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VEDIC MANTRA

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ओ३म् विशाविनि
देव सवितरितानि
परासुव ।
यद् भद्रन्तन् आ
सुव ॥
यजु. ३० । ३ ।

He sakal jagat
ke ut-pat-ti
karta, samagar,
yashe-ukath,
shudh swaroop,
sabhi sukhko ke
data
prameshwar.

Aap kirpa kar
ke hamare
sampuran
durgun,
durvyasan, aur
dukhon ko dur
kar dijiye. Jo
kalayan karaak
gun, karm,
swabhao aur
padarth hai,
whah hum sub
ko prapt karai-
ye.

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Editorial

Welcome to the second issue of APSA
Newsletter, **DIVYAJYOTI**.

Firstly I would like to begin with mentioning
that the first issue of **DIVYAJYOTI** re-
ceived extremely positive feedback. It was
heartening to note that the readers enjoyed
the establishment issue, accepting its name
which the media group came up with and its
structure. One of the most significant com-
ments received was that **DIVYAJYOTI**
should continue to be published till eternity
which is what I sincerely hope will happen no
matter who leads it.

In the first issue I provided a brief definition
of **DIVYAJYOTI** which, according to web
dictionary, Divya Jyoti means divine light.
Divya refers to divine brilliance used to signi-
fy powerful divine force. It is an Indian name
derived from Sanskrit. Divya is also a root
word used for many domains such as spiritu-
alism, wonderful, very nice, heavenly, beauti-
ful, celestial and shakti.

I requested our readers to please contribute
to the significance and further explanation of
the term, Divyajyoti, as I understand that
there are many learned persons with exten-
sive knowledge of Sanskrit and the Hindi lan-
guage. Any positive contributions are still
welcome for our future editions.

I also mentioned in our first issue that future
contents of **DIVYAJYOTI** would be based
on reader contributions as well as acknowl-
edging the great work progressing in the
Arya Samaj communities, both in Australia
and abroad, to promote vedic culture and
vedic dharma. A big thank you to Mr Kamal
Deo, Mr Jitendra Deo, Mr Ramjas and Mr Raj
Prasad. This issue also includes some excel-
lent work carried out at Arya Samaj Centre,
Shanes Park as well as information on some
significant activities to be held in order to
celebrate vedic knowledge and culture.

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There will be a Deepawali issue coming out
next month so please feel free to email arti-
cles that you have written or discovered
which would be of interest to our readers,
especially with a focus on Deepawali. We are
also looking for photos and activities of Arya
Samaj members from Australia and abroad.
This newsletter is made available free of
charge to everyone.

The media group hopes **DIVYAJYOTI** will
once again inspire our readers and may the
divine light always shine on you.



FATHER'S DAY AND ITS IMPORTANCE

An article written by Mr Jitendra Deo
(President of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of
Queensland)

Father's day brings in yet another
significant day of our existence as humans. It
is an aspect where understanding and serving
our elders is supreme. The Vedas relate to us
about five Mahayaj's (mankind's duties), and
Pitra Yaj is one of them. The third Yaj is to
adore our parents, and teachers (gurus). Our
mother who has given us this beautiful hu-
man body which gives us a chance for relief
and salvation. It is the most precious and
beautiful gift that we have been given by God.
God has given it to us, in the form of our
mother. The first necessity to reach salvation
is that we need a body, a strong healthy
body. To experience the beauty of this life
we need a body. So we need to be thankful
to our parents and then to our teachers. The
Vedas command us, *Matra devo bhava*, Let
your mother be God unto you; mother is
God. *Pitra devo bhava*, let your father be God
unto you, father is God. *Acharya devo bhava*,
let your teacher (guru) be God unto you,
Guru is God. To respect all of them, to take
care of them, to obey them, to serve them, is
Pitra Yaj. Father's day though comes once a
year, but Vedas say otherwise, it's every day,
not just once a year.

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Aum vishwani
deva savitar
duritani
parasuva.
Yad bhadran
tanna asuva

O all-
creating, al-
mighty,
pure-natured
god, You are
the giver of
all
pleasures,
please keep
far from us
all evils, bad
habits and
pains and
make us
attain
whatever be
beneficial to
us.

President's Blog

It is with great pleasure to write for **DIVYAJYOTI**. In this edition I would like to share some thoughts as to where I see an organisation like the APSA can make its mark. As an organisation we have a choice, we can choose be holistic or narrow, we can choose to be outward looking or inward focussed, we can choose to lead or we could choose to follow. We have a choice to continue with more of the same path that we treaded over the last 10-15 years or we could change direction, and plan to lead the rest of the community by an example.

