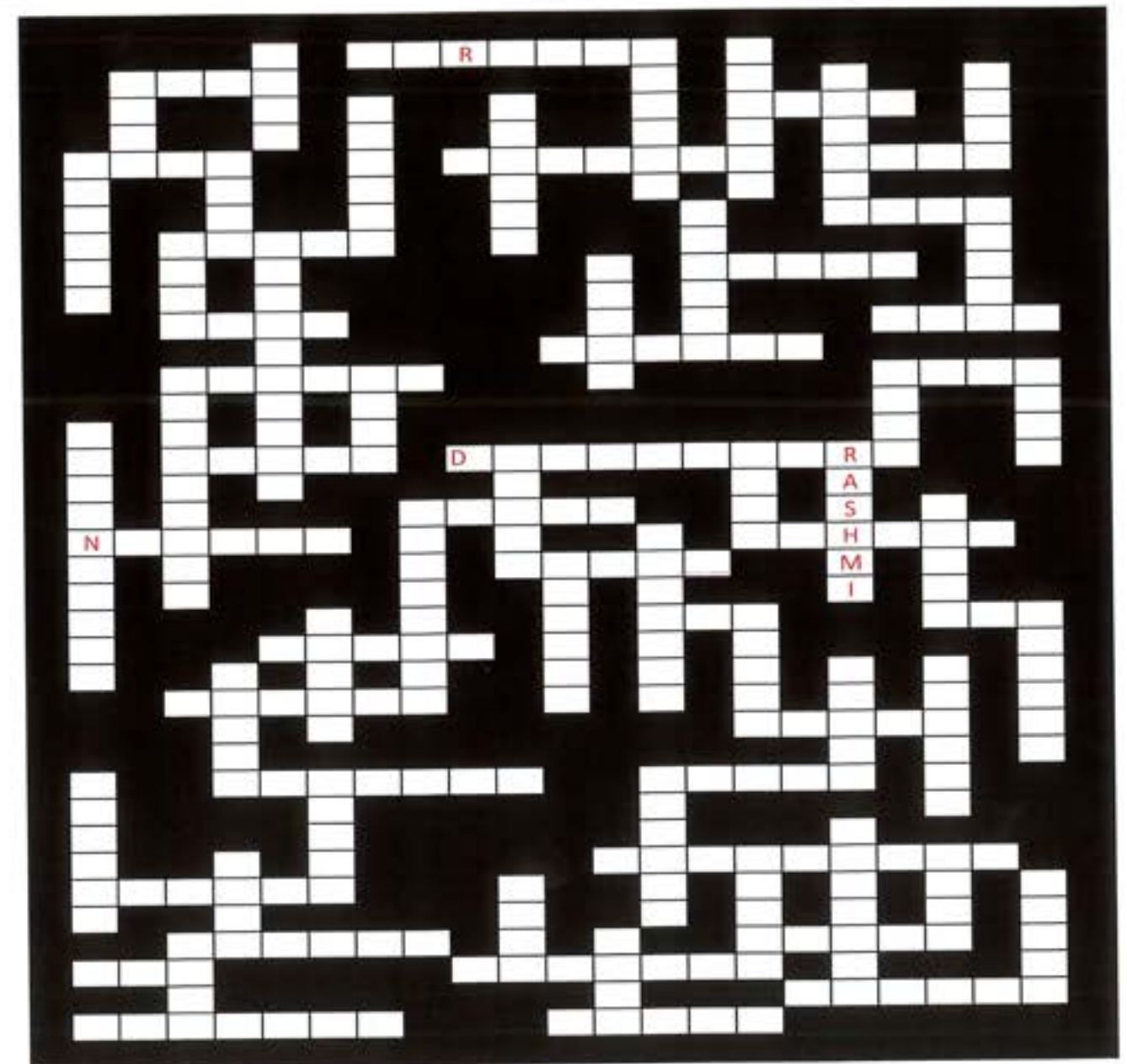
Yaten Himat Pithiya

Amit Himat Pithiya & Dipti Amit Pithiya

Kunal Himat Pithiya & Pretty Kunal Pithiya

Simran Kunal Pithiya

I sleep in the clouds, dream in the sky
I'll keep dreaming as life passes me by,
I think my dreams keep me sane,
I dream of happiness, a life without pain
some people say I'm stuck in this place, and I'll never go anywhere
but in my dreams I've already been there,
I know someday I'll have to wake up,
but I feel the world is more like a nightmare,
I'm safe in my closed eye wonderland,
this poem goes to all the dreamers that understand,
no matter what they say...
keep your dreams but don't dream your life away



Complete the grid using the names below

Three Letters

ANU
ILA
RIA

Four Letters

ABHI	MAYA
AJAY	MINA
ALKA	MONA
ARTI	NILA
ATUL	PUJA
AVNI	RAJU
EKTA	RAVI
GITA	RITA
HEMA	RUPA
KAYA	TARA
LATA	VEER

Five Letters

ANISH	LEELA
ANITA	LEENA
ANJNA	MEERA
ANMOL	MOHAN
ASHOK	NEELA
DILIP	NISHA
HETAL	REKHA
KETAN	VIDYA
KIRIT	VIJAY
KRISH	VIVEK
LALIT	YASHU

Six Letters

ARVIND	MUKESH
ASHWIN	NILESH
BEEJAY	PRADIP
BHAKTI	PRAVIN
BHARAT	PUSHPA
BHARTI	RASHMI
DIMPLE	SHANTI
GITESH	SHOBNA
KISHAN	URMILA
MANISH	VISHAL
MITESH	

Seven Letters

KAMLESH
MANISHA
NAROTAM
NIMISHA
PRADEEP
PRITESH
VIMISHA

8 Letters

KANTILAL

Nine Letters

CHANDRIKA
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