CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' annual report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2025	To	31	12	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	*Sanskriti (Reading)*
Other names charity is known by	*N/A*
Registered charity number (if any)	*1192984*
Charity's principal address	*24 Tamarind Way*
	Earley
	Reading
	Postcode *RG6 5GR*

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	*Soumitra Roy*			
2	*Dolan Majumder*			
3	*Santanu Basu*			
4	*Dibyendu Bhattacharya*			
5	*Somnath Mitra*			
6	*Sanjoy Sarkar*			
7	*Sushmita Banerjee*			
8	*Jay Sinha*			
9	*Partha Mandal*		Since 6th July 2025	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisors (Optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address
Bank		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	*Constitution adopted 5th January 2021*
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	*Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)*
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	*Partha Mandal was appointed as a Trustee in July 2025, following resignation by Bedanuj Dasgupta. All other Trustees were appointed at inception.*

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees
- The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works
- Relationship with any related parties
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them

Membership to the organisation is open to any family who are aligned with the work and objectives of the organisation.

The trustees oversee the charity governance matters while the executive committee decides and manages the day to day running of the organisation. There is some overlap between the trustees and executive committee. The executive committee seeks trustee's views on charity matters. Both trustees and executive committee work together in deciding the events and activities to ensure that they align with the charity objectives.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of education of the public in the UK in Indian culture through the provision of traditional Indian cultural events.
The relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, of people living in India by making grants of money to charities for providing or paying for items, services or facilities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

The main activities that we undertook in 2025 were as follows:

- *Saraswati Puja*
- *Charity Walk*
- *Donation to Kankhal Medical Aid, Manobik Chandpur*
- *Durga Puja (2nd year)*
- *Kali Puja and Diwali event;*
- *Members event – Holi (Festival of Colour)*

Saraswati Puja and Kali Puja & Diwali event are festivities that highlight the multi-cultural facet of the Indian community. It engages the community with greater social participation in traditional ceremonies, at the same time spreading the rich cultural heritage of India within the community. These events were open to the general public. Durga Puja entered it's 2nd year in 2025. Durga Puja is traditionally a 5 day community festival, however, was done over 3 days by us. It has the same ethos as the other two festivals and engaged great social participation and spread the cultural heritage of India. The event was carried out in a village in Upper Basildon, where the nearby residents also attended and engaged.

Sanskriti, through its collaboration with Indian charity organization Swadhina, continue to fulfill its long-standing ambition to support girls' education in rural India and to support the underprivileged through the provision of educational facilities. Swadhina, a registered charity in India, works at the ground level and Sanskriti through its collaboration with Swadhina, had launched the opening and running of the educational facility in the Musabani area of Jharkhand, India. The Charity Outdoor Day was organized in July 2025 as a fund-raising event to raise fund for this worthy cause. The fund generated during the event was handed over to Swadhina in January 2026.

Kankhal Medical Aid (KMA), a registered charity themselves, helps the Ramakrishna Sevashram Charity Hospital in Hardwar, India in its quest to provide free medical aid to the poor people of the neighbouring villages. Sanskriti has been supporting KMA for many years and that support was continued in 2025.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- Policy on grantmaking
- Policy programme related investment
- Contribution made by Volunteers

We are grateful for the many hours our members have put in - during planning, organizing and executing the events during the year.

This included the AGM held in April 2025 where the trustees presented the charity work that we did in the previous year and our future ambition, while the executive committee members presented the event plans for 2025.

Following the AGM, the minutes of meeting was shared amongst all members.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year.

