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Other Attachments to this Sanghmail

1. Jagruti 2017 Balagokulam Shibir
2. Proud Shibir 2017
3. Samvad for 16 April

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Congratulations

Very best wishes are showered on the wedding of Shri Khilan Shah to Krishma daughter of Smt Rita and Bipin Shah on the 15 April 2017. Shri Khilanji is Kendriya saha Tarun pramukh, and son of Smt Nita and Shri Kishor Shah, Kendriya saha Nidhi pramukh.

Congratulations to Shri Bharatbhai Vadukal (pramukh SewaUK) and Smt Nainaben Vadukal who became nana and nani when daughter Krishna and Sanjay welcomed beautiful baby girl.

Public Consultation on Caste Legislation

The consultation process for the caste legislation is now under way.

Aim is to get as many people to fill in the consultation as possible through our shakhas (Sangh/Samiti and BG's).

What are our objections?

- Caste legislation of any kind (whether through case law or statute) is inappropriate in UK because "caste" cannot be correctly defined
- Caste is a term brought in by India's colonial rulers who for various reasons tried to corrupt Dharmic or systems/concepts indigenous to Bharat.

- "Jati's"/ "Varna" system has been misinterpreted (intentionally or through ignorance). Cultural and social groupings based on surnames/village ancestry are more because of tradition not "caste" and whilst older generations may refer to this as caste it is because they were taught to use this terminology through Colonial systems but no youngsters (or even elders) actually define themselves by their caste in the sense coined by the British.
- If caste is introduced it means forcing people to use this terminology again when most young people may not even know or recognise the concept. Effectively they would be asking us to start differentiating ourselves on the basis of a categorisation which will be artificial and detrimental.
- Monitoring caste discrimination for employers, schools etc. will be very difficult because even converts to other religions can claim they belong to a certain caste and that is why they were discriminated.
- There is no empirical or qualitative evidence of caste discrimination in UK so it is not relevant to Hindu's in UK and yet all Hindu's will be tarnished with the suggestion that we practise some sort of caste discrimination

What next? Complete form Online

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/caste-in-great-britain-and-equality-law-a-public-consultation>

Use the link above and complete online.

You will receive an automatic message with a copy of their response - this should be forwarded to you MP with a short cover letter saying why caste legislation by case law or statute is inappropriate and stating that the MP should forward this to the Equalities Secretary (currently Rt. Hon. Justine Greening).

As the General election has been declared, for now send to incumbent MP and if you know potential candidates to them too but after 8th June resend as a reminder to whoever is elected. Keeps a soft copy of what you sent to your MP including original form.

Manually filled form

If form is filled out manually then, if you can, create pdf and send via email to id on the form (with a cc to the MP following above instructions) or take a copy and post with cc to MP.

Find your MP (using your postcode) at:-

<http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/>

Sangh will also be organising abhyas vargs by mid-June where more details will be given. Vibhag and Shakha Karyawahas to liaise to arrange dates where maximum participation is possible from all those that are 18+ (16+ can also do if they are keen and mature enough to understand).

All dates/details should be communicated to Shri Vishal Shah vishaloshah@googlemail.com
Or mob: 07977 002 744

News from Around the UK

Jagruti Balagokulam Shibir (North England, Scotland and N.Ire)

26th – 28th May in Liverpool

All 250 PLACE TAKEN – WOW!

A waiting list has been started.

Email your request to BGshibir@gmail.com and hope!

Balagokulam SHIBIR is back and it's going to be bigger than ever! In fact, our Balagokulam family has become so BIG, that we had to split it up into three separate shibirs for 2017...

HSS (UK) is proud to introduce:

Jagruti 2017
Balagokulam Shibir
North England, Scotland & Northern Ireland

Balagokulam Shibir is a fun filled weekend with lots of khel, bauddhik and activities for the whole family! The city of Liverpool will be hosting the shibir and family style sleeping arrangements have been made in the luxury classrooms of Calderstones School in the comfort of your own sleeping bags! There is no doubt that it is going to be awesome! Register Now!

