



# हिंदू स्वयंसेवक संघ यूके

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# Sangh Mail

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### Other Attachments to this Sanghmail

1. North London Super Hero Shibir – article
2. Sanvad16Feb2018 – news from Bharat

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### Condolences

Shri Jayantilalbhair Mangalbhair Mistry, husband of Renukben and father of Deeptiben Mistry, Tinaben and Miteshji, sadly passed away. Deeptiben is North Vibhag Saha-karyawahika and Oldham Shakha karyawahika. Condolence can be passed to parivar on email [deeptimistry5@gmail.com](mailto:deeptimistry5@gmail.com)

Smt. Vidya Vati Sharma (aged 84), mother of Smt. Sunitaji Prinja and mother-in-law of Prof. Navalkant Prinja of Manchester passed away. Condolence can be passed to parivar via email: [nprinja@aol.com](mailto:nprinja@aol.com)

Beloved mother of Shri Ruchir Dayal, Smt Nirupama Dayal passed away. Ruchirji is karyawahika of Bristol BG. Condolence can be passed to parivar via email: [ruchir.dayal@gmail.com](mailto:ruchir.dayal@gmail.com)

On behalf of Sangh Pariwar, we pray for the eternal peace and sadgati of the departed soul.  
**Om Shanti, Shanti Shantih!**

### News from Around the UK

#### Leeds BG's New Colourful New Year

Leeds Balagokulam organised a colourful 'New Years' utsav on 6 January 2018 with a final sankhya of 85.

28<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
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The event was organised by parents and included: family games, quiz, geet and presentations from children on Maha Purush from Bharat. All families contributed towards cooking a delicious 3 course meal for all to enjoy. The Karyakram engaged a number of new and irregular families who have now started to attend Leeds Balagokulam on a regular basis.



#### North London – Local Shibir's Catching on!

Holding a Shibir had become a rare theme in the last few years across the UK. But now North London vibhag (*Sangh and Samiti*) are setting a new trend, but successfully holding a weekend **Super Hero Shibir** where more than 100 Swayamsevaks (see attached report) and 62 Sevikas attended the **Ramayana Shibir** separately on same school site. All enjoyed the weekend. The advantages of these events are numerous, from training of our shikshaks through planning and execution. Other nagars and vibhags should also take up the opportunity.

#### MahaShivratri at Bromley BG

Orpington / Bromley Sanskaar Balagokulam had celebrated the MahaShivratri on Sunday 18 Feb 2018. There was a lot of enthusiasm in the group and all contributed towards this great celebration. Starting with Shloka chanting, we explained the significance

of the MahaShivratri in our Hindu culture to the kids and made them aware of more information on Lord Shiva.



The children played various games along with parents. Before every game they chanted "Har Har

Mahadev". Kid's mums helped them to prepare the clay Shiv Ling (Shiv Ji ki Pind). Kids enjoyed this activity and they understood how the Shiv Ling is form of Shiv and Shakti (Shiv Parvati).

We all really enjoyed this celebration and Orpington Bromley BaalGokulam is looking forward to celebrate more festivals like this.



### Sheffield BG also celebrates India Republic Day and MahaShivratri

Through organising themed Balagokulam sessions, such as India Republic Day and Mahashivratri, sankhya has increased to over 30 on a regular basis! The BG core team is expanding with more parents coming forward in taking a lead in various aspects of Balagokulam. The team are working closely with The Cotton Heritage Project celebrating the connection between the sub-continent of India and the UK. Well done to all for the hard but enjoyable work!

### Reading Nagar to Help Homeless



On Friday 9th February 2019 at Reading Nagar invited Launchpad to discuss about Homelessness in

Reading. It was a great interactive session allowing all to understand the impact of genuine homelessness and also how we can help and support in our local community. For more information visit:- <http://www.launchpadreading.org.uk/>

### MahaShivratri in Leeds BG

Leeds Balagokulam celebrated MAHASHIVRATRI on Friday 9th February. The children performed a play on Lord Shiva and Parvati Mata; chanted various associated shlokhas and read out key facts in relation to the utsav. The mums sang a bhakti geet dedicated to Lord Shiva. The utsav was well attended by over 50 Swayamsevaks and Sevikas. Such programmes have required families to get together regularly outside of the normal weekly Balagokulam for planning and preparation purposes. This has created strong bonds between the families.



