



# BRITISH MALAYALI CHARITY FOUNDATION

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## BMCF Annual Report (January to December 2019)

### The objectives of the charity are:

- To relieve those in need because of their youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, or other disadvantage living in the south Indian state of Kerala.
- To relieve those in need, living in Britain and with financial hardship for medical treatment or for the repatriation of deceased to home country.
- To advance, improve, develop, and maintain health and saving lives.
- For the general purposes of charitable bodies in the UK or India, or for such other purpose as shall be exclusively charitable as the trustees may from time to time decide.

### Highlights of activities in the financial year 2019

#### Fundraising

1. The charity raises its funds through public appeals and fundraising events organised by the charity. It raises funds mainly through its Viginmoney Account and its bank account in HSBC Bank.
2. "Britishmalayli.co.uk" acts as an essential tool in reaching appeals to the public, raising funds, and publishing information about charity along with its website.
3. Along with the online news portal "Britishmalayli.co.uk," charity has used social media such as Facebook and WhatsApp to publish its activities during this year. Trustees have used online platforms and digital resources to communicate, hold virtual meetings, make decisions, etc.
4. The charity's website [www.bmcharity.org](http://www.bmcharity.org) is available to the public in full view of BMCF's day to day activities. Appeals, messages, announcements, photographs, and reports of charity activities together with copies of bank statements, application forms, etc. can be viewed/downloaded from the charity's website.
5. The charity has Organised its much-appreciated fundraising event of Sky diving during the year and has collected a total of £48086.66
6. The British Malayali Charity Foundation held its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 23rd March 2019, at Beechen Cliff School hall in the historical city of Bath, England. The AGM began at 2 pm with the welcome speech by Vice Chairman, Mr. Jagadees Nair, and the presidential address by Mr. Shaji Lukose. Secretary, Mr. George Mathew, presented the annual working report, and treasurer, Simon Jacob, presented the accounts. The AGM approved the accounts and annual reports. The AGM unanimously elected all the current trustees to the new term except one, who stepped down voluntarily due to their new business venture's busy schedule.

- a. Further, five trustees were elected to the board of trustees, making the total number of trustees 15, which is expected to benefit the foundation's day-to-day working.
  - b. The new trustees are Mr. Francis Antony, Mr. Soni Chacko, Mrs. Resmi Prakash, Mr. Manuel Mathew, and Mr. Jimmy George. A committee headed by Jagadees Nair as general convenor had set up to arrange and organise the annual public charity event such as skydiving or carnival in the coming year. Afsal, Resmi, Tomichen, Sabu, Cimy, Roy Stephen BEM, Sam Thiruvathil, Siby Meprathu, Ajimon Edakkara, K.D Shajimon, and K.R Shaijumon were the other committee members.
7. Manuel Mathew later resigned from the office of the trustee due to personal details.
8. Public event named 'Meet & Greet' was also organised at the same AGM 2019 on 23rd March 2019, presided over by Chairman Shaji Lukose and Cllr. Tom Aditya was the chief guest. Advisory committee convenor Sam Thiruvathil, Advisory board member Sibby Thomas, British Malayali resident editor K.R Shaijumon, trustee Roy Stephen BEM delivered their speeches and suggested several ideas to be implemented in the charity foundation. They all stressed the importance of charity works in our day to day life with the need to set aside extra time for helping others. Cllr. Tom Aditya thanked the BMCF team for making a very positive impact in the Malayali community by initiating the charity activities.

## 9. Summary of cases funded in the year 2019

During this year BMCF were able to help 17 individuals and 3 institutions / projects. BMCF has raised £123664.77 during the financial year 2019.

From 1st of January 2018 to 31st of December 2019, £137106.78 was available this year including last year's [2018] carry forwarded balance amount of £13442.01. Out of this £ 66815.00 was spent on charitable purposes in India and UK.

Total expenses for the sky diving event was £5856.00 Also £1000.00 has set aside for the five sky diving events postponed to a future date.

Total administrative expenses for the year is £475.00 which includes £350.00 paid to the independent examiners as their fee.

Out of the total receipt, £111558.00 were raised through the virgin money giving and £12039.00 was credited directly into the charity's bank account. An amount of £68.35 was paid to the charity by Hasting insurance as compensation of money taken from charity's account without trustees' knowledge

All the Virgin money donations were credited to the charity's bank account together with gift aid collected at the source and after deducting 3.5% commission by Virgin Money giving.

