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Biennial General Meeting

22 August 2026

14h00

नमस्ते
(Namaste)

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17 July 2026

TO: All Hindi Shiksha Sangh Affiliates, Members and Pathshala Teachers and Administrators

NOTICE OF BGM 22 August 2026

You are cordially invited to attend the Hindi Shiksha Sangh Biennial General Meeting as scheduled below:

DATE: Saturday 22 August 2026
TIME: 14h00 to 16h30
VENUE: Kasieprasad Pattundeen Hindi Centre, 30 Oak Avenue, Kharwastan

BGM - Agenda

1. Prayer and Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Credentials
4. Confirmation of Agenda
5. Minutes of AGM – 2025
 - 5.1. Adoption of Minutes
 - 5.2. Matters arising
6. Correspondence
7. Reports
 - 7.1 Presidents Report
 - 7.2 Secretarial
 - 7.3 Education
 - 7.4 Broadcast
 - 7.5 Regional Reports
 - 7.5.1. Natal Midlands
 - 7.5.2. KZN Coastal
 - 7.5.3. Gauteng
 - 7.6 Finance and Audited Financial Statements
8. Amendments / Additions to Constitution
9. Elections
 - 9.1. Election of Office Bearers (Justice R. Nirghin is the Electoral Officer)
 - 9.2. Election of General Board Members
 - 9.3. Appointment of Auditors
10. Brief Address by Incoming President
11. Presentation of Incentives to Pathshalas that wrote examinations.
12. Closure

Prem Namaste



Mala Ramballi

Hon. Secretary

HINDI SHIKSHA SANGH S.A.

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Date: 23 August 2025

Time: 14h15

Venue: Kasieprasad Pattundeen Hindi Centre

30 Oak Ave, Kharwastan

ZOOM options were also available

Attendance

No	Name	Affiliated Pathshala	Notes
1	Baboo Brijlall	Hindi Vidya Umhlanga	
2	Beena Sudu	Vishwaroop Hindi Pathshala	
3	Mala Ramballi	Isipingo Hindi Sabha	
4	Geetha Harideo	Saraswathie Mahilla Mandal	
5	Mala Pursad	Durban Hindu Temple	(14h50)
6	Nalini Ramrethan	Sri Vishnu Temple PMB	
7	Niksha Dhanlall	Jaagruthi Hindi Pathshala	
8	Pt Hanuman	Raisethorpe Arya Samaj	
9	Rajish Lutchman	Arya Yuvuk Sabha (AYS)	
10	Rakesh Chedie	Plessislaer Arya Samaj	online
11	Ranisha Mothilal	Kendra Hindi Pathshala	
12	Rekha Bennideen	Rekha Bennideen	online
13	Sanam Singh	SKRT	
14	Simi Sharma	Gitanjali Hindi School	online
15	Sharmila Seetal	Suriaprakash Hindi School	
16	Usha Devi Harikaran	VDS Verulam	

	Other Volunteers and Visitors	
17	Joe Harilal	Hindvani
18	Kanthi Devi Sarjoo	BOM
19	Sathisha Madhanlal	HVP
20	Shireen Mewa	Hindvani
21	Sew Hanuman	Sri Vishnu PMB
22	Omelia Maharaj	MGI
23	Champa Bositsumune	Jaagruthi Hindi Pathshala
24	Vrishthi Dhanlall	Jaagruthi Hindi Pathshala
25	Raj Dhanlall	HSS BOM
26	Naresh Amichand	HSS BOM
27	Neeran Besesar	Hindu Maha Sabha
28	Jay Ramnarain	Hindvani
29	Shamella Ramnarain	Hindvani
30	Sanam Singh	HSS BOM
31	Yash Maharaj	Visitor
32	Prathna Singh	Visitor
33	Shobha Beerbal	HSS Reception
34	Shiksha Seebran	HSS Reception
35	Malthie H	Visitor

36	Nundhlall Rabilal	Hindvani
37	Moiria Rabilal	Hindvani
38	Ashmika Foolchand	Hindvani / MGI
39	Aradhna Ramballi	MGI
40	Ashish Hanuman	Visitor
41	Mala Ramchunder	MGI
42	Nikhiel Ramchauder	Visitor
43	Kiara Ramchunder	Visitor
44	Niran Ramchander	Visitor
45	Ranita Sudu	Visitor
46	Priya Sudu	Visitor
47	Nishal S	Visitor
48	Anup Ramrethan	Visitor
49	Seetal Ramrethan	Visitor
50	Praneetha Mohanlal	Visitor
51	Rani Thilakdhari	Visitor
52	Hollie Harikaran	MGI
53	Manzil Harikaran	MGI
54	Mala Persad	Visitor
55	Sunny Persad	Visitor
56	Brij Maharaj	SAHMS / HSS Broadcast Comm. online
57	Yakeen Atwaru	HSS BOM

1. Prayer

Pt Ranishaji Mothilal commenced the proceedings with prayer

2. Welcome

The President, Sri Naresh Amichand, welcomed all and thanked everyone for being present. He indicated that the meeting would be in 3 parts:

1st HSS AGM

2nd Presentation of certificates to candidates who successfully completed the Mahatma Gandhi Capacity Building programme

3rd Presentations to Ashok Kumar Dhanishwar and Clarissa Kisten
Awardees: Caxton Best of Durban Readers Awards

3. Apologies:

Rajend Ramkhelawan

Pt. Shardha Rani Philips

Kishore Singh

Rajeev Pattundeen

Dr and Mrs Harilal

Nishani Laldeo

Prabodh Vedalankar

Brij Ramballi

Rubene Ramdass

Mohil Bandulal

4. The President confirmed that the meeting was quorate, together with those who were present and those who joined online.
5. **CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**
No Amendments to the Agenda were recorded
Moved by Pt Rabilal and seconded by Rakesh Chedie
6. **BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING 31 AUGUST 2024 MINUTES:**
These minutes were shared prior to the meeting.
Adoption
Moved by Baboo Brijlal and seconded by Nalini Ramrethan
Matters Arising
No “Matters Arising” were recorded
7. **CORRESPONDENCE**
There was no correspondence apart from apologies.
8. **CONSTITUTION**
No amendments were recorded
9. **REPORTS:**
9.1. President’s Report
The President read his report. All other reports were taken as read.
9.2. Financial Report
This report was presented by Ranisha Mothilal (Assistant Treasurer)
Ranishaji Mothilal indicated the following:
9.2.1. 2025 financial statements were compiled externally by
R Ramdas of CYL Services (Pty) Ltd
9.2.2. The auditors for the 2025 financial year were BDO South Africa Inc. The audit is complete, and an unqualified audit report has been proposed.
9.2.3. Due to the timing of the conclusion of the reporting process, the Board of Management meeting to formally approve the financial statements could not be constituted in line with the Sangh’s Constitution. Accordingly, a Special General Meeting will be held to present the audited set of financial statements.
9.2.4. A Special General Meeting will be convened by the Sangh on 13 September 2025 at 14h00 to approve the Audited Financial Statements
9.3. **Acceptance of Reports**
Moved by Geetha Harideo
Seconded by Rakesh Chedie
10. **NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES**
The following individuals were nominated to fill in the HSS Property Trust Trustee vacancies:
Mr. Bridgerajh Ramballi
Mr. Prabodh Vedalankar.
Their names will be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the HSS Property Trust Trustees.
Moved by Rakesh Chedie and seconded by Rekha Benideen.
11. **AUDITORS**
It was suggested that we retain the services of BDO.
Moved by Baboo Brijlal and seconded by Geetha Harideo
12. **GENERAL**
No further items were recorded
13. **CLOSURE**
The meeting ended with Shanti Mantras that were recited by Pt Mala Ramballi at 15h00.

Executive Snapshot

Purpose:	Report on the Sangh's academic, operational, broadcast, regional, property and financial activities for 2024–2026.
Mandate:	Preserve, promote and advance Hindi language, culture and values in South Africa.
Overall message:	The Sangh remains active, resilient and community-centred through committed teachers, volunteers, regions and broadcast platforms.
Forward focus:	Grow learners, strengthen teaching quality, modernize operations, improve infrastructure and prepare for the 80th anniversary in 2028.

Key Highlights

Area	Presentation Summary
Education	MGI capacity-building, workshops, oral assessments, prescribed texts, Hindi Bol and national examinations support structured Hindi learning.
Operations	Staffing, volunteers, compliance, data support, regional coordination and administration remain central to delivery.
Broadcast	Hindvani remains a flagship project, with strong on-air presence, outdoor broadcasts, cultural programming, award recognition and studio refurbishment underway.
Regions	KZN Coastal, Midlands and Gauteng continue to grow Hindi education, cultural activity, school support and community engagement.
Finance and Governance	The Sangh remains supported by accumulated funds, external audit processes, compliance focus and prudent oversight.
Property	Maintenance, repairs and building improvements continue, with completed works and key refurbishments in progress.

