

# **The Tankaria Welfare Society, UK**

## **Golden Jubilee Celebration**

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**Mustafabad Tankaria.**

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## **The Tankaria Welfare Society UK**

The Tankaria Education and Welfare Circle UK was formed in 1967. Its first constitution (Hand written) was adopted in 1967. On 25th December 1984, a new constitution was adopted. On 29th January 1985, this organisation was registered as "The Tankaria Welfare Society UK" at the Charity Commission UK.

Registered charity number: 290979.

### **History**

The Tankaria Educational and Welfare Circle, UK was formed in 1967. Its first Constitution was drafted by Abdullah Kamal Patel (Kamal Master) of Preston. Yakub Bajibhai Bhutawala as President and Yacoob Mank as Secretary together with other Senior Tankarvis and members of the 'Circle' carried on its work for over 25 years. They were collecting membership fees, donations, special funds, preparing accounts and reports and holding annual meetings, etc. It was then transferred to late Musabhai Kidi, late Ibrahimbhai Kabir, Iqbal Gajjar, and others. Rustam Ganda, Yakub Musa Khoda, Ibrahim Master Kabir, Ibrahim Bachcha, Rehmatullah Bhaloda, Abdulmajid Dadhimunda, Gulam Master Lalla, Babu Deg Master, and others were active members of the Circle. Later on, the 'Headquarters' of the 'Society' was moved to Dewsbury, with Yakub Patel Bhuta acting as its President and Iqbalbhai Dhoriwala as Secretary with other members. After few years it was transferred to London then Leicester, and then again transferred to Late Musabhai Kidi, late Ibrahimbhai Kabir, and Iqbal Gajjar. Later on, when late Ahmedbhai Khoda Sarpanch visited UK, it was again transferred to Dewsbury. Basir Halalat and Afroz Khandhiya were added as Trustees in that new committee. Since the 'Headquarters' of the 'Society' is remain at Dewsbury. TWS will be transferred to another town, and new talented members will take charge on September 26, 2021.

Shafiqbhai Patel, Habibbhai Bhuta, Faruk Umerji Ughradar (Hot Print), Salimbhai Varu, Yakubbhai Varu, Abdulbhai Chheliya, Bashirbhai Halalat, Afroz Khandhiya, Ayyub Muhammad Bhuta (Ughradar), Azmat Khandhiya, Harun Bhuta, Altaf Dasu, Iliyas Godar, Mehbub Sutariya, Afzal Sutariya, Mustakhaji Randhwawala, Iliyas Nagia, Amin Chamad, Nasir Khandhiya, Saeed Ganda, Babu Ismail Ghodiwala, Hamza Ayyub Ughradar, and others also have been actively involved in the work of the Society for quite some time now.

During all these years several works of village welfare have been carried out with the help of the members and donations from UK and abroad. To name a few: the construction of the first new High School Building, the Library Hall, Repair Work of Kumar Shala, the approach road in village padar, the maternity unit, etc. During Covid-19 Pandemic, TWS supported Tankaria Covid Care Center and helped a lot. Members of TWS put tremendous effort during that period.

The village has made good progress since then in every field and is now on the road to further progress and prosperity.

## **What, who, how**

### **What the charity does:**

General charitable purposes

Education/training

The advancement of health or saving of lives

Disability

The prevention or relief of poverty

Economic/community development/employment.

### **Who the charity helps:**

Children/ young people

Elderly/ old people

People with disabilities

The general public/ mankind

### **How the charity helps:**

Makes grants to individuals

Makes grants to organisations

Provides other finance

Other charitable activities

### **The Tankaria Welfare Society UK's charitable objectives:**

To relieve poverty and sickness and to preserve and protect the health and to advance education amongst the inhabitants of Tankaria, Tal & Dist Broach, India.

(The hearts and minds of the founders of this organization settled in the UK were in their hometown Tankaria. About 50 years ago, when they saw a dream in the waking state, they named it "The Tankaria Education and Welfare Circle, UK". They must have seen a lot in that dream.

### **Aims to be added in the future.**

(1) Connecting people of Tankaria living in the UK and other countries. Provide relevant information to villagers.

(2) Preserve our identity and create awareness related to our roots and our great ancestors.

- (3) To arouse the people to work for the welfare of the community.
- (4) Provide a democratic platform to collect and share ideas.
- (5) To create sound ground for planning and action.
- (6) Create awareness for current issues.
- (7) To highlight the causes of various problems affecting the community and hinder the way of progress and development.
- (8) To develop the idea of the ability and better thinking to work for the betterment of the community.
- (9) Promote good activities. To create a sense of cooperation integration.
- (10) Try to maintain harmony and peace between villagers.
- (11) Progress of our beloved village and villagers.
- (12) Try to support individuals looking for help/emergency help and support organisations to achieve their goals.
- (13) Inspire and appreciate individuals and organisations for their achievements.
- (14) Provide Guidance to students & professionals.

### **About our village Tankaria**

Tankaria is the biggest village in the Bharuch Taluka. It is in the Bharuch district of Gujarat, India. Tankaria is the land of the great brotherhood. Nearly to the mid of the twentieth century, the village was famous for its cotton-growing farmers and businesspeople. Many Tankarvis took an active part in the freedom movement of India.

Tankaria has produced many Primary and High School Teachers, Doctors, Pharmacists, Engineers, Building Contractors, Skilled Technicians, Businessmen, Government Officials, Writers, Poets, Politicians and, Social Workers. Tankaria has produced a remarkable number of Islamic Scholars. Tankaria has also produced few University Professors, College Lecturers, Lawyers, Land Surveyors, and Chartered Accountants. Tankarvis working as primary school teachers can be found everywhere in cities and villages of Bharuch and its neighboring districts. Tankaria is widely known for its Primary School Teachers, Businessmen and, Poets. Among Bharuchi Vahora Patel Community, Tankarvis are famous for their hospitality and friendly nature.

