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Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Qld Inc.

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**President's Report 2014-2015.**

I wish to thank all the members and supporters of Sabha for having faith in me as the President of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Qld Inc and I have great pleasure in presenting the report of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Qld Inc 2014-2015.

The Sabha has been busy with activities and events throughout the year and momentum as

kept up with the continued assistance of Committee and members. I wish to thank the

various organisations for providing Sabha assistance and help to achieve goals and

objectives. Thanks to Brisbane Indian Times, Radio Brisvaani, and Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of

Fiji. Mr Ramesh Singh of Bank of Queensland, Mr Rajesh Gopal of Gopal Lawyers and

Mr Pravinesh Singh of CAD accounting. Mr Jitendra Kumar for auditing Sabha accounts.

The great community spirit and dedication of our members have made the projects, and events listed below a major success.

**Deepawali 2014.**

The Sabha organised Diwali River Cruise for this occasion on 25th October and it was also a fundraiser event. The trip was enjoyed by all the members and their family and friends. The Sabha included three course meal and it was provided by the members as donation. Many thanks to all those who helped, donated, and participated.

**Musical Evening 2014.**

A memorable evening of music was organised by Sabha as a fundraiser event on November 29. The Sabha included a sumptuous meal and it was provided by the members as donation. Many thanks to all those who helped, donated, and participated. The artists who performed were Mr Joseph Abhay Nand-Vocalist and Tabla , Dr Vijay Prahalad- Vocalist and Tabla , Mr Mohit Lal-Vocalist, Mrs Usha- Vocalist, Mr Nilesh Kumar -Tabla, Mr Harry Mani- Vocalist , Mr C Hanuman- Vocalist and Mr Vijendra Ray -Guitar. Sabha is grateful to these wonderful people for providing their services to us free of charge.

Arya Ratna was awarded to Pundita Usha Rai ji and Pundita Ramkali Singh Ji. 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.

Sabha has appointed Justice Pundit Devendra Pathik as the Patron of the Sabha. Pundit Pathik ji has served as the Patron of Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Fiji for over 20 years. He brings with him lots of experience and his dedication towards the activities of Sabha is enormous. Pundit is a former Lawyer, Magistrate, High Court Judge and served in Fiji’s legal sector for over forty years.

**Calendar 2015**

The calendar was printed and distributed free to general public and members of Sabha. The cost of printing was borne by the sponsors.

**Presentation by Shri Ashwini –Vedic Calendar**

Shri Ashwini ji who came all the way from Canada presented very interesting information on Vedic Calendar. He explained in detail the calculations of years and how days and months are worked out.

**Maharishi Dayanand Bodh Diwas 2015.**

*Maharishi Dayanand Bodh Diwas* was celebrated at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre on February 15th. This event marked the day when *Maharishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati* was enlightened and he went for search of truth. Refreshments concluded the programme.

**Holi Celebration 2015.**

The Sabha also celebrated Holi -Festival of colours at QVCC on March 8th. Holi is a major Hindu festival that welcomes the spring. Holi celebrates the new life and energy of the new season. Holi songs, also called "*Chautals*" were sung by Master Lalta Prasad, and members from community.

Adults and children had fun with coloured powder. Refreshments concluded the celebration.

**Shri Ram Janam Diwas**

The Sabha also celebrated Shri Ram Janan Diwas at QVCC. The Yaj was performed by Pandita Usha Rai, and then Shri Sukarm Singh spoke of ideals and humanity that Shri Ram demonstrated in his lifetime. The Ramayan teaches us how to value others and how you can be ARDARSH PURUSH, where Shri Ram showed how he was obeying son, loving brother, protective husband and honourable leader or King of AJODHYA.

**Ved Prachaar 2015**

VED Prachaar programme in Queensland was organised by Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Queensland on May 8th at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre, 198 Learoyd Road, Willawong.