Organising the Charity Walk (fund raising event for Swadhina)

AGM held in person on 13th April 2025

Durga Puja event, hosted in Upper Basildon, over a period of 3 days

Kali Pujo & Diwali Event hosted at Braywick Leisure Centre, Maidenhead

Sanskriti enjoyed great participation from general public and by hosting these events at different places meant that we engaged different sections of the community

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	*Closing balance as on 31/12/25 was £57,139. The earning in 2025 was £35,077. The expense in 2025 was £29,787. This created a surplus of £5,290 for the year. The balance fund is kept as reserve for use in organisation's charity objectives for the following year e.g. a donation of £848 was made to Swadhina in Jan 2026; and to meet the operational costs in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur. The fund may be used to host a cultural event in 2027. The fund will also assist in funding for the future years of girl's education in Musabani.*
Details of any funds materially in deficit	*Not applicable*

Further financial review details: (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about: The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising). How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity. Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.	*Our main source of funds this year has been membership fees, donations during the Kali Puja & Diwali event, donations from members for Durga Puja event, donation during Charity Walk event, sponsorship received for Kali Puja & Diwali event, and donations from non-members for Kali Puja and Durga Puja events.* *The expenditure during 2025 has supported our objective of advancing the cause of spreading Indian culture among the public in the UK through the organisation of Durga Puja event, Kali Puja & Diwali event and Saraswati Puja event. Expenditure like venue hire costs, food cost during events formed majority of the expenses during the year. And like previous years, Sanskriti sponsored the venue and food cost for members on the occasion of AGM.* *Donation was made to Kankhal Medical Aid – a charity which supports the medical needs of the underprivileged in Hardwar, India. Donation was also made to Manobik Chandpur, who support underprivileged women in Kolkata, India – both supporting our other objective.* *Big value operational expenditure comprised expenses on web development, garage hire, public liability insurance.*

Other optional information

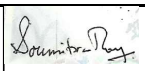
<u>Future Plans</u>
The coming year will see a continued emphasis on using the balance funds from 2025 to be used for our charitable causes. And to grow Sanskriti's membership base with more volunteers contributing to our events and cause.

The trustees also aspire to add another charity objective to support environmental cause(s).

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Somnath Mitra	Soumitra Roy
Position (eg chair, etc)	*Trustee*	*Trustee*

Date	*06.10.2026.*

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/ members of: Sanskriti (Reading)

On accounts for the year ended: 31 December 2025

Charity no.:	1192984	Company no.:	

Set out on pages:

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 December 2025

As the charity's trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charity Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Venusia Ltd Apt 316 Wimbledon Central 21-33 Worple Road London - SW19 4BJ www.venusia.co.uk

Date: 25 September 2026

Name: Gerald Gurriet

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Association of International Accountants

Address: Venusia Ltd

London, SW19 4BJ

Apt 316 Wimbledon Central, 21 – 33 Worple Road

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SANSKRITI (READING)	No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/01/2025	To	31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Fees	1,750	-	-	1,750	1,800
HMRC Gift Aid	2,215	-	-	2,215	7,524
Donation from Members for Saraswati Puja	530	-	-	530	530
Donation from Non-members for Saraswati Puja	678	-	-	678	773
Donation from Members for Holi	368	-	-	368	-
Donation from Non-members for Holi	50			50	-
Donation from Members for Bengali New Year Day celebration	-	-	-	-	430
Donation from Members for Sanskriti Club Cultural Programme	-	-	-	-	202
Donation from Non-Members for Sanskriti Club Cultural Programme	-	-	-	-	72
Donation from Members for Charity Walk	975	-	-	975	565
Donation from Non-Members for Charity Walk	566	-	-	566	800
Donation from Members for Durga Puja	4,896	-	-	4,896	5,481
Patron contribution for Durga Puja	2,801	-	-	2,801	550
Individual Sponsorship for Durga Puja	975	-	-	975	1,967
Donation from Non-members for Durga Puja	5,374	-	-	5,374	5,745
Sponsorship for Durga Puja	800	-	-	800	1,201
Collection from Charity Stall in Durga Puja	120	-	-	120	-
Donation from Members for Kali Puja	4,842	-	-	4,842	5,676
Patron contribution for Kali Puja	800	-	-	800	1,500
Individual Sponsorship for Kali Puja	1,340	-	-	1,340	358
Donation from Non-members for Kali Puja	5,027	-	-	5,027	4,567
Sponsorship for Kali Puja	950	-	-	950	1,430
Collection from Charity Stall in Kali Puja	10	-	-	10	-
Donation from Members for Bijoya Sammiloni	10	-	-	10	165
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	35,077	-	-	35,077	41,336
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	35,077	0	0	35,077	41,336
A3 Payments					
Donation to UK based Charity KANKHAL MEDICAL AID	401	-	-	401	401
Donation to India based Charity SWADHINA	-	-	-	-	893
Donation to India based Charity MANIKPUR INTBHATA	253	-	-	253	95
Bank Charges for Donation	-	-	-	-	17
Hall Hire for Saraswati Puja	90	-	-	90	714
Saraswati Puja Expenses	167	-	-	167	300
Saraswati Puja food material purchase	251	-	-	251	196
Saraswati Puja sound system hire	200	-	-	200	390
Saraswati Puja miscellaneous expenses	-	-	-	-	85
Hall Hire for Holi celebration	86	-	-	86	-

