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GURPURAB & SAHIBZAADE SHAHEEDI SMAGAM

In December we celebrated the Avtar Purab of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji Maharaaj and commemorated the Shaheedi of the Chaar Sahibzaade. Both Gurdwara had Akand Path Bhogs, kirtan, Katha and Kaveshri from panth parsid ragis and katha vachaks.

At Park Avenue there were daily screenings of the Chaar Sahibzade films and a temporary display showing the history of events in Sirhand.



On Poh Sudi 7 (December 25th) 1666 Guru Sahib came to Patna as the 10th light of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, blessing us with their Bani, creating the Khalsa, fighting tyranny and sacrificing their family for us.

The children of **Khalsa Primary School** held Simran Diwans in memory of the Sahibzade.



SUBSTANCE ABUSE

Working with the First Steps Foundation, an action group to support the Sikh community against addiction to drugs and alcohol the first support session was held at Park Avenue. Several families attended and going forward regular sessions will be held. For more information visit the Gurdwara website.



Is your life affected by someone else's drug or alcohol problem?

On Thursday 11th January 2018 another meeting has been scheduled with the support group at Park Avenue Gurdwara, 6:30pm in the meeting room, please attend and pass on the details of the event.

CHILDRENS SAFEGUARDING

SAS (Sikh Awareness Society) delivered a series of talks at Norwood Hall for parents and families on the issue of safeguarding children in the modern day.



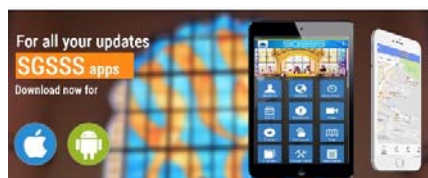
The threats of social media and grooming are sadly reported often, SGSSS will be working with the SAS throughout the year as we want families to be aware of the risks and be equipped with the skills to keep their children safe.



NEW SGSSS WEBSITE & APP

After almost a decade the Gurdwara website was relaunched to improve access to information and usability. The website is normally the first point of call for first time visitors. More content is scheduled to go live over the coming weeks. The website will be used to improve financial accountability, with details being posted for members to review. Please email any suggestions.

The new android and apple app will allow users to check the daily timetable, watch diwans live, access the newsletter, get regular updates of programs and much more. The App is simple to use and will be regularly updated.



NEW YEARS

New Years was celebrated at both Gurdwara full of Sangat till the early hours listening to Kirtan. Thousands of Sangat attended throughout the day



At Havelock Road Bhai Satnam Singh Khoharka (From Darbar Sahib) and at Park Avenue Bhai Nirmal Singh Nagpuri sung Kirtan till midnight.



Countless Sevadars worked tirelessly on the day and throughout the year helping in all aspects of the Gurdwara.

FACILITIES

The Shaheed Bhai Satwant Singh, Beant Singh and Kehar Singh Hall (Formerly Hall 2 of Park Avenue) had all its lighting updated to the latest LED technology. Not only did this improve the lighting, it will also save energy in the long term. We are actively looking for new ways to improve efficiency and reduce wastage.



The IT Sub committee have planned a major upgrade of technology in both Gurdwaras, including new CAT 7 cabling, better projector screens, improve network and wifi, IT suite in library, live stream, plus much more.

GOING FORWARD IN 2018

- Wedding courses
- Library improvement
- First steps course
- Nagar Kirtan
- Sikhi Camps
- New exhibitions

Information regarding the classes and activities currently ongoing at SGSSS can be found on the website, App and Gurdwara notice boards.

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE

Two Executive committee meetings were held in December 2017 discussing various issues, including the Park Avenue redevelopment.

The constitution is now available to view on the website, in the coming weeks more information will be made available.

The Finance sub committee had its first meeting in Dec, with program of works launching in Jan to increase transparency and confidence in The Sabha.

Month Ending Nov 2017

Total income: £187K
Total expenditure: £125k
A breakdown can be found on the notice boards of both Gurdwara's



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