THE HISTORY OF THE VANZA SOCIETY OF LONDON

The Vanza Society of London is celebrating 50 Years of its existence.

The Society was formed in September 1975 by a group of Vanza's led by Venilal Vaghela.

The first President elected was Mr Jeram Meghji Vaghela. He inspired the other Vanza's who had settled in London and neighbouring counties to join forces and also started to establish the constitution.

1975 – 1978	Jeram Meghji Vaghela
1978 – 1979	Manilal Chagganlal Borkhataria
1979 – 1981	Kantilal Hirji Gohil
1981 – 1983	Chunilal Velji Kara Chavda
1983 – 1987	Kantilal Nanji Mandalia
1987 – 1988	Kantilal Hirji Gohil
1988 – 1991	Hiralal Nanji Parmar
1991 – 1992	Madhusudan Divecha
1992 – 1996	Hiralal Nanji Parmar
1996 -	Arun Jethalal Tank – (Resigned)
1996 – 2000	Kishor Odhavji Davdra
2000 -	Hiralal Nanji Parmar
2000 – 2003	Mahesh Mathuradas Sonigra
2003 - 2004	Jayantilal Gangji Bhundia
2004 – 2008	Mahesh Mathuradas Sonigra
2008 - 2010	Arvind Popatlal Solanki
2010 - 2011	Kishor Odhavji Davdra
2011 - 2013	Dilan Ashwin Vaghela
2013 - 2016	Arvind Popatlal Solanki
2016 - 2018	Harshada Dharmendra Mandalia
2018 - 2021	Mahesh Mathur Sonigra
2021 - todate	Harshida Vinod Tailor

It is the privileged to be part of this journey with Vanza Society led by great people who devoted so much time without expecting anything in return.

Constitution was first drafted back on 5th May 1976 and was adopted on 3rd June 1984.

The pioneer of the push in having constitution adopted was Mr Narshi Velji Parmar, who had worked very hard in putting together the format which is followed by many of our Sister Organisations with little changes to suit their needs.

The constitution was adopted at Extra ordinary General meeting of the Vanza Society, held at Wembley High School, East Lane, Wembley - 1984. (where we normally held our Navratri).

At the time Kantilal Nanji Mandalia was the President and Mr Narshi Velji Parmar was the Secretary.

Constitution was proposed by Kishor Odhavji Davdra and seconded by Vallabhdas Vasram Nandha.

1st Para of Constitution reads: Aims and Objectives: to advance the Vanza religion, that is religion practiced by members of the Vanza Community settled in UK – being descendents of Khatriya Chakravati King, Shri Rajareshwar Somvanshi Sahasrajun, worshipping Goddess Shri Hingraj Mata and Sage Shree Guru Gopal Lalji Maharaj.

We gained Charity status on 2nd July 1984.

Vanza Jyot

Our Quarterly magazine Vanza Jyot was officially given the go ahead at Vanza Society's Diwali Celebrations on 9th November 1980, at Copland High School. At the programme Shantilal Jivan Parmar did the opening ceremony donating a large sum in the remembrance of his brother Gunvantbhai Jivan Parmar who had passed away.