Peace of Mind: December 2016



Events leading to an end of a year

Upcoming Events

Date: Dec 8 to 18

Education and Charity overseas trip to Rajkot

Date: Dec 20 to 25

Shibir at A V Jasani Vidhya Mandir, Rajkot

Jan 1 to 10, 2017 Trip to Rajasthan





Check out new blog!

Saman ji Shrutpragyaji's Gujarati blog link.. Also very soon English blog also available :

http://www.pomyc.org/blog/

Modi School Shibir, 7-12 November 2016

Saman Shrutapragya along with his friend Graham Dwyer conducted a six day shibir with science students and staff at the Iswariya Branch of Modi School, Rajkot. Yoga and meditation were done at the start of each session, with motivational lectures being delivered, as well as helpful tips given on how to read, listen and study effectively. Both students and staff at the school gave enthusiastic feedback following the shibir, which was informative, educationally focused and greatly enjoyed by all participants.









Modi School Life-Qualities Shibir, November 21 - 25

Due to popular demand, an additional five day shibir was held at the Iswariya Branch of Modi School, Rajkot. This was with students from 6th to 10th standard. Again yoga and meditation were carried out at the start of each day's activities, and lectures were also delivered. Along with Samanji's motivational discourses and talks given to support teaching and learning at the school, including dealing with topics of discipline and respect for rules, the power of knowledge, the importance of a positive attitude, and how to study effectively, Graham Dwyer gave a series of short talks on a range of topics largely relating to his former research in India (especially on the popular topic of bhut-pret and the rituals performed for healing at Balaji Temple, Rajasthan). Students and staff all gave positive feedback following the shibir.



Bhuj-Kutch Family Meeting Trip, 12-15

Samanji, accompanied by his friend Graham Dwyer, travelled to Bhuj-Kutch. They visited Samanji's extended family members both in Bhuj and in neighbouring Bhujori, as well made an excursion to the famous Bhuj Yaksh Mandir and adjoining traditional Kutchi reconstructed round houses located close to the temple. Kutchi art on display there was viewed by Samanji and his family; and they all enjoyed a picknik evening dinner together at the site. also Samanji gave the talked on unity in Family.





Remote Area Village Visit and Satsang, 20 November 2016

Samanji with friends Graham Dwyer and Bala Saheb travelled to a remote area of Gujarat. There they observed activities on a bee-keeping farm, as well as taking lunch at the farm house of Bala Saheb's family. In addition, they conducted a satsang in the village of some 200 residents. More than half of these village residents participated in the satsang, which was held in the village's Ram Mandir. The trip was both educational in terms of understanding farm life, and bee-keeping husbandry, and it provided a welcome opportunity to exchange ideas and to share spiritual experiences. In addition, Samanji gave an inspirational lecture, following which the local residents took Graham Dwyer, Bala Saheb and Samanji on a tour of the village, with an inspection of their very well kept gaushala included in the event.



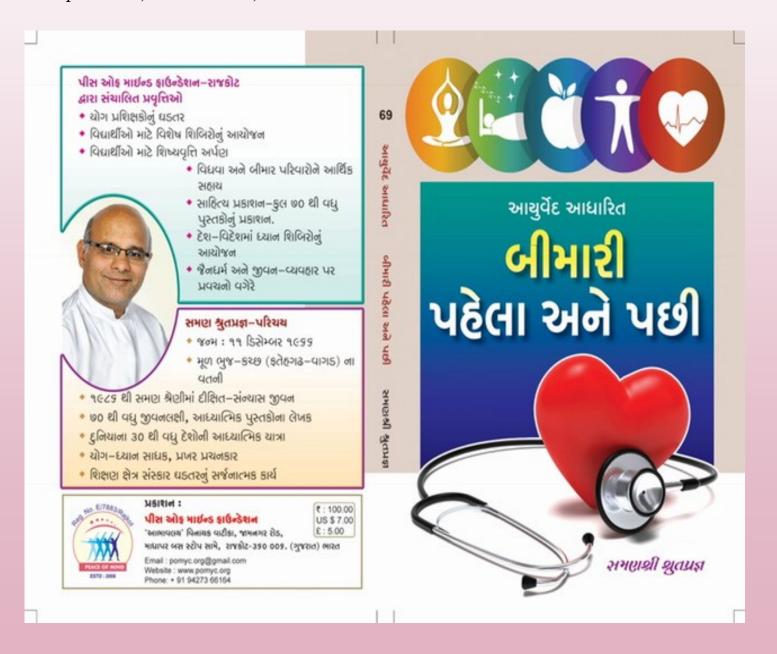






New Publication in Gujarati: "Bimari Pahela ana Pachhi," forthcoming January 2016

