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Other Attachments to this Sanghmail

1. Samvad for 16 June 2017
2. Who is a Hindu – Article by Sachin Nandha

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RAF honoured with HSS Rakhi Tying Ceremony

Captain Sameer Mehta attended Sangh and Samiti Shikshak Varg (week long training varg of the HSS UK) representing the RAF. As part of the Hindu tradition of Raksha Bandhan, Smt. Jayshreeben Mistry



of Hindu Sevika Samiti tied a Rakhi, a symbol of protection to our emergency services who are constantly called to duty and risk life, to save others.

Recent events have brought home to all as to how important a job is being performed by these brave servicemen and women.

HSS(UK) has always instilled in our Sevikas & Swayamsevaks the spirit of unity and community.

30th August 2017
9 Bhadrapad Yugabda 5119

Shradhanjali – Vandaniya Ushatai Chati



Rashtra Sevika Samiti's former (3rd) Pramukh Sanchalika Vandaniya Ushataiji Chati left her body peacefully yesterday morning at Devi Ahalya Mandir (Samiti Karyalaya) Nagpur. She was 91 years old.

Pujaniya Mohanji Bhagwat – Sarasanghachalakji Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh paid his final homage to her today at Matrumandir (Samiti Karyalaya) Hubali-Karnataka.

While refreshing the old memories with her, Mananiyaji Mohanji mentioned that her family from both sides was a Sangh Pariwar. Vandaniya Ushataiji's husband was member of Ghosh toli of Sangh. And both being active in Sangh and Samiti respectively, they could hardly be seen together spending time. All the members of the Ghosh toli used to meet at her house for baithak and that was the only time that both of them were seen together.

Sarasanghachalakji said that Ushataiji was a wonderful gruhini and always made sure that nobody went empty stomach from her house. In 10-15 minutes no one would be a stranger to her. She always conversed in soft and kind words. Ushataiji always inspired all Sangh and Samiti karyakartas with her attitude and determination.

Mohanji fondly remembered that she loved geet and after she became the pramukh sanchalika, she inspired Sevikas for a geet prastuti karyakram which was exhibited in 70 shakhas. Ushataiji always invoked enthusiasm in all the karyakartas. He said she was the woman of firm words and always made it a point to deliver on a particular task. Her smiling face in any and all situations was inspiration for

everyone. She was an Atmavilopi Vyaktitva! He further said that Ushataiji always spread the zeal wherever she went and now there will be a void. But in Sangh and Samiti it is our duty to fill in the void by learning and practicing her virtues. Work has to be continued and this is the way it goes on. Mananiya Mohanji planted a tree in the premises of Matru-Mandir in divine memory of Vandaniya Ushataiji.

Om Shanti, Shanti Shantih!

Condolences

Smt. Ladhiben Nanji Chandegra passed away. She is the mother of Smt. Vimlaben Deolia and Smt. Joshnaben Mandora (active Sevikas), Nanimaa to Rahul Deolia (Hounslow). Condolences can be sent to Rahulji on rahuldeolia@googlemail.com

Shri Yashpal Rai Bhakri passed away at the age of 59. He was father to West Bromwich Saha Karyawaha Amit Rai and West Bromwich Samiti karyawahika Bandna Rai and two younger children (Samit and Kavita). Born in India into a Sangh family where his father was a 26 year veteran of shakha he moved to Germany and then to England in 1998 where he involved his children and extended family with shakha activities.

Condolences can be sent to: -
deepaks.email@gmail.com

On behalf of Sangh Pariwar, we pray for the eternal peace and sadgati of the departed soul.

Om Shanti, Shanti Shantih!

Good News!

Shri Vinoobhai and Smt. Shobhnaben Vadher became proud grandparents when baby boy Neyan was born to Bhavesh. Congratulations can be passed to the family on 07957510299.

Congratulations to Shri Baiju and Rupalji who welcomed a baby girl to their Parivar. Baijuji is the kendriya saha bauddhik pramukh. He can be contacted on baiju_shah_86@hotmail.com

News from Around the UK

Liverpool BG Celebrates Raksha Bandhan at Fernley Resource Centre.

