

Shree Prajapati Association (UK)
Public Relations Officer's Report- Year 2008/2009

Namaste all

As summer approaches, it appears that people get busier getting their plans together for things like sprucing up their house, summer holidays, weddings, picnics and so on. SPA (UK) and its branches have been busy planning for the future too.

We all know that London and Leicester branches have revised their constitutions and got approval from their members. Similarly SPA (UK) is also well on the way to do that so that we become an organization that is able to weather out the storms of the 21st century. SPA (UK) and its branches are regarded as very progressive and the process we are going through now will make us even stronger. To help us achieve our goal a residential strategy weekend is also going to take place in September 2009.

So you may say, what is that got to do with the PRO role? The role of the PRO is to promote the organisation in a positive way. The steps we have taken will allow me to do this, as I have closely been involved with these activities.

SPA (UK) is well represented on other Hindu platforms. Through the work that is carried out by HFB, where I am an executive member, we have made the voices of Hindus heard at a number of senior levels. Organisations like ours need to come together to make our voices heard, and HFB is one such outlet.

We are not only tackling issues related to our immediate locality but are now thinking globally. The recent Mahila Samelan brought speakers together from a number of environmental fields so that the delegates were made aware of the current facts and what we as a society could do to improve and preserve our environment. The special 4th edition of Prajapati Samachar has been seen by environmentalists and has received a good review. We must now take note of what we have learnt and ensure sustainability.

I have always advocated bringing in fresh blood into the organization. Like many charities we are struggling to get as many dedicated and capable volunteers as we need. We all will have to try harder and find new ways of attracting volunteers. We will also need to ensure that our management committee is kept up to date with the ever changing requirements of the Charity Law and regulation. Trustees are legally required to carry out certain duties and I strongly recommend that SPA (UK) and its branches are taking a positive step towards this.

Finally, it is my privilege to serve SPA (UK) in any capacity. I have received support from my colleagues at SPA (UK), all the branches and many external organisations. I would like to thank you all and I hope that together we can make a difference for SPA (UK).

Jai Shree Krishna

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