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Seven BSNA Chapters formed across the continent

A major milestone

If BSNA were a book, Mr. Nirmalendu Choubey would be its author. He would count the last few months as his most creative time in writing that book. It is the period when he wrote seven new chapters. However, BSNA is more than a book, and these chapters are more than the chapters of a book. These are the BSNA Chapters, where BSNA will locally materialize. Each Chapter represents an association of BSNA members who live within the same geographical region. The Chapters will provide a mini-forum for direct interaction of members. Obviously, the aims and objectives, as well as the bye-laws of each Chapter will be identical to those of the BSNA. However, the Chapters may define certain additional objectives consistent with their local situation.

The formation of these Chapters is a major milestone in the brief history of BSNA. It is an indicator of the tremendous conviction of the President as well as all those members who have played an active role in the formation of the Chapters. Since the BSNA is a large and geographically spread-out organization, it can not provide a platform for frequent direct interaction between the members. Almost, the only time the BSNA will provide that opportunity, will be during the annual convention. The Chapters, catering to specific geographical regions, will therefore serve the important purpose of bringing the members together. Without the chapters, the BSNA would not be as effective as we like it to be.

Seven Chapters have already been

Juhi Shukla performed beautiful dances at the meeting of the Washington DC Chapter.



formed. More are on the cards. Each Chapter has a Coordinator who will have the organizational responsibility of the Chapter. The Chapter Coordinators and the geographical areas to which each Chapter will cater, are: (1) Dr. A.K. Sharma, Washington DC area, (2) Mr. Raga Misra, New Jersey area, (3) Dr. S. Anand Mishra, upstate New York area, (4) Dr. Kanwal Prashar, Chicago area, (5) Mr. Vishwanath Tiwari, North California, (6) Mr. Jewan Zutshi, South California, and (7) Mr. Brij Pandey, Toronto area. A description of the inaugural meetings of each chapter is given below, followed on p4 &8. The report on the upstate New York chapter is on page 3.

Washington DC area

by A.K. Sharma

Washington, Maryland, and Virginia - Metropolitan Area Chapter of the BSNA opened with a bang on April 8, 1995 at the residence of Dr. Arvind and Mrs. Bhama Pathak, who provided delicious food and were and were great hosts.

The program was coordinated by Dr. J.P. Dubey. Present at the meeting were, in addition to the hosts, Chandra Shekhar

and Sita Pandey, Awdhesh Kumar and Sunita Sharma, Parmesh and Lata Dwivedi, Shekhar and Indira Tiwari, Rajiv and Madhuri Dixit, Prabhat and Mamta Tiwari, Gopal and Purinima Sharma, Raga and Kamlesh Misra, Anoop and Rajni Bhargava, Kailash and Savitri Sharma, Manju Sharma, Mr. & Mrs. S.N. Dwivedi, J.P. and Niti Dubey, Lalji and Chandrawati Misra, Satish and Sheela Misra, Ram Rucha and Aparana Shukla, Govind and Bandana Bhatt, Om and Aruna Sharma, Anjana Shukla, Vinod Tewary, Bhaw and Uma Shukla, and Mukul and Nirmal Choubey.

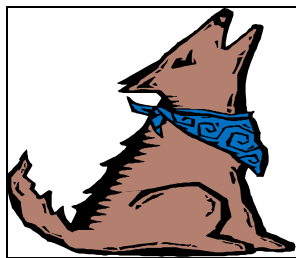
The program began with introduction of all members and guests. Dr. A.K. Sharma was elected the Coordinator. The cultural program consisted of Sarasawti Vandana by Niti Dubey, dances by Juhi Shukla (d/o Anjana Shukla), Kavita Misra (d/o S. Misra), Vikash Misra (s/o Lalji Misra), Ajita Shukla (d/o R. Shukla) and Madhuri Dixit; folk-songs by Aparana Shukla, Chandra Misra, Sunita Sharma and Niti Dubey; songs by Kamlesh Misra and Manju Sharma; poetry by Anoop Bhargava and Vinod Tewary, shlokas and jokes by Surendra Dwivedi and Bhajans by A.K. Sharma.

