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Other Attachments to this Sanghmail

1. Sangh & Samiti Shiksha Varg Samarop Invite
2. Gangotri Trek India
3. Samvad for 16 June 2017

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HSS(UK) Courtesy Call with H.E. High Commissioner of India

On Tuesday 11th July, Man. Dhirubhai D. Shah (Sanghchalak), Madhviben Haria (Kendriya Sah-Karyawahika), Vishalji Shah (Kendriya Samaj Sampark Pramukh) and Rajeshji Singh (West London Vibhag Samaj Sampark Pramukh), made courtesy call on the new H.E. High Commissioner of India Shri Y.K. Sinha, Deputy High Commissioner Shri Dinesh K. Patnaik and Minister of Co-ordination Shri A.S. Rajan.



In a very open dialogue, the High Commissioner outlined the current challenges and perceptions of

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India in the U.K. and how the Indian Diaspora can play a significant role. It was noted that the Indian Diaspora in the U.K. forms a sizeable demographic, but more collective effort in its representation is needed.

The High Commission have started to take a proactive approach to engaging more widely with the Indian Diaspora, and a number of initiatives, in particular with the youth, were outlined. Becoming an active influence on political matters was an area they wanted the Indian Diaspora to engage more with, and in particular with matters that represent India.



Man. Dhirubhai presented a detailed overview of HSS UK's activities and the reach that the Sangh Parivaar has in various fields of work. It was expressed that understanding the need of the community is at the heart of our work, and the projects and platforms that have developed over the years have aimed to address these needs and to bring the community closer together. It was highlighted how Sangh and swayamsevaks/sevikas have played a prominent role in various Hindu related campaigns over the years. HSS's outreach at a grass root level was very much admired by High Commission.

The Golden Jubilee Sangh Sandesh edition was presented to both the High Commissioner and Deputy High Commissioner.

The opportunity was also taken to celebrate Raksha Bandhan and Madhviben tied a Rakhi to the High

Commissioner, Deputy High Commissioner and Minister of Co-ordination.



The meeting set a good foundation for working more closely with the High Commission in the future.

Sangh and Samiti Shiksha Varg Samarop Invite

You are all invited with Pariwar and friends to Sangh and Samiti Shiksha Vargs Samarop on Sunday 6th August. See attachment for all the details.

Kindly RSVP numbers attending by 4th August to ssv@hssuk.org

Sankalp Shibir 2017

Friday 4th – Sunday 6th August.

The Sankalp Shibir registration closing date has now passed.

For a few exceptional cases where valid reason exists for lateness, registration will only be granted once the shibir Karyawaha Shri Pritesh Mistry has been informed and he validates the request.

Priteshji's Mob.07957 330764

In any case, no registration will take place past Friday 28th July date.

www.nkv2017.eventbrite.co.uk

Public Consultation on Caste Legislation

What are our objections?

Deadline approaching fast 18th September.

Complete form Online

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

See request from Mananiya Dhiraj D Shah.

News from Around the UK

Swindon Shakha – New!

While Swindon Balagokulam has been continuing on, now a new shakha has also been started. It is being ably led by Shri Nilkesh Mehta, poorva Kendriya Bauddhik Pramukh.

New Balagokulam started in Coventry!



Guru Vandana Divas in North East Vibhag



2 excellent Guru Vandana Din programmes took place in North East.

On Friday 7th July at Leeds BG, 10 teachers attended the Teachers felicitation event.

On Saturday 8th July at Newcastle BG, another 18 teachers were felicitated in the presence of Lord Mayor. More than 100 members of the Hindu community also attended.



Report by Shri Paresh Mistry

Guru Puja Utsav at Telford BG

The Balagokulam Pariwar in Telford has come together on 22nd July 2017, to observe its first ever Guru Puja Utsav in Telford.

We had an excellent atmosphere of tradition, love and respect. The gathering included various age groups from babies to Grand Parents dressed in traditional attire. This occasion revealed the importance of Guru in everyone's life. The various activities included presentation about 'Guru and Guru Puja', 'Guru Bhajans' by kids of various ages and

adults, a quiz on Ramayana and Mahabharata (focusing on the Guru Parampara), and a classical South Indian dance to praise and thank the 'Guru of the dance' – Lord Nataraja (Siva). The presentation has educated us how various people like parents, friends who are part of our life are actually a form of 'Guru'.