### Edinburgh BG Restarted

The UK's northern most Balagokulam restarted on Saturday 17th February. 9 families attended and the activities were enjoyed by all. The Edinburgh BG team are currently preparing for Holi celebrations.



### North London Mahila Milan on Makar Sankranti Day

On the 14th of January we celebrated Makar Sankranti in the Edgware HSS Karyalaya. Around 70 ladies and their daughters attended this function. All ladies and their children were invited to celebrate this festival mainly for mahilas.



Any tradition and its symbolic meaning were explained by a young Sevika Tanmayi from Meerabai Shakha. The ladies had their Haldi Kum-Kum programme and we're given gifts which were donated by few karyakartinis. We were also provided with a delicious dinner after the main event, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed and was prepared by a new team of Sevikas. Majority of the mahilas were new to shakha. The aim was to make them familiar to shakha and to our Karyalaya, through a short tour and information about our Sewa shop.

### Coventry Nagar Suryanamaskar Yagna

On the 25th February Coventry Nagar organised a Surya Namaskar Yagna. This event was to bring a understanding of Surya Namaskar with the physical, mental and spiritual awareness.

Our guest speaker was Shri Krishna Mandir's Maharaj Nareshji who gave a introspection on how the Surya is the most important significance to maintaining this world and what it provides us on a daily basis. By the end of this February, all Swayamsevaks, Sevikas and families in Coventry will calculate how many Surya Namaskar they have done to tally the total amount of Surya Namaskars done in Coventry Nagar.



### Community News

#### World Hindi Day at IHC

On 13 January 2018 to celebrate World Hindi Day, the Indian High Commission, London organised for the first time, Hindi poetry recital competition for

young children. The competition was designed to encourage children to use Hindi and celebrate Hindi as a language. The competition attracted participants from thorough out South of England. The Hindi poetry competition was grouped into two category for children aged 5 – 9 years and aged 10 – 16.

Around 35 – 40 students from various Hindi learning centre participated in the recital. All the children were dressed in colourful traditional attires and costumes. Many children presented poems written by themselves with enthusiasm, with many dedicating poem to India.



### Tarun Shibir 2018

More than 65 Tarun Swayamsevaks gathered on a cold and wet weekend of February. The venue was Scouts centre in the Midlands. But the discussions, khel and coming together warmed up the atmosphere. Mananiya Dhirajji our Sanghchalakji, and Mananiya Pravinbhai Ruparelia visited the Shibir also. A promising group of Tarun swayamsevaks are now active on the national arena.

### Forthcoming Programmes

#### Samiti Khel Pratiyogita

The 8th National Samiti Khel Pratiyogita is taking place on **Sunday 25th March 2018.**

**Hamstead Hall Academy, Birmingham, B20 1HL**

**Time 8.15am - 5.00pm.**

As well as Samiti participants, **ALL BALAGOKULAM** ladies and girls (from school year 3 and over) can also enter their teams to participate.

See more details on how to enter teams and about rules/other guidelines, please email Smt. Dipvandana Mehta on [dipvandana@gmail.com](mailto:dipvandana@gmail.com) or Ss. Falguni Bhatt on [fal.bhatt@gmail.com](mailto:fal.bhatt@gmail.com)

### SSV 2018 Registration – Now Open!

Namaste, SSV 2018 will be held on Sat 28th July (Fri 26th for all Karyakartas) to Sun 5th Aug 2018 in Birmingham. Registration is now live via

[www.ssv2018.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.ssv2018.eventbrite.co.uk)

Please note payment will be undertaken via online bank transfer, all details are provided in the eventbrite ticket confirmation page and email. This is for Sangh SSV only. Registration for all other vargs will be communicated nearer the time.

## Sangh Khel Pratiyogita 2018

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2018 - Birmingham

Register your team(s) here –

<https://goo.gl/forms/OIL18rpGzeUP4Lah1>

# Registrations deadline - Sunday 11th March #

Request your Vibhag karyawahas for information pack and rules/guidelines for entering teams.

