



Sangh Mail

HSS(UK) Observes **Remembrance Day**

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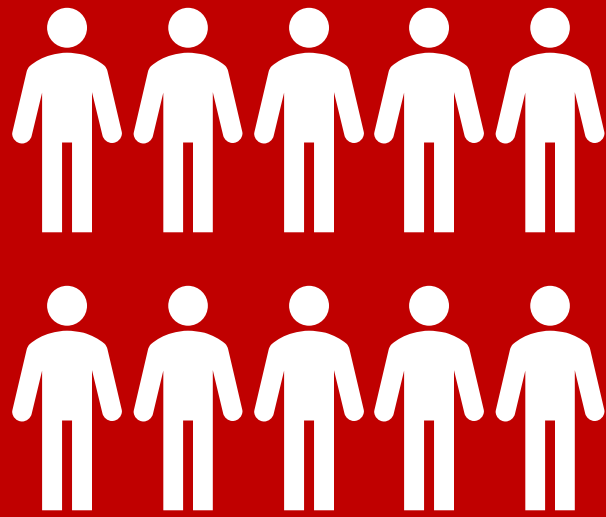
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A great soul serves everyone all the time.
A great soul never dies.
It brings us together
again and again.

DID YOU
KNOW...

1.3
million



Indian soldiers
served in WWI,
and over 74,000
lost their lives.

2.5
million

Indian and Nepali
soldiers fought under
the British command
in WW2 and **over
87,000 Indian troops
lost their lives.**

In conditions which were foreign to
them in terms of language, weather,
and food they fought on several
different fronts.'



North London

North London Shakhas Participate in Remembrance Day Parade



On Remembrance Sunday of 2024, different Shakhas of Harrow Mandal in North London participated in the Remembrance Day parade and memorial service organised by Harrow Council. In the first-ever participation at the local level, Swayamsevaks including Jyeshthas and Sevikas from five Shakhas of Harrow partook in the parade proceedings alongside cadets and corps from other armed forces. As British Hindus, we are ever grateful to all the soldiers who laid their own lives to protect freedom, paying tributes to the fallen heroes.

Swayamsevaks and Sevikas marched in unison with other troops with an immense sense of pride. Our Vibhag Sanghachalak Shri Dhiraj Shah laid the wreath at the memorial alongside the local MP, the Mayor of the council, and other dignitaries. We are proud to be part of the Harrow community and very happy to have been involved in this year's Remembrance Day celebrations.





Finchley

Finchley Shakha Lays a Wreath

On behalf of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (UK), Shakti & Pratap Shakha of Finchley, and our young Sevika Mishika Tripathi lay a wreath at Hendon Memorial, alongside the Mayor of Barnet and local MPs and councillors.



Hindu Prayer at Remembrance Ceremony

Dr. Harsha Jani HSS(UK), was invited to lead a Hindu prayer at the Finchley Memorial Hospital Remembrance Ceremony. In the presence of a distinguished guest, Hon. Martin Russell, MBE, DL FCT, Representative Deputy Lieutenant for the London Borough of Barnet.



Leamington

Leamington Nagar commemorates Remembrance Sunday

Leamington Sanskar Parivar joined the local commemoration organised by the Town Council.

We laid a wreath in memory of all soldiers and civilians who laid their lives in the World Wars, including the Indian soldiers who also fought and died alongside.



Wellingborough

Wellingborough Shakha Remembers

HSS Wellingborough Shakha attended the Remembrance Day on Sunday, 10/11/24. The day began with our gathering at the Hindu Mandir, where members came together to pay their respects and reflect on the importance of remembrance.

The event commenced with a hymn, setting a respectful tone for the proceedings. Various speakers, including young children, delivered heartfelt speeches, sharing their thoughts and memories related to the significance of the day and the impact of sacrifice on our lives. We then observed two minutes of silence, a solemn moment dedicated to saluting the brave soldiers who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

To conclude the event, we participated in a march, demonstrating our unity and respect for those who have served. It was a day filled with reflection, gratitude, and community spirit.





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Birmingham Keshav Shakha holds quarterly Sangh Milan

This is the 2nd quarterly Sangh Milan for the Jyeshtha Shakha. The initiative began with the need to involve regularly, Swayamsevaks and the family to dine together.