Dates: Friday 26th May 7:00pm – Sunday 28th May 5:00pm

Venue: Calderstones School, Liverpool, L18 3HS

Fees*: Adult (over 18) - £25
Child (5-17 years) - £15
Child (under 5 years)** - Free

*Please note that money and giftaid forms will be collected two weeks before the shibir by your local balagokulam or shakha karyawahaj (KJ).

**All children under 5 must be accompanied by an adult at all times during the shibir

Online Registration: <https://bgshibir-north.eventbrite.co.uk>

Contact & Queries: bgshibir@gmail.com

Jagruti Balagokulam Shibir (Midlands and South Vibhags)

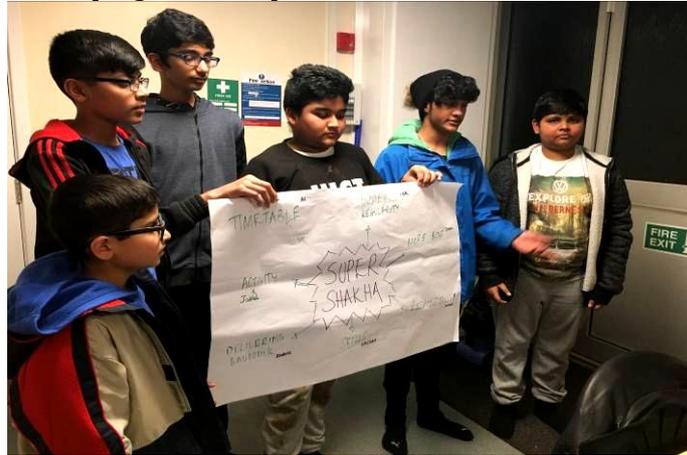
Friday 2nd June – Sunday 4th June.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Please see attached details.

Leicester Nagar Kishore Shibir

In February, Leicester Nagar held their Kishore Shibir after a gap of a couple of years at Beaumanor Hall. With a growing sankhya of kishore Swayamsevaks in Leicester, It was felt a necessity to do such a project to shape the future early on. We agreed on focusing on building relationships with each other and developing leadership skills.



Orienteering, bridge building, tent pitching, shikshan vidhi, critical thinking and Utsav planning, were just some of the activity undertaken to get them out of the comfort zone. The core aims were to expose the current Kishore age group to start their development leadership qualities. A very positive atmosphere developed and new friendships being made, existing ones being strengthened.

Report by Akshay Mistry, Leicester North Vibhag Vasant Shibir

A weekend Shibir was held in the picturesque Yorkshire town of Brighouse on 7-9th April.



75 participants, most between the ages of 10-16, attended from both North East and North West Vibhags.



They enjoyed a fun-filled and packed karyakrams which included Yoga, Ni-yuddh, and Mahakhel. Also, the enlightening bauddhik karyakram followed the theme 'Why Sangh' which allowed all to understand about why Sangh was started and the purpose of Shakha in this context. The highlight of the Shibir was the Mahakhel and team building activities which were thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Check out the photos at:

<https://goo.gl/photos/gujrmp2VzR14DkPc9>

Varsha Pratiprada Samilit Utsav, WM Vibhag

On the 2nd of April 2017 West Midland Vibhag celebrated Varsh Pratipada Utsav in Stoke-on-Trent. 170 Swayamsevaks, Sevikas and invited guests from all nagars attended the the Samilit utsav where Sangh, Samiti and Balagokulams presented items relating to influential figures of Bharat.



Stoke Nagar opened the utsav with a sketch of Param Pujniya Dr Keshavrao Baliram Hedgewar's classroom "Vande Mataram" chant. Among other items, there were bauddhiks about Mahatma Gandhi, Bhagat Singh and Guru Govind Singh.

The Ramayana nataks (plays) were performed amazingly well by our Balagokulam groups in the Vibhag and they should be very proud of their efforts and great talents. Other items included a sketch on Bhagat Singh, a demonstration of Yoga with a talk on inspiring women, a wonderful recital of Hanuman Chalisa and a lovely rendition of "Aao Bachcho Tumhen Sikhaye" which got everyone singing along. In between the presentations, a pictorial quiz was done to "identify the personality in the picture" which got everyone very well involved, particularly the children.