Strategic Priorities for 2026–2028

- Grow learner enrolment through outreach, regional marketing and stronger parent engagement.
- Develop teachers through MGI partnerships, workshops, mentorship and resource sharing.
- Strengthen conversational Hindi through oral assessments, Hindi Bol and practical language activities.
- Modernize operations through digitization, improved governance systems and technology-enabled communication.
- Expand Hindvani's reach through studio upgrades, audio-visual content, social media and revenue diversification.
- Build regional identity through collaboration, cultural events, youth leadership and community partnerships.

Key Elements

- The Sangh's strength lies in its people: teachers, volunteers, staff, office bearers, sponsors and community supporters.
- Education remains the foundation of every programme, supported by culture, broadcasting and regional participation.
- Hindvani continues to serve as a powerful platform for language, culture, community visibility and income generation.
- Regional growth, especially in KZN Coastal and Gauteng, shows strong potential for learner recruitment and broader national reach.
- The next phase requires focused investment in technology, governance, youth engagement and sustainable income streams.

Closing Message

The Hindi Shiksha Sangh enters its next chapter with a strong foundation, a committed community and clear opportunities for growth. By strengthening education, embracing innovation and deepening community partnerships, the Sangh can continue ensuring that Hindi language and culture remain vibrant for future generations.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Respected Patrons, Honourable Members of the Executive Committee, Management Team, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen, Namaste.

As my term as President of Hindi Shiksha Sangh draws to a close, I must declare with immense gratitude, humility, and pride that serving the Sangh and working with a team of committed Hindi activists, over the past two years has been both an honour and a privilege.



Sri Naresh Amichand
President

This journey has been one of collaboration, commitment, and shared purpose. While the President may provide direction, it is the collective effort of dedicated individuals that transforms vision into reality. I therefore extend my sincere appreciation to our Management Team and every member of the Executive Committee for their unwavering support, dedication, and tireless service throughout this term.

Together, we have celebrated many achievements. We have witnessed encouraging membership growth, successfully hosted numerous cultural and educational events, strengthened our educational programmes, and continued to build a sound organisational and financial foundation. These accomplishments are a reflection of teamwork, mutual respect, and our shared commitment to preserving and promoting the Hindi language, culture, and values.

I would also like to thank our teachers, volunteers, members, sponsors, and well-wishers whose continued encouragement and contributions have enabled the Sangh to flourish. Your commitment remains the cornerstone of our success.

As one chapter concludes, another begins. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected Executive Committee. You assume leadership at an exciting time, supported by a strong foundation and a passionate community. I have every confidence that you will lead the Hindi Shiksha Sangh with wisdom, integrity, and vision, taking our organisation to even greater heights.

Please be assured of my continued support and best wishes as you embark on this important responsibility. May you find fulfilment in serving our community and inspiration in achieving even greater success.

In closing, I thank each one of you for the trust, confidence, and friendship you have shown me during my tenure. It has been a privilege to serve alongside such dedicated individuals. Together, let us continue working towards strengthening our organisation and preserving our rich linguistic and cultural heritage for generations to come.

Thank you, and I wish the incoming Board of Management every success.

Naresh Amichand

**President
Hindi Shiksha Sangh (S.A.)**

Secretarial / Operations Report

Introduction

Prem Namaste!

1. Staffing and Human Resources

1.1. Staffing Details as at 30 July 2026

Currently we have ten (10) personnel on our payroll. Security services and accounting services are outsourced. However, we have an additional approximately 90 volunteers who serve in various capacities. At least 65 members of this team are volunteer radio presenters.

1.2. Leave

Leave is captured on the Sage Payroll system and records are currently up to date.

1.3. Media Interns

Hindvani continues to be an invaluable training platform for media interns. It is always gratifying to see our interns soar in their respective careers after a few years on Hindvani. Our volunteer presenters and interns continue to make their mark in the commercial radio sector by being recruited by both privately owned radio stations and the SABC.

1.4. Consultants

As and when required, consultants in the various fields of expertise are engaged.

1.5. Volunteers

The passion and dedication of our team of volunteers is truly inspiring. From radio presenters, to members of the reception committee, Hindi School teachers, members of the various sub - committees, trustees and board members, there exists a warm camaraderie based on mutual respect and driven by a passion for Hindi. We also take this opportunity to welcome all the new members to the team. We look forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with all. There are never enough words to thank this incredibly wonderful team for their efforts.

1.6. New Affiliates

We welcome the new affiliates who have joined in January 2026. We also acknowledge the establishment of the recently launched Gauteng region as well as the recently restructured KZN Coastal Region.

2. Education Programme

Kindly refer to detailed report by our Academic Chair.

2.1. Jharna Series /Kavya Sangrah

We continue to use the Jharna series as our prescribed text-books. The new publication “ Hindi Kavya Sangrah “ has been included as a prescribed text from 2025.

2.2. Assessments 2026

In our pursuit to enhance consistency, quality and sense of purpose, formal examinations are compulsory for all students. The proposed examination dates are:

2.2.1. Junior Grade	25 October 2026
2.2.2. Senior Grade	24/25 October 2026

2.3. Data

The Sangh continues subsidizing data for students and teachers who have applied for such assistance.

2.4. Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI)

The 2nd phase of the MGI Capacity Building course for S A Hindi teachers is scheduled to commence in Sept 2026.

2.5. Cultural Festivals

The annual cultural celebrations continue to be a popular format to celebrate our Hindu heritage, culture and Hindi language.

2.6. Affiliates and Pathshala Teachers

We are eternally grateful to our pathshalas and Hindi teachers who have, with serious determination, continued valiantly with the teaching of Hindi, our core mandate. This year, in order to streamline some of our work, the Durban Central, Durban North and, Chatsworth and South Coast have been amalgamated in what is now known as the KZN Coastal Region.



Mala Ramballi
Secretary

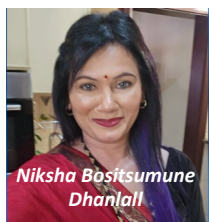
2.7. List of Current Affiliates as at 31 July 2026

No	KZN COASTAL REGION
1	HVP Umhlanga
2	Shree Radha Krishna Temple La Mercy
3	Phoenix Hindi Pathshala
4	Vishwaroop Hindi Paatshala
5	Ved Dharam Sabha (VDS) Verulam
6	Durban Hindu Temple
7	Sanskriti Vidya Bhavan
8	Clare Estate Shiv Temple Hindi Pathshala
9	Kendra Hindi Pathshala
10	Isipingo Hindi Sabha
11	AYS ABH
12	Gitanjali Hindi Pathshala
13	Shallcross Hindu Sabha
14	Shri Vishnu Arena Park
15	Suriaprakash Hindi Pathshala
16	Sri Luxmi Narayan Mandir
17	Moorton Hindi Pathshala
18	Merebank Woonathee Sabha
19	Divya Shakti
20	Taal Music
21	Saraswathie Mahilla Mandal
22	YAS Clairwood
	MIDLANDS
23	Jaagruti Hindi Pathshala
24	Shri Vishnu Temple PMB
25	Plessislaer Arya Samaj
26	PMB Sanathan VDS
27	Arya Samaj Mt Partridge
28	Raisethorpe Arya Samaj
29	Shriyukt Hindi Pathshala
30	Escort Hindi Pathshala
	GAUTENG
31	Randburg Hindi Pathshala
32	Centurion Hindi Pathshala
33	Sanathan Shakthi Society

2.7. Conferences



Devika Madaree



Niksha Bositsumune Dhanlall



Rekha Bennideen

Smt. Devika Madaree, Smt. Niksha Bositsumune Dhanlall and Pt. Rekha Bennideen represented the Hindi Shiksha Sangh (S.A.) at the Regional Hindi Conference (Africa) at Ains Shams University, Cairo. The theme for the conference was "*Hindi for cultural connectivity and cooperation from the Ganges to the Nile*". Our Vice President, Sri Raj Dhanlall also accompanied the team to Cairo.

The conference was a gathering of Hindi educators, linguists cultural ambassadors from all over Africa. The commitment to Hindi beyond the borders of India was both inspiring and educational. Each delegate brought unique perspectives shaped by their own countries' teaching environments. The exchange of ideas, teaching methodologies and cultural insights made the conference both enriching and thought provoking.

Our delegates were invited to present papers on topics that underpinned the need for one to study Hindi in the 21st Century. The team felt that the exchange of ideas, teaching methodologies and cultural insights made the conference both enriching and thought provoking.

The team also appreciated the sense of connection- connection to language, to culture, and to people. It reinforced the idea that Hindi is not just a language but a bridge that unites communities across borders. According to the team, beyond the conference, Egypt, as a country, itself added a magical dimension to the experience. The country's rich historic, iconic landscapes and warm hospitality created indelible memories.

This experience has inspired the Sangh to consider co-hosting such an event with the Government of India in the near future. Consequently, dialogue has commenced with the Consulate of India(Durban) which would hopefully bring fruition to the idea.