Saman Shrutapragya's forthcoming publication "Bimari Pahela ana Pachhi" is now in press and will be available very soon. This new book in Gujarati on the subject of the nature of disease (before and after it arises) is based on the ancient and modern system of Ayurveda. It is publication 69 from the Peace of Mind Foundation and will be of great interest to all readers interested to learn more about this subject, especially readers who are keen to understand the importance and value of Ayurvedic science. The book has been priced at Rupees 100, US Dollar 5, GBP 3.



Meeting with Sadhus and Sadhvis, Gondal and Upcoming Visit to Abhavalay, Rajkot, 28 November

Samanji traveled with his friend Graham Dwyer and Kirtibhai, a Trustee of the Peace of Mind Foundation in Rajkot, to Gondal to hold a short meeting with sadhus and sadhvis there. At the close of the meeting with them, Samanji put in place plans for both sadhus and sadhvis to visit Rajkot. Their organised visit to Abhavalay, the ashram and private residence of Samanji, will be for a period of some four or five days, commencing on 1 December. At Abhavalay Samanji and his friend Graham Dwyer will do meditation together with the sadhus and sadhvis and engage in other spiritual activities, including discourses being given as well as satsangs being held.

Meeting with Owner of Atul Auto, Rajkot, 28 November 2016

Samanji, along with Graham Dwyer and Peace of Mind Foundation Trustee Kirtibhai, had a meeting with the owner of Atul Auto, a large manufacturer of autorikshaws. The company owner enthusiastically offered financial backing to support the upcoming planned visit of overseas volunteers, who will all be involved in social work, school visits and related activities. Financial support offered by the owner of Atul Auto will be used to purchase school bags and kits for more than 1000 students. The owner of Atul Auto also pledged to offer continued support to promote social welfare programmes and related events organised by the Peace of Mind Foundation.

Preparations for Overseas Visitors from Singapore and London, UK, forthcoming December 2016

Preparations for the upcoming visit of five overseas volunteers from Singapore and London, UK are still ongoing, but most have now been securely put in place. So far arrangements for planned school visits have been finalized and fully planned. School bags and student kits (comprised of various highly useful materials, such as pens, pencils, stationary and school clothes, as well as many other additional items), have been purchased. These materials have been carefully stored at Abhavalay, the Peace of Mind Foundation center in Rajkot, and are now ready for dispatch when the overseas visitors arrive. The helpful gifts will be presented by the overseas volunteers to students during the second two weeks of December.

A.V. Jasani Vidyamandir School Visit, 28 November 2016

Samanji held a brief meeting with the institution head at A. V. Jasani Vidyamandir School, a meeting which was very productive. It resulted in plans and arrangements being agreed upon for Samanji to visit the school to conduct a shibir there along with overseas volunteers during the month of December. The meeting was warm and friendly, and the institution head at A. V. Jasani Vidyamandir School expressed sincere appreciation for the work Samanji will soon carry out at the school.





New Book "Life is Beautiful"

New Book "Life is Beautiful" authored by Saman Shrutapragya, launched 28 October 2016

"Jindagi-Khoobsoorat Chhe" ("Life is Beautiful") is publication number 67 from the Peace of Mind. This new volume contains 33 chapters, and it examines major qualities many people are often missing in life; as well as discusses the key qualities by which they can become more spiritually dynamic. How to deal with difficulties of day to day life and manage personal problems is the major focus of the book. By observing and applying its lessons, it is shown that this enables all readers to make their lives more beautiful. At a special price to celebrate the festival of Diwali, the book is currently being offered for a limited time (until 15 November 2016) at a special discount cost, giving 20% off the normal price. The standard (pre-discount) cost of the book is Rs100 (\$7; GBP 5).