This centre provides specialised day care for people with learning disabilities, many of whom have complex, multiple disabilities with associated medical conditions. Our aim was to go and spend some time with the day patients and staff who does a great service.



Hiralji had kindly organised this visit. It was a fantastic event and lots of smiles around. We did a rakhi workshop. Priyankaji and kids did a small performance. Kids demonstrated how we celebrate Raksha Bandhan. We tied a Rakhi to all as a symbol of protection and good health, and to say we are with them always. It was a great event.

Report by Raveendra Surange

Cardiff BG Celebrates India Independence Day

As part of the Independence Day celebrations hosted by the Indian consul to Wales, Mr. Raj Agarwal, OBE and Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor of Cardiff, councillor Bob Derbyshire, Cardiff Balagokulam was invited to participate in the event.



Balagokulam children sang the Indian National Anthem at the flag hoisting ceremony on August 15th to mark 70 years of Independence at the event attended also by the First Minister of Wales, Rt. Hon. Carwyn Jones AM held at Mansion House, Cardiff.

Report by Shalini Gnana - Cardiff BG.

Woolwich and Newham Nagars - East London Mandir Yatra

On Saturday 19th August, the streets of East London witnessed a huge Nagar Yatra (street procession)

celebrating the 30th anniversary of SKSS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, East London.



Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (UK), Woolwich Shivaji, Pannabai and Newham Shakti Shakha's were invited to be part of the Nagar Yatra.



Swayamsevaks and Sevikas participated with full Ghosh band and Yogchapa for a duration of 3 hours. In addition, Baal and Kishore Swayamsevaks dressed up as Hindu Gods and great personalities such as, Shri Krishna and Swami Vivekananda.



Report by Shri Mitesh Sevani

HSS UK vs India High Commission Cricket Match

The forecast was great and so was the day 16th July - Mens singles final day @ Wimbledon. But HSS UK Cricket team had other plans; they were playing Indian High Commission at Perivale Park.



The toss was won by IHC who promptly chose to bat but did not have a particularly easy start.

Pavanji and struck in his second over. A loopy harmless flighted delivery was missed and the breakthrough was achieved. The HSS spinners were taken for some runs but then the introduction of the "Wrecker In Chief" - Ranjeetji saw wickets tumble. IHC were all out for 206 and HSS were set a target of 207 in 35 overs.

This meant the teams could enjoy the fantastic banquet put together by Helenji, Gillianji and Ranjeetji.



At the end HSS lost the match by a close 39 runs!. It was a day of a successful outing and some new acquaintances made. The sweetness of the cake and a chance encounter, memories will be lasting.

Report by Raj Wagh(Reading Shaka)

Sangh Shiksha Varg 2017

The SSV 2017 concluded with many achievements to mark its success.

This year there was addition 'Vishesh Varsh', a refreshers or mature first timer Swayamsevaks gana. In this gana, a Swayamsevak from Italy had also attended. Similar varg took place in the Samiti varg also.

The other new varg was for Bal and Balika gana, for 10-12 years of age, a need registered from Balagokulam. This was very much enjoyed.



Of the many distinguished visitors who graced SSV was Lord Jitesh Gadhia who spent an afternoon observing SSV training and interacting with karyakartas.

Didi Maa Sadhvi Rutambera also visited and addressed the whole of SSV.



The chief guest at the SSV Samarop was Acharya Vidyabhaskarji of Switzerland, who stayed and interacted with all for over four days.

Acharyaji is a Sarvadarshanāchārya, a scholar of Advaita/Advaya, Comparative Religion, Organisational Psychology, and a student of the Krama Atimārga and Atiyoga schools as well as Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Mind, Subjectivity and Consciousness Studies. He teaches Sanskrit and the Upanishads in Switzerland.



A total of 177 shiksharthis, shikshaks and karyakartas were present fulltime at SSV 2017.

