

PRESS RELEASE

BAPS Annual Sponsored Walk and Fun-Run 2008

The annual BAPS Sponsored Walk and Fun-Run will be held at thirteen BAPS Swaminarayan Mandirs and Centres across the UK on Sunday 6 April 2008. Please see <http://www.swaminarayan.org/news/uk/2007/04/swalk/index.htm> for a report of last year's event. This year's event will be held in conjunction with Diabetes UK, the largest organisation in the country working for people with diabetes to improve the lives of people with the condition and work towards a future without diabetes.

BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha is a worldwide community-based spiritual organisation recognised internationally for its humanitarian services, and dedicated to fulfilling the spiritual, cultural, and social needs of people.

In the UK, BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha is respected as one of the largest and most active Hindu organisations within the Indian diaspora. It is particularly known for the internationally acclaimed BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Neasden, London. Please refer to the following website for details of the recent Pride of Place Award.

<http://www.mandir.org/news&events/2007/12/pop/index.htm>

The main walk at BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Neasden, London, will commence at 9am from the Ceremonial Gate of the Mandir.

Invited guests include the Mayor for the London Borough of Brent and local members of Parliament.

More than 4,000 participants are expected to partake and will be preparing in earnest for the walk of 10km at various centres throughout the country.

The routes will be stewarded by BAPS volunteers and provisions for medical assistance and refreshments will be available at rest points.

In addition to BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha's various charitable activities and Diabetes UK, funds are also being raised for various local charities at each centre.

For further information relating to the walk, please visit www.bapswalk.org