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Dipavali

Row of Traditional Clay Diyas

Ayodhya Lighting the way to Receive Bhagwan Ram, Janaki Maiya & Lakshman ji

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AYODHYA

Breaks World record of

2.6 MILLIONS DIYAS

on Dipavali 2025



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| DIWALI 2025

HSS Slough Diwali Assembly

📍 LIGHTING THE LAMP OF VALUES
DIWALI ASSEMBLIES AT UPTON COURT GRAMMAR SCHOOL, SLOUGH



This Dipavali or Diwali, Karyakartas from HSS Slough Shakha (Sita Shakha & Abhimanyu Shakha) had a wonderful opportunity to conduct four school assemblies at Upton Court Grammar School, reaching more than 1,200 students from all year groups (Year 7 to Year 13).

The assemblies shared the true message of Dipavali – Return of Lord Ram and Mata Sita after overcoming evil Ravana, the victory of light over darkness, and good over evil. We spoke about how Dipavali is not just about lighting diyas or cleaning our homes, but also about bringing light and purity within ourselves.

We reminded students that Diwali belongs to all humanity. When a diya (traditional clay candle) shines, it doesn't ask who you are – it simply gives its light to everyone.

We wished Year 11 and Sixth Form students the very best as they prepare for exams and step into the wider world – carrying the light of Diwali in their hearts. A heartfelt thanks to Upton Court Grammar School for giving us this platform to share the spirit of Diwali with the next generation.





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Diwali with Care home residents.

DIWALI WITH CARE HOME RESIDENTS
AT CHELTENHAM

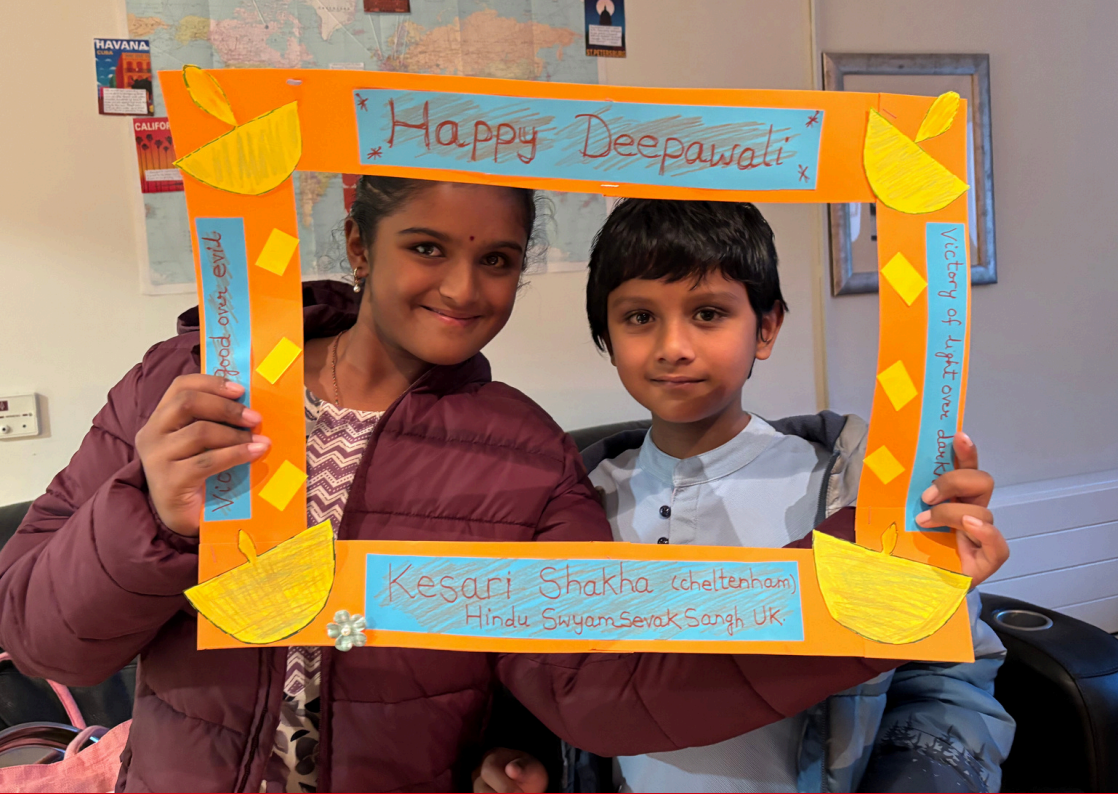


This year again Whittington Elderly Care Home asked Kesari Shakha to visit and celebrate Diwali with their residents.

After introducing our Kesari Shakha and its activities, our children clearly and beautifully explained about the festival of Diwali, its meaning, its significance, how we celebrate and its message of kindness, goodness and hope. They all loved singing with us a song of light within us to guide the

world towards peace and unity. Our children played very interesting and engaging Khels and quiz with them which they thoroughly enjoyed. Simple yoga and breathing exercises helped them to stretch and relax their bodies. Sharing delicious eggless cakes with them while taking pictures brought huge smiles on their faces.





| DIWALI 2025

Deepavali Programme



WEST DRAYTON TULASI BALAGOKULAM
THE SPIRIT AND INSPIRATION OF THE COMMUNITY



The West Drayton Tulasi Bala Gokulam team once again demonstrated its dedication, creativity, and teamwork through a series of inspiring cultural events this season. The passion and commitment of our volunteers and children were evident in every performance, earning heartfelt appreciation from schools, families, and the wider community.

The journey began with our Tulsi Shakha and Sevika's active participation in Navratri celebration at West Drayton Academy, filled with vibrant cultural dance performances. Their graceful moves and infectious enthusiasm brought the festive spirit alive, leaving the audience deeply impressed. Teachers and parents praised the confidence, coordination, and cultural understanding the ladies displayed as a true reflection of the values nurtured within BalaGokulam.

Next came the volunteers representing the Deepavali Festival at a local school, where they shared the essence of Diwali through engaging presentations and activities. Their effort to explain the festival's deeper meaning, the victory of light over darkness was met with admiration and curiosity from teachers and students alike. The event became a beautiful exchange of culture, learning, and joy.

The grand finale of the season was the Deepavali Festival celebration with the local community, where our talented volunteers and children performed a captivating Ramayana skit. The performance stood out as the main attraction of the evening, drawing applause and emotional appreciation from the audience. Many expressed how the skit beautifully captured devotion, discipline, and the eternal message of righteousness.

Across all these events, one thing was clear: the Bala Gokulam team's unity, creativity, and dedication made each occasion memorable. Parents, teachers, and community members shared glowing feedback, acknowledging the volunteers' tireless efforts and the children's growing confidence and cultural pride.

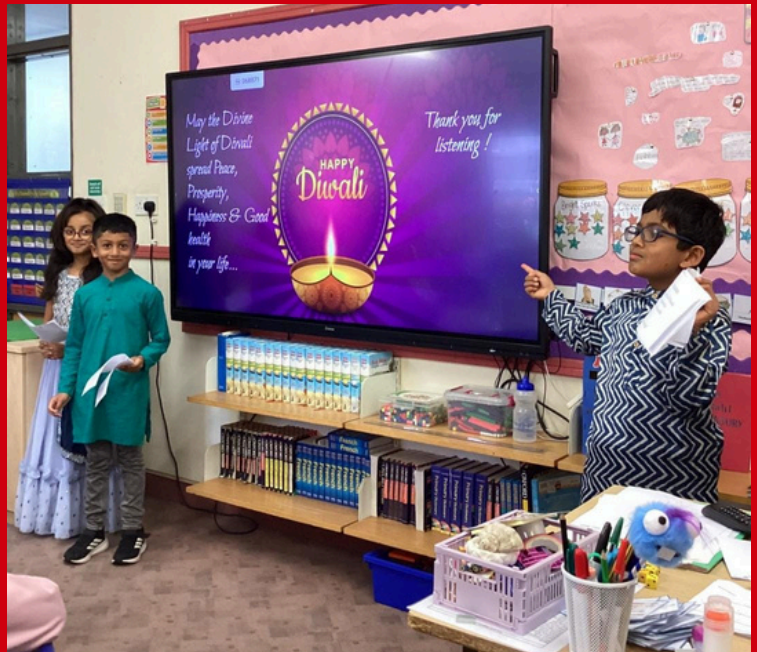
Together, the West Drayton Tulasi Bala Gokulam continues to illuminate hearts celebrating culture, nurturing values, and strengthening community bonds through selfless teamwork and joy-filled service.