Shri Prakash Arya from Sarvadeshik Sabha in Delhi and Shri Vinay Arya from Delhi Arya Pratinidhi Sabha were special guests, and they spoke on various topics. Prakash ji also sang few Bhajans. Shri Yogesh Arya from Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Australia accompanied the guests, and spoke about upcoming Arya Mahasammelan in Sydney from November 27th to November 29th 2015.

**Visit by members from Gayatri Parivaar-Haridwar**.

We were privileged to have members from Shantikunj Hardwar India as our guests in May. The programme was organised by Shri Tirat Achal. They spoke on Swami Dayanand Saraswati, specially his achievements in India's reform. Education for girls and women, also on his literature Satyartha Prakash and other commentaries.

**Brisbane Indian Times News and Article**

News item and articles are published in monthly issue of Brisbane Indian Times free of charge. The upcoming column also gives information about date and time of our activities and Havan. The news and articles are prepared and sent each month to the editor for publishing.

**Website up date and Blog page.**

Mr Pranesh Pal our Webmaster has done tremendous work on website, giving it a more interactive approach. It contains activities of Sabha and information about Vedas and its teachings. Resources are plentiful, including audios of Ved Prachaar, Havan, and Bhajans.

**Newsletters**

Newsletters are distributed to members and also emailed to most Samaj's in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. It mostly contains events that have occurred and upcoming events, Havan dates and contact phone numbers of members and Purohita's. Many thanks to Mr Ravneel Deo and Mr Soneel Deo for organising this.

**Weekly Havan/Satsangh**

Weekly Havan is conducted at Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre 198 Learoyd Road Willawong every Sunday 2-4pm. Members sponsor the programme as per their choice and provide all necessities for the session. The centre is open to public now, and if they want to sponsor they are welcome. Havan samagri and mango sticks, ghee, Havan kund and utensils are available at the centre. The Satsanghs are very well attended and encouraging to see that members are taking this opportunity very well, and incorporating birthdays, wedding anniversary as part of celebrations. The weekly Satsangh is coordinated by very capable Vice President Mrs Sushila Pathik ji.

**Affiliations.**

Our Sabha is affiliated with Arya Pratinidhi Sabha of Australia. Our Sabha is also affiliated with Federation of Indian Communities Qld and FICQ is working with local government and council on our issues and progression.

**Hall Project 2015**

 The hardworking members of Sabha were very busy throughout the year maintaining and upgrading the centre. The house has undergone a major refurbishment and the land at the rear of the property has been cleared. It’s now ready for vegetable gardening. I wholeheartedly thank all the members for their continued support. The following members have taken the task of cleaning up, clearing trees and maintaining the lawns.

Members Contribution- working bee from August 2014 to June 2015 is as follows:

**August 30 2014**

Pundit Devendra Pathik Mrs Sushila Pathik, Dr Sukhvir & Mrs Rajesh Singh, Mr Sukarm Singh, Mr & Mrs Dick Sen, Mr & Mrs Vijendra Ray, Mr & Mrs Hari Chand, Mr & Mrs Sunil Dutt, Mr Dinesh Kumar, Mr Jitendra Rai, Master Prasad (Arunesh’s Dad), Mr Arunesh Prasad, Mr Raj Padarath, Mr Rakesh Singh, Mr & Mrs Mul Chand, Mr & Mrs Jitendra Deo, Mr Keshav Chand. Morning tea by Pt Devendra & Mrs Sushila Pathik, Lunch by Mr & Mrs Dick Sen and Mr & Mrs Vijendra Ray.

**August 31 2014**

Mr Hari Chand, Mr Dick Sen, Mr & Mrs Jitendra Deo, Mr Ravindra Deo, Mr Mul Chand, Mr Kishan Chand, Mr Keshav Chand, Mr Vijendra Ray, Mr & Mrs Rajesh Chand, Mr Aman Chand, Mr Ashnil Sharma, Mr & Mrs Ram Padarath. Morning tea by Mr & Mrs Rajesh Chand, lunch by Mr & Mrs Anil Karan.

