

News in Focus

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In Loving Memory of Kumlaish Kumari, Trustee and Director of Divine Onkar Mission. A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and daughter of Tersam Lal (Founder of Divine Onkar Mission) and Samitra Wati Lal.

"Just as one candle lights another and can light thousands of other candles, so one heart illuminates another heart and can illuminate thousands of other hearts." — Leo Tolstoy

Remembering Kumlaish

Kumlaish was a devoted trustee of Divine Onkar Mission, tirelessly working to uplift the less fortunate and empower those around her. She championed education for women and girls, believing it vital to healing and growth in communities everywhere. More than a trustee, Kumlaish was a beacon of hope and a driving force behind many successes. Her legacy lives on, and her absence is deeply felt.

Kumlaish's funeral, held on Monday 20th January, was attended by many who knew and loved her. In lieu of flowers, her family requested donations to Divine Onkar Mission via Just Giving, raising £10,718.16 in total. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/kumlaish-kumari>



The **Kumlaish Kumari Memorial Fund** is dedicated to honouring Kumlaish's legacy and will continue to raise funds that advance her vision and values.

The Fund will focus on three key areas of impact:

1. **Education for Women and Girls** – Expanding opportunities and access to learning.
2. **Culturally Attuned, Accessible Counselling Services** – Offering free, community-based mental health support.
3. **The Rising Star Award** – Celebrating and recognizing individuals who demonstrate exemplary service to others.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Kumlaish organised and hosted a Macmillan Coffee morning at DOM offices in October. Baking an array of fantastic cakes, cookies and banana loaf. There was a lot of talk about the projects while downing chai, samosas and scones. The morning was a great success bringing new and old visitors while raising £342.00 to help support people living with cancer. Kumlaish was really pleased with the turnout and we will continue our plan for a second coffee morning later this year.



MP Becomes Charity Patron

We had the pleasure of welcoming the newly appointed MP Mr Warinder Juss along with his office manager Martin Waite, to look around the DOM head office. He followed his visit by saying "I am grateful to you showing me the wonderful, charitable work that you do in India, other countries abroad, and also in Wolverhampton. I would be happy to accept your very kind invitation to be a patron of your charity".



International Volunteer Day



Charanjit Singh (trustee) and Inderjit Singh Rana (Volunteer) set up a stall at WVCA Volunteering event to celebrate the United Nations International Volunteer Day at the Mander Centre in Wolverhampton. They networked with other local charities and organisations to promote the importance of volunteering.

If you are interested in volunteering at our charity warehouse to raise vital funds for projects, please contact us on: 01902 453453

Annual Dinner & Dance—A Night to Remember

On Saturday 23rd November 2024, our Annual Dinner and Dance returned to the stunning Prestige Suite, Birmingham, raising an incredible £47,000 in support of our cause. We were honoured by the presence of Deputy Lieutenant Amrick Singh Ubhi, alongside distinguished guests and generous donors who made the evening a resounding success. Hosted by the charismatic Kully Beghal and Kully Khera, the night featured soul-stirring a cappella performances by Hera and Boota Pardesi, plus a lively raffle and auction that kept spirits high. A heartfelt thank you to the entire Prestige Suite family for their warm hospitality and exquisite three-course meal. We're deeply grateful to other supporters: Harry Homes, Panesar Foods, Lioncroft Wholesale, Perfect Glazing Group, Prem Jewellers and Infinitive. The event was proudly featured in the Punjabi newspaper, celebrating the unity and generosity of our community.



Santa's Grotto



On the 23rd December, we celebrated the festive season with a Santa meet and greet with local children and their parents in our very own grotto. The charity gave free gifts and sweets to the children. Hot tea and coffee with mince pies were served for the parents, while the children had photographs and talked to Santa about their Christmas lists. Mr Richard Worrall dressed as Santa Claus and Ms Judith Rowley dressed as Elf. It was all fun, with Santa joining the children to play catch with balloons. Parents said it was fantastic to take their children out to a free event and receive presents in a relaxed grotto without feeling rushed.

Counselling Grant

We are grateful to have been awarded a grant of £10,000 from the Family Hubs and Start for Life (FHSFL) Small Grant scheme for counselling projects. The Family Hubs Small Grant Scheme element of the Grant is funded by the Department for Education's Family Hubs Programme to improve outcomes for children and families. The counselling program is designed to assist families in reaching their full potential. Early intervention plays a crucial role in enhancing children's mental health and overall life outcomes, making this investment a vital step in supporting the early years of a child's life. A safe and stable home environment is also essential for children's future success. Therefore, providing counselling services will help families facing multiple disadvantages by offering the extra support needed to overcome life's challenges.

