

NEWSLETTER OF SHREE JAGANNATHA SOCIETY UK

Dola Purnima March 2024

CharDham Yatra

This virtual Yatra was initiated by the SJSUK Health & Wellness group on 16th December 2023. Members and trustees walked on Bada Danda on the day to begin an auspicious journey, focussing on building a happy and healthy community.

Rudra abhishekha

Our SJS community joined together at the Shri Ram Temple to celebrate Maha Shivaratri. Bhakts congregated and participated in the holy bath of the Shivaling and offered their prayers.

Community development

SJS UK in partnership with Sangeet Foundation and Rajasthan Welfare society organised a Mental Awareness Workshop



Holi celebrations

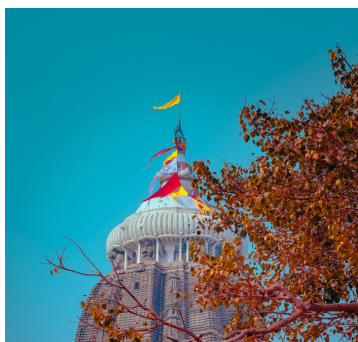
Holi was celebrated in a riot of colours by our members and trustees at the Shri Ram Mandir as well as at the RWS hall in Slough. A special Vimana (palanquin) was organised and RadhaGovinda idols were carried around to the accompaniment of cymbals and sankha dhvani. All the bhakts present applied holi colours to the idols and on each other. We also joined the members of Rajasthan Society to celebrate at the RWS hall.





Celebrated by SJS UK

- Shree Jagannatha convention in UK on April 23rd 2023
- Shree Jagannatha Rathajatra June 20th 2023
- Joins India Day celebration- August 26th 2023
- Join hands with OSUK to celebrate Odia culture and food on August 26th & 27th 2023
- Participate in the Annual Shri Ram Mandir Sobhajatra to celebrate Janmastami- 3rd September 2023
- Char Dham Yatri begins on Bada Danda Puri- 16th December 2023
- Mental awareness workshop- 19th August 2023
- Pratistha Divas- 5th November 2023
- Rudra abhisheka- March 10th 2024
- Dola Purnima celebrations- 25th March 2024



SJS Update

When we reminisce the year gone by, it gives a mixed feeling of hope and joy as well as some disappointments and despondency. Last year brought us hope and excitement in the form of a promise by our proposed donors, to support the SJS UK objective of building a Shree Jagannatha temple in and around London. Two different lands were identified by SJS UK and provided to our donors for consideration. One of the land in East Burnham was under active consideration but we could not make any headway, since the pre-planning permission was not favourable to construct a temple. The other piece of land in Harrow fell through as Harrow Council procured the land. The search for an appropriate piece of land for the Mandir continues. Finnest have also updated and assured us that they are putting together their resources in our joint quest to procure a piece of land.

We are also open to ideas and donations from patrons and philanthropic organisations. This will go a long way/ to fulfil our long cherished dream of building and running the temple. It remains a big challenge and needs active participation from the whole community.

The visit of Gajapati Maharaja last year gave us the added enthusiasm and brought all the Jagannatha Bhakts together. The various activities of the society has continued through the year. We are encouraging more active participation from our members. We are thankful to various organisations and the management and members of Shree Ram Mandir for supporting our cause and including us to celebrate important celebrations.

SJS UK organised and/or participated in

- Rathajatra which was attended by more than 500 devotees
- Annual Shri Ram Mandir Sobhajatra on the occasion of Janmastami

SJS UK Upcoming Events

- **Annual General body Meeting (May 11th 2024)**
- **Shree Jagannatha Rathajatra (July 7th 2024)**

Char Dham (virtual) Yatra
 SISUK Health & Wellness Initiative 2023
 Starting from Jagannath Dham on 16th Dec'23



- Celebration after reaching each Dham.
- Build a healthy & happy community
- Spread Jagannath culture



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Walk / Jog / Run – Keep moving and keep fit
 Participate in SISUK's Health & Wellness **Char Dham Yatra**

All you need to do is **Walk / Jog / Run** a minimum of **10km** in a week (equivalent to 2 hours of walk per week in a slow/medium pace).

- Achieve a target of **8091km** as a group
- Increase your distance of walk every week
- Record your activities in www.Strava.com (free subscription)
- Register your interest by contacting above SISUK trustees
- An optional monthly donation of £2.00 to SISUK



Char Dham(Virtual)Yatra

Shree Jagannatha Society UK Health and Wellness group have successfully launched two events- London to Puri (virtual) Relay walking / running / cycling of 6000 miles in early 2021, and subsequently Vishwa Parikrama (Around the Globe) virtual Relay running / walking challenge of 24,901 miles in mid 2022.

Keeping the same theme of promoting good health and mental wellbeing, SJSUK has embarked on another virtual run/walk challenge touching all four eminent pilgrimages (Char Dham) of India covering a distance of 5028 miles in Dec 2023 either individually or in small groups. Those four pilgrimages are Jagannatha Puri in East, Badrinath and Kedarnath in North, Dwaraka in West and Sri Rameswaram in South India.

This Char Dham Yatra was started from Shree Jagannatha Temple on the auspicious day of Dhanu Sakranti (16th Dec 2023) in presence of devotees, two trustees and their friends and family members. Devotees walked in Bada Danda from Shree Jagannatha Mandir to Shree Gundicha Mandir and back with enchanting of bhajan, kirtan, sounds of mridanga and conch shell.