Out of total spending of £66815.00, an amount of £33255 .00 were spent in Kerala, India for the medical treatment, educational support, funeral and repatriation support and Tribal support projects in India.

The closing balance at the end of the year is £63960.80

## 1. Snapshot of financial aids provided by the charity in the year 2019

No.	Period	Name	Amount
1	Dec 2018 / Jan 2019	Christmas Appeal	Amount
		Sheeja Eldho	1250
		Ouseph Lucka	1250
		Jessy Josekutty	750
		Manoj Joseph	1250
		Sreeranjini NS	1250
		Neethu Sujith	1250
		George Thomas	1250
		Total	<b>8250</b>
2	Feb-19	Chackochan Appeal	
		Deepa George	19960
3	Mar-19	Rajeev Appeal	
		Ambika Gayatri	4350
		Soorya Gayatri	4350
		Total	<b>8700</b>
4	Mar-19	Southampton Sunday Meal	500
5	Mar-19	Mary's Meal	500
6	April / May 2019	Easter Vishu Appeal	
		Biju Abraham	1460
		Subin Babu	1460
		Ponnamma Sreedharan	1460
		Abhilash A	1460
		Rajan K	1460
		Total	<b>7300</b>
7	Jun-19	Mariyam Stephen Appeal	
		Stephen Baby	2200
8	Sep-19	Binil Pallathu Appeal	
		Liji Ezuvamparambil Manikutty	9900
9	Sep-19	Swindon & Wiltshire Childrens Deaf Society	500
10	Dec-19	Hari Appeal	22150
		(Paid out in 2020)	
	<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>79960</b>

## **2) BMCF Skydiving / Nursing Support Scheme 2019**

This project was undertaken during September 2019 and the funds were distributed to 187 beneficiaries in January 2020.

It was an altogether different way for the charity to raise funds through sky diving and support nursing students in Kerala, India, who are bright enough in their academic records but not financially sound enough to continue their ongoing studies. Charity reached another milestone by successfully organising a public event at Victoria Jubilee Hall (VJT Hall)

Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on 31st of January 2020 and handed over cheques to 200 nursing students. (187 from BMCF @ £ 220.00 each and 13 students were given scholarship by Awas Charity in Kerala)

The skydiving event, which was cancelled earlier due to the adverse weather conditions, had completed by 20th October with the participation of 31 people in different airfields of U K. Out of the 36 bookings, five sky diving events have been postponed to next year. The original event was scheduled to be held on Saturday, the 28th of September 2019 at Nether Avon Airfield, Salisbury.

However, 14 skydivers undertook their challenge at North London Skydiving agency in Cambridgeshire on the 2nd & 5th of October and 16 people at Nether Avon, Salisbury on 19th and 20th October 2019. One person managed his jumping at Perthshire in Scotland.

The Sky diving fundraising event collects a total of £48086.66, and the expenses incurred for the event are £5856.00. An amount of £1000 set aside for the five jumps postponed to a future date. The virgin money commission was £1812.50. An amount of £2221.84 was added to the fund from the charity's general fund.

An amount of £41140.00 was distributed to nursing students in India, and £500.00 was donated to the Swindon & Wiltshire Children's Deaf Society.

## **3) Christmas/New Year Appeal 2018/2019**

The Christmas and New Year Appeal, which ended on 15th January 2019 raised a total of £8459.50. The Virgin money commission was 228.00. An amount of £8250.00, adding £18.50 from the general fund, was distributed to seven low-income families in Kerala, India, on Saturday 9th Feb 2019 at Gandhibhavan, Kollam. The brief handover ceremony was organised during the Gandhibhavan International trusts legal clinic's Adalat and legal awareness seminar, which was particularly noticed with the presence of Kerala High Court sitting Judge Justice A. Muhamed Mustaque, who praised UK malayalees' empathy and compassion to the people in Kerala and urged to stand by the truth and values. The meeting was presided over by Justice A.K Gopakumar, Pathanamthitta Thaluk legal services society's Chairman and district judge.

## **4) Chackochan Appeal-Feb 2019**

British Malayali Charity Foundation had issued an appeal to raise funds to support the family of Mr Chackochan V. Ayppunny, from Hull in England in the event of his sad demise.

Chackochan was survived by his wife Deepa and two young girls aged 10 and 6. He was suffering from Motor Neurone Disease (MND) for more than three years, which affects nerves and brain, and the condition deteriorated for the last one year with the requirement of 24x7 care. The family had no regular income for the previous year due to Deepa's situation, unable to work while looking after her ailing husband and two young children.