India Projects



Daily Langar

Daily Langar is one of our biggest sponsored projects. Three times a day, the Langar feeds people in need who previously didn't know where their next meal would come from. If you would like to commemorate an occasion whether it be a birthday, a death anniversary or receiving good news; a lovely way to do this is to sponsor a Langar.

WITH A DONATION OF £175 and receive photographs of the meal.

WATER WELL PROJECT

Our water well projects have now reached 953 wells. **Construction of a well costs £700** and will provide safe and clean water for many years, instead of villagers previously having to walk miles for dirty water. If you would like to commemorate any occasion and have a water well built in someone's name or memory, please donate!



Supporting the Blind in Jharkhand

This July Divine Onkar Mission family has admitted Dhruv Singh into the ashram, and will take full responsibility for his education. Parents Mr. Shivnarayan Singh and wife Anita are both blind; they had a heartfelt wish: they want to educate their only son and give him a better future. When they heard about the Divine Onkar Mission Ashram, they made their way over 700 miles accompanied by his maternal grandmother.

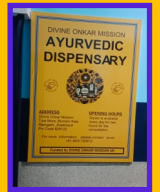
Shivnarayan supports his family by collecting donations on the streets of Delhi on behalf of a blind school,

from which he receives a small commission. Dhruv will now begin his boarding education, laying the foundation for a bright and purposeful future.



New Ayurvedic Dispensary

We are excited to tell you about our latest project. FREE HERBAL MEDICINES to old age residents, and people living in rural areas who have no access to medical herbal treatment. There is great demand in India, therefore Mr H S Patara raised £5000 for the project to commence. This will be a continuing ongoing project of DOM.



New Land Jharkhand

The new extension of our hospital, school and hostel will soon commence as new land has been purchased, preparations have begun to clear and prepare the land for construction.

This will expand the hospital space to include a patient rest room, operation theatre, medicine store rooms, reception and waiting area. The school will also gain extra classrooms. We are requesting for donations to help make this happen.



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Punjab—Ambulance

donated to Old Age Home by NRI

The Birdh Ashram old age home in Jalandhar received a new ambulance this June for the elderly residents. The donation ceremony was attended by donor Avtar Singh Gakhal (Canada), Rajinder Singh (retired S.S.P) and Kulwant Singh Gora (UK). They emphasised that NRI's contributions to humanity are unforgettable and deeply valued.



Birbh Ashram Old Age Home



As part of our ongoing commitment to resident wellbeing, **Dr. Samir Malhotra** conducts monthly health reviews on a voluntary basis.

The monthly visits ensure that each resident receives attentive and personalised medical care. We're grateful for Dr Malhotra's monthly health check-ins, which support our residents' comfort and vitality. Dr Samir

said "to help the homeless and needy at Divine Onkar Mission Punjab — village Randhawa is such a satisfying job which I take every month to be my some reason on this earth".

Master Bhajan Ram, who leads the old age home project, generously volunteers his time and manages operations with exceptional care without drawing a salary.

As the head of the old age home Initiative, Master Bhajan Ram oversees the project and supports the residents with unwavering commitment, all on a voluntary basis. We extend our deepest thanks for their unwavering dedication.



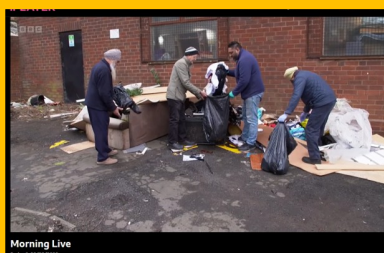
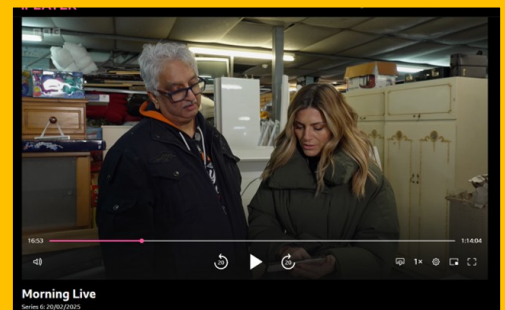
BBC Morning Live Programme

On the 20th February, we featured on the BBC's Morning Live programme where trustee Manohar Singh talked to presenter Zoe Hardman about the problems of fly tipping. Staff can often arrive in the morning to illegal refuse waste dumped outside the charity. It is disheartening to have to spend valuable time, effort and money to then get rid of this rubbish. Any items left outside the building outside of office opening times is classed as fly tipping and is a crime. We have long displayed warning signs on the outside of the building advising if caught on CCTV, evidence is used to pursue a prosecution and liable to a fine up to £20,000.