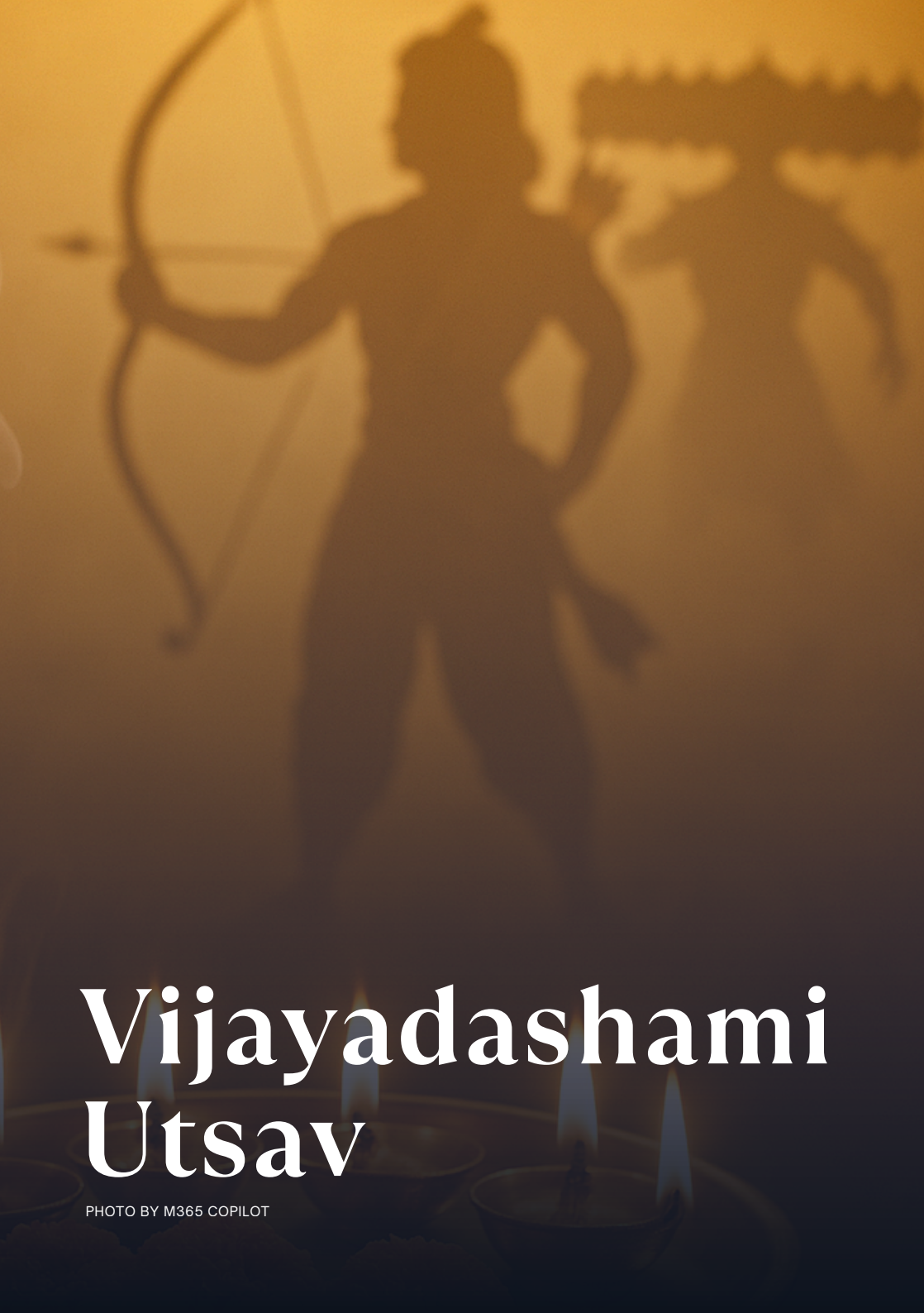
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Primary School Swayamasevaks & Sevikas Presents Diwali to their Class



Three enthusiastic Year 3 students — Niya Rabadia, Harshiv Vekriya, and Yash Hirani — from Woolwich Shivaji Shakha proudly created and presented a PowerPoint about Diwali, its meaning, and how it is celebrated to their primary school class. With just over a week of preparation and support from their parents, they delivered an engaging and informative presentation that beautifully captured the essence of the festival. To make the session even more interactive, they handed out Diwali activity sheets, which were enjoyed by all their classmates. Their teamwork, confidence, and creativity shone through, inspiring peers and spreading Diwali's joyful spirit.





Vijayadashami Utsav

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| VIJAYADASHAMI UTSAV 2025

Celebrating 40 Years of Service and Culture



HSS SLOUGH CELEBRATES VIJAYADASHAMI



The HSS Slough celebrated its 40th anniversary with a grand Vijaya Dashami celebration at Langley College, Slough on Saturday, 4th October.

The event brought together more than 325 attendees, including community leaders, members, youth volunteers, and local dignitaries, honouring four decades of community service, cultural enrichment, and unity across Slough and Maidenhead.

For forty years, from 1985, the Slough branch has connected generations through shared values of service, discipline, and togetherness, nurturing leadership and cultural confidence among young people while contributing positively to British society.



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The celebration began with a colourful cultural performance, featuring a melodious group song and a thought-provoking skit titled “9 Colours of Victory”. The performance explored the deeper meaning of Vijaya Dashami — symbolising the triumph of good over evil through courage, compassion, and righteousness. Attendees also witnessed demonstrations of traditional physical activities that form part of the branch’s regular sessions, including Suryanamaskar (a series of yogic sun salutations promoting health and mindfulness), Samata (team coordination and discipline through rhythmic movements), and Dand, an ancient Indian martial art symbolising focus and self-control.



A special exhibition showcased the 40-year journey of the Slough branch - captured moments from decades of community service, social initiatives, and cultural programmes, showcasing how HSS(UK) has positively contributed to the local community over the years.

The event welcomed several distinguished guests and representatives from more than 15 organisations, including Slough Borough Council, Slough Hindu Mandir, Kho Kho Federation UK, Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust, Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue, and Thames Valley Police, among others.



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The Mayor of Slough, Councillor Siobhan Dauti, in her remarks, said: “For four decades, the Slough branch of HSS has been a wellspring of inspiration—serving our community wholeheartedly and empowering young people to embrace their culture and leadership. The legacy of community service and cultural enrichment shown here reflects what we can achieve when we stand together.”



The keynote speaker from HSS UK, Shri Ram Ji Vaidya, praised the contribution of Hindus in the UK, noting: “If the UK is milk, Hindus are the sugar — we dissolve and enrich society. Hindus are not just residents; we are contributors who bring light, culture, and care wherever we live.”

The entire event reflected the discipline, unity, and selfless service that define HSS ethos. The celebration concluded with a community dinner, providing an opportunity for guests and participants to share reflections and strengthen community bonds.



| VIJAYADASHAMI UTSAV 2025

Vijayadashmi Utsav and Sewa event



Aadishakti Parivar Shakha, Newton Mearns celebrated a wonderful Vijayadashami Utsav on 5th October. The program featured a fantastic baudhik by our Kishor and Kishori, followed by an inspiring talk on the significance of Sangh and Vijayadashami. Karyakartas enjoyed Ramayana based games filled with energy, teamwork, and devotion. The utsav beautifully reminded us that truth and goodness always triumph over evil. On the same day, HSS volunteers also participated in a Sewa event, supporting a local charity by taking part in the Great Scottish Run in Glasgow, a wonderful example of unity, service, and community spirit.



| VIJAYADASHAMI UTSAV 2025

South Midlands Vibhag Vijayadashmi Utsav



THE SOUTH MIDLANDS VIBHAG CELEBRATED VIBHAG VIJAYADASHAMI UTSAV ON 5TH OCTOBER AT MILTON KEYNES.



All our shakhas participated enthusiastically with a sankya of 156. This year, we had geet and niyudh pratiyogita (competition) as part of the utsav. This offered our Swayamsevaks and Sevikas an opportunity to come together and enhance their skills through fun-filled pre-utsav training sessions! Utsav activities were designed around shakti pradarsan and seema ulangan, showcasing strength and unity.

