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Patron God of Sindhis

Calendar (Patrika)

APRIL 2023 TO MARCH 2024



Dada Ishwar R Balani
Our founder, inspiration and guide



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This calendar begins after Cheti Chand, the start of the Sindhi New Year. By tradition the events are determined using a lunar calendar. It provides information about important events, highlights the work of the Mission, and honours some of the many people who have enriched our lives through their spiritual, educational, artistic, humanitarian, and intellectual contributions.

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About Sindhi Mandir

Holy Mission of Guru Nanak (London), popularly known as "Sindhi Mandir" and Sindhi Community House, is part of the Mission established by Dada Ishwar Balani in 1971 that aims to meet the **twin principles of Shewa (service to humanity) and Bhakti (devotion to God)**. Today, the Mission has centres in Kolkata, Pune, Khandala and London. The London centre has operated from its base in Cricklewood since 1997. In keeping with core principles, the London centre promotes Hinduism and Sindhi Culture through organisation of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, and distributes information.



We also work to promote good mental and physical health, community inclusivity, and the relief of poverty and hardship. All are welcome, regardless of their background. The range of activities provided by the charity has grown over years and apart from its spiritual activities, it now also provides daily, weekly and monthly activities, and includes activities around music, culture, dance, health and well-being, bereavement support, and a day centre with luncheon facilities, to name but a few.

As a charity we normally rely on income from events and generous donations from our community to help us care for the building, provide regular events and support our community – but this income has fallen drastically due to Covid-19. Your donation, no matter how modest, will always be welcome and greatly appreciated. All donations in the UK qualify for tax relief and are exempt from capital gains tax.



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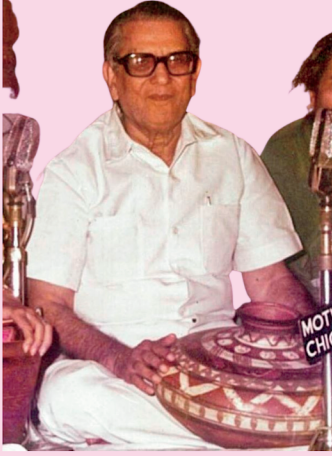
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Prof. Ram Panjwani (1911-1987) Cultural ambassador of Sindhi community

Prof. Ram Panjwani was a renowned singer in the Sindhi folk tradition, an eminent writer who authored 25 books, and educationist who retired as a Professor of Sindhi in Jai Hind College Mumbai. He received numerous awards and honours, and was the first Sindhi to be conferred the Padma Shree. He is credited with giving us the slogan "*Jeko Chavando Jhulelal - Tahinja Thinda Bera Par*".

APRIL 2023

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IMPORTANT DAYS & FESTIVALS

Sat 01	Ekadashi	Sun 16	Ekadashi
Thu 06	Hanuman Jayanti and Satnarain (Full Moon)	Fri 21	Chand (New Moon)
Sun 09	Ganesh Chotth	Sat 22	Akhan Teej



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Kumari Jethi Tulsidas Sipahimalani (1906-1978)

Freedom fighter, legislator and social reformer

Kumari Jethi Sipahimalani played important roles in the Indian independence movement. She was elected twice to the Sindh Legislative Assembly and in 1937, and became its first woman Deputy Speaker. Following partition in 1947, she played a significant role in rehabilitating Sindhi refugees in India. She setup a number of housing complexes in Bombay Presidency, housing thousands of Sindhis stranded in the military barracks.

MAY 2023

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IMPORTANT DAYS & FESTIVALS

Mon 01	Ekadashi	Sun 21	Chand (New Moon)
Wed 03	Gurdev Dada Chellaramji Birthday	Mon 22	Khandala Ashram Anniversary
Fri 05	Buddh Purnima and Satnarain (Full Moon)	Tue 23	Guru Arjan Dev Shaheedi Gurburab
Mon 08	Ganesh Chotth	Thu 25	Swami Teorram Mahraj Anniversary
Mon 15	Ekadashi	Wed 31	Nirjal Ekadashi



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Sant Bhagat Kanwar Ram (1885 - 1939)

Sufi mystic, singer and poet

Bhagat Kanwar Ram was a legendary Sufi mystic who inspired and was widely respected by both Hindus and Muslims. He promoted the values of humanity, love, peace and harmony through the singing of compositions of thinkers such as Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai, Sachal Sarmast, Sami, Mira and Kabir.