3 . Meetings and Administrative Matters

There are extensive minutes of meetings on record. The newly adopted bi-monthly OPCO meetings fulfil an important role in line reporting and for the various committees to be timeously updated on the Sangh's operations. Minutes of these meetings are on record. Generally the Head of Operations chairs these meetings

Meetings are generally prescribed by the Sangh's constitution and the approved Year Planner. Other correspondence matters are also timeously attended to. Submissions to ICASA, are up to date. Other administrative functions are managed on a day-to-day basis by the respective personnel, with prudent matters being escalated to Exco for comment and/or strategic guidance.

Thus far, we have been able to comply with the compliance protocols prescribed by the Media Development and Diversity Agency with regard to the grant awarded to HSS.

We are also pleased to report that in 2025, the Durban North, South Coast and Chatsworth and Durban Central amalgamated to form the KZN Coastal region.

4. Hindvani

For a detailed report please refer to Broadcast Report

4.1.Hindvani Management Committee

The committee meets once every month to discuss and give guidance on programming content, resources and to deal with complaints.

4.2. Programming during Religious Events

We are pleased that the full day broadcasts celebrating key Hindu religious festivals seem to have gained traction with listeners. While we are generally guided by the Jagran and Sandhya teams for these events, it is encouraging that organizations such as, South African Hindu Maha Sabha, Sri Sanathan Dharma Sabha of South Africa, Arya Samaj South Africa and other national Hindu organizations now also engage with Hindvani regarding these celebrations.

4.3. Outdoor Broadcasts (OBs)

We use the Cleanfeed Audio Studio software as the interface for our Outdoor broadcasts. The software is dependent on internet. The OBs are critical to enhancing our community presence and thereby improving our marketing potential.

4.4. Presenters

We are fortunate in that our team of competent and dedicated presenters continue to fly the Hindi flag high. This team must be applauded for its consistency, sense of purpose and for making Hindvani an integral part of the lives of tens of thousands of listeners. This is validated by the Best of Durban Awards where Ashok Kumar Dhanishwar was judged best local radio personality, Ashok Kumar Dhanishwar (AKD) and Clarissa Kisten (CK) - 2nd most popular radio breakfast show and Hindvani was judged 2nd as most popular local radio station. Heartfelt congratulations to the team. Well Done!

4.5. Programming

In terms of planning and programme development, while the core elements have remained unchanged, we have been conscious to ensure that the content is relevant and prudent to the changing social dynamics.

4.6. Studio Refurbishment

We are pleased to report that HSS was granted R1,89 million to establish a broadcast and production studio by the Media Development and Diversity Agency. The agreements were signed in May 2026 and we expect the studio to be operational by November 2026.

4.7. Events

Religious festivals and national celebrations are programmed as featured in the broadcast. We also include significant celebrations such as Hindi Diwas that promote the global usage of Hindi. Where possible these programmes are co hosted by HSS and the Durban offices of the Indian Consular Services.

4.8. ICASA

We are reaching the end of the 3rd year of our current licences - both our broadcast and spectrum licences have been renewed by ICASA until August 2030. Hindvani is governed by the rules and regulations as prescribed by ICASA. All submissions to ICASA are up to date. Hindvani enjoys a professional relationship with ICASA. The next prescription is the Programming Meeting that is scheduled for November 2026.

4.9. Revenue Generation Strategic Session 6 June 2026

A successful revenue generation strategic session was convened on the 6 June 2026. The main impetus of the session was to explore how HSS and Hindvani could continue sustaining its operations.

5. Conclusion

We take this opportunity to thank our entire team for their support and assistance over the past two years. We thank Naresh Amichand for his valiant leadership as our President. We extend our gratitude to other members of EXCO, including Raj Dhanlall (Vice President), Rajend Ramkhelawan (Treasurer), Simi Sharma (Hindvani) and Baboo Brijlal (EXCO) for their phenomenal support and assistance during the course of the reporting period. We also place on record our gratitude to Kanthi Sarjoo and Rani-sha Mothilal for their invaluable assistance. Indeed, we salute each member of the various committees and the HSS Property Trust for their commitment to our mandate.

We are confident that our collective efforts will continue to drive the propagation and preservation of Hindi in South Africa. This is becoming more and more daunting, especially since Hindi is hardly spoken here. However, the influence of the Hindi Film Industry and the various devotional songs will always ensure that Hindi will continue to thrive.

[Hindi Bhasha Amar Rahe!!!](#)

Mala Ramballi

Secretary

Rajish Lutchman

HSS Operations

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EDUCATION REPORT

Namaste all.

It is with great pleasure that I submit the Education (Academic) report for the reporting period. The academic programme is an ongoing one since everything that is done at the Sangh is influenced by the teaching and learning of Hindi.

1. Mahatma Gandhi Institute—Mauritius (MGI)

We are awaiting final details to get started with the next phase of the MGI course in September 2026. This year we would like to encourage teachers who teach for the Department of Education and are not affiliated to the Sangh to join this programme, as we see it as a great way to encourage all Hindi teachers to benefit from a qualification from MGI. Final details will be made available in due course. In February 2026, the Sangh sent 4 delegates to MGI (Kanthi Devi Sarjoo, Ranisha Mothilal, Rajish Lutchman and Mala Ramballi) for a 3 day intensive programme to re-design the MGI curriculum for 2026. The recommendation of this team is as follows:

A 15-week engagement with MGI commencing in August / September 2026:

Wek 1,2 & 3	How to establish and use a Google Classroom effectively
Weeks 4 - 9	Methodologies for teaching Hindi to foreign students
Weeks 9 - 14	Enhancing conversational Hindi in elementary grade
Week 15	Assessment and Conclusion

The HSS delegation records its gratitude to the team at MGI, especially Sri Gulshan Sooklal, for the warm hospitality, workshop content and support. In addition, MGI has kindly agreed to retain the tuition fees to USD2 400.00 (Same as 2024). We look forward to another informative engagement with the team at MGI.

2. Workshops

During 2025, several workshops were convened to assist pathshala teachers and students to facilitate the following:

1. A better understanding of the syllabi requirements
2. Preparations for Examinations
3. Preparation for oral assessments

Members of the academic committee drive these processes. In August 2026, a similar programme will be implemented.

3. Academic Programme

After a successful 2025 academic programme, the 2026 year commenced with great promise. While the junior grade classes are managed at the pathshala level, the senior grade is facilitated by members of the academic team. This included:

Grade	Teacher 2025	Teacher 2026
Praveen	Kanthi Devi Sarjoo / Ranisha Mothilal	Kanthi Devi Sarjoo / Mala Ramballi
Parichay	Champa Bositsumune / Rajish Lutchman/ Kanthi Devi Sarjoo	Niksha Bositsumune Dhanlall / Aradhna Ramballi
Visharad	Devina Sewpersad / Sanam Singh	Devika Madaree / Ranisha Mothilal
Kovid	Mala Ramballi	Sanam Singh / Devina Sewpersad

3.1. Oral Assessments

The Oral testing programme in 2025 was successful. All students from Prathmik to Kovid underwent a formal oral assessment. This initiative underscores the Sangh's vision to promote conversational Hindi. The curriculum in 2025 has been adjusted to ensure that teachers spend more time on conversational Hindi.

The 2026 assessment will commence on 12 August 2026. The plan is to do a school at a time. Again there will be three examiners-the teacher, an Academic committee member and one other. The member of the Academic Committee will hand over the marks via email.

3.2. Prescribed Textbooks

Jharna Series (Book 1 to Book 8) are the current prescribed text books. In addition, a selection of poems from Kavya Sangrah is also prescribed. Akshar and Swar Gyan are prescribed for the 1st grade, Prathma.

3.3. Hindi Bol

The programme is being revamped and will be relaunched in 2027

3.4. Examinations 2025

The Sangh's annual Hindi examinations remain the most important element of its academic endeavours. While we acknowledge that post Covid-19 there has been a drop in the number of students opting to write Hindi examinations, the academic team believes that formal examinations are perhaps the best possible tool to measure academic excellence. In 2025, 198 students wrote the national Hindi Examinations. The composite results are as follows:

Grade	No Wrote	No Passed	No Failed
Prathma	61	58	3
Prathmik	41	41	0
Prarambhik	21	21	0
Prakash	19	19	0
Pravesh	19	19	0
Praveen	7	7	0
Parichay	8	8	0
Visharad	11	11	0
Kovid	11	11	0

The 2026 academic programme continues. Both Junior Grade and Senior papers have been set, awaiting moderation.

4. Annual Awards Day

The national annual awards was held on 7 February 2026. It was a wonderful gathering of Hindi activists who celebrated the preservation and promotion of Hindi in S.A. His Excellency, Mr. Niteen Subhash Yeola was the guest of honour. In his message he extolled the value of Hindi now that India is an emerging economic power. He also reflected on the importance of conversational Hindi so the language remains relevant.