Yogchaap and Ghosh pradarsan were another highlight with our Ghosh team delivering an impressive pradarsan during the utsav. Notably, the melodious instrument Madhurika (Melodica) made its debut in the UK Ghosh performance, adding a unique musical dimension. Sangh adhikaris attended are UK Karyawaha Shri Raveendra Surange and Kendriya Shareerik Pramukh Smt. Sangita Thakrar. Sangita ji delivered an inspiring baudhik centered on our Utsav theme - *Yato dharmastato jayah*, reminding us that where there is dharma, there is 'true' victory.



Vijayadashmi Celebrated with Cultural Fervor



BY ARYABHAT SHAKHA IN AYLESBURY

The Āryabhat Shākhā, Aylesbury marked the auspicious festival of Vijayā Dashmī with vibrant celebrations, reflecting the rich cultural heritage and community spirit that the festival embodies. The event, attended by over 100 members, was attended by Shri Nikesh Ji, Karyawaha of Hounslow Shākhā, whose presence added to the festive atmosphere.

Vijayā Dashmī, is a festival that celebrates the triumph of good over evil, drawing inspiration from the epic Rāmayaṅ. Āryabhat Shākhā embraced this spirit by organizing a series of activities that brought together participants of all ages, from Bālgokulam (children) to Kishore, Kishorī, Samiti, and Sangh members.

Despite challenging weather conditions, including high winds and low light, the shākhā members demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm and resilience. The festivities began with a spirited Path Sanchalan (march past) in the open air, symbolizing unity and collective strength. The energy and determination displayed by the participants truly embodied the essence of ‘Vijay’—victory over adversity.

A highlight of the event was the engaging Baudhik (intellectual session), led by Nikeshji. Members were divided into groups, each selecting and discussing their favorite character from the Rāmayaṅ. The discussions were lively and insightful, with Sita mātā emerging as the most admired figure, thanks to the eloquent presentations by the Bālgokulam team. The celebration also featured a special ‘khel’ (games) session, including close hand combat demonstrations and a bow-and-arrow activity for children, where they symbolically aimed at the effigy of Ravan. These activities not only fostered teamwork and camaraderie but also allowed participants to experience the festival’s deeper message of righteousness and victory.

The event concluded with a strong sense of community and inclusivity, as members and families came together to celebrate their shared values and traditions. Āryabhat Shākhā’s efforts in organizing such a meaningful and joyous Vijayādashmī celebration was widely appreciated, leaving everyone eagerly anticipating future gatherings.





Sewa work

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HSS Sewa Charity
walk in support of

SAMARITANS

**49 walkers • 100+ donors • Over £1,300 raised
• All in support of Samaritans 🙏**

| SEWA WORK

HSS Bromley Walk for Sewa

On 13th September 2025, Bromley Saṃskara Parivāra Shakha organised its annual Sewa Charity event in support of Samaritans, a charity dedicated to providing emotional support to anyone in distress or struggling to cope. The event brought together families, children, and kāryakartās from across the local community, united by the spirit of Sewa — selfless service for the greater good.

The walk, held at the picturesque Lullingstone County Park, saw an enthusiastic turnout with over 60 participants. Each participant walked with a shared purpose: to promote well-being, compassion, and social responsibility. Through collective effort and generosity, we raised over £1,300. In a simple ceremony, the Sewa team handed over the cheque to Samaritan – Bromley & Orpington Branch's coordinator on 20th Oct 2025.

The event was more than just a fundraising activity — it was a reflection of community spirit and unity. Participants of all ages (4-year young boy to 75+ year old couples) took part with joy and determination, demonstrating that every step taken in Sewa carries meaning and impact. They were inspired with their commitment, the day was filled with positive energy and a shared sense of purpose.

| SEWA WORK

As the walk concluded, families came together to enjoy a light-hearted picnic — a time for laughter, sharing, and reflection after a fulfilling day of Sewa. And as if to bless the spirit of togetherness, Bhagwān Indra himself seemed to acknowledge the effort — with gentle showers towards the end of an otherwise bright and pleasant day. Perhaps it was nature’s way of saying: every act of Sewa nourishes the world, just as the rain renews the earth.

The Sewa team expressed heartfelt gratitude to all who registered, donated, or supported the cause, including those unable to join in person. Their encouragement and contributions embody the essence of Sewa — giving without expectation and serving humanity selflessly.