The cost of clearing the waste is £600-£700 each time and puts our staff and volunteers at risk as well as taking money away from our well needed projects.

We welcome donations in good, clean and resaleable condition dropped off inside our warehouse during Monday – Saturday 10am-5pm.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m00283pr/morning-live-series-6-20022025>



Charity Shop

Donate, shop or volunteer at Divine Onkar Mission shop today! Discover a world of hidden treasures and shop for a cause. Every purchase you make here helps us make a positive impact on the lives of those in need. Whether you're looking for unique fashion finds, vintage collectibles, or delightful home decor, our shop has something special for everyone.



FREE LEGAL ADVICE Wednesday's 11.00am to 1:00pm with Mr. H S Patara (Solicitor) - Call to book



The Kings Garden Party—Buckingham Palace



Mr Tersam Lal was invited to attend His Majesty's Royal Garden Party on May 7th at Buckingham Palace, London. Accompanied by trustee Manohar Singh, guests are invited as a 'thank you' for their public service, all of whom have made a positive impact in their community. The party began with the King and Queen's arrival accompanied by Princess Anne, Prince Edward Duke of Edinburgh and Sophie Duchess of Edinburgh to the national anthem, followed by more music and informal meetings with guests. Guests enjoyed tea, sandwiches, cakes and explored the palace gardens. Guests are nominated by a national network of sponsors, and invitations cannot be requested directly.

New Programme — Compassion Meets Clarity

We are pleased to announce a new opportunity for personal guidance. We invite you to take part in a new offering: One-to-One Sessions led by our founder, Tersam Lal. **#Dementia and #Trikuti** support. Whether you're seeking clarity through the practice of Trikuti or support navigating Dementia, these sessions provide a space for insight, peace, and personalized care. "Valuable insights, zero cost—our sessions are free and open to all."

These sessions are available strictly by advance appointment only, ensuring dedicated time and attention. If you would like to book a private session please call us on Tel: 01902 453453.

Message from Mr Lal

As we reflect on the past year, I'm filled with both pride and heartfelt gratitude. Together, we've continued our commitment to fostering connection, accessibility, and inclusion in our community, here in the UK and India. Each achievement is a result of your dedication—whether as a volunteer, donor, or supporter.

This year also brought sadness, as we mourned the loss of our dear Kumlaish. Her wisdom, warmth, and unwavering support shaped our journey in countless ways. We honour her legacy by continuing the work she held so dear.

Looking ahead, we remain united in purpose and hopeful for the future. Thank you for standing with us.

Warm regards,
Tersam Lal
Founder & Chairman

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Gift Aid Declaration Form

Please fill in this form if you are a taxpayer, as we are able to reclaim the tax back on your donations.

It will not affect you in anyway and does not involve you doing anything extra other than providing us your details below.

I want to Gift Aid all donations I make or have made to Divine Onkar Mission until further notice. I am a UK taxpayer and am paying an amount of tax equal to that Divine Onkar Mission reclaims on my donations (currently 25p for every £1 you donate).

Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms:

First and Middle Name:

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Signed: Date:

Note: Please remember to notify us if you no longer pay an amount of tax or capital gains tax equal to the tax we reclaim on your donations (25p for every £1 you give).

You can return this Gift Aid form by email to: info@divineonkar.org



HOW YOU CAN HELP?



If you would like to help with any of our projects, please complete the form below and send it to: Divine Onkar Mission, 68 Drayton Street, Blakenhall, Wolverhampton, WV2 4EA.

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Yes, I would like to support the Divine Onkar Mission. I have enclosed a cheque/cash Donation.

Education Sponsorship £ Monthly

Implant Cataract Operation ☐ £50

Leprosy Treatment for one ☐ £150

Daily Langar (Free food) ☐ £175

Water Well ☐ £700

Medical Camp ☐ £1000

Build Homes for the Homeless ☐ £2000

Classroom Construction ☐ £2500

Old Age Home Sponsorship £ Monthly

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Yes, I would like to make a regular donation to Divine Onkar Mission. Please complete the standing order details below:

Name:

Address:

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Email:

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To The Manager: Bank/Building society:

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Name(s) of account holder:

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Starting date every month thereafter until further notice

For the credit of Divine Onkar Mission, Barclays Bank PLC, Wolverhampton,

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