

SANATAN SANDESH

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From the Editors Desk

Welcome to the first quarterly edition of Sanatan Sandesh 2021. This time a year ago we were at the beginning stages of the pandemic and the sad part is we aren't over it yet. However, life goes on and we try and manage as best we can. Such is the nature of these unpleasant events.

Over the span of the year, SSDHAQ has evolved, and its expansion program has been seen phenomenal growth. Although programs had to be stalled, headway on property development has progressed in leaps and bounds. The year ahead looks potentially promising, and it is our earnest hope that progress continues and that we are able to achieve our set goals and meet our objectives.

The Annual General Meeting of the association was convened in February this year and a new team of Executives was elected for the year 2021. The Executive Management Committee consists of:

President: Pt Anant Ram Sharma

Vice Presidents: Mr Annukar Mishra, Mr Narendra Singh, Mr Satish Lal

Secretary: Mr Rajendra Prasad

Treasurer: Mr Birendra Singh

Committee Members

Mrs Nirmla Deo, Mr Thakur Deep Singh, Mr Brahma Deo, Mr Shailendra Kapoor and Mr Rakesh Lal.

We welcome Mrs Nirmla Deo as the first female member in the EMC. One of our aims this year is to strengthen our female member base. We acknowledge and honor the contributions women can make to the organisation and we wish to include them in roles where these can be encouraged and where our ladies can be inspired. We look forward to working together as a team, valuing each other's contributions.

SSDHAQ's development progress so far includes attaining the Development Approval of the property and obtaining the Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status. This status enables all donors to get a rebate on any donations over \$2.

The first stage of the building development of the property has commenced. Construction works on the Yoga hut are currently being undertaken and completion is expected within the next fortnight. Once completed this space will be fully functional and can be utilized for various. We are hopeful that this year's Ram Navami celebrations can be coordinated from these new premises.

SSDHAQ is in dire need of finances to progress to Stage 2 of its property development. Dear members, these premises are ours for now and later for our generations to come. I ask that you dig deep into your conscience. A little donation will go a long way towards achieving our dream of owning a property we can be proud to say is ours. Please give. We welcome all donations, big and small.

What will matter at the end of the day is you and yours being able to proudly say you are a part of the development of 556 Wembley Road. I generously donate in cash and in kind so that my grandchildren can proudly say that their aja and aji were part of this history in the making. There are many like me. You can also be a part of this. This will be your legacy that you will leave for the future!

Please come forward and give generously. Help us achieve this for all of us.

Update on Development Application – 550 Wembley Road, Berrinba

The final approval on the DA has been signed off by the Logan City Council. Please note what this approval means for SSDHAQ (copies are available on Councils DAP Online). In summary this development approval is for an unlimited use on Educational Establishment, Indoor Sport and Recreation, Food and Drink Outlet and Caretaker's Accommodation.

The Educational and Indoor Sport & Recreation activities undertaken on site *may* include, but are not limited to those outlined below:

- Music (Theoretical and Practical Music classes) - Knowledge of Classical, Pop music, Cultural and Western music, Playing with different types of musical instruments.
- Visual Arts (Theoretical and Practical) – Painting, Sculpturing, Colouring, Fashion design.
- Dance (Theoretical and Practical) - Teaching of Basics of dancing moves: Modern dances, Western dances, Classic dances, Pop dances, Cultural dances.
- Drama (Theoretical and Practical) - Drama classes, Acting, Filming on stage.
- Sports (Theoretical and Practical) - Basic rules and techniques, Recreation activity e.g., chess, tennis, badminton, indoor soccer, etc.
- Home economics (Theoretical and Practical) -Basic Cooking, Demonstrations for home cooking.
- Yoga & Meditation (Theoretical and Practical) -Yoga & Meditation, Different poses in yoga, Meditation process.
- Health & wellbeing (Theoretical and Practical) - Health & wellbeing exercises such as: Gymnastic, Karate, Judo, Tia Kon Do.
- Language (Theoretical and Practical) – Linguistic classes: Western and Eastern Functional language classes, Teaching of English As a Second Language, Teaching of basic and advanced Sanskrit, Calligraphy classes in Languages Other Than English.
- Philosophy and Literature (Theoretical lectures) – Religion classes (ie. Hinduism, Christianity, Sikhism, Buddhism).
- Horticulture (Practical) - Basic gardening, composting, worm farming, Potting and planting, Garden maintenance.
- Astrology, Astronomy and Cosmology (Theoretical) - Astrology and Astronomy, Basics knowledge of astronomy and cosmology of universe, Study of zodiac constellations and stars, Zodiac signs. Knowledge and interpretation of astrological and zodiac signs