**September 1 2014**

Mr & Mrs Hari Chand, Mr Lalta Prasad, Mr Jitendra Rai, Mr Mul Chand, Mr Jitendra Deo.

**September 2 2014**

Mr Kishan Chand and Mr Jitendra Deo

**September 3 2014**

Mr Hari Chand and Mr Kishan Chand

**September 4 2014**

Mr Jitendra Rai, Mr Mul Chand and Mr Jitendra Deo.

**September 5 2014**

Mr Mul Chand and Mr Hari Chand

**September 6 2014**

Mr & Mrs Mul Chand, Mr Vijay and Pta Ramkali Singh, Mr & Mrs Dick Sen, Mr & Mrs Vijendra Ray, Mr & Mrs Jitendra Deo, Mr Rajesh Chand, Mr Arunesh Prasad, Mr Dinesh Kumar, Mr Balbir Singh, Mr Pranesh Pal, Mr Sat Singh, Mr Keshav Chand, Mr Rakesh Singh, Dr Sukhvir Singh, Mr Sukarm Singh, Mr & Mrs Ram Padarath. Morning tea by Mr Vijay & Pta Ramkali Singh, Lunch by Mr & Mrs Vijendra Ray.

**September 7 2014**

Mr & Mrs Jitendra Deo, Mr & Mrs Mul Chand, Mr & Mrs Hari Chand, Mr & Mrs Rajesh Chand, Mr Ashnil Sharma, Mr Aman Chand, Mr Keshav Chand, Mr Kishan Chand, Mr Raj Padarath, Mr Lalta Prasad, Mr Pranesh Pal. Morning tea Mr & Mrs Rajesh Chand and lunch by Mr & Mrs Lalta Prasad. Mr Bhupendra Sharma carried out all electrical works free of charge. Mr Kishan Chand carried out all plumbing works free of charge.

**September 13 2014**

Mr & Mrs Jitendra Deo, Mr & Mrs Mul Chand, Mr Rajesh Chand, Mr Ashnil Sharma, Mr Ravneel Deo, Mr Soneel Deo, Mr Keshav Chand, Mrs Nirmala Ray. Lunch by Mr & Mrs Rajesh Chand.

**December 13 2015**

Mr Jitendra Deo, Mr Vijendra Ray, Mr Sat Singh, Mr Mul Chand, Mr Keshav Chand.

**April 03 2015**

Mr & Mrs Jitendra Deo, Mr Ravneel Deo, Mr Soneel Deo, Mr & Mrs Mul Chand, Mr & Mrs Vijendra Ray, Pt Devendra & Mrs Sushila Pathik, Dr Sukhvir Singh, Mr Sukarm Singh, Mr Sandeep Singh, Mr Navin Chandra, Mr Arunesh Prasad, Mr Rakesh Singh, Mr Ravindra Deo. Lunch by Mr & Mrs Mul Chand family.

**April 04 2015**

Mr Vijendra Ray and Mr Dhurup Deo, Mr Alvin Deo. These members also helped in tree felling.

**April 06 2015**

Mr & Mrs Jitendra Deo, Mr & Mrs Vijendra Ray, Mr Sandeep Singh, Mr Lalta Prasad, Mr Dinesh Kumar, Dr Sukhvir Singh. Lunch by Mrs Latchmi Singh

**April 18 2015**

Mr & Mrs Jitendra Deo, Mr Ravneel Deo, Mr Soneel Deo, Mr Mul Chand, Mr & Mrs Vijendra Ray, Dr Sukhvir Singh, Mr Sukarm Singh, Mr Arunesh Prasad, Mr Ajith Singh, Mr Keshav Chand. Morning tea by Mrs Latchmi Singh.