We concluded the session with offering of Guru Dakshina and an inspiring Baudhik from Shri Divaker Shikotra, West Midlands Baudhik Pramukh. This fun filled celebration was an example of perfect team work, co-ordination and respect to our elders and tradition.



Report by Shri Raj Marni, Telford

Guru Vandana in Reading – Excellent Video

Reading nagar karyakartas have recorded their Guru Vandana divas in a great video, see link below.

<https://animoto.com/play/WOtFr15S1pRCUD7cLDFZ9w>

Liverpool Shakha Picnic

After successful few months, when Liverpool had the task of hosting North vibhags BG Shibir, they deserved an enjoyable day out at coast and for a picnic. It was a great bonding time between children and parents.



Report by Shri Mukesh Dherani, Liverpool

Sevikas Grades to Level 1 in Yogasana

11 Sevikas of Ekata Niyudh Shakha, Bham graded to a formal level 1 of yogasanas. Most of these mahilas are

mums to children who attend niyudh shakha and have joined the parallel Yoga Samiti that runs at the same time. The syllabus devised by Shri Sharad Shah, Kendriya Saha-shareerik pramukh was taught by Smt. Nita Shah (Patni of shri Sharadji) and a formal grading too place.



Shri Sharadji also presented Ss.Anjalika Patel with special memento of Maa Durga, for attaining a Black Belt. Earlier in the year, elder sister Radhika had also attained her Black Belt. Her parents were also honoured for persevering and encouraging their daughters since young age. In an emotional message by Anjali's father, Maheshbhai, he gave all the credit to Sangh karyakartas and Niyudh shakha in guiding them through over the years.

Niyudh Ekata Shakha running since 1994, now has 3 black belt level trainers.



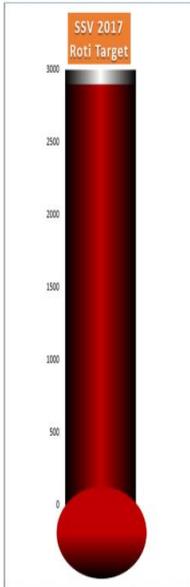
West Midlands Vibhag Samilit Shakha



In the 4th of Samilit vibhag Milan, it was the turn of West Bromwich nagar to host the occasion. Around

85 sankhya attended from Birmingham, Coventry, Stoke-on-Trent, Leamington and Telford, inc off-course West Bromwich. The theme this time was on khel and our traditional games of Kabbadi and Kho-Kho.

The 'SSV Roti Challenge' - Rugby Nagar



The upcoming SSV in Lutterworth gives the local Nagars a chance to step up and provide support in a wide range of areas; Transport, Admin, Supplying equipment and Matru Bhojan to just name a few.

Rugby Nagar has also been tasked with providing Rotis for 3 days.

To encourage members our community to provide Rotlis has taken on a new approach this year. We have introduced the 'SSV ROTI CHALLENGE' barometer. As with most years, local Hindu Families have been approached to provide Rotis for SSV and the progress of the

appeal has been measured using Roti Challenge Barometer. Progress was displayed regularly on the various WhatsApp groups. Needless to say, the target was reached without much trouble.

It was a bit of fun but it helps to show the good work and effort put in by the community.

Items for Sale at SSV/Sankalp Shibir

The following items are available for sale:

- Single air bed: £5
- Snooze sleeping bag: £8
- Travel towel : £5
- Flannel pillow: £2.50
- Camp bed: £12.50

If you would like to purchase any of the above please email Shri Nikesh Patel nikesh.patel@btinternet.com who will arrange for them to be delivered on site for when you arrive.

Forthcoming Programmes

Source of Ganges Trek

A Project of Charity Thru Adventure (CTA) and supporting fundraising for Sewa UK.

Dates: Sept 30 to Oct 15 2017

See attachment for itinerary, Or contact Shri Satish Shah at satishshah52a@hotmail.com

Cycle 4 Sewa.