At the event, the Sangh also acknowledged the 64 students who wrote Hindi matric examinations in 2025. In addition, all students who came in the top 10 in the junior grade were awarded certificates and the top 3 in the senior grades were also acknowledged.

5. Cultural Events

In 2025, the Hindi curriculum was supported by each region hosting cultural festivals. As always, the interest in these events are always inspiring. It was really gratifying to both young children and older persons celebrating Hindi in various genres, including Poetry Recital, prose recitations, Ramayan, Ved Mantra and Gita excerpts, sketches and the ever popular song and dance items. The dates of these events were as follows:

Region	Date 2025	Dates 2026
Natal Midlands	27 July 2025	26 July 2026
Gauteng	30 August 2025	12 September 2026
KZN Coastal	7 December 2025	6 September 2026

6. Short Stories.

The project regarding the compilation Short Stories by South African Hindi writers is currently on track. The plan is for publication during the Sangh's 80th anniversary in 2028. We once again appeal to all stakeholders to continue submitting their respective short stories.

7. Gratitude

We thank all members of the Academic Committee, staff (Rajishji, Rakeshji and Sabinaji) for continuously striving for excellence in Hindi. With the Sangh's 80th anniversary looming, the following two years are going to be exciting indeed and we look forward to working together with the team.

Hindi Bhasha Amar Rahe

Mala Ramballi
HSS Academic Committee Convenor



Simi Sharma

INTRODUCTION

Hindvani remains the flagship project of the Hindi Shiksha Sangh. While the income generated helps to finance the various educational and developmental projects of the Sangh, it is also a wonderful mass media vehicle that promotes Hindi, Hinduism and several other relevant initiatives. This report serves to inform on the highlights and prudent matters. The year 2025 unveiled several firsts for the station. Hindvani came 2nd in the Caxton Best of Durban Listener's Choice, our breakfast RJ, Ashok Kumar Dhanishwar (AKD) was voted best local radio personality and AKD and Clarissa Kisten (CK) were 1st as co-presenters of the Hindvani Breakfast show

We also take this opportunity to thank members of the broadcast committee for their invaluable guidance during the last year.

1. HINDVANI MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (2025/2026)

The Broadcast Committee comprises the following:

- Simi Sharma (Convenor)
- Naresh Amichand (Invitee)
- Raj Dhanlall (Invitee)
- Prashaan Hemrajh
- Ramu Gopidayal
- Brij Maharaj
- Baboo Brijlall
- Ranisha Mothilal
- Rajish Lutchman (Operations)

2. PAST YEAR RECAP

2.1 Key Achievements & Challenges Summary

- 2.1.1 The past year has seen a 99.8% on air presence.
- 2.1.2 The station continues with the on-air celebrations of various Hindu festivals and religious milestones while also exercising our responsibility to create awareness of National commemorations such as Youth Day, etc. In May 2025, we celebrated Mother's Day with a day long outdoor broadcast at the Durban Blue Lagoon. In 2025 the Song of the Year (SOTY) countdown was held for the first time at an outside venue. Over 1000 ardent Hindvani fans attended the event.
- 2.1.3 Our community engagement meetings where programming challenges and solutions are discussed remain robust and serve as a catalyst for new ideas and broadcast innovation.
- 2.1.4 Our volunteer presenters continue to be the back-bone of our broadcast activities. We are deeply grateful to this magnificent team.
- 2.1.5 Our Outdoor broadcasts continue to be popular both as community engagement and as a revenue stream.

3. LISTENERSHIP STATISTICS

3.1. Audio Streaming

IONO FM is the current supplier of our audio-streaming services. These services can be accessed via the Hindvani website (www.hindvani.co.za) or via our Hindvani App. The app can be downloaded from Google Play or Apple iStore at no cost.

3.2. Audio Streaming Statistics

Listeners average 250 000 hours per month audio-streaming either via the Hindvani App or the Hindvani website as our analytics indicate.

3.3. Broadcast Research Council:

There is no updated research data from the Broadcast Research Council currently available. The last available statistics reflect that on a 7 day average the Hindvani FM listeners numbers 67 000 (2024).

3.4 General

Based on geographic migration patterns, a significant percentage of the Hindi speaking community seems to have moved to Gauteng. It would be advisable for us to concentrate our efforts in aggressively marketing our audio-streaming facilities here.

4. PROGRAMMING

- 4.1 A day long training and development work-shop is being planned.
- 4.2 Empowering our presenters to converse more in Hindi is done on a one-on-one basis
- 4.3 The inclusion of a specific weekly current affairs programme remains popular
- 4.4 Sushmita Budhayee, our full time Hindi News presenter is back, full time, on air.
- 4.5 All ICASA submissions are up to date.
- 4.6 We appreciate the efforts of our technical team to enhance the quality of our programming.
- 4.7 The next programming meeting is scheduled for November 2026.

5. STRATEGIC DECISIONS & CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1. Continue investing in the skills of younger presenters as we cultivate succession planning.
- 5.2. Programming enhancements based on audience preferences .
- 5.3. Technological upgrades and innovations.
- 5.4. Strengthening community relationships and collaborations.

6. THE FUTURE

- 6.1. **Social Media Platforms**
 - 6.1.1. Presenters have already embraced “Tik-Tok” and other live streaming platforms to enhance engagements with audiences. We hope that the new studios will enhance our social media presence.
 - 6.1.2. Hindvani is already monetizing posts from advertisers on the Hindvani Facebook page
- 6.2. **Artificial Intelligence**
 - 6.2.1. Hindvani is currently exploring how AI can be used to enhance its work.

7. THE CAXTON BEST OF DURBAN AWARDS

In 2026 we had several nominations. These include:

Category	Nominee/s
Best local radio personality	Ashok Kumar Dhanishwar (AKD) / Anesh Dusrath / Rohan Premrajh / Vinay Hansraj
Best Local Radio Station	Hindvani*
Best Local Breakfast Show	Clarissa Kisten and Ashok Kumar Dhanishwar (AKD)

* Hindvani was placed 3rd.

8. PROPOSED NEW STUDIOS

- 8.1.1. The Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) has agreed to fund the building of two new studios for Hindvani. The plans are drawn, the suppliers have been confirmed and by the end of November 2026, our new studios should be ready. We place on record our thanks to all stakeholders for their time, effort and wisdom during the course of project.

9 . CONCLUSION

We look forward to continued guidance from members of the Board and HSS Property Trust as we forge ahead in 2026 / 2027.

Simi Sharma

Chairperson

Broadcast Committee



Hindi Shiksha Sangh

Midlands Region:

Regional Director's Report



Smt Niksha Bositsumune
Dhanlall

The 2025 year proved to be yet another successful and productive year for the Hindi Shiksha Sangh Midlands Region. The promotion and preservation of the Hindi Language and north Indian culture in the region, continues to lie at the heart of all our endeavours. In 2025 we have continued our work to keep the flag of Hindi flying high in the Midlands Region through :

1. Coordination and support to the affiliated Hindi Schools
2. Hosting the annual Cultural Day event
3. Collaboration with the Midlands Hindu Society and Consulate General of India Durban for their Holi Celebration
4. Hosting the annual examinations
5. Cultivating a positive media presence in the region

Governance and Administration

The region maintained sound governance practices throughout the year through the regular convening of meetings and active engagement with affiliated schools and stakeholders. These meetings facilitated effective decision-making, planning and oversight of regional programmes and activities.

Meetings Held During 2025

Date	Meeting	Venue	Key Outcomes
05 January 2025	Special Meeting	9 Crowned Eagle Way	Vacancy in the position of Regional Director discussed. Mrs. Niksha Bositsumune-Dhanlall was temporarily elected Regional Director following the departure of Shri Rakesh Chedie to assume duties as Assistant Operations Manager at Hindi Shiksha Sangh S.A
23 March 2025	Council Meeting	TPA Primary School	Operational matters relating to affiliated schools, programmes and regional activities discussed.
04 May 2025	Special General Meeting	TPA Primary School	Election of new Regional Council and Executive Committee
11 June 2025	Cultural Day Planning Meeting	TPA Primary School	Initial planning and allocation of responsibilities for the 2025 Cultural Day.
06 July 2025	Cultural Day Follow-Up Meeting	TPA Primary School	Progress review and finalization of logistical arrangements
20 July 2025	Cultural Day Review Meeting	TPA Primary School	Final preparations undertaken for Cultural Day scheduled for 27 July 2025
01 November 2025	Annual General Meeting	TPA Primary School	Annual reports presented and reviewed. Members deliberated on future priorities and initiatives.
06 December 2025	Council Meeting	TPA Primary School	Review of annual activities and planning for the 2026 programme of action

Election of Office Bearers

At the Special General Meeting held on 04 May 2025, members elected the following Executive Committee to lead the Midlands Region:

Position	Office Bearer
Regional Director	Mrs Niksha Bositsumune-Dhanlall
Assistant Regional Director	Pundita Ishara Lalbahadur
Secretary	Mrs Sohana Roopan
Assistant Secretary	Ms. Sivana Shah Rabikissoo
Treasurer	Mr. Manjith Samlal
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. Pranav Dhanlall
Public Relations Officer	Pundit Krishenchund Ramsaran
Assistant Public Relations Officer	Mr. Anesh Roopan

Representation on the Board of Management

During the year, Mr. Anesh Roopan was appointed as the Midlands Region Representative to the Board of Management of the Hindi Shiksha Sangh S.A.