Holi celebration - Food	271	-	-	271	-
Hall Hire for Annual General Meeting	100	-	-	100	100
Annual General Meeting food expenses	540	-	-	540	668
Sanskriti Badges for members	-	-	-	-	97
Web Page Maintenance cost	570	-	-	570	173
Bank charges	44	-	-	44	79
Google Pay Charges	30	-	-	30	30
External Auditor payment	250	-	-	250	250
Public Liability Insurance	543	-	-	543	331
Website development	-	-	-	-	187
Laptop Care / Maintenance	-	-	-	-	90
Marquee Purchase	-	-	-	-	607
Garage Door Repair	-	-	-	-	44
Garage Hire	360	-	-	360	1,560
Old Debtors	-	-	-	-	15
Hall Hire for Bengali New Year Day Celebration	-	-	-	-	63
Bengali New Year Day Celebration - Food Expenses	-	-	-	-	77
Sanskriti Club Cultural Programme - Food Expenses	-	-	-	-	391
Food Expenses for Charity Walk	453	-	-	453	351
AGM Miscellaneous Expenses	159			159	-
Durga Puja 2026 Hall Hire Booking	500			500	-
Durga Puja Expenses	809	-	-	809	928
Durga Puja Hall Hire	2,947	-	-	2,947	1,589
Durga Puja Food Expenses	3,203	-	-	3,203	2,636
Durga Puja Utensils Hire Expenses	644	-	-	644	349
Durga Puja Decoration Expenses	272	-	-	272	1,005
Durga Puja Van Hire Expenses	760	-	-	760	620
Durga Puja Sound System Expenses	400	-	-	400	250
Durga Puja Miscellaneous Expenses	1,930	-	-	1,930	678
Kali Puja Hall Hire	5,900	-	-	5,900	3,114
Kali Puja Expenses	323	-	-	323	237
Kali Puja Food Expenses	1,920	-	-	1,920	1,276
Bijoya Sammiloni Food Expenses	-	-	-	-	695
Kali Puja utensils hire	758	-	-	758	920
Kali Puja Cultural programme	-	-	-	-	100
Kali Puja Sound System Hire	858	-	-	858	-
Kali Puja Marquee Hire	360	-	-	360	-
Kali Puja Decoration expenses	146	-	-	146	80
Kali Puja Van hire cost	501	-	-	501	440
Kali Puja Helper expenses	820	-	-	820	600
Kali Puja Security expenses	150	-	-	150	-
Kali Puja Fireworks	359	-	-	359	-
Kali Puja Fireworks Insurance	279	-	-	279	-
Kali Puja Miscellaneous expenses	362	-	-	362	175
Kali Pujo 2024 Expenses carried forward	820	-	-	820	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	29,787	-	-	29,787	23,895

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,787	-	-	29,787	23,895
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,289	-	-	5,289	17,441
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	51,850	-	-	51,850	34,408
Cash funds this year end	57,139	-	-	57,139	51,850

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Deposited in Bank	57,095	-	-
	Cash in hand	44	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	57,139	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

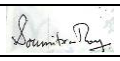
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Soumitra Roy	22/09/2026