This group consists of nearly 50 members from all age groups, different running/walking abilities- some of the members are experienced and some are beginners, but everyone has the same intention of keeping fit and healthy, spreading the message of universal brotherhood through Jagannatha culture. 16 weeks have gone, 36 active members have ran/walked nearly 8000 miles in total so far.

The virtual running and walking gets recorded in strava.com and members' weekly activity gets published in the group communication. Members will celebrate their success as they cross every important pilgrimage point. Though the run/walk is virtual, we aim to meet as a group in parkruns, provide support each other and plan future activities.

Anyone interested to get involved, should get in touch with SJS Health and Wellness group, SJS Trustees and Group administrators. More information: <https://strava.app.link/tywaLLq7xFb>.

Dr Santosh Pattnayak

Two of our members Hrushikesh and Kaushalya participated and completed the Paris Marathon.

Dr Santhosh Pattnayak our trustee completed the Tokyo Marathon in March and the Boston marathon in April 2024, completing all six world major marathons.





SJS UK felicitated Her holiness Sushri Siddheswari Deviji at Sri Ram Mandir. Deviji lead the satsang and released the bhajan collection 'He Ram' whose lyrics have been written by our **Chairperson Dr Sahadev Swain**



Sangeet Foundation presents

in collaboration with
Rajasthan Welfare Society, UK | Shree Jagannatha Society, UK

✓ Lunch & Networking followed by -
✓ A workshop by Young people for Young people.
✓ Eminent Guest Speakers Interactive Session.
✓ Gain Support & Listen to Inspiring Stories from Real life Experiences.
✓ Guided Meditation & Empowerment.
✓ Safe & Non-Judgemental Space with Peer Support.

Mental Health Awareness Workshop for Young Persons

Learn More about Mental Health, How to help them? & join us to Make A Difference...

Let's Stop the Stigma Today...

FREE EVENT
KINDLY PRE REGISTER DUE TO LIMITED SPACE
FIND THE NEAREST CAR PARK USING GOOGLE MAPS
Donations Welcome For the Event :
Account Name : Sangeet Global Limited
Sort Code : 40-52-40
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SAVE THE DATE
Saturday, Aug 19 From 1pm - 5pm @ RWS, Littledown Road Slough SL1 3QL



The trustees and members participated at the India Independence Day celebration, OSUK Convention and the Nuakhai Bhetghat functions



We celebrated our Prastha divas offering prayers and distributing prasad amongst members and devotees present.

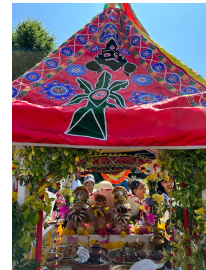


SJS UK trustees and members celebrated Odia New Year

SHREE KRISHNA JANMASHTAMI
23rd Shobha Yatra
Sunday 3rd September 2023
Start at 12.00 noon
Shree Ram Mandir, King Street, Southall UB2 4DA
Tel: 020 8574 5276



Join us & Be blessed



Ratha Jatra 2023. Southall London

SJS UK participated in the Annual Shoba Jatra organised by the Shri Ram Mandir, on the occasion of Janmastami. Our members decorated the Ratha and joined the procession.



Activities in India



Relief to Odisha train mishap victims

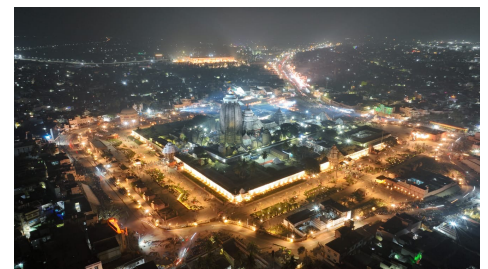
SJS UK coordinated and raised £1292 as donations to provide community nursing care and rehabilitation to some of the accident victims. We supported the Yuva Vikas Foundation in Balasore to coordinate the ground work following the Balasore train accident. We are thankful to the nurse and Yoga therapist who supported these patients and carried out a stellar job.



Dr Prakash Dey our Secretary, attended the Temple Connect International conference at Kashi on behalf of SJS UK.



Mr Sukanta Sahu our trustee had darshan at the Shri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya and was officially invited to attend the inauguration of the Parikrama around the Shri Jagannatha temple in Puri.





Charity Facilitation Day

Trustees attended this workshop conducted by Dr Tisha Patel. Team building exercises to collaborate success of projects was organised. Key topics like charity laws, roles of trustees and public responsibilities were discussed. Robust communication and due diligence when dealing with public was highlighted.

Our trustee Mrs Subhashree Thottungal presented her new book JagaMohana, dedicated to Lord Jagannatha.

Upcoming Events.....

SJS UK Annual AGM

Date: 11th May 2024 (Time : 11AM to 4PM)

Venue: Main Hall, Ditton Park Academy, Kings Reach, Slough SL3 7UX

Members and families invited. Lunch will be served



Shree Jagannatha Society UK

Please block your calendar for celebrating with us:

Snana Purnima - 22 June 2024 (Saturday)

Ratha Yatra - 7 July 2024 (Sunday)

Bahuda Yatra - 15 July 2024 (Monday)



SJS UK Rathajatra 2024

We are celebrating Ratha Jatra and other auspicious days. The days are according to the Hindu calendar. Kindly join us with family and friends. Please pre-book your participation to confirm numbers.