



Shree Prajapati Association Birmingham

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Gujarati School

Can you read, write and speak your mother tongue?

Why don't you join SPA Gujarati Classes?

School Time

7:15pm till 8:45pm, every Thursday

Contact

Smt Naynaben N Mistry on 0121 355 2049

How much will it cost?

£20.00 per person for the whole year

Standing Order Appeal

In order for us to sustain our Culture and maintain the building, we need your generous support. In order to raise regular funds we have put forward an idea of a Standing Order Appeal form.

The Standing Order Appeal form is self-explanatory. It will give you a brief overview of what projects we have supported in the past from donations received and also future projects. Your Area representatives will be coming round soon to explain the form and collect donations that you may wish to make.

President's Message

Namaste, Jai Shri Krishna & Happy New Year to you all.

I feel honoured to be given yet another opportunity to lead our Samaj. I am relishing the challenge to take our Samaj forward. We have a young but good & vibrant committee which I hope will bring new & better ideas this year. They are aware that to be successful is to have the vision, the understanding of our roots/culture, planning and commitment to make this year & every year a huge success.

Our last year ended with an excellent Diwali Programme. The performances by our young members and Sampad Asian Arts were well received by all those who attended. It proved that our aims/objectives were met on that day. To conclude the year, our Senior Citizens Group staged a successful Christmas event together with nearly 90 people attending. The disappointing fact was the lack of presence of our own members! You should ask yourselves why though?

This year's mission is to improve communication amongst the committee and our members. Our plan is to raise as much funds as possible & complete the outstanding building renovations. We also would like to continue raising funds for other charities and natural disasters.

Samaj Building outstanding works include refurbishing the area behind the stage, front entrance, office & toilets; and re-painting the whole building. To complete all of these, we need a substantial amount of financial backup and your whole hearted help.

We would like to continue our focus on religious events including implementing last year's successful idea of explaining rituals using PowerPoints presentations. I would like to encourage parents to attend all religious events this year. The only way you are going to encourage your children to understand and appreciate our Dharma is by attending yourself and bringing your children with you.

I trust that our youngsters will give full support to our newly elected youth leader Nikhilbhai V Mistry and sincerely hope that our past youth leader and assistants will provide him necessary guidance & backup.

The draft Constitution in compliance of the current legislation Act 2011 was finally approved by the Charity Commission. It was endorsed by SPA (UK) on 19th January 2014 at the Prathindhi meeting in Tameside. It is a legal requirement to have your agreement to this Constitution. In order to have your voice heard, we have organised an Extra Ordinary meeting on Saturday the 5th April 2014 at which we will seek approval of SPA Birmingham members. More details to follow soon.

In order for us to be successful, we need full participation from our members, young and old. Every member is responsible for the welfare of the Prajapati Samaj. We should be all proud of being Prajapati.

Finally, I would like to thank all those members who have helped me in the past and many who still continue helping. We seek your help and support and that's all what we want. Lastly but not least, don't forget to encourage your children attending Samaj functions.

"Be Proud to be Prajapati"

Jai Shree Krishna

Vipulbhai Harkishanbhai Mistry

SPA Social Gathering

Purpose: To help revive social connection amongst Prajapatis, understand our roots & culture, get to know like-minded fellow Prajapati's and more.

Where? SPA Community Centre

When? Friday, 28th March 2014, 7.00pm till 9.30pm
Food will be provided, please bring your own drinks.
Donations are welcomed.

For more information phone Sumiben Narendrabhai Mistry on 07949 187709 or Jayshreeben Dilipbhai Daji on 0774 607 3311.

Regular Activities at the Centre

Badminton: Every Monday, 7.30pm onwards

Senior Citizens: 2nd Wednesday in the month

Gujarati classes: Every Thursday, 7.15pm till 8.45pm

Monthly meetings: 1st Thursday of the month

Shri Sai Baba Bhajans: Every Thursday, 7.30pm till 9.00pm

Yoga sessions (Free): Every Thursday, 7.00pm till 8.00pm

Announcements

Membership Form / ID card:

Life Membership
£25 per person

Annual Membership
£5 per person

Hall Bookings

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Vishwakarma Jayanti/Maha Shivratri Bhajans



Date: 1st March 2014, Saturday

Venue: SPA Community Centre

Time: 5:00pm till 7:00pm
(followed by a Presentation on Viswakarma)

Vishwakarma is the God of Architecture. Vishwakarma Jayanti is celebrated in his memory as he is a divine Architect. This festival usually falls in the month of February. People from various industries, artists, weavers and others also celebrate this festival with great enthusiasm.

