

Shree Prajapati Association (UK)

Mahila Sub-committee's Report Year 2008/2009

Hansaben and Hasmitaben would like to convey their sincere gratitude to the Mahila's, HQ and branch secretaries for their cooperation and support during 2008/2009.

As part of the new team Manjulaben, Ramilaben and Chandrikaben have offered us their full support and also helped organise the Mahila Samelan 2009. We hope that the experience will be invaluable as successors in the roles of Mahila Convenor, Mahila Secretary and Mahila Assistant. We have also had great support from Kalpanaben and Bhanuben, who are also future successors to the above roles.

During the two years, whilst fulfilling these roles, we have taken on board the suggestions and issues raised by other branch Mahilas at the Quarterly Prathindhi meetings. The suggestions have been based, generally on ways to move forward and make improvements within the Mahila group. Issues that have been raised vary from Health and Safety to topics for future Mahila Samelan.

29th Mahila Samelan

The 29th Mahila Samelan was held on 26th April 2009 in Bedworth, Warwickshire and was hosted by SPA (UK). This year's topic was "Going Green" followed by a cultural afternoon. This year's attendance was well supported by over 650 Mahilas.

Our first guest speaker was Duncan Law, a campaigner for climate change issues. He highlighted the activities of the Transition Town Brixton, which was set up in early 2007 to design a low energy future for Brixton, London. He also spoke about Agro Fuels, which lie below the surface of the Earth and the impact on it due to our carbon footprint.

Erin Foster from Leicester City Council who is the waste management covered the general information on household waste management. Topics included purchase of cheap food offers and spontaneous purchase of food items, which are not consumed.

Deepak Rughani, co-director of Biofuelwatch, spoke about the green party which campaigns against the destruction of ecosystems i.e. Rainforests, etc and methods of converting urban land for fuel crops.

Re-cycled cotton bags, together with information packs were distributed to all the Mahilas who attended. We would like to thank the Coventry Branch for guiding the visitors to the venue and also taking responsibility for breakfast duties. Thanks also go to Rugby Branch and SPA (UK) Youth taking care of lunchtime duties. We would like to thank Birmingham Branch for the PA system and Leicester Branch for the musicians. Many thanks also go to all other volunteers for the success of this event.

Family Funday

This year Family Funday is on 28th June 09 at Wicksteed Park, Kettering and may I ask all branches representatives to encourage their members to come and join us on the day.

Next Mahila team

Our new Mahila team is as follows:

Joint Mahila Convenors –
Manjulaben Mistry & Chandrikaben Mistry (Bradford)

Assistant Convenor
Bhanuben Mistry (Wellingborough)

Mahila Secretary
Ramilaben Tailor (Bradford)

Assistant Secretary
Kalpanaben Mistry (Wellingborough)

Finally, we wish our successors a prosperous term ahead and trust that they will also have everyone's' united and continued support at all times.

Thank you and Namaste from Hasmitaben and Hansaben, Mahila Convenor and Secretary (2008_09)