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## ARYA PRATINIDHI SABHA QLD INC

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### Editorial:

Lets reflect back on 2014 and see how much we have gained in life, and how much we have lost in life. We have lost another year, but have gained experience and learnt something new. As we all welcome new year lets set ourselves goals and try our level best to achieve them. Our youths are very helpful, and it can be seen during functions and recently youths helped at Citizenship ceremony at Calamvale Sports Centre, thanks to Keshav, Kunal and Soneel for attending.

Best wishes for 2015.

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**Mrs Usha Rai and Mrs Ramkali Singh receiving their Arya Ratna award**

### **Arya Ratna Awards**

The Sabha had organised Musical evening on November 29 at Finnish Hall Mt Gravatt East. It also provided the opportunity to honour two members of Sabha who are Purohita's. Mrs Usha Rai, and Mrs Ramkali Singh were bestowed with the Arya Ratna award, the most prestigious award in Arya Samaj organisation.

The awardee of Arya Ratna is a person of very high integrity and very highly respected in society. The person would have made valuable contribution to wider society and of mature age. He or she should have contributed voluntarily to the work of Arya Samaj consistently for a long period. Such contribution could be in form of financial contribution, actual physical work in various development project of the Sabha, propagation of Vedic knowledge, development of new Samaj's, upholding of Vedic religion in public. The person should be exemplary, namely one of "SADACHAR" or righteous conduct. The person must lead by example, performing Sandhya and other daily Yajnas, honest means of livelihood, performance of Vedic sanskaars, fidelity and chastity in conjugal relations, which constitute *Sadachar*.

The evening started with the welcome by the President Mr Jitendra Deo, who welcomed all the artists and audience. He emphasised the importance of our Culture perseverance through music and language. The prestigious award ceremony followed and Mrs Usha Rai and Mrs Ramkali Singh were awarded Arya Ratna. Both the awardees spoke about their experience and shared their vision. They emphasised on importance of perseverance of our valuable culture and thanked the Sabha and their family who have helped them to achieve such a prestigious award. The Sabha is very proud to have such members who have contributed to works of Arya Samaj for such a long period of time. The Purohita's have also served in birth place Fiji for many years and they continued with same after moving to Brisbane.

The President of the Sabha Mr Jitendra Deo on behalf of the members wishes you all a very prosperous 2015. May we all work towards humanity and serve our wider society with grace and goodwill, may we all help less fortunate people and contribute to our multi-cultural society so harmony prevails. God bless us all.



## Havan Yaj at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre– 198 Learoyd Rd, Willawong, Qld



Members performing Yaj at QVCC on December 7. The Yaj was well attended and Shri Sukarm Singh spoke on values of our culture and put forward some thoughts for discussion. The discussion was well conversed by all members. Youth Group member Soneel Deo prepared Swami Dayanand's biography and delivered it using data projector. It was great to see youths taking initiative and learning more about our Vedic Dharam. It was also open for discussion. Members felt that we should have more discussion like this which will enhance our knowledge.

Sabha was privileged to have guest at December 14 Yaj at QVCC. Professor Singh & Shrimati Singh were our guests, and Shri Sukarm Pal Singh organised this Yaj. Sukarm spoke briefly on Professor Singh's 80th birthday and wished him well. President of APSQ Shri Jitendra Deo also welcomed couple and gave best wishes to Professor Singh on his Janam Diwas. Professor Singh ji was moved with the kind gesture from Sabha and spoke about our language and culture, and how important it is to keep it alive. He also thanked Sukarm Singh family and Sabha for organising Yaj on his



birthday. The youth group members Ravneel and Soneel Deo also sang bhajans which was enjoyed by members. The refreshments provided by Sukarm Singh family concluded the Satsangh.



**Shri Mul Chand and Shri Vijendra Ray**



**Keshav Chand on ride on mower**

Members got together on Saturday 13th December to clean up the centre, and Shri Sat Singh and Shri Jitendra Deo did maintenance works at Yajshalla and house. Many thanks members for your kind help.



