

## Mr Raj Dhanlall to lead the Hindi Shiksha Sangh South Africa



### हिन्दी शिक्षा संघ का नया प्रधान मंत्री

#### श्री राज धनलाल

Mr Raj Dhanlall is no stranger to the Sangh family. Previously he served the Sangh in the capacity of an ordinary member, then to the position of Treasurer and President. He also leads the Midlands Branch of the Sangh.

Being associated with the Sangh for over twenty years, he fully understands the workings of the Sangh – its vision and mission. Together with him, he has a team the HSS Board of Management, the HSS Executive Committee with its various sub-committees which includes the Academic, Broadcasting, Reception, Cultural Finance, Regional, Finance and Administration committees. His full-time profession is a Chartered Accountant in partnership with Price Waterhouse and Coopers.

The Executive Committee comprises of the President: Shri Raj Dhanlal, Vice President: Shri Naresh Amichand; Treasurer: Shri Rajend Ramkelawon, Secretary: Shrm Shamla Dukhan and one member from the Board, Shrm Shereen Behadar.

The Board of Management comprises of the Executive plus Shrm Devika Madaree (Facilitator: Academic Committee); Shri Rajeev Pattundeen, Shri Prashant Hemraj, Shrm Sharda Phillip, Regional Directors: Shri Rakesh Cheddie (Midlands), Shrm Mala Pursad (Durban Central), Shrm Mala Ramballi (South Coast), Shrm Tara Sirikissoon (North Coast) and Shri Heeralall Sewnath (Gauteng). The Chief Operations Officer is Shri Rajesh Lutchman.



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### Coronavirus Pandemic

#### WHAT IS IT

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is an infectious disease caused by a new virus. The disease causes respiratory illness (like the flu) with symptoms such as a cough, fever, and in more severe cases, difficulty breathing.

#### HOW IT SPREADS

Coronavirus disease spreads primarily through contact with an infected person when they cough or sneeze. It also spreads when a person touches a surface or object that has the virus on it, then touches their eyes, nose, or mouth.

#### WHAT TO DO

Maintain social distancing and practise good hygiene as set out by the World Health Organisation (WHO) in conjunction with your local government laws set out.

- \* Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub.
- \* Practise and maintain social distancing  
Keep at least one metre of distance between yourself and a person who is coughing or sneezing.
- \* Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Once your hands are contaminated, the virus can be transferred through your eyes, nose or mouth where it enters your body.
- \* Don't cough or sneeze into your hands. Cover your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Don't forget to throw away the tissue immediately.



## The Academic Committee Year End Assignment Report Back

### हिन्दी शैक्षिक समिति

श्रीमती शैरीन बिहारदर इस समिति की मुख्य थी। कोरोनाविरुस के कारण वार्षिक हिन्दी परीक्षा नहीं हो पाई।

Shrimati Shereen Behadar was the programme committee for the Academic Committee. Unfortunately for her the rapid spread of the Covid 19 virus set "new norms" for all of us. Hence, she with her committee agreed of setting assignments for grades Prathmik to Prichay instead of formal examinations. The Vishaarad to Kovid assignments will be set for March 2021.

Her approach to an alternative method of testing the students is laudable in that she tried to maintain the study ethics and ensure that a year was not lost. The results of the assignments will be assessed whether a student could go on to their next level of study in 2021? To the surprise of many, students enjoyed the new approach as these assignments were to be completed at home in their own time and that they could refer to their textbooks in completing these assignments achieving 100% pass rate. It augurs well for the future to consider certain grades on this system or also consider students who may want to be assessed on their yearly assignment work. It creates room to explore and adopt alternate methods of assessing our students. In the next academic year Shrm Devika Madaree will be the Academic Facilitator and we wish her well in her new post. Thank you Shrm Shereen Behadar for your innovative outlook into the academic work of the Sangh, and for the historical achievements over the last two years, and we wish you well in the future. The table below reflects Junior Grades 360 students from different patshalas