Vishwakarma taught the science of craftsmanship and explained various arts to others. This tradition is still going on as the learned persons teach the art and science of certain creations to deserving persons. People on this day clean their tools and repair their machines.

Puranas say that Lord Vishwakarma created this universe. He created the city Dwarka when Bhagwan Krishna shifted to Dwarka. According to mythology the idols of Bhagwan Jagganath is also prepared by Lord Vishwakarma to fulfil the request of a king. When he was carving the statue he put a condition that no one should open the door of the room as he himself will come out when the work will be completed. Many days passed but Vishwakarma didn't come out from the room. Then king pushed the door and saw that idol is incomplete. The king couldn't see Vishwakarma at that place. Since then the idol of Lord Jagannath is worshipped in the same form.

Lord Viswakarma is worshipped by all Prajapatis throughout the world and is known as our Guru.



Maha Shivratri, the night of the worship of Shiva, occurs on the 14th night of the new moon during the dark half of the month of Phalguna (Feb/March) when Hindus offer special prayer to the lord of destruction.

Ram Navmi & Hanuman Jayanti

Ram Navmi & Hanuman Chalisa on Saturday 5/04/2014. We will celebrate with Chalisa recitals & Bhajans followed with a presentation & Maha Prasad. Further information to follow in due course.

Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizens held their annual Xmas party on Sunday the 8th of December 2013. The event was attended by nearly 90 members who also consisted of volunteers. The entertainment was provided by Jazz & group. The 3 course meal was delicious and it was enjoyed by all.

Youth Report

The Youth Team's aim for 2014 is to give members opportunities to try new activities and experiences. Following on from last year's bike ride success, we are now planning to have more bike rides over the summer period, ideal for leisurely riding to beginner mountain biking. Additionally we are planning trips to a Golf Driving Range and Go Ape!

To receive further details regarding these events please ensure you are on the SPA Birmingham e-mailing list and also contact Nikhilbhai Vinodbhai Mistry on 07515 279 349.

Food Hygiene Training

The course is accredited with Ofqual and is QCA accredited so it is approved by the Food Standards Agency and Environmental Health. Qualification gained is Royal Society for Public Health (RSPH) Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering. It will help with independent living skills for youngsters going off to University, and will certainly help keep your congregation well. The main aim of the course is to look at the practices of the people who prepare, cook and serve the food and ensure that they understand how to prevent the 4 contaminants from occurring, physical, chemical, biological and allergenic. The course duration is one day and the exam is multi-choice questions. The pass rate is 20/30 which is 66%.

Date: Sunday 9th March 2014, **Time:** 9.30am till 4.30pm, **Venue:** SPA Community Centre, **Cost:** £35.00.

If you are interested please contact Joan Goodger on 0794 443 5093 by Friday 28th February 2014.

Rethink Re-cycling

Shree Prajapati Association Birmingham is collecting items that can be recycled. The money raised will go towards our funds. The type of items that will be collected include your old/used/unused Laptops, Mobile Phones, PDA's, Digital Camera's, iPods, Inkjet/Laser Cartridges, Printers, Consoles, Tablets, Satnav's, Handheld Technology etc. Please ensure that all devices are in working order, and that all data from your mobile phones, laptops etc are wiped off. We have a box in the hall where you could leave your items. For information please contact Vipulbhai on 07968776304.

Obituary

We regret to inform you that two of our elderly members have recently passed away. They are:

Late Smt Laduben Narottambhai Mistry on 30 December 2013 & Late Smt Ambaben Vasanjibhai Mistry on 22 January 2014. Our deepest sympathy with their immediate families. Om Shanti, Shanti, Shanti.