## VISION IN ACTION Appeal

An editorial team has been formed led by **Dr Yogish Joshi (Cambridge)**, South Midlands Saha Vibhag Karyawaha.

I request all Shakhas/Samitis/BGs and various Sangh Inspired organisations to send the information (in the format given above) as early as possible. Members of the editorial team may contact concerned persons to obtain more materials. **See attachment in January's Sanghmail newsletter for more details.**

Dhiraj D Shah, Sanghachalak, HSS(UK)

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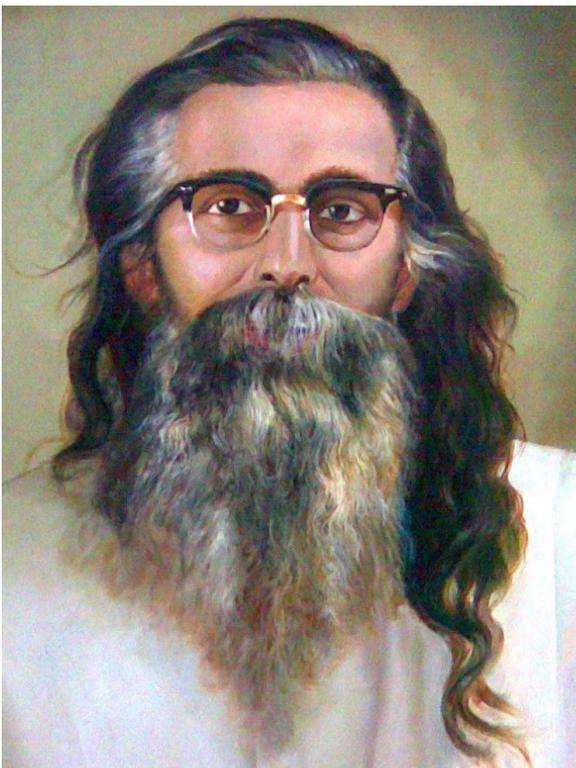
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## A Mother Spots Her Child Even in A Crowd : Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya

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*anniversary of Guruji, the 2nd Sarsanghachalak of the RSS.*

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– Deendayal Upadhyaya

Sri Guruji Golwalkar

“ I respect Guruji in his individual capacity, and not as Sarsanghchalak of the Sangh,” a certain gentleman declared, who considered himself opposed to the Sangh. It is not unusual for people to say so. On the other hand, in 1948 when people said the Sangh was good and so were the Swayamsevaks,

but they were being misled by their leader. The sentiments differ, but the approach is the same. According to them Shri Madhavrao Golwalkar and the Sarsanghchhalak of the Sangh are two different personalities. In my opinion, those who say so have understood neither the Sangh, nor Sri Guruji.

When I say Sri Guruji has no existence (apart from his responsibilities as Sarsanghchhalak I do not mean to say he lacks a great individual personality. On becoming Sarsanghchhalak he had observed, "This is the throne of Vikramaditya; even a shepherd's child occupying it will be a paragon of justice." In all humility he had compared himself to a shepherd's child, but there must be no mistake about the fact that his greatness is due not to the throne he occupies but to his intrinsic greatness. But all his greatness he has merged in the mission of the Sangh—and that is the key to his personality.

It was in 1938, in the life-time of the late Dr Hedgewar. Sri Guruji was the "Sarvadhikari" of the Nagpur OTC. The trainees had collected a presentation purse for Doctorji. Everyone gave according to his faith and none know who gave how much. But one Swayamsevak, instead of contributing to the purse, presented Doctorji with a gold chain as a symbol of his respect. At the presentation ceremony of the purse and the chain we all praised the particular Swayamsevak and considered him the hero of the day. But in his speech as Sarvadhikari, Sri Guruji said, "I know the Swayamsevak who gave the chain has great regard for Doctorji. But he is still not a complete Swayamsevak. He has not yet merged the 'I' in him. The 'nidhi' was a merging of individualities, but this particular Swayamsevak's desire to give something apart from the purse means he has not yet conquered his ego." The words opened our eyes, and taught us an unforgettable lesson about the necessity of merging one's self in the Sangh to qualify as a full Swayamsevak.

