



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

## Newsletter

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### Recent Events

Arya Samaj Sthapna  
Diwas

Annual General Meeting

Rishi Nirvaan Diwas,  
Diwali Celebration and  
Vedic Workshop

VPSASA's Arya Samaj  
Sthapna diwas and Arya  
Samellan

### Upcoming Events

Vedic Workshops

Hindi classes

Workshop on Agnihotram

Rishi Bodh Diwas

On behalf of all the APSASM members we wish you a very happy  
Diwali.

### News Summary:

In September 2009, we had our Annual General Meeting. The previous committee was re-elected unanimously. They did great job in the first year of formal incorporation of APSASM. Everyone has faith in them for the coming years as well. President, Mr. Radesh presented the president's report. Secretary, Mrs. Shareen presented the secretary's report. All the financial statements were posted to the members 4-5 weeks in advance of the AGM. The financial statements were accepted by everyone unanimously. Sub-committees for Prachar Samiti, Newsletter and Bhajan Samiti were elected.

On October 18, 2009, we celebrated the Rishi Nirvaan Diwas, Diwali and Vedic workshop. The workshop was held on the first mantra of Taittiriya Upanishad with all the present APSASM members taking part actively. Pt. Ashween Lakhan of NSW Arya Samaj attended the workshop by means of video conferencing.



The workshop was well appreciated by all the attendees as it provided an opportunity for all to enhance their knowledge.



On 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Pt Prashant Sharma and APSASM President Mr. Radesh Ram attended the VPSASA's Arya Samaj Sthapna diwas and Arya Samellan.

On 3rd October 2009, Pt Prashant Sharma represented APSASM at Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of New Zealand for the Grah Pravesh and Ved Saptah. Programme included the "Jhanda Vandan" ceremony.

Vedic workshop on Taittiriya Upanishad will be continued in upcoming satsangs with the invitation to all interested Arya Samajis in Australia (It can be done online using video conferencing).

Hindi classes will be run separately from Satsangs. This will bring more focus from both students and teachers.

We are planning to conduct a workshop on Agnihotram – this will consist of pronunciation improvement and the scientific and “darshnik” meaning of the mantras.

In February, we are planning to organise the Rishi Bodh Diwas, on the day of “Shiv Ratri”.

## Mantras of the month:

***“Richo aksharem parme vyomanyasmindeva adhi vishve nisheduh.***

***Yastann Ved kimricha karishyati ya ittdvidust ime samasate.” Rig 1/164/39***

What good can the Vedas do unto him who does not know that Great Being, who is All-pervading and Eternal, Holiest of all, Who sustains the Sun and the Earth, and is the support of the learned, the method of Whose realization is the chief aim of Vedic teaching? But they alone enjoy eternal bliss who study the Vedas, live a righteous life, become perfect Yogis and realize God.

***“Ut twah pashyann dadarsh vachmut twah shrinvann shrinotyanaam.***

***Uto twasme tanvam visastre jayev patya ushati suvasah.” Rig 10/71/4***

An ignorant man has eyes to see but sees nothing, has ears to hear but hears nothing, has a tongue to speak but speaks nothing. The ignorant can never understand the hidden mysteries of knowledge. But it is to the learned alone that knowledge reveals its true nature, just as a woman longing to meet her husband, dresses in her best and puts on her finest jewellery, so as to display her charms to him.