Many Tankarvis settled in Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, and Mumbai. Few Tankarvis also settled elsewhere in Gujarat. Outside India Tankarvis mainly settled in the UK, USA, Canada, South Africa, Zambia, and other African countries. Some Tankarvis also settled for employment or business in countries like Saudi Arabia, Qatar, UAE, Kuwait, Oman, Mauritius, Reunion Island, and New Zealand.

The name of the village was Mustafabad, later on, it was renamed Tankaria. (After 1453 CE & Before 1583 CE)

## History of village “Mustafabad Tankaria”

(Only a few important paragraphs extracted from “Mustafabad Tankaria” history page [www.mytankaria.com](http://www.mytankaria.com) ).

### Part 1: Based on authentic historical sources

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Latest Edition: March 2021 (Published on “My Tankaria” with newly added interesting information)

The history of a unique village Tankaria is full of virtues. King “Ahmad Shah” of the “Muzaffarid dynasty” and king “Jahangir” of the “Mughal Empire” was influenced by the importance of the village and they gave special priority to the village. Many Sufi saints, Auvliya chose this village as a land of action and chose to be buried in the soil of the village. The villager’s actions for the freedom movement were noted at a meeting at the “United Nations headquarters” in Geneva. Mahatma Gandhi appreciated the contribution of the freedom fighters of this village. English officials were impressed by the quality of education in the village. The people of this village were known throughout the diocese for their sincerity, unity, kinship, and sincere feelings of sharing each other’s sorrows.

The lands of the village were known as wasteland. People of this village made it cultivable by tying belts on their waists in the scorching summer heat. Due to the large families and the scarcity of land in the village, those who got little land or did not have any luck to have a small piece of land, they worked as labourers on the farm without hesitation. By painting, or repairing household items such as lanterns, they fulfilled the basic responsibility of supporting the family. To perform the basic responsibilities of feeding the family, people would carry heavy loads on their shoulders and walk from village to village, regardless of the heat or cold. Due to ploughing the fields, keep walking for door-to-door business, or driving cattle from one village to another, painful corns and calluses develop on their feet. They suffered a lot, but keep following the way of earning halal. The hardworking people of the village have made invaluable sacrifices of their entire lives and have endured hardships for the rest of their lives. The children were educated and the name of the village was brightened in the country and abroad. It is an undeniable fact that in the foundations of the tall buildings of the village’s distinct identity lies in the intelligence of the village elders, and the special contribution of their halal earnings. The echoes of our ancestor’s sounds left in air, are colliding with beautiful tall buildings, returned, frustrated, proclaiming to their children by shaking, awaking and asking, “Why forgotten? I was beaten/buried; I am the foundation of this building”

Dedicating the first part of this latest edition of history to the patriots with the feeling of joy to have the opportunity to write a few words for the history of Tankaria village and its fermenting people full of so many qualities.

### **The original name of Tankaria village was Mustafabad (1453 CE and earlier):**

This historical fact mentioned at least six to seven times as listed below in authentic history resources:

(i) The original inscription related to the construction history of Mustafabad Jam-e-Masjid was written in Arabic and affixed to the wall of Jam-e-Masjid. As recorded in that inscription masjid was built in 1453 CE in Mustafabad town. In that inscription, the name of the village is mentioned as Mustafabad only.

Tankaria does not mention anywhere in this inscription.

(ii) "Studies in Indian place names", Volume 9, page 76.

(iii) "Islamic India studies in History, Epigraphy, Onomastic, and Numismatics" Page 57, 79 and 344.

(iv) "Archaeological Survey of India, Government of India, EPIGRAPHIA INDICA – ARABIC AND PERSIAN SUPPLEMENT"- Edition 1975 (Page 30), specifies that "This Arabic epigraph does not only provide the construction history of Jam-e-Masjid, but it also provides us the proof that the name of the village in 1453 CE was Mustafabad".

(v) According to the statement of Mr N. M. Ganam (Research officer of Archaeological Survey of India), "Tankaria was at the date of the record officially called Mustafabad. The epigraph provides one more instance of the present-day customs of the renaming of town. The importance of epigraph for the local history of the town is obvious". His recorded statement can be found on pages 17 & 18 of "Epigraphia Indica".

(vi) Dr Z. A. Desai, "Director of Epigraphy Archaeological Survey of India" stated the facts related to a new naming of places: "At least 05 places that are known through epigraphs to have received new names during the pre-Mughal period. These are (1) Tankaria alias (alias – Named at another time) Mustafabad in the Broach district of Gujarat. (2) Diyadar alias Mahmudabad in Sabar Kantha District of Gujarat. (3) Sanchor alias Muhammadabad in Jalor district of Rajasthan. (4) Malia alias Rasulabad in Rajkot district of Gujarat, and (5) Khakharechi alias Ambiyabad in Rajkot district of Gujarat". Reference: "Archaeological Survey of India, Government of India, EPIGRAPHIA INDICA – ARABIC AND PERSIAN SUPPLEMENT"- Edition 1974, page 3 and Edition 1975, page 30.

