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Other Attachments to this Sanghmail

1. Samvad 16th August 2016.
2. Sewa UK Achievements in 2015/16.

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Condolences

His Holiness Pramukh Swami Maharaj, the spiritual head of Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Sanstha (BAPS) passed away at Sarangpur, Gujarat, on 13th August at the age of 95; Swami ji was not keeping well since last two years.

Pramukh Swami Maharaj was born on December 7, 1921 to a humble farmer's family in the small village of Chansad, near Vadodara in Gujarat. In 1939, he received initiation into the sadhu-fold from his guru, Brahmaswarup Shastriji Maharaj and was named Sadhu Narayanswarupdas. In 1950, at the age of 28, Shastriji Maharaj selected him as the President (Pramukh) of BAPS in his place. Since then, he had been fondly known as "Pramukh Swami." In 1971, after the departure of guru Yogiji Maharaj, Pramukh Swami Maharaj succeeded him as the fifth spiritual guru of BAPS. Over the next 45 years, his unremitting satsang travels, selfless services to society, saintly virtues and profound devotion to God earned him the respect and reverence of countless worldwide.

He also created and consecrated over 1,100 mandirs worldwide and grand cultural complexes like Swaminarayan Akshardham in New Delhi and Gandhinagar to portray the cultural and spiritual heritage of Bharat.

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Renowned spiritual masters and heads of state have been deeply touched by his humility, saintliness and noble works.

Shri Rameshbhai Mistry, Evington, Leicester and a Swayamsevak of Surya Shakha, Oadby, Leicester passed away. Rameshbhai looked after Sewa tin collection, from our Karyalaya, having kept contacts with many of the shops in Leicester

He was about 56 years of age, and was brother-in-law of Shri Shantibhai K Mistry, our former Sewa Pramukh UK. Condolence can be passed via Shantibhai on shanti@mistrys.co.uk

On behalf of Sangh Parivaar, we pray for eternal peace and sadgati of the departed soul. We also pray to Paramatma to grant the divine soul, the courage to the family to come over this loss of a near and dear one. Om Shantih, Shantih, Shantih!

Congratulations

Shri Hemant and Nila Mistry, Birmingham became proud parents of baby daughter on Monday 1st August, day after Sanskriti Mahashibir Samarop. This day will be remembered for a long time, not least because Hemantji was at the Mahashibir as fulltime karyakarta until a couple of days before the birth of their daughter. Hemantji is karyawaha of Viveknanda Shakha, Birmingham.



Wow! Its over! Or is it!

70 Towns from UK,
 10 European Countries,
 5 Non-European Countries,
 453 attended whole week,
 Around 2167 registered for final weekend,
 1800 registered for Samarop,
 Over 450 Sleeping tents,
 Special Issue of Sangh Sandesh Launched,
 A very Special Exhibition,
 A new look Hindu Sahitya Kendra.....

Now for the Sweet Memories!



Guests Presiding at Samarop – 31st July 2016

Man.Mohanrao Bhagwat, Sanghachalak RSS
 Swami Dayatmananda of Vedanta Centre
 Swami Nirliptananda of London Sevashram Sangh
 Swamini Pratibha Pragya of Jain Samaj
 Swamini Atmaprakashananda of Arsha Vidya Gurukulam



HSS UK Sanghachalak, Mananeya Dhiraj D Shah said: “When people see the village their first reaction is WOW! The sheer scale of it is incredible but the fact that so many people are living in harmony and equality whilst enjoying the incredible atmosphere is equally special. Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh has been instilling the ethos of hard work, good morals and selfless working for over 50 years and its effects are being felt in the UK through our integration and affection for the country so we decided to celebrate this milestone in a grand fashion.”



Sampat on the Grounds



Ganesh Sthapana – First Day of Site Setup



Bare Ground Measured for first big Marquee



Over 450 Tents for Sleeping



Our Most Active Swayamsevak – Shri Liladharbhai from Hindu Sahitya Kendra

Check out the videos highlighting a fraction of what took place at Mahashibir.