**May 16 2015**

Mr & Mrs Jitendra Deo, Mr Ravneel Deo, Mr Soneel Deo, Mr Mul Chand, Mr Keshav Chand, Mr Kunal Chand, Mr & Mrs Vijendra Ray, Mr Dick Sen, Mr Lalta Prasad, Mr Dinesh Kumar, Dr Sukhvir Singh, Mr Pranesh Pal and Mr Nalin Kumar. Lunch by Mr & Mrs Vijendra Ray.

**June 24 2015.**

Mr Lalta Prasad.

**June 27 2015**

Mr Jitendra Deo, Mr Vijendra Ray, Mr & Mrs Viresh Singh, Mr Ajesh Singh, Mr Arvin Singh, Mr Rakesh Singh.

The planning process is well underway now, and the plans are drawn for both stages of project. Stage one will be construction of Sabha Bhavan to accommodate approx. 300 people and only used for Havan/ satsanghs and Dharm Prachaar, and will be limited to such usage.

In second stage a commercial standard community Hall will be constructed for approx. 700 people. This will surely generate enough income to sustain the entire project. It will be multi-cultural multi-purpose hall.

In third stage Ashram/retirement village project will be undertaken. With the large project being undertaken by developer surrounding our property, will give us advantages of developing our project. The developer is proposing low density residential subdivision which will have nice roads, buses, bikeways, parks and walking facility which will be great for retirement village/Ashram type of project as it will collaborate with our project.

**Obituary**

Sadly we have lost a very competent member in May this year. Late Mrs Shakuntla Chand will always be in our memories**.**

**My Vision and wish for the Sabha.**

As we grow together, there are changes to our daily life and circumstances. Members are always giving their level best and providing all the support they are able to offer. I am overwhelmed by the support of members, and wider community.

The Queensland Vedic Cultural Centre project is taking shape and I hope in very near future we will have construction phase started. We will need support of all members and greater community including government and local government.

I am very confident that our centre will be hub for most of the cultural activities, and functions in Brisbane. I emphasise once again that the location of this centre is very prime, close to Brisbane CBD and many facilities including major hospitals. During recent seniors function I did speak about the project in my welcome speech, and after function very prominent members of seniors supported the idea of Ashram/retirement village. It’s going to be one of its kind in Brisbane for our Indian community and it will be orientated towards our Indian culture. It will work well with Sabha Bhavan and Community Hall in place. The library facilities, and Yoga for aged, Music Classes and Hindi classes for young, will work very well for our Indian Community. It’s my sincere wish that this centre becomes hub for our Indian community who greatly love Indian Culture, Music and Indian way of life. The centre will also be able to provide accommodation for visiting scholars for Dharm Prachaar and will benefit local community.

I am in consultation with the Sangeet Examinations board a well-known Indian cultural organisation based in UK and they are accreditation with Education Queensland. This organisation has been recognised by Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. This means that our centre can start a cultural school, teaching Music Classes and Hindi with assistance from Queensland Government, and students taking this course can get credits towards Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE).

**Thanks and appreciation**

Our Sabha Purohita’s Mrs Usha Rai and Mrs Ramkali Singh for their tireless community service. Our Patron Pundit Devendra Pathik Ji for his guidance.

Our *Mahila Mandal* for their contribution in preparing and serving refreshments, dinner, lunch at functions and singing Bhajans. Our children for singing Bhajans and helping out at functions.

My sincere thanks to all committee members for their valued wisdom and guidance for helping me out to make decisions to steer the Sabha in right direction.

I have received a lot of support and encouragement from the members in last 5 years as the president of Sabha. I thank you all for being so helpful always obliged if requested for certain task. It’s your dedication and support that has enabled me to lead the Sabha to such a great heights, that we all enjoy today. I have been given such an opportunity by you all to serve the Sabha, and I thank you all for that.

I wish the new committee who will be elected today to keep in mind the works of Arya Samaj and keep promoting Vedas and sticking to ten principles while performing their duties in official capacity. The QVCC project has started, and we have long way to go, and I hope the new committee will keep working hard to achieve this project.

God Bless us all.

Jitendra Deo