This time, Man. Dhirajji, HSS UK Sanghchalak, gave a PowerPoint presentation of Sangh's work which has led to the creation of other associated organisations in various fields here in the UK.

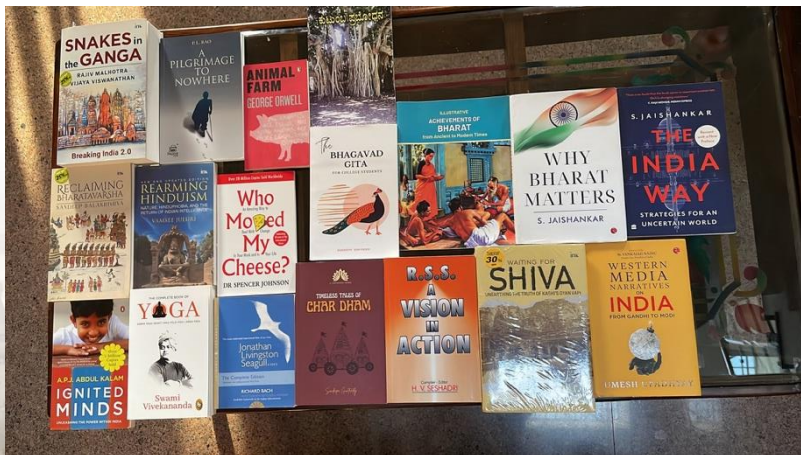
Parichay, Quiz, and Prarthana including bhojan create an aura of parivar spirit.

New Initiatives

Birmingham Nagars initiates Readers Gana

When Swayamsevaks and Sevikas show a keen interest in reading, debating, and searching for knowledge in Hindu culture and heritage, it is important to guide them. This group, named the Tattva Readers, is given a booklist to choose from and asked to read one book a month. Every couple of months, they come together to discuss and analyse the spirit of the book, often leading to a very mature debate,

Following Birmingham nagars initiation, Leamington Nagar has also started on this project,





Other news

Other News

HSS Sewa Bromley

1,000 was donated to Kings College Hospital, Baby Ward on behalf of HSS(UK) and Sewa UK by Bromley and Orpington Shakhas.



Other News

Coventry Nagar Organises Bhajan Sandhya

On Sunday the 24th of November, Coventry Nagar organised a Bhajan Sandhya, bringing awareness of one of our 4 yoga, this being Bhakti.

What a soulful evening it was as our Swayamsevaks and Sevikas came together for a beautiful Bhajan Sandhya.

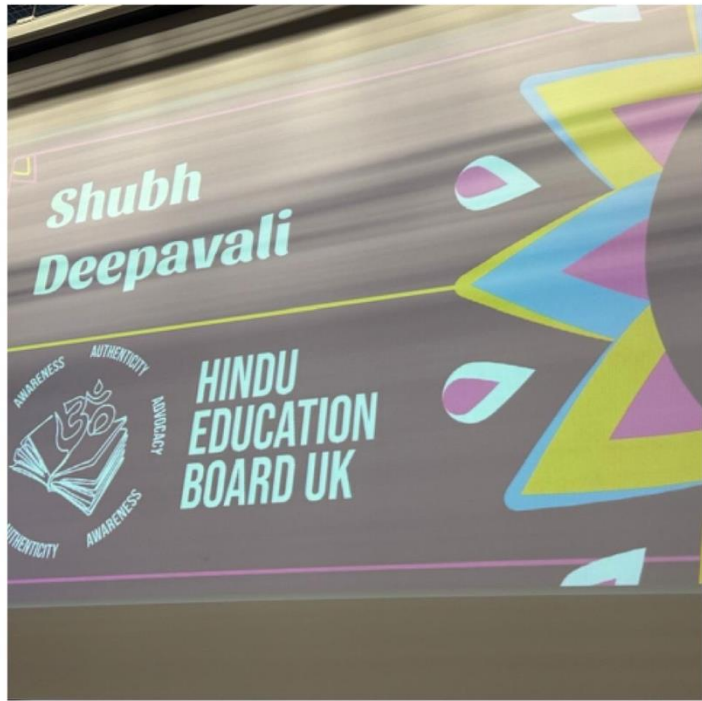
Those who sang poured their hearts into melodious group renditions of timeless bhajans, filling the air with devotion and harmony. The collective spirit of group singing was truly magical.



