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Other Attachments to this Sanghmail

1. **Samvad 16 December 2017**
2. **HSS (UK) Programmes 2018**

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Condolences

Mananiya Jagdish Chandra Shastri Sharda passed away on 25th December, aged 96.

As Swayamsevak from Punjab he had taken Sangh responsibilities in Ludhiana before 1947. After moving to Kenya, he initiated first Shakha outside Bharat on Makar Sankranti day of 1947. Countless Swayamsevaks have been inspired by his narration of first Sangh Prarthana on the deck of a ship when he travelled from Mumbai to Kenya with fellow Swayamsevaks whom he met on the boat itself.



A Shradhanjali

It was a deep shock that I learnt the demise of our revered Shastriji.

It was difficult to believe that ever smiling and humorous Shastriji is no more. He was a legend in Sangh in East Africa. I recall my association from my childhood. We all looked upon him for guidance and inspiration. He must have mentored, moulded and inspired countless young s'sevaks into dedicated

karyakartas. These very karyakartas are presently playing leading roles in Sangh and outside Sangh, giving their best to the community. Even to his last days he remained active in contributing to the society through teaching and tutoring. He can only be described as a modern karmayogi in the pattern of a pracarak, a unique lifestyle patented by Sangh founder Poojaniya Doctorji. Shastriji will be fondly remembered as one of the great pioneers (in line with Man. Bhideji, Chamanlalji etc) who spread the work of Sangh overseas. He is an ideal example of Sangh living in one's body and atmaa. He never considered his physical disabilities (in later life) as hindrance to attending shakha or any Sangh functions (including shibirs). To be in his company even for a short while was a blessing. Countless s'sevaks/sevikas and well-wishers will remember him with deep love and affection.

In this hour of grief, we sincerely pray for eternal peace and sadgati to the departed soul and for strength to all in the family to bear this great loss. His memory will be an everlasting inspiration to one and all.

On behalf of HSSUK, I offer heartfelt condolences to you all. We in UK will always remember him as one of the founders of Sangh work in UK.

Om Shanti, Shanti Shantih!

Mananiya Dhiraj D Shah, HSS(UK)

Congratulations

A belated congratulation on the arrival of their son Devansh to Shri Ashishji and Smt. Dhanashri Channawar (Ashishji is West England & Wales Karyawaha).

Congratulations to Shri Rajen and Smt. Renu Mistry on the birth of their son Dhruv. Rajenji is B'ham nagar saha-karyawaha.

News from Around the UK

Leicester Nagar's Varshik Planning Weekend

Whilst the weather outside was frightful, the discussions were so delightful. On the snowy weekend of 9th-10th December 2017, Leicester Nagar Sangh came together for their Varshik Planning Weekend.

This most productive weekend included everything from reviewing each and every karyakram in 2017 and listing ideas we've heard of from other nagar to creating aims for 2018 and, subsequently, a full 2018 calendar. Not to mention two engaging chintan sessions focussed on problems faced by Leicester Nagar, the type of charcha we "don't get time for" during the year.

The lucky ones who slept over at the Leicester Karyalay were treated to a night of board games and avoiding the treacherous driving conditions the next morning. The ones who did make it in on the Sunday morning were treated to jalebi, ganthia and garam chai.



Leicester Nagar's focuses for 2018 will be making the Shakha itself fantastic, Karyakarta Nirmaan and Sampark.

Probably the most important, productive and inspiring weekend in Leicester Nagar's calendar, I would highly recommend all nagar to undertake this activity and see for yourself how it can give your Nagar extra focus, organisation and umph!

Bhavin Davdra, Saha Karyawaha

2017 Successful Sewa Blood Donation Drive Comparison of Data between (Feb16 to Oct16) and (Feb17 to Oct17 Sewa Day Campaign)

As a result of the Sewa Day Campaign:-

- 136% increase in Indian donations vs. 42% decrease in total donations over the same period
- 86% increase in Indian donor base vs. 35% increase in total donor base over the same period
- The frequency of donations (i.e. donations per donor) increased and this means that Indians are donating more frequently because of raised awareness.

I just wanted to thank you all for all your support and help in making the blood donation drive very, very successful.

An e-mail from the Director of Operations at NHS blood and Transplant, described it as, "**This is partnership at its very best.**"

I am also very excited to inform you that as a result of this I have been asked to sit on the Blood Donation Campaign Forum for 2018 alongside other national charities as an important partner of NHS Blood and Transplant.

We as a team have created a fantastic platform to carry on this great work so please can I ask you to start making plans for your Blood Donation session's in April 2018.

I am always very happy to help, so please feel free to ask for any support.

Regards

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All Midlands Prauddh Milan

More than 90 Prauddh Swayamsevaks braved the weather and met in Birmingham in midweek, to listen to thoughts of Mananiya Dattatreya Hosbale, RSS Saha sar-karyawaha. These Swayamsevaks are already involved in some kind of sewa activities.