Walk for Sewa

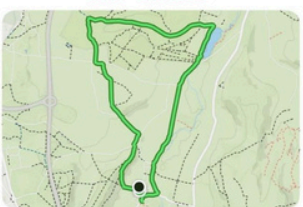
Bromley Parivar Shakha facilitated a charity walk at
10K Lullingstone country park, a perfect place to get back to nature
 and support **SAMARITANS**
 a charity dedicated to Mental Health crises



13 September 2025 | 1:00 PM
 Filston Lane Car Park, 1 Filston Ln, Shoreham, Sevenscoats, TN14 7SP



The Route



10.0 km Distance	250 m Elev. gain	2:50:56 Moving time
17:04 Avg. pace	1483 Calories	3:12:45 Total time

Age was no barrier – from our 4-year-old youngest to the eldest, all walkers stepped together with the same enthusiasm and vigour,





| SEWA WORK

Leamington Shakha Builds Ravana Effigy For Community Vijaya Dashmi Utsav

Leamington Shakha contributed to the community event to build a Ravana effigy for the Shree Krishna Mandir as part of the Navratri Utsav celebrations. Nearly 10 dedicated Karyakartas volunteered their time and energy, working over 65 hours after their daily responsibilities.

They planned meticulously, coordinated seamlessly, and shaped the Ravana structure day by day. Throughout the process, they faced several challenges — but with resilience, teamwork, and unwavering commitment, they overcame each one.

The Ravana was completed on time, and the event was executed with full adherence to fire safety protocols, ensuring a safe and joyful celebration for the entire community. On Dashera day, all Hindu community by the effigy of Ravana, marking the defeat of the evil king, defeated by Bhagwan Shree Ram.



Other news

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| OTHER NEWS

Hindu Remembrance Day

ARTICLE: Honouring our soldiers: A Hindu Perspective on Remembrance Day - INSIGHT UK

In the First World War, India provided over 1.3 million soldiers, the Second World War saw nearly 2.5 million soldiers from India -- creating the largest volunteer army in recorded history.

Let's remember and honour the contribution and sacrifices of Indian soldiers of various religious backgrounds who shaped the outcome of both wars.



Karyakarta Nirmaan Sammelan

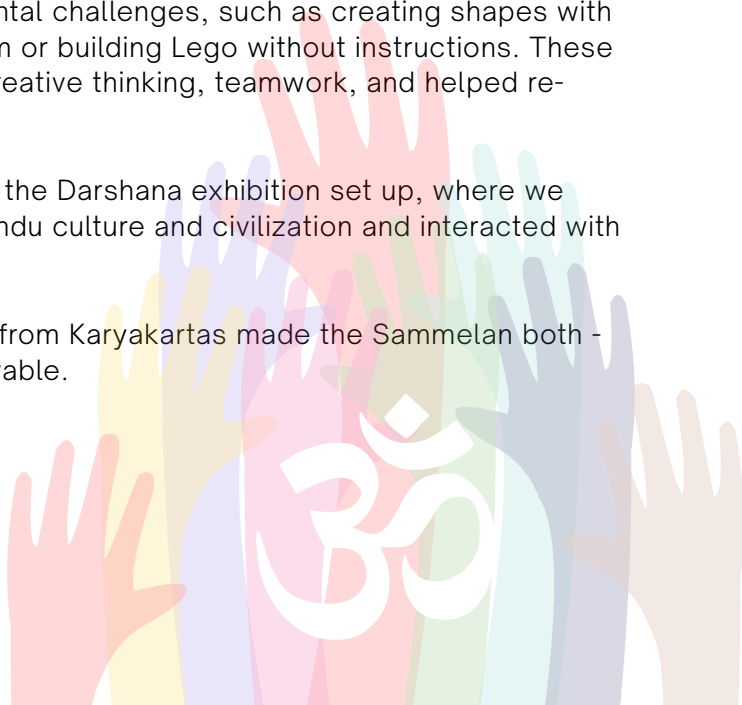
KNS was held in Leamington on 27th Sep, with a sankhya of 97 including Adhikaris. It was jointly planned and executed by Coventry and Leamington nagars. The whole atmosphere was filled with energy, learning, and a sense of commitment. For most of us it was an opportunity to meet and connect with many SS/Sevikas from other Nagars -Birmingham, Coventry, Leamington, Stoke on Trent, Stratford, and Sutton Coldfield.

