



**Sangam**  
INDIA  
World Association  
of Girl Guides  
and Girl Scouts

*a world of possibilities*

Namaste!!

I would like to thank you for your support throughout the last challenging year. At Sangam we have learnt to adapt and find new ways to connect with our friends and supporters. I hope this quarterly Sangam newsletter is helping you to know about what is happening in Sangam and Pune. This newsletter allows us to share our appreciation for everything you do and your continued connection with Sangam !!

Minakshi Jadhav (Mina)

Deputy World Centre Manager



The Sangam family has continued maintaining the property and keeping the place looking beautiful! We have also come up with some new virtual sessions like Community Connection and made a few changes in our cooking session. Check out the information and link in this newsletter!!!

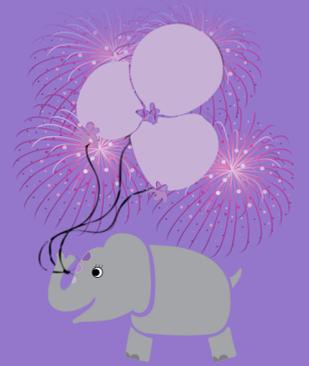
In May and June, we scheduled a deep cleaning of the house. Even though there was no one to use the rooms and dormitories we have lizards and spiders that make the place messy. So Local staff all have been busy cleaning. We are still working in small groups. This year, the ladies missed making mango jam and pickle. Monsoon arrived early in Pune this year, so we had to pick our mangoes and gave it to all the local staff and friends to eat and enjoy. The local staff has been doing amazing job and they are working hard to make sure the property is well-maintained.



## Family Update

We are very happy to share that Padma (one of our domestic team members) became a Grandmother - blessed with a baby boy. Priya, our Programme Assistant, is blessed with a baby boy and she has returned to work with all her energy, supporting the staff team. Our family is growing!. The best thing is that our ladies and men are well and taking care of themselves. Few of them have taken the first vaccine as well!!!

And of course, Sonu is enjoying eating and sleeping during the summer – this has continued even if it is now raining !!



# Virtual Programme



## Virtual Events

Since the beginning of of 2021, all the World Centres have started to run Virtual programmes from their own centres to connect, learn and contribute to deliver the WAGGGS vision and mission.

The table below shows the number of participants and the countries Sangam has reached through amazing sessions our staff have been running past few months. It has been great to see so many involved! We have even more events coming up; see below:

Month	Session Name	Countries	Total Session Done	Total Pax
January	Private Cooking	USA, UK, Canada	10	73
January	Intro Session	USA, UK	4	57
February	Private Cooking	Canada, UK, USA, Ireland, Scotland	10	119
February	Intro Session	Malaysia, UK, USA, Canada	9	239
February	Namaste Sangam Session	UK, USA, Australia	2	84
February	Cooking Session	UK, Ireland, USA, Canada	2	36
February	WTD Session	UK, Canada, Ireland	2	88
March	Private Cooking	UK, Canada	8	137
March	Intro Session	England, UK, Canada,	4	93
March	International Showcase	UK, Canada, Ireland	1	14
March	Advance Private Cooking	Canada	2	20
March	Namaste Sangam Session	UK, Canada, Ireland	2	88
March	Cooking Session	UK	1	17
March	Bollywood Dance	UK, Canada, Ireland, Australia, Denmark	1	40
March	Holi	Rwanda, Australia, UK, USA, Australia, Denmark, Canada	1	100
April	Private Cooking	Canada, Ireland, UK	10	103
April	Intro Session	UK, Canada	2	29
April	Advance Cooking Session	Canada	1	12
April	Namaste Sangam Session	UK, USA, Canada	1	11
April	Cooking Session	Canada, USA, UK, Ireland, Scotland, Australia	2	34
April	Yoga with Sangam	England, UK, New Zealand, Australia	1	12
April	Warli Art with Sangam	UK, Netherlands	1	8
May	Cooking Session	UK, Canada, Scotland, USA	4	21
May	Bollywood Dance	UK, USA, Canada, Ireland, Netherlands	1	55
May	Advance Cooking Session	Canada	2	22
May	Basic Cooking Session	Canada	3	34



# Virtual Programme



Become a virtual explorer and experience an international connection with Girl Guides and Girl Scouts all over the world from your own home. The World Centre Virtual Programme offers a huge range of exciting and engaging sessions for all ages.

- Namaste Sangam - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/namaste-sangam-tickets-142812021601>
- Indian Cooking with Sangam - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/indian-cooking-with-sangam-tickets-142812162021>
- Yoga with Sangam - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yoga-with-sangam-celebrating-international-yoga-day-tickets-137156892959>
- Warli Art with Sangam - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/warli-art-with-sangam-tickets-137157366375>
- Beginners Bollywood Dancing with Sangam - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beginners-bollywood-dancing-with-sangam-tickets-142813564215>

## Upcoming New Sessions

- Indian Street Snacks with Sangam
- Community Connection with Sangam

If the time and date does not suits your need we are also happy to run a private sessions for your family , guide , ranger or bulbus groups please email us directly us on [info@sangam.waggggs.org](mailto:info@sangam.waggggs.org) as the staff could help you to book in your slot accordingly

If you would like to give a try you can sign up on the link above. All ticket sales will go towards supporting Sangam's running costs.



## COVID-19 Update

Cases of COVID-19 in Pune are decreasing. Government guidelines are changing every month and we are continuing to stay up to date in response to this. Right now almost everything is open with time restrictions accept schools and cinema halls. Schools are starting virtually from next week. They were on summer vacation for past few weeks.

The good news is that Vaccination has begun in India and the Government have planned according to the age group and emergency workers. In Pune, everyone above 45 yrs old can now get the vaccine at any Government centres. Hopefully by end of this month everyone above 18 yrs old will receive the vaccine.

## The top 5 ways to support Sangam this year are:

- Attend a virtual programme session and buy a badge.
- Make a donation that will help us manage our ongoing costs that we are unable to cover in the usual ways as we are closed.
- Make a booking for 2022.
- Tell your friend and family about the virtual programme.
- Tell others about your experience at Sangam and encourage them to come and visit us in 2022.

## Dhanyawad which means Thank you in Hindi!

We want to thank each and everyone of you who has supported us throughout this very difficult period. Your support is invaluable to Sangam and the team here. We are so grateful and are looking forward to connecting with you either on a virtual programme or in 2022 when we re-open again.

If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to get in touch. I would be very happy to hear from you. You can also see all the latest Sangam updates on our social media changes and the WAGGGS website.

See you soon. Stay safe and healthy



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