South Regions Samilit Shakha

More than 230 Swayamsevaks in ganwesh gathered in London. The theme of this varg was based on Samata. A very well conducted program, each shakha presented a very synchronised and professional teamwork.



Midlands Regions Samilit Shakha

138 Swayamsevaks attended the Samilit Shakha representing West, East and South Midlands areas. The theme of this meet was based on promotion of Kabaddi. This was aptly demonstrated by the attendance of keen younger Swayamsevaks.



North Regions Samilit Shakha

All the shakhas, BG's and Samiti's of the North East and North West vibhags came together in Ashton_U_Lyne to contest in a Geet Pratiyogita. Over 360 attended from 11 nagars.



Mananiya Dattaji and Shri Chandrakantji attended and were also pleased to meet all the karyakartas.



HSS (UK) Concludes Golden Jubilee Celebrations at House of Lords

On 30th November 2017, HSS (UK) marked the conclusion on its Golden Jubilee Celebrations in the House of Lords, hosted by Lord Jitesh Gadha. The

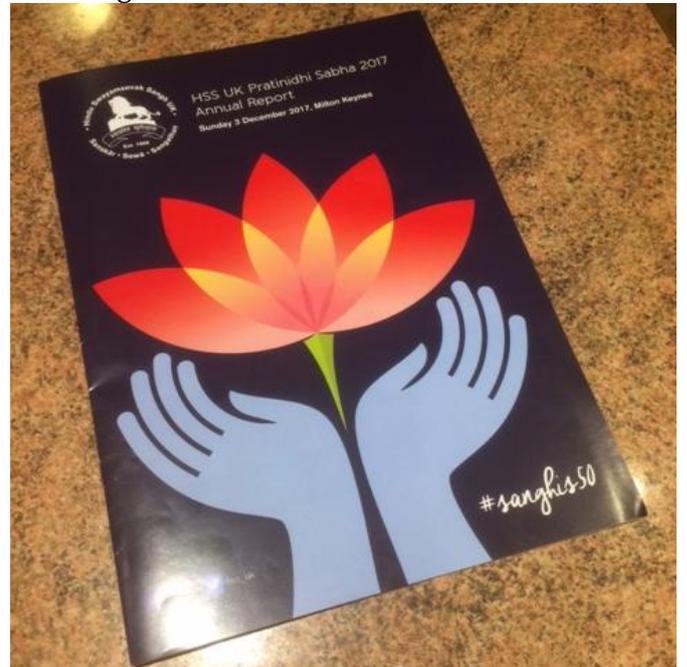
event was well attended by Parliamentarians, Community leaders and representatives from the wider Sangh Parivar. Messages of support were shared echoing the principles tenets of Sanskaar, Sewa and Sangathan that have been the foundations of HSS (UK)'s far reaching community work over the last 50 years.

Annual Pratinidhi Sabha 2017 of HSS(UK)

The AGM or PNS 2017 of the Sangh took place in Milton Keynes. This year Shri Dhiraj M Shah, karyawaha presented the year report of the Sangh in a published version.



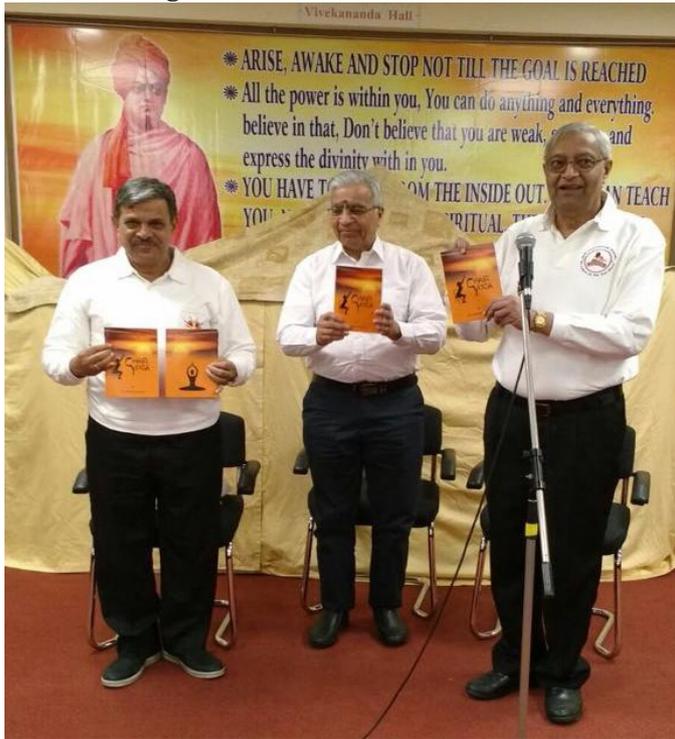
This highlighted all the activities and statistics of the Sangh. This printed copy will be given to all shakhas via the vibhag karyawahas to hand out to all families attending.