Hours of Operation

The approval authorizes SSDHAQ to undertake activities associated with the operation premises and carpark of the use between the hours of 7.00am to 10.00pm Monday to Thursday, and 7.00am to 12.00am (Midnight) Friday to Sunday. It also allows us to use the patio and lobby areas of Buildings 1 and 2 (Educational & Recreational Hall) between the hours of 7.00am to 10.00pm Monday to Sunday.

Use of the premises.

Under the approval "Worship" activities are permitted for 14 days and "Community" activities for a further 14 days in a Calendar year. It should be noted that most of our celebrations and festivities involve dissemination of knowledge based on our scriptures supplemented by kirtans/ bhajans. These activities fall under the broader definition of "Education" – a) Philosophy and Literature (Theoretical) - lectures, religion classes; b) Music (Theoretical and Practical Music Classes) – including Cultural music; and c) Meditation process (Theoretical and Practical). **These activities are permitted under the approval 365 days without any restrictions.**

Hopefully, this clarifies issues for anyone who has a doubt about how the facility will be used. Please see any of the executives if you need further clarification.





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DGR UPDATE

We are pleased to advise that SSDHAQ has now received the DGR (Deductible Gift Recipient) status which means that donations made is tax deductible. To qualify for DGR status SSDHAQ had to set a public trust fund under Sanatan Qld Cultural Trust with ABN 90 127 314 927. A Trust was set up in line with stringent reporting requirements of the Register of Cultural Organisations for separate accountability of funds received for DGR purpose. The Trustee for the Trust is SSDHAQ. A donor can expect to receive between 20% to 47% of the amount from the Australian Taxation Office as a tax refund. The amount of the claim / refund will vary depending on the donor's taxable income. There is no limit to the amount that can be claimed. To be eligible for a tax deduction the donation should be made into the following account:

Account Name: Sanatan Qld Cultural Trust

BSB: 124 077

Account Number: 2294 2932

Bank Name: Bank of Queensland.

SSDHAQ needs your Financial Support.

Please Donate

& Claim in your tax

Important Announcement

Property Works

Development works continue at the property, courtesy of volunteers in relevant professions. SSDHAQ is forever grateful to these volunteers who have contributed numerous hours working tirelessly to help get the construction happening. SSDHAQ is aware that there are many other members of the community who are dully qualified to donate their services as volunteers, however, for various reasons are reluctant or are unable to come forward. *Bhai log samaj sewa se bada nahi kuch.* Come and mow the lawn, clean the kitchen, prepare the space ready for Ram Navmi, water blast the cement, there are lots of tasks to complete. *कुछ नहीं तो अपना साथ ही दो.* Many hands will make light work.

A couple of hours is all we are asking for. Yes, we have our own lawns to mow, we have to take our children to various activities, we have shopping to do, we have visitors to entertain, we have millions of other chores to do. Why not include a couple of hours for SSDHAQ as well? *समाज सेवा ही सही.* SSDHAQ desperately needs you and your support.

Moment of Reflection

SSDHAQ invites to you come to the center, volunteer, get involved and through satsangh evolve. We value your contributions; we need your support, and we need you. Remember united we stand.

