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Other Attachments to this Sanghmail

1. WHC Brochure-2018
2. Sanvad16March2018 – news from Bharat

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Condolences

Beloved mother of Shri Kishorbhai Dabhi, Smt Manchaben Chunilal Dabhi passed away. Kishorji is a karyakarta of Leeds. Condolence can be passed to parivar via email: kishordabhi@hotmail.com

Shri Dipesh Dhirubhai Mistry passed away. Dipeshji is husband of Smt. Nainaben Mistry (Pramukh of Bradford Krishna BG) and also son-in-law of Shri Natubhai Mistry, a veteran karyakarta of Bradford. Condolences can be passed to Shri Natubhai on mob: 07790 245011.

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

Om Shanti, Shanti Shantih!

World Hindu Congress

See Attachment WHC Brochure-2018.

The World Hindu Congress is a global platform for Hindus to connect, share ideas, inspire one another and impact the common good. Held once every four years, this year's World Hindu Congress will be held in Chicago, USA from 7th to 9th September 2018, and will mark the 125th Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's historic address to the Parliament of World Religions in Chicago. The World Hindu Congress is a culmination of seven parallel

conferences showcasing how the values, creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of the global Hindu Community find expression in a variety of spheres including economic, education, media, organisational and political, as well as the unique leadership and contribution of Hindu women and youth. The World Hindu Congress in 2014 was held in Delhi which saw 1800 delegates from 53 countries come together and participate. This year's theme is Sumantrite Suvikrante or Think Collectively, Achieve Valiantly. Attached is the World Hindu Congress Brochure, which will provide further details of the conferences along with registration. If you would like further information about registering for the Congress, please email outreach@hssuk.org or see www.worldhinducongress.org

"Never Set Eyes"

Do you know any 1947 Partition Survivor?

This project relating to the 1947 partition survivors has been initiated by an organisation called **Nutkhut**. The partners for this project are: The National Archives, National Army Museum, British Library, and University of Greenwich.

There will be interviews that will be conducted of those living in the UK who would have experienced the 1947 Partition in Bharat.

Through this project:

- The research, recordings and individual testimonies will be made accessible for free, through the prism of heritage and the arts, to as wide a public as possible
- The experience of the survivors will continue to be heard in the future for generations to come

If we know any survivors/family members of the survivors who would have either experienced the partition or heard about the partition from their close family members and feel they would like to share their experience or if you have any questions then please contact Kirti Vekriya 07920529722 (m) or via kirti.vekriya@gmail.com (e)

News from Around the UK

Samiti Khel Pratiyogita 2018

The 8th National Samiti Khel Pratiyogita is took place on Sunday 25th March in Birmingham. 350 participants competed, with 68 matches being played. Overall 31 Samiti and BG branches took part. Squadron leader Catherine Gillespie and 3 of her colleagues were guests at the event.

Winners were:

Ring - Leicester

Year 7+ Kho - Manchester

Year 3-6 Kho - Leicester and Nottingham

Gruhini Kho - Birmingham



Holi in Edinburgh

Edinburgh Balagokulam held their Holi Programme on 10th March. Children did performances ranging from reciting shlokas and mantras to dances. We had a character based Holi quiz where the children and parents had to guess who the character being portrayed was. The total sankhya for the event was approximately 100.



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Redbridge Shakha and BG Suryanamaskar Yajna

Throughout the month of February at Redbridge Shakha and Balagokulam sessions built up fitness levels through Yogasanas and Suryanamaskars. Ave of 60 sankhya from age of 2yrs to late 70's focused on Suryanamaskars, ably led by Shikshika Radhika Unjiya, originally from Bolton Samiti, now living in Redbridge. Redbridge used to be solely a Shakha for many years. BG has been running for over one year now. The launch of a Samiti is on the horizon, with attendees from various communities, South and North Indian. Any questions or further details required do contact Sneha Purohit on snehaspurohit@gmail.com



Varsha Pratipada at Manchester Surya Shakha

On Friday 23rd March, Manchester Surya Shakha, Kaveri Samiti and Keshav Balagokulam celebrated Varsha Pratipada Utsav. This Hindu New Year is celebrated as Ugadi or Gudi Padwa or other utsavs in various parts of Bharat. Two sevikas played Ghosh for Dwajarojan, one with Violin and the other with flute. Following Keshav Archana and Geet, we listened to a bauddhik on the life of Doctorji's.