### **History of Mustafabad Jam-e-Masjid (Built-in 1453 CE):**

#### **(Era of Ahmad Shah-The 2nd of Gujarat Sultanate)**

An Epigraph affixed to the wall of the historical "Mustafabad Jam-e-Masjid". Translation of epigraph in English is as below:

"All Masjids are for the prayer of Allah. Do not worship any other than Allah. Prophet Sallallahu-alayhi-wa-sallam said, "Whoever builds a masjid of Allah, Allah builds for him a house in paradise." Jam-e-Masjid of town Mustafabad was built during the ruling period of Emperor Qutub Abul Muzaffar Ahmad Shah by the guidance of Allah. Following the request of the leader of young "Salatuttashrif Saiyyad Ataullah Raja Hayful Mukhatib Saraful Milal" (honoured with Titles), and the effort of "Qaziyl- Mashaikh", it has been ready on 09 Rabiul-Awwal, 857 Hijri."

Ahmad Shah- The 1st and Ahmad Shah-The 2nd were the kings of Gujarat Sultanate. (Also known as the

Muzaffarid dynasty 1407–1573). Gujarat Sultanate was a kingdom established in the early 15th century in western India, primarily in the present-day state of Gujarat, India. Muzaffarid dynasty (Gujarat Sultanate) was founded by Sultan Zafar Khan Muzaffar. The end of the Gujarat Sultanate came in 1573 when the third Mughal emperor Jalal-ud-din Muhammad Akbar (Also known as Akbar), annexed Gujarat in his empire.

Ahmad Shah- The 1st: Born in 1389; passed away in 1442 (Hijri 846).

Reign: 1411 to 1442. He was titled as “Nasir-ud-din”

Ahmad Shah-The 2nd: Born in 1429; passed away on 25th May 1458 CE (12 Rajab 862 Hijri)

Reign: 1451 to 1458. He was titled as “Qutbuddin Ahmad Shah-The 2nd”.

The history of Mustafabad Jam-e-Masjid was also recorded in the History Books mentioned below:

(i) “Indian Archaeology” 1972–73, Page 48.

(ii) “Epigraphic Resources in Gujarat”- Page 19.

(iii) “Archaeological Survey of India, Government of India” Edition-1978, Page 48.

As recorded in the above-mentioned History Books construction of Jam-e-Masjid completed on Monday, 20 March 1453 CE corresponds to 9 Rabi-Al- Awwal, Hijri 857. Mustafabad Jam-e-Masjid was built during the ruling period of Ahmad Shah-The 2nd (Qutb-ud-din Ahmad Shah-The 2nd ), who was the son of Mahmud Shah-The 2nd and the grandson of famous king Ahmad Shah-The 1st , the founder of Ahmedabad city as Capital. Ahmad Shah-The 2nd sits on the throne as a youth ruler in 1451 CE and he ruled up to his death on 25th May 1458 (Rajab 12, 862 Hijri). Ahmad Shah-The 2nd defeated Khilji at Kapadvanj. He also helped Firuz Khan ruling from Nagaur against Rana Kumbha of Chittor's attempt to overthrow him.

### **History of Tankaria village mentioned in the Gazetteer of the Bombay Presidency (1618 CE): (Era of Mughal Emperor Jahangir)**

This volume on the People of Gujarat includes two parts; among two parts, the first part, “The Musalmans” was contributed by “Khan Bahadur Fazlullah Lutfullah Faridi”. He was “Assistant Collector of Customs” at Bombay. On page 59 of “The Musalmans” (First part of above mentioned Gazetteer), it is mentioned that Captain Ovens in one of the notebooks of the first Broach Survey given an account (Description of past events), which he had from Vahoras of Tankaria. According to Captain Ovan’s description, some of the Marvadi prisoners of war were kept as slaves by a Hindu king. They were freed in 1618 CE by Muslim Emperor Jahangir. Those Marvadis became Muslim; they were settled on the wastelands in Gujarat. The subsequent sentence “Some of the Kaira’s (Present days Kheda), cultivating Bahoras give almost the same account, and though these Marvadi converts cannot have been original Bohoras, they may at one time have been a distinct class like or the same as “Kakapuries” mentioned below on page 62” gave us further clarification.”

After careful reading of all those written sentences it is understood that wisely, Emperor Jahangir settled those newly converted Marvadi Muslims on wastelands such as Mustafad Tankaria and Kheda. The purpose was that those migrants can easily get some land, religious guidance, and help from Muslims villagers.

### **A land survey was carried in Tankaria in 1856 for laying the railway track (1856 CE):**

In 1856 CE, a land survey was conducted in Tankaria for laying the railway track by “The Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway” (“B.B. & C. I.”). When Surveyors reached for the survey at Tankaria they faced geographical & technical issues at Tankaria village which were not solved. Engineers of B.B. & C.I. decided to reroute the railway track from Nandewar village.

“Administration report on the Railways in India” specify, “B.B. & C.I was a company incorporated in 1855 to undertake the task of constructing a railway line between Bombay and Vadodara. Laying of railway track work was completed in 1864.”

### **Tankaria Primary School for Boys (1865-66 CE):**

The construction report for the School Building at Tankaria for 150 Boys was published in “General Report on the Administration of the Bombay Presidency, for 1865–66”. It is recorded in the report that “Foundation filled in, plinth raised, and superstructure nearly completed; doors and windows and woodwork of roof prepared.” It is also mentioned in the report that Rs. 6,633 allotted for 1865–66; Rs. 3,116 expended and Rs. 3,517 was the balance.

The original school building (1865–66) had seven rooms. Enough space was left open in the front and centre of the building to provide fresh air and sunlight. Open space can be used for extracurricular activities. Clay Bricks were used in the wall, and high-quality teak was used for the roof. Well-designed wooden trusses, rafters, and clay roof tiles were used for the roof. Arrangements of rooms, the utilisation of space, perfectly designed wooden trusses, use of formatted steel plates having bolted connections to provide extra strength to wooden trusses, all those points prove that the building was planned and designed by an Engineer according to the Standards and Engineering Practices being used during 1856–66. After comparing the design of trusses in neighbouring villages with old school buildings like in Tankaria, it is concluded that the design of trusses was centrally controlled during that period to maintain the high-quality of work and similarity. It also proves that well-trained teams of carpenters were assigned for the work of all school buildings being run by the government. At least we can say special care was taken for public buildings in that era and that is why public buildings of that era were durable.