<https://youtu.be/0yuh8loq36k>

https://youtu.be/y2E_A6chFEE

<http://video214.com/play/zzAy1KY9bTg1nxbh7vktDw/s/dark>

<https://animoto.com/play/GkpMhF3ndQS2b68EcpXv9Q>

<https://animoto.com/play/BSgsKynFbEF7zqBYfmPiCg>

<https://goo.gl/photos/2E1UYzKjWaEAdtMN7>

BBC Three Counties Radio

Pre event click here: <https://clyp.it/t4s5pmfg>

At the event <https://clyp.it/rwiwjotb>

Press/Articles

<https://www.asian-voice.com/Community/Over-4000-Hindus-in-the-UK-celebrate-50-years-of-HSS-achievements>

<http://manojladwa.com/namaste-hss-why/>

HSS Press Releases

Visit www.hssuk.org/press

This is just the beginning!

‘We have a large number of young, dynamic and well trained karyakartas who have plans to make the next 50years even more productive, visionary and focussed...Sanskaar, Sewa and Sanghathan’, **Shri Dhiraj M Shah, HSS Karyawaha.**

SMS Blog!

‘It is poignant to remember that Sangh isn’t an organisation that takes great interest in celebrating milestones, for the more milestones we celebrate the slower we are doing our work! Sanskriti MahaShibir cannot be seen as a celebration of the last 50 years, but as an opportunity to seek inspiration from the past so that we can work even better in the future. We mustn’t see SMS as a birthday celebration but as an event put together to energise us for the next 50 years and to increase the depth and breadth of our work in every sphere of society and every part of the UK in the years to come’.

Read Hinesh Shah’s Blog at

<https://sanghshakti.wordpress.com/2016/08/08/50-years-of-hss-uk-some-thoughts/>

NEWS FROM AROUND THE UK

Rugby Shakha Celebrates Raksha Bandhan at the Mayors Parlour, Rugby

Around 50 Sangh Pariwar members were present to celebrate Raksha Bandhan at the Mayors parlour on Friday 12th August. The Mayor of Rugby, Hon. Sally Bragg, was given a good explanation of the occasion during the utsav and a Rakhi was tied to her wrist by one of our young Sevikas. A Rakhi was also tied to the Bhagwa Dhvaj before being tied to each other.



The Mayor thanked Rugby Shakha for giving her the opportunity to share the utsav with her and for broadening her understanding of our culture and festivals. She was also presented with a HSS 50 Years celebration brochure.



Report by Shri Kishor Mistry, Rugby Nagar.

Arjun Shakha (Ashton-U-Lyne) celebrates Guru Vandana

Thank you cards along with invitations were given to teachers from their students who attend Shakha. We only received one RSVP. However by great surprise 11 teachers attended; from local primary schools, Kumon centre and one from Gujarati school. Many parents also attended. Teachers really enjoyed the Shakha activities and were overwhelmed with the respect we gave them and the gifts (Divas and a Bhagavad Gita)

Newcastle BG Celebrates Guru Vandana Day

Teachers Day was observed with more than 45 teachers being emotionally touched with the respect and honour they received.



Then the audiences were graced with Samarop Bauddhik by Mananiya Sanghachalak Dhirai D Shah, in which he covered the history and principles of HSS UK and the concept of guru and described the relationship between a teacher and student as 'sacred' and teacher being the "medium of connectivity" for the student to achieve progression. His talk appreciated the uniqueness of Hindu tradition to highlight the importance of teachers in shaping the future generations by imparting knowledge and wisdom to their students.

Sattriya Dance Workshop by The Monks Of Majuli, Assam @ Newcastle Balagokulam

The monks from the beautiful river island of Majuli (or Majoli) in the Brahmaputra River of Assam, India which is centre of Assamese Krishna worship, traveled to the UK to perform and teach Sattriya, as part of GemArts Masala Festival. It was their maiden tour outside India.

GemArts Director Vikas Kumar who is also Newcastle Balagokulam Shakha family member organised a special workshop by these monks during Balagokulam session on Friday 15th July 2016 at Newcastle Hindu Temple.



OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS FROM AROUND THE UK

Ma. Sah Sarkaryavah of RSS Sri Dattatreya Hosabale ji tribute to Basaveshwara statue in London

Sri Dattatreya Hosabale paid tribute to Basaveshwara statue in London. The Former Mayor of Lambeth Dr Neeraj Patil had invited him on behalf of The Basaveshwara Foundation.

He expressed his tribute to Basaveshwara for contribution to democracy and social justice. He said, I am extremely pleased to see the statue of an Indian philosopher in the backdrop of British Parliament overlooking the river Thames.

He is on a special visit to United Kingdom to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of HSS in the UK.