Anoop Bhargava gave a preview of the upcoming Annual Convention in Allentown. Nirmal Choubey provided an overview of the BSNA. It was a great successful meeting for opening the Washington chapter. For further information on the charter of the chapter and future events contact Dr. A.K. Sharma (301-210-4674) or Dr. J.P. Dubey (301-474-7161). Thanks to Dr. Arvind Pathak and Mrs. Bhama Pathak for arranging this meeting and providing all the hospitality for making it a memorable evening. (see

From your Editor

In the last issue, I wrote clearly and explicitly that BSNA is a cultural organization, that treats all communities with respect. I hope my article, read in conjunction with the aims and objectives of the society, has removed any apprehensions about the BSNA promoting the evils of the caste system. If you feel that any particular aspect of the BSNA needs to be changed, let us discuss that. But you have to join us first. If you want to change the BSNA, change from within. Your strength is the community's strength and vice-versa.

This month a new chapter is written in the short history of the BSNA, actually



several new chapters- literally. I am referring to the formation of the Chapters of the BSNA across the continent. You

will find more details in the President's letter, and in some news items elsewhere in this issue.

It is gratifying to see the initial successes of the BSNA, for which the credit goes to all the members. However, much more needs to be achieved. So let us all stand up and be counted. We owe it to our children to ensure that they recognize themselves to be a part of an excellent community with lofty ideals. They must derive the same sense of self pride in our culture that we inherited from our parents.

By the time this issue reaches you, the BSNA annual convention will be in full swing. Somebody recently asked me what happens at a convention. Well, in short, we convene at the convention. If you are a Danny Kaye fan, you will recognize this perfect definition (remember, "an Inspector General generally inspects!"). In our convention, we are looking forward to all the educative, informative, and entertaining activities which have been meticulously planned. We will meet old friends and make new ones. And don't forget the Kavi-Sammelan scheduled for the first night. Attention, the poets, please bring all your poems. We will make sure that the audience does not run away- at least

From your President

Dear fellow Brahmans:

We are in the season of chapters. A journey that started last April in Fairfax, Virginia finally ended last week in Fremont, California.

On the way, the caravan stopped in Edison, New Jersey; Fairport, New York; Richmond Hill, Ontario; Burr Ridge, Illinois, and Anaheim, California. I was moved by someone at every stop, and it certainly has been an exciting experience. The hospitality offered by the host families was very refreshing, especially when every family member, including children, took time out from their busy schedule to make me and other guests feel at home. As I said before, I was deeply moved by the experience. The most challenging part of my journey was my attendance at two inaugurations on the same day in two different towns 400 miles apart.

First came the directory, followed by the

the Chairperson will stay on. Promise. (Any volunteers for chairing the Kavi-Sammelan against that back-drop?). A parallel event will be the ball-room dance with a DJ in attendance. The organizers are assuming that all the 'oldies' will go to the Kavi-Sammelan, and the youngsters will be at the dance. However, the organizers may be in for a surprise. The reason? Often, people dance at a Kavi-Sammelan, and recite poems at a dance.

Once again, we invite all aspiring authors, particularly the younger ones, to contribute to Brahma-Bharati. Use it as a medium for communicating your thoughts- anything about anything (well, almost anything).

Come to think of it, we have already done three issues of Brahma-Bharati. Compliments are still pouring in (to be honest, not quite pouring, but certainly trickling in). Thanks to all our readers and the authors. Please do keep writing. Remember, we welcome compliments as well as criticisms. Talking of criticism, I was told that somebody, without even reading the Brahma-Bharati, threw it in the trash- bin. We strongly protest against that action. It was really bad to throw the Brahma-Bharati in the trash-bin. He should have thrown it in the recycling bin. Please do recycle. We have

Brahma-Bharati and then the annual convention. Now come the Chapters. This is part of a maturing process, not much different from the one we all went through in the wombs of our mothers. Incidentally, it has taken BSNA nine months to be where it is today. As we develop further, Chapters will become the main centers of attraction.

The geographical proximity of the members of a Chapter will be the catalyst we are seeking in order to realize our aims and objectives. Chapters will bring us together much faster than any other means available to us. It is where we will realize the aim of family interaction in the true sense, as enshrined in our constitution. Through this interaction, we will impart personal, family and moral values not only to our children, but to ourselves as well. Above all, Chapters will be support groups for the entire membership of the BSNA. Congratulations!

not inherited the earth from our parents, we have borrowed it from our children.

Sorry to hear

Smt. Chander Wati

Smt. Chander Wati, the beloved mother of Dr. Anil Kumar Pandey of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, passed away in Delhi on May 2, 1995. She is survived by her husband Sh. Girija Kishore Pandey, four sons, and eight grand children. Smt. Chander Wati was a very religious and affectionate person. She was actively involved in various social and religious groups of the area. Our condolences to the family. May God give courage to the family to bear this loss.