The appeal has raised an amount of £20475.25, and the virgin money commission was £527.00

An amount of £19,960.00, adding £11.75 from the general fund, was handed over to Late Chackochan's wife Deepa at Bridlington near Hull on 10th March by charity's Secretary George Edathua

### **5) Rajeev Appeal**

Forty years old Rajeev Thankappan from Thiruvananthapuram died unexpectedly at Eastham in London on 2nd March 2019, leaving his wife and two young children. The family came to the U.K just ten months ago, dreaming of building a new life for the young children lured by the bogus emigration agents spending exorbitant amounts. The family had disposed of their house back in Kerala to raise funds, but Late Rajeev's wife and children had to return to their home country by realising that the agents cheated them. However, Rajeev had left with no other alternative but to stay back in London to earn some money for his family's bread and butter. He was laid off his contract business back in Kerala before travelling to U.K.

The charity foundation received an application for financial support, and the 'Rajeev Appeal' raised a total amount of £8894.75. Virgin money's commission of £245.00 was deducted from the full amount. An amount of £ 50.25 was added from the general fund and handed over £8,700.00 to the family of Late Mr Rajeev Thankappan.

### **6) Local charity support March 2019**

Advisory Committee member Sibby Thomas received an amount of £500.00 on behalf of 'Mary's Meal', in which he is a community ambassador that feeds millions of school children across the world. An amount of £500.00 was given to Southampton Sunday Lunch Project, handed over by Mr Simon Jacob, treasurer of the charity.

### **7) Easter/Vishu Appeal 2019**

The Easter / Vishu appeal raised a total of £7511.00. The virgin media commission was £211.00

The fund of £7300.00 was distributed to five beneficiaries @ £1460.00 each in a brief meeting organised at Gandhibhavan. The Kerala State Women's Commission member Dr Shahida Kamal distributed the fund wherein Gandhibhavan secretary Dr Punalur Somarajan welcomed the guests. Many prominent personalities, such as cine actor T.P Madhavan were present.

## 8) Mariyam Appeal- June 2019

The Mariyam appeal was issued to Help the family of Mrs Mariyam Stephen In Swindon, who died unexpectedly due to cancer. She was a staff Nurse in Great Western Hospital.

Mariyam Appeal received a total of £2257.00 and the virgin money commission was £57.00

The family of Late Mrs Mariyam Stephen received an amount of £2200.00 from the charity

## 9) Binil Appeal-Sept 2019

Binil appeal was issued to support the family of Mr Binil Pallathu, who died unexpectedly, leaving his wife and three-year-old daughter behind. The appeal has collected a total of £10162.25, and the virgin money commission was £273.00. The fund was top up by £10.75 from the General fund

The family of Late Mr Binil Pallathu received an amount of £9900.00

## 10) Hari Appeal Nov/Dec 2019

The Hari Appel issued by the foundation on 25th November 2019 in response to the application received from the family of Mr Hari who died due to critical illness, which was overwhelmy accepted by the wider community in UK by donating generously. The total donation received was £23022.25, and the virgin money commission was £876.00. An amount of £3.75 added to the fund from the general fund of the charity

An amount of £22150.00 was handed over to the family of Late Mr Hari by the Trustees of the charity, Mr Cimy George and Mr Afsal Avunhipurath

## Name & designation of new trustees elected in AGM March 2019

Shaji Lukose	Chairman
Jagdees Nair	Vice chairman
George Mathew	Secretary
Prasanna Shine	Jt. Secretary
Simon Jacob	Treasurer
Afsal Avunhipurath	Jt. Treasurer
Augustine Mundupalackal Varkey (Tomichen Kozhuvanal)	Trustee
Cimy George	Trustee
Sabu Sebastian	Trustee
Soni Chacko	Trustee
Roy Stephen BEM	Trustee
Resmi Prakash	Trustee
Jimmy George	Trustee
Francis Antony	Trustee
Manuel Mathew (Resigned on 03/11/2019)	Trustee

## Our independent examiner for 2019

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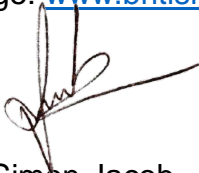
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Signed:



Simon Jacob

BMCF Treasurer

Dated 22/10/20



Ajimon Edakkara  
BMCF Secretary

Dated : 22/10/20