'Yoga on the Chair' – Book Launch

In the presence of Mananiya Dhiraj D Shah (Sanghachalak of HSS(UK)) and Mananiya Dattatreya Hosbale, this special book compiled by Dr.Tribhovan Jotangia was inaugurated. Inspired by sessions held in the Sanskriti Mahashibir in 2016, Tribhovanji decided that it was in the interest of health and yoga to devise potential asanas for people who prefer to

do Yogasana being seated or unable to do any without being seated.



B'ham Niyudha Ekata Shakha – Group of 2017

Every year in December, Ekata Shakha produces a group photo of the year to track its progress. The popularity is showing in the increase in sankhya from last year. Niyudh sankhya is averaging 45 (from 30 in 2016) and mums Yogasana samiti group is averaging 22 (from 10). Keeping focus on sankhya and good quality programme has been the key.



Shri Chandrakantji's Kenya Pravaas



Our pracarak Shri Chandrakantji Sharma is now in Kenya, in time for the All Kenya Sangh Shibir which just recently concluded. He is on an extensive Pravas. Amongst many great projects which karyakartas have got involved in, one stands out most. The village of Laini is being helped to develop as a unique village which includes cleanliness, education and health drive. 'Jambo, Ea ni kazi mazuri' as Mananiya Natubhai Faldu put it. I leave it to you to translate.

Rugby Nagar's Christmas Day Fixture

The annual Christmas day shakha weaved its magic once again by attracting our irregular and out of town Swayamsevaks. A great atmosphere was created as the workers took on the students to a football match. For the third year running the match ended in a draw (4-4) which was a good result for the students as they had been 4-1 down. Next year, the workers will park a bus to protect such a lead!

The total sankhya for the 8am start shakha was 52.



Vichar Manthan, Indian High Commission

A Letter from the audience

Dear Friend,
 Young Swayamsevaks (highly educated, born and brought up in England) organise Vichar Manthan every quarter. This quarter's Vichar Manthan was organised on the evening of Friday 1 December at the Indian High Commission. It was a seminar on Capitalism, Socialism and "Indianism" - if I may say - ably chaired by enthusiastic Dr Sachin Nandha. They certainly deserve commendations, compliments and pat on the backs!

Dr Jamie Whyte, an economist and the Labour Party member Andrew Harrop advocated the merits of capitalism and socialism respectively arguing why their economic theories are better and how they will serve the mankind, again better than any other policies and frameworks. Being a student of economics, I thought it usual stuff, advocacy and argument!

Shri Dattatreyaji Hosabale's (Sah Sar Karyawah, RSS Bharat) refreshing thoughts based on Late Shri Deen Dayalji Upadhyas thinking added new dimensions to political economy which I call "Indianism"! He said only market forces, demand & supply

rules championed by other economic theories are inadequate, insufficient to satisfy and uplift human beings' needs, wants and welfare. The dimensions of universal ethics and spirituality need to be shrouded to the economic theory to make it holistic, taking care of humanity. This "Indianism" needs to be based on "Dharma" - not religion. The equilibrium has to be maintained in the relationship of Individual - Society (Country) - Nature - Creator. Only pursuit of materialism will destroy resources, ecology and balance. He also added the current economic concept of "measure of happiness" to the discussion (I think Bhutan is no 1 on happiness scale). Happiness does not necessarily lined to wealth, modern amenities and so forth. Within given time Dattatreya ji elaborated, explained his concepts very well so that the audience could easily grasp the gist of his argument.

Being a student of economics I certainly thought that it's worth thinking on how to relate, connect "Indianism" and enrich other economic theories for the betterment of the humanity and mankind.

After lively Q & A session and more importantly delicious refreshments I went home pondering Dattatreya ji's deliberations.

Very well done Vichar Manthan.

Keep up your good work.

Anil D Nene, South London.

Forthcoming Programmes

National Karyakarta Vargs (NKV) 2018

Date: Saturday 27th January 2018.

More details will follow via vibhag karyawahas.

This is training day for all karyakartas, i.e.

Shakha level:- Karyawahas, Shareerik, Bauddhik, Sampark, Sewa, Nidhi pramukhs and sayaks.

Plus all levels above to Vibhags level.

Venues are:-

North East & Scotland Vibhag / North West and N.Ire Vibhag will take place in Bradford.

East/West and South Midlands Vibhags will take place in Rugby.

All London Vibhags / West England & Wales will take place in Hounslow.

Amrut Vachan

Some act till they meet obstacles, others act in spite of obstacles and conquer them; but some act not, fearing the possibility of some obstacles that might arise en-route.

- Swami Chinmayananda