

# South Asians on the Queen's Birthday List

## Knights Bachelor

### Knighthoods

\* Professor Sabaratnam Arulkumaran: Professor and Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and President, Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists. For services to Medicine.

### Civil

#### Order of the British Empire

##### 1. Commanders of the Order of the British Empire (CBE)

\* Dr Anas Al-Shaikh Ali Academic Advisor, London Office, International Institute of Islamic Thought. For services to Community Relations.

\* Narendra Bajarria for services to Urban and Rural, Planning and to the Peak District National Park.

\* Rumi Verjee for charitable services.

##### 2. Officers of the Order of the British Empire (OBE)

\* Gurdev Kaur, Mrs Abrol For voluntary service to Sikh and Asian Women in the West Midlands.

\* Reshard Sheik Mahmad Auladin Deputy Chairman, Metropolitan Police Authority. For services to the Police and to the Administration of Justice.

\* Ms Rokhsana Fiaz Director, Change Institute. For services to Black and Minority Ethnic People.

\* Fiyaz Mughal Director,

Faith Matters. For services to the Voluntary Sector.

##### 3. Members of the Order of the British Empire (MBE)

\* Jamila, Mrs Aftab For services to the community in St Paul's, Bristol.

\* Ashuk Ahmed For services to Young People.

\* Syeda Rowgi, Mrs Begun for services to Bengali and Somali People in Tower Hamlets, London.

\* Kuljit Bhamra For services to Bhangra and British Asian Music.

\* Dr Shobha Das Deputy Director, Support Against Racist Incidents. For services to Community Relations in Bristol.

\* Kamwarjit Singh Dhillon, Forensic Operations Manager, Bedfordshire Police. For services to the Police.

\* Ms Kamini Gadhok, Chief Executive and Professional Director, Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. For services to the Allied Health Professions.

\* Kathryn Susan, Mrs Galvin Adoption Contact Co-ordinator, Devon County Council. For services to Children and Families.

\* Ms. Nina Rajarani Ganguly for Serv. to South Asian Dance.

\* Cllr Ahmadul Haque, Chairman, Al Islah Community Trust. For services to the community,

Sandwell, West Midlands.

\* Iftakhar Hussain For services to Asian People in Hartlepool, Durham.

\* Nurul Islam for services to Bengali People.

\* Ebrahim Kharodia, for services to Pharmacy in Central London and to Charity in Malawi.

\* Malkit Kharpal Grade C2, Ministry of Defence.

\* Ms Safia Laila Minney Founder and Director, People Tree. For services to Fair Trade and to the Fashion Industry.

\* Lopa Patel, Founder, Redhotcurry.com. For services to the Creative Industries.

\* Pravin Patel For voluntary service to Victim Support and Witness Care in London.

\* Urvashi Patel, Senior Executive Officer, Adult Basic Skills Strategy Unit, Dept for Innovation, Universities and Skills. For public and voluntary service.

\* Avtar Singh Sandhu For services to the community in North West Kent.

\* Ms Geetie Singh Founder, Duke of Cambridge. For services to the Organic Gastropub Trade.

\* Ms Sangeeta Elizabeth Singh founder Duke of Cambridge for Service to the organic gastropub trade

\* Councillor Manjula P Sood for services to the community in Leicester.

## Urvashi Patel awarded an MBE

A Senior Executive Officer in the Department for Children, Schools and Families, Mrs. Urvashi (Mita) Ranjtkumar Patel has been awarded an MBE for public and voluntary services in the Queens Birthday Honours List 2009.

Urvashi was born in Dharmaj, India and spent much of her childhood in Uganda and India. In 1974 she moved to the UK with her family and after completing her further education, started a career in public services in 1977. She has worked in 4 different Departments; Employment Service, The Department of Education and Employment, Department for Education and Skills, Department for Innovation Universities and Skills and she moved to her current post in October 2008.

She has worked locally in South London to support young people and families especially those with disabilities, into employment. Since 2001 she has worked nationally and led on key government policy to support children, young people and families in Education, Employment and



Disability.

She has also led on various volunteering projects with work colleagues and her husband, to help schools in Gujarat and worked with a number of public and private sector organisations to provide their support for these projects.

Urvashi and two other colleagues from her Department went to Dharmaj and volunteered at Dharmaj English Teaching School to learn and exchange ideas on different teaching and learning approaches in schools for 3 weeks.

Urvashi's husband Ranjit who has been working in the Home Office for the past 18 years has also been actively involved with her in volunteering projects and led the renovation of Kodwa Primary School in Kodwa near Khambhat in

Gujarat. Urvashi raised donations from staff in the Department, private education organisations and friends through innovative ideas and activities. They fully renovated Kodwa Primary School; built an additional classroom, painted the school themselves and donated vital items which the school needed. They gifted school bags, stationaries, beddings, toys and other items to schools and orphanage in Sojitra, all items which were donated by large companies in the UK.

At present Urvashi continues to inspire other members of staff in the Department to get involved in volunteering projects to support children, young people and families.

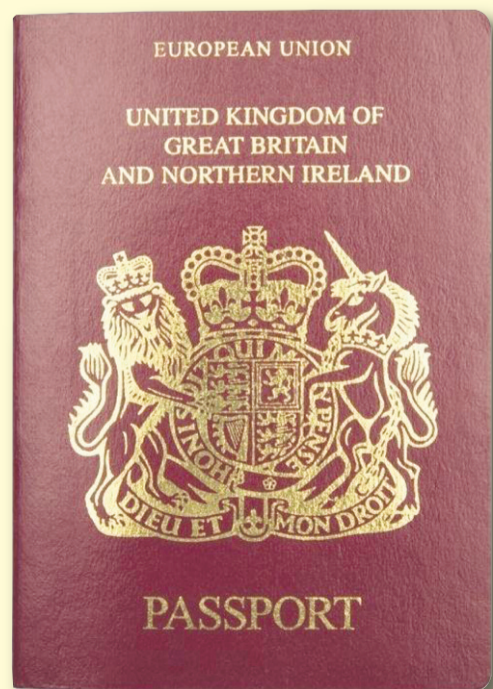
Mrs Urvashi Ranjtkumar Patel received many congratulations messages from family, friends and colleagues from the Department for this achievement. She is daughter of Induben and the late Mr Kanubhai M. Patel of Nadiad.

Jalpa, Dipesh, Pritesh, family and friends are all very proud of this wonderful achievement.

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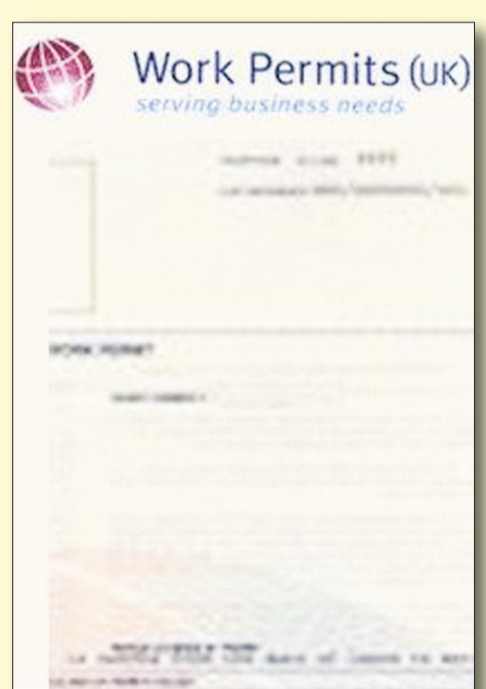
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