Pt. Bansi Ram Prashar

We send our condolences to Dr. Kanwal Prashar, the Coordinator of BSNA's Chicago Chapter, on the sad demise of his father, Pt. Bansi Ram Prashar, who passed away at Khanna, near Ludhiana in Punjab, at the age of 86. He is survived by two sons and two daughters. He was a very respected member of the community and will be missed. May the departed soul rest in peace and the Prashar family cope with the bereavement with courage and strength.

Chapter Report

Upstate New York

By N. Choubey

On May 21, 1995 an after dinner meeting was hosted by Mr & Mrs Dayanand & Suman Sharma at their residence in Fairport, New York. Twelve people attended the meeting. It was gratifying to learn that several members attending the meeting were also very active in the Indian Community. Every one was very enthused about the prospect of forming a chapter in their community. They wished I had given them more advanced notice so several others could also attend. The meeting was opened by Dr. Satchidanand Mishra who informed the audience about his involvement with BSNA prior to its officially being formed in September last year. I provided them the background information including the aims and objectives of BSNA. The name of Dr. Mishra was proposed and accepted as the Chapter Coordinator. The chapter will serve the interest of the membership in the central and western New York and will be called the upstate New York chapter. The attendees were Kamal Kant Mishra; Satchidanand & Shobhana Mishra; S.R.S. Rao & Durga Poduri; Dayanand & Suman Sharma; Sangita Sharma; Virendra Sharma; Uday Shukla; Bhabesh & Shanti

The flame of education

From Bhulpur to Oswego- and back

Bhulpur is a small village in U.P., one of the many. If you went there and if you could see the past, you would find a young Brahman boy playing with other boys-many of them Harijans. That young boy would grow up to be Dr. Ram Chaudhari, now a Professor of Physics at Oswego. He is also a Hindi writer, and we all know him as the editor of Vishwa. He is a Gandhian, but is not contented with just that label of Gandhianism. He has actually done some thing that Mahatma Gandhi would have endorsed.

Dr. Chaudhari has established a school at Bhulpur. The school, called Kisan Middle School provides free education to all regardless of caste, thanks to regular financing by Prof. Chaudhari. Before this school, the children had to walk several miles to a school in another village. The school has made a strong impact on the education of the local boys and specially

Thakur and myself. There was alot of enthusiasm about the prospect of overcoming the linguistic barrier which has existed for centuries. I thank everyone, particularly our host and hostess for their

Vandana (in Hindi)

by Dr. Vinod Tewary

(To be recited at the convention; set to music by Anita Dubey, Pradeep Shukla, and Sharad Tewary)

Dev Brahma, hey pitaamah,
Vishwa-srishta dev jai, jai.
Mangalam Bhagwaan Vishnu,
Vishwa- paalak dev jai, jai
Dev Shankar, pralayakaari
Shambhu, Shiv, Natraaj jai, jai.
Sharada sangeet-roopa,
Devi veena-vaadinii jai.
Devi Lakshmi, lok maata,
sarva-mangal-karinii jai.
Devi Durga, shakti-roopa
sarva-sankat-harinii jai
Jai dhara, aakash ki jai,
satya par vishwas ki jai.
Brahma ki santaan hain hum,
Dharma ka vardaana hain hum.
Hum ahinsa ke pujaari,
gyan vidya ke bhikhari.
Hey param-kalyaan-kaari,
ho amar sanskriti hamaari.
Om shanti, shanti, shanti.

on the education of girls. In the absence of the Kisan Middle School, many girls would not have had the benefit of schooling beyond the elementary.

The school started with a modest attachment to the village temple in 1968. Now, it consists of two buildings. Thanks to Prof. Chaudhari and some of his friends, the village also has a dispensary staffed by a doctor and some assistants. Now Prof. Chaudhari is planning to upgrade the school to a High School with facilities for teaching of Science and a good library. The flame of education that came with Prof. Chaudhari from Bhulpur to Oswego, is now shining back at Bhulpur.

Prof. Chaudhari is a member of the Board of Trustees of the BSNA. On behalf of the Brahma-Bharati, and the BSNA, we extend our compliments and congratulations to Prof. Chaudhari for his successful venture, and best wishes for further expansion of the school..

Tickle-Tickle-Tickle

All about Kavi-sammelans*****

A dog went to a humans' meeting that was addressed by a great political leader. When the dog came back to his pack, his friend asked him about his experiences of the humans' meeting. "The humans are strange," said the dog, "They are inconsiderate and do not cooperate with each other."



"Why do you say that?" asked the other dogs. "Well, you see," said the dog, "When one of us barks, all others join in. There I saw, one poor man kept barking for a full hour, but no body else joined him."

"They are more cooperative with each other in a Kavi-Sammelana," said an elderly dog, "There, they all bark at the same time."

A Kaviji was hooted out several times, but he kept forcing his way to the stage, attempting to recite his poems. Finally, the chairman himself carried him forcibly outside the auditorium and threw him on the road. A sympathetic onlooker said to Kaviji, "I am sorry they treated you so badly!"

"Who cares about this wretched Kavi-Sammelana," Kaviji replied, "I have been thrown out of much better ones."

A policeman noticed one man running for his life with a second man chasing him. Thinking that the first man was a thief, the policeman caught him and held him until the second man caught up. "Did he steal some thing from you?" asked the policeman.

"Worse, much worse," said the second man angrily. "You see Officer, he recited the whole of his poetry to me. But when it was my turn to recite my poetry, he ran away."

The poetry corner

From Ramcharitmanas

(By Tulsidas)

(in Hindi)

Sakal padaarath hain jag maahin
Karmheen nar paawat naahin

(Approx. translation)

All things are available in the world. A person who lacks effort, does not achieve them.

BSNA Chapters (from p1)

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Editor's note: I had the pleasure of attending the efficiently organized Washington meeting. It was particularly pleasing to meet Seeta and Chandra Sekhar Pande, a charming couple from Fairfax. They are both Ph.D.s from U.K., Seeta from Belfast and Chandra from Oxford. Seeta's ancestors immigrated to West Indies nearly a century ago. In spite of this long absence from the home land, her parental family has upheld their Brahmanic culture, values, and traditions. This shows the family's strong conviction, and also the strength of what we identify as Brahmanism, "...kuchh baat hai ki hasti mit-ti nahin hamaari, sadiyon rahaa hai dushman daure-zamaan hamara".

New Jersey

by **Kailash C. Sharma**

On Saturday, May 13, 1995, in the evening hours, BSNA held a meeting hosted by Urmila and Trayambak Bajpay at their residence in Edison, New Jersey. Paritosh & Shubha Bajpay, son & daughter-in-law of the host, made special efforts to facilitate the event by making necessary arrangements for the meeting and cultural program in their home. New Jersey Participants, besides the hosts, included Kamlesh & Raga Misra, Shubha & Paritosh Bajpay, Richa & Shivendra Pandey, Anita & Ashutosh Bajpay, Rajni & Mahendra Misra, Suresh & Meena Misra, Rashma & Surinder Sharma and Durga & Ashok Choubey. Those who joined the meeting from New York City Metropolitan areas were Jagar Sharma & family, Avtar Sharma & family, Savitri Devi & Om Prakash Gaur, Rakesh Bhardwaj, and Savitri & Kailash Sharma. Joining from New York were Uma & Bhaw Shukla, and Mukul & Nirmal Choubey.

Prior to the meeting, everyone had time to enjoy the snacks and hot & cold drinks provided by Urmila & Shubha Bajpay and Mukul Choubey. The meeting started with each family taking a turn in introducing themselves briefly with their family members and background. Following the introductions, Kailash Sharma welcomed all the participants and provided a brief history of the inception of BSNA highlighting the persistent efforts of Nirmal Choubey in establishing this organization

almost single-handedly. Nirmal Choubey, then, gave an update on BSNA's recent activities & achievements including the forthcoming 1st BSNA Annual Convention in Allentown, PA.

An important aspect of this meeting was the formation of the BSNA New Jersey chapter. Raghuvendra (Raga) Misra's name was proposed for the NJ chapter coordinator as he had already been involved with this organization's work for some time. Raga obliged us by volunteering to accept this responsibility.

Bhaw Shukla, our treasurer, distributed membership and convention registration forms. We, then, had a delicious potluck dinner prepared by Urmila & Shubha Bajpay, Kamlesh Misra, Savitri Sharma, Durga Choubey, Richa Pandey, Mukul Choubey, and Uma Shukla. After the dinner, we had a very entertaining cultural program. Highlights of this program were singing of bhajans by Megha (daughter of Durga & Ashok Choubey), songs by Raga & Kamlesh Misra, shayaree by Jagar Sharma, and poems by the well known poet Om Prakash Gaur 'Pravasi'. Kailash Sharma also interjected some shayaree and a poem here and there.

There was a general consensus that the meeting was very enjoyable, informative and highly successful and that such meetings should take place more frequently at different locations for the benefit of the

Mr. Jewan Zutshi, Coordinator of the North California Chapter

Chicago Area

by **Hans Upadhyay**

Fifteen Brahman families of the Chicago area opened the BSNA's Chicago chapter on May 20, 1995, at a luncheon meeting held at the residence of Dr. Ghanshyam and Mrs. Leela Pandey in Burr Ridge, Illinois. The meeting was convened by Dr. Hans Upadhyay, the BSNA's Regional Coordinator. The chief guest was Mr. Nirmalendu Choubey, the

perennial inspiration behind BSNA's growth and success. Mr. Choubey summarized the BSNA's current status, including opening of local chapters, finances, directory, membership drive, and the forthcoming convention.

All attendees concurred with the idea of opening a local chapter of the BSNA so that various activities can be conducted locally to foster a sense of camaraderie amongst the Chicago-area Brahmans. Dr. Kanwal Prashar of Rockford, IL was elected by acclamation as the first Coordinator of the Chicago Chapter. In his brief acceptance speech, Dr. Prashar emphasized the value of BSNA and asked for ideas and support. Dr. Prashar, in consultation with the BSNA Trustee Dr. Ghanshyam Pandey, and the Area Coordinator Dr. Hans Upadhyay, will prepare a slate of names to fill other positions in the Executive Body of the Chapter.

A pot-luck lunch was enjoyed by all participants. The Pandeys were the recipients of countless thanks from all the well-fed Brahmans.

North California

by **Dr. Shyam Shukla**

A dinner meeting of BSNA was held at the residence of Dr. Shyam and Nirmala Shukla of Fremont California, on June 10, 1995. Nirmal Choubey, President BSNA, was also present at the meeting. About forty people, mostly from the San Francisco Bay Area, were present for the occasion. In the meeting a new chapter of the BSNA, called Northern California Chapter of BSNA was established. Shyam Shukla proposed the name of Jewan Zutshi for Coordinator of the Chapter and Mr. Zutshi was elected unanimously. Mr. Zutshi is very active in FIA and for the cause of Kashmiri Pundits.

The following were present: Dr. and Mrs. Bharat Bhaskar, Mr. and Mrs. Rajinder Sharma, Mr. and Mrs. Jewan Zutshi, Mr. and Mrs. Jatender Zutshi, Dr. and Mrs. Surendra Sharma, Mr. and Mrs. Mahendra Sharma, Mr. and Mrs. Jaikaran Shukla, Mr. Gajendra Mishra, Mr. U.D. Mishra, Mr. and Mrs. Hari Sharma, Dr. and Mrs. Neeraj Sharma, Dr. and Mrs. Dharam Salwan, Mr. and Mrs. Amitabh Shukla, Mr. Purnendu Ojha, Mr. and Mrs. Devendra Shukla, Mr. and Mrs. Venktesh Shukla, Mr. and Mrs. Alok Sharma.

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Children	#1	#2	#3	#4
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Name				
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Type of brahman/ Gotra				
Father's first name				
Mother's maiden name				
Children	#1	#2	#3	#4
Son/Daughter First Name				
Age on last birth day				
If married, spouse's name First/Middle/Last				
Spouse's profession				

A brief family history

Details of children's academic and other accomplishments/interests

I understand that the database will primarily be used to the benefit of brahman community. I absolve BSNA or anyone connected with this effort from any wrongdoing. I have the authority to sign this waiver.

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We are proud of you

Dr. Satchinand Misra, the Coordinator of the New York Chapter, and Dr. J.P. Dubey have won major awards. Congratulations, Gentlemen. We are proud of you.

Dr Satchidanand Mishra

Dr Satchidanand Mishra, a senior scientist and Project Leader at Xerox, has been awarded the 1994 "President's Award", the most prestigious award of the Xerox company. The award recognizes those employees who have made an extraordinary individual achievement or contribution to Xerox. Dr. Misra was recognized "for his outstanding effort in the development and application of photoreceptor characterization methods and tools that provides significant product and process benefits." The awards are presented at a gala ceremony at New York.

Earlier, Dr. Misra had won the Individual Excellence and Team Excellence Awards at Xerox several times. He obtained his Ph.D. in Solid State Physics from Purdue University where he won the Sigma Xi award for his thesis. He had studied Electrical Engineering at The Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in India. He holds more than 20 patents.