Birmingham – Sunday 27th August 2017

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.

Consultation on Caste Legislation

Request to all karyakartas and well-wishers from Mananiya Dhiraj D Shah,
Sanghachalak, HSS(UK).

Namaste,

As you may be aware that British government is seeking a public consultation seeking your views on the most effective way to implement a legal ban on caste discrimination. The closing date of the consultation is now 18 September 2017, after which no further responses will be accepted.

This ban could be applied by 2 ways:

- a) by formally making caste an aspect of race in the Equality Act 2010 or
- b) through developing case law in the courts and employment tribunals.

Link to Government Consultation

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/government-equalities-office/caste-in-great-britain-and-equality-law-1>

Our Protest

The Government has assumed the position that Caste discrimination, if it exists, is a bad thing and remedy should be available under Law. We are campaigning against this approach of public consultation. Our aim is to create awareness about this sinister legislation and stop it altogether. This will divide the very fabric of Hindu society and will negatively impact our future generations for many generations.

We have developed website www.ihavenocaste.co.uk with #IHaveNoCaste

Our Approach after taking legal consultation, The strategy and priorities guiding the recommendations regarding the consultation responses are as follows:

1. To reject both routes described in the consultation
2. Repeal Section 9 (5) of the Equality Act 2010, including the reference to the amendment in the Explanatory notes of the Act which seeks to define caste.
3. Reject the development of case law

The responses have been chosen as the best means of satisfying the above requirements.

How can you help

- Distribute this awareness campaign to your mailing list
- Distribute campaign leaflets
- Embed campaign in your website and Facebook pages
- Arrange for dialogues within your network
- Coordinate ensure maximum response is submitted from Reading
- Reach to other affiliated groups to support the campaign

Please join this campaign so together we can defeat this before it's too late.

Importance of Niyudh for our Younger Generation

- Sharad Shah, Kendriya saha Shareerik Pramukh.

Similarly as with Yoga, Niyudh is essential for all our young swayamsevaks. While yoga promotes general health and strong spirit, niyudh brings about the martial spirit that is so essential in all of us specially the youth. The Hindu youth in general are very nice people. They do well in school, show essential respect to the parents, teachers and other elders. They are largely academic and career oriented. There is nothing wrong with that. However, despite this lovely nature, there is lack of warrior spirit. We all need that spirit to choose the right from wrong and stick with the right, come what may. This is what we call dharma. Our youth can easily be intimidated, pushed around and bullied. Even after knowing the difference between the right and wrong many are pushed in the wrong by their peers. Our youth do not stand up for what they believe is right. We need to correct this.

Our teaching in shakha in general does bring the element of the fearless spirit. The rough games – kabaddi, raja ashok, sherbakri, bring out this spirit of bravery, courage and honour. However, niyudh is direct. Through niyudh a young person is equipped with skills of self-defence as well as self-control. Through some basic training the person will build enough confidence to enable the individual to venture out, or do new things, or go into unknown areas. With more training, the self-confidence the person builds is immense and this reflects in his/her day to day life. He commands respect in a natural way as the lion/ lioness does. Niyudh is not only punching and kicking, which on its own can become boring. There are many other features to niyudh. These varieties of other features of niyudh are challenging and fun, a very essential element to attract young. The various stages of sparring remove all kinds of fear and can become fun and thrilling like playing kabaddi. The forms or katas bring about more discipline and ability to face multiple opponents, and at same time become fun and thrill.

We can easily fit this training in our regular shakhas. 15 min of niyudh training like yoga is enough, if this becomes an on-going feature. Of course, the demand of time will be challenged by many of our shikshaks and karyawahas as it will erode a lot of khel or entertaining time. However we need to remember that our shakhas are not reduced to entertaining clubs. Shakhas have a strong role in creating karyakartas which would require implementing tough and sometimes unpalatable training. We can plan our time to be more effective, and lengthen our shakhas and bring these vital disciplines. – yoga and niyudh in our regular shakhas.

Let our swayamsevaks and sevikas be trained so that they become excellent karyakartas.