Other News

Diwali Assembly at Garth Hill College by Bracknell Shakha

The young karyakartas of the Bracknell shakha carried out the Diwali assembly at their Garth Hill College throughout the week. Three young Kishore and Kishoris talked about the Hindu Dharma, Festival, and Culture during the school assembly for all year groups and Sixth form. The assembly was also attended by the principal Mr. Grainger and he applauded the kid's confidence and appreciated the effort of the Hindu community.



Other News

Diwali Milan at Queensbury Nagar

Swayamsevaks, sevikas and Jyesthas attended the Karyakram with their families to welcome the new Vikram Samvat year. It was a perfect opportunity to come together with families to greet each other and continue with festivities.

There was khel to entertain all age ranges, and the parents adored getting involved; with some funny moments. For Shakha Karyawahas, it was a perfect opportunity to reflect and share with all participants, the events organised and progress made over the last year, including Ram Janma Bhoomi Pran Pratishtha, Khel Pratiyogita, Cycle4Sewa, Vargs & shibirs and Sewa events. The event has also laid a strong base for the shakha teams to forge an engaging family sampark.



Other News

HSS Scotland 1st Khel Pratiyogita

We are thrilled to share the success of HSS Scotland's 1st Khel Pratiyogita held in Edinburgh on 17th November,

Key Highlights:

Total Attendance: 120 participants and spectators!

Khels Played: Kho Kho, Kabaddi, Ring and Football

This event was a great platform to bring together shakhas from across Scotland and North East Vibhag, promoting fitness, teamwork, and bonding. The enthusiasm and energy were unmatched, making it a memorable day for all.

A big thank you to all Karyakartas, and participants for making this event such a grand success. Special mention to everyone who traveled from afar to participate and contribute to this milestone.





KHEL

PRATIYOGITA

SAVE THE DATE!



5TH APRIL 2025 - SWAYAMSEVAK

6TH APRIL 2025 - SEVIKA

Save the Date!

Rules for our khels can be found on hssuk.org/shareerik



ESSENTIAL READ

Dr Hedgewar

Some Principles of Organisation (Sangathan)

We have taken up the task of protecting our Dharma and Rashtra (Nation).

Let us not forget that this mighty task cannot be completed by only one person or a few. For this organised efforts of hundreds of thousands and millions of persons inspired with our ideology are required. My only request is build up a strong network of devoted and strong youth force. Then there will be no difficulty.

The daily programmes that we conduct is only a means to achieve that organised life. We have to bring unity and discipline. We have to clearly understand the relationships between programmes and ultimate ideal.

We are a big family. Every person in the family has to fulfil certain responsibility. Keeping this in mind every Swayamsevak has to do his duty. In our daily behaviour we have to keep in mind our ideology. Everyone has to be particular about his character. Let there not be any shortcoming in our character.

People should get the confidence that we are doing everything with utmost selflessness. Let us have such upright and impeccable character that others will be impressed, influenced and always ready to co-operate with us. Do not forget that people will be watching

us. Because of our high character, never feel that we are superior to others. Let us not have this ego at any time that we are better than others.

Only that person can correct himself who introspects and knows his shortcomings. Let us always introspect and root out all our weaknesses and bad qualities, and develop such qualities which will be useful to our organisational work and by which people will be attracted towards us. If we keep our actions pure, we shall be able to get good thoughts also.

In all our actions and behaviour, and whenever we take up any work let us be careful that because of our conduct no harm should be done to our Sangh work and its ideology.

To run the organisational work of Sangh we have to bring people closer to us – Loksangraha. We have to master this ability and skill along with good character and attractive behaviour.

Whatever we speak should be brought into practice. All the high principles are eternal and meant to be brought into action. To live a life based on an ideal is full of difficulties. One will be respected only if he lives a life as he speaks. All the Sangh principles are meant to be practiced in life.

Source: National Regeneration – The Vision of Swami Vivekananda and the Mission of RSS



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keep articles short, highlighting the best parts



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