Sri Guruji's life is a living instance of complete identification of an individual life with the Sangh. It is no easy task for a person to identify himself without reserve with an ideal, especially when he is the head of the body. Whenever an individual faced with a conflict between the individual and the corporate, his simple solution is to follow his leader. But for the leader the only source of guidance is his soul. Sri Guruji has conducted the Sangh with the interests of the body social before his mind. Some people dub Guruji a dictator in view of this firmness and insistence on principles, because either they do not understand him or want him to conduct the Sangh for the sake of less than national interests. But he is miles away from such an approach. He has no opinion of his own. What the Sangh stands for is his opinion. And what we think, the Sangh thinks, because there is complete identity between the two.

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There have been many occasions when he has kept national interests above individual or organisational interests. In 1948 when the Sangh was banned, he could have, if he were so minded, defied the Government and launched a struggle. But instead he dissolved the Sangh and gave proof of his pure patriotism. After the ban was lifted he was given a tremendous ovation all over the country. The mammoth public meeting in Delhi was enough to rouse the ego of the greatest of saints. But Guruji said in that meeting, "If our tooth bites our tongue we do not pull out that tooth." People were astonished. They had expected a ringing denunciation of Government's injustice and atrocities. But they had not fathomed the depths of his personality. In him there is only all-embracing affection for all.

This all-embracing affection is the source of his greatness and of the universal reverence for him. And his greatness also lies in this that he has preserved that affection. Last year the weekly Yugadharma had published the mottoes of great men. Guru ji's was the smallest and the truest—"Not I, but you." Who is this 'You'? It is Sangh, Samaj, God. For him all three are one and worship of any is worship of the other. His life is one long worship.

As a result he recognises nothing except the Sangh. His steadfast eye on the polestar of the goal are deflected neither by praise nor by blame. When the Sangh was banned, it was painted as Satan, and when the ban was lifted paeans were sung in its praise. But both were the same thing to Guruji.

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We were reading a newspaper. I had almost completed it from the first page to the last, when Guruji entered the room. Casually he picked it up, glanced through and kept it aside. Conversation turned to news item about the Sangh. "But where is it?" I asked. "In this very paper," Guruji replied. I had read the whole paper but had not come across it. I Picked up the paper again and looked it over. But I failed to find it. Guruji took the paper and said, "Look here." It was a very small item—on the commercial page. "What a place!" I thought, "Are we shopkeepers that we would read the commercial page?" But again I thought. : "That way Guruji too is not a shopkeeper. How did his attention go to price lists? And he had not read the paper with my thoroughness. He had just glanced at the headings—and even the headings were so many that he could not have read them all in the time the paper was in his hand." I did not express my doubt, but Guruji understood. Casually he said, "A mother spots her child even in a crowd. Friendly words are heard even in a din." I understood. He culled the news of a newspaper while we wade through statements of leaders. Guruji always says he does not read newspapers. But it is really he who reads-them. We only see them.

Once he picked up a newly published book, glanced through and stopped at random at a page. He read a sentence and said, "What is this?" There was a mistake. Again he fluttered the pages and stopped at another page. There was another mistake. I took the book and went through the whole book. Those were the only two misprints. How did his eyes light upon them so unerringly? It was neither magic nor a fluke. For there have been many similar instances. It is only relentless zeal that gives an unerring eye. That eye sees not only the truth under all circumstances but also penetrates into the future. At first glance his forethought appears strange, but shortly it is borne out by the happenings.

In 1947 he stressed spiritual nationalism, talked about unity, emphasised national character, referred to the limits of politics and called for cultural organisation. In the last years all his observations have been proved true and every new happening proves them the more. Leaders in different spheres of social life there may be many, but there is only one person who has "seen life steadily and seen it whole" and speaks the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, without fear or favour—and it is Shri Madhavrao Golwalkar the Sarsanghchhalak of the Sangh.

**Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay.**