Holi in Bromley – All Colours Merge

The Swayamsevaks and Sevikas of Bromley Sanskaar Shakha were raring to go and help support the “Holi Milan” community event organised by the local Bromley Mandir. Lifting chairs and tables, setting up the food and games stalls, decorating the venue with posters and banners, they all gave their time and efforts selflessly. They kept the young children and adults entertained at the holi-themed games and were an excellent team to showcase the skills they gained at Shakha. Of course, it was not all work and no play, and at the end of the evening the enjoyment culminated in each of them being drenched in colours. This was a great setting to see and feel, the diversity of two hundred plus Indians coming together to celebrate a traditional festival, and to take home the lovely message that, all colours, be they light or dark, muted or radiant, pale or deep, always merge together seamlessly to white, the colour of purity, serenity and peace.



Holi Celebration Play at Leeds BG

We prepared a play based on Holi and story of Holika Dahan. Children took part by playing various characters such as, Hirankashyap, Lord Brahma, Lord Vishnu (And Narsinmha), Bhakt Prahlad etc. We motivated children to take part and did practice as

well. Our aim was to develop confidence among them and also more significantly to have discipline and knowledge of our culture and dharma.

Parents worked as a team and prepared kids for this play. Praveen Ji and his team sang a song of Holi. He belongs to Rajasthan where Holi is a big festival so it was joy to listen.

In Adult's baudhik, we shared our thoughts of Holi and its significance in various parts of the Bharat.

Overall, it was a very successful play/event/BG evening where everybody enjoyed a lot.



Presentation Event at New Scotland Yard

Smt Harsha Jani from London Sampark team attended Counter Terrorism Awareness presentation. On 21st March 2018, nearly a year after the Westminster Attacks tragedy and the tragic death of PC Keith Palmer, a Counter Terrorism Awareness Meeting organised by Metropolitan Police Hindu Association at New Scotland Yard highlighted the crucial role that we as citizens of this country should be playing to create terrorism awareness and increase vigilance.



Ac Neil Basu responding to a question from Harshaji.

The newly appointed Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu who is responsible for policing counter-terrorism nationally was the guest speaker. Addressing the gathering Neil Basu paid a tribute to PC Keith Palmer and to all victims of terror

attacks. He stressed the importance of communities in tackling terrorism.

The message was clear, organisations need to become more proactive in sharing terror attacks prevention information leaflets, reporting suspicious behaviour on the streets or in the work place and consider organising talks and presentations in conjunction with the National Counter Terrorism Security Office.

Leicester Nagar Adventure Weekend

Leicester Nagar organised an Adventure Weekend on 24 th - 25th March 2018 where 14 Swayamsevaks were pushed out of their comfort zone at The National Water Sports Centre (Holme Pierrepont Country Park) near Nottingham.

12 year olds to 50+ participated in 2 days of intense and gruelling physical and mental outdoor activities. This included a military assault course, 20m high-rope walking, laser combat and water wipe out, not to mention setting up their own camping tents, washing everyone's plates and eating outdoors.

To successfully complete the challenges, all the participants had to support, encourage and assist each other and overcome personal individual challenges such as fears of heights, jumping into FREEZING cold water, coping with exhaustion and pushing through various obstacles both as individuals and as a team.

A camp fire in the late evening let us switch off from the outside world (neatly coinciding with Earth Hour) whilst Swayamsevaks reminisced and told stories of their most unforgettable Sangh memories.

The following day started with Shakha at the campsite and Suryanamaskar in the morning sun.

Overall, the weekend brought back memories for the senior Swayamsevaks recalling their childhood adventures and built new memories for the younger Swayamsevaks. The experience proved positive to all age groups demonstrating what is possible, coping with discomfort, dealing with situations outside the norm and coming out on top, as well as building stronger bonds between the individuals in the group.



Ishwar Chhagan Leicester Nagar Nidhi Pramukh

Forthcoming Programmes

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

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.

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)

Food for Thought

Ram Navami, the ninth day of Chaitra Shukla Paksha corresponding to March 25 this year, is the day when Bhagwan Shree Ram was born in Ayodhya millions of years ago. It is one of the Hindu festivals that is celebrated by the Hindu diaspora with roots in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and South Bharat. The descendants of Bharatiya indentured servants, for example, who arrived in colonial South Africa before 1910 to work in British owned plantations and mines, thereafter lived through the South African apartheid regime, continued to celebrate Ram Navami by reciting Ramayana, and by singing bhajans of Tyagaraja and Bhadrachala Ramdas. The tradition continues in contemporary times in the Hindu temples of Durban every year, as it does in Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Suriname, Jamaica, other Caribbean countries, Mauritius, Malaysia, Singapore, and many other countries. It is also celebrated by Hindus in Fiji, and those Fiji Hindus who have re-migrated elsewhere.

"Wherever four Hindus live, Ram and Sita will be there" so said Swami Vivekanand.

The reverse also is true "Wherever Ram and Sita live, the people there will remain and live as Hindus". - H V Sheshadri

