



## ARYA SAMAJ OF MELBOURNE

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# Newsletter

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The prime object of this Samaj is to do good to the world

Namaste Friends,

This is the first news letter published by Arya Samaj of Melbourne (ASM). Our intention is to publish one every quarter. In September ASM would celebrate its 10 months of operation (Nov'07 – Sep '08).

### Satsangs:

ASM has been conducting monthly satsangs.

### Agnihotram (Hawan):

The Purohit of ASM – Pt. Prashant conducts the hawan in our Satsang involving the children assisted by the adults. The Agnihotram is conducted as per the procedure inculcated by Maha Rishi Swami Dayanand Saraswati in his Sanskaar Vidhi.

### Development of the Children:

ASM encourages the development of the children by giving them small projects in terms of the Ishwar Stuti Prarthana Upasana Mantras of which they have to read and explain in the Satsangs.

### Development of the Members:

ASM also encourages its members to improve their understanding of the Agnihotram Mantras by actively explaining their meanings.

### Bhajans:

ASM has dedicated few members to choose, prepare and sing melodious bhajans in the satsangs while involving the audience.

### Pravachan and Shastrarth:

Regular pravachaans are delivered in the Satsang. ASM has also started a Shastrarth session involving brain storming session by encouraging its members to

actively participate in understanding the meaning from the topics of Maharishi Dayanand's Satyarth Prakash.

### Website:

ASM proudly hosts its website [www.aryasamajofmelbourne.com](http://www.aryasamajofmelbourne.com) to provide info to themembers andnon-members alike. A link to Melbourne Arya ([www.melbournearya.com](http://www.melbournearya.com)), the website of Pt. Prashant (ASM Purohit) has also been provided. A lot of compliments have been received regarding Melbourne Arya from people all around the world. Many Arya Samajes and other Vedic institutions have also quoted the articles from the website of ASM Purohit. Few examples are Arya Samaj forums, Arya Samaj Guyana etc. Few inquisitive people have also contacted us to get insight into the Vedic procedures.

### Weddings:

Few people have contacted us for conducting their wedding, which our Purohit has happily conducted. A very positive feedback has been received regarding the professionalism of ASM for providing an able Purohit.

### ASM Events:

ASM proudly celebrated the Arya Samaj Sthapna Diwas in April. This boosted the membership of ASM.

### Outside Functions:

Pt. Prashant has also conducted yajnas for families who are not the members of ASM. Donations and a pledge of support have been received by ASM from those families who due to work commitment or some other reasons might not be able to attend all the Satsangs of ASM. Special mention of Mrs. Nirmala Singh and family and Mr. Surender Chhikara and family is done for the support.

ASM Purohit also attended and presided over the Agnihotram for Vedic Prathinidhi Sabha and Arya Samaj of Australia's (VPSASA) Arya Samaj Sthapna Diwas in April. Pt. Prashant's knowledge of Vedic teachings was greatly appreciated and a strong bond of friendship has been formed with the VPSASA and ASM. ASM Purohit has also been invited to preside over the Hawan of VPSASA in their January '09 satsang.

### Mantra to Cherish:

***"Indhram Vardhanto Apturah Krinvanto Vishvam Aryam. Aphagnanto Aravanah"  
Rig Veda 9/63/5.***

We pray to the almighty for the benevolent qualities with which we strive towards making the world noble and succeed in destroying our enemies (weakness and bad qualities). We put before others the example of Aryattava (noble & benevolent qualities) in our life.