



15th August 2021 Indo-UK Community Meeting Report

Date: 27/08/2021

The first Community meeting of Indo-UK Community was held in Belmont Parish Hall, Broomside Lane, Durham, DH1 2XR on 15th August, 2021 from 1:00-5:00PM.

The programme was hosted by Akanksha Agrawal. Prof. Ari Sadanandom, Dr John Bothwell, Dr Kalesh Karunakaran, Dr Imbroz Sachdeva, Dr Sonali Bajaj and Dr Veena Sharma attended the function as chief guests.

The function was started with The Great Britain's National Anthem. Following that, brief Introduction of the Community and the objectives of the gathering was narrated by Thomas Jijo. As it was the 75th Independence Day of India, the flag hoisting was carried out by the eldest present there, Mr Praveen Vaghela and his wife Mrs Varsha Vaghela. The community recieved the Independence Day wishes from Consulate General of India, Birmingham, the video was played and the message sent by prime minister of India was read. Martin Kandeh performed the songs written by himself in between.

A detailed information about the aims of community meeting was given by Thomas Jijo and it was followed with a discussion talking to people sharing their experience in UK. Speeches by chief guests were delivered.

Jose Kurian, Abi Manjooran Kuriakose, Noble Mathew, Ajeesh Titus, Justine Varghese, Jomon Jose Manjaly, Vishnu Menon, Silpa Renny, Silpa Stephan, Linu Aleya Abraham, Anu George and Vidya Vincent participated as volunteers and did their full support in the food and other things in the function.

Kids also got a chance to make new friends and enjoyed making noise. Crayons and sheets were provided and they drew their ideas and observations on the sheets.

Everybody had the traditional Indian food and the event was packed up by 5:00pm!

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