This appointment ensures that the Midlands Region continues to have representation and input into decision-making processes and strategic initiatives.

Coordination and support to the affiliated Hindi Schools:

The region had the following affiliated pathshalas operating during the 2025 year:

- Jaagruti Hindi Paatshala
- Plessislaer Arya Samaj
- PMB Sanathan Ved Dharma Sabha
- Raisethorpe Arya Samaj
- Shri Vishnu Temple PMB
- Shriyukt Hindi Paatshala
- Mount Partridge Arya Samaj
- Estcourt Hindi Paatshala

Throughout 2025, the region consistently held Council and Executive Committee meetings, including a BGM where a new Council was elected. Niksha Bositsumune-Dhanlall was elected as the Regional Director and Ishara Lalbahadur was elected as Assistant Regional Director.

During the 2025 year consistent efforts were made to support and assist in the re-opening of Hindi schools in various parts of the Region, that had previously stopped operating. This included Estcourt Hindi Paatshala and Ladysmith Hindi Paatshala. Ladysmith Hindi Paatshala has yet to re-open but have indicated that they would like to affiliate to the Hindi Shiksha Sangh when they do.

Cultural Day

The ever-popular cultural day which replaced the eisteddfods of past was well supported once again. Hindvani conducted a live broadcast from the venue in Pietermaritzburg. Many schools indicated that the Cultural Day event is particularly enjoyable as it allows students to engage more with the cultural and spoken aspects of the Hindi language.

Hindi School Examinations

The Hindi school Junior Grade exams were conducted on the 12 October 2025 at the Raisethorpe Secondary School in Pietermaritzburg. The region had thirty-two students that wrote the exams with a 90% pass rate.

The Senior Grade exams were conducted on the 12 and 13 of October 2025 with six candidates from the Midlands Region and a 100% pass rate.

HSS Midlands Region Media Presence

The Region's Facebook page set up in 2023 continues to prove popular in promoting the Hindi language. The content posted reaches out to people throughout the world and find it easier to learn the Hindi language.

The Region's activities are regularly featured in the local daily newspaper, The Natal Witness, as well as the weekly tabloid, the Public Eye, operated by the same publishing group and this is highly appreciated. Events of the Region and its affiliates are regularly given mileage on Hindvani and that is highly impactful and appreciated.

Appreciation

2025 was an eventful year for our region, and we owe it all to the dedicated efforts of the Midlands team. We are immensely grateful to our teachers for ensuring the smooth operation of the Hindi Classes and for preparing students for various cultural events and examinations.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to the Hindi Shiksha Sangh S.A for their unwavering support for our region.

Niksha Bositsumune-Dhanlall
Regional Director



*Pt Shirley Maharaj with
Sohana Roopan at the
PMBSVDS Awards Ceremony*



*Shruthi Chedie with Virekha
Sookhun at the Jaagruti Path-
shala Awards*



*Kavisha Maharaj, Shirley Maharaj, Rani Amichand, Naresh Amichand (HSS President)
Niksha Bositsumune-Dhanlall (Reg. Director KZN Midlands Region), Neerupa Samlal,
Shamola Dasrath (President of Plessislaer Arya Samaj) and Rakesh Chedie at the
Plessislaer Arya Samaj Awards Ceremony*



KZN Coastal Region

BGM REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024-AUGUST 2026



Kanthi Devi Sarjoo

Prem Namaste

It gives me great pleasure to present the KZN Coastal Region Report for the period September 2024 to August 2026.

The past two years have been both challenging and rewarding as we embarked on an important restructuring process within our organisation. Following extensive consultation, the South Coast/Chatsworth Region, Durban Central Region and North Coast Region unanimously resolved to amalgamate into one unified region, now known as the **KZN Coastal Region**.

The Durban Coastal Region was officially established on **5 July 2025** with the following Executive Committee members:

Name	Position
Kanthi Sarjoo	Regional Director
Ranisha Mothilal	Assistant Regional Director
Mala Ramballi	Secretary
Sanam Singh	Treasurer
Beena Sudu	Committee Member
Nishani Laldeo	Committee Member

Affiliated Paatshalas (2025–2026)

The following Paatshalas are affiliated with the Hindi Shiksha Sangh and form part of the KZN Coastal Region:

North Coast

Vishwaroop Hindi Paatshala

Phoenix Hindi Paatshala

Shree Radha Krishna Temple

Hindi Vidya Paatshala

Durban Central

Durban Hindu Temple

Westville Hindu School

Sanskriti Vidya Bhavan

Clare Estate Shiv Temple Hindi Paatshala

Chatsworth / South Coast

Dakshin Pranth Hindi Paatshala

Isipingo Hindi Sabha

Kendra Hindi Paatshala

Divya Shakti Hindi Paatshala

Moorton Hindi Paatshala

Shallcross Hindi Sabha

Yuvuk Arya Samaj

Merebank Woonathee Sabha

Suriaprakash Hindi Paatshala

Taal Music

Saraswathie Mahila Mandal

Regional Highlights

Over the past two years, the KZN Coastal Region has continued to promote the teaching and learning of Hindi through a range of academic and cultural initiatives.

MGI Capacity Building Course

The MGI Capacity Building Course provided teachers with intensive training in modern language teaching methodologies, error analysis, remediation strategies, assessment, and evaluation.

The Durban Coastal Region congratulates all our teachers who successfully completed the course. We are confident that the knowledge and skills acquired will further enhance classroom teaching, inspire learners, and strengthen Hindi education within our schools.

We look forward to the next phase of this initiative, where teachers will have the opportunity to further their professional qualifications and develop specialised skills in teaching Hindi as a second and third language.

Cultural Day 2025

The Durban Coastal Region successfully hosted its Cultural Day on 7 December 2025, which also included the announcement of the final examination results. We had 13 schools participating which was commendable.



Students from Suriaprakash Hindi Pathshala



Sm. Yakeen Atwaru receives the certificates for all learners who were successful in the 2025 Examinations from The President of the Hindi Shiksha Sangh Sm. Naresh Amichand



Smt. Priya Gupta, Vice Consul—Hindi receives a token of appreciation from Smt. Kanthi Sarjoo, the Regional Director Durban Coastal Region.



Kumari Sanam Singh in an invokational dance pose



Students participating in the Gita and Ramayan Paat

This year's Cultural Day is scheduled for 6 September 2026, with 12 schools participating. We eagerly anticipate another memorable celebration showcasing the language, culture, creativity, and talents of our learners.

Oral Examinations

The oral examinations are scheduled to commence later this month. We are proud of the participation of all sixteen affiliated schools in this important assessment process.

The Senior Grade oral examinations will continue until the end of September.

Written Examinations

The Durban Coastal Region is pleased to acknowledge the outstanding performance of our learners in the 2025 Hindi Examinations.

Paatshalla	Prathma		Prathmik		Prarambhik		Prakash		Pravesh
	Ch	Adults	Ch	Adults	Ch	Adults	Ch	Adults	Adults
Kendra Hindi Paatshalla	2		2	1				2	5
Vishwaroop Hindi Sabha		2				1			
Isipingo Hindi Sabha	2				2	2			1
Durban Hindu Temple		1	1	1		1			1
Hindi Vidya Pathshala	1	4	1			2		2	1
Moorton Hindi Paatshala	2			1					
Sanskriti Vidya Bhavan				3				1	
Taal Music			1						
Shri Radha Krishna Temple	1			1		1			

Our sincere congratulations go to every learner who participated in the examinations. We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our dedicated teachers, whose commitment, passion, and countless hours of preparation continue to inspire excellence in Hindi education.

The 2026 Hindi Examinations are scheduled for 24 October (Senior Grade Literature Paper) and 25 October (Junior Grades and Senior Grade Grammar Paper). Throughout the year, the Hindi Shiksha Sangh has organised workshops and support programmes to assist both learners and teachers in preparing for these examinations.

We wish every student the very best for the upcoming examinations and encourage them to continue striving for excellence.

FUTURE PLANS 2026/2027

Looking Ahead: Future Plans for the KZN Coastal Region (2026–2028)

As the Durban Coastal Region continues to grow following the successful amalgamation of the three regions, our focus will be on strengthening Hindi education, empowering teachers, increasing learner participation, and promoting our language and culture within the broader community.