As recorded above, the total construction cost of Tankaria primary school for boys was around Rupees 4000; it was a cheap period!

### **Central Urdu Primary School of Tankaria (1903 CE):**

Central Urdu Primary School of Tankaria was among the first school with boarding facilities in the northern division of the Bombay Presidency.

The “Director of Public Instruction” published the official report on the progress of education for 1917-



1918. The report specifies that “There were only a few Central Urdu Primary Boarding Schools for Muslims in 1917; among these are the District Local Board and Municipal Urdu Primary School at Nasirabad in the central division and Central Urdu Primary School at Tankaria in the northern division of the Bombay Presidency.” Further on page 119 of this report, it is recorded that, The Central Urdu Boys School at Tankaria in the Broach district presented 11 students at the Vernacular (Urdu) final examination and passed 10 (Year 1917). Three of its student who had passed in the preceding year got admission into the P.R. Training College at Ahmedabad”. The class attached to the “District Local Board”. School at a large Muslim village Tankaria, is under the charge of 3 years trained Munshi on Rs. 45. The moral and physical welfare of the students is carefully attended to. The class is an excellent institution and is fully performing the purpose with which it was founded.”

The Bombay Gazette, Tuesday, March 14. 1911 points out “honourable member of the council asked the government, will the government be pleased to state whether it is proposed to ask the Local Boards in all districts to establish central schools as at Tankaria in Broch District?”

A study of the reports described above confirms that The Central Urdu Primary School at Tankaria was a famous and most successful school in the Bombay Presidency.

### **Freedom Fighters of Tankaria (1930 CE):**

Musa Esa Captain, Mahatma Muhammad Ibrahim Kabir, Adam Ismail Mustafabadi, Ibrahim Ise Babiyat nicknamed “Nayak Mota” and Dr Alibhai Ghodiwala were well-known freedom fighters of Tankaria village. The seventeenth session of the “Permanent Mandates Commission” (Commission of “League of Nations”), was held at the “United Nations” headquarters in Geneva from 3rd June 1930 to 21st June 1930. It is recorded on page 216 of the minutes of this session that “Communication from Mr Musa Esa Captain, Honorary Secretary of Anjumane Shaukatul Islam and Khilafat Committee Tankaria, India received by the Permanent Mandates Commission on 7th June 1930.”

After a discussion at the meeting, it was finalised to take action against Musa Esa Captain. He was sent to Nagpur Central Jail for seven months; Mahatma Kabir was also sent to Nagpur Central Jail for few months; Gandhiji was in the Nagpur Central jail. Gandhiji himself gave the title of “Mahatma” to Mahatma Kabir and “Captain” to Musa Esa Captain.

The original surname of Adam Ismail Mustafabadi was Rober. He had so much love for the Mustafabad that he used to write Mustafabadi behind his name. Mustafabadi had a good knowledge of the English language and, using his skills, he helped people. He is said to have written a book called “Lohina Aansu” (Tears of Blood). After India’s independence, Ibrahim Ise Babiyat had been serving in the police department. The freedom fighters of Tankaria were also members of the “Khilafat Committee Tankaria”. Freedom fighters were an example of unity in the Tankaria and surrounding area; they created a prominent identity of the village.

Use this link to read all four parts in details. <https://www.mytankaria.com/history/history-of-mustafabad-tankaria>

## Messages on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Tankaria Welfare Society to be held on Sunday, September 26, 2021.

### (1) Tankaria Covid Care Centre Committee. Tankaria.

ટંકારીઆ કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટર નો ટૂંકો અહેવાલ અને આભાર વ્યક્ત કરતો સંદેશ.