It is easy for a leader to continue more of the same, and many amongst us may ask, why fix it if it isn't broken. That is the safest path, but it also leads to oblivion. When we fail to change and adopt, we become irrelevant to the generation we purport to represent. I believe it is time we ask our leaders to give us direction for the future. All not-for-profit organisations are fighting for the same shelf space, from the community, from our politicians, from our financial backers and from our members.

Only those organisation, that win the heart and the minds of their communities, politicians, their members will remain relevant. They are the organisations that reach out to their target audience. The question then is, where is APSA on this scale?. Only APSA Samaj that is on the radar of the community and the politicians is the Queensland Arya Samaj.

I heatedly congratulate them for maintaining focus on wider issues and engaging with the community. At APSA we need to build our bridge with the wider community. With this in mind, I represented APSA and met and congratulated the Executives of the Shree Sanatan Dharam Sabha on the opening of their new centre at Austral.

We also decided to start the Ved Prachar by Dr Satish Prakash from the new Mandir, and also offered the SSDSA that any proceeds that come from the Ved Prachar be APSA's token of appreciation on their massive achievement. Similarly, Bhai Pramod Rai invited the Federal Member for Chiefly, Hon. Ed Husic and NSW State member for Rivistone, Hon. Kevin Conolly to the Deepavali Celebrations. I thank bhai Pramod for this. I hope that the future leaders of APSA will continue to engage with the wider community so that together we can work on projects that can benefit the whole community.



Pt Raj Prasad

A summary of current activities within APSA are as follows

- * NWAS hosted the Deepavali Celebrations 2013. Thanks to the members of the NWAS for all the effort in making Deepavali a success.
- * Ved Prachar by Dr Satish Prakash in Queensland from 8th to the 10th November 2013
- * Ved Prachar by Ved Prachar by Dr Satish Prakash in Sydney from 12th to 17th November 2013
- * APSA AGM will be held at the Arya Samaj Centre from 2.00 pm on Sunday 17th November 2013.

Once again I take the opportunity to thank those members that made a contribution to inaugural edition of APSA Newsletter, **DIVYAJYOTI**. I know Keshni is working on a special edition of the magazine and I wish her well with it.

We hope that you will contribute and subscribe to the Newsletter. Please forward and comments and article to Keshni.singh@det.nsw.edu.au



Maha Rishi Dayanand Saraswati





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*Aum**vishwani**deva**savitar**duritani**parasuva.**Yad**Bhadram**Tanna**asuva.**(Yajurveda**30/3)***FATHER'S DAY AND ITS IMPORTANCE (Cont.)**

Recently, a Fiji Senior Citizens Association organised function in Brisbane, we had guests from the greater section of community. The caring, love and unity of all regardless of colour, race and religion was dominant. The respect and love that we should give to our elders cannot be measured in any terms. The speeches given were testament of our teachings from Vedas- *Matra devo bhava*, Let your mother be God unto you; mother is God. *Pitra devo bhava*, let your father be God unto you, father is God. Every senior citizen in this world deserves respect, love, care and help.

The knowledge from Vedas can be used in every situation, and a lot of problems can be avoided if people follow the teachings from this divine book of knowledge. These days we see lot of fighting, disrespect for each other, killings, stealing to name few, and they are common in this world today. It makes us wonder, why people do this, must be lack of true knowledge, ignorance and ego. The simple solution to overcome this is by true knowledge and Vedas contains all this knowledge.

The true knowledge once gained can make a difference to people's lives, and they can start respecting each others life, property, freedom of speech and amid others their right to live as human beings. Let's all respect each other, give due respect to our elders, our teachers (gurus) and make this world noble. Remember Fathers day is every day, so serve with gratitude and put that smile on the face of your father or that senior citizen.

