



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2019		Day 31	Month 12	Year 2019
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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Sri Gangamata Gaudiya Math

Other names charity is known by

The Bhakti Yoga Centre

Registered charity number (if any)

1123514

Charity's principal address

631 Forest Road

London

Postcode

E17 4NE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rakesh Guran	Chair		
2	Ly Luft	Secretary, Treasurer		
3	Denise McFarland			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 1 January 2008 Amended 1 September 2010
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed and reappointed at the General Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To create a spiritual and cultural community centre. To promote a positive consciousness through healthy living workshops and courses on Vedic philosophy. A place that encourages all sections of the community to get together (different age groups and cultural backgrounds etc.) to promote harmony and respect based on a spiritual understanding.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

We are a spiritual, cultural community centre with weekly programs covering two main themes:
Education and Healthy Living

Education:

- educative and informative workshops on ancient Vedic wisdom
- music workshops
- art workshops
- children workshop

Healthy Living:

- cooking courses
- food distribution
- yoga courses
- meditation

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

An innovative and inspiring new approach to the years events. We re-categorised the Vedic programs to Sat Sang, Special Events and Festivals. We addressed the desires of the community to honour the special Vedic Vaisnava festivals according to their popularity. We then facilitated by arranging the programs in one of the categories depending on their attendance, i.e. a popular festival like Janmastami came in the category of festival and we hired a hall to facilitate that attendance.

We changed the name of the Vedic discussion, to Sunday Sat Sang. We found this to be more catchy and in trend at the moment in yoga circles and alternative groups. We noticed that during the year we had an increase in the Sat Sang attendance and similarly in the Special Events and Festivals. The popularity of the Vedic philosophy and spirituality has become a main part of our activities. In due respect to this we decided to add "religious activity" to the charity classifications.

The Friday night meditation and Kirtan night has developed into an exciting "Friday Night Experience". Every Friday there is a different event or program/workshop, namely spiritual poetry, arcana workshop, japa meditation, cooking workshop, Kirtan, guided meditation and Jaiva dharma workshop.

This proves to keep a lively interest from the community and a regular attendance of people who come, knowing something will be happening. We give refreshments and a light meal.

This year yoga has had a lot more regular attendance. We also had enquiries for a week day program which we decided to do every Tuesday.

The children's program was originally an idea to engage the children in learning and participating in the Sunday Sat Sang program. This had good results at first but the children became more unruly as other children joined the group. It proved to become a difficult situation to control them and we soon realised that we needed a trained teacher and more of a regulated structure to engage them. Some of the children were older and need facilitating for in a different way. There has been a proposal to engage the children in a workshop style, art based, educational course. The workshops will carry the theme of the timeless teachings of the Ramayana. We have been encouraging for this. There is definitely a requirement at the centre for this. The project proposed by a member of our community is being very nicely researched and formulated. She is looking at a running time of 7 months with different activities relating to the topic. She will use drama, art, writing etc. to convey the children's concepts, being high lighted. Then they will present it to the Sunday Sat sang group.

The "Food for All" program has given a feel good factor in the community and also for everyone involved. It began as a program to promote healthy living and vegetarianism and it has naturally evolved with our own awareness into a spiritual sharing of prasad (spiritually sanctified food stuffs) and to promote an increase into awareness about our body and the environment. Everyone is happy to keep this as a regular event in the calendar.

Regarding the Indian retreat project. After thorough investigation into building temporary structures as a way to use the land in India for our purpose of a retreat centre, it was decided upon that this was not a practical option. The severe weather conditions and lack of suitable plumbing for waste water and sewage etc. caused us to re-think. Eventually we were able to retrieve the original contribution for the development by donating the land to a known charity in the area and accepting a cash donation from them in return. The subsequent funds were deposited into the Gangamatas account in December 2019.

The 5 day 'Gurudeva Tirobhav Festival ' was held in December 2019. Planning and arrangement for the festival was excellent. All needs and requirements were graciously provided for by the staff and volunteers and it was a massive success. This was the first time that we hired a centre with a hall, kitchen facility and accommodation for up to 75 people. The charity provided meals 3 x a day workshops, class, arati's, kirtan, etc.. People were inspired to such an extent it was spoken about by many of the attendees to have a similar place to hold regular programs and events. It proved there was a big necessity for the whole community to get together for events such as this. It strengthened peoples sense of family and community, relationships and responsibility. It was a good introduction for us in a practical sense to appreciate what facilities we would need for a future project like this and also to inspire the community to give on a regular basis to help financially for this. We look forward to researching the possibilities of having a retreat centre in the UK.

All in all we have observed a natural growth in all areas from different programs and projects to an increase in attendants and subsequently a need for an extra staff member. We are also taking into account the increase in desire for programs more inline with the Vedic teachings and pure spiritual philosophy.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F

Other optional information

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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

L. Luft

Full name(s)

Ly Luft

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date 13/04/2020



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name			No (if any)			CC16a
Sri Gangamata Gaudiya Math			1123514			
Receipts and payments accounts						
For the period from		Period start date	To		Period end date	
		01/01/2019			31/12/2019	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership (regular donations)	5,742	-	-	5,742	6,162
Bank (one off) donations	10,138	-	-	10,138	11,259
IZettle donations	3,360	-	-	3,360	612
Cash donations	62,070	-	-	62,070	41,265
Interest	3	-	-	3	1
Remuneration from the land in India	35,000	-	-	35,000	-
Gift-aid donation	14,024	-	-	14,024	13,527
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	130,335	-	-	130,335	72,825
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	130,335	- 0	- 0	130,335	72,825
A3 Payments					
Insurance	195	-	-	195	278
Paid staff	28,000	-	-	28,000	17,100
Friday workshops	4,220	-	-	4,220	4,050
'Food for all' program	9,660	-	-	9,660	10,700
Sunday Sat Sang	10,085	-	-	10,085	8,330
Sunday Yoga	1,820	-	-	1,820	910
Sunday children workshop	2,570	-	-	2,570	3,255
Centre Advertisement	1,700	-	-	1,700	1,800
Event advertisement	2,150	-	-	2,150	2,235
Special Events	9,500	-	-	9,500	-
Festivals - food & general	8,020	-	-	8,020	10,640
Festivals- decorations, drama preps, staff	910	-	-	910	1,320
Festivals- Venue hire	745	-	-	745	-
Paypal payment	36	-	-	36	-
Workshop - teacher training	500	-	-	500	2,000
Gurudeva Tirobhav - venue deposit	200	-	-	200	-
Kench Hill Charity, Gurudeva Tirobhav	2,450	-	-	2,450	-
Transferwise, P6832989, book printing	- 0	-	-	-	2,230
LBI Sundry Debt	- 0	-	-	-	145
Kids club	- 0	-	-	-	500
Kids drama club	- 0	-	-	-	800
Lalita's sewing club	- 0	-	-	-	190
Sub total	82,760	-	-	82,760	66,483
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	82,760	- 0	- 0	82,760	66,483
Net of receipts/(payments)	47,575	-	-	47,575	6,342
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,342	-	-	15,342	9,000
Cash funds this year end	62,917	-	-	62,917	15,342

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	L. Luft	Ly Luft		12/04/2020



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Sri Gangamata Gaudiya Math

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2019

**Charity no
(if any)**

1123514

Set out on pages

Receipts and Payments accounts

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken 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 statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: S Vera

Date: 13/04/2020

Name: Satyavati Devi Vera

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Address:

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.