Mananiya Sanghachalakji, Dhiraj D Shah graced the occasion with a bauddhik on the Hindu New Year. He explained on how others, such as people of Mesopotamia, also celebrated their new year (Akitu) at the same time (start of spring). The event concluded with bhojan.

Leicester Nagar Bauddhik Abhyas Varg

Following an intense Sunday morning Shakha, 40 Leicester Nagar Karyakartas and Swayamsevaks gathered at Leicester Karyalaya for a light lunch and a thought-provoking Abhyas Varg.

Leicester Nagar's first Abhyas Varg of 2017 focussed on Bauddhik. The aims of the day were to:

1. Understand the importance of high quality bauddhik in Shakha.
2. Broaden knowledge of bauddhik topics.
3. Broaden knowledge of delivery.
4. Be able to plan bauddhiks more effectively.

Three interactive sessions concentrated on bauddhik topics, delivery methods of bauddhik and the planning of bauddhik from an individual and Shakha perspective. A free, online mind-mapping tool (WiseMapping.com) was used to good effect to make the sessions highly interactive. The East Midlands Vibhag Bauddhik Pramukh, Dhaneeshji Tahilramani, gave an interactive bauddhik on the importance of Bauddhik using our Prarthana as a basis.

At the end of the day, Swayamsevaks left with a mind-blowing list of bauddhik topics, delivery methods and effective planning tips, as well as 4 self-made mind-maps and a better understanding of the importance of bauddhik.

Report by Shri Bhavin Davdra, Leicester Nagar Saha-Karyawaha

Northampton Shakha/Samiti Sangh Milan

On Saturday 22nd April, All the past and present Swayamsevaks and Sevikas and their Pariwar were invited to an evening of coming together and recalling the events of the past decades in Northampton. Shri Rupesh Mistry presented the event with memories, pictures, videos from Northampton Shakha events in the past.

He gave information about Mahashibir (video), Exhibition and Vividh Kshetra activities such as NHSF, Sewa Day, and 3 Peaks.

An interactive quiz with photos was presented.

A unique 20mins session on careers was presented by four professional Swayamsevaks and Sevikas.



Shri Amrat Chandegra, Kendriya saha-Karyawaha gave a message of what Sangathan really means. The evening was rounded off with a sumptuous buffet. Over 80 persons enjoyed the evening and all agreed to help in boosting Northampton nagar for the next 50years of HSS(UK).

Sewa News

Sewa Day National Blood Donation Drive

A very successful start has been made by the Sewa Day team to encourage black or Asian heritage to give blood. A total of 272 persons from 25 towns had volunteered. Through a good coverage on social media, many others would also have registered.



Above are Swayamsevaks from Cardiff attending their local blood donation session.

In Bolton, the Swaminarayana Mandir also participated.

Another Drive in Oct/Nov is being planned, during the Navratri / Diwali festivals. Sewa Day will contact Muslim and Sikh communities to get involved. A big thanks to all who participated and we welcome others who did not, to get ready for the next round!



Forthcoming Programmes

Proudh Shibir 2017 Registration

Please see attached Proudh Shibir June 2017. Again all details are attached.

SSV 2017 - So far registered 38

Date: Sat, 29th July to Sunday 6th Aug 2017

Fee £55 - £80

All shakhas should embark on registration at:

www.ssv2017.eventbrite.co.uk

Sewa Open Day at B'ham Sewa Shop

You are invited to meet with members of the Sewa UK team and to see our Birmingham shop in operation. It will also be an opportunity to learn of the work that Sewa UK do.

Date: Saturday 20th May 2017 Arrival: 11.00am

Venue: Sewa UK, 1100 Stratford Road,
Hall Green, B'ham, B28 8AD

Please confirm your attendance on 0121 777 4045 or email: bharat@sewauk.org

Amrut Vachan

Indian religion has always felt that since the minds, the temperaments and the intellectual affinities of men are unlimited in their variety, a perfect liberty of thought and of worship must be allowed to the individual in his approach to the Infinite. - *Sri Aurobindo*