1. Strengthening Academic Excellence

- Increase learner enrolment across all affiliated Paatshalas.
- Improve learner performance through regular revision classes and examination preparation workshops.
- Introduce academic enrichment programmes for high-achieving learners.
- Develop additional teaching resources aligned with modern language teaching practices.

2. Teacher Development

- Continue supporting teachers through ongoing professional development workshops.
- Encourage teachers to complete advanced Hindi teaching qualifications.
- Establish a mentorship programme where experienced teachers guide newly appointed educators.
- Create a regional resource-sharing platform for lesson plans, assessments, and classroom activities.

3. Digital Transformation

- Expand the use of technology in Hindi teaching.
- Develop an online repository of worksheets, videos, lesson plans, and teaching resources.
- Introduce virtual teacher meetings and online learner support sessions where appropriate.
- Explore digital assessment tools to complement traditional teaching methods.

FUTURE PLANS 2026/2027 (contd.)

4. Youth Leadership and Learner Engagement

- Establish a Regional Hindi Youth Forum to encourage leadership among senior learners.
- Organise inter-paatshala debates, spelling bees, quizzes, storytelling competitions, poetry recitals, and public speaking contests.
- Encourage learners to participate in community service initiatives through their Paatshalas.

5. Cultural Promotion

- Expand Cultural Day into a larger regional celebration showcasing Hindi language, music, dance, drama, and Indian heritage.
- Organise additional cultural events throughout the year to celebrate significant Indian festivals and promote cultural awareness.
- Encourage collaboration between Paatshalas to share cultural programmes and best practices.

6. Community Engagement

- Strengthen partnerships with temples, community organisations, and cultural institutions.
- Encourage greater parental involvement through information sessions and volunteer opportunities.
- Promote Hindi learning within the broader community by offering introductory Hindi classes for adults and families.

7. Learner Recruitment and Retention

- Increase awareness of the value of learning Hindi through community outreach campaigns.
- Support affiliated schools in recruiting new learners.
- Develop initiatives to improve learner retention, particularly in the senior grades.

8. Leadership Development

- Identify and mentor future regional leaders to ensure organisational sustainability.
- Encourage younger members to participate in committee activities and regional projects.
- Provide leadership training for Executive Committee members and school representatives.

9. Recognition and Motivation

- Expand recognition programmes for outstanding learners, teachers, volunteers, and affiliated Paatshalas.
- Introduce annual awards for innovation, academic excellence, and community service.
- Celebrate long-service achievements of dedicated teachers and volunteers.

10. Strategic Growth

- Continue strengthening communication among all affiliated Paatshalas.
- Increase collaboration between the North Coast, Durban Central, and Chatsworth/South Coast areas.
- Develop measurable annual goals and regularly monitor regional progress.
- Continue building a unified regional identity founded on collaboration, excellence, and service.

As we reflect on the achievements of the past two years, we recognise that our success has been made possible through the dedication of our teachers, learners, parents, volunteers, Executive Committee members, and affiliated Paatshalas.

Together, we continue to strengthen our shared mission of preserving, promoting, and advancing the Hindi language and Indian culture in South Africa.

Let us continue working together with unity, commitment, and pride so that future generations may continue to benefit from the invaluable work of the Hindi Shiksha Sangh.

May our flag always fly high as we continue our mission to promote Hindi in South Africa.

Namaste

Kanthi Sarjoo

Regional Director

Hindi Shiksha Sangh South Africa

KZN Coastal Region





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Pt Rekha Bennideen

Regional Director's Report – BGM 2026

My Prem Namaste to All

It is my privilege to present the Gauteng Regional Director's Report for the period under review. The Gauteng Region was officially established on 10 May 2025, marking an important milestone in advancing the objectives of the Hindi Shiksha Sangh in Gauteng. Since its establishment, the Region has focused on promoting Hindi language education, strengthening cultural activities, and building partnerships with organisations and communities across the province. It also shares cordial relationships with the Office of the Indian High Commission, the Indian Consulate in Johannesburg and various Gauteng-based religious and cultural organisations.

Hindi Education

The Gauteng Region currently supports three affiliated Hindi schools, namely Centurion Hindi Paatshala, Randburg Hindi Paatshala and Sanathan Shakti Society.

Despite the challenges associated with busy academic, sporting and work commitments, learners have continued to demonstrate enthusiasm for Hindi language studies. We are pleased to report that all learners who wrote Hindi examinations during 2025, passed the exams.

In addition to formal examinations, several learners participate in Hindi language learning, mantra recitation, Ramayan and Bhagavad Gita studies, and other cultural and spiritual activities for personal enrichment only – they are not learning for exam purposes.

Cultural Activities

A significant highlight during the year was the Gauteng Cultural Day held on 30 August 2025. The event served as both the official launch of the Gauteng Region and a celebration of Hindi language and culture.

The programme brought together various organisations, learners, educators and community members. The event received positive support from participants and attracted substantial media coverage, contributing to increased awareness of the work of the Hindi Shiksha Sangh in Gauteng.

Learners from Gauteng also participated in activities organised by the national body, such as the Bhajan Festival in 2024.

Governance and Administration

During the year, considerable effort was dedicated to establishing the administrative and governance structures of the Region. The Region successfully registered a Non-Profit Company (NPC). Subsequently, based on guidance received from Head Office, an application was submitted for registration as a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO). Follow-up engagements continue with the relevant authorities, and we anticipate finalisation of the registration process in due course. Once completed, the Region will proceed with the opening of its bank account.

The Region remains committed to maintaining sound governance practices and ensuring compliance with all organisational requirements.

Finance

There is no Financial Report due there being no bank account. Payments for the Cultural Day were made by the Head Office. These were the only payments made for the year under review.

Community Engagement

The Gauteng Region participated in the 2025 Diwali Festival through a shared exhibition space, providing an opportunity to engage with the broader community and promote awareness of Hindi language education and the work of the Sangh.

Looking Ahead

The Regional Committee has identified the following priorities for 2026:

- Hosting the Gauteng Cultural Day on 12 September 2026.
- Undertaking a community Seva initiative.
- Expanding the promotion of Hindi language learning through enhanced social media outreach and community engagement.
- Strengthening relationships with existing Hindi schools via regular teacher meetings and also personal visits to each Paatshala to motivate learners.
- Supporting initiatives that advance Hindi language, culture and heritage; and
- Strengthening relations with local religious and cultural organisations.

Appreciation

I extend my sincere gratitude to the National Executive, Gauteng Regional Committee members, educators, learners, parents, affiliated organisations and all volunteers for their support, dedication and commitment throughout the year.

Together, we continue to strengthen the foundation of Hindi language and cultural education in Gauteng and contribute meaningfully to the vision and mission of the Hindi Shiksha Sangh of South Africa.

Dhanyavaad.

Pt. Rekha Bennideen
Regional Director
Hindi Shiksha Sangh (SA) – Gauteng Region



HSS President, Sri Naresh Amichand hands over a token of appreciation to His Excellency, Sri Prabhat Kumar while Gauteng Regional Director, HSS Gauteng Regional Director, Pt. Rekha looks on



Recipients of the MGI Certificates in Gauteng, Smt Pranitha Leckram, Pt Rekha Bennideen and Sri Yakeen Atwaru with Pt Mala Ramballi (HSS Secretary) and HSS President Sri Naresh Amichand'



Vrithi Dhanlall (P.R.O. of the HSS Gauteng Region) awarding medals to junior and juvenile participants

The Gauteng Region celebrates its inaugural Cultural Day in August 2026





REPORT FOR 2025-2026 (HSS Biennial General Meeting - 22 August 2026)

22 July 2026

Namaste,

The HSS Property trust convened telecons and meetings during 2025/26. These focused on the maintenance and improvement of the Hindi Sangh Headquarters. In addition the AGM was convened on 22 July 2026. The following members were elected as office bearers:

Position	Nominee
Chairman	Sri Kishore Singh
Secretary	Sri Brij Ramballi
Treasurer	Sri Rajeev Pattundeen

We are pleased to report that the following improvements have been implemented:

Issue	Rectified	Replaced / Repaired / Maintenance
Roofing		
Roof leaks through the gutter; Ceiling dampness	R	Repaired
Leaking slab	R	Repaired
Leak upstairs at skylight area	R	Repaired
Second office wall dampness	R	Repaired
Deck roof outside female toilet	R	Repaired
Doors and Windows		
Stage side roller mechanism for door	R	Maintenance
Upstairs recording studio window – cracked	R	Replaced
Guardhouse window glass shattered	R	Replaced
Window handle loose in office 2	R	Repaired
Office door at main entrance	R	Maintenance
Wooden exit/security doors at upstairs studio grabbing on floor	R	Maintenance
Guardhouse window glass shattered	R	Replaced
Electrical		
Light fittings not working - upstairs and downstairs > changed	R	Repaired
Outside lights not working > changed	R	Repaired
Light fittings to replace going upstairs studio > changed to linear light	R	Replaced
Building		
Granite plaque main entrance	R	Maintenance
" I" Sign in SHIKSHA outside to replace	R	Replaced
Back boundary wall damage	R	Repaired
Repair electric fence	R	Repaired
Main entrance gate not opening/closing properly	R	Repaired
Partition wall behind recording studio door (techs office) - cracked + door stopper to install	R	Repaired
Wall at main gate + boundary walls to repair and paint	R	Maintenance
Undercover shelters leaking on both sides of the building	R	Replaced