## Activities for December 2014 at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre

### Donations received this month:

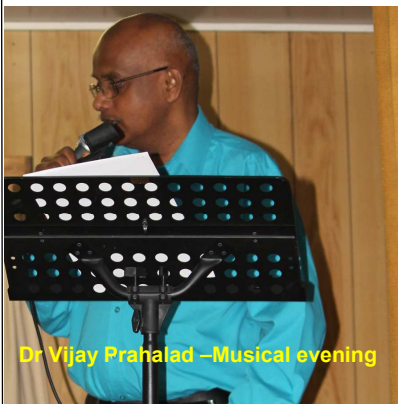
#### Items for Yajshalla:

Mr & Mrs Dick Sen Kettle and cooking ware.

### Cash Donation

Name	Amount
Professor Singh	\$100.00

**Total \$100.00**



Dr Vijay Prahalad –Musical evening



Usha Chivukula –Musical evening



Harry Mani with his number



Patron Pt Pathik -Shri Rajesh Gopal appreciation



Dr Sukhvir— Mohit Lal Appreciation certificate



Award Trophies



Shri Jitendra Rai – Painting at QVCC



Artists at musical evening at Finnish Hall and C. Raj Hanuman



L-R Joseph A Nand, Nitesh Narayan, Vijendra Ray, Dr Prahalad



Audience at musical evening at Finnish Hall



Plant a tree- members at QVCC  
L-R Vijendra Ray, Anubha Prasad, Dick Sen, Dr Sukhvir Singh



Ladies on board—River Cruise



Singing Talent -River Cruise



Youths- Musical evening



## MORALITY

Alfred Wallace, co-discover of the Theory of Evolution, writes in his book 'Social Environment and Moral Progress' — "In the earliest records which have come down to us from the past, we find ample indications that the accepted standards of morality, and the conduct resulting from these were in no way inferior to those which prevail today, though in some aspects they did differ from ours. The wonderful collection of hymns, known as Veda, is a vast system of religious teachings as pure and lofty as those of the finest portions of the Hebrew scriptures" We must admit that the mind which conceived and expressed in appropriate language such ideas as are everywhere present in these Vedic hymns, are in no way inferior to those of the best of our religious teachers and poets to our Shakespeare, Milton and Tennyson." Where is the scope for a social evolution, if the teachings of the Vedas which are decidedly the oldest books in the library of mankind are found to be as lofty and pure?

It is evident that the higher up towards the source of religion we push our enquiries, the purer, and the simpler do we come to find the Vedic conception of God; and as we come down the stream of time, the more corrupt and complex do we find it. The inevitable conclusion, therefore, is that the development of religious thought in India has been uniformly downward, and not upward that of deterioration, and not of evolution. We are thus justified in concluding that these higher and purer conceptions of the Vedic Aryans were the results of a primitive divine Revelation.

## WHY VEDA ALONE?

VEDA means wit, wisdom and knowledge and truly Veda is a Samhita of wit, wisdom and knowledge. It is a multi-book of wisdom and knowledge, comprising the Book of Nature, the Book of Knowledge, the Book of Religion and the Book of Morals. Veda is the only book on earth which deals with 'Para' (esoteric or spiritual) as well as 'Apara' (exoteric or worldly) sciences. But there are many other holy books which claim Divine origin for themselves.

**How should we know which of them is really divinely revealed? True, but it is not difficult to determine it after we apply the essential tests.**

1. The Supreme knowledge emanates from the same Lord as is the creator of the universe and to whom we give our physical existence in this life and the lives to come. Therefore, there should be no contradiction between what we read in the texts and what we observe in the universe. For example the word cow is in the Ved and it's a particular animal known by that name in the world. Commenting on it, James Hastings, in his Encyclopaedia of Religion and Ethics says — "Dayanand tried to make the Book of God resemble the Book of Nature."

2. God is holy, formless, all-pervading, all-knowing, all-powerful, just, benevolent and never subject to birth and death. The book, that describes its author exactly as he is, shall be accepted as divinely revealed. **Con't in next issue**



### Havan Yajna Dates and Venue.

#### Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre

198 Learoyd Rd, Willawong, 4110.

11 January Satsangh at 2pm-4pm

18 January Satsangh at 2pm-4pm

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18 January 2015 Satsangh at 2pm-4pm