

Shree Prajapati Association (UK)

Prajapati Samachar team's report Year 2008/2009

Namaste to all members,

The team has just published the 4th edition of the Prajapati Samachar. We intend to publish two issues a year and so far with contributions from branches and individual members, we have managed to fulfil our ambition.

It has been a busy year, working late and with plenty of telephone calls, reminders, emails, etc... to get each edition published, bearing in mind our own personal commitments at home and at work. The team in spite of personal difficulties has managed to maintain the momentum and passion to ensure that the needs of our members are met. In particular the younger members of the team who have managed to support the team very well.

AIM

The justification for the Samachar was provided in our last report. Many of our community members and people from other communities have found it very beneficial when reading the Samachar. We as a team have found that some articles were submitted from individuals we have never heard from before. One particular point that we want to raise is for our younger members to get involved in Samaj activities, whether it is at branch level or national level. This sometimes depends upon parents and not necessarily youngsters. Parents should be getting involved themselves and getting their children involved and trying to make them understand the importance of our community and roots.

ACHIEVEMENTS

So far we have managed to publish 4 newsletters. The Samachar has reached our Prajapati Community in the UK and also abroad. It has also been read by other communities and they have been amazed by what we as a community produce. We have been successful in involving younger members, particularly two young members from London Branch as co-editors of the Samachar. Both Bhavesh and Jiten have showed their skills and talents to produce the newsletters and have set some base line to follow for future editions.

FUTURE

We are hoping to publish the next edition in September 2009. This will mark the 2nd Anniversary of the "Prajapati Samachar". We would like to encourage more participation from our members and in particular the younger members. The future lies with the younger members to take on such community work and bring the profile of the Prajapati Community to where it should be.

We would also like to continue to have articles in Gujarati as well as in English and carry on publishing 2 editions per year.

FUNDING

We have been grateful to the Prathindhi for approving full funding for previous editions. We have managed to get some money from companies/organisations that have sponsored a page or placed adverts. We are also grateful to the branches that have either donated or pledged money towards the publication of the Samachar. We have also tried to seek funding from companies/organisations to sponsor a page to cover some costs.

IMPROVEMENTS

Based on constructive comments that we have received, we intend to make the following improvements:

- Make it more informative and include articles in Gujarati to cater for the Senior members;
- Seek cooperation from branches/individuals in sending articles and photographs in the required formats;
- Try and obtain funding from Charitable Trusts, companies and other organisations;
- Try and get as many youngsters involved in Samaj activities at branch level and national level.

THE EDITORIAL TEAM

The Editorial Team consists of Jitubhai (SPA (UK) PRO- Leicester), Vipul (Birmingham-Secretary), Bhavesh (London) and Jiten (London).

Bhavesh our co-editor has stepped down from the team as his commitments in his personal life have made him extremely busy. Bhavesh was the main contributor in terms of IT support. The front cover and page template were designed by Bhavesh. The editorial team wishes Bhavesh all the best for the future and we are happy with his promise that he will contribute in the future. But we still have an enthusiastic youngster, Jiten, who has assisted Bhavesh in the IT section.

We welcome participation from new people who have new and fresh ideas to join the team. The team would also like to thank Surendrabhai C Mistry from Leicester for assisting us with the 4th edition and hope he can assist us in future editions.

Finally we would like to thank each and every one of you who have contributed in any form or shape. We value your comments and keep them coming in. Please keep carrying on with the good work you all do and be "PROUD TO BE PRAJAPATI".

Thanks

Jitubhai, Vipul, Bhavesh and Jiten
Prajapati Samachar Editorial Team (2008_09)