Find photos for SSV 2017 Samarop at:

<https://goo.gl/photos/gdJGqv8aK3644LpQ7>

Sankalp Shibir - National Karyakarta Varg

More than 60 participants came together for the final weekend of SSV. Many new faces from upcoming Balagokulams added to the energy of the varg. An inspiring 1st session bauddhik by Shri Sachin Nandha on the need for Sankalp and the events leading up to inception of Sangh in 1925 raised the bar of discussions and subsequent sessions. By the end of the varg, all participants felt galvanised to make a Sankalp and go back their respective areas, to give more time and effort to the Sangh work.



All Photos for NKV can be found at:

<https://goo.gl/photos/iKJeGGNxDWDuKVqv8>

Reading Shakha visits Fire Station for Raksha Bandhan

Members of the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh and Hindu Sevika Samiti (HSS UK), two local Hindu youth groups, today celebrated the annual Hindu festival of Raksha Bandhan in a unique way with the fire-fighters at Langley Fire Station.



As with much of Hindu philosophy, it is the symbolism that is everlasting if articulated appropriately and HSS UK has been at the forefront of articulating the values symbolised in a modern and practical way. This year therefore they articulated the Raksha Bandhan theme of mutual respect and protection by taking tying rakhis to the brave fire-fighters of the Emergency services.



Graham Hartley - the Crew Manager of Red Watch at Langley Fire Station said that this was a first for him and commented "This is a unique festival which is new to us at the Fire station but it demonstrates how Hindus in UK are working cohesively in promoting peace and harmony in the wider society and festivals such as Raksha Bandhan remind everyone of the true spirit of service and sacrifice for the welfare of the society we live in." he continued " the ethos of Unity in Strength and Diversity which the HSS UK volunteers emphasised today is one which the emergency services would hope is promoted throughout society and is one that is at core of our work in the emergency services. If the community works together with us then there will be a lot fewer issues even when emergencies arise.

Finchley Shakha invites Constabulary for Raksha Bandhan

Sergeant John Parkes and colleague visited Finchley Shakha for Raksha Bandhan. His advice to the sways and Sevikas ,'You are not the sort of people we deal with, you are too nice! Be assertive and confident of yourself. Look out for each other and be vigilant'.



Swindon Hindu Community Swings into Humanitarian Aid Action!

Shri Ashish Channawar said the British Red Cross and Swindon Hindu Temple came together to help families who were forced out of their homes due to strong chemical smells late on Sunday evening.

He also praised the "immense community spirit" demonstrated by residents, as they made the best of a bad situation.

At midday on Monday residents were finally allowed to return to their flats. There was no transport arranged, despite their lack of appropriate footwear or money.

So the local Hindu temple swung into action, making sure people were transported home, and even providing lunch for everyone.

Ashish said: "The incident showed an immense community spirit where people supported each other, co-operated with the investigation team, and provided all the information and support needed for the investigation." Ashishji is our West England & Wales Vibhag Karyawaha.



National Hindu Welfare Support

<http://www.nhws.org.uk>

A Hindu support group in the UK, documenting and helping families who are victims of sexual and child grooming.

Please share with all Sansthas, family and friends.
Break the silence and save a life.

Amrut Vachan

As long as someone cries out "O God! O God!", be sure that he has not found God, for whoever has found Him becomes still.

- Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa

Forthcoming Programmes

Public Consultation on Caste Legislation

Deadline approaching fast 18th September.

Complete form Online

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

Cycle 4 Sewa.



London – Sunday 3rd September 2017

Manchester – Sunday 10th September 2017

Online registration & information packs
via www.sewauk.org/cycle4sewa2017

Any Shakha wishing to enter a team for the London Team Event please contact Shri Harish Bhudia on 07940427147.

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For Swayamsevaks and their parivar from Kerala.
Saturday 7th October, 10am -6pm.

Register at:-

<https://sreedisankaraparivarshibir2017.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Contact: 07588 258005 for more details.