કોરોનાની બીજી લહેર દરમિયાન એપ્રિલ-મે ૨૦૨૧ના રમજાન માસમાં બીજા અઠવાડિયાથી ટંકારીયાના લોકો ખુબ મોટી સંખ્યામાં Covid-19 મહામારીમાં સપડાયા હતા. ટંકારીયાના લોકોએ અનુભવેલા સદીના અત્યંત મુશ્કેલ સમયમાં રોજના ૩,૪ કે ૫ નવયુવાનો, ગ્રામજનો Covid-19 નો શીકાર બની અકાળે આ દુનિયાથી વિદાય લઈ રહ્યા હતા. બધીજ હોસ્પિટલોમાં વેઈટિંગ લીસ્ટ ખૂબ જ લાંબા હતા, તથા કોરોના મહામારીનો ભોગ બનેલા કેટલાય લોકોની આર્થિક સ્થિતિ મોંઘી હોસ્પિટલોના ખર્ચાઓને પહોંચી શકે એવી ન હતી જેના કારણે દર્દીઓ સમયસરની યોગ્ય સારવારથી વંચિત રહી આ ક્ષતિ દુનિયા છોડી રહ્યા હતા. ગામમાં જરૂરી સુવિધાઓ સાથેની હોસ્પિટલ ન હોવાથી Covid-19 માટે ખાસ અલાયદી સુવિધા તાત્કાલિક ઉભી કરવાની જરૂરિયાત ઉભી થઈ હતી. કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટર તાત્કાલિક શરૂ કરવા માટે માય ટંકારીઆ વોટ્સઅપ ગ્રુપ ૦૧ અને ૦૨ માં તથા ગ્રેટ ટંકારીઆ વોઈસ વોટ્સઅપ ગ્રુપ માં અને માય ટંકારીઆ વેબસાઈટ ઉપર ૧૭ એપ્રિલ ૨૦૨૧ ના રોજ એક ઈમરજન્સી મેસેજ મુકવામાં આવ્યો હતો. બે-પાંચ મીનીટનાય વિલંબ વિના બધાંનો ખૂબ ઝડપી અને જરૂરી એવો સહકાર અને આ કામ માટેની પ્રાથમિક જરૂરીયાત એવા દાન નો અવિરત ધોધ દુનિયાના દરેક ખૂણામાં રહેતા લોકો મારફત તાત્કાલિક શરૂ થઈ ગયો હતો. ૧૮ એપ્રિલ ૨૦૨૧ની રાત્રે અંજુમન સાર્વજનિક હોસ્પિટલ અને મદની શિક્ષાખાનાના હોદ્દાદારો સાથે ટૂંકી મુલાકાત થઈ હતી અને કેટલાક જિમ્મેદારોના, ડોક્ટરોના સહી/સિક્કા સાથે ટંકારીયા વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી યુ.કે. ના કેટલાક જિમ્મેદારોને વ્યક્તિગત રીતે મદદ માટે વિધિવત પત્ર લખી વોટ્સઅપ મારફત મોકલવામાં આવ્યો હતો. ઈન્ડિયા, ઈંગ્લેન્ડ, અમેરીકા, સાઉથ આફ્રીકા, કેનેડા, જામ્બીયા, આફ્રીકાના બીજા દેશો, સઉદી અરેબીયા, કતાર, ન્યુજીલેન્ડ, સ્વાજીલેન્ડ જેવા બીજા કેટલાક દેશોમાં રહેતા લોકોએ પોત-પોતાની જવાબદારીઓ નિભાવવાની શરૂ કરી હતી અને તેઓએ ટેલીફોન અને વોટ્સઅપ મેસેજ મારફત સતત સંપર્કમાં રહી સમયસર મદદ કરી માનવતાનું એક ઉમદા ઉદાહરણ પૂરું પાડ્યું હતું. ૧૯ એપ્રિલ ૨૦૨૧ની રાત્રે તરાવીહની નમાજ પછી સમુદમાં ખાસ દુઆ અને સદકાનું આયોજન કર્યો પછી ટંકારીઆ કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટર શરૂ કરવા માટે મોટા પાદર દારૂલ ઉલુમના હોલમાં ગામ લોકોની હાજરીમાં એક મીટીંગનું આયોજન થયું હતું. ખુબ જ ટૂંકા સમયમાં જરૂરી સુવિધાઓ ઉભી કરવાની તથા સરકારની પરવાનગી માટેની તમામ પ્રક્રિયાઓ પૂરી થતાં ૨૫ એપ્રિલ ૨૦૨૧ ના રોજ ટંકારીઆ કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટર વિધિવત રીતે કાર્યરત થયું હતું. કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટર શરૂ કરવા માટે શરૂઆતમાં ૦૩ બિલ્ડીંગ ચર્ચા વિચારણામાં હતી. પરંતુ દારૂલ બનાતની બિલ્ડીંગમાં ૫૦૦ બહેનો માટે રહેવા-જમવાની બધીજ પાયાની સુવિધાઓ તૈયાર હોવાથી આ સુવિધાઓ હાથવગી હતી અને આ બિલ્ડીંગ ગામથી દૂર હોવાથી સંક્રમણ ફેલાવવા જેવા જોખમો પણ ખૂબ ઓછા હતા એટલે બધાની સહમતિથી અને સંયુક્ત પ્રયાસોથી આ ટંકારીઆ કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટર દારૂલ બનાતમાં શરૂ કરવામાં આવ્યું હતું. આપણા ગામના અનુભવી ડોક્ટરો અને નર્સિંગ સ્ટાફની ટીમ તથા વોલીન્ટીયર્સની ટીમ તાત્કાલિક ઉભી કરવામાં આવી હતી. ગામના નવયુવાનોએ દારૂલ બનાતમાં સફાઈની કામગીરી વિના વિલંબે શરૂ કરી દીધી હતી. ગામના ઈલેક્ટ્રીશિયન પણ તાત્કાલિક કામે લાગી ગયા હતા. ભરૂચ અને જંબુસરની હોસ્પિટલના ડોક્ટરોની સલાહ આપણા સ્ટાફને મળી રહે એવી વ્યવસ્થા ગોઠવવામાં આવી હતી. સાલ્યા હોસ્પિટલના સ્ટ્રેચર, ઓક્સીજનની ટ્રોલી, ઓક્સીજન ફ્લોમીટર જેવા સાધનો આપણને વાપરવા માટે મળ્યા હતા. નાણાનું દાન ઉપરાંત કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટર માટે જરૂરી એવા અનેક સાધનોનું દાન ખુબ ઝડપથી કરી ટંકારીયાના દેશ-વિદેશમાં રહેતા લોકોએ અને કેટલીક સંસ્થાઓએ એક ઉમદા એક શ્રેષ્ઠ ઉદાહરણ પૂરું પાડ્યું હતું. બીજા ગામ-શહેરમાં વસતા લોકો તરફથી પણ ખુબ સારો સહકાર મળ્યો હતો. ગામના અંજુમન હોસ્પિટલ અને મદની શિક્ષાખાના હોસ્પિટલના હોદ્દાદારો, ડોક્ટરો, નર્સિંગ તથા બીજો જરૂરી સ્ટાફ, કોવીડ કેર કમીટીના જિમ્મેદારો અને ગામના લોકોએ આ કામમાં ખુબ એકાગ્રતાથી કામ કર્યું હતું. દર્દીઓને લેટેસ્ટ દવાઓ, લેટેસ્ટ મેડીકલના સાધનો દ્વારા લેટેસ્ટ ટ્રીટમેન્ટ, ફાયર સેફ્ટી, એલાર્મ સીસ્ટમ, ઓક્સીજન સેન્ટ્રલ લાઈન મારફત ઓક્સિજનનો અવિરત સપ્લાય, દર્દીઓ માટેના એરકંડીશન રૂમો માટે હેવી લોડનું અલગ

