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HSS(UK) Observes Remembrance Sunday

Mission Marigold

Remembering the Sacrifices of Indian Soldiers in the World Wars

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Remembrance Day Parade

📍 Cheltenham Kesari Shakha

Taking part in marching by our Swayamsevaks and Sevikas in the Cheltenham Remembrance Day parade today was a profound and humbling experience for the entire Kesari Shakha parivaar. We had 1000s of public members attending the event and it was such a privilege to show them how our Hindu community is such an integral part of British society. So many people came to speak to us all after the parade intrigued to know more about our organisation, HSS(UK). It filled our hearts with so much pride, particularly when the public was clapping, that was an emotional moment for us all.

We have been asked to continue to be part of this parade annually.





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📍 Coventry

On the 9th of November, Swayamsevaks and Sevikas of Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (Coventry) attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at the War Memorial Park.

It was truly humbling to have attended with a diverse of communities and backgrounds, paying our respects to those who have fought and sacrificed their lives for our freedom.



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📍 **Birmingham Radhe Krishna BG & Shiva Shakha**

Birmingham Radhe Krishna BG and Shiva Shakha stood with profound pride and unwavering dedication on Remembrance Sunday, 9th November. Despite the chilly autumn air, Swayamsevaks and Sevikas, many attending in full Sangh Ganavesh, stood firm, symbolising their deep respect and commitment.

Their presence, unwavering in discipline and dedication, was a powerful and visible tribute to the brave soldiers who sacrificed so much in the First and Second World Wars, including those from the Indian subcontinent.

The act of remembrance, with the dual symbol of the Poppy and the Marigold, reinforced the commitment of the Hindu community in Britain to actively participate in and enrich the national life and traditions of the UK, ensuring that every hero is remembered in this act of collective, inclusive remembrance.





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On Sunday the 9th Nov 2025, **Slough Shakha (HSS UK)** had the honour of joining the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service organised by **Slough Borough Council**.

It was a moment of pride and reflection as we stood together with the wider community to pay homage to all those from the **British Armed Forces and the Commonwealth** who made the ultimate sacrifice for peace and freedom.

We particularly remembered the **3.8 million Indian soldiers** who served with exceptional bravery during World War I and World War II - their courage and contribution remain an inseparable part of our shared history.

As part of our tribute, Slough Shakha proudly supports “**Mission Marigold**,” wearing marigolds as a mark of remembrance and respect for the fallen heroes.

Through **sewa** (selfless service) and remembrance, we reaffirm our gratitude and unity with all who served.

Lest We Forget.







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 Reading

Today, Sunday 9th November, members of Reading Shakha took part in the Armistice Remembrance Day services in Reading.

A wreath was laid to honour all those who fought and sacrificed for our freedom — including the 3.8 million Indian soldiers who served bravely during the World Wars.

The event brought together members of the community and local dignitaries, united in remembrance and gratitude for those who gave their lives for peace. We will remember them.





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At Finchley Remembrance Day Ceremony, The King's representative in Barnet Deputy Lord -Lieutenant Martin Russell Esq acknowledged the contribution of the contingent from The Commonwealth during WW1 & WW2 .

After laying a HSS wreath and reciting the Shanti Paath, we highlighted the participation of Indian soldiers in the war effort and narrated story of a farmer who was a sole bread earner and was enlisted for during WW1 for a meagre 11Rs (£0.09) a month., an amount significantly lower than what was paid to other soldiers.

Another wreath was laid at the Hendon Memorial on behalf of HSS (UK) where we explained the significance of the Marigold badge which represents a Remembrance for the Indian soldiers in the great wars.



Our prayers for all war heroes including the 3.9 million Indian contingent of all faiths who fought valiantly in WW1 & WW2 and 117,000 who laid down their lives.

Your sacrifice will be remembered eternally.
HINDU SWAYAMSEVAK SANGH UK





Remembrance Day Parade

 Harrow Nagar

On Sunday, 9th November - Once again, our swayamsevaks and sevikas from various shakhas of North London & Herts Vibhag participated in the Remembrance Sunday parade and memorial service organised by the honourable mayor of London Borough of Harrow. Some 60 Swayamsevaks and Sevikas representing HSS (UK) from across the Vibhag marched with other cadets and corps from various armed services - demonstrating our pride as British Hindu citizens and underscoring our ethos of Unity (Sangathan).

Our participants proudly adorned the red poppies as well as Marigold poppies to pay respect to the valour and sacrifices of both the British and Hindu soldiers in two great wars.

Post the event, we also received a note of thanks from the Mayor of Harrow, **“I wanted to personally thank you and the cadets and volunteers at Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh (HSS) for their outstanding participation in this year’s Remembrance Sunday Parade. You marched with such pride, discipline, and enthusiasm.....”**

This truly reflects on what British Hindus stand for.

As British Hindus, we remain grateful and proud of the service and sacrifices of the previous generations in keeping our nation safe and free.







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UKPW at Wokingham Shakha

Our Shakha joyfully celebrated UK Parliament Week with a truly fulfilling evening in the presence of our guests from Wokingham Borough Council - Councillor Prue Bray and Chetna Jamte and our Shakha Parivaars. The event brought together learning, engagement and community spirit.

We enjoyed an enriching quiz that tested our knowledge, followed by a powerful debate where participants shared thoughtful perspectives on current issues. One of the highlights of the evening was a special video featuring our bal-swayamsevaks and sevikas, where they expressed what matters most to them.

The children were asked a simple yet inspiring question: “If you were the Prime Minister, what would you do?”

Their heartfelt and imaginative answers reminded us of the values, hopes and clarity that young minds bring to society.

It was an evening filled with learning, reflection and togetherness—beautifully capturing the spirit of UK Parliament Week within our Shakha.



UKPW at Slough & Maidenhead Shakhas

Slough & Maidenhead Shakhas proudly hosted the UK Parliament Week 2025 Celebration, an inspiring community gathering that highlighted the values of democracy, leadership, and civic engagement. The event brought together respected public representatives, Swayamsevaks and Sevikas, parents, and enthusiastic Kishore and Kishories to celebrate the democratic heritage while strengthening community ties in the UK.

The celebration was honoured by the presence of distinguished guests, including:

- The Mayor of Slough, Cllr Siobhan Dauti
- Member of Parliament for Windsor, Jack Rankin
- Cllr Neel Rana, Deputy Mayor and Councillor for Langley Meads Ward
- Cllr Subhash Mohindra, Councillor for Slough Upton Ward
- Cllr Puja Bedi, Councillor for Colnbrook & Poyle Ward
- Cllr Ejaz Ahmed, Councillor for Slough Central Ward
- Cllr Dhruv Tomar, Councillor for Slough Central Ward
- Cllr Chandra Muvvala, Councillor for Langley Marish Ward
- Sharad Jha, Executive Councillor, Conservative Association, Chalfont St Peter, Buckinghamshire

This special programme was jointly organised by four local HSS UK Shakhas including from Slough and Maidenhead reflecting the collaborative spirit and unity of the community.



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The key highlight of the event was the Children (Year group 6 to 10) Parliament Activity, a dynamic youth-led simulation designed to introduce young minds to the functioning of parliamentary democracy. Participants formed their own political parties, complete with imaginative party names, logos, and manifestos.

Each group presented its vision during a structured 15-minute session covering:

- Party name and logo
- Policy priorities and objectives
- Personal motivations for joining the party
- Proposed solutions to two key challenges:
- One common issue selected from a curated list
- One real-life problem meaningful to the team

This engaging initiative encouraged creativity, teamwork, leadership, and responsible citizenship. It also strengthened cultural awareness and reinforced democratic principles among the youth—core values upheld by HSS.

Madam Mayor said **“these youths are the future of Slough, future of our country and who knows may be future MP, minister, or even prime minister of the UK. Politics is all about improving the world around you, your schools, your parks, your neighbourhood, your environment and opportunities, and you have a role in shaping all these. I want to encourage all of you especially from age 11-18 to join Slough Youth Parliament”**.

MP Jack Rankin mentioned **“It looked like debating in the house of commons in the British Parliament and council chamber, it was full of energy.**



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Events like these are very important, the UK is one of the world's oldest democracies and India is the largest democracy, and I think these kinds of events help acknowledge and make good and deep relationships between both the countries, and this deep relationship between the two countries is the living bridge that British Indian diaspora continues to thrive in the UK. The British Indian diaspora is highly hardworking, highly educated, integrated, respected and contributing economically, socially and culturally across the UK."



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UKPW at West Drayton

Tulasi Balgokulam and Parivar Shakha - West Drayton hosted UK Parliament Week with MP John McDonnell. The event brought together the local community for an engaging and informative day, highlighting the importance of civic participation and democratic engagement.

The celebration featured a range of activities, including candidates' hustings, debates, and a quiz competition, giving attendees, especially young participants, an opportunity to learn about parliamentary processes and the role of elected representatives.

MP John McDonnell addressed the audience, emphasizing the significance of active citizenship and encouraging everyone to engage with political and social issues in their communities. The event successfully combined learning with interactive participation, fostering awareness and enthusiasm for democracy among attendees.





Sewa work

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| SEWA WORK

Morley Shakha presents donation to RSPCA

Morley Vivekanand Pariwar Shakha's presented a cheque to the RSPCA Leeds and Wakefield organisation through our *MP, Mark Sewards*.

Rajni ji Parmar joined the occasion and highlighted the impactful work of HSS UK.





Other news

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| OTHER NEWS

North West and Northern Ireland Vibhag Geet Pratiyogita

NWNI Vibhag had a successful Geet Pratiyogita (Group Singing Competition) on 15th November with an excellent representation from 8 nagars across the vibhag and a total attendance of 240 karyakartas.

11 teams participated with Belfast joining virtually, and showcased their creativity and unique ideas through beautifully presented geets. Their performances were so thoughtful and expressive that the judges were left with meaningful abstracts summarising each presentation.

The Pratiyogita concluded with “Vande Mātaram”, marking the 150th anniversary of this iconic composition.

We also presented a short skit demonstrating the importance of Subhashit in Shakha. The idea was very well received, and with this encouragement, we hope to organise a Subhashit Pratiyogita next year.

We were honoured to be joined by Shri Ram Ji Vaidya, whose margdarshan helped everyone reflect on the deeper meaning and importance of Sangh Geets in our lives.





Birmingham Nagar Held Trishul Shibir for Kishore Swayamsevaks

Birmingham Nagar Trishul Shibir was held from 24th to 26th October in Malvern Hills, Worcestershire. 40 Swayamsevaks of Kishore age attended and the weekend was packed full of exciting activities from the Khel, Abyas Varg, Baudhik, Charcha and Ratri Karyakram. The shibir was for those who have been to SSV or will be attending as prathmic in 2026.

The Shibir began with the rushing of Swayamsevaks into their dormitories on Friday evening claiming their room before bhojan. This was the most relaxing day by far.

Saturday mornings came with grumbles and complaining as the Swayamsevaks were awoken at 5.30am. Running and Suryanamaskar in the morning wasn't everybody's highlight but we were energised and ready for breakfast after our first shakha of the day.

Saturday gave us the highlight of Swayamsevak's time at the shibir. Among the games we played Kabaddi and Rugby were most popular. Abhyas Varg, Niyudh, Dand and Baudhik, Charcha and bhojan all formed part of the intensive program. Ratri karykram hosted by Pruthvi ji was always a time to look forward to. We as a group united and pushed through a common theme that was visible throughout the entire shibir.

Sunday morning was a pleasant surprise for us as the clocks went back by 1 hour giving all of us a valuable hour of sleep. This day continues with competitive khel even though many of us were exhausted from the Saturday. On Sunday we reluctantly bid farewell to the Malvern Hills ending the great weekend being at Trishul Shibir.

The Trishul Shibir was a test of our discipline and co-operation, a test that was smashed out of the park.

The Shibir was fantastic and will always be one to remember.







Coventry Nagar once again hosted a successful Manoranjan Night

Coventry Nagar once again hosted a successful Manoranjan Night on the 15th of November. There was a total sankhya of 236 made up of Swayamsevaks, Sevikas and their families. The purpose of Manoranjan Night is to provide an opportunity for families to come together and enjoy an evening of performances that showcase Hindu culture and heritage. We also want to use this event to inspire others to become involved in the arts.

This year we had a total of 17 performances that ranged from Shloka recitation, to dances, songs and a music recital. The ages of participants ranged from 5 to 75 and it was wonderful to see all of the performers express their culture and tradition through their art.

The evening concluded with bhojan. The families of our Swayamsevaks and Sevikas brought food to share and we were able to talk and laugh over delicious food. It was a wonderful evening and we hope to expand the event to include other Hindu organisations.







Essential Reading

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Mission Marigold

ARTICLE: Remembering the Indian Soldiers in the First and Second World Wars - INSIGHT UK

Every November, the poppy is worn as a symbol of remembrance, honouring those who gave their lives in the great wars. Yet, woven into this history are the forgotten stories of Indian soldiers, men who travelled far from their homeland and stood shoulder to shoulder with Allied forces in Europe, Africa, and Asia. Their courage and sacrifice, though immense, have too often been left in the margins of remembrance. Mission Marigold seeks to change that, ensuring that these brave soldiers receive their rightful place in history.



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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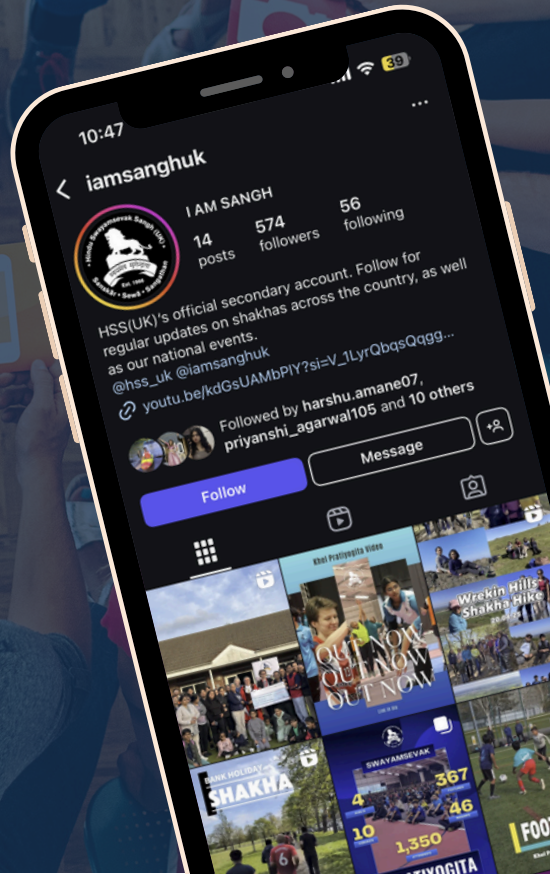
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