The Basaveshwara statue was unveiled in the London Borough of Lambeth by Hon Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi on 14th Nov 2016.

This is the first conceptual statue to be approved by British Government in the vicinity of British Parliament as a mark of respect to 12th century Indian philosopher and social reformer Basaveshwara for promoting democratic ideals and gender equality during the 12th century.

See full report at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZe02LST-NM>



Nilesh Solanki, HSS UK, Sampark Pramukh (Head PR)

Sewa UK News

The Divya Rehabilitation Centre for children with Cerebral Palsy

Sewa UK is reaching out to you ALL to help us provide the very best facilities to these children. A meal out with friends today can cost you in the region of £20 per head Average restaurant meal £12 - £20.



Why not donate the cost of 1 MEAL to Sewa UK to help complete this new centre. See leaflet attachment. To donate, go to www.sewauk.org and click on Donate at the top of the page.

See also Letter from H.M. Queen to Sewa UK below.

For further information, do contact me Bharat Vadukal on bharat@sewauk.org

Sewa Project by Newcastle Balagokulam With Grow Wild on World Environment Day!

Total 60 sankhya, including 23 children participated in the Sewa project where children sown the seeds at the West Road Medical Centre in front of Newcastle Hindu Temple, in Newcastle upon Tyne. Newcastle Balagokulam registered their interest on 'Grow Wild' website to secure the seed kit detailing

about how Balagokulam shapes the minds of young children and relevance of Sewa Project and importance of the mother nature taught in Balagokulam. Among many entries, few were shortlisted and Newcastle Balagokulam Shakha was one of the lucky winners.

Practice Manager and staff of West Road Medical Centre thanked Newcastle Balagokulam Shakha for this Sewa project which will help the practice to offer more pleasant atmosphere to patients as they enter. Practice staff was touched to see that this Sewa project was driven by children and they want to publish this story in their next newsletter.



HINDU SAHITYA KENDRA

Stocks from Mahashibir

We introduced many new items at the Sanskriti Maha Shibir (SMS) and also used electronic systems for sales tills and accepted card payments.

We are continuing to sell items from the Mahashibir through our online store until stocks last. These include essential items specially sourced for the Mahashibir. Please visit the online store to order your items before they are out of stock. The link for the online store is as below.

www.hssuk.org/smsshop

All orders for Mahashibir T-shirts received up to Sunday 14 August 2016 have been noted and will be shipped as soon as we receive ordered stock from our suppliers. So please bear with us for the next 2-3 weeks.

Sangh and Samiti ganvesh can now be ordered online, and will be sent through Royal Mail.

Other items such as books are available as usual from the shop as well as from our website and from amazon.co.uk and www.hskonline.co.uk www.amazon.co.uk/shops/hskonline

PRAVAS

Shri Ram Vaidya, Pracarak

I am now in Mauritius for 10 days Pravas. I arrived on 5th August and then joined a 2 days Shibir. Shibir had

a 55 sankhya. First time they marched on the road with Ghosh. Ghosh was played first time in Mauritius Sangh history. Now with Sandip ji Paithankkar, Local pracarak I am travelling almost all shakhas and having baithaks daily. Mauritius is a beautiful country, but lots of social problems. Yesterday We met Prime Minister's senior advisor. He was impressed with the Sangh work. I also gave an interview to national TV channel.

Now please find the following dates for my future Pravas.

- 14 - 16 August - **Seychelles**
- 17 - August - **Mauritius**
- 18 Aug - 13 Sept - **Kenya / Uganda**
- 14 September - **Ethiopia**
- 15 - 26 September - **Nigeria**
- 27 September - 1 October - **Egypt**
- 2 October back to **UK**

Letter from H M Queen to Sewa UK



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

12th July, 2016

Dear Mr Vadukul,

The Queen has asked me to thank you for your letter on behalf of the charity Sewa UK, and I apologise for the delay in replying which is due to the amount of mail received for Her Majesty's ninetieth birthday celebrations.

The Queen was most interested to learn of the new residential school for tribal children with disabilities in India built with the support of your charity, and to know that it was inaugurated by the Member of Parliament for Harrow East, Mr Bob Blackman on 8th April.

It was thoughtful of you to take the time and trouble to write and share this news with Her Majesty, and I am to convey good wishes to you and your colleagues for continued success with your charitable projects.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Jennie Vine
Deputy Correspondence Coordinator