વાયરીંગ, સ્ટેન્ડ બાય પાવર સપ્લાય, એમ્બ્યુલન્સ જેવી સેવાઓ કોઈ પણ જાતની અડચણ વિના અવિરત મળતી રહે એવી ભરપૂર કોશિશો થઈ હતી. દર્દીઓ અને દર્દીઓના સગાસંબંધીઓએ ટંકારીયા કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટરની ખુબ સરાહના કરી આ કામમાં હિસ્સેદાર બધા લોકો માટે અલ્લાહ પાસે અવારનવાર દુઆઓ કરી હતી. ટંકારીયાના લોકોએ અનુભવેલા આ સદીના અન્યંત મુશ્કેલ સમયમાં બધાએ ભેગા મળી જે કામ કર્યું હતું તે કામ ગામની એકતા, મજબુત સંગઠન, પ્રબળ ઈચ્છાશક્તિ તથા અલ્લાહની ખાસ મદદથી જ શક્ય બન્યું હતું. ૨૫ એપ્રિલ ૨૦૨૧થી ૧૫ જુન ૨૦૨૧ દરમિયાન કુલ ૧૪૭ દર્દીઓએ ટંકારીયા કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટરમાં કોઈ પણ પ્રકારની ફી ચૂકવ્યા વિના મફત સારવારનો લાભ લીધો હતો. ટંકારીયા ગામના ૧૧ ડોક્ટરોએ તથા ગામના જ નર્સિંગ સ્ટાફે અને વોલીન્ટીયર્સે સેવાઓ આપી હતી જેમાંના કેટલાક સ્ટાફે પોતાના પગારની રકમ દાન પેટે કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટરમાં પરત જમા કરાવી ઉમદા સેવાનું બેહતરીન ઉદાહરણ પૂરું પાડ્યું હતું. ટંકારીયા કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટરના સમાપન પ્રસંગે તારીખ ૧૯ જુન ૨૦૨૧ની રાત્રે મોટા પાદર દાડલ ઉલુમના હોલમાં રાખેલ કાર્યક્રમમાં હાજરજનોની ઉપસ્થિતિમાં કોરોના યોદ્ધાઓને ટ્રોફી અને સન્માનપત્ર આપી સન્માનિત કરાયા હતા. આ સમારંભમાં કોવિડ કેર સેન્ટરમાં થયેલ કામગીરીની ત્યા શરુ થી અંત સુધી ના એકએક રૂપિયાના ખર્ચની સવિસ્તાર માહિતી કમીટીના સભ્યોએ પ્રદાન કરી હતી જેને શ્રોતાગણે તાળીઓથી વધાવી લીધી હતી. દાનની વધેલ રકમો થોડો સમય રિજર્વ રાખવાનું નક્કી થયું હતું જેથી ઓચિંતી જરૂરત ઉભી થાય તો વિના વિલંબે ટંકારીયા કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટર ફરીથી શરૂ કરી શકાય. હવે પછી દાનની વધેલી રકમો બાબતે અંતિમ નિર્ણય દેશ-વિદેશમાંથી જેમણે એ દાન આપ્યું છે એવા તમામ દાનવીરોની વ્યક્તિગત ઈચ્છા અનુસાર ટૂંક સમયમાં કરવામાં આવશે.

આજના આ પ્રસંગે ટંકારીયામાં રહેતા લોકો તથા ટંકારીયા કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટર કમીટી, ધી ટંકારીયા વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી યુ.કે. તથા દાન એકત્રિત કરનારા જિમ્મેદારો, દાનવીરો, હિતેચ્છુઓ તથા યુ.કે.માં રહેતા તમામ એવા દાનવીરો, ટંકારીયા જેમણે વ્યક્તિગત રીતે ટંકારીયા કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટર કમીટીને એમના કુટુંબીજનો, સનેહીઓ મારફત દાન આપ્યું છે એ તમામનો ખુબ ખુબ આભાર વ્યક્ત કરે છે. ધી ટંકારીયા વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી યુ.કે. પ્રગતિના અનેક સોપાનો સર કરે એવી દિલી દુઆઓ અને સુભેચ્છાઓ છે. ધી ટંકારીયા વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીના આદ્યસ્થાપકો જેમનું મન હમેશાં માટે વતનની ફીકરોમાં રહેતું હતું એવા દીર્ઘ દ્રષ્ટી વાળા લોકોની સુજબુજ ને આજના આ ગોલ્ડન જ્યુબીલીની ઉજવણીના પ્રસંગે સલામ. આજના આ ખાસ પ્રસંગે આ માધ્યમ મારફતે ઈન્ડિયા, ઈંગ્લેન્ડ, અમેરિકા, આફ્રીકા, કેનેડા, જામ્બીયા, સાઉદી અરેબીયા, કતાર, ન્યુજીલેન્ડ, સ્વાઇલેન્ડ જેવા બીજા દેશોમાં રહેતા લોકોએ જે વ્યક્તિગત રીતે જવાબદારીઓ નિભાવી ટંકારીયા કોવીડ કેર સેન્ટરને તથા ગામના બીજા નાનામોટા કામોમાં ભૂતકાળમાં પણ જે મદદ કરી છે એ તમામનો દિલની ગેહરાઈથી ખુબ ખુબ આભાર વ્યક્ત કરવામાં આવે છે. અલ્લાહ તઆલા તમામની ખીદમતો કબુલ કરી બન્ને જહાનમાં એનો બેહતરીન બદલો આપે, તમામની મદદ ફરમાવે, તંદુરસ્તી સાથેનું આસાન જીવન આપે, રોજી રોજગારમાં બરકત આપે, ઈમાનની સલામતી સાથેનું જીવન અને મોત આપે એવી દિલી દુઆઓ સાથે. ટંકારીયા કોવીડ કેર કમીટી, ટંકારીયા.

