



22nd January 2024

“Pran Prathista Day”

Congratulations on the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya!

May it last Forever and Ever!

In 2023 we learnt how to Walk!

In 2024 we will run!

2023 was a momentous year for all of us as a community in Scunthorpe.

We stayed together and prayed together. Every month we had a puja and we celebrated all our major festivals. We started with baby steps and everyone held out a helping hand when needed. With a lot of love and affection for each other we have formed a Trust to make the first Hindu Mandir in Scunthorpe. It is one thing to go to a Mandir but it is another level of devotion when you are making a Mandir. When you see your name on the Doner Board in the Mandir and when you ring the Bell in the Mandir you will be fill up with Pride. It will make our families proud.

In the informal discussions everyone agrees that we should not keep our Mandir waiting. Leaving money in the bank for too long devalues it. Property prices go up and we are then hopelessly chasing a dream.

In 2024 we can easily exceed what we did in 2023 because we are more in numbers, and we can see the light ahead. The Bhakti collection in 2023 was a Brilliant 47000 pounds.

Some of us gave more than 2000 pounds while majority gave 1000 pounds. Rest came from our fund raisers, Run for the Mandir in summer and Aarti collections.

As I see it is time to return the Blessings that I have received. I have worked for 20 years and received 240 pay slips. I can easily give half a month pay to Our Purushottam Ramchandra ji, Bhagwan Krishna and Har Har Mahadev Shivji!

It can be a lump sum or in small amounts but that should be our individual total target. We have already put some in 2023.

This is for everyone earning and retired (Shriman and Shrimati separately). With this we will cross 100000 by the end of the year and be in a very good position to acquire a property.

Giving slowly is easily done by increasing Aarti collections simply by 20 pounds as the lower limit for a family.

It is heartening to see that everyone doing the Prasad are also putting in 101 pounds to the mandir. This started on its own and it reflects our desire to give for the Mandir.

Giving 20 pounds when we start our once-a-month Saturday 5 K Run for our Mandir from next month.

We will have Fund Raisers during this year as well.

Giving 20 pounds on your own birthday or our children's or our grandchildren's birthday. Just think of it is a Thank You. It is entirely up to each one of us and totally voluntary.

Small amounts make a big difference when all of us work together.

This Year JUST GIVE DO NOT THINK!

With Ramji Ki Kripa we will have a Mandir in 2024.

Namaste to everyone.

Jai Ram Ji Ki!

Sanjiv Nand

Scunthorpe Mandir Trust

Trustees

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