We welcome new members.

Please join us!



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MAHA SHIVRATRI CELEBRATIONS 2021

Mahashiv Ratri was celebrated on 11th March at the Sanatan Centre (550 Wembley Road) with a large number of devotees. Thank you to all who participated in the event. A special thank you to our volunteers for giving their valuable time in helping and the organising committee for delivering a successful event. Thank you to the various sponsors and donors for your support and other groups for their participation in singing kirtans.

Some Clips to share (view more photos on <https://www.sanatanqld.org.au>)



Ladies busy with puri making



Thakur & Uncle Set Ram preparing dinner.



FAAG SAMMELLAN 2021

HOLI - FESTIVAL OF COLOURS CELEBRATIONS 2021

This year Holika Staphna took place at Sanatan Centre, auspicated by our local Faag Chautaal mandalis and groups. Community groups celebrated chautaal singing programs at various locations in the south and north side suburbs. The South Side Chautaal Group, with some very talented chautaal singers, co-ordinated the program on the south side. Similar programs were held in the northern suburbs where various groups participated. The annual Sanatan Faag Samellan was celebrated at the Coopers Plains Primary State School, Coppers Plains. A record number of members of the public participated, witnessing some 6 chautaal groups singing. The six groups were: Banyo Ramayan Mandali, Ipswich Faag Mandali, Logan City Ramayan Faag Mandali, Moreton Bay Ramayan Mandali, Sanatan Baal Ramayan Mandali and South Side Chautaal Group.

Holika Dahan took place at Sanatan Centre on 28th March officiated by Pt Anant Sharma, Pt Suresh Sharma and Pt Ramendra Sharma. A very large crowd gathered to witness the ceremony. We are very grateful for the funding support from the Queensland Government under its Ministry of Multicultural Affairs for supporting this event.

A Program proudly

Supported by



Aarti – Holika Dahan



Ipswich Faag Mandali - Group



Preparing for Holika Staphna at Sanatan Centre



More pics on Faag Sammellan 2021



Sanatan Baal Ramayan Mandali performing chautaal



Talented Ipswich Faag Mandali performing their part of chautaal



Holika Dahan pooja



Sanatan Baal Ramayan Mandali's youngest member receiving trophy



SSDHAQ President handing over trophy to Banyo Ramayan Mandali



Ipswich Faag Mandali performing chautaal



STAGE 1 - YOGA HUT CONSTRUCTION COMENCES

The construction of Stage 1 - Yoga/Meditation Hut (17m x 9m) has commenced. Expected completion will be end of April (delays due to 3 day lockdown, weather, engineering designs, steel fabrication to specifications delayed).



Steel Post Footing Going Going



Gone in place



First Steel post lined and in place



First concrete pour



Steel posts being cleaned and rust proofing done.....



2021 Ram Navami Celebrations

Where?

550 Wembley Road, Berrinba – Sanatan Centre. Hopefully the concreting works for the Yoga Hut will be ready in time for Ram Navami and hopefully the restrictions will be uplifted to allow us to celebrate in huge numbers. We will keep you posted on developments closer to the date.

Food Sponsors

As part of the celebrations, we are asking for members to sponsor feasts at \$250 per night. Devotees have already started to register their names for their generous sponsorship for feasts. Please come forward.

Daan Dakchina

Dear devotees, this is the perfect time to make a donation. Please come forward. All donations will be publicly recognised unless requested otherwise. **Now is your chance -Please donate.**

We need your financial support! We need your financial support!

Donate!

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Make 2021 Ram Navami celebrations memorable for yourself as well as for the centre.

Ram Navami celebrations start from 13th April 2021. More information will be posted on the webpage and sent via email. If you are not on our email listing, please contact us.

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The management of SSDHAQ sends its heartfelt sympathies and condolences to all members of the community who may have lost loved ones during this crisis both here and abroad. We especially sympathize with those who were unable to partake in funeral services due to the restrictions.



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