## (2) Mr. Aziz Tankarvi. Tankaria.

શુભેચ્છા સંદેશ :

અરસલામો અલયકુમ વ. વ.

શકીકભાઈ, હબીબ ભુતા, ઈકબાલભાઈ, મોહમ્મદ ફાઝલ તથા બધા ટંકારવી યુવા મિત્રો, તમારા બધા માટે સમગ્ર ગામને ગર્વ છે. તમે લોકો પોતાનાઓ થી માઈલો દૂર તમારા ધંધા -રોજગારમાં વ્યસ્ત હોવા છતાં વતનની ખિદમત માટે તન, મન, ધનથી તત્પર રહો છો, એનું અમને ખૂબ ગૌરવ છે. અલ્લાહ આપની ખિદમતોને કબૂલ ફરમાવે, આપની મહેનત, ફિકર ને કામયાબ કરે એવી દિલી દુઆઓ.

આદિલ મન્સૂરી કહે છે :

વતનની ધૂળથી માથું ભરી લઉં આદિલ

પછી આ ધૂળ પણ ઉમ્મલર મળે ન મળે.

બધાને યાદ અને સલામ.

**(3) Mr. Nasirhusen Lotiya. Tankaria.**

Best wishes for Annual General Meeting and Golden Jubilee Celebration of The Tankaria Welfare Society UK. Tankarvis around the world are looking forward for the outcomes of Annual General Meeting of TWS. Wishing you all the best in whatever you do in AGM. Good luck for all future endeavours.

**(4) Mr. Mubarak Ghodiwala (Dard Tankarvi). Tankaria.**

Very best wishes for the meeting..... Allah aapra mate best Kare evi Dili dua.

**(5) Anjuman Hospital. Tankaria.**

અંજુમન સાર્વજનિક દવાખાનું ટંકારીઆ પરિવાર..

\*ધી ટંકારીઆ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી યુ.કે. શક્તીકભાઈ , મિત્રો, વડીલો !\*

પોતાના વતન ટંકારીઆથી દૂર રહી વતન માટે તથા સામાજિક કામોમાં સક્રિય અને તત્પર એવી ધી ટંકારીઆ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટી યુ.કે. સંસ્થા તથા તેના મેમ્બરો, વડીલોને ગોલ્ડન જ્યુબિલી ડે નિમિત્તે ખૂબ ખૂબ મુબારકબાદી.

અલ્લાહ આપ લોકોની માનવસેવા માટેનો જઝબો, ફિકર, મહેનત અને હંમેશા તેને પ્રગતિના પંથે લઈ જવાના પ્રયત્નો કરવામાં આપ સૌને કામયાબ અને Successful કરે એવી દિલી દુઆઓ. (આમીન ).

લિ. અંજુમન સાર્વજનિક દવાખાનું ટંકારીઆ પરિવાર..

**(6) Mr. Aiyub Miyaji. Canada.**

The President Shafiq bhai and comitee members

I would like to congratulate members of Tankaria welfare society. U.k on their Golden jubilee celebration.

You all deserve credit for your hard work .sacrifice love .and precious times you spent for welfare and bright future for Tankaria

From bottom of my heart I wish you all the best. For coming years .Thanks. Ayub bhai Miyanji Canada.

**(7) Mr. Bashir Menk. USA.**

To the President of the Tankaria Welfare Society UK, Brother Shafiq Bhai, and his entire team. On behalf of the Tankaria community in Chicago, Illinois - we would like to extend our dearest congratulations to you all on your Golden Jubilee Celebration. I have been a member of the Tankaria Voice Group and have witnessed the great work your organization has done during the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, supporting the COVID Center and providing as well as supporting the daily operations of the Center with medical supplies and equipment. Most importantly, Tankaria Welfare Society UK was able to provide financial relief for families who were impacted significantly during this unprecedented time. It was not an easy task, however, with your passion, determination, and motivation you have made such a difference to the Village of Tankaria. There is a lot more work to be done, yet, I am positive with the continuous mentorship of Iqbal Bhai Dhoriwala, Ayub Bhai Miyanji , Abdul Bhai Kamthi, Aziz Tankarvi and many more

- the Tankaria community will continue to flourish. Likewise, we have a handful of pioneers left in our community like Adam-Sahib Ghodiwala, Yakub Mahek, Ismail Khunawala, Ali Adam Bhim, Dawood Baji Bhai Bhuta, and others. If we work together, we can accomplish many more great things. Congratulations again and keep up the good work from Bashir Menk and the Chicago Tankaria community!

**(8) Mr. Aziz Bhad. Zambia.**

W.salam w.w

Congratulations and many good wishes to u k welfare society on the day of golden jubilee celebrations may almighty Allah make it easy and successful AMEEN

**(9) Mr. Muhammad Patel. India.**

Assalamoalykum ww

Dear All Tankarvi

Nice to see UK Tankarvi taking lead and doing great job of bringing all Tankarvi on one page, one platform.