Where love is, there God is also**Mahatma Gandhi**

This is an article from the book **Light on Yoga** by B.K.S. Iyengar. It's inspiring (compiled by Mr. Kamal Deo)

SONG OF THE SOUL

I am neither ego no reason, I am neither mind nor thoughts,
I cannot be heard nor cast into word, nor by smell nor sight ever caught
In light and wind I am not found, nor yet in earth and sky
Consciousness and joy incarnate, Bliss of the Blissful am I
I have no name. I have no life, I breathe no vital air,
No elements have moulded me, no bodily sheath is my lair,
I have no speech, no hands and feet, nor means of evolution-
Consciousness and joy am , and Bliss in dis solution.
I caste aside hatred and passion, I conquered delusion and greed:
No touch of pride caressed me, so envy never did breed:
Beyond all faiths, past reach of wealth, past freedom, past desire,
Consciousness and joy am I, and Bliss is my attire.
Virtue and vice or pleasure and pain are not my heritage,
Nor sacred texts, nor offerings, nor prayer, nor pilgrimage:
I am neither food, nor eating, nor yet the eater am I-
Consciousness and joy incarnate, Bliss of the Blissful am I
I have no misgiving of death, no chasms of race divide me,
No parent ever called me child , no bond of birth ever tied me:
I am neither disciple nor master, I have no kin, no friend –
Consciousness and joy am I , and merging in Bliss is my end.
Neither knowable , knowledge , nor knower am I , formless is my form,
I dwell within the senses but they are not my home:
Ever serenely balanced , I am neither free nor bound-
Consciousness and joy am I, and Bliss is where I am found



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Progress on Arya Samaj Centre

The APSA ground levelling project was taken up by some very generous and committed members of APSA. I will not put in any figures to who has contributed how much as donations are a very personal matter but I would like to acknowledge all members and non-members who have willingly contributed. God bless you all.

“Thanks for the efforts of all.... especially Bhai Vimal and Bhai Gupta who, with the best of intentions, started this project. We now have a beautiful fairly level field that is “Council Approved” that we can all be proud of.”

I would like to publicly acknowledge and thank Bhai Ramjas who himself has put in a substantial financial contribution and personal time to not just this project but a number of projects already completed at Arya Samaj Centre.



Shree Sanatan Dharam Sabha of NSW
Mandir at Austral



APSA President donates trees to Shree Sanatan
Dharam Sabha of NSW



Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Australia

Announces the return visit to Sydney

From 11th to 18th November 2013

of
Acharaya Dr. Satish Prakash

Founder and Executive Director of
Maharishi Dayananda Gurukula, NA, Inc.



APSA will organise several Ved Updesh sessions for Sydney-siders to have an opportunity to listen to Dr Satish, for further information please contact:

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Dr. Satish Prakash was born in 1953 in an Arya Samajist home in Uitvlugt, West Coast Demerara, Guyana, South America. At the age of seven, he chanted **Veda Mantras** in such a manner that his parents and local Arya Samaj elders were convinced he would have taken an inner interest in **Mantras** in his later life. At the age of twelve, he edited and circulated a transliterated and translated version of the **Havan Mantras** for use among young Hindu worshippers. During his undergraduate years at the University of Guyana, Satish Prakash organized several seminars, workshops and camps in which he lectured on the teachings of Veda. In 1976, he wrote and published an Anthology titled, *The Veda – What It Can Teach Us*. This book has been used for years by thoughtful minds seeking to grasp the inner meaning of the Veda.

In 1974, Satish Prakash graduated from the University of Guyana with a first degree in Spanish and French. In 1977, he traveled to India to study Sanskrit Grammar and Etymology according to ancient methods of instruction. In 1985, he earned his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Gurukula Kangri University, Haridwar, India. As part of his doctoral thesis, Dr. Prakash critically analyzed Rishi Dayananda's universally acclaimed *Satyarth Prakash* (The Light of Truth). During the eight years he spent with his **Acharyas**, Dr. Prakash studied the Vedic limbs and sub-limbs (*Anga Upaanga*), and other exegetical works called *Braahmana*, *Aaranyaka*, *Praatishaakhya*, and *Sutra*. He has had intensified discussions with celebrated scholars involved in researching the Veda. He brings to the West an in-depth understanding of the Etymological Method of Vedic Interpretation structured by Yaask Muni thousands of years ago, and rejuvenated by Rishi Dayananda Saraswati in modern times.

Dr. Satish Prakash has evolved into becoming a thinker and writer of considerable caliber. As Founding Acharya of Maharshi Dayananda Gurukula, a Cultural and Educational Center in Jamaica, Queens, New York, he currently teaches Sanskrit Language and Literature to High School and University Students, and travels to many parts of the Arya/Hindu World lecturing on Veda and allied subjects. He has written and published translations and commentaries on several works of Hindi-Sanskrit Literature, including the Raamcharitmaanas

