

JALARAM TEMPLE LEICESTER SUPPORTS LOCAL CHARITIES



The Jalaram Temple, Leicester, celebrated the 219th birthday of the Saint Jalaram Bapa (Jalaram Jayanti) on 15th November 2018. Amidst devotional singing and prayers

attended by over 4,000 people during the day, Jalaram Temple announced that it will be supporting a number of local Charities through various projects.

Representatives from several charities including the British Legion and the British Heart Foundation were also present. Pramod Thakkar, Chairman of Jalaram Temple, said that the Temple is actively engaged in promoting the registration towards organ donation within the Hindu Community and in providing financial support to the British Legion's Poppy week and the British Heart Foundation.

He added that Jalaram Temple is delighted in raising awareness through the British Legion of the contribution and the sacrifices



our forefathers made during World War 1. He stated that, "Over 1.3 million Indian Soldiers served in the First World War and 74,000 lost their lives. We owe it to them by remembering the sacrifices they made". Bill Brown, County Chairman of The British Legion welcomed Jalaram Temple's support and accepted a donation of £1,501 from the Jalaram Temple.

A double decker bus, with an on-board traveling exhibition of the Indian soldiers was sent from London by Golden Tour's Nitin and Kumudiniben Palan, which gave devotees an opportunity to see for the first time the contribution of the Indian soldiers to the war efforts.

Mr Hemu Ghelani, from the British Heart Foundation said "Jalaram Temple has

supported our charity for some years and this continued support is very much welcomed". He thanked the Temple on behalf of Professor Sir. Nilesh Samani, Cardiologist at Glenfield Hospital and the Director of British Heart Foundation.

Also, amongst the guests were the former Lord Mayor of Leicester, Councillor Rashmikant Joshi, Helen Fairfield, Fundraiser for Leicestershire & Rutland. Rev Tom Wilson, Director and Laura Johnson Church's Training officer of St Phillips Centre visited with members of the Mosaic Church, Trinity Methodist Church and Liz Carnelley, Programme Director for Near Neighbours.



Pramod Thakkar pointed out that "35% of people waiting for organ donation are from BAME communities whilst only 1%

are registered for organ donation". Bharat Patel, a recipient of organ donation urged the congregation of the need to register for organ donation and help save lives like his where more than 50% of the people with chronic kidney disease are from the Hindu Community.



Following the principles of Jalaram Bapa, Jalaram Temple Leicester continues to help local charities and projects through several channels, this year being one of its biggest.