Issue	Rectified	Replaced / Repaired / Maintenance
Building (Contd)		
Modify back garden area where water flow needed to be structured with retaining blocks	R	Repaired
Level brick pathway	R	Repaired
Plumbing		
Toilet flush mechanism repairs	R	Replaced
Plumber to fit shut-off valves	R	New
Items in Progress		
Re-design of downstairs bathrooms		
Existing design of new bathrooms discussed with all contractors	WIP	New
First order of sanware has arrived	WIP	New
Second order of sanware	WIP	New
Mirrors	WIP	New
Tiles	WIP	New
Tiling	WIP	New
Hand dryers and soap dispensers	WIP	New
Light fittings and bulbs have arrived	WIP	New
Change internal toilet doors to aluminium	WIP	New
Toilet ceiling boards to be painted brilliant white	WIP	New
Refurbishment of entrance toilet doors x 2		
Securing hall doors and entrance doors that are dragging	R	Repaired
2nd Office wall to repaint and change ceiling board + door latch	R	Repaired
Upstairs Recording Studio partition wall cracking	R	Repaired
Parking Bay areas to repaint	WIP	
Installation of aircons		
Investigating borehole	On hold	
Other Items		
Garden retainer blocks to install additional blocks (50)		
Require additional retainer blocks for garden maintenance (200) - Sangh Gardener to manage (Shan)		
Area outside by upcoming studio to be concreted		

The Trustees wish the Sangh and its members all the best for the elections and look forward to continuing the work of the Sangh.

Sincerely

Brij Ramballi

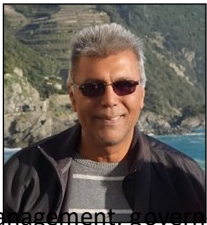
HSS Property Trust

Secretary

22 August 2026

BGM REPORT

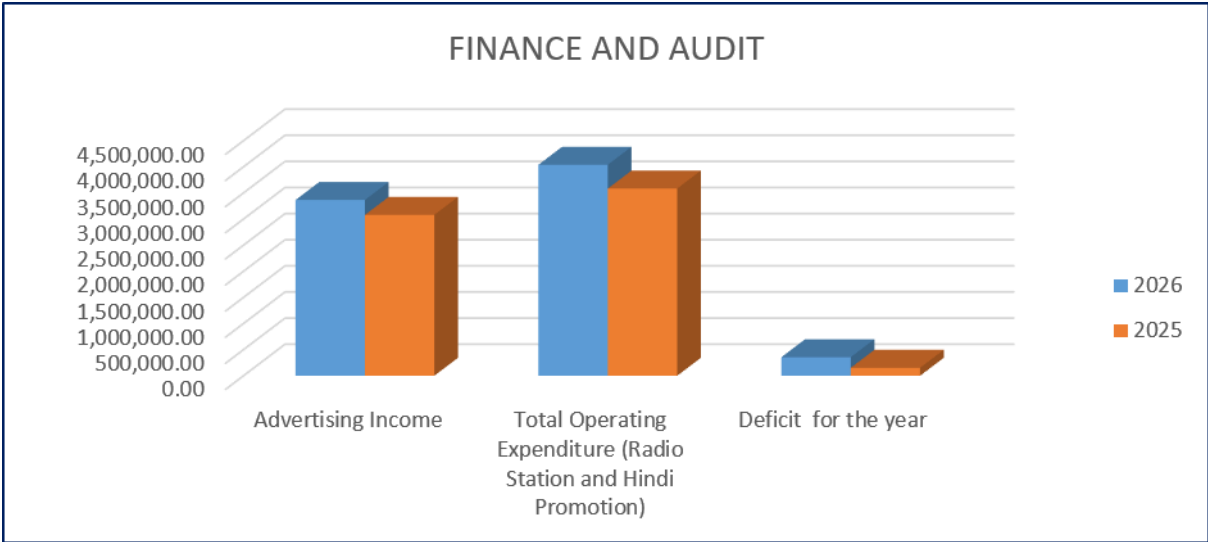
FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES
AUGUST 2026



The Finance, Administration and Human Resources portfolio provides strategic oversight of the Sangh's financial management, governance, administrative functions and human capital, ensuring the organisation remains efficient, accountable and sustainable in delivering on its objectives.

Finance and Audit

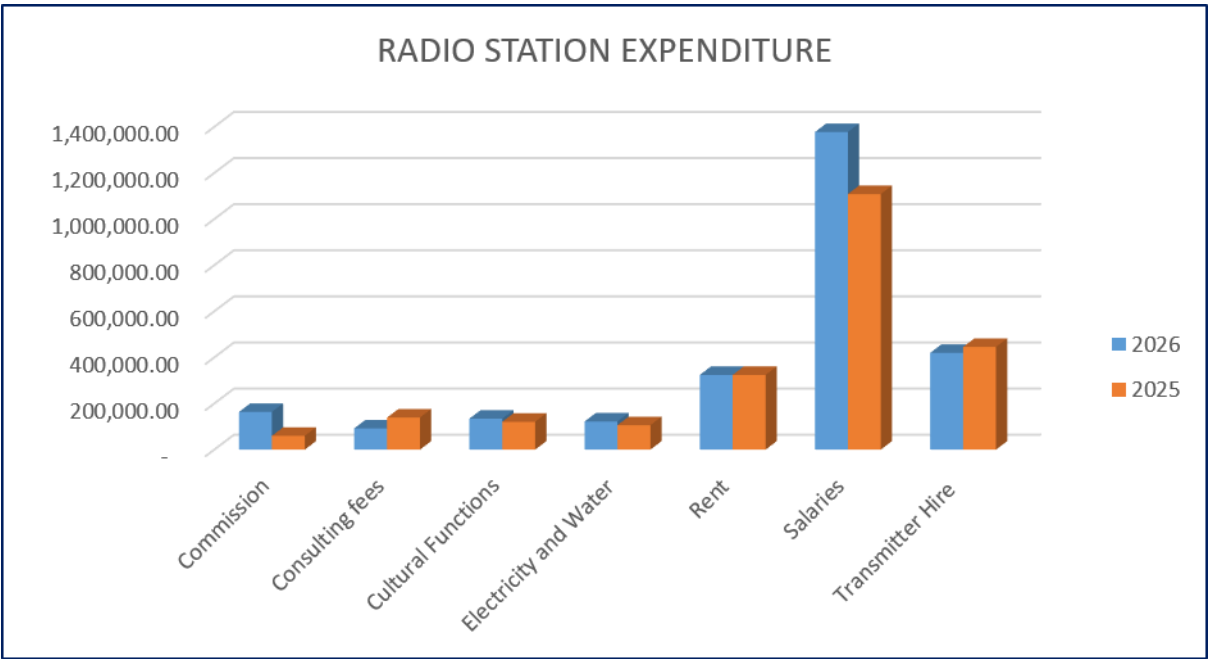
The Hindi Shiksha Sangh continues to advance its educational, cultural and community broadcasting objectives through prudent financial stewardship and sound governance. The continued support of our sponsors, advertisers, donors, volunteers and the wider community remains integral to the organisation's sustainability and its ability to serve the community while promoting the Hindi language and culture.



Radio Station Expenditure

Radio Station expenditure increased during the 2026 financial year, reflecting the continued investment required to maintain and enhance the Sangh's broadcasting operations.

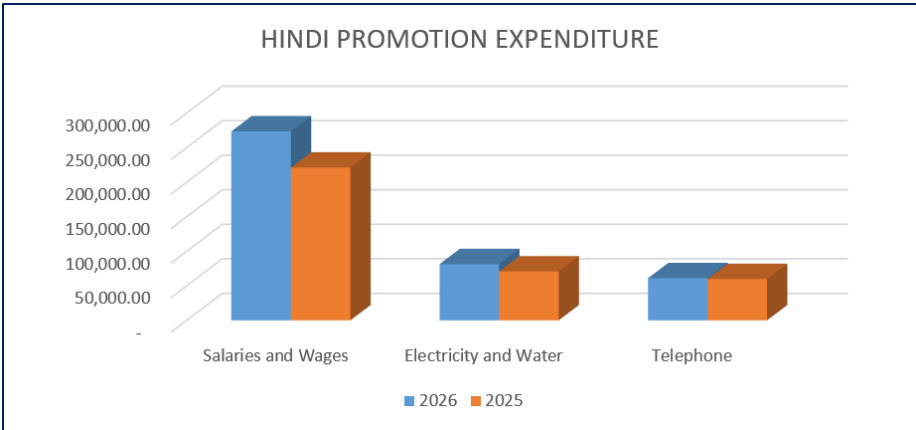
Employee costs, consulting fees, cultural functions, commission, electricity and water, rent, and transmitter hire remained the most significant expenditure categories, representing the core costs associated with delivering quality community broadcasting services.



