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Sewa International- North Jersey & New York

Independence Day Parade

August 8, 2021

On Sunday 8 August 2021, the Indian Business Association conducted an Independence Day parade in Edison. The parade started from Umiya Mata Mandir on Oak Tree road and continued for about 2 hours. LEADs from the Sewa International NJ chapter represented the organization at the event. Below is a photo of the leads taken with Governor Phil Murphy who also attended the event.



Online session: “Leadership lessons from Ramayan for the teens”

August 15, 2021

On August 15, 2021, Dr Devraj Nayak who is a cardiologist and has a passion in sharing the wisdom from our Vedic culture conducted a session on “Leadership lessons from Ramayan for the teens”. The session taught a 101 life lessons for building foundation for optimal living. Sewa LEADs were invited to attend and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.



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“Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav”

August 15, 2021

Sewa international LEADs participated in the Government of India’s unique initiative to record the “Rashtra Gaan” Indian Nation Anthem to commemorate India’s 75th Independence Day. LEADs participated in the celebrations by singing the India National Anthem.

Volunteer work for Janmashtami Mahotsav

August 30, 2021

Sewa LEADs assisted in parking, serving meals, cleaning and general amangement (vyavastha) on the day of Janmashtami at the ISKCON and Sanatan Mandir temples. LEADs participation the event and were highly appreciated at the venues during the event.





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Sewa International- North Jersey & New York North Jersey: Monthly Soup Kitchen Donation

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North Jersey Soup kitchen team delivered about 1525 pounds of non-perishable food to the Parsippany community center at Lake Hiawatha, Montville Kiwanis food pantry, and Interfaith food pantry for the month of August.





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Volunteer Spotlight: Santosh Joshi



Santosh Joshi, lives in Randolph, NJ. He has a chemical engineering and computer science background, and started a small company based in Madison from 1991 – 2015, developing simulators for Oil & Gas Industry for training operators and engineers.

He also served as an adjunct professor at Fairleigh Dickinson University from 2016 – 2018.

Mr Joshi joined Sewa in 2018 and initially assisted with delivering groceries/goods for needy and COVID response.

Since Jan 2021, Mr Joshi is leading North-NJ Grant writing efforts, and due to his stellar efforts, SEWA was successfully granted \$6,000 toward our environmental projects:

1. Keep my Street Clean
2. Ban/ Minimize Use of Plastic Bags for Shopping

Upcoming Events

1. Cricket for Sewa 09/11, 09/18 and 09/19
2. Information Session -Sponsor a Child SAC program
3. Highway clean-up 09/25 at 8:30 meet at Smithfield Park in Parsippany
4. On-going Soup Kitchen collection (please reach out to find the nearest drop off location.)

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<https://www.facebook.com/SEWANorthNJ>
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Sewa urges everyone to practice social distancing, follow CDC guidelines and remain safe.

“Don't be pushed around by the fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart.”

— Roy T. Bennett,

Om Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah