

# Arya Prathinidhi Sabha & Arya Samaj of Melbourne (APSASM)

## Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

Special General Meeting

80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

Hindi Classes

Day Camp / Vedic Workshop

On behalf of all the APSASM members we wish you a very happy and prosperous 2009.

News Summary:

We are now officially registered and incorporated with Victorian Government as APSASM on December 16, 2008. The main purpose of this Samaj is embedded in the 6th Principle of Arya Samaj - **to promote physical, spiritual and social good of every one.**

The second major function organised by APSASM in 2008 was the 'Diwali and Rishi Nirwan Diwas' in the month of October 2008. APSASM continued the tradition of not having a chief guest for its function but treating all the guests as important.

During our monthly satsang, we are now training young and youth members on proper procedures of Agnihotram.

We are also encouraging everyone to share their views on their motivations, ideologies and interpretations of Vedic knowledge.

From March 2009, we are starting free of charge Hindi classes. Unfortunately, these classes will be available to members and their families only at this stage.

With ideas from few active members, we are planning to organise a day camp. This will enhance the coordination among members and we will organise some social service activities along with discussion on Vedic topic and its relevance in our day to day life.

APSASM had the pleasure of hosting Mr. Diwakar and Mrs. Janaki Kandula of Christchurch Arya Samaj in its February Satsang. APSASM members and Mr. and Mrs. Kandula cherished their participation in the Satsang.

### **Mantra of the month:**

***“Sangachchhadhwam samvadadhvam samvomanansi janatam. Deva bhagam yatha purve samjanana upasate.” Rig 10/191/2***

The Almighty preaches the Dharm for us that, O Humans! Whatever is devoid of prejudice and displays just conduct, consists of vocal and mental truth (Satya) is Dharm and should always be accepted by you. You should never follow the path opposite to the Dharm but should work together to attain it, so that your happiness increases day by day and you do not have any sadness. You should shun opposing qualities and harmoniously learn and teach promoting understanding by means of questions and answers so that your true knowledge (Satya Vidhya) increases constantly. You should increase your actual knowledge (e.g. knowledge about the reality of an element or object – the actual way it is) constantly, so that your mind is enlightened and your duty of discharge increases constantly making you a knowledgeable person and increasing your happiness. You should always follow the Dharm and not Adharm. Like unprejudiced Dharm following knowledgeable persons follow the Satya Dharm as per the Vedas, so should you because the knowledge of Dharm is obtained by means of the three – firstly learning from the knowledgeable persons following the Dharm; secondly through the purification of the Soul and the desire to learn the truth(Satya); and thirdly the knowledge to distinguish between Truth(Satya) and Untruth(Asatya) can only be obtained by learning the Ved Vidhya taught by the Almighty, otherwise not.