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IMPORTANT DAYS & FESTIVALS

Sun 04	Satnarain (Full Moon)	Mon 19	Chand (New Moon)
Wed 07	Ganesh Chotth	Thu 22	Swami Teooram Mahraj Birthday
Wed 14	Ekadashi	Thu 29	Ekadashi



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Popati Hiranandani (1924-2005)

Sindhi writer and educator

Popati Hiranandani was an inspiring Sindhi feminist, activist, writer, poet, and educator. She authored more than sixty books, written in Sindhi, and made significant contributions to Sindhi literature before and after the partition of India. She graduated with a distinction in Sanskrit from Banaras Hindu University in 1943. Amongst her numerous awards were the Sahitya Akademi Award (1982), Woman of the Year Award (1988), and the Gaurav Puraskar (1990).

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IMPORTANT DAYS & FESTIVALS


Mon 03	Guru Purnima and Satnarain (Full Moon)	Thu 13	Ekadashi
Thu 06	Ganesh Chotth	Wed 19	Chand (New Moon)
Wed 12	Pujya Dada Jashan Vaswani Anniversary	Sat 29	Ekadashi



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Dada Ram Bulchand Jethmalani (1923-2019)

India's finest criminal lawyer

Dada Jethmalani was a legal legend. He fought his first case at the age of 17 in the court of Sindh. He is remembered for his fearless, timeless and unfading contributions in the making of legal jurisprudence in India. As one of the finest legal minds in India, he used his extraordinary talents to uphold human rights, crusade for justice, and tirelessly campaign against corruption in high places. He also fought most of his cases on a pro-bono basis (nominal or no fee).

SEPTEMBER 2023

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IMPORTANT DAYS & FESTIVALS

Sat 02	Teejri	Sat 16	Chand (New Moon)
Sun 03	Ganesh Chotth	Tue 19	Ganesh Chaturthi
Wed 06	Thadri Sataii (Big)	Sat 23	Maha Laxmi Sagra (to tie)
Thu 07	Janamashtmi	Mon 25	Ekadashi
Sun 10	Ekadashi	Fri 29	Shradhs (start)



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Dr Lakhumal Hiranand Hiranandani (1917 - 2013)

An otorhinolaryngologist, social activist and philanthropist

Dr Hiranandani was an otorhinolaryngologist with a strong social conscience. He pioneered surgical techniques which later came to be published in "Dr. Hiranandani's Operations". He was a recipient of a Golden Award of the American Academy of Otolaryngology, the first Indian to receive the honour. The Government of India awarded him the third highest civilian honour of the Padma Bhushan, in 1972, for his contributions to medicine and society.

OCTOBER 2023

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IMPORTANT DAYS & FESTIVALS

Mon 02	Ganesh Choth and Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	Sun 22	Durga Ashtmi
Fri 06	Maha Laxmi Sagra (to untie)	Mon 23	Navaratri's end
Sat 09	Ekadashi	Tue 24	Dussehra
Sat 14	Shradhs (end)	Wed 25	Ekadashi
Sun 15	Navaratri (Navaratri's begin)	Sat 28	Sharad Purnima, Satnarain (Full Moon) and Swami Sarvanand Maharaj
Mon 16	Chand (New Moon)		



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Dada Chellaram (1904 - 1964)

Scholar, public servant and spiritual master

Dada Chellaram was a qualified lawyer, who after the partition of India served in the Ministry of Defence in New Delhi. He was an accomplished scholar with a formidable command of Sikh scripture. True to long-standing Sindhi tradition, he took inspiration teachings enshrined in Shri Guru Granth Sahib, and inspired others through kirtan. In 1958, he established Nirgun Balak Satsang Mandal, and a series of religious centres. He was the spiritual guide of Dada Iswhar Balani, the founder of Holy Mission of Guru Nanak.

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IMPORTANT DAYS & FESTIVALS

Wed 01	Bhagat Kanwar Ram Sahib Anniversary	Thu 23	Ekadashi and Tulsi Vivah
Mon 06	Swami Leela Shah Mahraj Anniversary	Fri 24	Guru Teg Bahadur Shaheedi
Thu 09	Ekadashi	Sat 25	Sadhu T.L. Vaswani Birthay
Fri 10	Dhanteras	Sun 26	Pujya Maa Hari Devi Vaswani Birthday Guru Nanak Sahib
Sun 12	Diwali, Laxmi Pooja	Mon 27	Birthday and Satnarain (Full Moon)
Tue 14	Chand (New Moon) and Bhao Bheej	Thu 30	Ganesh Chotth
Mon 20	Prof. Ram Panjwani Birthday and Gope Ashtmi		



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Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai (1689–1752)

Mystic Sindhi sufi poet

Shah Abdul Latif is widely considered to be the greatest Sindhi poet. His collected poems were assembled in the compilation *Shah Jo Risalo*. After he passed away, a mausoleum was built over his grave and this became a popular pilgrimage site for those inspired by him and is considered to be one of the most important place in Sindh.

DECEMBER 2023

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IMPORTANT DAYS & FESTIVALS

Fri 08	Ekadashi	Tue 26	Anniversary of London Mission and Satnarain (Full Moon)
Thu 14	Chand (New Moon)	Sat 30	Ganesh Chotth
Fri 22	Ekadashi and Geeta Jayanti		



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Sucheta Kripalani (1908 - 1974)

First woman chief minister of free India

Sucheta Kripalani was a fearless freedom fighter during the Indian independence struggle. She then became one of the first few women parliamentarians in independent India. Her political roles included membership of the UP Provincial Parliament (1950-52), two successive Lok Sabhas (1952-56, 1957-62), and Minister of Labour, Community Development and Industry (1960-1963). In 1963 she became Chief Minister of the state - the first female Chief Minister of an Indian State.

JANUARY 2024

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IMPORTANT DAYS & FESTIVALS

Sun 07	Ekadashi	Sun 21	Hemu Kalani Anniversary and Ekadashi
Fri 12	Swami Vivekanand Birthday and Chand (New Moon)	Thu 25	Satnarain (Full Moon)
Sat 13	Lal Loe / Lohri	Mon 29	Ganesh Chotth
Sun 14	Makrant Sankranti	Tue 30	Mahatma Gandhi Anniversary
Tue 16	Sadhu T. L. Vaswani Anniversary		



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Bhagwanti Navani (1940 - 1986)

Sindhi actress and singer

Bhagwanti Navani was a highly accomplished singer and actress. Often called the "Sindhi Koel" due to her melodious and sweet voice, Bhagwanti Navani was known for her work in Sindhi-language music and films. She acted in many Sindhi plays and famously appeared as the lead actress in the Sindhi film "Sindhu-a-Je Kinare". She is most remembered for her singing of "Sukhmani Sahib" in Sindhi which is still part of daily life of many Sindhi homes.

FEBRUARY 2024

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IMPORTANT DAYS & FESTIVALS

Tue 06 Ekadashi

Tue 20 Ekadashi

Sun 11 Chand (New Moon)

Sat 24 Satnarain (Full Moon)

Wed 14 Basant Panchmi

Wed 28 Ganesh Chotth



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Dada Ishwar R. Balani (1922 - 2004)

Our founder, inspiration and guide

Dadaji came from a wealthy family, but inspired by his guru Dada Chellaram, abandoned a life of comfort to embrace one of simple living and devotion to Gurbani. Dadaji later started Holy Mission of Guru Nanak, opening centres in Kolkota, Khandala, Pune and finally Sindhi Community House in London.

MARCH 2024

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IMPORTANT DAYS & FESTIVALS

Tue 05	Rev. Dada Ishwarji Balani Anniversary	Wed 20	Ekadashi
Wed 06	Ekadashi	Sun 24	Holika
Fri 08	Maha Shivratri	Mon 25	Holi and Satnarain (Full Moon)
Mon 11	Chand (New Moon)	Thu 28	Ganesh Chotth

Note: Cheti Chand in 2024 falls on Tuesday 09 April 2024



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