Direct Hindi Promotion Expenditure

Direct Hindi Promotion expenditure increased during the 2026 financial year as the Sangh continued investing in programmes and activities that support its educational and cultural objectives.

Employee costs, telephone and utility expenses remained the primary cost drivers of the Hindi Promotion portfolio.



Summary

Despite recording a deficit for the financial year, the Sangh remains in a sound financial position, supported by accumulated funds of R 4 568 256 (2025: R 4 922 336). Post Covid, there have been challenges pertaining to balancing expenses and income. The Board continues to exercise prudent financial management to ensure the long-term sustainability of the organisation while supporting its educational, cultural and community broadcasting initiatives.

Compilation and Audit

The 2026 financial statements. were compiled by R Ramdas of CYL Services (Pty) Ltd
The auditors for the 2026 financial year were BDO South Africa Inc. and they issued an unqualified audit report.

Accounting and Administration

The overall administrative functions of the Sangh are driven by the Operations Officer who, together with his team see to the day-to-day operations.
A critical aspect of this portfolio is legal compliance and overall risk management. The full scope of this aspect of monitoring is being developed in order to move the Sangh towards preparing for the adoption of an appropriate Governance framework that is forward looking and will be able to ascribe to the King Code of Good Practices relevant to the non-Profit Sector.

The Sangh’s accounting function was augmented by the services of an external accounting firm, CYL Chartered Accountants, in lieu of a trade arrangement of advertising on air. The result of this arrangement has been a smooth accounting and audit process, as well as compliance with all administrative and statutory obligations.

Human Resources

The small team of resources that the Sangh’s administration operates on is augmented by a vast group of volunteers, with a consistently substantial number who attend to the operations of Hindvani being a possibility. This model requires a consistent approach and innovative means to energise both paid and volunteer resources. The focus of this aspect of oversight is to devise policies and monitor practices to ensure that there is fairness and efficiency in the management of the human capital at the disposal of the Sangh. This function continues to develop over a period of time to support the vision of a future-proof organisation. The Sangh continues to develop and nurture talent that eventually gets recognised by more commercial operations – an achievement we are proud of. This does however challenge the sustainability of the organisation’s operations and will have to be revisited to bring about stability as we seek to be a more precise operation.

Appreciation

We convey our appreciation to the Board, management team, staff, volunteers, sponsors, advertisers, donors, auditors, service providers and the broader community for their continued support. Their collective contribution enables the Sangh to continue advancing its educational, cultural and community broadcasting objectives.

Prem Namaste!

Rajend Ramkhelawan
HSS Treasurer

OFFICIALS OF THE SANGH 1948— JULY 2025

YEAR	PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	TREASURER
1948-1949	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1949-1950	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1950-1951	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1951-1952	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1952-1953	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1953-1954	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1954-1955	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1955-1956	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1956-1957	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1957-1958	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1958-1959	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1959-1960	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1960-1961	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		S Chotai & BJ Maharaj	S Purmasar
1961-1962	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		D Bandhoo & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1962-1963	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		D Bandhoo & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1963-1964	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		D Bandhoo & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1964-1965	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		D Bandhoo & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1965-1966	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		N Ramdutt & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1966-1967	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		HR Maharaj & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1967-1968	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		P Bugwandeem & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1968-1969	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		P Bugwandeem & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1969-1970	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		P Bugwandeem & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1970-1971	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		P Bugwandeem & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1971-1972	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		P Bugwandeem & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1972-1973	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		P Bugwandeem & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1973-1974	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		P Bugwandeem & SK Ganesh	S Purmasar
1974-1975	Pt. Nardev Vedalankar		Pt. HR Maharaj & P Bugwanden	SK Ganesh
1975-1976	K Laloo		D Ramkisson & P Bugwanden	R B Ram
1976-1977	SK Ganesh		Pt. HR Maharaj & P Bugwanden	S Gangadaya
1977-1978	SK Ganesh		Pt. HR Maharaj & P Bugwanden	S Gangadaya
1978-1979	SK Ganesh		Pt. HR Maharaj & P Bugwanden	S Gangadaya
1979-1980	SK Ganesh		Pt. HR Maharaj & P Bugwanden	S Gangadaya
1980-1981	SK Ganesh		Pt. HR Maharaj & P Bugwanden	S Gangadaya
1981-1982	SK Ganesh		Pt. HR Maharaj & P Bugwanden	S Gangadaya
1982-1983	R Hemraj		P Bugwandeem & G Parsoo	S Gangadaya
1983-1984	R Hemraj	Pt. H R Maharaj	P Bugwandeem & G Parsoo	S Gangadaya
1984-1985	R Hemraj	Pt. B Behadar	P Bugwandeem & G Parsoo	S Gangadaya
1985-1986	R Hemraj	Pt. B Behadar	G Parsoo	S Gangadaya
1986-1987	R Hemraj	Pt. B Behadar	G Parsoo	P Algu
1987-1988	R Hemraj	A Manilall	G Parsoo	P Algu
1988-1990	R Hemraj	A Manilall	H Ramdutt	P Algu
1990-1991	R Hemraj	A Manilall	H Ramdutt	P Algu
1991-1992	R Hemraj	A Manilall	H Ramdutt	P Algu
1992-1993	R Hemraj	A Manilall	H Ramdutt	P Algu
1993-1994	R Hemraj	A Manilall	H Ramdutt	P Algu
1994-1995	R Hemraj	M R Dayal	H Ramdutt	P Algu
1995-1996	R Hemraj	M R Dayal	H Ramdutt	P Algu
1996-1997	R Hemraj	Mrs V L Hansraj	H Ramdutt	P Algu
1997-1998	R Hemraj	G Parsoo	H Ramdutt	P Algu
1998-1999	G Parsoo	R Bindapersadh	N Mohanlall	P Algu
1999-2000	G Parsoo	R Bindapersadh	N Mohanlall	R Dhanlall

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Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer
2000-2001	G Parsoo	A Bhoora	N Mohanlall	R Dhanlall
2001-2002	G Parsoo	R Dhanlall	N Mohanlall	V Bositsumune
2002-2003	G Parsoo	A Hooseria	P Hemrajh	R Barath
2003-2004	G Parsoo	A Hooseria	P Hemrajh	V Bositsumune
2004-2005	A Bhoora	A Jayrajh	A Lalla (until July 2004)/R Dhanlall (Acting)	V Bositsumune
2005-2006	A Bhoora	A Jayrajh	R Dhanlall	V Bositsumune/(Acting) R Dhanlall
2006-2007	A Bhoora	R Dhanlall	B Ramballi	N Mohanlall
2007-2008	A Bhoora	R Dhanlall	B Ramballi	N Mohanlall
2008-2009	R Dhanlall	R Bhoora	B Ramballi	V Bositsumune/(Acting) A. Bhoora
2009-2010	R Dhanlall	R Bhoora	B Ramballi	A. Bhoora
2010-2011	R Bhoora	M Ramballi	B Ramballi	P Algu
2011-2012	R Bhoora	M Ramballi	B Ramballi	P Algu
2012-2013	M Ramballi	A Jayrajh	P Hemrajh	P Algu
2013-2014	M Ramballi	A Jayrajh	P Hemrajh	R Dhanlall
2014-2015	M Ramballi	Prof U Shukla	P Hemrajh	R Dhanlall
2015-2016	M Ramballi	Prof U Shukla	P Hemrajh	R Dhanlall
2016-2017	Prof U Shukla	V Singh	B Ramballi	M Dhanilal
2017-2018	Prof U Shukla	V Singh	B Ramballi	M Dhanilal
2018- 2019	Manoj R Dhanilal	Usha D Shukla (resigned)/ Heeralall Sewnath Acting	B Ramballi	Rajeev K Pattundeen
2019-2020	Manoj R Dhanilal	Heeralall Sewnath	B Ramballi	Rajeev K Pattundeen
2020-2021	Raj Dhanlall	Naresh Amichand	Shamla Dukhan	Rajend Ramkhelawan
2021-2022	Raj Dhanlall	Naresh Amichand	Shamla Dukhan	Rajend Ramkhelawan
2022-2023	Raj Dhanlall	Naresh Amichand	Malthie Ramballi	Rajend Ramkhelawan
2023-2024	Raj Dhanlall	Naresh Amichand	Malthie Ramballi	Rajend Ramkhelawan
2024-2025	Naresh Amichand	Raj Dhanlall	Malthie Ramballi	Rajend Ramkhelawan
2025-2026	Naresh Amichand	Raj Dhanlall	Malthie Ramballi	Rajend Ramkhelawan