Tankaria has produced Doctors, Engineers, Enter-pruners, Poets, Professors, Ulama and most importantly TEACHERS. Tanakaria teachers were dominating the teaching fields all over Gujarat.

Many like minded people are meeting in UK on the Jubilee occasion which would give great opportunity how Tankaria legacy of leading the community be enhanced and going forward how collectively we can do more in all fields so that current generation be rightly guided to become leaders of tomorrow. We should invest all our energies and resources to make younger generation highly educated, good human-being, Muslim in true sense etc.

With fast changing world and values we have to adopt to such situations while maintaining our identity.

While staying far away from country you guys are doing great job with dedication and commitment and this will bring sea changes in making better future not only of Tankarvis but the whole community Inshaallah.

**(10) Mr. Mustak Daula. Tankaria.**

Congratulations and May ALLAH [SWT] succeed a great program.....

**(11) Mr. Adam Moosa (Lali Family). South Africa.**

It is with deep and profound regret that I wish to inform you that I cannot be a part of your audience on this momentous occasion as you celebrate 50 years heralding your noteworthy existence. As you are aware, there are circumstances the world is facing way beyond our expectations, making it difficult to travel. Please accept my apologies for not being present.

Whilst I accept the “Legend of Tankaria Award” in absentia, I place on record my sincere gratitude for this single honour and believe that there are many other unsung heroes along your path of existence who are more deserving of this esteemed honour. Please accept my best wishes for the day in question. I accept this award with great humility.

I place on record my admiration for the members of the Tankaria Welfare Society for their selfless contributions which have enabled this legendary body to celebrate such a memorable milestone. Your Society has done sterling work over the 50 years.

There are many people who have contributed in cash and kind to your success and it is on this note that I wish to record my sincere admiration to these stalwarts and donors. Your dedication and hard work will never go unnoticed by Allah.

May you remain blessed.

I would like to congratulate your Guest of Honour, Gold Medalist Ayaz M. Bhuta for his remarkable achievement of attaining gold at the Paralympics. You have brought great honour to Tankaria and to fellow Tankarians who are part and parcel of the Indian diaspora throughout the world. May the Society enjoy a long and fruitful existence on the road ahead!

Kind Regards

Adam Moosa (Lali Family)

Port Shepstone- South Arica.

**(12) Mr. Rustam Lalan. Canada.**

ધી ટંકારીઆ વેલ્ફેર સોસાયટીના ગોલ્ડન જ્યુબીલીની ઉજવણીના પ્રસંગે સોસાયટીના સંચાલકોને ઘણા ઘણા અભિનંદન અને ભવિષ્યમાં પણ સોસાયટીના હેતુ અનુસાર માદરે વતન માટે ભૂતકાળની જેમ યોગ્ય કાર્ય કરે એવી ખુદા પાસે દુઆ માંગું છું.

ભૂતકાળમાં સોસાયટીના યોગ્ય હેતુઓ જેવા કે ....

(૧) ગામના જરૂરીયાતમંદ લોકોને નાણાકીય સહાય ત્યા

(૨) ગામના બાળકોને સ્કોલરશીપ આપવાના હેતુઓ માટે આપણા ગામની સંસ્થા મુસ્તુફાબાદ યુથક્લબને યોગ્ય ગણીને જે કાર્યભાર સોંપેલ એને વિશ્વાસ સાથે પૂરો કરવામાં પૂરી ઈમાનદારીથી હમો યુથક્લબના સભ્યો સહભાગી થયેલા તે બદલ આનંદ અનુભવીએ છે.

અંતમાં અલ્લાહ સંસ્થાને ઉત્તરો ઉત્તર પ્રગતિ કરાવે એજ દુઆ. (આમીન)

લિ. આપનો વિશ્વાસુ

રૂસ્તમ લાલન.

**(13) Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Dhoriwala. Dewsbury UK.**

Salam and message from the co-ordinator Iqbal Ahmed Dhoriwala of Dewsbury UK, to the whole Tankaria and other families of the world.

Alhamdulillah, Tankaria is a gifted and blessed village.

Lucky to be born in this remarkable land of love and passion.

Always feel proud to be a TANKARVI

I have few suggestions to the worldwide brave Tankaria community:

1. To form a \*TANKARIA GLOBAL WELFARE SOCIETY\*
  2. Work on local to global base together.
  3. To have local, regional, nationwide and an umbrella organization named as above.
  4. "Tankaria Bhavan" or "Tankaria House" to be established at Tankaria and some other part of the world like Leicester, Vanda, Chicago etc. Start from a small office. Manage by paid staff.
  5. mytankaria.com website to be promoted and sponsored by the newly formed TGWS to have premises, latest equipment, live broadcast facilities, paid qualified staff, studio and other needed facilities.
  6. To have a monthly regular zoom meetings to keep updated and a two yearly functions.
- "Tankaria Day" Should be celebrated at motherland Tankaria in every winter NRI season time. It should be celebrated at UK in summer time. It should be celebrated in every Tankarians populated towns and cities of India and the world on a fixed day like a MEMON DAY celebrated around 12 April every year.
7. To start Tankaria co-op bank where interest free transaction takes place. Rich and well wishing people deposit amount and needy people can take as emergency, business, student, immigration and other type of loan to be prosperous.
  8. Monthly e-bulletin to be published in Gujarati and English language.
  9. Scheme to be launch to promote bright students, sports and other talented youths. Sports academy, marriage bureau, dispute resolution committee should be formed. Take care of Tankaria less fortunate, disabled, blind, widow and sick people as our own one. Treat equal and with respect to the brilliant service providers of SC cast families and boost their salaries.
  10. Make Tankaria as a one family to share Pain and Happiness.