Through Bauddhiks by Ram Ji and Tushar Ji, we learned a wide range of new things - from understanding the role and qualities of a karyakarta, reflecting living our life with a purpose, importance of communication and influencing, and understanding of societal view. The sessions were split for Yuva/ti and Kishor/i + Tarun/i. Creative and interactive methods used made the sessions especially engaging.

Khel sessions were spread to keep our body and mind fit. We played different versions of kabaddi and multiple new khels which could be implemented into regular shakhas. These included not only physical activities but also mental challenges, such as creating shapes with eyes closed as a team or building Lego without instructions. These games encouraged creative thinking, teamwork, and helped re-energise us.

Another highlight was the Darshana exhibition set up, where we explored details of Hindu culture and civilization and interacted with friends and guests.

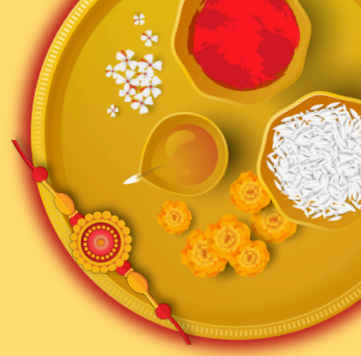
The focussed efforts from Karyakartas made the Sammelan both - educational and enjoyable.



Raksha Bandhan



KESARI SHAKHA RAKSHABANDHAN
WITH CHELTENHAM LORD MAYOR



Cheltenham Kesari Shakha's team of 12 visited the Cheltenham Borough municipal offices to tie Rakhi to Lord Mayor and his team. Children explained beautifully about the significance and origin of Raksha Bandhan tradition and similarly. The elders explained about HSS (UK), Kesari Shakha and our Sewa work.

Overall, the Lord Mayor was very impressed with the quality of questions which our Shakha children asked. After Rakhi tying, the entire Shakha team enjoyed tea & cakes. We all appreciated the individual attention received from the Lord Mayor and his team.

Cheltenham Borough Council team commented that, "Hindus are a very loving and giving community."



SANGH SARITA

Who

Welcome to **Sangh Sarita**, a platform dedicated to Sangh Geet traditions. At its heart, this we seeks to weave together devotion, culture, and community giving life to our Sangh Geets.

Why

Sangh Sarita exists to preserve and promote the musical heritage of our Sangh. Through this space, devotees and lovers of bhakti music can discover, revisit, and celebrate our repertoire from timeless classics to new compositions. We want Sangh Geet to be accessible to all!

What

We shre excerpts and full versions of Sangh Geet. Alongside the songs, we explore their meaning, the lives of their authors, and the history behind them, showing why they continue to inspire today. We also keep you updated with the latest Sangh Geet releases.



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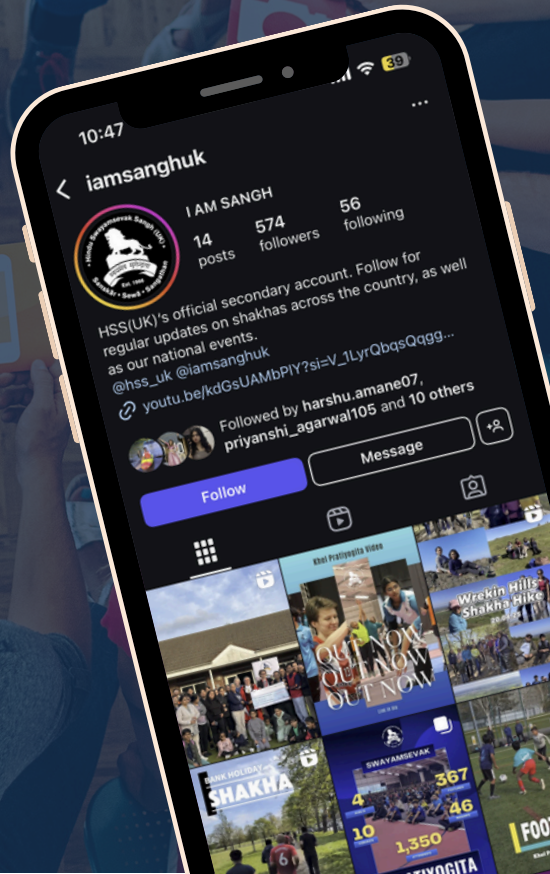
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Attach your best high resolution pics (maximum of 8 @ 300 dpi).



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