He is very active in voluntary work for the Indian Community at Rochester. He had started 'The School for Indian Culture' in the India Community Center of Rochester. The school teaches several Indian languages such as Hindi, Gujrati, Kannada to children. He developed a 5 year curriculum for Hindi which has been recognized by several school districts around Rochester. The students of the school can earn 3 special studies credits or NY state regent credits in Hindi. He is married to Shobhana and has a daughter Divya and a son, Deva Rishi.

The updated BSNA directory

The updated directory is almost ready and will be sent free to members with paid subscription. If you are not a member yet, please fill out your membership form and pay your subscription, as soon as possible. The forms are printed in this issue. It is getting increasingly difficult for us to send even the Brahma-

Dr. S. Anand Misra- Winner of the Xerox President's Award

Dr. J.P. Dubey- Received award for outstanding research

Dr. J.P. Dubey

Dr. J.P. Dubey, a senior scientist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture was named the 1995 World Association for the Advancement of Veterinary Parasitology Awardee for Outstanding Research in Veterinary Parasitology. Dr. Dubey is the first U.S. Scientist to receive this award. He was also recently promoted to the very senior rank of GS-17 (SES-level 3). Dr. Dubey has published four books, and over 500 research articles since coming to the U.S.A. in 1968. He has discovered several economically important diseases of livestock. He is an internationally recognized authority on toxoplasmosis, a parasitic disease that causes blindness and birth defects in children.***

After a nuclear war, the question will not be what was right, but what is left—
R. Oppenheimer

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South California

by N. Choubey

On June 10, 1995 a pot-luck luncheon meeting was hosted by Mr & Mrs Vishwanath & Shashi Tiwari at their residence in Anaheim. Twenty four people attended the meeting. The presence of our Hollywood Yogi Mr. Ramesh Pandey, a celebrity in the Indian community in the area, created a very much Hollywood like atmosphere. It was gratifying to learn that several other members attending the meeting are also stalwarts of the Indian Community. Children present were quite enthused about what I had to say. The whole meeting was video taped for a later viewing at a local TV station.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Tiwari. Several others present had very interesting comments. Mr. Krishan Krishna was very happy to be part of the inaugural ceremony of the southern California chapter. He offered his full support to Mr. Vishwanath Tiwari who was elected the Chapter Coordinator. He asked all of us to be the best that a Brahman can be, and

also master the skills that were asked of non Brahmins at one time. He pointed out that there were several non Brahmins, some amongst the audience, with qualities unmatched by many Brahmins, and that we must be cognizant of. On the question of how to instill Brahman values, Mrs Shubhra Tiwari felt from her own experience that the children are very smart and the idea will catch on once it is clearly explained to them. At one point the discussion turned towards english, the official language of BSNA. When it was explained that our target audience was the coming generation which understands only english, the idea quickly caught on.

The meeting was attended by Vivek Dixit, Krishan and Abha Krishna, Santosh Kumar, Ram & Sushma Misra, Kunwar & Tara Misra, Sharat and Anurakti Misra, Ramesh Pandey, Sunil & Mamta Pathak, Surendra Raina, Amitesh Shukla, Govind & Pratima Thakkar, Vilas & Shubhra Tiwari and Vishwanath & Shashi Tiwari. The attendees decided to meet every other month in a different area. I want to thank every one, particularly our host and hostess for their hospitality and their children Nita and Anil for their contributions.

Toronto area

by L. D. Mishra

On April 15, 1995, formation of Toronto chapter of BSNA was declared amidst applause and photo sessions during a two hour meeting held at the residence of Mr. Hira Joshi, Richmond Hill, at the northern outskirts of Toronto, Ont. in the presence of Mr. Nirmal Choubey, the BSNA president. The meeting was attended by more than 15 families. The geographical limits of this chapter are well beyond the Greater Toronto Area. Mr. Choubey gave a brief rundown of the evolution process of BSNA. Mr. Brij Pandey of Pickering, Ont. was unanimously elected as the Coordinator for the Toronto chapter. Mr. Choubey attributed this chapter formation to the enduring efforts of over two years of Mr. Lila Dhar Mishra who has been actively involved since the conception of BSNA.

BSNA membership forms were completed by all the attendees. Almost all of them pledged to participate in the forthcoming BSNA convention on July 1 and 2. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the hosts, Mr. & Mrs. Joshi who provided very good and heavy snacks be-

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