PATSHALA	PRATHMIK	PRARAMBHIK	PRAKASH	PRADEEP	PRAVESH
Ballito Hindi Bol	3	2			
Benoni - Gauteng					1
Brindhaven - Verulam		2		1	
Chamakte Sitare - Gauteng	1				
Centurion - Gauteng		10			1
Durban Hindu Temple	11	3	6	12	7
Dakshin Pranth			3	1	
Gitanjali Hindi Patshala	5	2			1
Hindi Vidya Umhlanga	2	1	1	1	
Hindi Pracharni Sabha Newcastle	3	2			
Isipingo Dharam Mandir					5
Isipingo Hindi Sabha	1	2	4		
Jaagruti Hindi Patshala	10	5	2	3	4
Kendra Hindi Patshala	4	15	5	13	8
Ladysmith Shree Radha Krishna Patshala			4		
Lower Tugela Hindi Patshala	2		3	1	
Merebank Woonathee Sabha					2
Midrand - Gauteng	6	2			1
Plessislaer Arya Samaj	2	4	1	1	
Sanathan Veda Dharma Sabha - Pmb	1	1	1	1	1
Phoenix Hindi Patshala			3		3
Randburg - Gauteng	3	1		3	
Raisethorpe Arya Samaj		1	2	1	1
Reservoir Hills Hindu Seva Samaj	1	5	7	7	10
Sanskruiti Vidya Bhavan		1			
Shallcross Hindu Sabha	6	2	1	7	6
Shree Ramayan Sabha				1	
Shri Vishnu Arena Park				1	
Shri Vishnu Sea Cow Lake			1		2
Shree Radha Krishna Temple La Mercy	10	8	12		
Shri Siddh Data Ashram Trust SA	5	3			
Shri Vishnu Temple PMB	6				
Sanatha Veda Dharma Sabha - Springs - Gauteng			1		
Veda Dharma Sabha - Verulam	2	3	3	6	1
Vishwaroop Hindi Patshala	9	3	3	1	1
Independent Students			2		1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>56</b>

### सौरभ तुम बेकार

वक्त पड़े तो फूल हम, दीखते समझदार ।  
कह दी सच्ची बात तो, सौरभ तुम बेकार ॥

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बस अपनी ही हांकता, करता लम्बी बात ।  
सौरभ ऐसा आदमी, देता सबको घात ॥

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जिसने सच को त्यागकर, पाला झूठ हराम ।  
वो रिश्तों की फसल को, कर बैठा नीलाम ॥

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दुश्मन की चालें चले, रहकर तेरे साथ ।  
सौरभ तेरी हार में, होता उनका हाथ ॥

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मन में कांटे हैं भरे, होंठों पर मुस्कान ।  
दोहरे सत्य जी रहें, ये कैसे इंसान ॥

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सौरभ मन गाता रहा, जिनके पावन गीत ।  
अंत वही निकले सभी, वो दुश्मन के मीत ॥

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वक्त कराएं हैं सदा, सब रिश्तों का बोध ।  
पर्दा उठता झूठ का, होता सच पर शोध ॥

प्रियंका सौरभ (रिसर्च स्कॉकवित्री)

### प्रियंका सौरभ

रिसर्च स्कॉलर, कवयित्री, स्वतंत्र पत्रकार एवं स्तंभकार,  
उब्बा भवन, शाहपुर रोड, सामने कुम्हार धर्मशाला,  
आर्य नगर, हिसार (हरियाणा)रभ

### चलना जीवन सार

समय सिंधु में क्या पता, डूबे; उतरे पार !  
छोटी-सी ये ज़िंदगी, तिनके-सी लाचार !!

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पिंजड़े के पंछी उड़े, करते हम बस शोक !  
जाने वाला जायेगा, कौन सके हैं रोक !!

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पथ के शूलों से डरे, यदि राही के पाँव !  
कैसे पहुंचेगा भला, वह प्रियतम के गाँव !!

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रुको नहीं चलते रहो, जीवन है संघर्ष !  
नीलकंठ होकर जियो, विष तुम पियो सहर्ष !!

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दुःख से मत भयभीत हो, रोने की क्या बात !  
सदा रात के बाद ही, हँसता नया प्रभात !!

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चमकेगा सूरज अभी, भागेगा अँधियार !  
चलने से कटता सफ़र, चलना जीवन सार !!

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काँटे बदले फूल में, महकेंगे घर-द्वार !  
तपकर दुःख की आग में, हमको मिले निखार !!

### डॉ० सत्यव्रत सौरभ,

रिसर्च स्कॉलर इन पोलिटिकल साइंस, दिल्ली यूनिवर्सिटी,  
कवि, स्वतंत्र पत्रकार एवं स्तंभकार आकश्रिवणी एवं टीवी  
पर्सोनिस्ट,

हिन्दी की ज्योति जलती रहे  
हिन्दी की ज्योति जलती रहे



# Nations unite for Diwali celebrations in KwaNongoma

Conelia Harry

This year's Diwali celebrations at the Osuthu Royal Palace in KwaNongoma was a historic gathering, showcasing unity in marking the Festival of Lights and the 160th anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in SA.

The king of the AmaNdebele Kingdom, King Makhosonke Mabhena, joined in this year's festivities and attended the event hosted by the President of the Sivananda World Peace Foundation, Prof Ishwar Ramlutchman Mabheka Zulu, and His Majesty, King Goodwill Zwelithini KaBhekhuZulu.

Adhering to Covid-19 lockdown regulations, the sixth annual event was held under strict measures with limited numbers.

But it brought together different nations, cultures, ethnic groups, religions and communities to promote social cohesion and unity.

In his address, His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini KaBhekhuZulu said the coming together as a nation is very historic in a free and democratic country.

I want to wish all of you who are celebrating the Festival of Lights here in the kingdom and around the world a happy Diwali.

'For Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists, lighting the lamp, the diya, is an opportunity to remember, even in the midst of darkness, that light will ultimately prevail.

'Knowledge will defeat ignorance and compassion will triumph over despair.

'During this time we embrace one another with love and this must endure beyond the days of festivities.

'Deepavali is a great unifying force.

'Those with a keen inner spiritual ear will clearly hear the voice of the sages, 'O children of God, unite, and love all'.

'The concept of unity in diversity is a strong principle which is being promoted among our people.

Our multi-cultural and multi-religious community must flourish and aim towards unity as one nation.

'Living in a diverse rainbow nation, with many religions, cultures and rituals, it is imperative that we learn to respect others and their beliefs.

'We must consider the wide world as our home and all people in it as our brothers and sisters,' said King Zwelithini.

King Makhosonke Mabhena said it was breathtaking to note and experience the wonderful work of King Zwelithini KaBhekuzulu and the Sivananda World Peace Foundation to promote peace, work together and in instill a spirit of charity in the hearts of the people.

'What delights me more about this festival is to note that this year's celebration will also highlight the 160 years since the arrival of indentured labourers from India to the shores of KwaZulu-Natal.

This festival provides all of us with an opportunity to learn more about the hardships and struggles the indentured labourers faced during those trying times.

'History teaches us that learning more about people makes it easier for us to gain a better understanding of each other and cohabit better,' King Mabhena said.



His Majesty King of AmaNdebele Nation, King Makhosonke Mabhena, His Majesty, King Goodwill Zwelithini KaBhekhuZulu, and Prof Ishwar Ramlutchman Mabheka Zulu



His Majesty King Goodwill Zwelithini KaBhekhuZulu and Prof Ishwar Ramlutchman Mabheka Zulu opening the Diwali celebrations at KwaNongoma

Sivananda World Peace Foundation founder, Prof Ramlutchman, paid his respects to King Zwelithini and said he had been the most consistent voice and campaigner for peace and unity among his people.

'This occasion marks a special moment in the history of our province and our country at large, as we come together here at this holy ground, the Royal Palace of His Majesty the King.

'It is historic for me, because when I say 'Isilo samabandla onke' it means that His Majesty is the king of all of us and this is a practical demonstration of our king embracing us as his children and subjects of the Kingdom of KwaZulu-Natal,' said Ramlutchman.

'The spiritual and physical oneness we all share with this common homeland explains the depth of the pain we all carried in our hearts as we saw our country tear itself apart in terrible conflict.

We saw it spurned, outlawed and isolated by the people of the world precisely because it had become the universal base of the practice of racism and racial oppression.

'This is the true spirit of reconciliation as peace and harmony have dawned over our country.

'We call for tolerance of all religious and cultural activities undertaken by all in this beloved country.

'Accept each one as a brother, sister or a child of God, and together we can stand united and let peace prevail on our sacred soil of South Africa,' said Ramlutchman.