



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

### Newsletter

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#### Recent Events

##### Workshop on Agnihotram

Shastrarth

##### Children's Presentation

Rishi Bodh Diwas

#### Upcoming Events

##### Workshop on Agnihotram

Arya Samaj Sthapna Diwas

##### Workshop on "Procedure of Shastrarth - Nyaya Darshan"

Shastrarth

#### News Summary:

APSASM conducted the first part of its Agnihotram Workshop in the February 2010 Satsang. The topics covered in the workshop included the definition of Rishi, Apta and Apti. The other inclusions were pollution - its definition and effects on humans and environment.

Shastrarth was also conducted on the two aspects of God - Omnipotence and Omniscience. The attendees brainstormed and reasoned out the meaning of the terms in general and as per Vedic view shown by Maharishi Dayanand in his "Satyarth Prakash".

Children's development program of APSASM saw Prerna Sharma presenting the first two qualities of Dharma as taught by Manu Smriti. The two qualities being *Dhriti* (patience or *dhairya dharan karne ki shakti*) and *Kshama* (forgiveness or *maan, apmaan mein ek samaan rahana*). Prerna presented the definitions along with examples. Then the topic was discussed among the attendees in details to increase the understanding.

The month of February also celebrates Rishi Bodh Diwas as it is on the night of Sivaratri, Mool Shankar (The name of Maharishi Dayanand before taking Sanyaas) started inquiring about God and the event of the Sivaratri made him realise the weakness of idol worship. February 12th 1824 is also the date of birth of the Great Maharishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati. This year Mahasivaratri was celebrated on the 12th of February.

#### Mantra of the month:

*"Sapta maryadah kavyastakshstasaamaykaamidbhyamhuroagaat.*

*Ayaroh skambh upmasya needay patham visargae dharushanu tastho"*

*---Rig Ved 10/5/6*

Knowledgeable people have described seven sins. These seven sins are – stealing, Brahm Hatya or murder of Vedic knowledgeable person, Gohatya or killing of a cow, Par stree Gaman or Bad deeds and bad thoughts about another woman, Intoxication, Doing deeds knowing it to be wrong, Lying to hide a sin.