



**"Ang Daan" (Organ Donation)**  
**अंग दान (ओरगन डोनेसन) ओडीस**  
WORLDWIDE LIAISON OFFICE

**World Kidney Day 2021**  
**PRESS RELEASE**

Jalaram Temple Leicester working with NHSBT ( National Health Service Blood and Transplant), Jalaram Temples Worldwide network proudly presents a virtual event to mark World Kidney Day 2021 on Sunday 14th March 2021.

World Kidney Day is a joint initiative by ISN(International Society of Nephrologists and (IFKF) International Federation of Kidney Foundations to raise the awareness of kidney disease worldwide and this year's theme is "Living well with Kidney Disease".

The A Q & A Session with renowned specialists will cover chronic kidney disease, its causes, living with disease how it effects you and your family, dialysis and most of all, organ transplantation which is the preferred choice of treatment

In our virtual programme we will address the need for BAME (Hindu) communities to respond to the much needed call for their organs by raising awareness, addressing myths and barriers that exist in society and by encouraging the audience to become willing organ donors.

We feature the story of "Leela M Keshavji" who donated 5 of her organs when she passed away last year. She supported the work of Ang Daan (Organ Donation) in Leicester. She was a champion of Seva (selfless giving) and at time of her death participated in Ang Daan (organ Donation) giving a gift of life to 5 individuals she never knew. Her work included heading a team of volunteers who served hot meals to front lions NHS care workers, at the beginning of Covid 2019, this was financed Jointly by Chamwood Lions club and through donors of Jalaram Charitable Trust

**QUOTES :**

**Pramod Thakkar** *chairman of the Board of Jalaram Charitable Trust*

"We in the western World should be grateful that free treatment is available and transplants are possible because of technological advances in modern sciences. I would urge all Hindus to opt in and register as organ donors Today we also spare a thought for patients who suffer from kidney disease in many countries where there are no transplant facilities nor dialysis even if available it is far too expensive for the common man.

**Bharat Patel:** *Lead Organ Donation Midlands Office*

Our Organ Donor lead, a living donor kidney recipient says " Donating an organ is the ultimate gift mankind can give to a fellow human being" , Ang Seva is a seva every hindu should participate in. In the UK peoples Hindus willingness to donate organs can severely reduce the need and that is one of principal aims of this programme.

**Manoj Keshav:** *Husband of late Leela Keshav*

My wife Leela Keshavji, was a teacher of 13 years, a business woman, a scholar, a humanitarian, a punditayan, a mother to three children who cared deeply for others. She would often speak to me and our children about her wish to want to help others by becoming an organ donor... she would say "what an honor that would be". She passionately believed in the act of selfless giving to help others.

My children and I are very proud that she was able to help save a number of lives and make a difference to her organ recipients.

We were delighted to receive a letter from a young lady aged 38 who received Leela's kidneys. This lady's life and that of her young family has been transformed with the gift of life. Please support Kidney research and organ donation.

**Kirit Modi,** *Chair of JHOD*

I am delighted that Jalaram Mandir Leicester is celebrating World Kidney Day by organising this excellent event to help increase organ donation and help save lives

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